

# Impressive Summers County Scholars Receive 105 Awards

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Hinton Area Foundation held their annual Scholarship Reception on Wednesday, May 28, at Hinton’s Historic Freight Depot. Fifty-six impressive scholars received 105 scholarship awards totaling \$142,780.

Campaign 2000 Scholarship – Ellie Rhodes (final year), Emily Cox (yr. 3 of 4), Sydney Farrish (yr. 2 of 4), Xena Sears (yr. 1 of 4) \$1,000 each.

E. Ann Gore Scholarship Fund – Jonah Pugh \$600.

CHPR Gwinn Family Scholarship – Lawson Jones, Nathan Tickle \$3,000 each.

Bill Van Sant Scholarship Fund – Ella McDaniel \$2,000.

Summers County KIDS Fine Arts Scholarship Fund – Rhyann Eerenberg, Ava Stover \$1,000 each.

Joyce Jarrell Memorial Scholarship Fund – Hallie Rhodes, Lauren Foster, Kaylee Jones, Candace Crawford \$1,500 each.

Kiwanis Club of Hinton Scholarship – \$500 (1 of 4 yr. award) Ella McDaniel, Gracie Lester, Ava Stover, Madison Wykle. \$500 (2nd of 4 yr. award) Sydney Farrish, Kaylee Jones. \$500 (3rd of 4 yr. award) Emily Cox, Emily N. Richmond, Sarah Turner. \$500 (3rd of 3 yr. award) Hallie Rhodes. \$250 (1st of 2 yr. award) Avery Lilly. \$250 (3rd of 4 yr. award) Karsynn Davis, Harley Ward. \$250 (2nd of 2 yr. award) Alyvia Harvey. \$150 (2nd of 4 yr. award) Sean Cooper, \$150 (2nd of 2 yr. award) Brian Cooper.

Dr. J.W. Stokes/Rotary Scholarship Fund – Lauren Foster \$1,500, Sarah Turner \$436.

Margaret Peggy Rossi Scholarship Fund – Sha-keela Chapman \$1,700.

Joseph M. Plumley/Rotary Scholarship Fund – Bryson Keaton \$1,500, Sarah Turner \$1,064.

Randy “Paul” Martin II Scholarship Fund – Wilson Sears \$700.

William E. “Billy” Turner Memorial Fund – Matthew Cox \$3,000, Lydia Richmond \$1,000, Sarah Turner \$1,000.

Hildred Smith Music Scholarship – Rhyann Eerenberg \$3,000.

James & Julia (Bransford) Cox Fund – Gauge Thomas \$1,000.

William Garten Scholarship Fund – John Brandon Isaac \$3,000.

Gene Fife Scholars Fund – Ayden Gardner, Michael Ferrell Mann \$1,000 each.

First United Methodist Church/Eleanor Meadows Scholarship Fund – Ella McDaniel \$1,600.

Summers County Historical Society Scholarship – Nathan Tickle \$1,000.

Lori & Mitch Bowling Student Athletic Scholarship Fund – Avery Lilly \$1,600.

Dr. Sahib Shammaa Memorial Fund – Eli Patterson \$900.

Burkey & MaryLou Lilly Memorial Fund – Karsynn Davis, Bruce Richmond \$2,500 each.

Smith-Wiley Scholarship Fund – Matthew Cox \$2,600.

Jones-Wiley Scholarship Fund – Kristen Ratliff, Sarah Okes \$1,250 each.

Kimberley Anne Abbott Scholarship – Abigail Persinger \$1,800.

William G. & Joyce H. Meador Lifelong Learning Fund – Megan Cooper \$1,450.

Dr. Matthew Ellison Memorial Scholarship – Nathaniel Day, Brandon Isaac, Avery Lilly, Jacob Smith \$1,000 each.

First National Bank of Hinton Scholarship – Marlee Meador \$500.

Paul E. Hess Memorial Scholarship – Matthew Cox, Bryson Keaton \$1,000 each.

Howard Creed Fund – Bryson Keaton, Sullivan Pivont, Matthew Cox \$1,200.

Claude Johnson Memorial Scholarship – Stephenie Williams \$1,500.

National Bank of Summers Scholarship Fund – Gracie Lester \$700.

Ralph Jones Scholarship Fund – Matthew Cox \$2,000.

Lincoln School Scholarship Fund – Michael Ferrell Mann, Ayden Gardner \$465 each.

Dr. Joseph F. Marsh, Jr. Scholarship Fund – John Brandon Isaac \$1,000.

Jean Dressler Beasley Fund – Averee Davis, Karsynn Davis, Sophie Ford, Harleigh McGraw, Marie McKinney, Molly Mann, Jonah Pugh, Kristen Ratliff, Bruce Richmond, Xena Sears \$1,000 each.

Clark Family Scholarship – Sophie Ford \$1,000.

Coach Julian “Buzzy” Richmond Memorial Fund – Abigail Persinger \$500.

John Henry Historical Scholarship – Candace Crawford \$500.

Robert & Faye Gwinn Scholarship fund – Ashley Cooper, Krystina Gore, Maggie Gunter, Alyvia Harvey, Liv Meador, Eli Patterson, Laci Sears \$1,700 each.

Ellsworth & Beulah Hedrick Scholarship fund – Emily N. Richmond \$1,500.

Marjorie & Lester Bowles Family Scholarship Fund – Robert Luke Jones \$1,000.

John E. & Marjorie Burdette Scholarship – Abbie Keaton, Xena Sears \$900 each.

Animal Control \$ Welfare Fund – Harleigh McGraw, Marie McKinney \$500 each.

Mary L. Rogers & Mary Doffermeyer Scholarship – Gracie Lester \$600.

Regina Gwinn Eckle Vocational Scholarship – Matthew Cox \$500.

Darrell K. Cales Trust Scholarship – Avery Lilly, Jonah Pugh, Jacob Smith, Ava Stover, Stephenie Williams, Sarah Okes \$5,000 each.

Each scholar, their guests, donors and HAF board members enjoyed a delicious meal catered by The Market located in Hinton. HAF wishes to thank their generous sponsors: City National Bank of Hinton, Burke and Herbert Bank of Hinton and several anonymous donors. Special appreciation to those who volunteered to assist in the preparation and clean-up of the event: Jerod Ewing, Austin Lilly, Melinda Gore, Rick Isaac, Robert Luke Jones, Avery Lilly, and Brandon Isaac.

## “Juneteenth” A Celebration of Freedom and Resilience

**David Hodge**

WEST VIRGINIA (Hinton News) - On June 19, the United States will again commemorate Juneteenth, a pivotal holiday and one that celebrates the end of slavery and honors African American history, culture, and the ongoing struggle for equality.

Juneteenth, a combination of the month “June” and day of the month “19th,” traces its origins to June 19, 1865, when Union soldiers led by Major Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and announced the emancipation of approximately 250,000 enslaved people. More than two years after President Abraham Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation abolished the horrid practice in Confederate states.

The holiday, now a federal observance since presidential declaration in 2021, represents a profound moment of liberation and resilience in American history. Major General Gordon Granger’s General Order Number 3 declared all slaves in Texas free, triggering spontaneous celebrations that would evolve into an annual commemoration of freedom.

Initially celebrated primarily in Texas, Juneteenth spread across the United States as African Americans migrated and shared their celebratory traditions. Early observances featured prayer meetings, spiritual singing, and wearing new clothes symbolizing newfound freedom.

“Juneteenth marks both a long, hard night of slavery and subjugation and a promise of a brighter morning to come,” President Joe Biden said during the holiday’s federal recognition ceremony.

The holiday’s significance extends beyond historical remembrance. It has been a powerful platform for addressing systemic racism and promoting social justice, particularly during pivotal moments like the Civil Rights Movement and the racial reckonings following George Floyd’s tragic murder in 2020.

Typical Juneteenth celebrations include parades, educational events, musical performances, and family gatherings. A cultural tradition of the celebration involves consuming red foods and drinks, symbolizing the blood shed during slavery and honoring ancestral strength.

Opal Lee, known as the “grandmother of Juneteenth,” was instrumental in the holiday’s national recognition. Her decades-long advocacy resulted in the federal holiday designation, transforming what was a regional commemoration into a nationwide reflection on America’s complex history. Modern Juneteenth observances blend historical remembrance with contemporary activism. Institutions, from universities to corporations, now recognize the day as an opportunity to discuss racial equity, systemic inequalities, and paths toward reconciliation. As the United States continues to grapple with its legacy of slavery and racial injustice, Juneteenth stands as a powerful reminder of progress achieved and challenges remaining. This year’s celebrations will occur on Thursday, June 19, 2025, with events planned in cities nationwide, continuing a tradition of remembrance, resilience, and hope.

## Community Remembers Doug Skaff Jr. After Tragic Lewis County Accident

**Rebecca Stalnaker**  
Hinton News

LEWIS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) — West Virginia is mourning the loss of Doug Skaff Jr., a deeply connected figure in both the state’s political and media circles, who died Tuesday, June 10, at the age of 48 following a vehicle accident in Lewis County. Skaff Jr. was widely recognized as the president of HD Media, which publishes the Charleston Gazette, and a dedicated board member of the West Virginia Press Association. His career also notably included serving as a state delegate.

Details about the accident, which occurred at mile marker 101 on I-79 near the Weston exit, have not yet been released.

The state feels this loss deeply, with many state representatives issuing statements.

House Speaker Roger Hanshaw said, “I am sad today. Yesterday our state lost a leader, and I lost a friend. Doug Skaff and I had been friends for over 25 years. We first met as students at WVU when he and I were there together as young men straight out of high school. Even then we would talk about what we thought the state of West Virginia could be and brainstorm ideas for making it happen. It was among the highlights of my professional life having the opportunity to work with him on some of same ideas he and I talked about over 20 years prior.”

Congressman Riley Moore said, “Tonight, Mina and I join the people of West Virginia in grieving the loss of a true Mountaineer. Doug Skaff, my good friend, was a West Virginian through and through. From his time as Student Body President at West Virginia University to his time in the West Virginia House of Delegates, Doug loved our state and our people.”

Chairman Mike Pushkin, who served alongside Skaff in the House, shared his condolences, saying, “Doug Skaff was more than just a colleague; he was a friend to many of us, even after he left the legislature. His humor was infectious, and his dedication to his family, particularly his love for his children, was evident in everything he did. Doug was deeply committed to the community—whether through his public service, his entrepreneurial spirit, or his active community involvement. He leaves behind a lasting legacy of community fiengagement and dedication, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Marisa, his children Andrew, Elias, and Alexander, and his many friends.”

Like many newspapers, The Hinton News mourns Skaff’s passing. His legacy will not be forgotten.

In emergency services, there is a tradition of a “last call.” This tradition entails the deceased being called on the radio system one last time, along with a eulogy of sorts and the phrase “we’ll take it from here.” While there is no last call tradition in the newspaper industry, I want to include a variation.

Doug, you will be missed by all who knew you. We will all carry on with the business of news and look back on the example you set for us all. May press across the state remember your efforts and work to keep newspapers alive and delivering factual, unbiased news. May you rest in peace. We will take it from here.



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# A Peek into Summers County’s Past: C.W. Garten Medication Sales

**William Jones**  
Hinton News

FOREST HILL W.Va. (Hinton News) - This week’s piece is going to be a bit “lackluster” in regards to the history of this specific piece. However, I felt compelled to tell you the little bit I know about this piece in hopes that you may be able to fill in the other aspects around it. After more than 2 years of writing this series, I haven’t told much about the section of Summers County where Forest Hill is located.

Other than the original Civil War

monument unveiling ceremony, my Great Great Grandfather Jesse W. Thompson was in, I just don’t have much in my collection from this area. While going through some boxes I have in storage with all of my old local documents in (and I have a lot), I ran across this piece. I purchased it years ago in a box lot at a local auction. It is an early 1900s advertising pamphlet from a general store that used to be in Forrest Hill. It reads, “Medicines Advertised in this Pamphlet are for

sale by C.W. Garten, Forest Hill, West Virginia.” It doesn’t flat out call it a store, but based on the fact that it advertises medicine and the few little articles I found in the newspaper archives, it can be determined that C.W. Garten owned and operated a store. It further reads, “Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Medicines, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes and Ready-Made Clothing Country Produce Bought and Sold. We --- --- is everything you used. Our prices are the lowest.” The first section of the bot-

tom line is illegible. This store is one of the earliest and farthest businesses in this section of the county that I have ever found. I know there must have been ones prior to, but I have yet to run across anything regarding any others. Ballard, being the next town past it towards Virginia, had the old general store in operation in town until recent years when it burned down. Citizens in this area of the county could have done their shopping at either store before crossing the border to Virginia.”

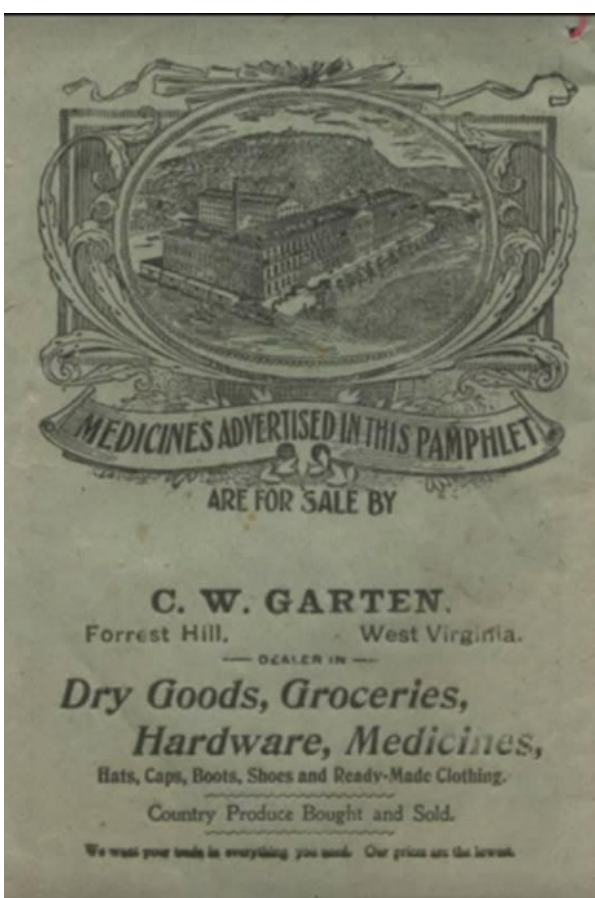


Photo provided by William Jones

# Students Honored at Golden Horseshoe Ceremonies

CHARLESTON W.Va. (Hinton News) – The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) recognized 223 8th-grade students from West Virginia middle schools, public charter schools and the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind as 2025 Knights of the Golden Horseshoe today at the West Virginia Culture Center in Charleston. These top-scoring students were honored during three recognition ceremonies.

The WVDE inducted the students as part of the 309th anniversary of the Golden Horseshoe legacy, recognizing them for their extensive knowledge of West Virginia history and culture. The

annual test, given to every 8th-grade student, spotlights Mountain State civics, government, geography and numerous other categories. These newly inducted knights will join the more than 15,000 students who have received this prestigious honor.

“The Golden Horseshoe allows West Virginia students to be recognized for their incredible academic prowess and enthusiastic pride in the Mountain State,” said State Superintendent of Schools Michele L. Blatt. “Our history and culture continue to flourish as the next generation of Mountaineers share their knowledge as ambassadors of West Virginia.”

In addition to

student recipients, WVDE Director of Student Enrichment Joey Wiseman was inducted as an honorary Knight of the Golden Horseshoe. His unyielding support of students and unwavering dedication to achievement exemplify the spirit and purpose of the Order of the Golden Horseshoe.

The Golden Horseshoe legacy dates back to 1716 when Governor of the Virginia Colony Alexander Spotswood organized and recognized a delegation of men to explore the land west of the Allegheny Mountains (most of which is now West Virginia). He presented each with a small golden horseshoe to commemorate their bravery in crossing the mountain. The Golden



Students knighted into the Order of the Golden Horseshoe during Ceremony 1

Horseshoe remains the longest-running program of its kind in the country, with annual state recognitions dating back to 1931. View the complete list of 2025 Golden Horseshoe winners and learn more about the event by visiting the program page on the WVDE website.

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**Series On Calvinism (Part 20)**  
**Perseverance of the Saints**

(Last week we began looking at the last tenet of Calvinism, perseverance of the saints. We looked at a couple of quotes concerning the doctrine from those who support it. Today we will look at one more such quote and then we will see how the doctrine of imputation has influenced this idea of perseverance of the saints.)

**by Gene Taylor**

Sam Morris, a Baptist preacher, adds, “All the prayers a man may pray, all the Bibles he may read, all the churches he may belong to, all the services he may attend, all the sermons he may practice, all the debts he may pay, all the ordinances he may observe, all the laws he may keep, all the benevolent acts he may perform will not make his soul one whit safer; and all the sins he may commit, from idolatry to murder, will not make his soul in any more danger....The way a man lives has nothing whatever to do with the salvation of his soul.” (*Do a Christian’s Sins Damn His Soul?*)

**The Calvinistic Doctrine of Imputation**

The doctrine of Perseverance of the Saints is based upon the false assumption that the elect sinner is clothed in the personal righteousness of Jesus Christ. Therefore, when God looks at him, He does not see the sins of the elect one, rather He sees the perfection of Jesus. Thus, one does not have to be concerned with doing righteousness if he is one whom God has elected to save.

To impute is “to credit to a person or a cause...to credit by transferal.” (*Webster’s Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary*, p. 421). Calvinists believe the guilt of Adam’s sin was imputed to the whole human race—that all are sinners by virtue of the fact that being descendants of Adam they inherited the guilt of his sin. The remedy Calvinists offer for imputed sin is a second imputation. The perfect life of Christ is imputed to the elect sinner. God, in viewing that individual, only sees the personal righteousness of Jesus, not the sins of the sinner. This allows the elect one to continue to sin because Christ lived a sinless life in his stead and the innocence of Christ now clothes him. He is relieved of any responsibility for living a godly life. He does not even have to correct his wrongs because he will not be judged by his own actions but by the perfect life Jesus lived.

John Calvin, speaking on imputation, said, “...I answer, that the grace which they call accepting, is nothing else than the free goodness with which the Father embraces us in Christ when he clothes us with the innocence of Christ, and accepts it as ours, so that in consideration of it he regards us as holy, pure and innocent. For the righteousness of Christ (as it alone is perfect, so it alone can stand the scrutiny of God) must be sisted for us, and as a surety represent us judicially....Our imperfection and purity, covered with this purity, are not imputed, but are as it were buried, so as not to come under judgment until the hour arrive when the old man being destroyed, and plainly extinguished in us, the divine goodness shall receive us into beatific peace with the new Adam, there to await the day of the Lord, on which, being clothed with incorruptible bodies, we shall be translated to the glory of the heavenly kingdom.” (*Institutes of the Christian Religion*, Book III, p. 82)

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(Next week we will continue exploring the doctrine of imputation and then begin looking at proof texts used by Calvinists to support the idea of perseverance of the saints.)

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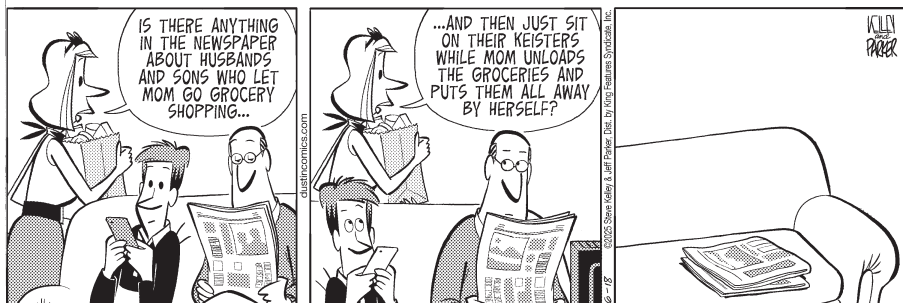
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Hi and Lois



Marvin



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Zits



ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

**MOON ALERT:** Avoid shopping or big decisions from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. EDT today (2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. PDT). After that, the Moon moves from PISCES into ARIES.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, June 18, 2025: You're adventurous, positive and loyal. Your enthusiastic approach to life makes you attractive to others. This is a year of service, probably service to family. Therefore, take care of yourself so you can be a help or support to others. Explore the arts. Is it time for a makeover?

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★ This is a tricky day, which is why you might feel restless. Later in the day, the Moon will move into your sign, which will be empowering for you. Meanwhile, give serious thought to family members who need your help. Remain practical. Tonight: You win!

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

3★ A friend might surprise you today, or perhaps you'll be caught off guard

by a member of a group or an organization. Feelings of optimism mixed with sympathy might create confusion about how to approach a situation. If you're not sure what to do, don't act. Tonight: Seek privacy.

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

3★ People notice you today. In fact, some will be aware of details about your personal life. Be aware of this in case you have to do some damage control. Meanwhile, think twice before you spend or share your money today. Know what you're doing. Tonight: Enjoy friendships.

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

4★ Sudden changes to travel plans or something to do with education, medicine or the law might occur today. However, for the most part, be careful about important decisions that affect your future life direction. Get your data, but wait a week (or two) to decide. Tonight: You are admired.

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

3★ Double-check banking details and anything to do with shared property. A few hiccups might create problems for you this morning. Later in the day, your

humanitarian impulses or desire to assist someone might need to be fine-tuned. Be discriminating about whom you should help. Tonight: Explore and discover!

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

3★ A spouse, partner or close friend might throw you a curveball early in the day. Whatever happens, you can handle this. However, major decisions about shared property, inheritances and funding for groups and organizations could be subject to confused thinking, even deceit. Be aware of this. Tonight: Check your finances.

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

3★ Double-check issues related to work, your health and a pet, because something unpredictable (possibly even an accident) might happen today. However, be aware that important discussions with bosses and partners might not unfold as you think or hope. Double-check everything. Tonight: Be patient and cooperative.

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

4★ Parents should be vigilant today to avoid accidents with their kids. Meanwhile social plans might suddenly change. Scrutinize

work-related opportunities, as well as other apparent advantages, because things might not be as they appear. Do your homework. Tonight: Get organized.

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

3★ Your home routine will be interrupted today. Small appliances might break down, a minor breakage could occur or someone unexpected might appear at your door. Double-check all aspects of benefits to children to make sure things are as they should be, especially with funding and inheritances. Tonight: Socialize!

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

3★ Pay attention to everything you say and do today, because this is a mildly accident-prone day for you. Meanwhile, you also need to pay attention to decisions related to parents, home and real estate. What might look like good news could be deceptive. Get your facts. Tonight: Relax at home.

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

3★ Keep an eye on your money and your possessions today to avoid loss, theft or damage. Meanwhile, make sure you know what's going on at work or

SUDOKU PUZZLE

King Classic Sudoku

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Difficulty: ★★★

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

(Today's Answers  
Next Wednesday)

Answer To Last  
Wednesday's Puzzle:

4	9	8	7	5	2	6	3	1
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Difficulty: ★★★

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ACROSS

- 1 Showbiz job
- 4 Clay-rich soil
- 8 Tennis barriers
- 12 Notre Dame coach
- 13 Pearl Harbor site
- 14 Shrek, for one
- 15 Luau bowlful
- 16 Extensive sight-seeing vacation
- 18 Boredom
- 20 Playwright Levin
- 21 Cicatrix
- 24 Antlered animals
- 28 Foodie with an appetite
- 32 Writer Wiesel
- 33 "Where — you?"
- 34 Recluse
- 36 — -la-la
- 37 Check
- 39 Lottery game number

41 Plus

- 43 Salinger girl
- 44 — Péri-gnon
- 46 Fuzzy fruit
- 50 Baker's dozen, at times
- 55 "Wicked" director Jon M. —
- 56 Formerly
- 57 "Star Trek" officer
- 58 Hearing thing
- 59 Fluffy scarves
- 60 Halt
- 61 "Get comfy"

DOWN

- 1 Be slack-jawed
- 2 Laundry appliance
- 3 Profit
- 4 Sane
- 5 Rowing need
- 6 "Caught ya!"
- 7 City bond, for short
- 8 Write down, as music
- 9 Conceit
- 10 Capote nick-name
- 11 Sun. talk
- 17 Hosp. workers
- 19 Exploit
- 22 Fermi's bit

23 Actress Zell-weger

- 25 Utah ski resort
- 26 Lass
- 27 Navy commando
- 28 Rum cake
- 29 Spring flower
- 30 Hair goops
- 31 Rules (Abbr.)
- 35 Intensifies
- 38 Window sills
- 40 Quilters' meetup
- 42 Foot part
- 45 GI dining hall
- 47 Experts
- 48 Spiced tea
- 49 In pain
- 50 Arced tennis shot
- 51 Year in Mexico
- 52 TV pioneer
- 53 Belly
- 54 Day — paint

Solution time: 23 mins.

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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.

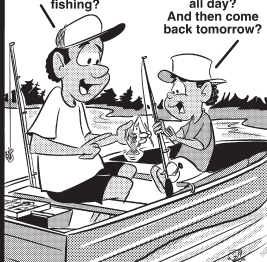
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Last Wednesday's Answers

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

Wow! You caught him on your first try! Do you want to keep fishing?



AFTER GOING FISHING FOR THE FIRST TIME, ---

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

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Jumbles: GLORY WAFER SHRUNK FABRIC

Answer: What's a dog's favorite type of chair? — A "BARK-A-LOUNGER"

with issues related to your health. What the large print might taketh away. Always read the small print. Tonight: Conversations.

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

4★ You feel restless, even impulsive, today. Don't do anything you will regret later. Go slowly to avoid accidents. Meanwhile, sometimes it's worth looking a gift horse in the mouth, especially if it relates to your

kids, vacations, the arts or the entertainment world. Be smart. Tonight: Check your belongings.

BORN TODAY

Singer-songwriter, musician Paul McCartney (1942), actress Isabella Rossellini (1952), Kim Dickens (1965)

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# The Hillbilly Storyteller: The Frog Croaked to Save the Still

The Hillbilly Storyteller  
Hinton News

The sun came up over the mountain top casting the shadows of three men walking on the old path heading toward the Bunk Flat. They carried parts to a still. Two of the men were tall and one was short. They were all Bragg's. There were two brothers and one cousin called "Cuz" who was the short one.

Cuz had the hard job of setting up the still. As they cleaned out the spring they heard the sounds of an old frog croaking. The sound took them by surprise. Cuz decided to look for the old frog but could not find it.

They set up the mash barrel beside an old rotten stump. As they were leaving to get the corn, barley and yeast they heard the croaking again of the old frog. The tallest of the two Bragg brothers said, "I will find him if it takes all night." The other brother said, "We have a long walk to get home before dark." The hunt for the frog would have to wait.

Next morning a rain came. The two brothers and Cuz decided to stay home and get what they needed for tomorrow. Cuz got an old canvas and a shovel and an axe. The two brothers got a box of dry kindling for tomorrow. The brothers said we got to get the mash on tomorrow so it can be working.

One of the brothers said, "I would like to find that croaking frog."

As very early morning came, Cuz was packing 80 pounds of sugar, which is only one-half of what was needed for a run of shine. Cuz covered the sugar with the old canvas, and as he left, he heard the low sound of the frog's croak. He did not have time to look for it. As Cuz went back for more sugar he run into the two brothers bringing in the corn and barley.

They sat down on an old log beside the trail and discussed how they would get everything done. Cuz said he would like to get it done in one day. The two brothers laughed and said, "Maybe and maybe not."

As Cuz went out of sight, the two brothers finally got to the still. They walked up to the spring. The water was very clear. The tallest brother got him a drink of water. As he did he heard the old frog croak low. He said, "If I had my gun and if I could find the frog I would shoot it." The other brother said, "We got too much work to do to kill frogs." The first brother laughed and said, "You are right."

The brothers packed up a large pile of wood for the fire. Then they set up rocks to set the still on. Then they cleared the dead leaves and debris from around the still.

The two brothers knew that Cuz could not pack the rest of what it took to make the shine.

They went back to help him. They met Cuz

about halfway. They sat down on a large rock that was covered with moss. Cuz took the opportunity to lay back on the moss. The brothers went back to get the rest of the makings. Cuz headed on to the still.

As Cuz laid down the load he was carrying, he stepped on a dry limb, and as it broke, the old frog croaked very loudly. Cuz laughed very hard and did it again. The old frog croaked. Cuz did it for a third time, and the old frog croaked again. He said, "The brothers will have fun with this."

As morning come, Cuz said to the brothers, "Every time I break a stick, the frog croaks." The brothers said, "Have you lost your mind?" Cuz said, "Wait and see."

As they approached the still, they were carrying the fruit jars, the worm and the pot, and the thumping keg. They had a lot of work ahead of them. Cuz picked up a stick and broke it.

The old frog gave a loud croak. The brothers laughed so hard that Cuz thought they would cry. They did it several times and the old frog croaked every time.

But they could not find the frog – the reason being that the holler had an echo in it.

Cuz said, "We got to get back to work." So the brothers finally let the frog rest.

They finally got the mash barrels put on. It takes four days for it to work off. After the

fourth day was up the brothers and Cuz and the little dog that belonged to Cuz all headed back to the still.

The little dog had a stub tail. It walked on three feet. The fourth foot had three toes missing. Rufus was the dog's name. They had Rufus to let them know if someone was around the still.

They got the still fired up, and one of them, while they were resting, picked up a stick and broke it again. Again, the old frog croaked on cue. And the little dog Rufus run around everywhere trying to find what was making the croak. The echo again kept them from finding the frog.

The still began to run shine. Every time the thumping keg made a noise, the frog would croak. This went on all day. Rufus was like a kid looking for the frog.

As evening came, Rufus was standing in front of an old chestnut stump that was decayed. He was hopping up and down on three legs and barking.

One of the brothers said, "I see it." It was in the soft dirt in the rotten stump. Only its eyes could be seen. They wanted to be sure it was the frog so they broke a stick, and sure enough, the frog croaked.

The tall Bragg brother said, "Thank God it's over." They decided just to move the old frog. There were a lot of old rotten chestnut stumps about 200 feet below



Picture by The Hillbilly Storyteller

them. They picked out a good rotten stump with good dirt. They dug a hole and took a shovel, and moved the old frog to his new home.

The still site was silent with no croaking of a frog. One of the brothers said, "I'm going to go within 50 feet of that frog and break me a stick." The old frog croaked very loud.

The shine was done. It was all safely in the fruit jars. The brothers and Cuz started breaking down the still. Rufus was busy chasing ground squirrels and paid no attention to anybody.

They had everything out but the old barrels and buckets. They decided it was getting dark, so they would come back in the morning to get the barrels and buckets.

The next morning, the brothers and Cuz met to return to the still. Cuz

said Rufus' feet were sore from digging out ground squirrels. He had to be left at home. They wished the little dog was with them. He would let them know if anyone was around.

Cuz and the brothers had a secret word to holler to let them know to run three ways if something was not right at the still. As Cuz said the hair on his neck was standing up.

Cuz said, "I wish Rufus was with us." Suddenly, the old frog croaked very loud. One of the brothers said "rainbow". All three left instantly in three different directions.

The moral of the story – you can put up with a croaking frog better than a jail door slamming.

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## Trail Building Workshop Empowers Local Volunteers in Greenbrier Valley



Photo from the event provided by GVORBA

GREENBRIER COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) — On Saturday, May 31, almost 20 local volunteers gathered for a hands-on workshop designed to improve and sustain the Greenbrier Valley's growing trail network. The "Intro to Trail Building" training was presented by the West Virginia University Outdoor Economic Development Collaborative (OEDC) in partnership with the Greenbrier Valley Off-Road Biking Association (GVORBA), with support from the Greenbrier County Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Led by OEDC team members Richard Edwards and Logan Champman, the free one-day training drew an eager group of community members interested in learning best practices in trail construction and maintenance. The morning began with a classroom-style session covering technical

aspects of trail design and maintenance, followed by an afternoon of hands-on trail work in the Greenbrier State Forest. Participants rebenched a section of the

Mabel Dowdy Trail that had been damaged by a fallen tree - contributing an estimated \$1,200 worth of volunteer labor to trail stewardship efforts.

The training reflects GVORBA's mission of "Pioneering Trails, Connecting Communities, and Empowering Youth," as well as OEDC's broader commitment to identifying and developing outdoor recreation resources that enhance quality of life across West Virginia.

GVORBA encourages community members to take part in future trail workshops and regular volunteer maintenance days held in the Greenbrier State Forest. Volunteers of all

experience levels are welcome—whether it's an hour or an afternoon, every bit of support contributes to a stronger, more accessible



local trail system.

For details on upcoming events, trail projects, or ways to get involved, visit [GVORBA.org](http://GVORBA.org).

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