



## Summers County Teacher Arrested Following High School Altercation

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - Following an incident at Summers County Comprehensive High School on Nov. 7, a local teacher was arrested. The Summers County Sheriff's Department issued the following statement:

"On Friday, November 7, 2025, Deputy J. L. Farmer responded to a report of an altercation involving two students and a teacher at Summers County High School. During the investigation, Deputy Farmer discovered that two juvenile students were involved in a physical fight. As the altercation concluded, a teacher intervened and subsequently assaulted one of the students.

"The teacher was identified as Ashley McMillan, age 42, of Hinton.

"On Monday, November 10, 2025, Deputy Farmer obtained an arrest warrant for McMillan on one count of Child Abuse

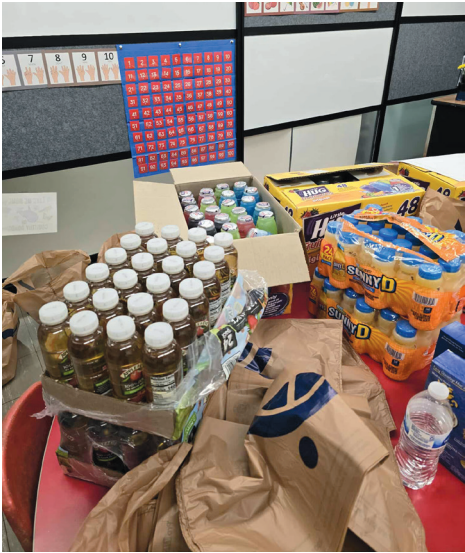
Resulting in Injury by a Person in a Position of Trust and one count of Battery. McMillan was later taken into custody and arraigned in Summers County Magistrate Court.

"The Summers County Sheriff's Office is aware of the public concern that arises from incidents within our schools. We appreciate the community's patience, understanding, and continued support throughout this investigation. We also extend our gratitude to the Summers County Board of Education for their cooperation and assistance.

"I would like to wish sincere appreciation to Deputy Farmer for his thoroughness, professionalism, and dedication in concluding this investigation.

Thank you,  
Chief Deputy T.S. Adkins"

## Jumping Branch Elementary Provides Food for Those in Need



Some of the items collected

JUMPING BRANCH W.Va. (Hinton News) - During the government shutdown, when SNAP benefits were halted, several local groups stepped up to the plate, including Jumping Branch Elementary School.

Title One teacher, Briana Medley, organized a food drive, and 45 bags of food were collected and distributed to those in need. The items in the bags came from donations among community members, school staff, and parents of Jumping Branch students.

# Christmas at the Cedars Promises a Nostalgic Experience for All Ages



Rachel and Jayson's young granddaughter Stella in awe of the light display so far.

Brandon Baker  
Hinton News

ALDERSON W.Va. (Hinton News) - Recently, it was announced that the Christmas light show at the State Fairgrounds, which has been wildly popular the last few years, was taking this year off for general maintenance and to have the grounds ready for other events in the future.

At the time, the announcement was a gut punch for all who enjoyed it, but now, something new will debut to put families in the holiday spirit more than ever.

Christmas at The Cedars, created by Rachel Warner Baker and her husband Jayson, will hold its inaugural celebration on December 13 and 14, and is described as a huge outdoor mar-



This barn will turn into a magical place for Christmas at the Cedars.

ket and Christmas Village that will provide activities, nostalgia, and fun for ALL ages.

The owners of the popular coffee shop, Manic Espresso, Rachel and Jayson, did not give themselves much time to prepare for what they hope is a grand event that will be loved by everyone, but once the couple found a giant Christmas tree at their new property, that was a sign they took to go for it.

"We have this amazing, historic property and giant barn, and we were throwing around ideas on ways to use it. A friend mentioned we should do something for Christmas, which is BY FAR my favorite time

of year - so I instantly started thinking," Rachel said.

"Then, shortly afterward, we stumbled upon a giant Christmas tree in a wooden box in a barn stall we hadn't explored yet, and Christmas at The Cedars was officially born. And because I'm incapable of doing anything without going all out and making it the best I can and overwhelming myself, my family, and my amazing staff, it kept growing and growing until it became this. But also, all that growth happened in a very short time because we decided to officially make it happen at the beginning of October, so we've been behind schedule since incep-

tion. I think most people would plan something like this for a year or more, but we're like hey, we should do it in like eight weeks," she added with a smile.

The event is going to have so much entertainment and things to do and if anyone is wondering exactly what it will entail, Rachel explains it with her love of the Christmas holiday in her heart.

"Christmas at The Cedars, in one sentence, is basically my childhood dreams come true. I LOVE Christmas," she exclaimed.

"But you know how as you get older Christmas seems like it comes faster, is so much more hectic, and never "feels" the

same as it did when you were little. This is my attempt to recreate that amazing, overwhelming, family/hearth/home excitement and joy and peace that you had surrounding Christmas when you were little. And if you didn't get it when you were little, then I'm even more excited to help you experience that now," she continued.

The activities planned are expected to be massive and Rachel could not be more excited about that part.

"We are hoping that we give the community a nostalgic, family-oriented, exciting, warm, cozy, joy-filled grandma's

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# Christmas at the Cedars.... (Continued from page 1)



Wilbur the donkey is sure to be a hit during the event.

house Christmas experience, except bigger. We want people to come and feel like they can spend an entire afternoon, or both afternoons. That's why we are planning activities that are fun for mom, dad and the kiddos," she said.

"Dads can sled or do our axe-throwing competition, moms can shop and sip coffee or cider, a couple can pick out their Christmas tree and kiddos can too. There's way too much to list for them. We'll have games, movies, sledding, a snow play area, a petting zoo, Mrs. Claus's Magic Kitchen, and more. We hope everyone stops at our North Pole Log Cabin and has photos done with Santa. We want everyone to chill by the bonfires, watch movies, go on hayrides, eat snacks and drink hot chocolate, enjoy the lights, etc. We want the experience to be as im-

mersive as possible."

Since this is the very first Christmas at The Cedars, Rachel and Jayson aren't sure what to expect and the unknown makes them a little nervous.

"Never having done anything like this, we have no point of reference for an event of this scale. We aren't sure whether to expect 500 or 5,000 people," Rachel stated.

"We are planning big, and working hard, but it's always scary not knowing what we don't know. What did we not think of that we won't know until the day of? Have we planned enough of everything? Have we overplanned? Also, super nervous that it won't be cold enough to make snow. But the long-term models are looking REALLY promising."

Rachel is still happy that Jayson helped with most of the decisions. He is more laid back, but Rachel knows the support he gives her is his top priority.

"I'm really lucky. Jayson's number one goal in life is to support making my dreams happen. I basically rolled up and said "hey, I want to do this Christmas event, I need a donkey, some goats, rabbits and miscellaneous livestock, a sleigh, and a bank loan." He jumped in immediately and basically said you can't do all that and not have a snowmaker and began brainstorming how to make it bigger than I could have thought of on my own. We make a really good team, and he believes in most of my ideas. There's been a few he has shot down, but not many. Genuinely, he's a pretty easy sell and we work so well together, and we have a lot of fun," Rachel explained.

If Christmas at The Cedars is successful, it will become an annual thing, and if possible, will get even bigger than its inaugural celebration.

"We are doing and planning everything with the goal of making this a yearly thing. We will most likely make

it a weekly event next Christmas season, so people will have more opportunity to enjoy it, and we also plan to grow it every year. This is just the beginning, but we REALLY want to kick it off in the best way possible, right off the bat. And, we have more exciting ideas coming for other seasons," Rachel said with a grin.

Folks are encouraged to come out and enjoy Christmas at The Cedars. If nothing else, the light display will be worth the trip by itself as they were ordered and arrived on a semi-truck.

"We went a little crazy on the Christmas light budget and have been doing a lot of work on the barn and property," Rachel said.

"We really hope the community feels the love we've poured into the event. If everyone leaves smiling and happy they came, we've definitely accomplished our goals. We want everyone to be excited for next year, wondering what else we'll add to make it even better," she concluded.

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WHEN CAN I SEE HIM?

I'LL ASK HIM...

GREG + MORT WALKER

Marvin



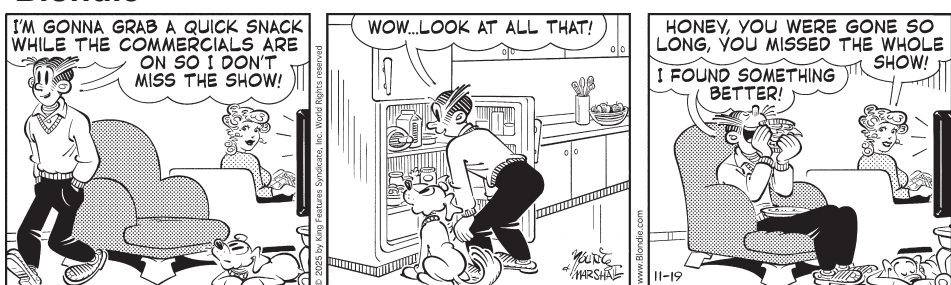
I'M GOING TO BE LATE GETTING HOME TONIGHT

OKAY. SHOULD I SAVE THE MARSHMALLOW AND TUNA FISH CASSEROLE FOR WHEN YOU GET HOME?

NO, THANKS. THE CASSEROLE IS THE REASON I'M COMING HOME LATE

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Blondie



I'M GONNA GRAB A QUICK SNACK WHILE THE COMMERCIALS ARE ON SO I DON'T MISS THE SHOW!

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I FOUND SOMETHING BETTER!

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YES, I DECIDED TO GET A JUMP AND DO SOME EARLY SHOPPING.

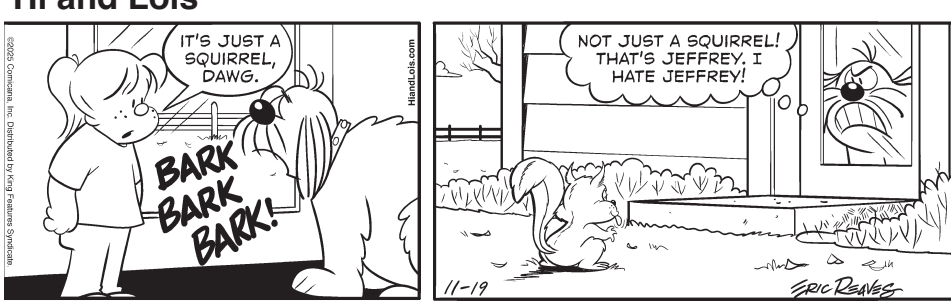
I GUESS THERE'S NO NEED TO WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.

LIKE SOMEBODY I KNOW.

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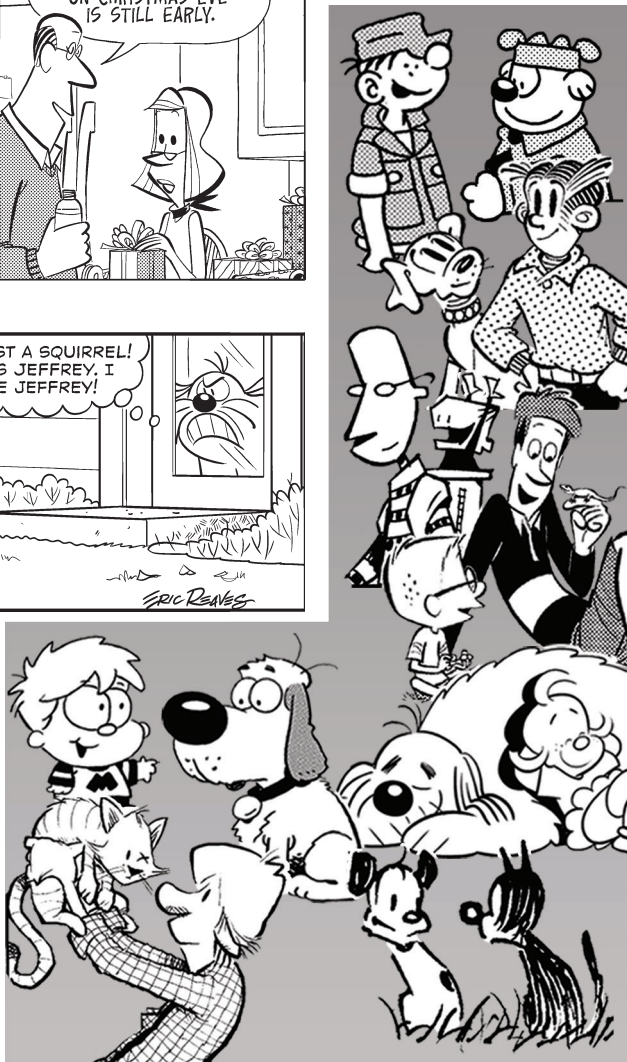
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Answer To Last Wednesday's Puzzle →

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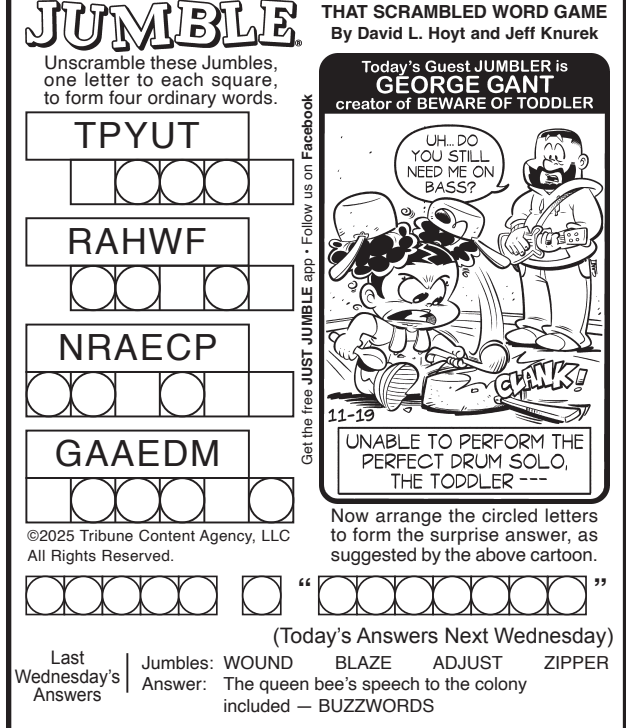
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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

TPYUT

RAHWF

NRAECP

GAAEDM

Today's Guest JUMBLER is GEORGE GANT creator of BEWARE OF TODDLER

UH, DO YOU STILL NEED ME ON BASS?

CHUNKS!

UNABLE TO PERFORM THE PERFECT DRUM SOLO, THE TODDLER ---

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

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Last Wednesday's Answers

Jumbles: WOUND BLAZE ADJUST ZIPPER

Answer: The queen bee's speech to the colony included — BUZZWORDS

SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Lawn mower brand

5 Kitty's doc

8 Miles off

12 Guitarist Clapton

13 Blunder

14 Party cheese

15 Cheap way to live

17 Email command

18 Classic Ford

19 Icy down-pours

21 — chi

22 Foundered

23 Drummer Starkey

26 Old CIA foe

28 "Star Trek" genre

31 Brit. queen featured in "The Crown"

33 "La-la" lead-in

35 Nobel Prize subj.

36 Kitchen gadget

38 Soda

40 Decks in the ring

41 Make a scarf

43 Writer Harper

45 Have a cocktail (or two)

47 New York player

51 Tub toy

52 Money owed by a tenant

54 Foot fraction

55 Prefix with meter

56 "Simpsons" bus driver

57 Fifth Avenue store

58 Dazzle

59 Lunch hour

DOWN

1 School session

2 Sand-wich

3 Cantaloupe cover

4 Quartet doubled

5 Hitchcock thriller

6 Before

7 Lock of hair

8 Lack

9 Award for a soccer foul

10 "— She Sweet"

11 Some wines

16 Criticism

20 Vegas opener?

23 Last letter in London

24 Boxing legend

25 Relax

27 Conk on the head

29 Egg — yung

30 Connections

32 Pinnacles

34 "Gee whiz!"

37 Tease

39 High point

42 Former quarterback Tim

44 Bankrupt energy company

45 Nile bird

46 "— Lisa"

48 Trendy low-carb diet

49 Within (Pref.)

50 Harrow rival

53 Commotion

Solution time: 23 mins.

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Last Wednesday's Answer (Answers Next Wednesday)







LEGAL NOTICE

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Additional taxes with interest.....\$0.00  
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.....  
.....\$196.60  
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.....\$943.70  
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.....\$0.00  
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.....\$1,510.63

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Given under my hand October 20, 2025.

Christal G. Perry

Christal G. Perry  
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of SUMMERS County, State of West Virginia  
(5,12,19no)

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.....\$299.52  
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.....\$0.00  
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2024-12950.....\$221.87  
Additional taxes with interest.....\$0.00  
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.....  
.....\$211.60  
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.....\$888.42  
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.....\$0.00  
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.....\$1,621.41

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.....\$390.67  
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.....\$0.00  
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2024-5241.....\$288.61  
Additional taxes with interest.....\$0.00  
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.....  
.....\$147.05  
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.....\$930.31  
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.....\$0.00  
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.....\$1,756.64

You may redeem at any time before April 30, 2026 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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(19,26no3de)

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

2024-C-000087  
Summers County  
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.....\$357.86  
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number.....\$0.00  
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2024-7715.....\$264.49  
Additional taxes with interest.....\$0.00  
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.....  
.....\$211.60  
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.....\$943.70  
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest.....\$0.00  
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Audi-

tor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.....\$1,777.65  
You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2026 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

2024-C-000104  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Case No.: CC-45-2025-C-42  
Judge: Amy L. Mann  
**BRANDON SMITH,**  
Petitioner

v.  
**THE HEIRS OF CHARLES JAMES BUCKLAND,**  
aka Charley Buckland  
Respondents

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

THE OBJECT OF THIS ACTION IS TO QUIET TITLE TO REAL ESTATE

To Respondents: THE HEIRS OF CHARLES JAMES BUCKLAND

It appearing by Affidavit filed in this action that the Petitioner, Brandon Smith, has used due diligence to ascertain the identity and whereabouts of the heirs of Charles James Buckland, aka Charley Buckland, without effect, it is hereby ORDERED that Respondents, the heirs of Charles James Buckland, serve upon John H. Shumate, Jr., John Shumate Law Firm LC, the Petitioner's attorney, whose address is 526 Main Street, Mount Hope, WV 25880, an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense that he may have to the Complaint filed in this action on or before thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this Order of Publication. If the Respondents fail to timely serve such answer, judgment by default may be taken against any of them for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

DATED this 4th day of November, 2025

Prepared by:  
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# Ministry Place to provide free Thanksgiving meal

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# Community Obituaries



William Mark Hannah

William Mark Hannah

of Ashland, KY, was born in Hinton, WV, on February 23, 1947, the son of the late Charles R. and June Sinar Hannah. He died November 8, 2025, at the age of 78.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Edward Hannah; father and mother-in-law, Oliver and Mary Mooring; brothers-in-law, Michael Morring and Gary Ewing.

Mark is survived by his loving wife of 57 years,

Kay Hannah; greatly admired stepchildren, Monica Muth Martin (Ralph) of Ashland, KY, and James Michael Muth (Naomi) of Marco Island, FL; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two brothers and three sisters, Joyce Gwinn (Al) of Winchester, KY, Linda Ewing, Betty Cales (Randy) and Richard Hannah (Colleen) all of Hinton, WV, and Al Hannah (Susan) of Daniels, WV.

Early in Marks' career,

he spent many years with Combined Insurance Company, where he rapidly became a district manager. Mark spent most of his years developing various businesses in the Scottsdale, AZ, area. He held several patents and traveled throughout several countries as a result of those businesses. Mark and Kay returned to Ashland, KY, in 2002. He was a member of the Elks Lodge in Ashland.

A private family service will be held at a later date.



# Dear Recycle Lady

Dear Recycle Lady, I know that Scotch tape on plastic film has to be cut off before recycling the film. What about paper that has Scotch tape on it? Must it be removed before recycling the paper? Curious

Dear Curious, Yes, any plastic tape, often referred to as Scotch tape, that is stuck on paper, cardboard or plastic must be removed before being put it in the appropriate recycling bin. In fact, Scotch tape should be removed from any item to be recycled, as there are chemicals in the adhesive on the Scotch tape that prevent it from being recycled.

There are other kinds of tape in use today. Some of these tapes are recyclable, such as the paper tape on cardboard shipping boxes, and some are not.

The much-used Duct Tape is not recyclable due to its strong adhesive and polyethylene waterproof backing. Interestingly, Masking Tape is already a recycled product as it

is made of recycled paper pulp. It is not biodegradable nor compostable due to the glue on the back of the tape, and it is not recyclable.

Did you know that adhesives date back to 4,000 B.C.E., when tree sap was used to mend earthenware pots? Later, the Egyptians, Romans and Greeks created an adhesive made with animal blood, bones, hides and egg whites. Surgical tape was created in 1845. It was made using gauze, cloth-backed tape and covered with crinoline, a fabric used to make underskirts and dress linings. Painter's tape was invented in 1925 when painters struggled to paint straight lines. At that time, 3M only made sandpaper, but with the invention of painter's tape, Scotch tape was born, and 3M added it to its line of tapes. Duct Tape was created in 1942 and was used by the U.S. Military to fix equipment, uniforms and even wounds. Cellulose tape is

a biodegradable transparent adhesive tape.

Today, there are many eco-friendly, sustainable tapes available that are made from biodegradable ingredients. For a complete list of new tapes, go to [www.treehugger.com/best-eco-friendly-tapes-5191708](http://www.treehugger.com/best-eco-friendly-tapes-5191708).

According to Treehugger, the Life Without Plastic Kraft Gummed Paper Tape is the best overall nonplastic tape. It is made with a natural latex glue adhesive and paper that becomes sticky when wet. Made from paper, it is 100% recyclable and compostable. The Website also lists a decorative gift-wrapping recycled paper tape, Washi tape, that is made with a nontoxic natural rubber adhesive, as well as sever-

al other eco-friendly adhesive alternatives to the conventional tapes made from plastic.

Dear Recycle Lady, I heard that the Recycling Center is accepting toothbrushes for recycling. Are any other oral products accepted besides toothbrushes? New Recycler

Dear New Recycler, All brands, sizes and shapes of new or used manual toothbrushes are accepted. Electric and battery-operated toothbrushes are not acceptable. Used or empty toothpaste tubes and caps, floss containers, toothpaste cartons and toothbrush outer packaging are accepted. Place all these items in the tube located on the left-hand side of the aluminum

cans bin.

Items dropped into this tube go into a shipping box below. When the box is full, it is sent to TerraCycle free of charge, as postage is paid by Colgate. This free recycling of oral products and packaging is sponsored by Colgate Oral Care in conjunction with TerraCycle.

To date, the Recycling Center has sent five 25-pound boxes of used oral products to TerraCycle for recycling. Kudos to Colgate Oral Care for caring for the environment and funding this project.

Hurricanes gain energy from warm ocean water—

at least 80°F (26.5°C). The heat and moisture from evaporation add fuel to rising air and low pressures, thus creating powerful winds and rotations. Hurricane Melissa, a rare Category 5 hurricane, made landfall in New Hope, Jamaica, as one of the strongest hurricanes in history

Have questions about recycling or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests to [Recyclelady7@gmail.com](mailto:Recyclelady7@gmail.com). Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.



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# A Peek Into Summers County’s Past: Reno Post Office

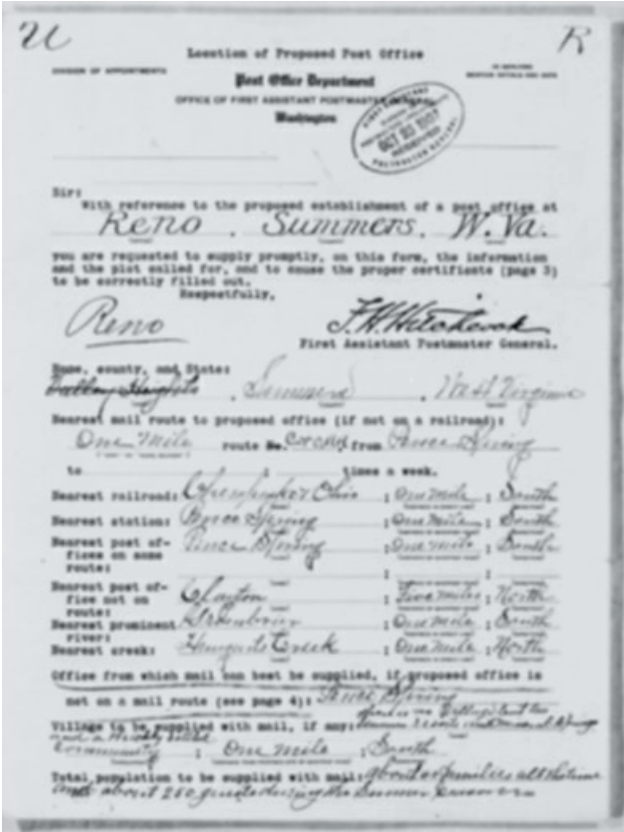


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**William Jones**  
Hinton News

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - Telling these weekly histories about Summers County has little perks

occasionally. Monday, November 3, I received an email from Mark Hank in reference to the piece I had recently written about Puckett’s Pharmacy in Hinton. The conversion, as it so often

does with historians, spiraled into other topics. We started talking about the community of Rollensburg and Talcott, more specifically, their post office. That transpired to me mentioning how Griffiths Creek at one time was known as Santafee with a post office. I mentioned how the only thing I had ever seen that referenced this community was a little notebook that was found in my great-grandfather, Fred Owen Thomas’s, railroad desk. He took this history lover by surprise when he sent me a copy of the original Postal Service application for the establishment at Santafee. He told me that he is working on a history book on the post offices in Summers County. I won’t give much information about it, so you can be surprised by the very detailed information he has uncovered. This includes several names of places in the county that, if I were a betting man, I would bet you have never heard of them before. I took a chance on something. Remember, in one of my early stories, I discussed the community of Valley Heights above the Pence Springs Flea Market. And explained how my late friend and fellow Summers County historian John Kesler had told me that when this community was first formed, it had been established as Reno, W.Va. Not that I did not believe him, because John was the “go-to man” about anything relating to the history of the area. But I sought out verification so others would believe this interesting fact. This was around 20 to 23 years ago when he told me that. I wrote to the late Senator Robert C. Byrd about verifying this post office. He sent me the date it was formed and the first post masters name. But I had nothing that said “Reno,

W.Va” on it specifically. I have looked and looked for decades now and found nothing, but I still went out on a limb and asked Mark about Reno. He responded with what you see here. It is the original Post Office Application for the proposed establishment of a post office at Reno, Summers County, W.Va., dated Oct. 23, 1907. I was thrilled to say the least! Notice the communities of Clayton, Hungrets Creek, and Pence Springs are all referenced in this document. It “only” took 20 plus years to come across this official proof, maybe I will find a postcard or some piece of mail with the Reno stamp on it in the next 20 years, so if I am still writing this column in 2045, I will do a 3rd installment on Reno, haha. I am looking forward to purchasing and reading Mark’s book once it’s released.

## Featured Dog of the Week:Nala



Meet Nala!

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# Annual NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner a Success



**Nevaeh Trayham sings Lift Every Voice and Sing**

LEWISBURG W.Va. (Hinton News) - Over 90 members and friends of the Greenbrier Branch of NAACP enjoyed the annual Freedom Fund Dinner at the Clingman Center in Lewisburg on October 17. The dinner allows the branch to continue its mission to expand human and civil rights, eliminate discrimination and empower voters through education. Officials with the group released the following report: Following an invocation by Rev. Kathie Holland and music featuring singer Nevaeh

Trayham, Branch President Robin Crawford of Hinton welcomed everyone, and Mayor Beverly White greeted the group on behalf of the City of Lewisburg. Hattie Cooper, a student at Greenbrier Community School, read her moving essay, which won the 2025 Martin Luther King essay Contest. Each year at the annual dinner, the Greenbrier Branch honors people who have shown exceptional dedication to the mission of the NAACP. West Virginia NAACP State Conference President Loretta Young presented this year's honorees - Naomi and Harvey Cohen and Larry Baxter. Two members were celebrated posthumously. Aubrey Moya paid tribute to Oliver "Bus" Green, and Patty Crawford spoke in tribute of Shalom Tazewell. Following the tributes, Ms. Young introduced the keynote speaker, James E.

Griffin of Clarksburg. Griffin, known for his service on multiple governing Boards, including the WV Black Heritage Festival, has worked tirelessly for equal rights in his native state. His inspirational message, "Where Do We Go From Here," spoke directly to the problems we face today and offered encouragement in continuing the work the NAACP began years ago. The Freedom Fund Dinner is a long-standing tradition that brings together NAACP members and community supporters to raise funds to support the operations of the NAACP. We are deeply grateful to everyone who donated time, goods, and funds to make the dinner successful. We are especially grateful for all of our sponsors. We couldn't do this work and accomplish our goals without the generous support of our community.



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The Noble Bereans

(Part 2)

by David Padfield

(Last time we began looking at the Berean disciples. We will continue that study today.)

**They Received The Word With All Readiness**

The Bereans were among a small group of Paul's Jewish kinsmen who were eager to receive the message Paul preached, and therefore the salvation he offered to them in Christ. They listened attentively and eagerly to the gospel. They were open-minded and ready to hear more and more of what God had to say to them. The conduct of these Jews cannot be too highly commended, or too closely imitated. A common sin of men today is a refusal to examine candidly and patiently the claims of the gospel.

The parable of the sower reveals that one's attitude of heart is a good predictor of how the seed of the kingdom will prosper in their lives (Luke 8:4-8, 11-15). The Jews on the day of Pentecost were "cut to the heart" and 3,000 of them obeyed the gospel of Christ that same day (Acts 2:37-41). The Jews in Stephen's audience were also "cut to the heart," but they killed the messenger (Acts 7:54, 57-58). In both cases, the conscience was pricked by the message preached, but the hearers reacted differently because of different attitudes of heart.

Think of how David received the news about his sin. When Nathan rebuked David for his adultery, David humbly said, "I have sinned against the Lord." (2 Sam. 12:13). He did not attempt to blame Bathsheba, nor did he rebuke Nathan—he received the God's word in a way that would bring him back into conformity with the will of God.

How do you receive the word of God when it challenges your life? How do you react when someone points out that your behavior is not becoming for a child of the King? When someone shows that your attitude is carnal and not befitting children of righteousness? Do you want to fire the preacher, or kill the messenger? Will that save your soul, or just anesthetize your guilty conscience?

I have lived long enough to learn that not all who call themselves Christians are noble-minded people. Some will receive the word of God with all readiness of mind, providing it does not apply to them and their sins. However, when you point out sin and error in their lives, they will sit and pout about it, or hold a grudge against the messenger.

Noble and fair-minded people want to know what the Scriptures teach, regardless of how it might affect their lives. Such noble-minded people are not always easy to find, even in some local churches.

**They Searched The Scriptures Daily**

The Scriptures they studied were the Old Testament books. Either these people had copies of the scrolls in their homes where they could examine what Paul preached, or else they went to the synagogue to study the rolls of the Scriptures kept there. The fact that this was done daily implies that Paul spent some time there. Apparently, Paul followed the same pattern he used at Thessalonica, where, as his custom was, He "went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, 'This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ.'" (Acts 17:3-4).

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(We will complete our study of the Bereans next week.)

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