



# WV based veteran group visits Summers County

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - On Nov. 11 and 12, West Virginia based, Warriors in the Field LTD visited Summers County for a very fitting visit as it was also Veterans' Day weekend.

Warriors in the Field's mission is to take Veterans from this great country to the outdoors on hunting and fishing trips to various destinations. This allows Veterans, who might not otherwise have an opportunity to enjoy some of the great outdoor experiences that great country has to offer.

While this might be the mission, there are other important side effects. Many veterans returning from service find it difficult because the sense of brotherhood and camaraderie that service members have with one another is missing. This can be difficult for most who have not served to understand, but when you count on your "Brothers and Sisters" every day for everything, it creates an extremely strong bond. This organization provides that bond for many veterans.

Tragically, 22 Veterans take their own lives each day in this country, a fact that organization founder Dave Whittaker of Elkins, West Virginia, knows all too well. His father was one of those 22. Having been unable to serve himself, he felt an urgent need to give something back to the Veteran community. And, as a Veteran, I can attest to his success.

Tom Conway of Hinton, who has only been involved with this organization for seven months, has witnessed firsthand the difference that this organization makes. While the hunts and fishing trips provide many enjoyable experiences, they are just the backdrop to the real benefit; brotherhood.

While in Summers County, the group visited the John Henry Park and Blue-stone Dam, stayed at Gateway Garden Getaway Properties Airbnb, and enjoyed dinner on Saturday night at River City Grill. There were over a dozen veteran volunteers and their families in attendance. All veterans in the group were presented with cards and drawings of gratitude from three amazing young ladies, Jasmine, Christianna and Skye, the daughters of two of our great volunteers, Army Veteran Charlie Treadway and Leslie Hamrick of Oak Hill, West Virginia.

On Sunday the group participated in a "Cast and Blast", hunting for geese and fishing for smallmouth bass, adventure with New River Trophy Outfitters. The morning started with cold temperatures but soon warmed up at the first encounter with geese. All that can be said about that first encounter, the geese were victorious, and it was still cold. Later, a couple of the Veterans were able to harvest some birds.

The fishing was tough, but everyone in the group managed to catch fish. The highlight of the trip was, as is always the case, the brotherhood and camaraderie. Laughter filled the Gorge all day Sunday as Vets joked, and ribbed each other about their branch of the service and their aim when shooting. The guides from New River Trophy Outfitters joined right in and made the day even more special.

Air Force Veteran, Jeff Stewart, of Hinton, West Virginia, said of the experience, "Although it was cold in the morning and the fishing was slow and the shooters couldn't hit a whole flock of geese it was a great day. Having fellowship with other veterans who share the same experiences and feelings for this great country. Thanks to Troy, Charlie, and Tommy (New River Trophy Outfitters). They did a great job of putting us on fish and giving advice. Looking forward to doing it again."

Army Veteran Ted Anderson of Beckley, West Virginia, the top fisherman for the day, added, "The Warriors in the Field organization is a top-notch organization! They really take care of the vets and make you feel like you're in a brotherhood. The cast and blast was exactly what it says it is. I had a blast with a good guy and guide. I'll never forget the great time that I had! Salute!"

Air Force Veteran Matt Corcoran, of Elkins, West Virginia, stated, "The day was amazing. Warriors is fantastic for allowing us to be able to do this. Dave always does so much for us as Veterans."

Army Veteran Jacob Daniels of Elkins, West Virginia, had this to say, "Man, this day was a lot of fun. Thank you for inviting me." Daniels is a man of few words, but his smile throughout the day spoke volumes.

Air Force Veteran and volunteer Tom Conway added, "To have the experience of floating through some of God's most beautiful country with this group of Veteran Brothers is an experience I will always treasure. I am proud to be able to volunteer my time with such a worthy and honorable organization. A huge thanks to New River Trophy Outfitters for making this such a memorable trip."

Warriors In the Field, LTD. would like to thank River City Grill, Gateway Garden Getaway Properties, and New River Trophy Outfitters for their part in making this memorable experience happen. The group hopes to return to Summers County and Hinton many times in the future to allow other Veterans these same opportunities.

If you would like to nominate a Veteran or donate to the organization, please visit their website at [www.warriorsthefield.org](http://www.warriorsthefield.org) You may also donate by mailing your donation to Warriors In The Field, LTD., PO Box 1183, Elkins, WV 26421.

You can follow Warriors in the Field on Facebook at Warriors in the Field, LTD.



Photo by Johnny Ratliff

# Quick Response from Summers County Firefighters Averts Disaster

Rebecca Stalnaker

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - Local firefighters provided a quick response to two fires in as many days. On Nov. 12 emergency responders were called to the Hinton House for a reported fire. A Summers County 911 dispatcher confirmed that residents were evacuated and an inspection took place before they were able to return. The fire was reportedly in a single room on the sixth floor of the city's only highrise building. According to a statement from County Commissioner Mike Gore, one individual was hospitalized.

The following day, emergency personnel were called to a reported camper on fire approximately 3.5 miles down New River Road. Initially, units called for an all-county response but were able to cancel some of the fire departments shortly after.

The call came in shortly after 9 a.m. and cleared around 11:15 a.m. Spanning both incidents, multiple county fire departments, Summers County EMS, National Park Services, the Red Cross and the Department of Natural Resources all responded.

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# Memories of the past: Communtiy Obituaries

## Family traditions

Lisa Abshire

The holiday season always brings to mind traditions that have been passed down from family member to family. A big part of who I am is the parts that are stitched together from everything I've taken from the generations that came before me.

Certain foods were necessary for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Even though my parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles are long gone I still find myself fixing those same dishes in the exact same way. Stuffing, deviled eggs and pistachio salad are a must on my holiday table. Not only are they delicious but they make it more like those long gone are there with us.

The sense of routine, of continuing what was before me and hopefully will continue after me gives me a sense of purpose that's hard to explain. It's as if I'm carrying on the legacy of my ancestors so it doesn't become lost in the annals of time. If I concentrate hard enough, in my mind's eye I can see them all smiling down on me in approval. To peel back time if only for a moment and once again see Great Aunt Letha come out of the kitchen wiping her hands on her apron, a huge smile on her face upon learning we had arrived for Thanksgiving dinner. To see my Granny Graham and my Aunt Ruth making coconut bonbons and peanut butter balls all day long; all the while laughing and joking. So happy because they were together. I swear to this day it was the love with which the candy was made that caused it to taste so good.

My Granny loved birds on her Christmas tree. For my Mom there had to be a snowman and something religious. My Mom also loved Santa anything. Now if you come to my house you will find things on my



Photo provided by Lisa Abshire

tree to remind me of all the family long gone mixed with what my kids and I are always adding to the collection of our new traditions and adventures. Blending the old and new makes my heart happy and my soul satisfied.

I live in a house that has been in my family since 1927. I love to look at the pictures of holidays from long ago and try to imagine how it must have been in my house at the precise moment the picture was taken. Even if I could glimpse back to those golden moments with everyone alive and enjoying the day together, I fear I would be like Scrooge when he told the ghost of Christmas past "Take me away, spirit, for I can no longer bear these memories."

I, myself can remember being a small child and seeing the holidays in my house with Letha, Hazel and all the rest of the family. There would be bowls of apples, oranges, nuts, a huge box of chocolate candy, a bowl of hard candy, and different kinds of pop. If you ever left hungry, it was definitely your own doing because Letha took great pleasure in feeding her guests. I remember one holiday she had the people who were sitting around the table talking get up so Mom, Dad and I could eat.

## Volunteer delivery drivers needed for Community Thanksgiving Meal Project

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Community Thanksgiving Meal Project, a 100 percent volunteer effort, needs your help delivering 300 meals on Thursday, Nov. 23, to homes throughout Summers County. Meals will be available for transport between 11 and 11:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day at First Presbyterian Church in Hinton. Drivers should be finished within an hour, depending on what area of the county meals are going to.

Delivery teams of two will deliver 20-25 meals in zones from downtown Hinton to outlying neighborhoods to the far reaches of the county.

To volunteer, please call or text 304-860-

9446 or email nancy-ofmadams creek@gmail.com. Thank you for your willingness to share your gratitude this holiday season.

## Forest Hill High School 1962 Class Reunion

Our Class of 1962 of Forest Hill High School held our 61st Class Reunion on October 21 at Aziza Restaurant in Hinton. We all had a great time visiting and going over old times.

We were a small class but have enjoyed getting together over the years and staying in touch. We have been blessed and only lost one classmate, Bill Kessler, whom we still miss. Only one classmate did not attend, Mary (Thompson) Jones, whom we missed.

A great time was enjoyed, and we hope to meet again soon.



Front Row: Joyce (Mowery) Waltman, Vera (Greenlief) Epling, Carol (McDaniel) Butler, and Carolyn (Davis) Greenlief.

Back Row: Ronnie Martin, David Leftwich, Jack McKinney, Johnny Jones, and Dallas Meadows.



Patricia Via Kerns KERNs

In loving memory of Patricia Via Kerns, born on November 17, 1947, in Hinton, WV, and peacefully passing away on November 9, 2023, in Cumming, GA.

Patricia's journey began in a wonderful home filled with laughter and love. In her youth, she embraced life by playing basketball, singing in weddings, painting, and strumming the guitar.

Destiny led her to Steve, who she met on a blind date, and together they built a family. Her children, Robyn and Brian, became the lights of her life, until her grandchildren — Ashley, Vova, and Alexis — captured her heart as well.

A dedicated nurse, Patricia's passion for helping others extended far beyond retirement. Her wisdom and kindness provided solace to those seeking medical advice and assistance. She was the first call many made when finding themselves,

or a loved one, with a medical emergency.

In the tapestry of her post-retirement years, Patricia wove a profound commitment to animal welfare, particularly sea turtles. Her tireless efforts in rehabilitating and safeguarding their nests spoke to her love for these creatures. At the aquarium, she shared her knowledge and advocacy, leaving an indelible mark. She didn't meet anyone that didn't learn at least one fact about a turtle.

Her canine companions were numerous, but Nala held a special place in her heart, and Patricia eagerly anticipated their reunion in Heaven.

Patricia's warm spirit knew no strangers, and her generosity touched countless lives. Beautiful inside and out, she loved God, her family, nature - mountains and the beach, and college football. She was always out and about, except for the Saturdays of college football season.

She was looking forward to making more memories like watching her son marry a beautiful woman, whom she loved like a daughter; her grandchildren's graduations/weddings; and traveling, but that wasn't in God's plan.

Even in the face of can-

cer, Patricia exemplified strength, compassion, and grace. Her journey was a lesson in wholehearted love and boundless compassion, touching everyone fortunate enough to know her. Patricia's legacy lives on in the hearts of those she touched.

Forever missed, she leaves a void that only memories of her enduring love and compassion can fill. She leaves behind her husband, Steve; son, Brian and future daughter, Johanna; and daughter, Robyn and her family, Philip, Alexis, Ashley, and Vova; her sister, Nana Watkins and her family; and her sister-in-law, Regina Kerns and her family; along with loads of extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her loving parents, Donald and Lottie Via.

Memorial Services will be held at future dates in North Carolina and West Virginia.

Condolences may be made at www.ingramfuneralhome.com.

Ingram Funeral Home, 210 Ingram Ave., Cumming, GA 30040, is in charge of arrangements.

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# Mountain Plex to Host Small Business Saturday Extravaganza

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - In a celebration of community, the McCreery Conference and Event Center in Hinton will play host to a Small Business Saturday event on Nov. 25. Organized by Mountain Plex Properties, the event promises a day filled with local flair, as craft vendors gather to showcase their one-of-a-kind creations, just in time for the holiday season.

Small Business Saturday, a cherished nationwide tradition, is dedicated to supporting local businesses that form the heart of our communities. The Guest House's McCreery Conference and Event Center, known for its versatility and warm hospitality, is the perfect setting for this day of festive shopping.

## Mountain Plex Puts the Spotlight on Local Artisans

An advocate for the local economy, MountainPlex wants to ensure this event showcases the wealth of talent present in Southern West Virginia. Craft vendors will offer a wide range of handmade and bespoke items, perfect for those seeking unique gifts with a personal touch.

From handcrafted jewelry to beautifully woven textiles, and from artisanal candles to intricately designed ceramics, the array of goods promises something special for everyone on



Photo provided by MountainPlex

your holiday shopping list. The event will provide an excellent opportunity for visitors to discover and support local artists and makers.

## Community Collaboration for a Festive Day

Small Business Saturday at the McCreery Conference and Event Center is not just a shopping event; it's a celebration of the vibrant and diverse

community that calls Hinton home. The event will provide opportunities to engage with the artisans themselves, gaining insights into the creative processes behind their wares. Shoppers will be able to sign up for a chance to win a gift basket containing items from local store and restaurants as well as the craft vendors.

With an emphasis on lo-

cal collaboration, this event showcases the tight-knit bond between Mountain Plex, The Guest House, and the talented artisans who contribute to the rich tapestry of the Hinton community.

## Supporting Local, Building Community

Small Business Saturday at the McCreery Conference and Event Center stands as

a testament to the vitality of small businesses in Hinton. By choosing to shop local, patrons not only discover exceptional, one-of-a-kind gifts but also actively contribute to the growth and prosperity of the community.

The event promises a day of festive cheer, a showcase of local talent, and an opportunity to strengthen the bonds

that tie Hinton together. Join Mountain Plex Properties and The McCreery Conference and Event Center and local Hinton stores and restaurants on November 25th for a celebration of creativity, craftsmanship and community spirit.

For more information, email Amy Berry at amyberry2003@yahoo.com by calling 304-573-7026.

# Botany Tropicals Growing to Second Location in Princeton



Photo courtesy of Botany Tropicals Facebook page

PRINCETON W.Va. (Hinton News) – West Virginia Hive client Botany Tropicals hosted a grand opening and ribbon cutting on Thursday, Nov. 16 to celebrate its second retail location at 749 Mercer Street in Princeton.

Its initial store is located in Hinton.

Owners Jordan Casey and Steven Jones invited the public to the grand opening ceremony –after which guests were able to tour the store and enjoy refreshments.

“We couldn’t be more excited to give the public a peek behind the curtain at Botany Tropicals,” said Jones. “Our second location will allow us to reach even more plant-loving people with the amazing products, classes, Do It Yourself Terrarium Bar, and education that our beloved Hinton store has been offering, while also adding some awesome new surprises and classes.”

Sam Lusk, Director of the Princeton Economic Development Authority, in conjunction with the

Princeton Chamber of the Two Virginias, has helped Botany Tropics co-owners facilitate their opening in Princeton. Lusk is also working closely with the small business to pursue a grant to enhance the business façade.

WV Hive senior business advisor Mary Legg said, “Jordan and Steven knew a second location would allow them to reach more customers and expand their offerings. Thursday’s grand opening represents yet another important step towards making Botany

Tropicals everything they be, and they can’t wait to have dreamed it could share it with the public.”



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Beetle Bailey

ARRGH!

WHAT?

I'VE BEEN ON HOLD FOR AN HOUR!

HE'S STILL ON HOLD, SIR

PLAY THAT ANNOYING MUSIC. THAT WILL WEAR HIM DOWN

GREG + MORT WALKER

Blondie

IN ART CLASS, THE TEACHER TOLD US TO DRAW A THANKSGIVING TURKEY, BUT I ONLY GOT A C+ ON IT

REALLY? WHY'S THAT?

SHE TOLD ME I WASN'T PAYING ATTENTION BECAUSE I WAS THE ONLY KID IN CLASS TO DRAW HIS TURKEY COOKED

WOW!

WELL, FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, I WOULD HAVE GIVEN YOU AN A+ FOR INGENUITY!

Daddy Daze

BA BA BA?

THAT REALLY DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.

THE SUN CAN'T BE SOLAR-POWERED...

...ANY MORE THAN YOUR FATHER CAN BE EXHAUSTION-POWERED.

Dustin

ICE CREAM. POTATO CHIPS. BEEF JERKY. COOKIES.

IS THERE ANYTHING IN THIS CART WE COULD LIVE WITHOUT?

WHAT.

ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

**MOON ALERT:** Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. EST today (7 a.m. to 10 a.m. PST). After that, the Moon moves from Pisces into Aries.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023:

You are confident and independent. You like to do things your own way and make your own rules. This is a year of work. Simplify your life. Take charge of your health. Physical exercise will be important. Stay grounded and levelheaded. Stay organized in order to accomplish your goals.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic;

4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

4★ Travel will appeal to you in the next few weeks, no question. So, if you're able to get outta Dodge, by all means, do so! This is because you have a strong urge now to explore your world and learn new things. You want to meet new faces and see new places! Tonight: You win!

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

3★ You are the financial wizard of the zodiac. And for the next four weeks, your interest in financial matters, shared property, inheritances, taxes, debt and insurance matters will be stronger than usual.

You can use this time to clear up loose ends and red-tape details. Tonight: Solitude.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

4★ You'll need more sleep in the next four weeks because the Sun is now opposite your sign. However, this polarized position of the Sun gives you greater objectivity to see your style of relating to those who are closest to you. You can use this advantage to improve your closest relationships. Tonight: Friendships.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

3★ Roll up your sleeves, because you're going to bust your buns working hard in the next four weeks. You will set your standards high, which

Hi and Lois

I HAVE 2 FEET, 2 LEGS, 2 ARMS, 2 HANDS, 2 EARS, 2 EYES... BUT ONLY ONE MOUTH.

BUT ONE MOUTH IS MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR SOME PEOPLE.

MOM! DITTO'S BUGGING ME!

WELL, SHE'S BUGGING ME.

Marvin

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE VEGETABLE...?

1.) PEAS 2.) CARROTS 3.) GREEN BEANS 4.) BROCCOLI

5.) NONE OF THE ABOVE

Mutts

OH NO!

GUARD DOG IS IN BAD SHAPE. HE LOOKS TOTALLY OUT OF IT!

GUARD DOG, DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?

YESH..

Zits

I'M NOT EXACTLY A VEGETARIAN, MRS. D.

I JUST DON'T EAT ANIMALS THAT I PERSONALLY ADMIRE.

I SEE.

WOULD YOU EAT HAM?

I'D HAVE TO SEE ITS RESUME.

SHEFFER CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

1 Faux pas

5 Small batteries

8 Beatnik's assent

12 Ripped brand

14 Rover's pal

15 Old Greek currency

17 Autobahn auto

18 Bagel choice

19 Threw

21 Sine qua —

22 Golden Fleece ship

23 Food additive

26 "Chan-delier" singer

28 Arthur Miller's Willy

31 Scurry

33 In the past

35 Seize

36 Cabbage salads

38 Vat

40 Cutting tool

**DOWN**

1 Norms (Abbr.)

2 Traditional tales

3 Nest egg

4 Praline nut

5 Neighbor of Georgia

6 Obama-care initialism

7 Mallia's sister

8 "It slipped my mind!"

9 Sheepskins

10 Nantes notion

11 First-place medal

**16 Med. plan options**

**20 Internet address**

**23 Rx writers**

**24 Brand of baseball**

**25 Family matri-archs**

**27 Literary rep**

**29 Alias letters**

**30 Just out**

**32 Couple**

**34 Thornton Wilder drama**

**37 Holy Fr. woman**

**39 Sow's mate**

**42 Nasser's successor**

**44 Apple products**

**45 Bar**

**46 Madame Bovary**

**48 Latin 101 word**

**49 Tibetan monk**

**50 "NFL Live" channel**

**53 — Jima**

**Solution time: 23 mins.**

**Last Wednesday's Answer (Answers Next Wednesday)**

**JUMBLE**

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

W L O N F

T B E T U

L F I T E L

V N C S A A

**THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME**

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Have you heard this B-side from Hank Ballard & The Midnighters? That means "I dance! I need to record it too!"

CHUBBY CHECKER DETERMINED HIS ROCK 'N' ROLL FUTURE IN 1960 WITH ---

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: FRAME MOUSE WINDOW COVOTE Answer: When the cartoonist asked his daughter to spot the bunny in his drawing, she — FOUND IT EASY

ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

is why you want to be as efficient and effective as possible. You also might see ways to improve your health. Major bonus! Tonight: You're noticed.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

4★ Explore your creative skills and seek out ways to have fun in the next four weeks! Vacations, social outings, sports events and fun activities with kids will appeal to you. This same window of time will be a strong focus for romantic opportunities as well. Tonight: Explore!

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

3★ Home, family and your private life are your main focus in the next four weeks. Expect family discussions and interactions with parents and older family members. However, some of you will also seek privacy and downtime. Memories of your youth will surface. Tonight: Check your finances.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

4★ Fasten your seatbelt, because the next four weeks are busy! Your daily pace will accelerate with errands, visits, short trips, increased interaction with siblings and relatives, plus reading, writing and studying. "Shops must be vis-

ited! Money must be spent!" Tonight: Cooperate.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

4★ Your focus on money, cash flow and your personal belongings will be stronger than usual in the next four weeks. You might have some excellent moneymaking ideas. You might check out a new job. Fortunately, with Mars in your sign, you'll have lots of drive, confidence and energy! Tonight: Work.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

4★ Once a year the Sun is in your sign for four weeks. That time has arrived! This means it's your turn to recharge your batteries for the rest of the year. You will also feel rejuvenated, energetic and enthusiastic! Obviously, use this time to go after what you want. Tonight: Play!

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19)**

3★ Because your personal year is drawing to a close, the next four weeks, before your birthday arrives, is a lovely window for you to be contemplative and think about what you want for your new year ahead (birthday to birthday). Ideas? Tonight: Cocoon.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

4★ Your popularity will increase in the next four weeks, especially with younger people. Enjoy interactions with others, as well as increased involvement with clubs, groups and organizations. This is also an excellent time to think about future goals. Tonight: Discussions.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

3★ For the next four weeks, the Sun is at the top of your chart, casting you in a flattering spotlight. This means others are impressed with you even if you don't do anything special. This can happen only once a year for you, so do take advantage of this opportunity! Tonight: Check your belongings.

**BORN TODAY**

Actress Jamie Lee Curtis (1958), actress Scarlett Johansson (1984), actor Mads Mikkelsen (1965)

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**SUDOKU PUZZLE**

King Classic Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 grid contains the digits 1 through 9. That means that no number is repeated in any row, column, or box.

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

**Answer To Last Wednesday's Puzzle:**

1	7	4	5	8	3	9	2	6
3	8	9	4	6	2	5	7	1
5	6	2	1	9	7	4	8	3
9	4	5	3	7	6	2	1	8
7	2	8	9	1	4	6	3	5
6	3	1	8	2	5	7	4	9
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## A Peek into Summers County’s Past: Meadow River Lumber Company



The original Meadow River Lumber Company. Photo provided by William Jones

William Jones

RAINELLE W.Va. (Hinton News) - Editor’s note: “It is time for another edition of A Peek into Summers County’s Past. Each week, local history collector William Jones discusses pieces from his collection and their historical significance. In this edition, Jones is stepping a bit outside the county to talk about the Meadow River Lumber Company.”

This week’s piece takes place just a little jaunt to the northeast of Summers County in the town of Rainelle, West Virginia. The Meadow River Lumber Company was a very large employer in this area back in the day. Not only did it have ties to Summers County for being a very large job supplier in the area but it also produced lumber and furniture. It was also the world’s largest producer of women’s wooden shoe heels and flooring, as well as other wooden products such as moldings and trim.

During the beginning of the 1900s two brothers, Thomas and John Raine organized what would later become one of the top names in its field, the Meadow River Lumber Company, and purchased 32,000 acres of timber in the western part of Greenbrier County. It was here they built their first sawmill in the town of Rainelle, West Virginia, which would later be named after them. They also formed a 20-mile railroad to work in production with their mill.”

Thomas Raine was the first president of the company and served until 1912. It was then that his brother John became president until 1938. Howard Gray was then president until 1961. Howard’s son served as the final president until Meadow River Lumber Company was sold to Georgia-Pacific in 1970.

The original mill that started the company burned in 1924 and was then rebuilt in 1925, having three nine-foot band saws. The lumber company could average 110,000 board feet of lumber per day. It was the largest hardwood mill of its kind in the world at that time. During its “heyday,” an average of 20,000,000 board feet of lumber was sawed per year. 1928 was its greatest year, seeing 31.6 million board feet of lumber sawed.

The lumber company

operated a series of lumber camps that were built on railroad cars that could easily be moved to new timber sites. During its peak of operation, the company would purchase lumber from other coal and land companies as well.

The boards that were sawed in their mill were stacked in 40-foot tall stacks to dry and then it was placed in one of their kilns for 14 days so it would be ready to be sold or processed into one of the many products that Meadow River produced. This was a very dangerous job. Over the years I can recall my uncle Paul Canterbury telling countless stories of Meadow River Lumber Company, his father Kenneth Canterbury retired after having been one of the men that stacked the lumber. So he had heard stories all of his life about Meadow River and especially how dangerous this specific job was.

My Great Great Uncle Dolan Kirby also worked at Meadow River. He worked there for 29 years, and after it was purchased by Georgia Pacific in 1970 he continued to work for them until 1983. Overall, he retired with 42 years of service with Meadow River and their counterpart Georgia Pacific. Even after retirement, he would travel to three other Georgia Pacific mills to fix issues they were having.

Many people aren’t aware of this, but the lumber company operated a furniture plant until World War I and a planing mill where items such as baseboards, moldings and stair treads were produced. I had never known about Meadow River having produced furniture until my friend John Clay, who is deceased now and was a fellow lover of antiques and history, gave me the piece of lumber you see in the photos.

It is part of a headboard for a bed that was built by the furniture plant. “Chubby” as I called him, gave it to me because of the brass plaque that is attached to it which reads, “The Meadow River Lumber Company Flooring Rainelle, W.VA. Trim Cream of Appalachian Hardwoods”. It can be seen in the photo with a pair of wooden heels. He also gave me a piece of flooring from the mill. It is stamped “Meadow River.” This fact about this piece of this story relates to Summers County more specifically. If a house was

built in this county between the first part of the 1900s to the 1960s there is a good chance the hardwood flooring came from Meadow River Lumber Company since they were one of the largest producers of hardwood flooring in the world.

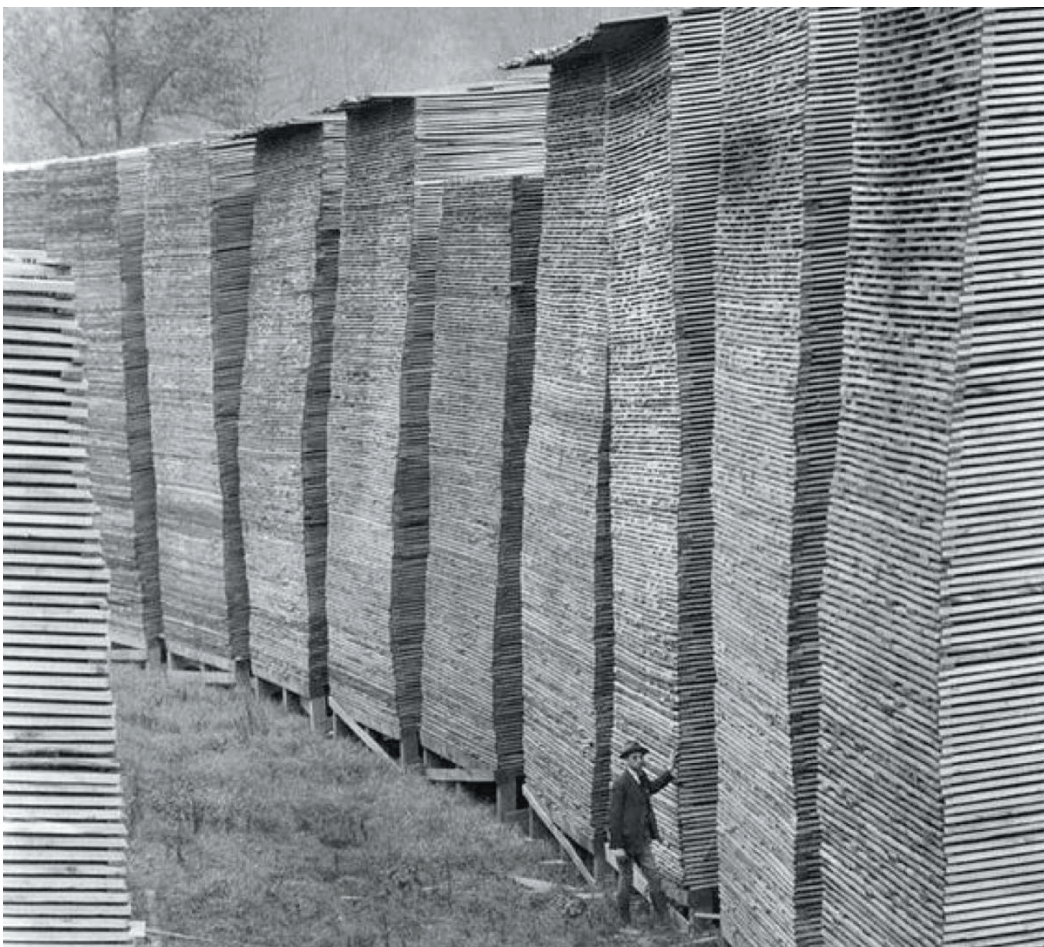
In restoring a bedroom floor in my grandmother’s home that will soon become “The Hines Boarding House 2.0.” After popping up the flooring that was bad we discovered that the flooring in a 1950s ranch-style home in Pence Springs, Summers County was floored with flooring that was produced in Rainelle. My father recently got me a piece of furniture that was made in their furniture plant that is still intact.

There is a large oak apothecary cabinet that used to sit in the back of the dining room at the Pence Springs Hotel. When the property became The Greenbrier Academy For Girls they removed it and placed it in storage. Dad got it for me before the school closed this past March and we are going to use it in the living room of grandma’s house. It originally came from the Rexall Drug Store in Alderson and was located on the first floor of the large three-story brick bank building on the Greenbrier side of the river.

So there are most likely pieces of furniture sitting in Summers County that



The Meadow River Lumber Company items from Jones’ collection. Photo provided by William Jones



Stacks of boards produced by the Meadow River Lumber Company. Photo Provided by William Jones

were built by this division of the company. The flooring division could produce around one million board feet per month. Since it was the largest company of its nature in the world it is no wonder houses in Summers County were not only built with lumber from this company but floored with their flooring.

Lastly and probably the least known fact about this business is they also had a shoe heel plant. Where it produced between four and six million wooden heels for shoes per year. There is a chance that if you, your mother or grandmother

wore shoes with wooden heels they could have been made in Rainelle. I recently, just in the past month, purchased the two wooden heels you see here from a local thrift store. They read “R L Co. Rainelle, W.Va.” I had looked for a pair of these for decades, and

when I saw wooden heels lying on the counter and picked them up I couldn’t believe what they said. You just never know what you may find lying around. If you would like to share a story from the area’s history, send an email to news@hintonnews.com.



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One of the guest speakers during the ceremony. Photo by Lisa Abshire



A view of the wall prior to the unveiling. Photo by Lisa Abshire

## A.A. meetings held in Hinton

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - A daytime meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous will begin meeting Wednesdays at noon in the lower level of Ascension Episcopal Church, which began on Oct. 25. Entrance to the meeting area is through the rear entrance of the church, which is located at the corner of Temple Street and 5th Avenue (222 5th Avenue). The format of the meeting will be an open discussion of a weekly topic related to alcohol use/abuse. For more information, please call 304-660-7073.

## Join the Grinch in Hinton for a Wholicious pancake breakfast

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Grinch is coming to Hinton to have breakfast with the community. According to Summers County Council on Aging, a pancake breakfast with the Grinch will be held on Dec. 2, between 8 and 11:30 a.m. at the center. The cost is \$7, children aged 6 or under is \$5. There will be a delectable menu that includes pancakes, sausage, milk, juice and coffee. All of the proceeds from the event will benefit the senior center.

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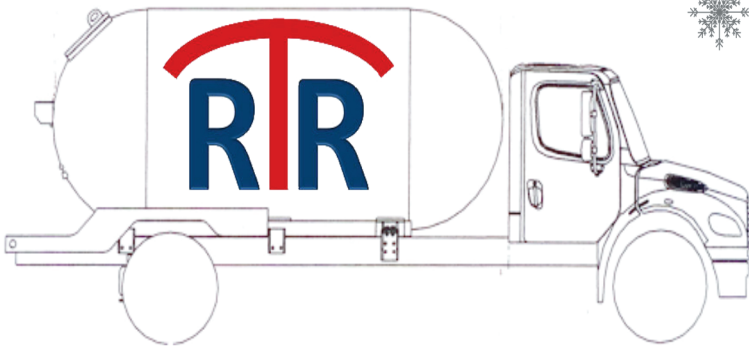


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## The Grace Of God by Gene Taylor

The usual definition for grace, "unmerited favor," is not broad enough in its scope to fully define all that is meant by the term (see Luke 2:40; Col. 4:6). W. E. Vine defines it as, "That which bestows or occasions pleasure, delight, or causes favorable regard;...on the part of the bestower, the friendly disposition from which the kindly act proceeds, graciousness, lovingkindness, goodwill generally...especially with reference to the Divine favour or grace, e.g., Acts 14:26..." (*Expository Dict. Of New Testament Words*, pp. 509-510).

As seen in the Bible, grace, in respect to salvation, is a summary of all God has done to effect the salvation of man. It includes all of His acts which show favor to undeserving mankind. But God's grace is more than mere passive pity. It expresses itself in real, concrete acts of love (Rom. 5:8).

Considering several New Testament passages makes it easy to see how His grace runs through all God has done for man's salvation. By grace He sacrificed His Son (Heb. 5:8-9). By grace He revealed His plan of salvation (1 Cor. 2:9-12; Gal. 1:11-12; Eph. 3:1-5). It is by grace that God raises sinners to a new life in Christ (Eph. 2:4-7; cf. Rom. 6:4-5). By His grace, God commissioned His Son to build the church (Matt. 16:18; Acts 20:28).

While grace includes all God has done to bring about the salvation of man, it excludes salvation by meritorious works (Rom. 4:4; 11:6). Salvation by works of this nature would demand a life of perfect obedience to divine law—it would be of debt. Salvation by grace, on the other hand, bridges the gap between our imperfection and God's perfect law by means of pardon and forgiveness (1 John 2:1).

The presence and reality of sin is what makes the grace of God necessary. Since all have sinned (Rom. 3:10, 23), all, therefore, are under the sentence of death, the penalty for or the wages of sin (Ezek. 18:20; Rom. 6:23; Rev. 21:8).

God, in His matchless love, provided His Son to die in man's place (1 Pet. 1:18-19). While the grace of God is demonstrated in many ways, none is greater than its manifestation in His Son (Rom. 3:23-24). Since man has sinned, he deserves the punishment of the second death in hell and no works he could do would earn or merit his salvation from it. Therefore, salvation is that which is given by the grace of God, a favor man has not merited. Hence, salvation is the gift of God (Eph. 2:8-9).

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The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in it by that certain Deed of Trust dated July 13, 2012, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Summers County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 262, at Page 490, Benjamin M. Toney, Sr. and Katherine Toney did convey unto Otis L. O'Connor, Trustee, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; 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

December 5, 2023, at 10:00 AM

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

All of that certain lot, tract, or parcel of land, together with the buildings thereon, and the easements, rights of way and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Green Sulphur District, Summers County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the northerly right of way of West Virginia Secondary Route 44/3, the same being a corner to Jeffery Mills; thence leaving said Mills and continuing with said right of way N. 58° 22' W. 33.28 feet; thence continuing with said right of way N. 51° 56' W. 76.28 feet to a point, set with 5/8" rebar, on said right of way; thence leaving said right of way and through the survey N. 43° 37' E. 299.30 feet to a point set with 5/8" rebar; thence S. 44° 19' E. 104.99 feet to a point set with 5/8" rebar, and being a corner to said Jeffery Mills; thence with Jeffery Mills S. 71° 30' W. 4.08 feet to a point set with 5/8" rebar; thence continuing with Jeffery Mills S. 42° 30' W. 272.64 feet to a point set with 5/8" rebar; thence continuing with Jeffery Mills S. 42° 30' W. 5.04 feet to the place of BEGINNING.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 49 Duncan Branch Road, Meadow Bridge, WV 25966.

AND BEING the same real estate which was conveyed to Benjamin M. Toney, Sr. and Katherine Toney, by Deed dated July 13, 2012, from Randy Mills and Debra Kay Mills, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Summers County, West Virginia in Deed Book 242 at Page 444.

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.

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2022-C-000022  
Summers County

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DISTRICT GREEN SULPHUR MAP 31 PARCEL 0074 0000 0000

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 2694 \$94.37

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 2022-2700... \$12.23

Additional taxes with interest ..... \$0.00  
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest \$104.75  
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest ..... \$862.31

Additional Statutory Fees with Interest ..... \$0.00  
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check . **\$1,073.66**

**You may redeem at any time before March 24, 2024 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.**

Given under my hand October 26, 2023  
*G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.*  
G. Russell Rollyson Jr.  
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of SUMMERS County, State of West Virginia  
(8,15,22no)

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

2022-C-000031  
Summers County

To: CHRISTINE LUCAS, CHRISTINA LUCAS, CHRISTINE LUCAS, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, SUMMERS COUNTY PROSECUTOR, CHRISTINE LUCAS, CHRISTINA LUCAS, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

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Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022-3741..... \$117.04  
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 ..... \$974.73  
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest ..... \$0.00  
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check ..... \$1,522.32

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NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

2022-C-000027  
Summers County

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DISTRICT GREEN SULPHUR MAP 5 PARCEL 0081 0002 0000

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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA  
Civil Action No. FC-45-2023-D-62

**IN RE:**  
**The Marriage of:**  
Keith A. Niday,  
Petitioner,  
and  
Erica Niday,  
Respondent

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