

Long Time Hinton Public Works Employee, Billy Dan Gill Retires

HINTON W.Va. (WVDN) - Long time City of Hinton Public Works employee, Billy Dan Gill is retiring. City officials released the following statement thanking him for his years of service.

We want to thank Billy Dan Gill for his tremendous dedication and hard work for our

City. Billy Dan has served Hinton for nearly 21 years in a capacity that has helped transform Hinton into the wonderful place we call home.

“Billy Dan has been an invaluable asset to our community. He has guided our Public Works Department through many projects and events.” -

Mayor Jack Scott

“We will miss Billy Dan. He is one person I could call 24/7 who could help me with any issues that we have encountered over the past 20 years.” - Cris Meadows

Today, Billy Dan begins a new project, Retirement. Thank you for all you have done for the City of Hinton!




Photo courtesy of The City of Hinton Facebook page

City of Hinton Provides WV DOH Paving Update for State Rt 107

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - With many citizens wondering about the status of the paving project on Stokes Drive, the City of Hinton released the following statement:

The WV DOH has updated us on the forthcoming paving project scheduled for State Rt 107, which

will include Stokes Drive, Pleasant Street to the Avis Bridge and circling around to complete the loop from Main Street back to Stokes Drive. The project is funded through 2024-25 DOH funds that were reapropriated to the DOH from the state legislature for paving projects.

The project [was] expected to resume on Monday, April 21st, weather permitting. Milling asphalt will resume followed by the new pavement. Completion of the project is expected to take 8-10 days. There will be some minor traffic delays so please plan accordingly. The City

of Hinton would like to thank the State of WV and the State Department of Highways for improving this important entry way into the city. The project is part of a plan of revitalization for Avis that will be followed by the opening of Batteau Beach at Hinton Landing (later this

Summer) and a soon to be bid out sidewalk replacement project that will extend from State Farm Insurance to the Avis Bridge on both sides. The project should begin in Spring 2026. The new sidewalks will be complimented with historic lamp posts identical to what's present in

the Historic District. This 1.1-million-dollar grant to the City was provided by the WV DOH from federal funds dispersed to each state.

“These investments in infrastructure in the city are important for us to realize future growth and potential.” Mayor Scott

City of Hinton Issues Holocaust Remembrance Proclamation

Hinton News Staff

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - The City of Hinton issued a proclamation for Holocaust Remembrance ahead of an event honoring the day. The coordinator of the event, Gayle Rancer, said she believes this is the first ever Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance commemoration to be held in Hinton. She also noted that the reserved seating for the event filled up quickly. Those attending the event include, legislators, local government officials, Summers County Board of Education administrators, descendants of World War II heroes, Summers County Huddle members and community members.

Rancer said, “It’s my hope we can make this

type of commemoration of Holocaust victims and heroes an annual event.”

The proclamation reads:

Whereas, April 24, 2025, is Holocaust, Yom HaShoah, the Day of Remembrance of the genocide of six million Jews and five million additional people during World War Two.

Whereas, among those lives extinguished, along with Jewish people, included those with disabilities, racial minorities, political dissidents, the Roma, the Sinti, the Slavs and those who worked to protect others, who were killed or endured abuse by the Nazi regime and their collaborators; and,

Whereas, the Governor of West Virginia Patrick Morrisey proclaimed International Holocaust Remembrance Day January 27, 2025; and


Whereas, 1980, the United States Congress established the Days of Remembrance as the nation’s annual commemoration Congress reaffirming the nation’s commitment to remembrance by passing the Never Again Education Act in 2020. This year, Yom HaShoah/Day of Remembrance, is April 24, a time set aside to honor all the victims, survivors, and liberators,

Whereas, in this time of increased antisemitism and Holocaust denial we must be more vigilant, and remember the victims, the heroes, and, in America, our fathers and grandfathers who bravely fought against the cruelty, heinous and atrocious

actions they witnessed and the nightmares they endured during and decades following the liberation of the Nazi death camps; and

Whereas, we promote Holocaust education throughout the world, speak out against and oppose hatred and actions to attack, murder or commit other heinous acts against people because of their religion, race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, disabilities or other qualities of their personhood.

Whereas, this day serves as a reminder of the resilience of the human spirit and the enduring importance of remembrance. I Cris Meadows City Manager of the City of Hinton, West Virginia, do hereby declare April 24, 2025, as Holocaust Remembrance



Gayle Rancer with Hinton City Manager Cris Meadows

Day in the City of Hinton and encourage all community members to reflect on this day and week

of remembrance.

This is the 24th day of April, 2025.

We need your help!



Rocky, one of the cats available for adoption at the Greenbrier County Humane Society

Susan Smith-Linton

LEWISBURG W.Va. (WVDN) - The West Virginia Daily News annual Greenbrier Humane Society item drive, running now through April 30, is off to a slow start. The WVDN office is serving as a drop-off point for pet products, which our team will deliver to the Greenbrier Humane Society. Your contributions to this drive can profoundly impact the lives of animals in need, providing them with comfort, security, and hope for a brighter future. This initiative is vital for supporting the Humane Society’s

mission by ensuring that animals receive the essential care and resources they require.

Donations not only offer physical comfort but also enhance the mental well-being of animals, helping to reduce stress and anxiety in unfamiliar environments. Additionally, your generosity alleviates the financial burden on the Humane Society, allowing them to focus on critical services such as veterinary care, spaying and neutering programs, and overall animal welfare initiatives. The item drive also strengthens our community by uniting us

in the fight against animal cruelty and neglect. Last year, the Greenbrier Valley exceeded our donation goals, and we hope to do it again!

Here’s a wish list of items that the Humane Society urgently needs: 13-gallon trash bags, clip-on leashes, dog toys, bleach, HE laundry detergent, non-clumping cat litter, contractor trash bags, adult dog and cat food, small bites dry dog food, quart and gallon-size Ziploc bags, and stainless steel bowls (all sizes).

You can find pictures and descriptions of animals ready for adoption on the Humane Society’s Facebook page, and we also feature an adoptable animal each week in our newspaper.

If you’d like to contribute, please drop off items from the wish list at the West Virginia Daily News office at 188 Foster St. in Lewisburg, Monday through Thursday, between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM. We’ll ensure your donations reach the Humane Society. Let’s keep the donations coming—while we may have started slowly, it’s not how you begin the race, but how you finish that matters! Thank you for your support!



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COMMUNITY OBITUARIES



Jean “Mimi” Sovine
(May 2, 1930 - February 19, 2025)
Our beloved Jean “Mimi” Sovine passed away peacefully on February 19, 2025. She had been a resident of Downey, CA, since 2017, where she lived with her husband, Charles, at the home of her daughter, Tammi and husband, Will.

She was the daughter of the late Aden J. and Eden Donohoe Lilly. Mamie Jean Lilly was

born May 2, 1930, on the family farm (known as the Trump-Lilly Farm, Freezeland Mountain, now a historical site) in Hinton, WV, the youngest of five children. She is survived by her husband, Charles Wray Sovine of Downey, CA; her daughter, Tammi Humbert and husband, Will, of Downey, CA; her grandson, Ryan Humbert, wife, Kimie, and great-grandchildren, Asher and Rylie of Downey, CA; and granddaughter, Magen Humbert Meyers and husband, Cedric, of Lancaster, CA. She is also survived by granddaughters, Nicole Sovine and fiancé, Cory Marshall, of Las Vegas, NV, and Lauren Sovine and fiancé, Tim Egan, of Austin, TX, both children of her son, William Charles “Bill” Sovine, who passed away in 2017. She was

also preceded in death by her brother, Oba S. Lilly; and her three sisters, Hazel Lilly Florence, Christine Ruth Lilly Kinzel, and Grace Lilly Vines.

Mrs. Sovine was a graduate of Hinton High School. She attended Marshall University for a brief time, before starting her career as a telephone operator at Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. She met Charles Wray Sovine at a company bowling event. He was an usher at a local event center, where they enjoyed many fun dates. They married on March 23, 1957, and moved to Santa Monica, Huntington Park, and finally to Downey, CA, where they lived for 30 years and raised their two children, Tammi and Bill.

Jean retired after 35

years with PT&T to her dream home, a log cabin in that she and Charles designed and had built along the Greenbrier River in Hinton, WV, to be close to her siblings. Jean and Charles loved traveling, especially cruises, cross-country drives, and yearly visits to California. In 2017, her daughter and son-in-law, Tammi and Will, drove them out to California to live at their home in Downey. True to her love of travel, she helped make the cross-country trip into a fun-filled “whirlwind tour,” as she liked to call it. They made many fun stops along the way, including an LSU game and exploring New Orleans.

Mimi was known as a great party host, starting with dinner parties for their friends and co-workers, then big birthday parties and

creative cakes for her children, and also hosting many family celebrations as their family grew. Her family credits her with their love of family traditions, family gatherings, and celebrating anything and everything. She loved all music, but especially big bands, Elvis, and the Bee Gees. She was an avid gardener and loved flowers, especially tiger lilies. She was always up for teasing, having fun, eating out, road trips, and spoiling her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a skilled country chef and made the best comfort food

for her family, including her famous salmon patties and gravy, and her coveted turkey gravy every Thanksgiving. She lived big and loved generously. She will be missed so much by all who knew her and her energetic spirit.

A celebration of her wonderful life was held at Greenbrier Burial Park in Hinton, WV, on Saturday, April 19, 2025, at 1 p.m. It was presided over by her nephews, Pastors Robert Kinzel and Ronald Kinzel. All were welcome.

Submitted by Pivont Funeral Home, Hinton, WV.



Dear Recycle Lady

Dear Recycle Lady,
When is Earth Day this year? **Forgetful**
Dear Forgetful,
This year, Earth Day is on Tuesday, April 22. First held in 1970, this year will be the 55th Earth Day celebration. Worldwide, it is estimated that there will be over a billion people participating in the largest secular observance in the world. Nationally, there are several very large events taking place. The Canopy Project will be planting 550,000 trees for Earth Day, and the goal of The Great Global Cleanup is to remove 7,500,000 pounds of waste from the environment. It will be sorted into trash, recyclables and hazardous waste for proper disposal.

Everyone can participate in Earth Day by just changing a few habits. For example, taking your own reusable bags for shopping instead of using the store's single-use plastic bags, buying plastic-free alternatives, supporting local businesses, using companies that ship plastic-free, or supporting those companies that are working toward becoming carbon-neutral.

Dear Recycle Lady,
I have a plastic core from a roll of Scotch Tape. There are no markings on the core, but is it recyclable?

Wants to Know
Dear Wants to Know,

The plastic core from a roll of Scotch Tape is recyclable in large cities but not locally. The good news is that the two-piece refillable dispenser and the core within the roll of tape are both made from 100% recycled plastic.

Scotch Tape has also collaborated with TerraCycle to keep used tape dispensers and cores out of landfills. Scotch Tape is now making a stainless-steel refillable dispenser and Scotch Magic Tape made with 66% plant-based adhesive. It comes in 100% recycled Kraft paper packaging that has no shrink wrap, so the packaging is also recyclable. Scotch Tape is also now making a greener invisible tape

that is 53% plant-based and can be written on with a pen or marker to create labels.

Dear Recycle Lady,
Do #1 and #2 plastics need to be put in separate bags for curbside pick-up? What about newspapers and magazines? **Separator**

Dear Separator,
Plastics #1 and #2 do not need to be put in separate bags for curbside pick-up. They can be put in the same bag. However, if you decide to take them to the Recycling Center, they must be separated. All #1 plastics go into the bin labeled #1 plastics. There are two kinds of #2 plastics. There are #2 plastics that are clear (can be easily seen through and are not colored), which go into the bin labeled #2 clear plastics. Secondly, #2 colored plastics that

go into the bin labeled #2 colored plastics. If doubtful as to which bin to use, check out the many examples of #2 plastics on the shelf above the bin.

Newspapers and magazines should be put in separate bags for curbside pickup and put into either the newspaper or magazine bin, if taken to the Recycling Center.

Happy Earth Day!
Enjoy one or both of two local events that celebrate Earth Day. The first one is the Open House at the Greenbrier Recycling Center at 450 Monroe Avenue in Ronceverte on Tuesday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be tours of the Recycling Center and explanations or demonstrations of all the equipment. Free hot dogs (with chili and all the extras!), chips and drinks will be available

from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. The second Earth Day celebration is the Sustainable Fashion Show, previously known as Earth Day Fashion Forward.2 It will be held on April 26, 2025, at 5, at the Lewis Theater in Lewisburg.

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

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A Peek into Summers County’s Past: McCreery Hotel Chair



An old photo of the McCreery showing the chairs in use



Photo of the chair provided by William Jones

William Jones
HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - I believe I have mentioned this chair in a previous tale of mine. But after uncovering it today while organizing some of my “treasures,” as I call them, or some of my “hoard,” as my family refers to it, I was finally

able to get a photo of it. The color photo you see is one of the original chairs that sat around the wood columns in the main lobby of the McCreery Hotel. I bought it from one of Ashby Berkeley’s auctions he had here in Pence Springs around 2005. It was advertised as

a “Mission Oak Arts and Crafts chair from the lobby of The McCreery Hotel in Hinton, WV.” After I won the bid on it, Ashby told me that he purchased it when the auction for the contents of The McCreery Hotel was conducted. He had it in storage ever

since, much like I did ever since buying it that day, ha. In my defence, I am bringing it to what will be our short-term rental in Pence Springs, The Hines Boarding House 2.0. There I will place it with other local historic furniture and place a frame near it with the old photo of it in

the lobby, a tiny bit about it, and the history of the hotel. I remember at the auction that day, Ashby had the light fixtures off of the front of the building also. But someone else ended up with them. This piece is relatively short, but after this chair being hidden away for years, I couldn’t resist telling about it after “rediscovering” it today. If this chair could talk, the stories it could tell from the people that sat in it. I love having an early photo of the chair in its original location during the “hay day” of its life.

West Virginia State Historic Preservation Survey and Planning Grants Available

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) – An additional opportunity to apply for FY 2025 matching Historic Preservation Survey and Planning Grants is now available through the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WV-DACH). Funding for Survey and Planning Grants is appropriated by the United States Congress for preservation efforts through the National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund.

Grant funds are awarded on a matching basis. The deadline for receipt of applications is 11:30 p.m. on Friday, May 16, 2025. Grant information and access to the GOapply online grant application portal, are available at <https://wvculture.org/agencies/state-historic-preservation-office-shpo/grants/> or contact Randy Hill at (304) 558-0240 ext. 270 or Randall.Hill@wv.gov.

Certified Local Governments (CLGs), State or local government agencies, not-for-profit organizations, for-profit organizations or firms, and educational institutions are eligible to apply. Eligible projects include architectural and archaeological

surveys, preparation of National Register of Historic Places nominations, heritage education programs relating to preservation activities (i.e. hands-on window or masonry workshops), pre-development activities, and comprehensive planning projects. Funded projects must be completed by Dec. 31, 2026.

A competitive

process is used to determine the recipients. An outside grant panel reviews and makes recommendations to the West Virginia Archives and History Commission. The final decision will be made by the Commission. The projects are selected based upon how they best meet the established priorities and criteria stated in the grant application

packets. All grant monies must be administered in accordance with federal and state requirements. The announcement of grantees is planned for July 2025, contingent upon receipt of an allocation by the National Park Service.

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Series On Calvinism (Part 12) Limited Atonement

(Last week we completed the part of the series concerned with unconditional election. Today we will look at the doctrine of limited atonement and begin looking at proof texts used in support of this doctrine.)

by Gene Taylor

The third basic tenet of Calvinism is that Christ died only for the ones God had unconditionally chosen to save.

The doctrine of Limited Atonement is a natural outgrowth of the doctrine of Unconditional Election coupled with the idea that everything God does has purpose. (See Isaiah 55:11) Calvinists rationalize that God would not waste the sacrifice of Christ on those whom He had determined not to save. They believe that since God chose only **some** to be saved, it would be foolish to think that He sent His Son to shed His atoning blood for the sins of all people. Their conclusion: Christ only died for the elect.

In this article we will look at this doctrine by seeing how its proponents express it, examining the proof texts used to support it, and citing Scriptural objections to it.

Limited Atonement Expressed

David N. Steele and Curtis C. Thomas in their book *The Five Points of Calvinism, Defined, Defended, Documented*, said, “Christ’s redeeming work was intended to save the elect only and actually secured salvation for them. His death was a substitutionary sacrifice of the penalty of sin in the place of certain specified sinners. In addition to putting away the sins of His people, Christ’s redemption secured everything necessary for their salvation, including faith, which united them to Him. The gift of faith is infallibly applied by the Spirit to all for whom Christ died, thereby guaranteeing their salvation.” (p. 17)

The Westminster Shorter Catechism contains the following series:

“Ques. 17. Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?”

“Ans. The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

“Ques. 18. Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell?”

“Ans. The sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam’s first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called original sin; together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.

“Ques. 19. What is the misery of that estate whereinto man fell?”

“Ans. All mankind by their fall lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all the miseries in this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.

“Ques. 20. Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?”

“Ans. God, having out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

“Ques. 21. Who is the Redeemer of God’s elect?”

“Ans. The only Redeemer of God’s elect is the Lord Jesus Christ...”

(*The Westminster Shorter Catechism*, via. *The Protestant Faith*, p. 280)

Proof Texts Used to Support Limited Atonement

John 10:15. The argument made on this passage is that Jesus died only for His sheep which Calvinists take to mean the elect. The answer to that argument is that in verse 16 Jesus taught that there are “other sheep I have which are not of this fold” who would come into the fold. Calvinists deny that one can change from “sheep...not of this fold” into “sheep” of the fold or from “goats” to “sheep.” (See Matthew 25:31-46) But there are many examples of those who had changed from “goats” to “sheep.” They include the Corinthians (1 Cor. 6:9-11) and the apostle Paul. (1 Tim. 1:13-14)

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(Continued next week when we will look at more of the proof texts used to support limited atonement.)

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HINTON W.Va. ings. (Hinton News) - The entrance to The Hinton Alcoholics Anonymous group holds two weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. and Wednesdays at noon, in the lower level of Ascension Episcopal Church. Both are open meet-

the meeting area is through the rear of the church, which is located at the corner of Temple Street and 5th Avenue For more information, please call 304-660-7073 or 1-800-333-5051.

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Notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or lots of land in the County of SUMMERS have been certified by the Auditor of the State of West Virginia to Christal G. Perry, Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered lands of said County, for sale at public auction. The lands will be offered for sale by the undersigned Deputy Commissioner at public auction in the Memorial Bldg. on the 21st of May, 2025 at 09:00 AM.

Each tract or lot as described below, will be sold to the highest bidder. The payment for any tract or lot purchased at a sale shall be made by check or money order payable to the sheriff of the county and delivered before the close of business on the day of the sale. If any of said tracts or lots remain unsold after the auction, they will be subject to sale by the Deputy Commissioner without additional advertising or public auction. The deputy commissioner sale may include tracts of lots remaining unsold from a previous auction not required by law to be readvertised and described for this subsequent auction of those same tracts and lots. All sales are subject to the approval of the Auditor of the State of West Virginia.

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2024-C-000008	2023	1487	BRAHMER ROBERT D	GREENBRIER	\$1,669.19
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2024-C-000009	2023	1559	CORNETT CHARLIE L & CARROLL W/S	GREENBRIER	\$246.38
5.11 A. OR LOT 26, BIG CREEK					
2024-C-000010	2023	1647	ENRIGHT RAYMOND & LEROY JOSEPH 1/2 INT. EACH	GREENBRIER	\$203.22
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3.1 ACRES HUMP MOUNTAIN					
2024-C-000018	2023	3353	GLEN HORTON JR	GREEN SULPHUR	\$186.03
REMAINDER TRACT					
2024-C-000019	2023	3431	GWINN KENNETH & CRYSTAL W/	GREEN SULPHUR	\$876.54
1.18 ACRES HUMP MOUNTAIN					
2024-C-000020	2023	3496	HARRAH JOHN	GREEN SULPHUR	\$198.34
1 ACRES LICK CREEK					
2024-C-000021	2023	3527	HELMES E J	GREEN SULPHUR	\$154.69
26 ACRES 140 POLES NEW RIVER HILLS					
2024-C-000022	2023	3584	J / THREE LAND CORP	GREEN SULPHUR	\$155.29
94 ACRES HUMP MOUNTAIN LESS COAL (74 ACRES)					
2024-C-000024	2023	3759	LUCAS CHRISTINE A	GREEN SULPHUR	\$410.29
2 ACRES, NEW RIVER HILLS					
2024-C-000025	2023	3821	MCFALL RICHARD T	GREEN SULPHUR	\$1,580.63
65 ACRES KEENEYS KNOB					
2024-C-000026	2023	3822	MCFALL RICHARD T	GREEN SULPHUR	\$835.54
49.5 ACRES NEW RIVER HILLS					
2024-C-000030	2023	4022	PATTERSON CLYDE W	GREEN SULPHUR	\$860.93
2.50 ACRES LAUREL CREEK 363 SOURWOOD MOUNTAIN ROAD					
2024-C-000031	2023	4171	RICHMOND SCOTTY J & ROBIN L W/S	GREEN SULPHUR	\$459.36
.47 ACRES					
2024-C-000032	2023	4417	STEVENS DENNIS & BEVERLY & JOHN "LIFE" W/S & ANDREW	GREEN SULPHUR	\$1,155.88
60 ACRES PATTERSON CREEK					
2024-C-000033	2023	4418	STEVENS DENNIS & BEVERLY W/S & "LIFE" & ANDREW	GREEN SULPHUR	\$872.60
30 ACRES PATTERSON CREEK					
2024-C-000035	2023	4446	STOWERS- BREEDLOVE LORETTA	GREEN SULPHUR	\$713.63
1 ACRE NEW RIVER HILLS					
2024-C-000036	2023	4447	STOWERS- BREEDLOVE LORETTA	GREEN SULPHUR	\$296.02
2 ACRES NEW RIVER HILLS					
2024-C-000039	2023	4692	WHITE ROBIN L	GREEN SULPHUR	\$741.40
17 1/2ACRES M/L LICK CREEK WATERS					
2024-C-000040	2023	4703	WILKINSON ISAAC	GREEN SULPHUR	\$707.31
1 LOT 26500 SQ FT MEADOW CREEK					
2024-C-000041	2023	4767	WVTI LLC	GREEN SULPHUR	\$190.64
0.62 ACS SURVEY LAUREL CREEK					
2024-C-000042	2023	5064	ADKINS AUDREA	HINTON CORP	\$953.48
1 LOT CROSS STREET					
2024-C-000043	2023	5081	ADKINS JACKIE JOE	HINTON CORP	\$299.73
1 LOT HERMAN ST 123 JUNK HOME					
2024-C-000044	2023	5128	AMAYESING RENTALS LLC	HINTON CORP	\$744.58
BLOCK Z 302 1/2 JAMES ROW					
2024-C-000045	2023	5192	BARKER JESSICA WILLIFORD & JENNIFER MCCREERY BAYLOR	HINTON CORP	\$202.80
ISLAND 30 X 100					
2024-C-000046	2023	5243	BLUNT SCOTT & REBECCA W/S	HINTON CORP	\$732.03
LOT 3 WALNUT STREET					
2024-C-000047	2023	5360	CALES MARK	HINTON CORP	\$1,200.60
BLOCK 3 PART OF LOT 6 50 X 80 TEMPLE ST					
2024-C-000048	2023	5401	CLARK TERESA G	HINTON CORP	\$373.91
BLOCK Z PART OF LOTS 7-8-9 3RD AVE					
2024-C-000049	2023	5402	CLARK TERESA GAIL	HINTON CORP	\$386.27
BLOCK Z LOTS 7-8-9 HILL STREET					
2024-C-000050	2023	5442	CORRY TIMOTHY & TINA MAGEE-CORRY W/S	HINTON CORP	\$788.18
PART LOT 124 OR 1740 SQ FT ON HILL					
2024-C-000051	2023	5495	DENT DAVID & JENNIFER & PERRINE WILLIAM & SHIRLEY W/S	HINTON CORP	\$211.34
1 LOT 17TH AVE					
2024-C-000052	2023	5496	DENT DAVID & JENNIFER R & PERRINE WILLIAM & SHIRLEY	HINTON CORP	\$194.34
W/S1 LOT NEAR WEST END BRIDGE					
2024-C-000053	2023	5574	EVP LLC	HINTON CORP	\$950.36
BLOCK 10, P/O LOT 2 BLUE HOUSE 1106 1/2 SUMMERS					
2024-C-000055	2023	5861	HUNT BRANIT LLC	HINTON CORP	\$1,520.47
PT OF LOT UPPER HINTON 98X129X124 1/2 X98					
2024-C-000056	2023	5863	HUTCHINSON GOLDIE E	HINTON CORP	\$874.80
1 ACRE M/L ON HILL					
2024-C-000058	2023	6031	LIVELY NANCY	HINTON CORP	\$630.35
BLOCK J PART OF LOTS 7-8 4TH AVE					
2024-C-000059	2023	6032	LIXANDRU EMIL & LOGAN SOPHIA BAIDIANGO W/S	HINTON CORP	\$183.55
TRIANGULAR LOT FAYETTE ST					
2024-C-000060	2023	6033	LIXANDRU EMIL & LOGAN SOPHIA BAIDIANGO W/S	HINTON CORP	\$231.12
1 LOT 412X70X64"5"X40"30" FAYETTE STREET					
2024-C-000061	2023	6034	LIXANDRU EMIL & LOGAN SOPHIA BAIDIANGO W/S	HINTON CORP	\$1,384.20
LOTS 7-8-9 EACH 40 X FAYETTE STREET					
2024-C-000062	2023	6152	MEADOR DONALD	HINTON CORP	\$296.21
LOT 76 FAYETTE ST					
2024-C-000063	2023	6173	MEADOR DONALD K & PATRICIA A W/S	HINTON CORP	\$189.52
BLK J PART OF LOT 5 SUMMERS STREET					
2024-C-000064	2023	6396	PAULSEN SOEREN	HINTON CORP	\$189.52
PART OF LOT 40 X 100 9TH AVE					
2024-C-000065	2023	6416	PERRINE WILLIAM H & SHIRLEY DAVID & JENNIFER DENT	HINTON CORP	\$251.79
BLOCK 7 LOT 1 10TH AVE.					
2024-C-000068	2023	6479	RAMSEY DORIS K	HINTON CORP	\$849.88
PART OF LOT 8 BLK 10 12TH AVE					
2024-C-000069	2023	6613	SHEPHERD ANDREW & NICOLE W/S	HINTON CORP	\$2,123.69
BLOCK N PART OF LOT 4 814 SUMMERS ST					
2024-C-000074	2023	6905	WYGAL WILMA SUSAN	HINTON CORP	\$180.73
1 ACRE 152 POLES NEW RIVER HILLS					
2024-C-000075	2023	6918	YODER KEVIN & LAURIE W/S BLUNT SCOTT & REBECCA(CONT)	HINTON CORP	\$1,214.18
BLK G LOT 2 GBR FRONT EXT #2					

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DESCRIPTION					
2024-C-000078	2023	7334	ANDERSON TYLER & JEFFREY		
LOT 23 BY-PASS S/D NEW RIVER FALLS				JUMPING BRANCH	\$1,487.58
2024-C-000079	2023	7448	BARKER JESSICA WILLIFORD & JENNIFER MCCREERY BAYLOR		
86 ACRES LITTLE BLUESTONE				JUMPING BRANCH	\$178.66
2024-C-000080	2023	7450	BARKER MARY M		
40 ACRES BEECH RUN				JUMPING BRANCH	\$785.66
2024-C-000085	2023	7665	BRENTMOORE LLC		
.25 ACS M/L SURVEY				JUMPING BRANCH	\$304.34
2024-C-000086	2023	7708	CALES KATHERINE ELLEN		
LOT 100 X 106 JUMPING BRANCH				JUMPING BRANCH	\$434.25
2024-C-000087	2023	7709	CALES KATHERINE ELLEN		
HOUSE JUMPING BRANCH				JUMPING BRANCH	\$681.79
2024-C-000091	2023	8445	HOUCHINS JOSHUA & DARLENE FRANCES		
3.21 AC JUMPING BRANCH				JUMPING BRANCH	\$313.52
2024-C-000092	2023	8446	HOUCHINS JOSHUA J		
7.78 AC JUMPING BRANCH				JUMPING BRANCH	\$378.92
2024-C-000093	2023	8691	LILLY JAMES ROBERT & ETHEL W/S		
2 1/2 ACRES SAND KNOB				JUMPING BRANCH	\$577.18
2024-C-000094	2023	8874	MAXWELL A J III AND DAVIS ALICE WESTBROOK		
40 ACRES LITTLE BLUESTONE				JUMPING BRANCH	\$1,212.39
2024-C-000095	2023	9061	MOTEN CAROL A		
LOT 220 X 82 "PT. ROBERT MOTEN LIFE" 75 X 75				JUMPING BRANCH	\$319.33
2024-C-000096	2023	9062	MOTEN CAROL A & GLOVER BRAIAN A & ELIZABETH C		
PT OF LOT 6 4.41 AC JUMPING BRANCH				JUMPING BRANCH	\$411.51
2024-C-000097	2023	9063	MOTEN CAROL A & GLOVER BRIAN A & ELIZABETH C W		
REMAINDER OF LOT 6 J. BRANCH 106 X 245 X 150 X 245				JUMPING BRANCH	\$434.55
2024-C-000098	2023	9064	MOTEN CAROL A & GLOVER BRAIAN A & ELIZABETH C		
STRIP 16 X 330 JUMPING BRANCH				JUMPING BRANCH	\$156.83
2024-C-000099	2023	9065	MOTEN CAROL A & GLOVER BRIAN A & ELIZABETH C W		
LOT 55 X 150 JUMPING BRANCH				JUMPING BRANCH	\$209.92
2024-C-000100	2023	9066	MOTEN CAROL A & GLOVER BRIAN A & ELIZABETH C W		
LOT 7 (4.557 ACRES M/L) JUMPING BRANCH				JUMPING BRANCH	\$269.44
2024-C-000101	2023	9309	REAL ESTATE BIZ LLC		
1 LOT 12 X 20, BEECH RUN				JUMPING BRANCH	\$168.51
2024-C-000102	2023	9790	WILLS JOHNNIE RAY & FRANCIS		
PENN VIRGINIA HX#11 ORDERS#2				JUMPING BRANCH	\$152.82
2024-C-000104	2023	10528	FOLEY MIKA E		
LOT #8 1 ACRE				PIPESTEM	\$564.51
2024-C-000107	2023	10650	HALL WINNIE G & SHIRLEY W/S		
LOT CASHERS HILL 70X200, OLD LOVERN SCHOOL HOUSE				PIPESTEM	\$196.46
2024-C-000111	2023	10896	LILLY MICHAEL & BROWN DAVID		
1 TRACT TOMS RUN 180 X 272 X 350 X 372				PIPESTEM	\$1,280.34
2024-C-000113	2023	11174	PHILLIPS DEWAYNE & KENDRA W/S		
LOT 15 BROWN'S RIDGE S/D 1.28 ACRES				PIPESTEM	\$177.12
2024-C-000114	2023	11340	SPENCER JERRY W & CAROLYN E		
CONSD: 16A/8.1 & 16A/89 & 16A/ 16A/13.1 16A/8 16A/13				PIPESTEM	\$1,123.66
2024-C-000115	2023	11445	VAN SUETENDAEL ARTHUR & COLLEE		
CONSD: 9/16&19&13/14 SURVEY 148.89ACS				PIPESTEM	\$2,557.43
2024-C-000116	2023	11792	ALIFF JAMES M & RITA M ETAL		
1 LOT BLUE LICK				TALCOTT	\$290.44
2024-C-000117	2023	11793	ALIFF JAMES M & RITA M ETAL		
1 LOT 38 POLES BLUE LICK				TALCOTT	\$277.86
2024-C-000118	2023	12452	CONNER CLAUDE MILTON & PEGGY		
LOTS 33-34-35 AIRPORT				TALCOTT	\$1,379.04
2024-C-000119	2023	12453	CONNER CLAUDE MILTON & PEGGY		
LOTS PT 30-31-32				TALCOTT	\$392.48
2024-C-000128	2023	12517	CROOK SAMUEL H		
LOT # 24 (3.514 ACRES) DIVISION SURVEY				TALCOTT	\$1,609.83
2024-C-000129	2023	12518	CROOK SAMUEL H		
1.308 ACRES PENCE SPRING				TALCOTT	\$1,544.93
2024-C-000133	2023	12592	DAVIS CHARLES L & JUANITA A W/S		
LOT 200 WEST ALDERSON SEC 14				TALCOTT	\$355.00
2024-C-000134	2023	12593	DAVIS CHARLES L & JUANITA A W/S		
LOT 185 WEST ALDERSON SEC 13				TALCOTT	\$583.49
2024-C-000135	2023	12594	DAVIS CHARLES L & JUANITA A W/S		
LOT 186 WEST ALDERSON SEC 13				TALCOTT	\$387.84
2024-C-000136	2023	12648	DIXON RACHEL M		
LOT 182 OR .23 AC (50 X 200)				TALCOTT	\$397.41
2024-C-000137	2023	12649	DIXON RACHEL M		
LOT 183 OR .28 AC (60 X 200)				TALCOTT	\$458.45
2024-C-000138	2023	12692	EGGLESTON LOREDA		
2 ACRES 12 POLES GRIFFITH CREEK				TALCOTT	\$199.25
2024-C-000140	2023	12925	GOODWIN RAYMOND J & ANDREA L W/S		
4.17 ACRES SURVEY C-99				TALCOTT	\$582.62
2024-C-000141	2023	12949	GRAHAM JAMES EDWARD & CLARA LOU		
.60 ACRES M/L				TALCOTT	\$587.84
2024-C-000142	2023	13212	HINTON ROSETTA "ETALS"		
20 POLES GREENBRIER RIVER HILL				TALCOTT	\$166.38
2024-C-000144	2023	13286	HUNT BRANIT LLC		
.60 ACRES "RESURVEY" HOWARDS BRANCH				TALCOTT	\$747.87
2024-C-000146	2023	13353	JOHNSON KAREN		
15X104 STRIP PENCE SPRINGS ADD				TALCOTT	\$156.83
2024-C-000147	2023	13416	KAUFFMAN ANDREW JOHN		
2 LOTS 4 & 5 RE-SURVEY EXCHANGED LOT#16FOR #4				TALCOTT	\$411.03
2024-C-000148	2023	13558	LEE CHARLES C		
155 X 155 X 155 X 155				TALCOTT	\$166.38
2024-C-000149	2023	13572	LEROY DIANNE		
2.04 ACRES HUNGARTS CREEK				TALCOTT	\$206.30
2024-C-000150	2023	13662	LISA LAND CORP		
1 LOT 6 1/2 BLK B GREENBRIER SPRINGS				TALCOTT	\$345.17
2024-C-000156	2023	13990	MONROE JAMES E JR GREENBRIER NURSERIES		
3/4 ACRE ROUTE #17				TALCOTT	\$1,332.45
2024-C-000157	2023	13991	MONROE JAMES JR GREENBRIER NURSERIES		
.55 ACRES BLUE LICK RUN				TALCOTT	\$235.18
2024-C-000158	2023	13992	MONROE JAMES JR & JENNIFER GREENBRIER NURSERIES		
1/2 ACRE ROLLINGSBURG				TALCOTT	\$575.81
2024-C-000159	2023	13993	MONROE JAMES JR & JENNIFER W/S GREENBRIER NURSERIES		
1 ACRE 82 POLES ROLLINGSBURG				TALCOTT	\$293.59
2024-C-000160	2023	14517	SCOTT WILLIAM M & PARSONS TAMMY S W/S		
280X100X280X100 LOT				TALCOTT	\$206.30
2024-C-000161	2023	14581	SHUBERT PATRICIA		
2.864 ACRES KIRBY MOUNTAIN				TALCOTT	\$527.33
2024-C-000162	2023	14583	SHULL JASON & MCCARTY LEVI		
LOTS 10-11-12 BLK G RIVERSIDE REST "SURF"				TALCOTT	\$452.99
2024-C-000163	2023	14777	SUMMERS CHARLOTTE A		
.657 ACRES GREENBRIER RIVER				TALCOTT	\$332.14
2024-C-000168	2023	14977	VERDIER NANCY		
2.50 ACRES GREENBRIER RIVER				TALCOTT	\$562.19
2024-C-000170	2023	15028	WARREN RAYMOND & JOYCE W/S		
LOT 30 AIRPORT HOMES ADDITION				TALCOTT	\$453.59
2024-C-000172	2023	15056	WEST CREEK PROPERTIES LLC		
LOT TALCOTT 1 LOT GREENBRIER RIVER HILLS				TALCOTT	\$320.57
2024-C-000173	2023	15131	WILLIAMS AUDREY		
LOT 122 X 189 X 90 X 205 HOWARDS BRANCH				TALCOTT	\$207.23

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The Hillbilly Storyteller: Babysitting

The Hillbilly Storyteller

When I was a kid Saturday was a bad day for me. I had to babysit while mom and dad went to town to get groceries. My mom babied my little brother so bad that everybody called him “Mama’s Boy.” She put his clothes on, she tied his shoes, and she walked him to school. Just a pure “Mama’s Boy”. He was 8 years old and I was 14. I was his older brother. He would drive anybody crazy. He could ask the dumbest questions you ever could imagine.

After mom and dad left to go to town I hear the old dog barking. I told him to go see what it was barking at. While he was gone I was sitting back in the big easy chair reading a comic book. I lost track of time. All at once I thought about him and decided I should go see about him. The dog was still barking. I went down where it was. It was barking at my mom’s cat. It was in a tree about 10 feet above the ground. The old dog had barked at it for so long that the old cat just curled up and went to sleep. I did not see my brother anywhere. I hollered and hollered but he didn’t answer me.

I was on my way over to my neighbor’s to get him to help me find my brother. About that time I heard him talking to someone. It was my neighbor’s little boy.

I said, “Why didn’t you come back and tell me about the cat?” My brother’s name was Bobby. But we always called him “Mo” because he did a lot of silly things and Mo was a good name for him. I said, “Mo, why didn’t you go see what the dog was barking at and come back and tell me?” Mo said, “You told me to go see what the dog was barking at but you never told me to come back and tell you what the dog was barking at.” I said, “My mother must hate me.” My brother’s friend was named Ike. He had to be 7 or 8 or 9 years old. I didn’t want to ask him because every time I asked those boys a question they gave me some kind of confused answer so I just didn’t ask. I said, “Ike, does your brother know you are over here?” He said, “No. I come over to see what the dog was barking at.” Ike just lives over the holler in hollering distance. I said, “You go over and ask your brother if you can come over and play with Mo for a while. And take the dog with you. His barking is driving me crazy.”

I went back to the house and started read-

ing my comic book again. Mom told me she had left food in the stove door for our dinner and to be sure and feed Mo around 12 o’clock.

About an hour later I said to myself, “The boys have been gone a long time. I better go see what happened to them.” As I went down to the holler I could see in the creek where they had been making little ponds. As I got close to Ike’s brother’s house – by the way his name is Bob – I saw the 2 boys in the corner of the yard down near an old building. All at once I seen Mo throw something at the building and a few seconds later I seen Ike throw something at the building. As I walked up I like to fell over. They were throwing hatchets at the building. If mom knew this she would kill me dead. As I got closer Bob came out on the porch of the house. I said, “Aren’t you afraid those boys might get hurt?” He said, “I couldn’t get that lucky.” I looked him in the face and said, “You babysitting too?” He said, “Yes and that boy is driving me crazy.”

About that time, I looked down at the lot beside the building and there was a pretty little red pony. I said, “Bob, do you know anything about the pony?” He said, “No, dad just got him yesterday.” I said, “I know all about that pony. He will let anybody pet him, wash him, brush him, pick his feet up, do anything to him. But do not put a blanket on him. He goes berserk.” Bob said, “Payback is coming.” Bob said out loud, “You know I am going to go get that pony and brush

it and just play with it for a while. Is there anybody that wants to help?”

The boys got all excited and running around, and said, “We will take the brush and clean him and wash him up. Y’all just sit on the porch and rest. We will do it all.”

Bob got the brushes out and the blanket out and some old rags to wipe the pony down with. I said to Bob, “Let’s get out of the way. Let’s go in the house and just see how long it takes.”

It did not take long. Ike hit the ground. About a minute later Mo hit the ground. The boys wouldn’t give up. They just kept getting bucked off. Bob and myself laughed so hard I thought we was going to cry.

After about 15 times that the boys got bucked off and Bob and I had laughed ourselves out so we couldn’t laugh no more we told Ike to take the blanket off the pony and then ride him. Ike did and pony rode just like a little dog. Then Mo rode him. Mo said, “I’m going to tell Mommy on you.” We told the boys to put the pony back up that they had done rode him enough. We had to get back home. I told Ike to ask Bob if he could come over for a while and stay with Mo. I said, “We are going to find something to eat if you can come over and play with Mo.” Ike said, “That sounds wonderful.” Bob said, “I hope them boys will stay out of trouble for you.”

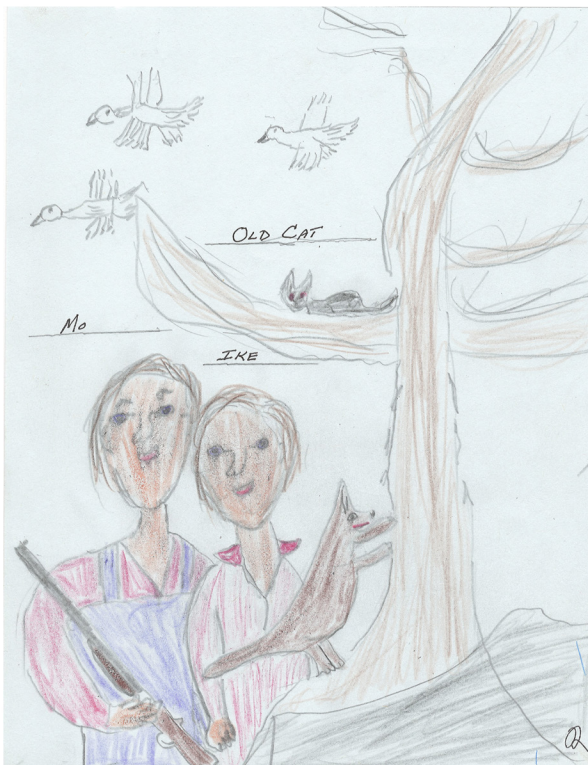
As we got back to the house I got the food out of the oven. They eat til it was gone and said it was good. The boys

played good with each other for a while. Then they got into a fight over an old squirrel’s tail that they had been playing with the dog with. I told the boys to take the dog and go hunting. Mo said, “Can we take the BB gun?” I said, “You won’t shoot each other will you?” Ike said, “No. It hurts too bad.” I said, “Be careful.” I was glad to get rid of them for a while.

Mo said, “Let’s go down by the big stump in the holler.” Ike said, “It is a long walk back from that holler.” I said, “Just take the dog and what ever way he goes just follow him.”

As they left, I seen them stop and get a sack out of the shed. As they passed the trash cans I seen them stop and get some tin cans out of the trash. I knew what they were going to do. They were going to shoot at them. I could hear them from the porch down at the rail fence shooting at the cans. Sounds like they was having a good time.

It was getting hot. I knew them two would find a shade tree. I waited for a few minutes or maybe half an hour then followed behind them to see what they were in to. I finally found them. One was on one side of the tree asleep and the other one was on the other side of the tree asleep. The old dog was stretched out straight as an arrow and he was sound asleep. I found a shade tree and got my comic book out and started reading it. About an hour went by. I decided I would go back to the house. I knew the boys would be back before long. After a while they got back. I could hear them com-



Picture by The Hillbilly Storyteller

ing up the road talking. I said, “How was the hunt, Ike?” Ike said, “Your dog was not a very good hunter.” Mo said, “We hunted all the time we were gone. It must be too hot. We didn’t do no good.”

About that time mom and dad got back. I helped them carry the groceries in from the car. My mom said, “Thank you” and gave me a new comic book. And Mo and Ike a bag of candy. The boys had a grin on from ear to ear.

Moral of the story – nobody babies a mama’s boy when mama ain’t around.

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