



# Snow and Ice Brings Business and Routines to a Halt

Brandon Baker  
Hinton News

HINTON W.Va. (WVDN) - This past Saturday evening, light snow began to fall, and soon after came the heavier version that slowly accumulated to around 4-8 inches depending on the area.

But once the snow took an exit out of town, the sleet and freezing rain poured down to the tune of a couple of inches, with almost everyone in the county's front and back yards resembling an ice-skating rink.

Due to the severity of the storm, not to mention the extremely cold temperatures, [it's 8 degrees as I'm typing this], schools, churches, restaurants, and businesses of all kinds shut down in Greenbrier County--and most of the state--for at least one day and some, even two. Places like City National Bank, City Hall, Summers County Health Department, Robert



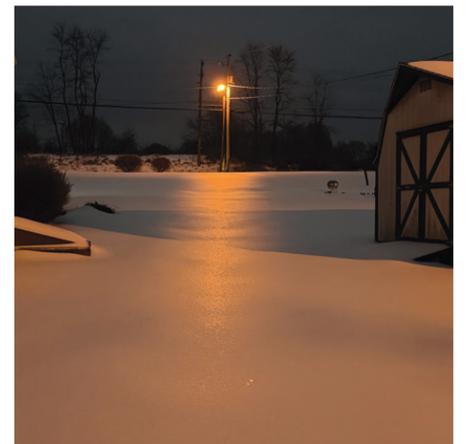
Photo of a sleet "waterfall" and "sleet slide" on Route 20 in Hinton. Photo courtesy of Summers County WV 911 Facebook page

C. Byrd Clinic, The WV School of Osteopathic Medicine, Big Wheel Restaurant, and many more kept their doors locked on Monday for the safety of their employees. A couple of banks opened late or closed early.

Also closed for two days were the Summers County Courthouse and the Supreme Court of Appeals of WV.

Typically, traffic in Lewisburg is the talk of the town as

over the last several years, it's resembled rush hour in New York City, but on Monday evening, it was almost like a ghost town. I actually went riding around to run a few errands and scope out the conditions, and I maybe saw 20 cars on the road. I usually see 20 cars before I walk out my front door. It makes sense, though, as the Department of Transportation/Department of Highways wrote a letter



A back yard ice skating rink in Echols Acres, north Lewisburg (Photo: Brandon Baker)

encouraging travelers to stay home and off the roads.

So, the snow and ice have definitely slowed some things down around the community.

Summers County Schools were closed Monday and Tuesday and assigned all students to remote learning days, where they do a day's worth of schoolwork at home.

As the old saying goes, "This, too, shall pass."

# Samaritan's Purse Celebrates 12.2 Million Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Gifts

West Virginia (Hinton News) — Samaritan's Purse is celebrating a successful season after collecting 12.2 million Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts in 2025, sharing the love of Jesus with children in need around the world.

The milestone reflects the generosity of millions of shoebox packers helping to fill shoebox gifts with toys, school supplies and personal care items. Across the U.S., the project collected 10.9 million shoebox gifts in 2025. Combined with those collected from partnering countries, the ministry is now sending over 12.2 million shoebox gifts to children worldwide, including those whose lives were turned upside down by Hurricane Melissa, a category 5 storm that recently struck Jamaica.

"Each shoebox gift is an



Photo provided by Samaritan's Purse

opportunity to remind boys and girls around the world that God loves them," said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. "We are so thankful for the generosity of every person who packed a shoebox. These gifts are bringing joy and the hope of the Gospel to children in need."

For many children, a shoebox gift is the first gift they have ever

received. Each one is a tangible expression of God's love, offering hope to children facing war, poverty, disease and disaster. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 244 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories.

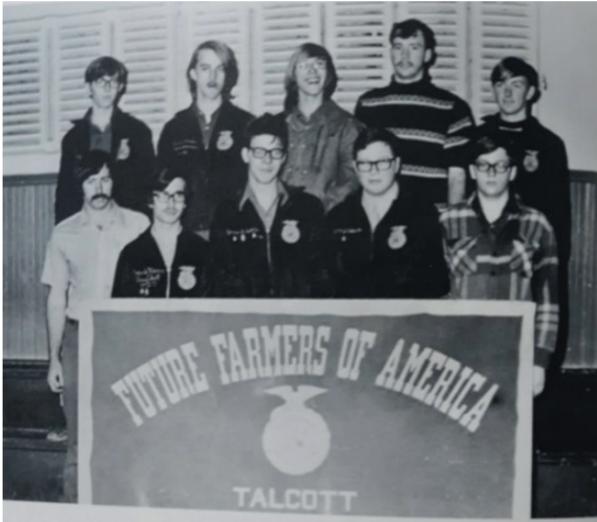
While local drop-off locations are closed until National Collec-

tion Week, Nov. 16 – 23, 2026, anyone can participate year-round by packing a shoebox gift online at [samaritanspurse.org/buildonline](http://samaritanspurse.org/buildonline). These shoebox gifts built online go to the hardest-to-reach areas in the world—whether deep jungles, city slums, or steep mountainsides.

Information about ways to get involved year-round can also be found at [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ).



# A Peek into Summers County's Past: FFA Jacket



Elvis Cantebury  
Dean Tabor  
David Jones  
James Settle  
Junior Comer

Warren Tabor  
Harward Stewart  
Frank Mann  
Tommy Talbott  
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Photo provided by William Jones



Photo provided by William Jones

organization, but later in 1969 became diverse, allowing girls alongside the boy students. Its name was officially changed to FFA in 1988.

My father, David Jones, was an FFA member while at Talcott High School, and this is his jacket from the organization. I recently found it in my storage of local artifacts. My father is on the far right in the back row. On a side note, I tried the jacket when I found it because I like vintage clothing, and it says "Talcott" on it. There is one or two reasons why it didn't fit. Either I have put on a lot of Christmas weight, or my father was a little man when he was young. Yeah, I like the second one. Ha Ha.

**William Jones**  
Hinton News

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va (Hinton News) - The FFA, Future Farmers of America, was

developed in 1928 by a group of young farmers. Their goal with the group was to instill within the future and upcoming generations the knowl-

edge of feeding, or rather supporting, a quickly expanding population. This worked out well time-wise, since within the next year, the Great Depression would hit.

They showed there are more aspects to farming than simply planting and bringing in your crops. It is a segment that has to be backed by science

at its roots, treated as a business in order to be successful. Additionally, it must be treated as a form of art.

The National FFA Organization (originally known as Future Farmers of America) has roots dating as far back as the Smith-Hugh Act of 1917, which provided for federal funding in the public

school system to support agricultural education. The FFA still exists to this day and has over a million students from all 50 states participating. It started as a male-only

## NASA Honors Challenger Crew on 40th Anniversary with Solemn Tributes, Renewed Commitment to Safety

**David Hodge**  
Hinton News

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, FL. (Hinton News) - Forty years after the space shuttle Challenger broke apart, the loss is a searing reminder of the peril and complexity of human spaceflight. On this anniversary, speakers emphasized vigilance, humility, and the enduring legacies of the crew members who "slipped the surly bonds of Earth" 73 seconds after liftoff, killing all seven aboard. NASA and families of the crew gathered last week

at the Kennedy Space Center to honor the fallen astronauts and reflect on the tragedy that reshaped America's space program.

The Jan. 28, 1986, disaster — witnessed live by millions on television — stunned a nation that had embraced the shuttle era as the next bold chapter of exploration after service to discovery.

At a memorial ceremony at the Space Mirror Memorial at Kennedy's Visitor Complex, relatives spoke through tears about lives interrupted and loved ones remem-

bered daily.

Allison Smith Balch, daughter of pilot Michael J. Smith, told hundreds

gathered that the frigid morning in 1986 forev-

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# Featured Dog of the Week: Charlie



SUMMERS (Hinton News) - COUNTY W.Va. Looking for a best

friend with a heart of gold and a whole lot of love to give? Say hello to Charlie, a senior sweetheart who's ready to spend his golden years right by your side.

Charlie was found wandering alone and brought to a local vet in hopes his family would come for him—but no one ever did. Now this resilient boy is searching for a forever home where he can finally settle in and be cherished.

Mostly blind, fully unstoppable! Charlie may not see the world clearly, but you'd never know it by watching him

live life to the fullest. He's active, energetic, and doesn't let anything slow him down. What he really wants is a seeing-eye human—someone to be his guide, his couch buddy, his walking partner, and his snack-sharing pal.

Social butterfly alert! Charlie gets along well with other dogs (as long as they respect his stuffed monkey—that toy is sacred) and he's cat-friendly too. He's met kids preschool-age and up, seniors using wheelchairs and scooters, and even brave youngsters on bikes and skate-

boards. Nothing fazes this friendly guy—not even men with beards and hats (a true hero among dogs).

A little extra care, a lot of extra love Charlie does take daily heart medication for a congenital heart defect, but he's still full of pep and enthusiasm and has plenty of life—and love—left to give.

If you can of-

fer a home free of stuffed-monkey theft and full of kindness, companionship, and cuddles, Charlie would absolutely love to meet you. Adopt Charlie and gain a loyal friend who will be by your side forever.

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## Musings From Memory Lane: Camelot

Lisa Abshire  
Hinton News

Looking out over the frozen ground, my mind goes back as it so often does, to times long gone. Remembering the winters of my younger days and how they used to be. With Valentine's Day rapidly approaching, I can't help but think of a time when there was a lot of family to look forward to spending the day with. We were never a family to keep it couples only; we always thought the day was for everyone in your life that you had love in your heart for. I still celebrate that way. Moments come that change the whole landscape of your life in an instant. Why lose any opportunity to celebrate those you love?

I vividly remember the last Valentine's Day I had with my mom. It was snowy,

much like now, minus the ice. I was so afraid I wouldn't get to take Mom, and she had looked so forward to going. My Dad was worried about the weather, but I said we had to try.

Mom ordered chicken, and I've never seen anyone enjoy chicken so much. I've never known how Mom ate on a jaw with cancer, causing excruciating pain like she was experiencing. I've never known anyone stronger or braver than my mom. If I could be half the woman she was, I would consider I had done something right in life.

Dad ended up enjoying the evening too. He consumed an entire half rack of ribs plus dessert. My daughter had gotten paid that day and made everything possible by helping me pay for it. While I enjoyed my steak, the highlight for me will

always be the smiles on my parents' faces. It's the memories of the good times like these that sustain me now and keep me going.

There's a beautiful quote from the musical Camelot by Alan Jay Lerner: "Don't let it be forgot, that once there was a spot, for one brief shining moment that was known as Camelot." If you ever find your own Camelot, grasp it as tightly as you possibly can. We all know how fleeting Camelot is and that it doesn't really come back. We should cherish every moment we have with those we love. Not only on the holidays but every single day. Before Camelot vanishes before our very eyes, and we're left wondering where it went. Find your Camelot this Valentine's Day and enjoy it with your whole heart.

## Jesus, The Way To A Better Life

(Part 1)

by Mark A. Copeland

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Last week we completed the first lesson in this series concerning Jesus as the Way.

In the preceding lesson, we introduced the theme of this study as being "Jesus, The Way." In this lesson, we shall concentrate our attention on the subject "Jesus, The Way To A Better Life."

The popular goal of our generation is "the good life." This dream is not new. It has been the desire of every age and every walk of life--of teachers and philosophers, of kings and common men.

But to the truly good life, as to every good thing, **Jesus Is The Way!** To see how this is true, consider first of all that...

### JESUS CORRECTS OUR MISCONCEPTIONS

Most people think of the "good life" in terms of material prosperity, pleasure, and popularity. Why do people think this? Nearly everyone would agree that two words sum up what the "good life" is all about: **Happiness** and **Peace**. Many suppose that material prosperity, pleasure and popularity will bring us these two things. But even a cursory observation reveals that most wealthy, high-living, famous people are extremely unhappy and lacking inner peace.

Jesus, the way to true happiness and peace, corrects the misconception that such things as those mentioned above bring us happiness. He teaches that there is more to life than material possessions:

**And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses." (Luke 12:15)**

In addition, He offers a peace which things of the world cannot give, and a joy which is complete and full:

**"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14:27)**

**"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full." (John 15:11)**

What the world cannot give, Jesus can. How does He do it?

### JESUS LEADS THE WAY TO A BETTER LIFE

First, by identifying and rooting out the real problem. What is the cause of so much unhappiness in this world? What deprives so many of inner peace? Is it not things like immorality, thefts, murder? Is it not things like coveting, deceit, envy, and pride? Such things destroy families, friendships, and property. What then is the cause of these things? Jesus declared that the source of all these things to be the sinful hearts of men:

**"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man." (Mark 7:21-23)**

James, the Lord's half-brother in the flesh, concurred with this diagnosis:

**Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. (James 4:1-2)**

Next week we will continue looking at how Jesus is the way to a better life.

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We meet at 3293 Tug Creek Mountain Road

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Worship 11:15

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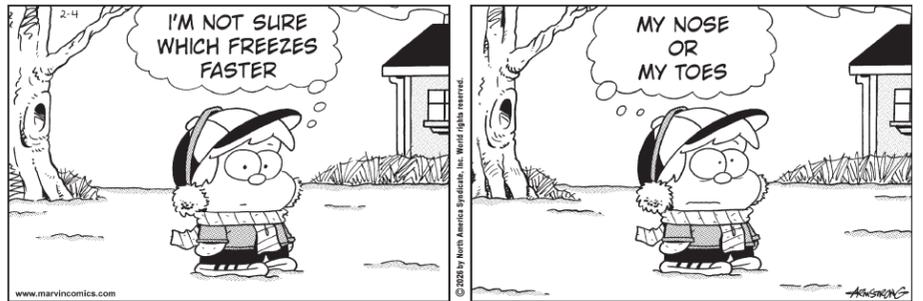
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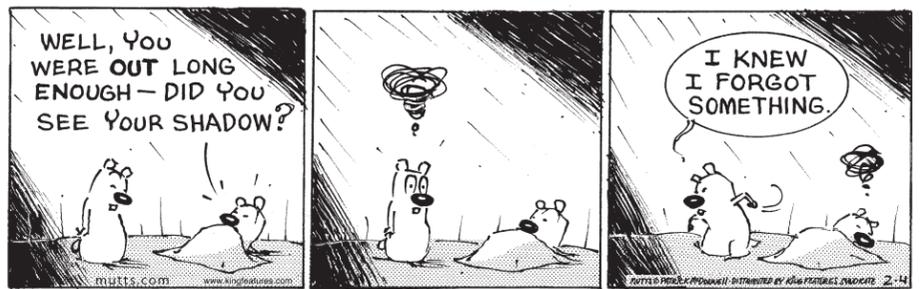
## Marvin



## Blondie



## Mutts



## Daddy Daze



## Zits



## Dustin



## Hi and Lois



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  - 8 Get bigger
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  - 13 Big mouth
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  - 17 "— Lang Syne"
  - 18 Lathered up
  - 19 IHOP competitor
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  - 25 Roe provider
  - 28 Spheres
  - 30 Sample
  - 33 Rug cleaner, briefly
  - 34 Cockeyed
  - 35 Teeny
  - 36 Last (Abbr.)
  - 37 Movie
  - 38 Cushy
- DOWN**
- 1 Early TVs
  - 2 Folksinger Guthrie
  - 3 Fancy party
  - 4 Stole
  - 5 "I love," to Ovid
  - 6 Brady Bunch girl
  - 7 Dumb-struck
  - 8 Majestic
  - 9 Another try
  - 10 Unique
  - 11 Bankrolls
  - 16 Big Apple sch.
  - 20 Sunrise direction
  - 22 Indian flatbread
  - 23 Rubber gasket
  - 25 "Law & Order: —"
  - 26 Actor Linden
  - 27 Final segment of "Our Town"
  - 29 Huffed and puffed
  - 31 Game official
  - 32 Even so
  - 34 Berry in a smoothie
  - 38 Takes a whiff of
  - 40 Stinging insects
  - 42 Right angle
  - 43 Netting
  - 44 Honolulu's island
  - 45 Baseball stats
  - 47 The Big Easy acronym
  - 48 Pacific island
  - 49 PTA and NEA, e.g.
  - 52 Expert
  - 53 Tippy

Solution time: 23 mins.

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Last Wednesday's Answer (Answers Next Wednesday)

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## SUDOKU PUZZLE

King Classic Sudoku

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	8	2	4					6
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		6		9			4	
1				2				
	4	9					7	1

Difficulty: ★★★

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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)

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

Answer To Last Wednesday's Puzzle →

Difficulty: ★★★

## JUMBLE

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

- RRIOG
- GNACO
- GNYUHR
- AOTPTO

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Answer here: ○○○○○○

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Last Wednesday's Answer: Construction of the new staircase was behind schedule due to all the — MISSTEPS

## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

Answers: DRESS INEPT MISHAP SMOOTH



### Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-20.  
The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right.  
The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

6		19	27
	8	11	22
15	1		16
24	11	30	

0	1	15
11	8	3
19	2	9

Solution

### DAY IN HISTORY



**1778:** New York becomes the third state to ratify the Articles of Confederation.

**1840:** The signing of the Treaty of Waitangi establishes New Zealand as a British colony.

**1951:** The Canadian Army enters combat in the Korean War.

### Holiday FACT:

This holiday occurs each winter and is widely celebrated among Asian communities.

Answer: Chinese/Lunar New Year

### Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

R F E I H S E R O

Answer: Fire Horse

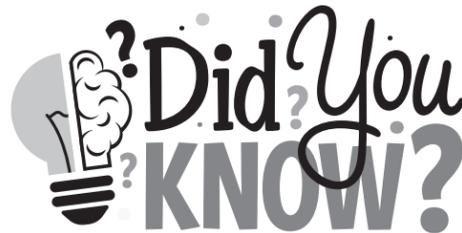
### NEW WORD

#### LANTERN

a lamp with a transparent case



- English:** Dragon
- Spanish:** Dragón
- Italian:** Drago
- French:** Dragon
- German:** Drache



The Chinese New Year is a 15-day festival that is very important for bringing families together in celebration and to foster good luck.



### Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Chinese lanterns



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# Dear Recycle Lady

Dear Recycle Lady,

Why is West Virginia using beet juice to pretreat roads before the icy conditions arrive? Puzzled

Dear Puzzled,

Beet juice is an environmentally friendly additive to the salt brine that the WV Department of Transportation (WV DOT) uses to pretreat highways before a big snowstorm. They experimented with its use last year and found that a 80%-20% mixture of salt brine and beet juice is effective at near-zero temperatures, whereas just salt brine alone is effective only in the 15-to-20 degree range. While beet juice is more expensive up front than salt brine, according to Highway Engineer Jacob Burgartner, the mixture of beet juice with salt brine does less damage to the roads, so it actually saves money. In 2025, WV DOT spent more than \$19 million on snow removal and ice control.

Dear Recycle Lady,

When it snows, the man clearing my driveway uses a chloride mixture of ice melts to clear away the snow and ice. I've heard that these ice melts can be hazardous for my dog. Why are pet-friendly ice melts better for pets than some of the other mixtures? Concerned for My Dog

Dear Concerned for My Dog,

There are several different kinds of ice melts. These may contain sodium chloride, potassium chloride, calcium chloride or magnesium chloride, all of which can be highly toxic to dogs according to PetMD.com. Magnesium chloride is considered more earth and pet-friendly because it contains less chloride than the others. Other pet-friendly ice melts are urea-based/glycol mixtures with no chloride salts. According to PetMD.com, there are three main potential health problems that can occur if your pet is exposed to ice melts. The first issue is irritation of your dog's skin, paw pads, eyes, mouth, and nose. Whenever you walk your dog on sidewalks or the road in the winter, wipe off its feet, making sure to clean between the toes and around their central paw pad. Paw wax and booties are available to help with

this – if your dog will wear them! The second issue is gastrointestinal, such as drooling, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain and bloating that can be caused by a large amount of ingested ice melt. If you think your pet has ingested ice melt call the Pet Poison Helpline at 855-764-7661. They have toxicology experts to help determine potential risk and if your pet needs to be seen by a veterinarian. The third concern is neurologic. Typically walking through ice melt will not cause neurologic issues. However, be concerned if your dog ingests a large amount of ice melt from the bag. This can result in behavioral changes, such as seizures, weakness, unsteadiness, and coma. See your veterinarian immediately.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Does the Greenbrier Recycling Center recycle old cellphones? Up-

dating My Phone Dear Updating My Phone,

Yes, old cellphones can be recycled at the Recycling Center with electronics. When you are at the Recycling Center go to the door for aluminum cans and put the phone in the yellow basket by the door. According to www.Earth911.com, for every million cell phones recycled, 3,500 lbs. of copper and 75 lbs. of gold can be recovered and reused. Plus, when electronics are recycled not only are valuable resources recycled, but toxic materials are disposed of properly and e-wastes are reduced.

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**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT At Charleston A PROCLAMATION By the Governor**

WHEREAS, the passing of Justice Tim Armstead, has caused a vacancy in the

office of Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, article VIII, section 7 of the Constitution of West Virginia provides that if from any cause a vacancy shall occur in the office of a justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals, the Governor shall issue a directive of election to fill such vacancy in the manner prescribed by law for electing a justice of the court in which the vacancy exists, and the justice shall be elected for the unexpired term; and

WHEREAS, section 3, article 10, section 3 of the West Virginia Code provides that where an unexpired term of office for a justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals is for a period longer than two years, the vacancy shall be filled by a successor who has timely filed a certificate of candidacy, and has been elected in a non-partisan election and qualified to fill the unexpired term; and

WHEREAS, at the time of Justice Tim Armstead's retirement, more than two years remained unexpired in the term of office for the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK MORRISSEY, Governor of the State of West Virginia, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution of West Virginia and the laws of this State, do hereby proclaim and declare that the unexpired term of office for Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia shall be filled by the voters of West Virginia at the primary election to be held on May 12, 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this Ninth Day of January, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Six, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Third Year of the State.

SEAL  
By the Governor  
/s/ Patrick Morrissey  
GOVERNOR  
/s/ Kris Warner  
SECRETARY OF STATE

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT At Charleston**

**A PROCLAMATION By the Governor**

WHEREAS, the retirement of Justice Elizabeth D. Walker, has caused a vacancy in the office of justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, article VIII, section 7 of the Constitution of West Virginia provides that if from any cause a vacancy shall occur in the office of a justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals, the Governor shall issue a directive of election to fill such vacancy in the manner prescribed by law for electing a justice of the court in which the vacancy exists, and the justice shall be elected for the unexpired term; and

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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, February 4,

2026  
**Claim Deadline:** Sunday, April 5, 2026

**ESTATE OF:** LILLIE E. THOMPSON  
**EXECUTOR:** JOHN R. HEDRICK

**ESTATE OF:** KIMBERLY ANN JOHNSON

**ADMINISTRATOR:** RONALD JOHNNSO

**ESTATE OF:** GLEYNORA JEANE GILBHRIGHDE

**EXECUTRIX:** ANONA MAGDALEN MOENCH

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**ESTATE OF:** RENO GLENN RICHMOND

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**ESTATE OF:** NETTIE LEE GUNTER

**EXECUTRIX:** LINDA GAILE WIKER

**ESTATE OF:** GARY LEE CHARLTON

**ADMINISTRATRIX:** TERI PINSON

Subscribed and sworn to before me on January 28, 2026.

Donald R. Basham Jr.  
Fiduciary Supervisor of Summers County (4,11fe)

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

To the Creditors and Beneficiaries of the within named deceased persons:

I have before me the Final settlements and Proposals for the estates of the following deceased persons, which shall be presented to the County Commission of Summers County, at the Courthouse thereof, in the City of Hinton, West Virginia on the 11th day of February, 2026, 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 approved as indicated below:

**Estate:** Delma Lou Ciesielski

**Fiduciary:** Robert M. Pacacki Jr.

**Estate:** Matthew Allen Kessler

**Fiduciary:** Dawn R. Trosper

**Estate:** John Keith Bowling

**Fiduciary:** Joshua J. Bowling

Any person having any interest in the estate of any such deceased person, may appear before the County Commission at the time and place hereinabove specified and thereupon protect his interests as they may appear or else may be forever thereafter barred from asserting such interest.

Given under my hand this the 28th day of January, 2026.

Donnie Basham  
Fiduciary Supervisor (4fe)

**NASA Honors... Continued from page 2**

er altered the course of families and the country alike.

"In that sense, we are all part of this story," she said. Jane Smith Holcomb, Smith's widow, added, "Every day I miss Mike. Every day is the same."

Kennedy Deputy Director Kelvin Manning underscored the need for constant attention to safety amid a transformed spaceflight landscape of frequent lunar missions. "The humble and painful lessons" of Challenger, he said, require renewed focus "now more than ever."

The ceremony drew former finalists from NASA's Teacher in Space program, created to bring classroom perspectives into orbit and embodied by Christa McAuliffe, the high school teacher from New Hampshire who perished on Challenger.

Bob Veilleux, a former astronomy teacher and fellow finalist, recalled the closeness of that cohort. Bob Foester, a sixth-grade math and science teacher from Indiana who also reached the program's top ten, expressed gratitude that space education expanded after the accident "without reducing the crew to martyrs."

The black granite Space Mirror lists twenty-five names: the seven from Challenger; the seven from shuttle Columbia, lost on reentry in 2003; the three from Apollo 1, killed in a 1967 launch-pad fire; and other fallen astronauts. Families from the Columbia and Apollo tragedies joined NASA's Day of

Remembrance is observed annually on the fourth Thursday of January. Additional ceremonies were held at Arlington National Cemetery and at Johnson Space Center in Houston.

NASA's leadership and the White House marked the anniversary with public statements with public statements honoring the crew and recommitting to safety. A presidential message said the astronauts' legacies are "etched upon our nation's memory," vowing to advance exploration "with unwavering strength and an unyielding commitment to excellence."

NASA's history office

echoed the sentiment, recalling President Ronald Reagan's address in 1986 and the now-famous line that the Challenger crew had "slipped the surly bonds of Earth to touch the face of God".

The Challenger crew — Commander Francis R. "Dick" Scobee; Pilot Michael J. Smith; Mission Specialists Ronald E. McNair, Judith A. Resnik, and Ellison S. Onizuka; Payload Specialist Gregory B. Jarvis; and Christa McAuliffe, the first teacher selected to fly in space — launched on mission STS-51L to deploy satellites, conduct science, and inspire students worldwide. Their seven-day mission was to include observations of Halley's Comet and the inaugural classroom lessons from orbit.

A presidential commission later determined that cold weather contributed to the failure of O-ring seals on a solid rocket booster, allowing hot gases to escape and ignite the external tank. The engineering and organizational lapses identified after the disaster prompted deep reforms in NASA's culture, testing, and decision-making, changes that shaped the final decades of the shuttle era and continue to inform today's programs.

The Challenger loss was the first of two fatal accidents in the shuttle program, which flew 135 missions from 1981 to 2011. Columbia's disintegration during reentry on Feb. 1, 2003, killed seven more astronauts and prompted another searching review of risk, materials, and mission management. Together, the tragedies bookend a storied era that built the International Space Station, launched and serviced transformative satellites, and inspired generations of scientists and students.

On this 40th anniversary, the remembrances were as much about the future as the past.

Speakers called for vigilance as NASA prepares for new crewed voyages and as commercial providers accelerate launch cadences. The message, repeated in the Florida sun before the names etched in stone: honor through action, and by ensuring that the lessons learned at such cost are never forgotten.

# Cornerstone IGA: “We’re Not The Cheapest Store in Town, But We Have Service”

**Cynthia Mattison**  
Hinton News

LEWISBURG W.Va. (Hinton News) - Imagine a quaint grocery store where the employees don't change on a daily basis, where faces become familiar and smiles are given freely along with good service. The next time you're in Lewisburg, walk through the doors at Cornerstone IGA and experience the difference between a big box store and a family-owned tradition.

Last year, the Cutlip family proudly celebrated two decades of ownership. But what they invested in nearly 21 years ago was not just a business, but a lifestyle.

“I bought the store on March 21, 2005,” says Phil Cutlip. “We went out on a limb, moved here from Webster Springs and purchased the business. This is home now, and we like living here very much,” he adds.

When asked what he believes sets Cornerstone IGA apart from other grocers, Cutlip did not hesitate.

“Right now, our meat department and produce department. It's all about service. If you don't have that, you don't have anything,” he says. “I know we're not the cheapest store in town, but we have service. We will try to get anything for anyone if there's something they want.”

Growing up, Cutlip learned a lot about customer service from his grandfather and father, both of whom owned and operated businesses.

“My dad used to have a customer who needed a specific item for baking,” he recalls. “The warehouse we dealt with at the time didn't carry it, so he'd drive to Kroger and bring it back to our store. He'd sell it for her for the exact price he paid for it.”

In a small town, customers notice when shelves are full and assistance is readily available.

“They always seem friendly and helpful,” says Cherie Blankenship. “They also tend to be well stocked, which is nice.”

Many customers return to the hometown store because they offer personal service that often gets overlooked in the retail world.

“I like a hands-on business,” Cutlip says. “I worked for my grandpa at a Southern States

store when I was young and we worked hands-on with every customer, writing out bills by hand. We'd write up the order and load it for them. That's how my granddad did business,” he remembers.

Speaking of writing out a customer bill the old-fashioned way, Cornerstone IGA didn't forget how to run a business when the lights went out. In 2012, when the derecho darkened much of Greenbrier County on a hot summer evening, damaging winds and power outages prevented most stores from reopening.

“When we went back into the store, we knew we'd have a mess,” Cutlip recalls. “When the power's out, the ice cream is always the first to go. We had no idea when everything was going to open up, so there were six or eight of us in the store just trying to clean up. While we were there, we had a few people come to the door needing an item and asking if we were open, so we'd get it for them,” he said.

“About 15 or 20 minutes later, our parking lot was full. So, we let them in, gave them a flashlight, pencil and paper and asked them write down the prices of the items as they shopped. When they got to the front, we'd add them up with a calculator,” he continued. “After

that, we got a generator and now we don't have to worry about the power being out. We'll be open.”

Self-checkouts are very much in the ‘you either love them or hate them’ category, especially for consumers. When asked how he felt about self-checkouts, Cutlip instantly thought of his customers.

“I don't like self-checkouts because my customers don't like that type of business,” he admits. “They enjoy talking to a cashier, and in some cases, it's the only people they get to talk to. This is especially true with older customers who don't get out much.”

Speaking of what customers like, many return for the delicious offerings of their deli and baked goods.

“They make the best cinnamon and sugar do-

nuts, but you have to get there early,” says Debra Morgan Snedegar. For the cookie connoisseur, Jessie Boone highly recommends IGA's annual holiday sale. “Their Christmas cookie sale is the BEST,” she says.

Cornerstone IGA is a family-owned, locally operated grocery store. Their focus is on home, and community with West Virginia made products, fresh produce, fresh-cut meats and a full-service deli. For all who have supported him, his family and their business, Cutlip offers a heartfelt thanks.

“Thank you very much,” he says with gratitude. And with a chuckle, he added, “Thank you for buying shoes for my babies.”

Cornerstone IGA is located at 9779 Seneca Trail South in Lewisburg.

Store hours are Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Services offered include curbside pickup

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**Peggy Jeand'Heur**

Peggy Jeand'Heur of Hemet, CA, passed away on January 1, 2026, following a brief illness. Born September 11, 1931, in Summers Co., Peggy was the daughter of the late Wright Predmore and Nellie Predmore Young.

Peggy met and married the love of her life, US Navy sailor, Louie Jeand'Heur, in Baltimore, MD, after a whirlwind, ten day courtship. Their partnership would last 74 years, before Louie predeceased Peggy in July of 2024. Peggy was also preceded in death by three siblings and their spouses: a brother, Roy Predmore and his wife, Betty; a sister, Mary Veltri and her husband, Salvatore "Zut"; and a half brother, Ople "Sarge" Young and his wife, Marilyn. Additionally, Peggy was preceded in death by a nephew-in-law, Larry Carpenter; nephew, Mike Predmore and his wife, Lori; and nephews, Jimmy Young and Opie Young.

Peggy is survived by daughters, Valerie (and Larry) Casey of Newport Beach, CA, and Michelle Jeand'Heur of Hemet, CA with whom she made her home; granddaughters, Laurel Casey (Brad) and Kristen Casey; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Peggy graduated from Hinton HS and attended Salem College. She and Lou owned and operated a successful fine jewelry business for many years. Additionally, Peggy worked as an accountant and realtor.

As per her wishes, Peggy was cremated, and her ashes will be commingled with Louie's to be released into the Pacific Ocean.



“Mom continued to decline, and I didn't know what to do.”

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