



Capito Lights U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree from West Virginia's Monongahela National Forest

WASHINGTON D.C. (Hinton News) — U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), along with House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) and members of the West Virginia Congressional Delegation, hosted the annual lighting ceremony for the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree.

The tree, a 63-foot Norway Spruce, hails from the Monongahela National Forest in Randolph County, W.Va. The Monongahela National Forest was the first national forest to provide the People's Tree on behalf of the Forest Service in 1970, and again in 1976.

"It is with great pride that we light a beautiful Norway Spruce from the Monongahela National Forest as this year's U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree. This is certainly an honor for West Virginia and a task that we were eager to lend a hand on, as the people of our great state do. West Virginia has unmatched natural splendor, and our communities and residents are strong. Both of those qualities are displayed in this year's tree," Senator Capito said. "I look forward to seeing this wonderful reminder of home, and sharing a gorgeous piece of our state with the rest of our nation this holiday season."

"This year's U.S. Capitol Christmas tree represents so much of what makes America great. It was cultivated and harvested from the Monongahela National Forest, set forth for viewing in an array of communities across the country, and is now displayed for all of America to see," Speaker Johnson said. "We thank the great people of West Virginia for sharing a piece of their state's abundant beauty with us in Washington."

This year's theme, Endlessly Wild & Wonderful, is a play on a motto commonly used in West Virginia — Wild & Wonderful West Virginia. The tree was named "wa'feem'te-kwi" by the Shawnee Tribe and means Bright Star in Shawnee. The tree was harvested on November 1 and arrived at the West Front Lawn of the U.S. Capitol on Nov. 17 where it was decorated with approximately 5,000 hand-crafted ornaments made by the Shawnee Tribe and communities across West Virginia.

City of Hinton announces funding for Avis Bridge analysis

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - The City of Hinton has officially announced funding for the Avis Overhead Bridge analysis. "Thank you to State Senator Jack David Woodrum and the State of West Virginia LEDA funds for providing this vital funding for the Avis Bridge Analysis," said Mayor Jack Scott. This funding will be used to develop a repair strategy for the bridge in an effort to use it as a pedestrian walkway.

Senator Jack David Woodrum has long advocated for the bridge's preservation and enhancement as part of a park and recreational area. Senator Woodrum stated, "The historic bridge in Hinton is a remarkable architectural achievement that reflects the town's heritage. The bridge would be a stunning attraction

at night, with lights illuminating its upper and lower arches. The park would also celebrate the town's history, featuring exhibits on the railroad, timber, and other industries that depended on the river for transportation. Batteau Beach at Hinton Landing would be a perfect complement to the new riverfront landing and dock, where visitors can relax and admire the scenic views of the water."

The iconic reinforced concrete Bridge construction started on Aug. 7, 1928, by Luten Bridge Company and was completed on June 28, 1929. The curved 445 ft long structure was a modern-day engineering marvel. The bridge closed 20 years ago in 2003 and was replaced by the new bridge we use today.

The time has come to



Photo courtesy of The City of Hinton

determine the bridge's best usage. The cost of restoration will inevitably determine its feasibility. The City of Hinton is hopeful that the restoration costs will be reasonable enough to make sense to pursue federal funds to restore.

Perhaps its biggest significance lies in the fact that to get federal funding to build the bridge, four communities needed to merge to create one City, Hinton, in an effort to get the population necessary to receive Federal funding for the bridge. Therefore, the bridge also stands as a symbol of the communities Foss (Bellepoint), Avis, Hinton and Flat Rock (Barksdale) coming together to build progress for their future.

As history often repeats itself, the bridge again may prove to be a symbol of progress and a community coming together for a better future.

Vital Know-Before-You-Go for Christmas at the Fair

Rebecca Stalnaker

FAIRLEA W.Va. (Hinton News) - Christmas at the Fair, an annual holiday event, opened on Nov. 30, and the State Fair of West Virginia has released some vital know-before-you-go information. Here is everything attendees need to know:

- The event is held every Thursday-Sunday from Nov. 30 to Dec. 23 between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m.
- Food is available for purchase on the fairgrounds, including deep-fried Oreos, funnel cakes, hot chocolate and more.
- To participate, attendees drive through the property to en-



Some of the Christmas at the Fair 2022 decorations. Photo by Susan Smith-Linton

joy a dazzling display of Christmas decorations.

asked to enter at Gate 5 on Route 219 North, beside the horse barns.

• The event is available for monetary donations only. For more information, visit the State Fair of West Virginia on Facebook or visit statefairfwv.com

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Head to Grandma’s House this holiday season

Lisa Abshire

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - Nestled among the quaint streets of Hinton West Virginia is a treasure-filled shop known as Grandma’s House. Run by Margie Temple for 20 years, this staple in the community is all decked out and full of holiday cheer.

When discussing her shop, Temple said that among her top sellers are candles and tarts. Not only during the holidays but all year long. She went on to say that vintage Christmas items such as ornaments and trees are big sellers during the holiday season. Temple added that she loves it when her customers find the perfect item.

Grandma’s House sells a multitude of unique items, but Temple noted that the most unique item she has sold to date was



Photo courtesy of Grandma’s House Facebook page

a 16-section grain bin she had found at auction. If you want to find your treasure at

Grandma’s House, you can find the store at 407 2nd Avenue Hinton WV, or reach the store at 304-466-1011.

Remaining Christmas events in Summers County

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - Here is a list of holiday-related activities happening in Summers County during the season. This list is as follows:

- Dec. 7 - 7 p.m. - Free Christmas Movie Elf at The Ritz.
- Dec. 8 - 5 p.m. - REACHH’s Milk & Cookies with Santa at Memorial Building.
- Dec. 9 - 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. - Art Walk and Cookie Express; 6 p.m. - The Christmas Walk starts at Ascension Episcopal Church.
- Dec. 14 - 5-7 p.m. -

- Mrs. Claus Market (for kids!) at The McCreery; 7 p.m.-FREE Christmas Movie Polar Express at The Ritz.
- Dec. 16 - 6 p.m. - Talcott Fire Department Parade of Lights.
- Dec. 21 - 7 p.m. - Free Christmas Movie How the Grinch Stole Christmas at The Ritz.
- Dec. 23-Dec. 24 - City Hall closed.
- Dec. 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!
- Dec. 28 - 7 p.m. - Free Christmas Movie National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation at The Ritz
- Jan. 1, 2024 - City Hall

closed.

*If you would like to add an event to this list, send an email to news@hintonnews.com.

Sheldon LeMay’s Jewelry Repair is ready for all of your holiday needs



Sheldon LeMay in his jewelry repair shop in Hinton. Photo by Rebecca Stalnaker

Lisa Abshire

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - Getting custom jewelry or jewelry repair no longer requires going out of town thanks to the LeMays. Their store is a full-service jewelry repair store as well as providing custom pieces to the customer’s specifications.

According to LeMay, ring sizing is especially popular during the holiday season. If you’re in need of this particular service, be sure to get your request in as soon as possible.

In the true spirit of Christmas, Sheldon can be found donating his services for a battery change or other small service to a vet or elderly person. His wife described him as a quiet humble man with a huge heart.

Sheldon LeMay told

Hinton News that his favorite pieces to work on are rings and creating custom pieces. Again, if you need something in time for Christmas, get your order in ASAP. Your loved ones will have a wonderful one-of-a-kind gift to cherish for years to come.

challenging job had been restoring a ring that had been flattened by a car. With talent like that, any job you have is sure to be in safe hands.

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NOTICE

CASE NO. 23-0383-W-42T
WEST VIRGINIA-AMERICAN
WATER COMPANY,

Rule 42T application to in-
crease rates and charges.

CASE NO. 23-0384-S-42T
WEST VIRGINIA-AMERICAN
WATER COMPANY,

Rule 42T application to in-
crease rates and charges.

NOTICE OF HEARING

On May 1, 2023, West Vir-
ginia-American Water Com-
pany (Company) tendered for
filing revised tariff sheets re-
flecting increased water and
wastewater rates and charges
to become effective on Feb-
ruary 25, 2024. The Compa-
ny provides service to water
service customers in Boone,
Braxton, Cabell, Clay, Fayette,
Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson,
Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Lo-
gan, Mason, Mercer, Putnam,
Raleigh, Roane, Summers,
Wayne, and Webster Counties
and wastewater service cus-
tomers in Fayette and Jefferson
Counties. For its water opera-
tions, the Company requested
increased additional net reve-
nues of \$41,175,752 annually
over current rate revenues, for
an overall increase in revenues
of approximately 22.5 percent.
The additional \$41,175,752
requested by the Company
consists of an increase in base
rates of \$51,308,960 in annu-
al revenue and a decrease in
the Company's Distribution
System Investment Charge of
\$10,133,208 in annual revenue.
For its wastewater operations,
the Company requested addi-
tional net revenues of \$470,801
annually over current rate re-
venues, for an overall increase in
revenues of approximately 24.9
percent. The Companies allo-
cated a portion of the wastewa-
ter revenue requirement to the
water revenue requirement to
support the same percentage
increase in rates for both water
and wastewater customers. The
Company also proposed a new
set of low-income tariffs and
other rate mechanisms in its
filings.

The Commission scheduled
these matters for evidentiary
hearing to be held beginning
on December 5, 2023, at 9:30
a.m., and continuing through
December 7, 2023, if necessary,
in the Howard M. Cunning-
ham Hearing Room, Public
Service Commission Building,
201 Brooks Street, Charleston,
West Virginia. Interested per-
sons may view the evidentiary
hearing via an internet lives-
tream.

The Commission website,
www.psc.state.wv.us, contains
links to "Case Information,"
"Submit a Comment," and
"Commission Webcast."

Individuals or entities inter-
ested in providing written com-
ments regarding these cases
should submit their comments
by mail or hand delivery to
Executive Secretary, P.O. Box
812, Charleston, West Virgini-
a 25323 or the Commission
website through the "Submit
A Comment" link. All written
comments should be marked
with Case No. 23-0383-W-42T
or Case No. 23-0384-S-42T.

WEST VIRGINIA-AMER-
ICAN WATER COMPANY
(6de)

NOTICE OF
ADMINISTRATION TO
CREDITORS, DISTRIB-
UTEES & 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 im-
peach or establish a will
must make a complaint in
accordance with the provi-
sions of West Virginia Code §
41-5-11 – 13. Any interested
person objecting to the qual-
ifications of the personal
representative or the venue
or jurisdiction of the court,
shall file written notice of
an objection with the Coun-
ty 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 no-
tice, whichever is later. If an
objection is not filed time-
ly, the objection is forever
barred. Any person interest-
ed in filing claims against an
estate must file them in ac-
cordance with West Virginia
Code § 44-2 or 44-3A.

Settlement of the estates
of the following named deced-
ents will proceed without
reference to a fiduciary com-

missioner unless within 60
days from the first publica-
tion of this notice a reference
is requested by a party of in-
terest or an unpaid creditor
files a claim and good cause
is shown to support refer-
ence to a fiduciary commis-
sioner.

First Publication Date:
Wednesday, December 6,
2023

Claim Deadline: Sunday,
February 4, 2024

ESTATE OF: HELEN M.
EVERETT

EXECUTRIX: CATHER-
INE GUDGEON

ATTORNEY: ROY H. CUN-
NINGHAM / LEWIS GLASS-
ER PLLC

ESTATE OF: TAMMY SUE
FITZPATRICK

ADMINISTRATOR: DA-
VID ALAN BRAGG

Subscribed and sworn to
before me on November 29,
2023.
Donald R. Basham Jr.
Fiduciary Supervisor of
Summers County
(6,13de)

Notice To Creditors,
Distributees, and Legatees
Proposed / Short Form
Settlements

To the Creditors and Benefi-
ciaries of the within named de-
ceased persons:

I have before me the Final
settlements and Proposals for
the estates of the following de-
ceased persons, which shall be
presented to the County Com-
mission of Summers County, at
the Courthouse thereof, in the
City of Hinton, West Virginia
on the 13th day of December,
2023, at or near 10:00 a.m.
These proposed settlements
and short form settlements
have been presented to me by
the fiduciary of such estates
which settlements I have ap-
proved as indicated below:

Estate: ARTIE FRANKLIN
ADKINS

Fiduciary: MARGARET A.
ADKINS

Estate: PATRICK BENTON
BOGGS

Fiduciary: JEANNETTE
BOGGS

Estate: DOROTHY JANE COX

Fiduciary: DEBORAH SU-
SAN LILLY

Estate: GERTRUDE COX

Fiduciary: LYNDIA WYANDT

Estate: THOMAS RAY TURN-
ER

Fiduciary: EVELYN FAYE
TURNER

Estate: DOROTHY JEWELL
KEATON

Fiduciary: RITA JANE PACK

Estate: LINDA J. VEST

Fiduciary: KIMBERLY R.
VEST

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est in the estate of any such de-
ceased person, may appear be-
fore the County Commission at
the time and place hereinabove
specified and thereupon protect
his interests as they may appear
or else may be forever thereaf-
ter barred from asserting such
interests.

Given under my hand this the
29th day of November, 2023.
Donnie Basham
Fiduciary Supervisor
(6de)

BEFORE THE COUNTY
COMMISSION OF
SUMMERS COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA
IN THE MATTER OF:
THE ESTATES OF
RAYMOND BLEVINS
AND
AVALON BLEVINS
IN RE: PETITION FOR
PROBATE IN SOLEMN
FORM

YOU ARE HEREBY NO-
TIFIED that on WEDNES-
DAY, **JANUARY 10TH,
2024, at 2:00 p.m.,** or
as soon thereafter as the
parties may be heard, there
will come before the Coun-
ty Commission of Summers
County in the office of the
Summers County Com-
mission, Summers Coun-
ty Courthouse, Hinton,
West Virginia, a hearing

on the **PETITION FOR
PROBATE IN SOLEMN
FORM** for the ESTATES
OF RAYMOND AND AVA-
LON BLEVINS as submit-
ted by the ATTORNEY E.
RAEANN OSBORNE, All
parties should appear at
that hearing to protect your
interests.

Issued under my hand
this **29TH** day of **NOVEM-
BER, 2023.**

Thank You,
Donnie Basham
Summers County Fiduciary
Supervisor
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3:00 PM

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF WEST VIRGINIA
CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 23-0460-E-42T
MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and
THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY

Rule 42T tariff filing to increase rates and charges.

NOTICE OF HEARING

On May 31, 2023, Monongahela Power Company and The Potomac Edison Company filed revised tariff sheets reflecting increased base rates and charges of \$207,452,687 or 13 percent in total revenues, including the proposed Infrastructure Investment Program and the Energy Assistance Outreach Program for low-income customers detailed in the filing on a combined company basis. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

Base Rate Increase		
	(\$) INCREASE	(%) INCREASE
Residential	\$ 18.07	15.0%
Commercial	\$ 55.16	12.5%
Industrial	\$478.70	9.4%
Street Lighting	\$155.13	17.2%

The effective date of the proposed increased rates and charges has been suspended through March 26, 2024 unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission. The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or lesser than the average shown. Furthermore, the requested 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. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission.

This matter is scheduled for an evidentiary hearing on January 24-26, 2023. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. The Commission may cancel the evidentiary hearing for good cause shown. Interested persons intending to attend the hearing should monitor the Commission web docket.

The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public Comments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm> by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY and
THE POTOMAC EDISON COMPANY

NOTICE

Please be advised that the
Summers County Commis-
sion in Regular Session on
September 13, 2023, ordered
that the polling place location
for Precinct #4 Riverview
and Precinct 4A West End be
changed from City Garage to
the Middle School Gym. The
physical address of the new
polling place is 418 Temple
Street, Hinton, WV 25951.
This change will be effective
with the May 14, 2024, Pri-
mary Election and all elec-
tions thereafter. All affected
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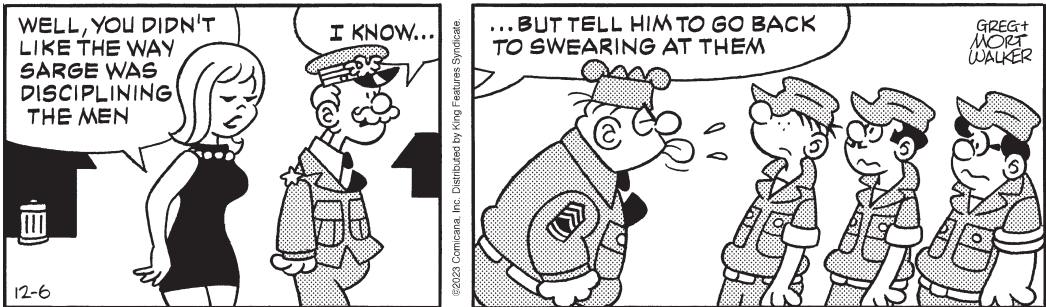
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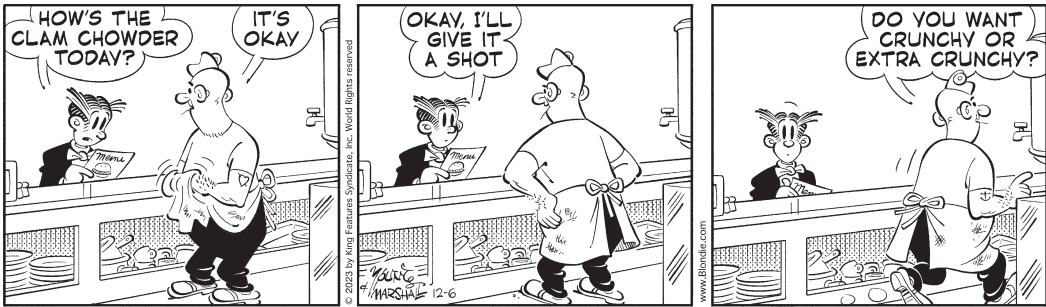
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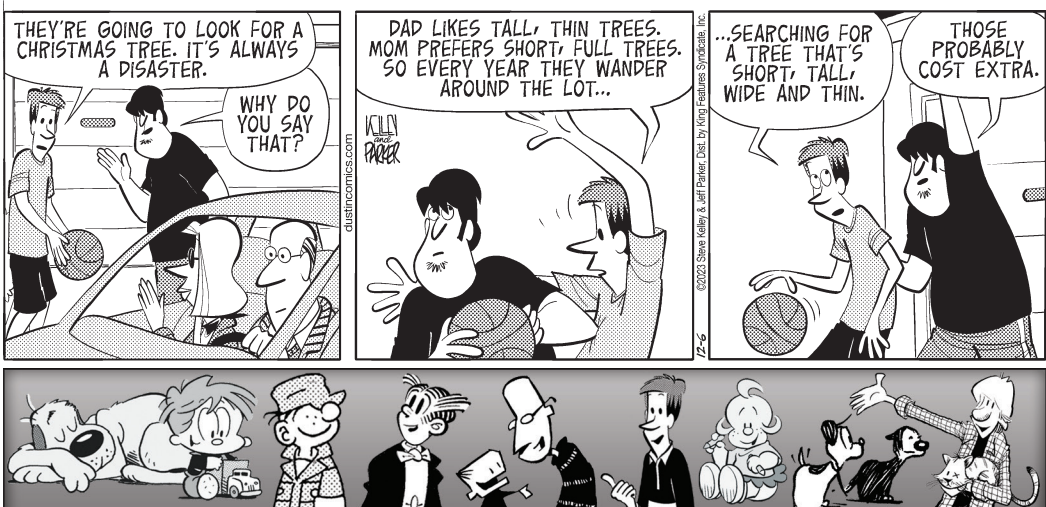
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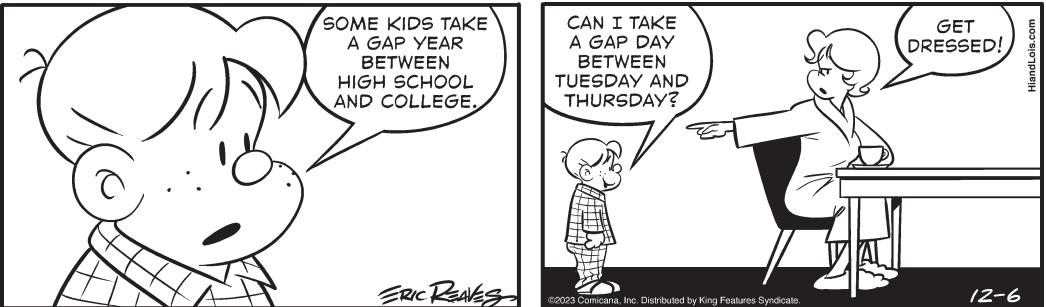
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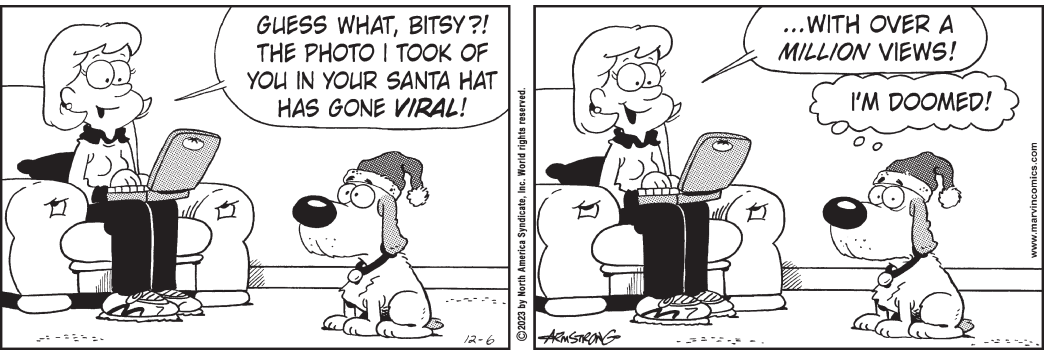
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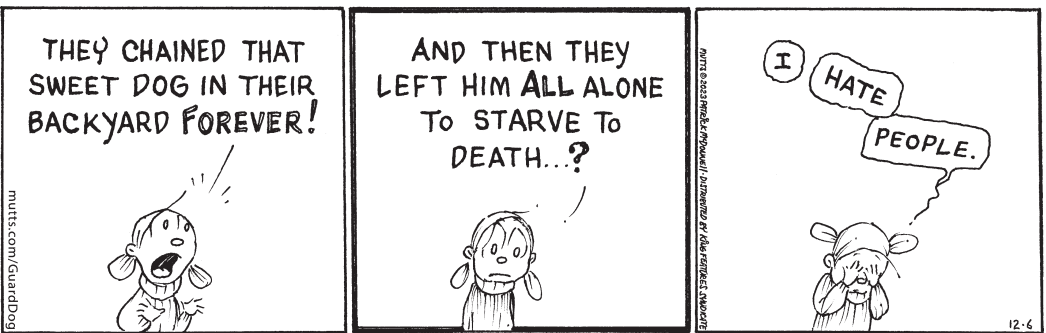
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BY GEORGIA NICOLS

MOON ALERT: Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 8:30 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. EST today (5:30 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. PST). After that, the Moon moves from Virgo into Libra.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023:

You are organized and have a talent for management. People look to you for advice or assistance. This is a year of reflection and taking time to renew your spiritual or religious beliefs. Explore philosophies that give you a better self-awareness and get you closer to the true meaning of your life.

The Stars Show the Kind

of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

3★ After the Moon changes signs today, it will be opposite your sign, which means you will have to go more than halfway when dealing with others. Curb your enthusiasm, especially when talking to bosses and parents. You might be gung-ho about certain ideas, nevertheless, go gently. Tonight: Cooperate.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

3★ This morning is a creative time for you because you can think outside the box. As the day wears on, you will become productive, especially

in service to others. Look for ways to improve your health. It might be possible. You might focus on a pet. Tonight: Patience.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

4★ Today begins gently because your focus is on your private life. However, later in the day, you want to play! Accept invitations to socialize. Enjoy fun outings as well as sports events and playful times with kids. Be patient with partners and close friends. Tonight: Listen.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

3★ This is an interesting day because your primary drive is to work and be productive. Nevertheless, this morning,

imaginative ideas will occur to you. However, they might be a bit pie-in-the-sky. Later in the day, relax at home. Focus on family issues. Tonight: Cocoon.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

3★ During the Moon Alert today, avoid shopping (except for food), commitments or important decisions. After the Moon changes signs, the pace of your day will accelerate with errands, short trips, conversations and ideas. Enjoy! Tonight: Explanations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

3★ Things are loosey-goosey today until the Moon moves away from your sign. (See the Moon Alert.) For the rest of the day, focus on taking care of your belongings and figuring out where you stand financially. You will appreciate your daily surroundings. Tonight: Money talk.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

4★ After the Moon Alert today, the Moon moves into your sign to stay for the next two and a half days. (This happens every month.) When the Moon is in your sign, you have a slight advantage over the other signs. You can use this! (Admittedly, you will feel more

emotional.) Tonight: You're in charge.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

3★ This is an excellent time for you to buy wardrobe items for yourself; however, do not do this during the Moon Alert today. Fortunately, you are aware of your finances and what you can or cannot do. You're working hard to earn money now, plus you're learning new things. Tonight: Solitude.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

3★ After the Moon Alert is over, focus on friendships. It might benefit you to share your hopes and dreams for the future with someone to get their feedback. With the Sun and Mars in your sign now, you won't hesitate to go after what you want! Tonight: Avoid quarrels.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

3★ Feelings of escapism are strong early this morning. After the Moon Alert, something will happen that draws attention to you. People will notice you, and some will even know personal details about your private life. Enjoy warm friendships and interactions

with groups. Tonight: Show respect.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

4★ You make a great impression on others now because fair Venus is at the top of your chart. This is why someone might approach you and ask for your advice about how to make something look better. Wait until after the Moon Alert is over to share your ideas. Tonight: Explore!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

3★ This is a powerful time because the Sun and Mars are at high noon in your chart. However, in the early morning, the Moon opposes you. After the Moon Alert, you can breathe a sigh of relief. Explore travel plans if you can. Tonight: Check your finances.

BORN TODAY

Actress Sarah Rafferty (1972), director, comedian Judd Apatow (1967), actress Stefanie Scott (1996)

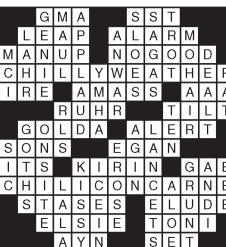
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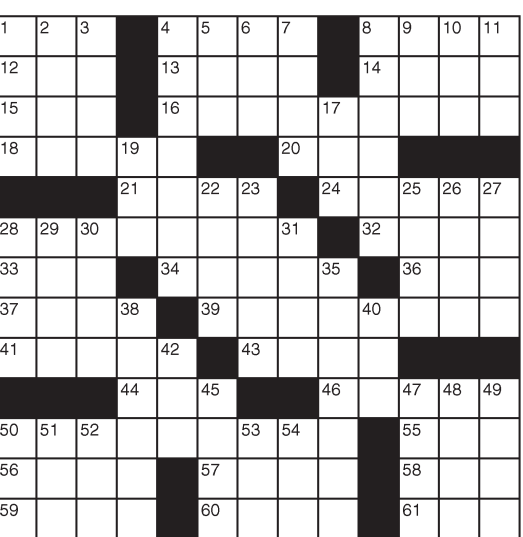
- ACROSS**
- Cyndi Lauper's "— Bop"
 - Cam-bodia neighbor
 - Country singer Keith
 - Texter's guffaw
 - Staffer
 - Crunchy cookie
 - Parisian "yes"
 - Squad of super-stars
 - Bakery product
 - "Norma —"
 - Animation frames
 - Noisy kiss
 - Rover's reward
 - Toni Morrison novel
 - Fury
 - Pago's place
 - Dapper fellow
- DOWN**
- No neatrix
 - 60 minutes
 - Writer Wiesel
 - Fire truck
 - "Sheesh!"
 - Painter's stand
 - Musical samples
 - FDR project
 - You love (Lat.)
 - Mentor
 - "A mouse!"
 - Cowgirl's footwear
 - Dance move
 - Three, in Rome

Solution time: 23 mins.



Last Wednesday's Answer (Answers Next Wednesday)

- 23** Aegean island
- 25** BMW rival
- 26** Untalkative one
- 27** Welles role
- 28** Platter
- 29** Like some vaccines
- 30** Actor Richard
- 31** AAA jobs
- 35** Pays to play
- 38** No more than
- 40** Airport screening org.
- 42** Have dinner
- 45** Really pests
- 47** Editor's "keep it"
- 48** Always
- 49** Superior, for one
- 50** Wee dollop
- 51** Moody music
- 52** Chairman of China
- 53** Impose
- 54** Before



JUMBLE

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

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

That's it! You don't want to use my research, so I'm out of here!

Fin! I can finish this myself!

THE AUTHOR'S PARTNER UNEXPECTEDLY QUIT, WHICH WAS —

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

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(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Jumbles: TINGE EXILE PURITY JOSTLE

Answer: The owner of the small retail shop was worried about what was being built — NEXT "STORE"



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King Classic Sudoku

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

Difficulty: ★★★

12/6

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:

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

Difficulty: ★★★

11/29



Peace on Earth Christmas Walk Scheduled in Hinton



The sidewalk in Hinton lit by luminaries during a previous Christmas Walk

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - Peace on Earth is the theme of this year's annual Christmas Walk in Hinton. The walk begins on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. at Ascension Episcopal Church at the corner of Temple and 5th Ave. This will be the 10th year of the Christmas Walk, which has become a beloved way for those in the community to come together as we prepare ourselves in hearts and minds for Christmas.

Organizers of the event released the following statement:

"As we celebrate this season of love and joy, we also recognize the need for peace in this world. Through God's contact with people on earth in both the Old and the New Testaments, God has offered us this gift of peace. The prophets recognized this gift. Jesus came, teaching about peace. And still today, this gift is offered to us. Our part is to accept and use this gift in our lives.

"On the night of the Christmas Walk, we come together again in faith. Interestingly, the First Methodist, the Presbyterian, the Episcopal Church, the Baptist Church and Brooklyn Methodist were all formed in 1872, holding services together and rotating ministers. The program highlights the fascinating history of these downtown churches.

"Six of Hinton's downtown, historic churches

will participate this year, including Ascension Episcopal Church, the Ministry Place, First United Methodist, First Presbyterian, First Baptist and St Patrick's Catholic Church. The streets between those churches will be lit with hundreds of candle-lit luminaries. Each church will present a piece of the nativity story and have a short program. This program begins with the prophecy of the coming of Jesus in the Old Testament and ends with the wise men bringing their gifts to the newborn baby. Music will be sung. The churches will be warm and lovely.

"The reception, following the walk, will be in the basement of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, offering drinks to warm you from the chill, favorite Christmas treats and a chance to meet with friends, both old and new.

"Of course, this event is free and open to all. The night is organized through the cooperation of the churches in downtown Hinton and sponsored by the Just Christian organization. If you have questions you can call Nancy at 304.860.9446. If you or your organization would like to help put on luminaries on the day of the walk, also call.

"We sincerely hope you can join us for this night of beauty, mystery and celebration."

Summers County Courthouse News

Marriages
Shawn Michael Bragg to Tasha Lee Smith.

Fiduciaries
Graig E. Short, Executor of the Charles Eddie Short estate.

Land Transfers
Martha E. Reed to Gregory R. Reed and Christopher D. Reed, 3 Tracts, 30 acres more or less, 53 acres more

or less and 10 acres more or less excepted 2.5 acres, Jumping Branch District.

Summers County Courthouse offices announce closure for annual luncheon

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Summers County Courthouse offices will be closed from 12-2 p.m. on Dec. 13 for the annual courthouse employee Christmas luncheon. Please, plan accordingly. Regular operating hours will be in effect before and after this time.

Community Obituaries



Alice Aldine (Duncan) Sterrett Cassada

CASSADA
Alice Aldine (Duncan) Sterrett Cassada, 92, wife of Lawrence Edward Cassada, of Fishersville, passed away on Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at The Regency at Augusta in Fishersville.

Mrs. Cassada was born in Panther, WV, on October 7, 1931, the daughter of the late Robert Wills Duncan and Verba Lena (Waugh) Duncan.

Alice was a member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church and enjoyed traveling. She received her nurse training in Montgomery, WV. Throughout her career as a registered nurse, she served in the operating room and in public health.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Cassada was preceded in death by her first husband, Andrew F. Sterrett, and her son, Alan Reid Sterrett.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are three sons, Andrew F. "Drew" Sterrett, Robert "Bruce"

Sterrett, and Madison "Matt" Sterrett and his wife, Lisa; two daughters-in-law, Brenda Sterrett and Cathy Sterrett; five grandchildren, Carrie Ann Sterrett, Adam Bruce Sterrett, Verba Marie "Ree" Sterrett, Travis Harris, and Jamie Brown; four great-grandchildren, Andrew, Claire, Carol, and Boden; and special friends, Elinor Garst and Gay Strickler.

A memorial service was held at 1 p.m. on Monday, November 27, 2023, at Emmanuel Episcopal Church by Father Jonathan Bauer.

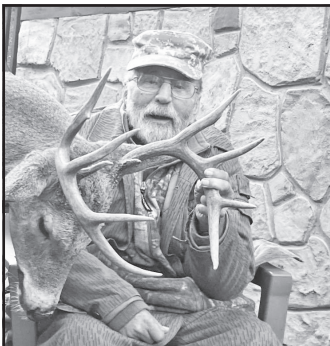
Burial followed in Thornrose Cemetery.

The family received friends at the church one hour prior to the service and other times at the residence of her son, Matt Sterrett, 311 Ridge Road, Staunton, VA 24401.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 300 West Frederick Street, Staunton, VA 24401 or Martha's Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 2354, Staunton, VA 24402.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.coffmanfuneralhome.net.

Coffman Funeral Home and Crematory, 230 Frontier Drive in Staunton, VA, is handling her arrangements.



Melvin Edward Richmond, Sr.

RICHMOND
Melvin Edward Richmond, Sr., 85, of Lockbridge, passed away Sunday, November 19, 2023, at home surrounded by family.

Born June 10, 1938, at Meadow Creek, he was the son of the late Mose and Claress (Taylor) Richmond.

Melvin was a 1957 graduate of Sandstone High School. He was an active member of the Lockbridge United Methodist Church, where he served in many different positions. Melvin enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, farming, sawmilling, and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He was a retired bus driver for Summers County Schools for 32 years, did carpentry work, and built several houses in the commu-

nity. Melvin was always willing to help a neighbor when they called.

In addition to his parents, Melvin was preceded in death by three brothers, Charles (Bud), William (Haney), and Robert; and three sisters, Geraldine (Jim), Deloris (Toot), and Margie.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Shelve (Stickler) Richmond; children, Mary Martha, Eddie (Dee), Danita, and Beau Richmond; grandchildren, Travis (Keshia), Rose, Taylor (Deanna), and Courtney (Bill); step-great-grandchildren, Kole and Journey; sister, Carol Kelley; as well as a host of niece, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Services were 1 p.m. Friday, November 24, in the Lockbridge United Methodist Church with Pastor Ricky Henderson officiating.

Burial followed in the Richmond Cemetery, Lockbridge.

Friends could call from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church.

Pallbearers were grandsons, Taylor and Travis Richmond, Buddy and Marvin Plumley, David Moon, J.B. Berry, Dale Miller, and John Tabor. Honorary pallbearer was Garth Gunter.

Arrangements by Smathers Funeral Chapel, Inc. of Rainelle, WV.

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A Peek into Summers County’s Past: The Clayton School



An old photo of the Clayton Schoolhouse. Photo provided by William Jones

William Jones

CLAYTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - Editor’s Note: Each week, local history collector William Jones discusses items from his collection and their historical significance. In this edition, he talks about the Clayton School.

This week’s piece of Summers County history is about the Clayton School. To fully tell the history of the Clayton School, we must first go to the year 1856 and before. Classes in the Clayton and Griffiths Creek area were taught in various homes, predominantly on Griffiths Creek.

These schools were called “subscription schools.” Parents of this area signed an “article of agreement.” This bound them to send their children to school for a certain period, typically for a minimum of three months. This allowed teacher’s pay to be allotted for a designated amount per scholar attending the school they were teaching for a month. “School Masters,” or teachers as they are known today, were predominantly women of the community from prominent family names that you know throughout the history of Summers County, such as Ballangee, Graham and many others. Many did not have formal training to hold the title of teacher as they are required to do today.

In 1868, the first school in this area was constructed at the cost of \$444. This building served as a schoolhouse and a church

for this community. Serving as both was typical of this time in rural places such as Griffiths Creek and Clayton. Little House on the Prairie is a prime example of a building serving a small community as the church and schoolhouse.

This building served the community for roughly two decades until 1884 when the official “Clayton School” was erected. Sometime in the 1890s, two schools were built on Griffiths Creek. The first was a building built on one of my ancestors, George Flint’s farm, now the well-known Dodd Farm, called the “Flint School.” The “Camp Rock School” was established above where the Griffiths Creek Church now sits. The stone foundation of this building can still be seen today in my cousin’s front yard.

In 1919, these schools were consolidated into a new two-room school. By 1943, enrollment had declined so much that classes were held in one room with one teacher for all of the students. Grades 1 to 8 continued until 1961. Glenna Harris finished her teaching career at this school, having taught there from the day it opened to the day it closed, a 42-year tenure. When the school closed its doors, it was the first time in 93 years Griffiths Creek did not have a school.

As for the Clayton community, it too started with church and school using the same building. It was a log building that was built where the current Clayton

church is now located. The first school was taught by a man named Peter Rookstool in 1856. Little is known about schooling in the community of Clayton until after the Civil War, which led to four years of no education in the area.

The school opened in the fall of 1865 in the second story of Joseph Graham’s home. The photo of the tiny log home depicts where school was held, in what is essentially a small attic space. The old log building where school was held was in too bad of disrepair to use following the war. Around this time, West Virginia adopted the free education system that is in place today. This was new and uncharted territory for almost anyone who had been in the education system just a few years prior. It was a trial-and-error learning system for– the teachers and the students of that time.

There were a few different locations of school buildings in this area. Sometime after 1884, the school attendance had grown so that it warranted the construction of a three-room school. Two of these rooms were classrooms, and one was a kitchen. It even had what was considered a luxury at that time; an indoor “outhouse.”

This school remained in operation until closing in 1963. My grandparents, David and Catherine Jones, lived just east of the Clayton post office during that time. They had four children; my father, David, and three daughters.



A textbook from the Clayton School. Photo provided by William Jones

My Aunt Debbie was the only one of their children who attended Clayton School. When they relocated to Pence Springs in 1961, their children started attending school there. My father started his education career at the elementary school in Pence Springs and then finished it up by graduating from Talcott High School in 1974, with the other children from the area, including the students who were bussed from the Clayton and Griffiths Creek area after their schools were closed.

This brings me to the wooden book in the photo. My good friend, the late Ann Hedrick, bought me this book at a yard sale probably 20 years ago. She found me many pieces like it because she too had a love for the history of Summers County.

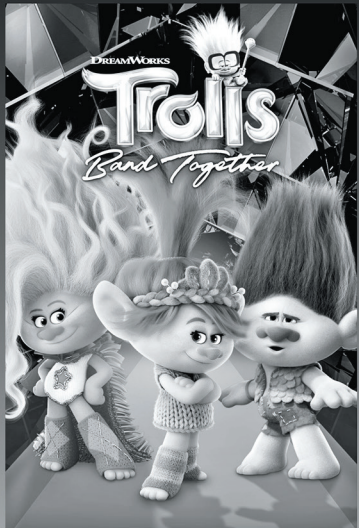
It is a book that was put together in a handmade wooden binding by the teacher at the time to show the artistic talents and writing skills of her students. It holds the works of 18 students in 1960, including my Aunt Debbie.

If you have a story from the history of the area to share, send an email to news@hintonnews.com.

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Salvation By Grace Through Faith

by Jeff Asher

The Church at Ephesus was established while Paul briefly passed by that way journeying to Jerusalem at the end of the second tour (Acts 18:19-21). No mention of specific converts is made until those found in Acts 19:1-5. Paul did in Ephesus as he always did; he preached the word in the synagogue seeking to convert the Jews first. Later, he turned to the Gentile population (Acts 19:8-9). Ephesus became Paul’s third center of evangelism. In the beginning, it was Antioch in Syria. Later, it was Philippi in Macedonia. Now, it was Ephesus. Paul’s work in the school of Tyrannus allowed him to spread the Word throughout all Asia (Acts 19:10). During the two years at Ephesus, churches of Christ were established in Laodicea, Heirapolis, Sardis, Pergamos, Thyatira, Smyrna, Philadelphia, Colosse and Troas (cf. Revelation 2 and 3; 2 Cor. 2:12).

The conversions at Ephesus are sometimes misused by those who hold the false doctrine that salvation occurs at the point of faith before and without water baptism. A favorite passage of these people is Ephesians 2:8-9, “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works lest any man should boast.” Let’s consider the evidence which the Scriptures reveal concerning their redemption. Specifically, let’s see what the New Testament says about their baptism.

Not Of Our Own Works, But Of God’s Grace

There is no debating about whether or not salvation is a matter of grace—it is (Eph. 2:8). We are not saved by works of our own righteousness but according to God’s mercy (Titus 3:5). The question is whether or not there are works of another class included within the realm of grace? Does the Bible teach there are “works” which exclude boasting consistent with divine grace?

The Bible says that Abraham was saved by “works” (Jam. 2:21-23). These were works of faith, that is, obedience to God which was rooted in and sprang forth from faith (Heb. 11:8, 17-19). There is no sense in which the works which Abraham did can be said to have been “his own works.” He did not appoint the journey. He did not originate the sacrifice of his only son. God asked for these things and Abraham with implicit trust obeyed God.

Thus, we are urged to walk in the steps of Abraham’s faith (Rom. 4:12). How can we so walk, if “doing” nullifies grace?

Peter clearly declares salvation is promised to him that fears God and works righteousness (Acts 10:34-35). Paul affirms that he preached in order to secure from others the “obedience of faith” (Rom. 1:5; 16:26). Such obedience is not inconsistent with grace, but establishes grace (Rom. 6:15-18).

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