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Community Cup Coffee and More holds ribbon cutting

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MARTINSBURG — With a goal of building community one cup at a time, *Community Cup Coffee and More* hosted its official ribbon cutting on Friday in downtown Martinsburg.

Located at 114 W. Burke St., the warm and welcoming business has a vision of building community and creating a space of support.

The room was packed full for the ribbon cutting, with a community of encouragement for the endeavor.



“It is just wonderful,” explained owner Kate Lewis Brown of the support.

The goal of Community Cup is to truly be a benefit to the community, explained Lewis Brown.

“Sometimes, something like this can make a difference in people’s lives — that is what we are hoping to do.” *continued*

Community Cup Coffee and More, continued

Lewis Brown said that there is a potential in the future to host recovery meetings, tutoring and more, explaining that the possibilities are endless. A free library, organic coffee at an affordable price and growth on the horizon have helped to create a relaxing space in the heart of downtown Martinsburg that allows the building of community.

A resident of Hedgesville for the past 15 years with her family, Lewis Brown said that she fell in love with downtown Martinsburg when she drove through for the first time.

While she is well aware of some of the struggles in the area, such as substance abuse, homelessness and mental health issues, she explained that she is hoping Community Cup can be a space of comfort for everyone.

The journey for Lewis Brown and the team began in 2019, when a group of five gathered.



"Some of us were thinking about what was missing in Martinsburg, what we could do for the community," she said. "The idea came that a coffee shop would be a place where people who are living alone can come, there are no alcohol or drugs, so people in recovery can be comfortable, and the prices are reasonable so that the most amount of people can afford it. Everyone is welcome. We welcome everyone."

Right now, Community Cup is open from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday and then from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday. The shop is closed on Sunday.

The shop specializes in sharing freshly ground, fair-trade coffee at a reasonable price. They also offer a variety of teas, sodas, iced coffees and baked goods, including pepperoni rolls made in West Virginia.

"We have plans for the future. We didn't start off with espresso drinks, but we are going to add that, as well. We are taking it one step at a time," she added.

Community Cup grinds its coffee beans just before brewing, uses reverse osmosis filtered water and only serves hot coffee that has been brewed for less than one hour.

Lewis Brown thanked Shenandoah Presbytery for its support of this New Worshiping Community, and added that the best way to stay up to date in events, changes and more is to visit Facebook at [Community Cup Coffee and More](#).



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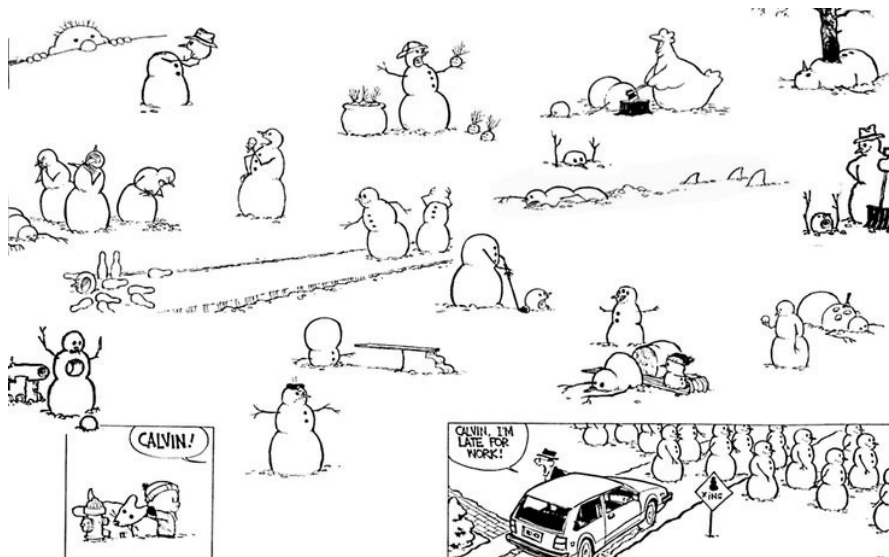
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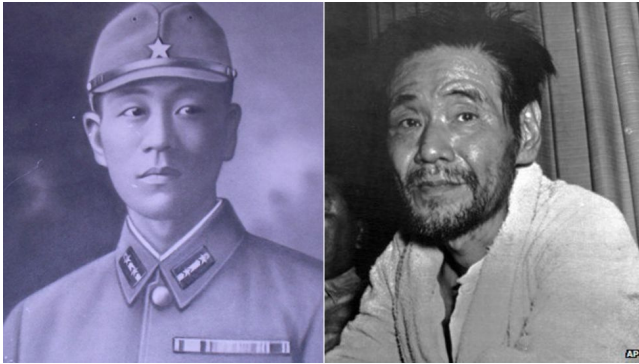
Queen Victoria of England dies after a 64 year reign, during which England became the most powerful empire in the world.

January 22, 1901



The USS *Pueblo*, a *Banner Class* research vessel is attacked and seized by North Korea in the Sea of Japan. Accused of violating North Korean territorial waters to spy, the crew were held captive until December 1968, with one fatality. The *Pueblo* remains in North Korean hands- the only ship of the U.S. Navy still on the commissioned roster currently held captive.

January 23, 1968



Sgt. Shoichi Yokoi of the Japanese Imperial Army, one of the last three Japanese "holdout" soldiers, is discovered on Guam after spending 28 years hiding in the jungle. Although aware since 1952 that World War II had ended, Yokoi was afraid to reveal himself, explaining that "We Japanese soldiers were told to prefer death to the disgrace of getting captured alive."

January 24, 1972



President John F. Kennedy conducts the first live televised presidential news conference, five days after taking office.

January 25, 1961



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart is born in Salzburg, Austria. A musical prodigy, he created more than 600 compositions beginning at the age of five until his death at age 35,

January 27, 1756



To relieve overcrowding in its prisons, the British establish a penal colony on Botany Bay in Australia with 778 convicts arriving on 11 ships. The settlement would soon move to Port Jackson on Sydney Cove and become the capital of the the state of New South Wales.

January 26, 1788



The Space Shuttle Challenger explodes 74 seconds into its flight, killing its crew of seven, including Christa McAuliffe, a teacher who was to be the first ordinary citizen in space.

January 28, 1986