



Fugitive Captured: Gary Wilson Apprehended in Clarksburg After Multi-County Manhunt



Gary Eugene Wilson

Hinton News Staff

HINTON, W.Va. (Hinton News)

— A multi-agency manhunt spanning nearly three weeks concluded with the arrest of 50-year-old Gary Eugene Wilson. Wilson was taken into custody on Monday, Jan. 5, in Clarksburg, ending a search that began after an alleged drive-by shooting and a daring escape from police custody in December.

The case began in the early morning hours of December 16, 2025. At approximately 5 a.m., officers with the Hinton Police Department responded to reports of gunfire in the vicinity of Westend/14th Avenue and Temple Street.

Investigators determined that a vehicle had traveled through the area while discharging multiple rounds. While a single residence located between 14th and 15th Avenue sustained property damage, authorities confirmed that no injuries were reported. Following a scene sweep, police assured the

public there was no ongoing immediate threat.

As the investigation unfolded, Gary Wilson was identified as the primary suspect. He was successfully taken into custody later that day. However, the situation took a turn at approximately 6 p.m. when Wilson managed to flee from police custody in the area of the Avis/Hinton Police Department.

Wilson remained a fugitive for nineteen days, with law enforcement classifying him as "actively wanted" for wanton endangerment and the attempted commission of a felony.

The search for Wilson required an extensive collaborative effort between local, state, and federal agencies. The Hinton Police Department worked alongside the Summers County Sheriff's Department, the West Virginia State Police, and the U.S. Marshals Ser-

vice.

The search eventually led authorities to Harrison County. On Jan. 5, Wilson was located and apprehended in Clarksburg by the U.S. Marshals CUFFED Task Force, with assistance from the Clarksburg Police Department and the Harrison County Sheriff's Office.

Following his arrest, Wilson faces a litany of serious charges, including:

Wanton Endangerment,
Attempted Commission of a Felony,

Prohibited Person with a Firearm,
Felony Escape.

The Hinton Police Department expressed its gratitude for the "instrumental" collaboration of the responding agencies, citing their swift response as key to resolving the investigation.

Ethan Eerenberg Named to SNHU President's List

MANCHESTER, NH (Hinton News) - Ethan Eerenberg of Hinton (25951) has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) Fall 2025 President's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit, accred-

ited institution with a 93-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 200,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as one of the "Most Innovative" regional universities by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner.

Christopher Beaudoin Named to SNHU Dean's List

MANCHESTER, NH (Hinton News) - Christopher Beaudoin of Hinton (25951) has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Fall 2025 Dean's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

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The Penny Final Stamp: Penny Production Comes to a Close in 2025

Susan Smith-Linton
Hinton News

USA (Hinton News) - The penny, once a constant companion in pockets and purses, has ended its run at the nation's mint. The last coins were rolled out on Wednesday, November 12, 2025.

The first U.S. pennies, known as the Fugio Copper Cent, were minted in 1787.

Benjamin Franklin is credited with the design, and the first official pennies followed in 1793 under the Coinage Act of 1792. The penny's current form arrived in 1909 on the centennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth, becoming the first American coin to feature a president. Originally, U.S. pennies were large and made of pure copper. Since 1982, pennies have been mostly zinc with a thin copper plating.

The mint has halted the production of pennies for circulation, but the penny has not been eliminated; only an act of Congress can abolish a currency.

The penny continues to circulate and remains legal to use. Officials cite rising production costs and digital transactions by Americans in paying for goods as the force behind the decision. Cost savings are one

clear argument: minting a penny now costs more than its face value.

Opponents, however, warn of a small but persistent friction in everyday life. Retailers and consumers who rely on exact change may face rounding rules and minor price adjustments, which may require policy tweaks to accommodate higher denominations or rounded totals.

While some see it as the loss of a familiar symbol in history, in the interviews I conducted, the majority of people I spoke with are saddened by the end of penny production. The coin to them is part of history, and childhood memories of putting pennies into a piggy bank. However, most added that they hardly use pennies anymore.

The pennies charm isn't just historical; for centuries, it has been seen as a token of luck, believed to

bring good fortune. Across generations, a penny has carried associations with luck and folk belief. A penny found heads up was often a prompt to make a wish, but with fewer pennies available, the chances of you finding one today are slimmer. People would also carry them in their pockets, hoping for favorable outcomes. The penny has remained a small tangible reminder that luck can be found every day.

Looking ahead, experts anticipate that a gradual transition with rounding conventions, digital payments, and public education will ease the shift. The penny's retirement is another reminder that some things aren't made anymore. While its memory lingers, the final run of pennies stands as a milestone in numismatic history in American currency, as the penny's chapter comes to an end.



The Hillbilly Storyteller: Helen and Kaleeka

The Hillbilly Storyteller
Hinton News

There was a lady who came to the Appalachian Mountains and bought a small farm. My neighbor said, "She is a little bit strange." I met her one day when I was working on my fence. Our property lines joined. She told me who she was and that she had bought the old Bragg farm. She said, "I love my new home. There is no one to tell me what to do, when to eat, when to go home, when to work. There is nobody to tell me nothing."

She said, "I worked for the US government for forty years. They would tell me what to do. I just want to do what comes next. I would like to buy me some chickens." I said, "I have got a friend who has got a yard full, and I know he would love to sell you some." She said, "That would be wonderful. Can you take me to him to look at them? But there is just one problem. After working for the US government for 40 years, my mind has to take a break now and then. Not sure when I would be able to talk to him. If the light is on on my front porch, then I am resting. If the light is off, then please stop." I said to myself, "Maybe she is a little bit strange."

I told my neighbor what she said. He looked at me and said, "Is she crazy?" I

said, "I hope not. She did not come from around here. She come from Washington, DC."

About a week later I run into my neighbor again and he said, "She is a strange one. The light was not on so I stopped. I told her who I was and that I had some chickens if she wanted to buy some. She said, 'I need 7.' I said, 'Six hens and a rooster.' Then she said, 'What is a rooster?' It took me a minute to answer her because she caught me by surprise. I could not believe she didn't know what a rooster was."

I said to her, "That is the one that crows."

She said, "No. I do not want a crow."

I said, "No, it is the sound it makes."

She looked up in to the sky and said, "You mean like in the cartoons when they wake people up in the mornings?" I said, "Yes that is exactly what I mean." I said, "I need \$25." She said, "Twenty-five dollars for what?" I said, "For the chickens." She said, "You mountain people sure have a funny way of talking."

He said, "She gave me the \$25. Then she gave me another \$5. I did not even ask her what the additional \$5 was for because she was staring straight up in to the sky and I figured I would be good to leave well enough alone. She gave me the willies. I was so glad to leave. As I got in the truck

I looked back. It looked like she was praying and looking up in the air."

I run in to my neighbor that evening. He said, "Absolutely positively do not sell no more chickens for me. I do not want any more willies."

A few days later I was driving by her farm. It looked like to me she was talking to her chickens out loud. I talk to my dog so there is not much difference but I don't talk out loud. I stopped my old truck and backed up and asked her if she needed anything from the store. She said, "I only eat organic food."

About that time she started looking up in to the sky and talking to herself. I said, "Bye." As I pulled off she was still talking to herself. I said,

"Maybe she is crazy. I talk to myself but not out loud. Maybe she isn't crazy." She was strange but that was all right. The Appalachian people are made up of all kinds so it is all right to be strange to a point.

She said she was of the Catholic belief. She became a friend of Patricia. Patricia said, "I have just known you for a few days. I don't even know what your last name is." She said, "My last name is Everts." Patricia said, "I can tell by talking to you that you are glad to be in this part of the world so that you can do what you want to do."

Patricia said, "I am a big believer in God." Helen said, "You mean the spirit." Patricia said, "Yes. I would like for you to go to church with me on Sunday." Helen said, "Yes. I would like to go with you."

On Sunday as they was headed towards the church, Helen kept looking up in the sky out the car window. As they got to the church everyone greeted her with open arms. At the end of the service, the preacher said, "We are going to have a baptism for anyone that believes that the Spirit will come and get them and take them home."

Helen was all for it. She wanted the Spirit to come and get her.

As Helen got out of the car and headed to her house Patricia headed home. Patricia said, "I hope I have done the right thing with Helen."

As time went by Helen would tell everybody that the Spirit would come and take her away. She always was looking up in the sky waiting on the Spirit. I stopped one day when she was near the road and asked her how she was doing. I said, "Helen, what are you looking up in the sky for all the time?" She said, "In my former life I was an Indian. My name was Kaleeka. My husband was the great Indian warrior chief. I am looking for the Great One's spirit to



Drawing by The Hillbilly Storyteller

come and take me home." I didn't know what to say to that so I just said, "Helen I will see you in a few days."

In the next few days I heard that she had left this world. I went to the grave and looked down. I had a cold chill run up my backbone. About that time a great big black cloud covered the sun and it got dark. I said to myself, "The great spirit had come and got her." A smile came over my face. I said, "Good bye Kaleeka."

Moral of the story – Strange may be just that – strange.

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Musings From Memory Lane: Christmas Shoes, Mom and Me

Lisa Abshire
Hinton News

The last movie I ever watched with my mom was The Christmas Shoes. If you're familiar with the movie, it's a tear-jerker. Not only is a young mom dying, but it's about redemption. About finding your heart again. For me, it's about so much more. It's the very last movie my Mom and I ever got to watch together. It wasn't the first time we had watched it. It was one of our all-time favorites, in fact. That year, my Mother knew she was dying from the brutal beast known as cancer. It was October, and Mom begged me to watch with

her. I had errands to run for her and she was so scared we wouldn't get to watch it together. Finally, we sat down to start the movie. Mom said people told her she shouldn't be watching Christmas movies in October, and I remember telling her she could watch anything at any time. It didn't matter.

The movie is a tear-jerker to begin with when Rob Lowe's character finds the meaning of Christmas again. When the little boy gives his dying Mom the Christmas Shoes, it was seeing my beloved Mom crying, saying I wonder if that's what it will be like when I die that broke me into a

million pieces. If I'm being honest, I'm not sure I'm back together yet. I remember trying so hard to stay strong for her, but it didn't happen. This was my Mother, the woman who taught me how to survive life. How to enjoy life and make the most of what life decides to throw at me. She taught me basic skills like cooking, cleaning, sewing, and canning. It was the lessons I didn't even know I was learning that now had to sustain me after she was gone. The traditions and how to keep the family going have been a source of strength I didn't know I had.

Since that day in October 2014, I've

never been able to watch The Christmas Shoes again. At the mere thought of it the pain begins to build to unbearable levels. Am I avoiding facing the reality of facing that day again in its entirety in my memory? Sure. Will this be the year I finally break through and allow myself to feel the pain and anguish? Only time will tell. One thing that is for certain, I will cherish the memories of the last times spent with my Mother until we are reunited on the other side.

My hope for you this holiday season is that you have many beautiful memories to carry you through of those no longer here.

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A Peek into Summers County's Past: A Special Rifle



William Jones
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SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - This piece in my collection has ties with four generations of my family, as well as a connection to Summers County history in more than one way. In the 1960s, my Great Grandfather, O.D. Thompson, was doing some mechanic work in his garage, Thompson's Garage in Talcott. The person he did the work for was from the Ballangee area and traded him this gun for payment.

Some time later in the 1970s, my grandfather Bernard Thompson acquired it for his collection. You see, a short time before this, he and my grandmother had started the Trav-

elin Hillbillies in 1968 with their 1930 Model A Ford. Granddad decided to think of a way to work this antique mountain rifle into the Great Depression Age nostalgia he had designed the truck around.

One of granddad's best friends was Dallas Templeton. His father was Ezra Thomas Templeton, who was born in 1912 in Kanawha County, so in the 1970s, he would have already been in his mid 60s. Dallas and Granddad were talking one day and concocted the idea of Ezra riding on the truck in period historical costume while carrying this antique rifle.

Mom can recall the plan working swimmingly, and Ezra loved playing the part. And his name fit right into char-

acter. I can't find a photo of him with the gun playing his part with The Travlin Hillbillies, but I did find this one that shows the gun. It was taken around 1976 or so in Union, WV, at my Great Uncle Bucks' house.

Granddad always went there to be in the Farmers' Day Parade. He attended it for over 3 decades with this truck, up till me being a small child and participating in the festivities. The photo, L to R, is granddad (Uncle Jake) holding the rifle. Then my father was sitting on the running board with his moonshine jug ha. And then there is the photo of granddad by his father's skin from one of his hunts on the side of his outbuilding, holding the gun. Granddad

loved the attention and was really cheesing it up in this pic.

After granddad passed in 2018, mom inherited the gun. She recently gave it to me to add to my collection. I then used hand-forged-looking brackets to hang it over the dining room door in our log house. I have to think as I do with my entire collection, who will be

the next steward of it. ate about family and local history as Mom and I are!

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Jesus, The Way: Introducing Jesus As The Way

(Part 2)

by Mark A. Copeland

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Last week, we began looking at Jesus as the way to a better life. We ended with Paul saying he could do all things with Christ giving him strength. Continuing those thoughts...

And when the apostle Peter wrote to Christians undergoing extreme forms of persecution, he could honestly say:

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, (1 Peter 1:6-8)

Jesus is also...

THE WAY TO FORGIVENESS OF SINS

He is the **only** solution to a very serious problem...the most serious threat to our well-being that we face: **Sin!** This is because everyone of us is guilty of sin:

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:23)

And sin is not without its consequences! Often physical, but always spiritual! Unless the problem of sin is resolved, the **ultimate** consequence is eternity in hell!

But through Jesus Christ, God has made provision for the forgiveness of our sins! Out of love, God offered Jesus as the "propitiation" for our sins:

In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (1 John 4:9-10)

Through His blood shed on the cross, Jesus provides forgiveness for our sins:

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. (Ephesians 1:7)

After His sacrificial death for us, Jesus explained how those lost in sin could be saved; it involves repentance on our part...

Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." (Luke 24:46-47)

It also involves faith and baptism...

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." (Mk 16:16)

But to be truly happy, we need more than just the forgiveness of sins; we need to be restored to the close union with God which we lost by our sins.

In this also, Jesus is our answer, for He is...

THE WAY TO GOD

Many religions, claiming to be Christian, are almost totally silent about the new relationship Jesus provides with God, the Father. About all they seem to talk about is "Jesus, Jesus, etc." or "Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, etc." Could this indicate a lack of real understanding of Jesus' purpose?

Jesus came to this world to reconcile man back to God the Father. As Paul told the Corinthians:

Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. (2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

Continued next week.

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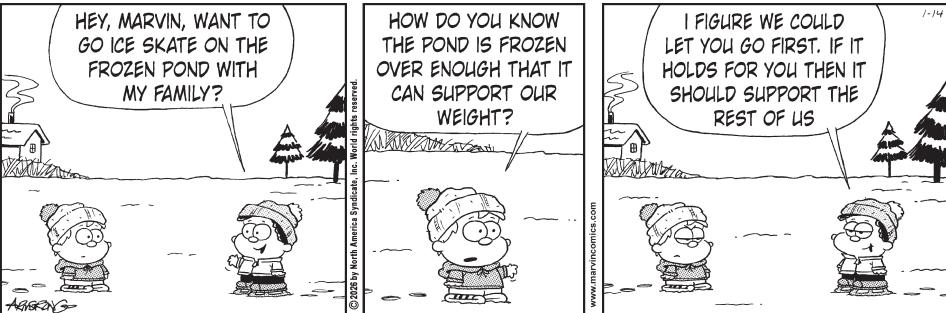
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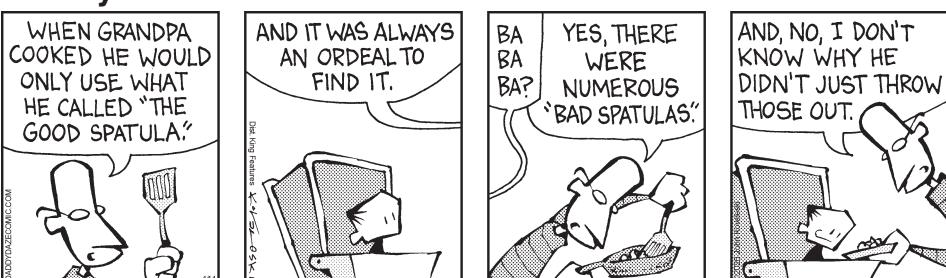
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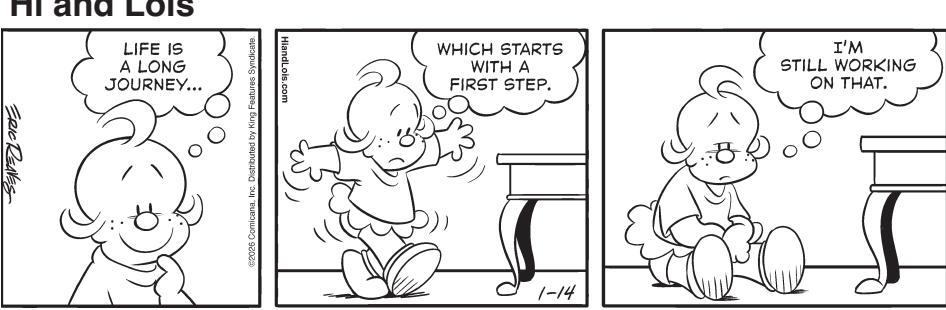
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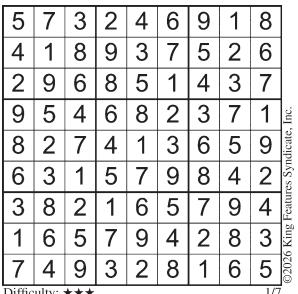
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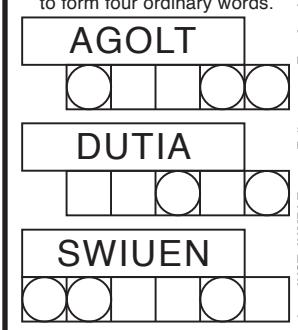
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JUMBLE

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



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Ans. here:

Last Wednesday's Answers | Jumbles: LIMIT OFTEN INTENT BURROW
Answer: With her deadline approaching, she worked to complete the draft — "WRITE" ON TIME



THE LONG LINE TO GET INTO THE BAGEL SHOP WAS PROOF THAT THE FOOD WAS ---

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



United Way to Host Empty Bowls 2026: A Local Tradition Returns

LEWISBURG, W.Va. (Hinton News) — The United Way of Greenbrier Valley has announced the return of Empty Bowls, a signature community event scheduled for Feb. 19. The fundraiser will take place from 6-8 p.m. at the WVSOM Student Center located at 400 Lee Street North in Lewisburg.

The annual gathering serves as a creative intersection for local artists, chefs and community members to address local needs. This year's event is made possible through the generous support of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM).

Attendees will be treated to a selec-

tion of gourmet artisan soups crafted by local restaurants and chefs, accompanied by fresh bread and a variety of desserts.

Beyond the meal, the event offers a unique, tangible takeaway: each guest will receive a handcrafted ceramic bowl created by local potters. These bowls are intended to serve as a lasting reminder of the event's impact and the ongoing mission to fill the "empty bowls" in the Greenbrier Valley community.

Proceeds from the evening directly benefit the United Way of Greenbrier Valley's 2025-2026 Annual Campaign. These funds support the or-

ganization's broader work in health, education, and financial stability throughout the region.

Each ticket includes two bowls of artisan soup, bread, desserts and a handmade ceramic bowl to keep.

Tickets can be purchased online through Givebutter at <https://givebutter.com/qBiTjR>. For those who prefer to pay by check or over the phone, tickets can be reserved by calling the United Way office at 304-647-3783.

To learn more about the United Way's local impact and current initiatives, visit www.unitedwaygreenbrier.org.



Photo provided by United Way of Greenbrier Valley



Dear Recycle Lady

Dear Recycle Lady,
Do you know anything about fabrics being made from chicken feathers? How can that even be possible? Doubtful Reader

Dear Doubtful Reader,
Believe it or not, scientists in Hawaii are using chicken feathers to create a sustainable fabric known as Kertex. Chicken feathers contain a natural substance called keratin that not only gives feathers strength but also makes the wool-like fabric made from chicken feathers very sturdy and stretchy. Kertex has the look and feel of wool and can be used for upholstery, clothing and other purposes. According to the designers of Kertex, the feathers from two chickens can make one sweater. Americans eat about 32.5 billion pounds of chicken each year, and their feathers have been sent to the landfill. Now there is another, very creative option: clothing made from chicken feathers.

Dear Recycle Lady,
What exactly is plastic film, and what kinds of plastic film can be used for the Trex challenge that several local nonprofits are doing? New Recycler

Dear New Recycler,
Plastic film is a thin, soft, flexible sheet of plastic that will give when you pull on it. It is made from polyethylene (PE) resin. (A resin code classifies the film according to the density of the polyethylene.) Plastic films and wraps for packaging are generally #2 and #4 PE plastic

film. Grocery bags are #2 HDPE or High-Density Polyethylene. They are recyclable, although they are not marked with a recycling triangle. Plastic film wraps used for packaging several like items together, such as paper plates, napkins, or paper towels, are #4 MDPE or Medium Density Polyethylene. These wraps generally have a #4 in the recycling symbol. A third type of polyethylene is a low-density polyethylene that generally is not marked; dry cleaning bags and newspaper bags come in this category. However, not all plastic bags are recyclable. This includes pre-washed salad mix bags, frozen food bags, candy bar wrappers, chip bags, six-pack rings, and any plastic bags that do not move when you pull on them. If in doubt about the plastic film being recyclable, throw it out. It only takes one or two such bags of nonrecyclable plastic film to contaminate a bale of plastic film.

The Recycle Center does not recycle plastic film; however, there are three Trex boxes at the Recycle Center for plastic film and wraps. There are also Trex boxes for plastic film at Amy's Market, the Lewisburg Methodist Church, and the back porch of St. James Episcopal Church. All the items mentioned above are recyclable and usable for the Trex Challenge, but only if the items are clean, dry, and all receipts are removed. Trex gives charitable, church or community

organizations a large bench upon completion of sorting 1,000 pounds of plastic film and pulling out nonrecyclable or dirty film that has been put in these local boxes. This may seem like a lot of plastic film, but most organizations complete it in a couple of months. If you know of an organization that would be interested in this project, please contact me. There is plenty of plastic film available for several organizations. Troop 70 Boy Scouts completed the first challenge. Since then, Trex benches have

been earned by young and older Girl Scouts in both Lewisburg and White Sulphur Springs, 4-Hers, St. James Episcopal Church, and Lewisburg Elementary students. Bags of sorted plastic film are sent to Trex by way of Kroger's returning distribution trucks. The sorted plastic film is then used by Trex to make composite lumber for decks, benches, playground sets and other outdoor items.

Good News: Tigers are on the rebound in India. According to The Week Junior, a new study has

found that the population of tigers in India has doubled over the last 12 years. The Indian government has been working since 1973 to save the tigers and over 75% of the World's tigers now live in India.

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In a Deed of Trust dated November 7, 2017, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Summers County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 288, at page 254 Amanda J Childers did convey unto Mann and Mann, Attorneys at Law, Trustee, certain real property. The beneficial holder of that Deed of Trust has elected to appoint Terra Abstract Trustee West Virginia, Inc. as substitute trustees by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office. Default having occurred under the Deed of Trust and the beneficial holder having instructed the undersigned Trustees to foreclose, this real property will be sold at public auction at the front door of the Summers County Courthouse, 120 Ballengee Street, Summers County Courthouse, Hinton, WV 25951 on:

March 5, 2026**At 12:30 PM**

The property for sale as described by the Deed of Trust is as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the westerly line of Fourth Avenue 206 feet southerly of the southerly line of Back Street; thence westerly with the southerly line of Belle Sharp parallel with said line of Back Street 150 feet to the easterly line of Lot No. 9 in Block Letter "Z", thence southerly with said easterly line of Lot No. 9 42 feet; thence westerly and parallel with the southerly line of Back Street 150 feet to the westerly line of Fourth Street; thence northerly with said line of Fourth Avenue 42 feet to the BEGINNING, being a lot 42 feet x 150 feet and being a part of Lots Nos. 10, 11 and 12 in Block Letter "Z" of the map and plan of the City of Hinton.

TRACT TWO: BEING as one-half of Lot No. 10, running along the coal alley between 3" and 4" Avenue, in the City of Hinton, Summers County, West Virginia.

TRACT THREE: BEING as one-half of Lot No. 10, running along the coal alley between 3" and 4" Avenues, in the City of Hinton, West Virginia

TRACT FOUR: REAL ESTATE situate in the City of Hinton, West Virginia, being designated as part of Lots Nos. 10, 11 and 12 in Block Letter "Z", fronting 46 feet on 4" Avenue and running back therefrom for a depth of 150 feet, with the alley in a westerly direction and being the northerly end of said lots.

THERE is HEREBY reserved and excepted from the operation of this deed the following outsale:

BEGINNING at the northeast corner of Lot 12, Block Letter "Z" of map and plan of City of Hinton, where and alley and Fourth Avenue intersect; thence in a southerly direction with the

line of Fourth Avenue, forty-six (46) feet to the boundary of Paul Crook; thence in a westerly direction with Crook seventy-five (75) feet to the middle of Lot 11, Block Letter Z; thence in a northerly direction forty-six (46) feet to said alley; thence in an easterly direction seventy-five (75) feet to the point of BEGINNING, being a lot 42 x 75 feet and being a part of Lots Nos. 12 & 11 of Block Letter "Z" of the map and plan being of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Summers County, West Virginia, in Map Book 1 at page 19.

The purchaser will take the property subject to all exceptions, reservations, rights of way, easements, conditions, covenants, restrictions, leases and other servitudes of record, if any, pertaining to said real property.

The purchaser will be responsible for paying any transfer stamp, excise taxes, and recording costs associated with recording the Trustee's Deed into their name.

The purchaser will be responsible for paying any unpaid property taxes owed to the Sheriff of Summers County prior to or following the sale directly to the Sheriff.

The purchaser will take the property subject to any deed of trust, judgment, lien, and any other encumbrance having priority over the deed of trust referred to herein.

The purchaser will take the property subject to any deed of trust, judgment, lien, and any other encumbrance that is junior ("junior claims") to this Deed of Trust and to which sufficient notice was not given. In that case, unless such right to notice is waived, the chain of title shall not merge with this Deed of Trust as to those unnoticed deeds of trust, judgments, liens, and other encumbrances and will be

subject to a further noticed and published sale under this Deed of Trust pursuant to W.Va. Code 38-1-4, in which bidding shall resume at the last highest bid given. In the event of a surplus of such sale, the mortgagors and noticed junior lienholders are hereby on notice that if such surplus is less than

Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), then the Substitute Trustee will disburse those proceeds to the most senior interest holder as it sees fit, unless an objection is made in writing.

The Trustees do not guarantee or represent that the boundaries described above are accurate, are not encroached upon, or that any particular structure located on the property is contained within the described boundaries. The property is therefore sold subject to an accurate survey at purchaser's expense.

The Trustees reserve the right to adjourn the sale, for a time, or from time to time, by announcement at

the time and place of sale described above or any adjournment thereof. Such adjournment will be noticed by posting a notice at the front door of the county courthouse or where such notices are traditionally posted at the county courthouse. Such notice will include the date and time when such sale will reconvene.

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and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Pill & Pill, PLLC as Substitute Trustee by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Summers County Courthouse, in Hinton, West Virginia, on

January 20, 2026, at 10:00 AM

The following described real estate, with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the Talcott District, Summers County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

That certain real estate located in Talcott District, Summers County, and more particularly described as follows:

TRACT 1:

Being LOTS NOS. 1 and 2 of the Rakes Division of Hilldale Homes Division of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Summers County, West Virginia in Deed Book 80, at Page 340.

TRACT 2:

Being PART OF LOT NO. 3 of said Rakes Division and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING 44 feet, more or less, from the easterly line of Lot No. 3 and along Bush Street to fence now situate on said Lot; thence with said fence and in a northwesterly direction to where said fence intersects and westerly line of Lot No. 3; thence with the line of Lot No. 2 and Lot No. 2 and in a southerly direction to Bush Street; thence in an easterly direction to the place of beginning.

And being the same property acquired by JoAnn McGraw by Deed dated December 9, 2016, from Janet Sue Mantel (now Meador) and Vivian Ethel Meador, Executrixes of the Estate of Mary Ruth Morris, to be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Summers County, West Virginia prior to or simultaneously herewith, in Deed Book 257, at Page 362, or Instrument No. 187905.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 11 Castle Cove, Hinton, WV 25951.

AND BEING the same real estate which was conveyed to Joann McGraw, by Deed dated December 9, 2016, from Janet Sue Mantel (now Meador) and Vivian Ethel Meador, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Summers County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 257, at Page 362.

The above-described property will be sold subject to any covenants, restrictions, easements, leases and conditions of record, and subject to any unpaid real

estate taxes.

The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

TERMS: Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price as a deposit with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

Richard A. Pill, Member

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**NOTICE OF
ADMINISTRATION
TO CREDITORS,
DISTRIBUTEES &
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, January 7, 2026

Claim Deadline: Sunday, March 8, 2026

ESTATE OF: MAUD ROSE CREWS

EXECUTOR: HOMER W. CREWS

ESTATE OF: BILLY LEE HARRAH

ADMINISTRATRIX: JONI HARRAH

ESTATE OF: RONALD GERALD ADKINS

ADMINISTRATRIX: RHONDA CULWELL

ESTATE OF: TIMOTHY WAYNE LACY

ADMINISTRATRIX: SAVANAH LACY RATCLIFFE

Subscribed and sworn to before me on December 23, 2025.

Donald R. Basham Jr.
Fiduciary Supervisor of Summers County

(714ja)

**WVDNR
reminds
hunters,
anglers
about
licenses,
stamps
for 2026**

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) — The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) today reminded hunters and anglers that 2025 licenses and stamps expired on Dec. 31. A new license and stamps must be purchased before participating in a 2026 season.

Purchasing licenses and stamps at the beginning of the year ensures sportsmen and women get the most value from their license while staying compliant with state regulations. It also provides critical revenue that directly supports wildlife management, habitat restoration, public access, law enforcement and education programs that benefit wildlife and outdoor recreation across the state.

"Our hunters and anglers are part of an incredible community that helps make conservation possible in West Virginia," said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion. "We look ahead to another year of promoting hunting and fishing opportunities, protecting wildlife populations and providing quality outdoor experiences for everyone." Hunters and anglers may choose from several licensing options, including an annual sportsman package, which combines hunting, fishing and trapping privileges along with the required conservation and big game stamps. As an optional upgrade, hunters and anglers may also purchase a collectible license card, which features artwork of popular big game and sportfish species, such as black bear, wild turkey, bass and musky. Licenses and stamps are available to purchase at authorized license agents statewide and online at WVhunt.com.

**TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF VALUABLE REAL
ESTATE**

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in it by that certain Deed of Trust dated December 9, 2016, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Summers County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 284, at Page 347, Joann McGraw did convey unto Robert P. Dunlap, Trustee,

Featured Dog of the Week: Bucky



SUMMERS COUNTY - There is an old saying that the biggest

dogs often have the softest hearts, and in the case of Bucky, that couldn't be more accurate. Weighing in at a sturdy 100 pounds, Bucky is a "gentle spirit" who proves that true strength lies in a kind nature. Currently in the care of the Animal Control and Welfare Project (ACWP), this handsome boy is officially on the lookout for a forever family.

One of Bucky's most endearing qualities is his adaptability. Whether you are an active individual or a dedicated homebody, Bucky is happy to match your energy:

The Active Companion: If you're looking for a partner for your daily strolls, Bucky is famously easy to walk and loves a good trip around the block.

The Movie Buddy: On those days when you just want to lounge, Bucky is the ultimate couch companion. His caretakers joke that if it's a movie-and-snacks kind of day, Bucky will be the first one in the living room ready to share the chips.

While Bucky is a friend to almost everyone he meets, he does have a few specific needs when it comes to his social circle. Be-

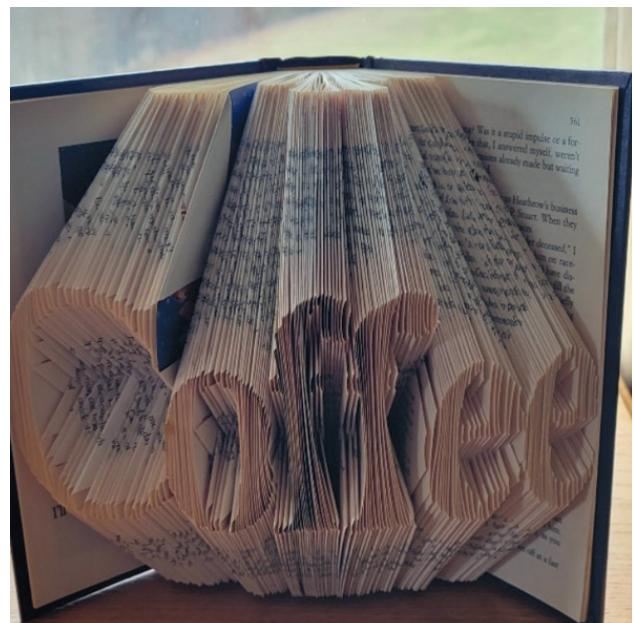
cause he can show a dominant side around other male dogs, the ACWP requires a "meet and greet" with any potential canine siblings before he heads home. This ensures that the chemistry is just right for a peaceful household.

As for feline friends? Bucky's feelings on cats remain a mystery for now, so a slow and careful introduction would be recommended for homes with kitties.

Bucky is described as having "just the right amount of affection sprinkled into his personality." He isn't overly demanding, but he has plenty of love to give to the right person.

If you have room in your heart (and on your sofa) for 100 pounds of pure devotion, you can find more information or fill out an application through the Summers County Humane Society/ACWP via the official Website: acwp-wv.org.

Book Folding Workshop to be Held



with a new skill? Join a group on Jan. 19 from 3-5 p.m. at the library to learn how to create works of art through book folding.

The workshop is open to all ages. The cost is \$10 and includes supplies, patterns, and snacks. Proceeds will benefit the library. You may pay on the day of the workshop.

Please notify Cheryl Kula (cheryl.kula@gmail.com)

or Sherry Gwinn at the library (466-4490) if you plan to attend, so they can ensure they have enough supplies for everyone.

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