

John Henry Statue in Talcott Restored with Final Top Coat

Rebecca Stalnaker

TALCOTT, W.Va. — The iconic John Henry statue in Talcott has undergone repairs and restoration, with the final top coat applied last week, according to local officials. The statue, a beloved landmark commemorating the legendary steel-driving man, had shown signs of wear and tear over time. Efforts to restore the monument have been underway, and the application of the final protective layer marks a

significant step in preserving the statue for future generations. The repairs aim to ensure the statue continues to stand as a tribute to the folklore and history of the region. Local residents and visitors can now see the refreshed statue, which remains a focal point of the Talcott community and a reminder of the area’s rich heritage. Details regarding any formal unveiling or rededication ceremony were not immediately available.



Mid restoration. Photo courtesy Mike Gore



The restored statue. Photo courtesy Mike Gore

City of Hinton Releases Information on Water Mitigation Project

HINTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) - Last week, the City of Hinton released the following information regarding the Bellepoint water mitigation project:

The Bellepoint water mitigation project that is both funded and supported by State and Federal Agencies is nearing completion. The 7 million dollar water mitigation project includes the installation of new sewage lines and customer hookups, replacement of old grinder stations and a primary pump

station that were badly needed. Additional benefits of the project address storm water runoff issues that will help eliminate water runoff into our existing sanitation system therefore reducing the amount of water treated at

our plant in Brooks. Stormwater will now be vented directly into the rivers and not into the sanitation system. The project contractor estimates to have installed all underground elements except two grinding stations in the next three

weeks. Approximately 20 customers in Bellepoint still need to be hooked up to the new system and that work will be completed in the next 4 weeks. Once all underground infrastructure is completed project cleanup will begin

with yards and roads prepped for completion. Paving will be the final stage. The contractor RDR Construction expects completion of the project to be within in the next 2 months, including the paving of Greenbrier Drive.

Emergency Responders Participate in Tabletop Exercise in Summers County

HINTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) — Emergency planners and responders from various agencies across Summers County participated in a tabletop exercise today, April 24. The event, sponsored by the Summers County Emergency Management Division

and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), was held at the Memorial Building in Hinton. The exercise brought together representatives from fire departments, law enforcement, education, the National Park Service, Summers

County ARH Hospital, the Summers County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), and other organizations. Tabletop exercises are discussion-based sessions designed to allow participants to examine and evaluate response plans and

procedures in a low-stress environment. These exercises help identify potential gaps and improve coordination among different agencies in the event of an actual emergency. The focus of today’s exercise was not immediately disclosed.



Photo of a slide at the presentation. Photo courtesy of Mike Gore

Governor Patrick Morrisey Celebrates First 100 Days in Office

Wheeling, W.Va. (Hinton News) —Today, Governor Patrick Morrisey, West Virginia Legislators, and local elected officials celebrated executive and legislative achievements in the first 100 days of the Governor’s term. “My administration has hit the ground running to start moving the needle on issues that matter for West Virginia,” said Governor Morrisey. “West Virginia has too much potential and opportunity to let it be squandered away through apathy and simply doing things the way they’ve always been done. We have had a lot of success and made good progress in our first 100 days – but we are just getting started. Governor Morrisey

highlighted signing a balanced budget, removing DEI from higher education, and partnering with the Trump Administration to streamline deportations. He also highlighted significant legislative moves including: House Bill 2014, the Power Generation and Consumption Act, which creates a certified microgrid program in West Virginia to expand microgrid development, utilize coal and natural gas resources, and reinvest in West Virginia by creating funds to lower the income tax, provide funding for economic development, and stabilize the electric grid. Senate Bill 456, the Riley Gaines Act, defines sex-based terms like “male” and “female” in the state code

to allow for single-sex private spaces. This will protect girls and women – ensuring a man cannot entire a women’s bathroom, locker room, or other similar facility. House Bill 2002 creates the One Stop Shop Permitting Program, including providing for the creation of a Permitting Dashboard to operate as a “one-stop-shop” for obtaining and renewing qualifying business permits, streamlining the permitting process in West Virginia. This will encourage businesses to move easily and simply move to West Virginia. Senate Bill 458, the Universal Professional and Occupational Licensing Act, allows licensed and certified professionals to prac-

tice in West Virginia without taking additional examinations to attain local licensure or certification. This process will cut red tape, reduce healthcare costs, grow jobs, and encourage more people to come to West Virginia. House Bill 2003 limits the use of personal electronic devices like cell phones in school classrooms during instructional time to cut down on distractions and improve student well-being. House Bill 2008, House Bill 2009, and House Bill 2013 are government reorganization bills that reduce bureaucracy and create a more efficient government. HB 2008 brings the office of Economic Development under the Department of Com-

merce. HB 2009 brings the Department of Arts, Culture and History into the Department of Tourism. HB 2013 exempts new hires at the Bureau of Senior Services, the Department of Administration, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Revenue, and the Department of Veterans Assistance from the civil service system. This will allow state government to more effectively advance merit-based systems and will enforce government accountability. HB 3342 FIND Act, which prohibits companies with contracts with the state from discriminating against the firearm industry or firearm owners. SB 474, Ending DEI

Programs, which prohibits the state executive branch, county schools, and higher education from having programs that facilitate or promote DEI. It also bans hiring practices that discriminate on race or sex. During the first 100 days, Governor Morrisey directed state agencies to compile lists of different ways that West Virginia can be competitive economically with all the states we touch, and recommendations on how to eliminate wasteful spending. Morrisey said he will be rolling out these recommendations in the weeks ahead, and is also preparing to grapple with important issues such as PEIA and advancing educational attainment.



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Ransom of Red Chief Play to be Performed in Hinton

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - The O. Henry story, the Ransom of Red Chief, as a adapted by Burton Bumgarner. For those of you familiar with the old western story, the new version has been recast in New York City as some young adults explore the issues with trying to earn quick money. The play will be held on May 11 (Mother's Day) at 3pm in the Memorial Building. It is free admission, so come out and enjoy the comedy as these young actors perform for the moms in their lives.

First May Mini Book Sale Coming Up

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - will be hosting a mini-book sale on May 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the library. Genres for the May 3 sale include history, war, cooking, diets, exercise, medicinal, drugs and herbal medicines. Each Saturday in May will include a mini book sale with different genres. Book donations will be accepted through the end of April. Check out the Friends' Facebook page for details.

Whitewater Rafting Season is Back as Adventures on the Gorge Offers Lower New River Runs and More

FAYETTEVILLE, W. Va., (Hinton News) - Rafting season has begun at Adventures on the Gorge (AOTG) in the New River Gorge. With a line-up of rafting adventures on the New and Gauley Rivers as well as their tributaries, AOTG is the largest and most experienced outfitter in this popular Southern West Virginia destination.

"We strive to ensure that you navigate the rivers your way, whether it's a relaxing sightseeing tour or a heart-thumping run with huge rapids," said Roger Wilson, general manager of the resort. "From milder family-friendly half-day adventures in two-person kayaks to full-day adventures with riverside lunch, there's a rafting adventure for everyone."

Most spring rafting with AOTG occurs on the New River where water levels are dependent upon rainfall to the south - mainly in North Carolina - which makes its way north to New River Gorge National Park and Preserve.

Rafting the New River

The New River includes Lower and Upper sections. Rafting on the Lower New River features complex currents and rapids up to Class IV. There is typically big whitewater in the spring and early summer with intermittent long, calm pools for swimming and floating.

The rafting season began April 1 with half-day trips on the Lower New, which has been the East's most popular trip for more than 50 years. Rafting on the Upper New River begins in late May. This portion of the river is much calmer throughout the season, making it a good choice for families with children as young as six. When summer arrives AOTG offers additional rafting options such as the Family Lower New River Trip, Overnight 2-Day Trips, Lower New River Sunset Dinner, The Dries and more.

New River trips in spring include:

- Full-day Lower New River. Starting in May, participants will be on the water for four-six hours, including stops for a riverside lunch and swimming. Rates start at \$139.
- Half-Day Lower New River Rapid Run. Rafters run the same stretch of river as the full-day trip, except they do not make any stops. The trip takes two-3.5 hours. Rates start at \$119.
- Rafting the Gauley River**

Adventures on the Gorge offers Gauley River rafting trips sporadically beginning in mid-May, but the frequency of water releases from Summersville Lake varies. In September and October, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers releases water on weekends to create controlled and predictable rafting flows.

Unlike the New River, the biggest waves occur on the Upper section, roughly 12-13 miles starting just below Summersville Dam. The Lower Gauley is also 12-13 miles long with a handful fewer rapids. The Gauley River is comprised of 97 named rapids - including nine Class V - spread out over just 25 miles.

Many rafters choose to raft the Lower Gauley first before returning a second day to tackle the Upper Gauley. The Lower Gauley features steep cliff walls and dramatic rock formations that have prompted some people to label it the "Grand Canyon of the East." This section is easily one of the most stunning stretches of intense whitewater in the nation with many Class III-V rapids.

Best Run of the Day

For those who prefer to raft on a whim, the "Best Run of the Day" allows the river manager to choose. On any given day, the best run could be the Upper Gauley, Middle Gauley, Lower Gauley or Lower New as well as the less-frequently run Dries on the New River or the Cherry River.

The Dries refers to the section of the New River just below the Hawk's Nest Dam. The Cherry is a tributary of the Gauley featuring Class III rapids.

Jet Boat Tours

Some people prefer a smooth water experience such as AOTG's Jet Boat Tours at nearby Hawks Nest State Park. These 40-minute (two hours total when factoring transportation to and from the AOTG campus), 16-passenger tours travel upstream from the New River Jet Boats Marina at Hawks Nest State Park close to the New River Gorge Bridge. The trips depart multiple times a day, and there are no age restrictions. Trips cost \$45 for adults, \$35 for seniors, \$29 for youths 5-12 and \$10 for children 1-4. Jet Boat Tours are available from May 1 through Oct. 31.

Lodging and Dining

The resort offers several cabin options including deluxe multi-bedroom cabins with kitchens, living areas and private hot tubs; hotel-style cabins and loft-style cabins with multiple beds in an upstairs loft and a living area, bathroom and private deck on the main level.

The resort's signature restaurant, Smokey's on the Gorge is open daily 11 a.m.-9 p.m. serving its lunch menu until May 22 when it will begin serving lunch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and dinner 4 - 9 p.m. Starting May 5, Smokey's will host Monday Wing Nights featuring smoked wings and live music.

Chetty's Pubis closed for renovations until May 22 when it will be open daily 3 - 11 p.m., serving up an elevated menu of signature sandwiches and sharable dishes like spicy fried oysters, crispy calamari, and short ribs.

Additional Activities

In addition to whitewater rafting, the resort offers a variety of aerial and other adventures. TreeTops Canopy Tour features 11 zip lines and seven sky bridges. Gravity Ziplines



Hinton News Celebrates Mothers on Special Day

Hinton News Staff

HINTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) — Today, Hinton News joins the community in celebrating Mother's Day, a special occasion to honor the remarkable women who nurture, guide, and inspire us. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, foster mothers, and all those who embrace the nurturing role in our lives. Your unwavering love, strength, and selfless dedication form the bedrock of our families and communities. We wish you a day filled with joy, love, and the recognition you so richly deserve. Happy Mother's Day from all of us at Hinton News.

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A Peek into Summers County's Past: The Inspiration Gallery



Blind Alfred Reed. Photo provided by William Jones

William Jones

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (WVDN) - This week's piece is about the Inspiration Gallery at Summers County Comprehensive High School. A product of the Summers County Historical Society. This was created as a way of encouraging local students by showcasing residents of Summers County who have accomplished great things by going far and beyond. Therefore, inspiring them by letting them know they can achieve the same thing in life, being from Summers County.

One of the 2025 inductees was Blind Alfred Reed, who was recognized at a ceremony at the high school on April 12, 2025. Alongside the other individuals from our county who are being recog-

nized this year who are; Kenneth Allman, Dr. Ella Atkins, Butch Miles and Christopher Payne.

I will focus on Blind Alfred Reed because one of his grandchildren, who was our guest over that weekend, was Denny Reed. To keep a long story short, we met Denny roughly 13 years ago through our cousin Ginger Snider, whom I have mentioned in one of my previous pieces. Ginger's sister Jane Kelly Watt, who is an accomplished pianist, joined Denny for his participation in the event.

Students told about the inductees, Blind Alfred Reeds was presented by Sarah Okes. She did such a fantastic job relaying the history of this accomplished man I will just quote her speech for the details of



Denny Reed. Photo provided by William Jones

Mr. Reed.

"The life of Blind Alfred Reed is a story of someone who has truly overcome obstacles to make a difference in the world. Reed was born in Floyd, Virginia in 1880 at a time when there were very few services for people with disabilities and no public accommodations to allow them to lead a fully productive life. His family moved to West Virginia, where he grew up and was able to provide for his wife and six children by scraping together a living. He lived in Summers County and later moved to Mercer County."

"Reed had acquired a violin at a young age and began performing American folk, country, and old-time music at county fairs, in country schoolhouses, for political rallies, and in churches. He gave music lessons and even played on street corners for tips. He wrote the music and lyrics to many of his songs. More than half the songs he wrote and recorded were religious or political. His songs against society's ills were very unusual for

that time period."

"Reed was discovered by Victor Records in 1927 when recording music was still new. Reed traveled to Bristol, Tennessee and recorded his song about a recent train accident, "The Wreck of the Virginian," which had already received regional attention. He went on to release 21 sides on the Victor label until his recording career was eventually cut short by the effects of the Great Depression."

"Reed's original songs are remarkable in their timelessness. The sentiments expressed in "You'll Miss Me" could have been written today, while the sly humor of "Black & Blue Blues" and "Woman's Been After Man Ever Since," are undeniably clever. Meanwhile, social commentaries like "Money Cravin' Folks" and his most famous song, "How Can a Poor Man Stand Such Times and Live," remain relevant after nearly eight decades. The latter was written during the depths of the Great Depression and was popular with many people, but in 1937, the City of

Hinton passed an ordinance banning blind musicians from playing on street corners."

"By the 1950s, Alfred Reed's recordings had been unavailable for more than 20 years, and royalties dwindled to a trickle. Still, Reed kept composing, writing the lyrics out in braille until he passed in 1956 at the age of 76."

"Reed's music was all but forgotten until the folk music revival of the 1960s. In 2006, Bruce Springsteen debuted his version of "How Can A Poor Man Stand Such Times," and Blind Alfred Reed was rediscovered. In 2007, he was inducted into the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame."

"At this time we will enjoy several selections of Reed's old-time music performed by his grandson, Denny Reed,

and Tina Hunter. Tina was also our guest for the event and is Blind Alfred's great-grandchild."

Being a John Denver fan, one of my favorite parts of the evening was when Denny and Tina sang "Country Roads" and had the audience sing along while Janie played the piano.

Janie played while Denny and Tina sang some of Blind Alfred's original songs. Denny brought with him Blind Alfred's fiddle that he had given to him when he was only 8 years old. He must have been able to see something in Denny at that time to have chosen him to give it to. Denny has had quite an exciting life of music himself. The color photo you see is of him holding the fiddle at the ceremony.

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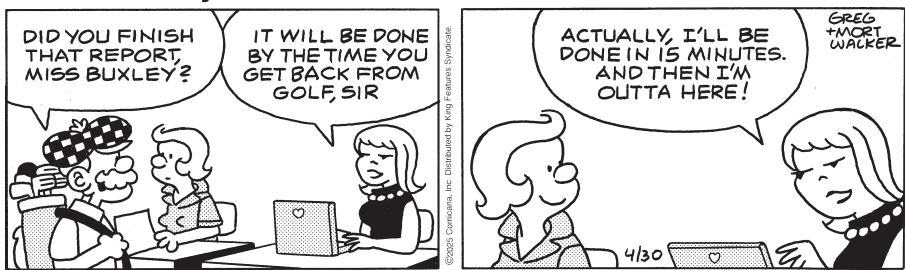


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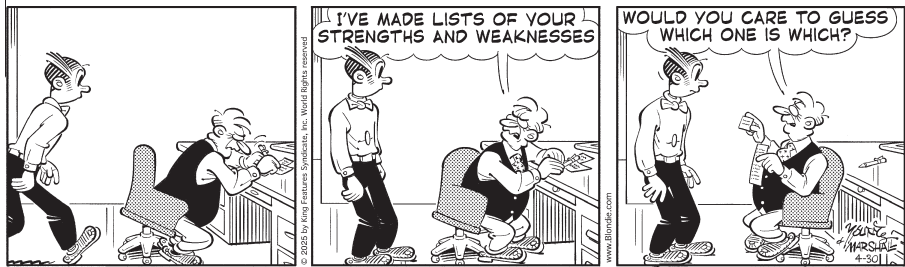


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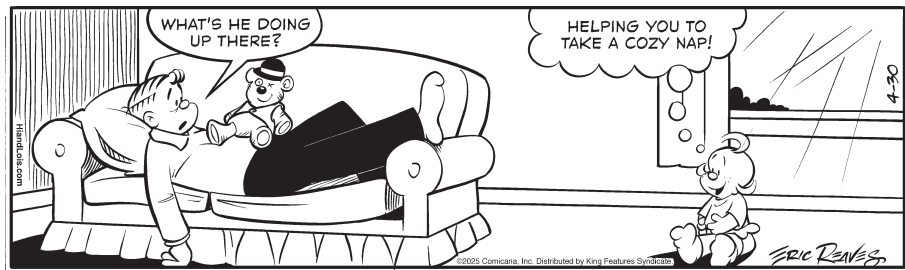
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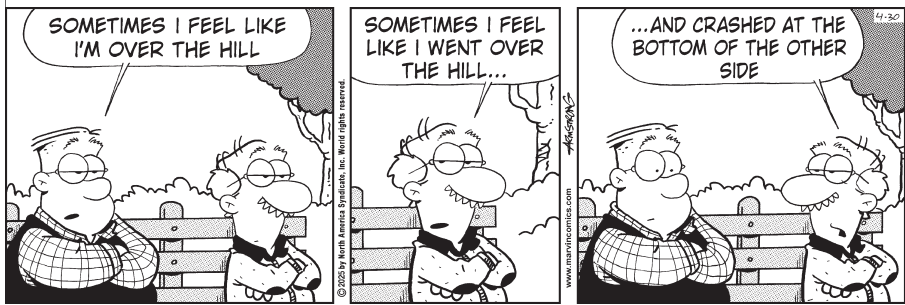
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ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

MOON ALERT: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in GEMINI.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, April 30, 2025: You are calm, humorous and appreciate the good things in life. Your relaxed approach hides your perceptive and tenacious professionalism. You're a practical humanitarian. This is a year of learning and teaching. Find time to renew your spiritual or religious beliefs. Explore philosophies that give you better self-awareness.

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★ Today optimism pervades your being. You believe in yourself and your future, which is why all your exchanges with others will be upbeat and positive. Plans are ambitious and you don't want to hear about why something can't be done. Tonight: Some worries.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

4★ You feel happy today. You're pleased with

financial negotiations and how things are unfolding, especially regarding potential profit for you. Others might explore a better paying job or ways to make money on the side. Some of you might have work-related travel on the books. Tonight: Pinch pennies.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

5★ Oh, happy day. Today the Moon is in your sign lined up with lucky Jupiter, which makes you feel warm and friendly to everyone. In fact, today you will get what you give in terms of kindness, friendship and nurturing support. Dealings with the public will go well. Tonight: Some restrictions.

CANCER (June 21-July 20)

4★ Today you feel a genuine desire to help others, especially female acquaintances. At a deeper level, you're concerned for others, and you might seek out discussions about metaphysical or spiritual matters. You want answers to big questions. Tonight: Stay optimistic.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

4★ This is a fabulous day to be with friends, groups, clubs and organizations. Whether it's a small

coffee klatch, a meeting, a class or a convention, your ability to schmooze is commendable today. Groups will respond to what you say, as you hold them in the palm of your hand. Tonight: A friend might criticize you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

4★ You look successful and affluent in the eyes of others today, even if you don't feel so. This is because the Moon is lined up with lucky Jupiter at the top of your chart, giving you high-viz in a positive way! You will feel confident and have nothing to fear. Tonight: Obligations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

5★ Travel plans appeal to you. You want to do anything that is different and unusual because you want to expand your experience of the world. You'll love stimulating discussions about religion and philosophical matters. You want to both learn and share what you know. Tonight: Tradition and rules.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

4★ This is an excellent day to explore financial negotiations with groups, financial institutions and insurance people, as well as discussions about inher-

itances or how to divide or share something. Whatever happens, you'll be laughing all the way to the bank. Tonight: Check your finances.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

3★ Today the position of the Moon indicates that you have to cooperate with others and go more than halfway when dealing with someone, especially partners, spouses and close friends. Nevertheless, there is also an indication that others will be generous and helpful to you. Sweet! Tonight: Stay positive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

4★ Work-related travel is likely for many of you. This is a day where you are best served by working with groups and joining forces with others to achieve your goals. Fortunately, you feel pumped and healthier today -- eager to cooperate and help others, especially those in need. Tonight: Work.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

5★ Grab every opportunity to have fun today. This is a great day to schmooze with friends, kids and groups. You might teach or coach. Whatever the case, you'll enjoy sports events,

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(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Answer To Last Wednesday's Puzzle:

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37 A deadly sin
38 Big fusses
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Last Wednesday's Answer (Answers Next Wednesday)

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JUMBLE

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

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Last Wednesday's Answers	Jumbles: FINCH INEPT WISDOM FELLOW
Answer:	When the driver offered to pay his speeding ticket on the spot, the officer said — FINE WITH ME

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

fun outings, social occasions and chances to give what you can to others in terms of kindness and friendship. Tonight: Help kids.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

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CERT #	SOLD	TICKET	NAME	DISTRICT	AMOUNT DUE
DESCRIPTION					
2024-C-000001	2023	214	COGAR LOWELL & BETTY W/S	FOREST HILL	\$492.31
LOT 1, GREENBRIER RIVER CAMP LULA					
2024-C-000002	2023	224	COOK GLADYS E & NADA M WHITE W/S	FOREST HILL	\$281.60
SEC. C, LOT 13, CHEROKEE STRIP					
2024-C-000003	2023	744	NIMICK MALCOLM & SALLY W/S	FOREST HILL	\$4,371.52
32.729 ACS M/L GREENBRIER RIVER HILLS					
2024-C-000006	2023	932	STE ESPRIT DE CORPS LLC	FOREST HILL	\$532.85
CONSD: 12/18 & 12/20 2AC & LOT					
2024-C-000007	2023	1036	WALLS RICHARD D & MICHELLE W/S	FOREST HILL	\$2,663.84
57.29 ACRES WHEEL RUN					
2024-C-000008	2023	1487	BRAHMER ROBERT D	GREENBRIER	\$1,669.19
8.24 ACRES COMBINED FROM 1.06 ACRES/7.18 ACRES					
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
LOT 104.03 BY 208.7 FEET (GARAGE)					
2024-C-000012	2023	2375	WEST CREEK PROPERTIES, LLC	GREENBRIER	\$1,086.13
1 LOT 50 X 250 GREENBRIER RIVER					
2024-C-000013	2023	2445	ZIEGLER CAROLYN ELLISON	GREENBRIER	\$313.38
3/4 ACRE GREENBRIER RIVER					
2024-C-000014	2023	2640	ADKINS JAMIE	GREEN SULPHUR	\$164.51
1 LOT					
2024-C-000015	2023	2671	ANDERSON JERRY JR & "ETALS"	GREEN SULPHUR	\$633.88
0.121 ACRES LAUREL CREEK					
2024-C-000016	2023	15474	BOER ED	GREEN SULPHUR	\$663.28
.121 ACRES					
2024-C-000017	2023	3352	GLADDEN RICHARD "LIFE"	GREEN SULPHUR	\$192.30
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(180)	HINTON CORP	\$1,214.18
BLK G LOT 2 GBR FRONT EXT #2					

CERT #	SOLD	TICKET	NAME	DISTRICT	AMOUNT DUE
DESCRIPTION					
2024-C-000078	2023	7334	ANDERSON TYLER & JEFFREY	JUMPING BRANCH	\$1,487.58
LOT 23 BY-PASS S/D NEW RIVER FALLS					
2024-C-000079	2023	7448	BARKER JESSICA WILLIFORD & JENNIFER MCCREERY BAYLOR	JUMPING BRANCH	\$178.66
86 ACRES LITTLE BLUESTONE					
2024-C-000080	2023	7450	BARKER MARY M	JUMPING BRANCH	\$785.66
40 ACRES BEECH RUN					
2024-C-000085	2023	7665	BRENTMOORE LLC	JUMPING BRANCH	\$304.34
.25 ACS M/L SURVEY					
2024-C-000086	2023	7708	CALES KATHERINE ELLEN	JUMPING BRANCH	\$434.25
LOT 100 X 106 JUMPING BRANCH					
2024-C-000087	2023	7709	CALES KATHERINE ELLEN	JUMPING BRANCH	\$681.79
HOUSE JUMPING BRANCH					
2024-C-000091	2023	8445	HOUCHINS JOSHUA & DARLENE FRANCES	JUMPING BRANCH	\$313.52
3.21 AC JUMPING BRANCH					
2024-C-000092	2023	8446	HOUCHINS JOSHUA J	JUMPING BRANCH	\$378.92
7.78 AC JUMPING BRANCH					
2024-C-000093	2023	8691	LILLY JAMES ROBERT & ETHEL W/S	JUMPING BRANCH	\$577.18
2 1/2 ACRES SAND KNOB					
2024-C-000094	2023	8874	MAXWELL A J III AND DAVIS ALICE WESTBROOK	JUMPING BRANCH	\$1,212.39
40 ACRES LITTLE BLUESTONE					
2024-C-000095	2023	9061	MOTEN CAROL A	JUMPING BRANCH	\$319.33
LOT 220 X 82 "PT. ROBERT MOTEN LIFE" 75 X 75					
2024-C-000096	2023	9062	MOTEN CAROL A & GLOVER BRAIAN A & ELIZABETH C	JUMPING BRANCH	\$411.51
PT OF LOT 6 4.41 AC JUMPING BRANCH					
2024-C-000097	2023	9063	MOTEN CAROL A & GLOVER BRIAN A & ELIZABETH C W	JUMPING BRANCH	\$434.55
REMAINDER OF LOT 6 J. BRANCH 106 X 245 X 150 X 245					
2024-C-000098	2023	9064	MOTEN CAROL A & GLOVER BRAIAN A & ELIZABETH C	JUMPING BRANCH	\$156.83
STRIP 16 X 330 JUMPING BRANCH					
2024-C-000099	2023	9065	MOTEN CAROL A & GLOVER BRIAN A & ELIZABETH C W	JUMPING BRANCH	\$209.92
LOT 55 X 150 JUMPING BRANCH					
2024-C-000100	2023	9066	MOTEN CAROL A & GLOVER BRIAN A & ELIZABETH C W	JUMPING BRANCH	\$269.44
LOT 7 (4.557 ACRES M/L) JUMPING BRANCH					
2024-C-000101	2023	9309	REAL ESTATE BIZ LLC	JUMPING BRANCH	\$168.51
1 LOT 12 X 20, BEECH RUN					
2024-C-000102	2023	9790	WILLS JOHNNIE RAY & FRANCIS	JUMPING BRANCH	\$152.82
PENN VIRGINIA HX#11 ORDERS#2					
2024-C-000104	2023	10528	FOLEY MIKA E	PIPESTEM	\$564.51
LOT #8 1 ACRE					
2024-C-000107	2023	10650	HALL WINNIE G & SHIRLEY W/S	PIPESTEM	\$196.46
LOT CASHERS HILL 70X200, OLD LOVERN SCHOOL HOUSE					
2024-C-000111	2023	10896	LILLY MICHAEL & BROWN DAVID	PIPESTEM	\$1,280.34
1 TRACT TOMS RUN 180 X 272 X 350 X 372					
2024-C-000113	2023	11174	PHILLIPS DEWAYNE & KENDRA W/S	PIPESTEM	\$177.12
LOT 15 BROWN'S RIDGE S/D 1.28 ACRES					
2024-C-000114	2023	11340	SPENCER JERRY W & CAROLYN E	PIPESTEM	\$1,123.66
CONSD: 16A/8.1 & 16A/89 & 16A/ 16A/13.1 16A/8 16A/13					
2024-C-000115	2023	11445	VAN SUETENDAEL ARTHUR & COLLEE	PIPESTEM	\$2,557.43
CONSD: 9/16&19&13/14 SURVEY 148.89ACS					
2024-C-000116	2023	11792	ALIFF JAMES M & RITA M ETAL	TALCOTT	\$290.44
1 LOT BLUE LICK					
2024-C-000117	2023	11793	ALIFF JAMES M & RITA M ETAL	TALCOTT	\$277.86
1 LOT 38 POLES BLUE LICK					
2024-C-000118	2023	12452	CONNER CLAUDE MILTON & PEGGY	TALCOTT	\$1,379.04
LOTS 33-34-35 AIRPORT					
2024-C-000119	2023	12453	CONNER CLAUDE MILTON & PEGGY	TALCOTT	\$392.48
LOTS PT 30-31-32					
2024-C-000128	2023	12517	CROOK SAMUEL H	TALCOTT	\$1,609.83
LOT # 24 (3.514 ACRES) DIVISION SURVEY					
2024-C-000129	2023	12518	CROOK SAMUEL H	TALCOTT	\$1,544.93
1.308 ACRES PENCE SPRING					
2024-C-000133	2023	12592	DAVIS CHARLES L & JUANITA A W/S	TALCOTT	\$355.00
LOT 200 WEST ALDERSON SEC 14					
2024-C-000134	2023	12593	DAVIS CHARLES L & JUANITA A W/S	TALCOTT	\$583.49
LOT 185 WEST ALDERSON SEC 13					



Dear Recycle Lady

Dear Recycle Lady,
What is the Goodwill Label Project I've been hearing about? **Curious**

Dear Curious,
Goodwill Label Stories is a research/art project by Lynda Grose. The artist asks people if they would like to label their secondhand clothing that they have purchased or have purchased in the past. She asks them to explain "why or why not" and documents their responses. Grose then labels the garment free of charge and photographs the person in/with the garment. The project aims to help popularize secondhand clothing and to broaden participation in sustainable fashion. She gathers diverse perspectives on our relationship with each other and with fashion, including secondhand fashion. These discussions bring up lots of broad points. Lynda Grose will be the featured speaker at the WV Sustainable Fashion Show to be held on Saturday, April 26 at 5:00 at the Lewis Theater in Lewisburg.

Dear Recycle Lady,
What does one do with all the junk mail that comes in daily? **Don't Want It**

Dear Don't Want It,
You are not alone in receiving so much unwanted junk mail. The number of pieces of junk mail seems to increase exponentially. Over 100 million trees are cut down each year to produce all this unwanted junk mail and catalogs. Making a contribution to a non-profit, particularly a small donation, often results in more junk mail as donations of \$25 or less barely

cover marketing costs. According to Charity Navigator, the premier evaluator of charities, many organizations sell donors' names to other charities to generate extra revenue to cover the expense of small donations. Opt-out is a term used describe the desire to no longer receive unwanted mail from companies. The website, <https://www.wikihow.com/Get-off-Mailing-Lists>, lists all the ways you can get off mailing lists, including the Direct Marketing Association (DMA) or Mail Preference Service. BBB Consumer Education advises

writing "Take me off your mailing list" on the reply card and sending it back to the charity. Using the reply card enables the organization to identify you. Do not write that on the return envelope with return postage unless you put a stamp on it. The nonprofit mailing rates used by charities won't pay for these returns.

Dear Recycle Lady,
I want to recycle a large number of manila file folders and those larger brown folders that hold the file folders. Which bin do I deposit them in? Cardboard? Thanks. **Organizer**

Manila file folders can be recycled with either office paper or cardboard. The large brown folder can be recycled just with cardboard. Be sure to remove any plastic or metal parts or elastic bands that may be attached to them before placing them in the recycle bin.

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Series On Calvinism (Part 13) Limited Atonement

(Last week we began to study the doctrine of limited atonement. This week we will look at Bible verses used to support the doctrine.)

by Gene Taylor

Acts 20:28 and **Ephesians 5:25**. The argument based on these texts is that Christ died only for those who are saved, the elect. The answer here is that there is no doubt that the church is composed of the saved and that Jesus died to purchase the church. The Scriptural truth that Calvinists overlook, though, is that any person can become a part of that church. (Rev. 22:17) The church consists of:

- All who obey Jesus (Heb. 5:8-9). It is not limited to just those who Calvinists say are elected to salvation.
- Those who do the will of the Father. (Matt. 7:21)
- All who are saved (Acts 2:47). Though not all will be saved, those who "gladly receive" the word are added by the Lord to His church. (Acts 2:41, 47)

Romans 9:13. The argument Calvinists use in relation to this passage is that the love of God in giving Jesus as a sacrifice was not a general kindness to all creation. John Gill in *Five Points of Calvinism*, says, "But it is a special and discriminating love, the favor which he bears to His own people, as distinct from others." To answer this argument, we say that "special and discriminating love" sounds quite different than the Biblical teaching that "there is no partiality with God." (Rom. 2:11) Romans 9:13 simply shows the righteousness of God—that God was not unrighteous in His selection of Jacob to be an ancestor of the Messiah. Admittedly, this passage shows that God preferred Jacob over Esau even before their birth—not in reference to their salvation but in regards to the election of the descendants of Jacob as the people through whom the physical Messiah would come. In commenting on this passage, Robertson L. Whiteside in *A New Commentary on Paul's Letter to the Saints at Rome*, said,

"... Jacob and Esau were full brothers; and though they were twins, Esau the first-born was the natural heir of the promise. Yet of the two, God selected Jacob, even before they were born, and therefore before they had done anything good or bad, 'that the purpose of God according to election might stand.' The purpose inhered in the promise. God was selecting his own instruments to work out his own plans.

"In choosing Jacob, God chose his descendants; and every Jew gloried in that choice. But the selection of Jacob and the rejection of Esau had nothing to do with their salvation. If it had pertained to their salvation, there would have been no point in mentioning the fact that the younger was selected instead of the older; for even the most dogmatic predestinarian would not say that the oldest son is the natural heir of salvation and all the other sons reprobates. The fact is that the selection of Jacob was the selection of a people rather than an individual. Had it been the election to salvation, then the nations descending from Jacob were all elected to salvation, and Esau's descendants were all lost." (p. 199)

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(Continued next week when we will look at the scriptural objections to the doctrine of limited atonement.)

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