

City of Hinton – Certified BUILD WV District

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - On June 25, West Virginia Governor Morrissey designated the City of Hinton as a certified BUILD WV District (WV Code §5B-2L). City officials submitted an extensive application with support from the New River Gorge Regional Development Authority that included data on housing and employment needs, the potential for positive economic impact of designation, and information on commercial business opportunities. Additionally, multiple letters of support were obtained from local business owners and entities that supported the need for workforce housing.

The BUILD WV Act includes incentives for approved projects, including Sales Tax Exemption, Property Value Adjustment Credit (PVAC), and Potential Business & Operating Tax Exemption. Projects must apply and be approved prior to completion to qualify for the incentives.

Eligible projects must meet the following criteria to be considered: Be located in a BUILD WV District, generate approved costs of more than \$3 million, OR include at least six residential units or houses, create a positive economic impact on the state, and improve opportunity in the area where the project is located.

Mayor Jack Scott commented: “If you are a developer interested in a project within the City of Hinton BUILD WV District (within a 20-mile radius of the city), please reach out to me at City Hall to discuss. Once a solidified plan is in place, you will review your potential project with the WV Department of Economic Development and obtain a project application. After approval and project completion, you will submit final costs and required data to WVDED for closeout. Finally, you will be able to take the PVAC annually beginning in the tax year when the project construction is completed. This is a tremendous win for our community!”

This designation has the potential to bring much-needed housing development to the community while creating an opportunity for developers to benefit from their investment as well. With the significant number of available residential housing lots in Hinton’s Land Reuse Bank, the city looks forward to attracting developers interested in utilizing those spaces to build new homes that will provide much-needed workforce housing to the area.

If you are interested in additional information about the BUILD WV program, please visit the State of WV website: <https://westvirginia.gov/build-wv-act>.

Motions Filed to Recuse Judge, Disqualify Attorney in Hinton Land Case

Hinton News Staff

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - According to documents received by Hinton News, motions were filed on Friday, July 11, to recuse Judge Amy Mann and disqualify Anna Ziegler as counsel for the defendants in the Wilderness Land Holdings LLC as Trustee of Wildlife Preservation Trust v. City of Hinton case. Stick with Hinton News for a full story as more information becomes available.

Kansas: The Men Behind The Music: Ronnie Platt

Cynthia Mattison

In 2014, Ronnie Platt joined Kansas as lead vocalist after Steve Walsh’s retirement. The legendary rock band welcomed Platt as the new front man who has continued to recreate the iconic sound fans have come to know and love. “Being such a fanatical Kansas fan, just watching Steve Walsh and listening to him was such a huge influence,” Platt says.

With his love of music beginning as a child, Platt recalls playing the trombone in 5th 5th-grade band before moving on to chorus in middle school. “By the time I was a freshman in high school, I was playing electric bass guitar in bands and singing,” he says. “My entire life, I’ve always been in a working band. I’ve always made money from music, but sometimes after a gig, we’d have just enough money for a Coke and a piece of pizza. I like to eat and pay my bills, so I became a truck driver. It was a lot of fun and I loved it. I had other opportunities, but driving a truck allowed me to have a job and still be able to play music,” Platt recalls.

These days, Ronnie Platt has a career that most would only dream of, but one that he never takes for granted. “Music has been the best gift in my life - it’s given me experiences that not a lot of people get to have,” he says. “I don’t just mean being in Kansas. Even when I started out very young and playing bar bands, cutting my teeth and honing my craft and not making any money or barely making gas money to get to a show.”

Earlier this year, Platt received a frightening diagnosis that could’ve changed everything. “You never want to hear the ‘C’ word,” he says. After learning he had thyroid cancer, Platt recalls his earliest fears. “It’s something when you’re sitting in the doctor’s office and they say you have cancer. My first thought was ‘how much time do I have?’ It’s a shock to the system, and you look at things with new eyes after that,” he says. “You appreciate things more. Not that I didn’t appreciate them before that, my Lord, I’ve had a charmed life, but to go through that and have such an incredible outcome.” After learning that a cancerous nodule could be removed instead of his entire thyroid, Platt was eager to regain his place on stage. “After my March 4 surgery, I walked, no wheelchair, out of recovery and walked the length of the hospital out to the parking garage. They gave me a prescription for pain, and I never even opened the bottle,” Platt said. “One month later, April 4, I did my first show back with Kansas. I just picked up where I left off - back into full stream touring. This was beyond amazing results. If I haven’t won the lottery enough....that’s how I feel.”

For anyone facing a cancer diagnosis, Platt recommends educating yourself as much as possible. “Take it one day at a time,” he says. “Do all the research that you can. I went from knowing nothing about it to getting a crash course in knowledge about the type of cancer I had. Learn everything you can.”

Now that Platt has regained his place on stage, he wants fans to enjoy the show and leave feeling great. “I want them to walk away feeling good, knowing they just saw a great show, knowing they gave themselves a few hours of disengagement from the stress of everyday life. You go to a concert to get away from problems,” says Platt. “I just want them to feel good about what they saw and want to come back and see it again.”

For Ronnie Platt, the feeling of walking out on stage and hearing the roar of the crowd never gets old. “It’s still surreal to me. Seeing all those people out there and knowing they are coming specifically to watch your band - it takes your breath away,” he says. “When you’re young, you dream of being a rock star, but it happens to very few people. How lucky am I to walk out on stage and experience that? I never take it for granted. Every audience is new, and it feels different every time.”

When asked if he ever had stage fright, Platt responded with a laugh. “Only every weekend,” he said. “When you’re taking the place of Steve Walsh, there’s an expectation of greatness. When we’re standing at the side of the stage and get that two-minute warning, the adrenaline goes through the roof,” he admits. “After I sing the first line, it’s not me anymore. Fear is a very motivating factor, and just walking out on stage is such a rush. We played Blue Ash on July 4th a few years back, just outside Cincinnati, with an estimated crowd of over 100,000. You walk out and see heads forever. If you become complacent with that, there’s something wrong with you,” Platt says. “I still get nervous every show - is my voice going to be with me, will everyone like us, will we get through without technical problems. We always pull it off - this band is firing on all cylinders. The biggest compliment and one I’ve heard a few times is “wow, I wasn’t expecting it to be that good.”

When it comes to his favorite song to perform, Platt admits ‘Wayward Son’ is at the top of the list. “It’s the last song of the set and I get to watch everyone turn 18 years old again,” he says. “To see that, the audience gets so energized. That song has a powerful meaning to so many people, and I love everyone singing it with me.”

Music has a way of taking us back to a certain place, time or person. When asked what it is about a song that gives it that power, Ronnie Platt didn’t hesitate. “That’s exactly it,” he says. “It brings you back to the time you first heard that song. It’s always when you’re in your youth and times were simpler. It gives your mind a little reprieve. It’s the power of music, and I can’t think of anything else that can do that.”

In his spare time, Platt enjoys restoring his 1968 Corvette. “It’s my latest passion outside of music. I’ve been tearing it down and rebuilding it myself,” he says. “I’m doing everything myself, absolutely everything, and I’ve fallen in love with it. Thank God for YouTube but when it comes to corvettes, there’s so many clubs and videos pertaining to every series there is, how to repair this and restore that. On a side note, I was so diligent about taking the car apart and putting everything in the proper sequence,” Platt admits. “Now that I’ve watched so many videos, when I take something apart now, I throw it anywhere and I know where it goes,” he chuckles. “It’s been a great departure when you get frustrated to go and do something to occupy your mind.”

When asked what people might be surprised to know about him, Ronnie Platt wants fans to know that he’s not so different from anyone else. “I’m just a normal guy,” he says. “People might be surprised to see me cutting my lawn or watering my garden or being greasy up to my elbows from working on my Corvette. At home, I’m the plumber, electrician, carpenter, landscaper, etc.”

As for what he is most grateful for and what brings him the most joy in life, Platt quickly replied, “Surviving cancer. And, I’m grateful for the gift of music. It’s hard for me to wrap my mind around someone who doesn’t have music in their life.”

In closing this interview, Ronnie Platt extended a message to Kansas fans who will be attending the show at the West Virginia State Fair. “Be prepared to be swept away by amazing musicianship,” he says. “It’s really what this band has. Whenever people say, after a concert, they weren’t expecting it to be that good, that’s a tribute to the guys in this band right now. It’s over the top.”



Ronnie Platt. Photo credit Mark Schierholz



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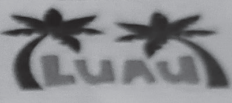


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Summers County Council on Aging August Menu

MENU AUGUST 2025				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1. PINTO BEANS COLLARD GREENS TOMATOES CORNBREAD MADRIN ORANGES MILK
4. BEFF STEAK W/MUSHROOMS&ONIONS CARROTS CORN WHEAT BREAD APPLESAUSE MILK	5. PORK CHOPS MASHED POTATOES GREEN BEANS WHEAT BREAD PEACHES MILK	6. TACO SALAD W/TORTILLA CHIPS APPLESAUCE MILK	7. HOT DOGS BAKED BEANS COLE SLAW BANANA MILK	8. SALMON PATTIES SPINACH CALIFORNIA BLEND VEGGIES WHEAT BREAD PEARS MILK
11. CHICKEN ALFREDO CORN PEAS WHEAT BREAD MIXED FRUIT MILK	12. COOKS CHOICE	13. LASAGNA TOSSED SALAD GARLIC BISCUIT APPLE JUICE MILK	14. FISH SANDWICH w/BUN GREEN BEANS COLE SLAW PEACHES MILK	15. CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS PEAS CORN WHEAT BREAD PEARS MILK
18. CHEF'S SALAD W/ HAM & TURKEY CROUTONS GRAPE JUICE MILK	19. MEATLOAF MASHED POTATOES GREEN BEANS WHEAT BREAD MIXED FRUIT MILK	20. HAMBURGER W/ LETTUCE & TOMATO OVEN ROASTED POTATOES MADRIN ORANGES MILK	21. CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH W/ LETTUCE & TOMATO MACARONI SALAD BAKED POTATO CHIPS MILK	22. CHICKEN TENDERS LIMA BEANS CARROTS WHEAT BREAD MIXED FRUIT MILK
25. BBQ PORK SANDWICH OVEN ROASTED POTATOES COLE SLAW PEACHES MILK	26. CHICKEN CARROTS MASHED POTATOES WHEAT BREAD MADRIN ORANGES MILK	27. TURKEY & CHEESE SANDWICH W/ LETTUCE & TOMATO PASTA SALAD PEARS MILK	28. SPAGHETTI TOSSED SALAD GARLIC BISCUIT PEARS MILK	29. TACOS W/ LETTUCE & TOMATO OVEN ROASTED POTATOES APPLE JUICE MILK
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Summers County Council on Aging August Activities

AUGUST 2025 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				1. TV SHOW BONANZA 10:00 A.M.
4. KATHYS CRAFTING CORNER 9:30 A.M. THROUGH THE BIBLE 10:00 A.M.	5. 9:30am WALK W/EASE 10:30am Bingo 11:AM NOMINATION FOR BOARD ELECTIONS 11:00 Active 4 Life LOCAL SHOPPING	6. 10:00 A.M. ARH Kelly Elkins Sun Education BIBLE Pastor Honaker 10:45 A.M.	7. 10:00 A.M. Nick & Buck LOCAL SHOPPING	8. 10:00 A.M. Hawaiian 
11. KATHYS CRAFTING CORNER 9:30 A.M. Steps to Healthier Living 10:00 A.M. BINGO	12. WV FAIR 9:30 A.M.  LOCAL SHOPPING	13. TAI CHI 9:30 A.M. QUILTERS CLUB - BASEMENT	14. 9:30AM BP/Glucose w/Liz & Janice 10:00am Kelly Miller MEDICARE REP. LOCAL SHOPPING	15. 10:00 am SENIOR CARE BIRTHDAY PARTY  BELTONE IN BASEMENT
18. KATHYS CRAFTING CORNER 9:30 A.M. THROUGH THE BIBLE 10:00 A.M.	19. 9:30 AM WALK W/EASE 10:00 A.M. BINGO 11:00AM ACTIVE 4 LIFE LOCAL SHOPPING	20. TAI CHI 9:30 A.M. BIBLE PASTOR TROUT 10:45 A.M.	21. 9:30 A.M DRUMS ALIVE 10:00 A.M. BINGO LOCAL SHOPPING	22. BINGOSIZE 10:00 A.M.
25. KATHYS CRAFTING CORNER 9:30 A.M. Steps to Healthier Living 10:00 A.M. BINGO	26. 9:30AM WALK W/EASE 11:00 SITE MEETING LOCAL SHOPPING	27. DRUMS ALIVE 10:00 A.M. QUILTERS CLUB - BASEMENT	28. 10:00 A.M. SING ALONG LOCAL SHOPPING	29. BINGOSIZE 10:00 A.M.
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Capito Statement on Rescissions Package

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Hinton News)— U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) issued the following statement on her vote to pass the rescissions package submitted by the Trump administration: “Senate Republicans have listened to the American people who want us to rein in spending,” **Senator Capito said.** “Senate Republicans re-

sponded by passing a rescissions package that eliminates wasteful spending, an important step towards getting America’s fiscal house back in order. The last four years saw example after example of misused taxpayer dollars. I am proud to support this legislation that takes a small but necessary step to rein in federal spending and save taxpayer dollars.

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A Peek into Summers County's Past: Earl Jones



Earl Jones. Photo provided by William Jones

William Jones
Hinton News

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - This week's piece has a bit of a more personal twist to it. Earl Jones was my great-grandfather and is the man you see here. I never had the opportunity to meet him as he lived in Clearwater, Florida, with his wife, my step-

great-grandmother Ruth Smith Jones.

An odd twist to the story occurred around 2006 when I came home with my best friend James Leftwich from college. His Uncle Steve happened to be there from Charleston and asked me if my Great Grandfather was Earl Jones.

I said yes, his son



Golf trophies. Photo provided by William Jones

Gene Jones was my grandfather. To keep a long story short, Earl married Ruth Smith. Ruth was James' great aunt, and lived in the Charleston area where he worked for the Greyhound Transport Company for years. Upon retirement they relo-

cated to Clearwater, Florida.

My grandfather Gene Jones passed away in 1991. His father Earl died in 1995 and his step mother Ruth passed in 2003. Over the years I have acquired several family mementos through

Steve and Richard Leftwich. They put me in touch with Ruth's niece Missy who also provided me with several items. As big of a history fanatic as I am I never put the connection together until then.

Among these items were various photos of Earl, his baby shoes, bible and other important documents such as his fathers funeral card whose name was Willard R. Jones. My fathers middle name is "Willard" and he never knew the importance of it until getting this document 6 years ago. His cufflinks and lighter were from the Greyhound Transport Company.

And his antique golf trophies, apparently, he was quite a prolific golfer. I found several articles in the newspaper archives about him and his golfing adventures. You see, he and Ruth would come home to Summers County on weekends as Ruth's family was from here. While here, he would

enter competitions at Willow Wood Country Club.

One such article was from The Leader in Hinton, WV, on June 3, 1948, titled "Charleston Golfer Wins By 7 Strokes." The first two paragraphs of this article tell me just how fantastic a golfer he was. "A bespectacled, middle-aged swinger from Charleston, Earl Jones by name, captured the second annual West Virginia Elks golf tournament at Hinton's Willow Wood Country Club yesterday."

"Jones, whose effortless swing and down-the-middle put him out front in the first round and drew a gallery of followers for the last 18 holes, fired nine-over-par 225 for the 54 holes. The trophies you see here are from his different golfing wins over his career. The large one, I am not sure about, as it is unmarked. However, the little trophy is marked "State Champion W. Va. B.P.O.E. 1948."

Travel Packages Now Available for 2025 Greenbrier Tip-Off



Hinton News Staff
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WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. (Hinton News) - Travel packages are now available for fans looking to join their favorite team at the 2025 Greenbrier

Tip-Off, set to take place Nov. 21-23 at The Greenbrier, the famed resort nestled in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains. Packages can be secured by visiting www.greenbriertipoff.com/travel.

Power conference programs Virginia, Butler, Northwestern, and South Carolina make up the four teams of the event's Mountain Division. Butler will face South Carolina and Northwestern takes on Virginia in games on Nov. 21, while Butler-Virginia and Northwestern-South Carolina make up the matchups for Nov. 23. Game times will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

With a seating capacity of just 1,000 inside Colonial Hall at The Greenbrier, at this time, the only way to guarantee game tickets to the 2025 Greenbrier Tip-Off Mountain Division is through event travel packages. Packages will include tickets to both of a selected team's games and hotel accommodations on the

property. Package buyers will have exclusive access to The Greenbrier's wide-ranging resort amenities, including world-class golf, fishing excursions, historical bunker tours, horseback riding, and fine dining. Ticket-only packages, based on availability, will go on sale September 17.

The Greenbrier has become synonymous with world-class, authentic, southern hospitality. Founded in 1778, The Resort is the premium vacation destination fit for any personality, from luxury shopping and dining experiences to championship-level golf and other outdoor adventures. In total, the resort features more than 55 indoor and outdoor activities, more than 35 retail shops, four golf courses, 20

dining and lounge venues, signature spa services, and an on-property casino on more than 11,000 acres. To discover more about the historic resort and to help plan your stay, visit www.greenbrier.com.

Even after just one season, national brands have aligned themselves with the high-profile

nature of the Greenbrier Tip-Off, including prominent partners Skechers and Pepsi.

For more information on the event and to receive email alerts regarding future event news, log on to www.greenbriertipoff.com and follow us on Twitter (X) and Instagram at @IntersportHoops.

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Bill Bell Takes Oath of Office



Bill Bell takes his oath

CHARLESTON, bride-to-be, Samantha, held a Bible. Bill Bell was appointed to represent the 8th Delegate District, which is made up of a portion of Doddridge and Tyler counties as well as part of Wetzel County. He will complete

the unexpired term of former Delegate David Kelly, R-Tyler.

Bell is a teacher who said he has made several visits to the House Chamber with his students and is looking forward to sharing his experience as a Del-

egate with his students as well.

"My students are why I'm here," Bell said.

His committee assignments and contact information will be listed on the West Virginia Legislature's website at a later date.

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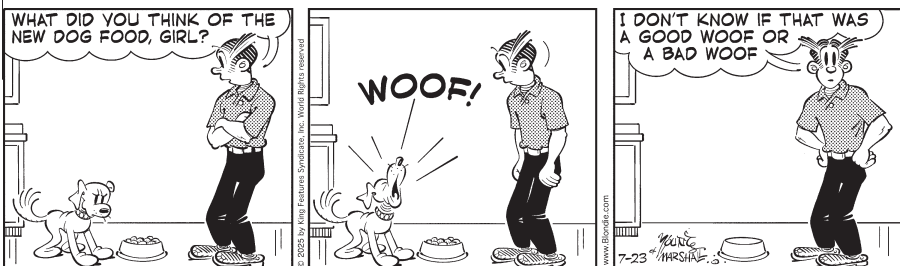


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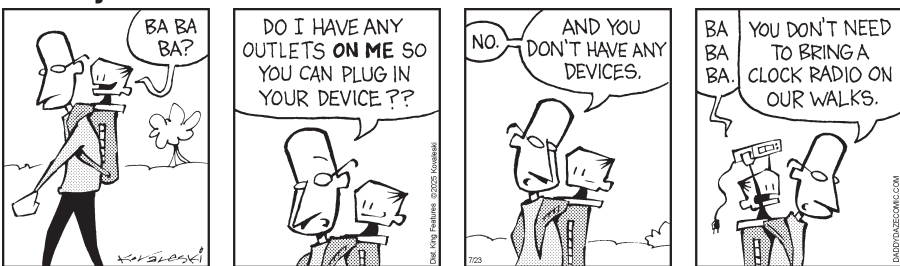
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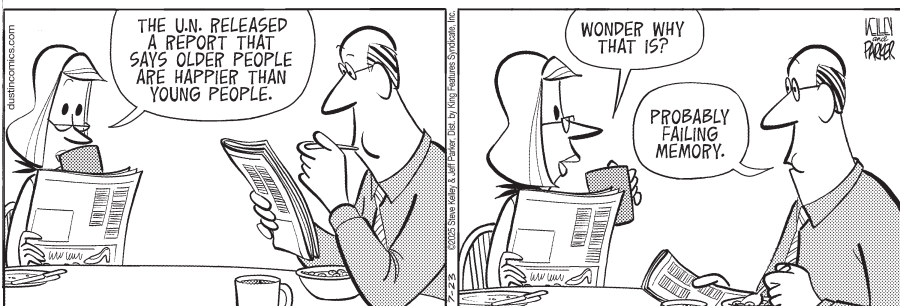
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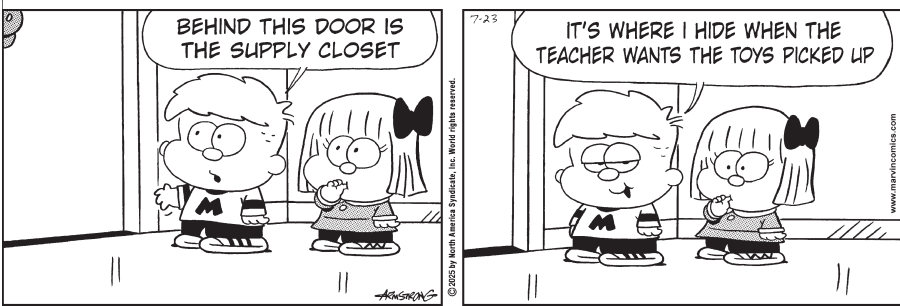
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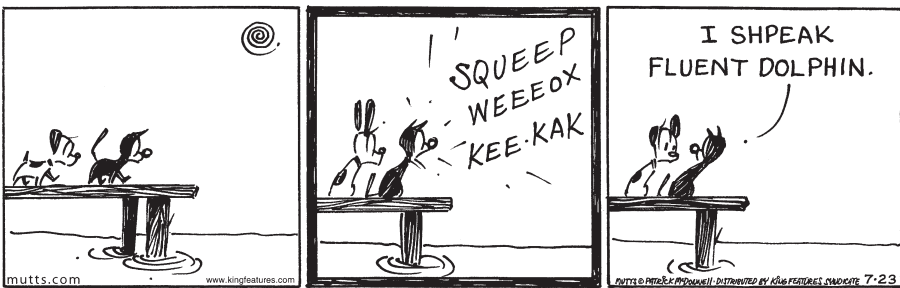
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ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

MOON ALERT: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in **CANCER**.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, July 23, 2025:
You're likable, fun-loving and helpful to others. You are a generous and loyal friend. Simplicity is the key to life this year. Take charge of your health. Physical exercise is important. You might explore martial arts or yoga. Stay grounded and levelheaded. It's time to construct and build external or internal structures.
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 you have energy to make improvements at home or within your family dynamic. Do what you can. Afterward, a surprise invitation to a social outing might be your reward. Parents should be extra vigilant about their kids today to avoid accidents. Tonight: Relax.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
4★ Reach out to others today with invitations to socialize. Make plans for lunch, dinner or happy

hour. Enjoy sports events or watch a movie. Carve out some time for fun with kids. Meanwhile, your home routine might change today. Stock the fridge. Tonight: Explanations.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
5★ Stay on your toes, because plans will change today. You might see new places and meet new faces. You also might have some brilliant ideas. Meanwhile, check your finances to see if you can pay for home improvements that you're considering. Tonight: Check your belongings.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
5★ Keep an eye on your money and assets today, because things are unpredictable. For example, you might find money; you might lose money. Be smart and guard your possessions against loss, theft or damage. Meanwhile, you feel independent and willing to work with others -- perhaps in a leadership role. Tonight: You're in charge.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
5★ Expect new encounters today that will give you greater insight into the world around you. People will enjoy your company because you're curious,

imaginative and quick-witted today. Something might change in your daily surroundings. Stay off your heels. Tonight: Solitude.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
4★ You have lots of energy to socialize with friends and groups today, and you might choose to do so. However, part of you wants to keep a low profile because you're dealing with something unexpected that makes you feel a bit hyper or distracted. Tonight: Be friendly.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
5★ This is a strong, popular day for you! You make an excellent impression of others, which is why they see you as successful and focused. Oh yes, people will listen to you. Meanwhile, a friend or a member of a group might surprise you, so be prepared. ("Pay no attention to that man behind the curtain.") Tonight: Show respect.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
4★ Today you feel independent and confident. However, be aware that relations with parents, bosses and the police might throw you a curveball. Therefore, keep your eyes open. Meanwhile, plans to travel or explore opportunities in pub-

lishing, medicine and the law look favorable. Tonight: Learn or study.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
5★ This is an exciting day for you. You might suddenly have a chance to travel or do something "different" that is stimulating. Obviously, this kind of thing is right up your alley. Oh yeah. You're ready to raise the money and resources you need to do what you want. Tonight: Check your finances.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
4★ Make friends with your bank account today, and keep an eye on your finances, because something unexpected could impact them. If so, you want to know. (You snooze; you lose.) Meanwhile, discussions with partners and close friends will be lively and energetic! Tonight: Listen.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
4★ You can accomplish a lot at work today. You also might make headway in dealing with issues related to your health or a pet. Meanwhile, a spouse, partner or close friend will probably surprise you in some way today. Or perhaps

SUDOKU PUZZLE

King Classic Sudoku

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(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Answer To Last Wednesday's Puzzle:

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- 5 "Wicked Women" author Weldon
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- 12 Pressing need
- 13 Time line period
- 14 Burden
- 15 Sun-bathing site
- 17 "Uh-uh"
- 18 Former U.N. leader Kofi
- 19 Mariners
- 21 Poet Ogden
- 24 Upper limb
- 25 Section
- 28 Henry VIII's Catherine
- 30 "I — Rock"
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- 34 Maestro Mehta
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- 36 Romance

37 "Step —!"

- 38 Barking critter
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- 46 Heroic sled dog
- 50 Hearty quaffs
- 51 Farm alarms
- 54 Swiss-born painter Paul
- 55 TV alien (Fr.)
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- 57 Corn servings
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Last Wednesday's Answer (Answers Next Wednesday)

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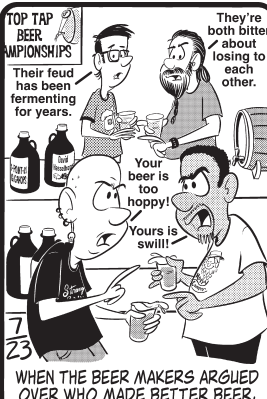
THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

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Answer "here":



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

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Last Wednesday's Answers: Jumbles: FRONT WIDTH DIGEST UNEASY Answer: They sold lemonade all throughout the day until deciding to — STAND DOWN

you'll meet someone new who is a real character. (Actually, you love characters.) Tonight: Work.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
5★ Keep your eyes open at work today, because something unexpected might catch you off guard. Equipment breakdowns and technological problems, including computer glitches, might occur. Maintain your cool. Meanwhile, this is a great day to socialize and have fun! Accept invitations

to party. Enjoy sports and fun outings with kids. Tonight: Socialize.
BORN TODAY
Actor Daniel Radcliffe (1989), actor, writer, producer Marlon Wayans (1972), actor Woody Harrelson (1961)
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LEGAL NOTICE

TRUSTEE’S SALE
OF VALUABLE
REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in it by that certain Deed of Trust dated February 26, 2020, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Summers County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 297, at Page 651, Treston L. Treadway did convey unto Andrew C. Skinner, Trustee, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Pill & Pill, PLLC as Substitute Trustee by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk’s Office; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Summers County Courthouse, in Hinton, West Virginia, on

August 14, 2025,
at 9:46 AM

The following described real estate, with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the Green Sulphur District, Summers County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows: All of the following described real estate, together with the buildings and improvements located thereon, and the rights-of-way, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate, lying and being in Green Sulphur District, County of Summers, State of West Virginia, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point set, a 5/8” steel rebar and cap being a point on the southerly edge of West Virginia Route 20 and being a point on the easterly edge of a 15’ wide right-of-way and being a corner to Judy Thomas; thence with said Thomas and said 15’ wide right-of-way, S. 20° 10’ W. 18.86 feet to an 8” post; thence S. 20° 10’ W. 18.86 feet to an 8” post; Thence S. 20° 10’ W. 31.14 feet; thence S. 20° 10’ W. 164.12 feet to a gate post; thence S. 14° 16’ W. 300.13 feet to a fence post on the bank of Coon Creek; thence S. 19° 24’ W. 9.59 feet to a point in the center of said Coon Creek; thence leave said Thomas and with said Coon Creek, N. 84° 17’ W. 12.92 feet to a point in the center of said Coon Creek being a corner to Kathy Gill; thence leave said Coon Creek and with said Gill, N. 03° 01’ E. 13.08 feet to a point set, a 5/8” steel rebar and cap; thence N. 03° 24’ E. 274.68 feet to a point found, a 5/8” steel rebar being a corner to Dale S. Vandall Sr.; thence leave said Gill and with said Vandall, N. 03° 27’ E. 77.63 feet to a roof bolt; thence N. 03° 27’ E. 42.12 feet to a 1/2” steel rebar; thence N. 21° 43’ E. 127.30 feet to a culvert being a point on the southerly edge of said Route 20; thence leave said Vandall and with said Route 20, S. 74° 38’ E. 95.96 feet to the place of beginning. Said tract of land contains 0.77 acres of land more or less as surveyed by Jeffery J. Chambers, PS in March of 2019, as shown on a map or plat or surveyed entitled “Lands of June Vance Groves & The Walter R. Lorenz & Mynda V. Lorenz Trust”, recorded herewith and incorporated herein by reference, and designated as tract “A” thereon. This conveyance is made expressly subject to that certain 15’ wide right-of-way running down the eastern boundary of the above-described tract of land, as shown on the aforesaid map or plat of survey, which is reserved for ingress and egress to and from tract “B” as also shown thereon, and a portion of which such right-of-way is also used for ingress and egress to and from an adjoining tract of land as

likewise shown thereon.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 17631 North State Route 20, Meadow Bridge, WV 25976.

AND BEING the same real estate which was conveyed to Treston L. Treadway, by Deed dated January 3, 2020, from June Vance Groves, Walter R. Lorenz and Mynda V. Lorenz, and Settlers and Co-Trustees of the Walter R. Lorenz and Mynda V. Lorenz Trust established March 4, 1997, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Summers County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 268, at Page 697.

The above-described property will be sold subject to any covenants, restrictions, easements, leases and conditions of record, and subject to any unpaid real estate taxes.

The subject property will be sold in “AS IS” condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

TERMS: Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price as a deposit with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale. Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee /s/ Richard A. Pill, Member P. O. Box 440, 85 Aikens Center, Martinsburg, WV 25404 Phone (304) 263-4971, Fax (304) 267-5840, Email: foreclosures@pillwvlaw.com (23,30j16ag)



Dear Recycle Lady,

Do you recycle odd and various shapes and kinds of batteries? If not, do you know anybody else in the Lewisburg area or Greenbrier County who does take batteries for recycling? Thanks for your help!

Hopeful

Dear Hopeful,

The Recycle Center in Ronceverte only accepts car batteries, lawn mower batteries and rechargeable large batteries, such as cordless tools. It does not accept alkaline batteries, which include AA, AAA, C, D and 9-volt batteries.

However, the good news is that TerraCycle offers the recycling of 10 pounds of alkaline batteries for \$44. They will send you an UN-certified container with a Life Latch lid, a poly liner, tie, instructions, terms and conditions and a pre-paid return shipping label. They also send tape for covering the battery terminals as required by DOT regulations. Be sure to weigh the container before mailing, as its weight must not exceed 10 pounds. TerraCycle is known for recycling

Dear Recycle Lady

hard-to-recycle items. They have free recycling for 111 products, which keeps a lot of hard-to-recycle items out of the landfill. The Recycle Center participates in their free recycling of toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and floss containers which is sponsored by Colgate Oral Products. “TerraCycle is working to eliminate the idea of waste.” They have been developing recycling solutions for over 20 years, have over 40,000 clients with recyclers in more than 20 countries. For more information, see TerraCycle.com. It is a fascinating program and makes for interesting reading.

Dear Recycle Lady,

This spring I put in a new flower bed, so I now have lots of empty, black plastic pots for plants. They have a recycle symbol with a #5 in it. Can these pots from nurseries be recycled? **Gardener**

Dear Gardener,

Unfortunately, black plastic pots cannot be recycled, but they can be reused. Locally, Lowe’s accepts all used plastic pots and plant containers. Take them

to the outside area just beyond the flow-ers and put them on the shelves. After these used pots and containers are cleaned and disinfected, they will be reused in preparing the next year’s plants and flowers for sale. A great example of a circular economy.

Dear Recycle Lady,

What is green methanol? **Not a Chemist**

Dear Not a Chemist,

According to free-theocean.com, green methanol is a cutting-edge fuel extracted from food waste in landfills. (This process is similar to the one at the Raleigh County landfill that generates enough electricity to heat 2,400 homes in the Beckley area by processing methane captured from their landfill.)

The shipping giant Maersk is a pioneer in green methane-based fuel, an eco-friendly fuel that can reduce emissions from the ship by 65%–70%. In 2024, Maersk embarked on its first voyage powered by green methanol. According to esgroday.com, this was the world’s first

carbon-neutral methanol-fueled container ship.

Kudos to Maersk, which has ordered 25 more of its current vessels to be retrofitted to run on green methanol. Globally, shipping companies are working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution in ports, as they contribute approximately a billion tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂) annually. Green methanol is one way they can reduce their carbon footprint.

Kudos to Emily Shirey, who has helped the WSS Girl Scout Troop, Greenbrier County 4-H campers, Eastern Greenbrier County Girl Scouts and the Lewisburg Girl Scouts all earn a Trex bench by sorting and recycling 1,000 pounds of plastic film. Hurrahs for all the Scouts and campers that participated.

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.

WV Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame to Induct New Members

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) – The West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame (WVAFHOF) Foundation will recognize the 2025 class of inductees on Saturday, July 19 during a reception and awards banquet at Jackson’s Mill. Each inductee was selected for this honor for their outstanding contributions to the establishment, development, advancement, and improvement of agriculture, forestry, and family life in West Virginia.

“These nine men and women show us each day what it means to serve others. Whether they’re in their fields or barns, growing food to put on our tables; in the woods managing our forests for the next generation; or working with our youth to mold active, responsible, and successful leaders; they have all made extraordinary contributions to the state of West Virginia. The WVAFHOF banquet is a time to honor them and let them know their contributions have made our state a better place to live,” said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt.

The 2025 WVAFHOF Inductees Are:

Paul Lakin Cummings (dec.) - Agriculture (Roane County) Paul grew up on his family’s farm near Walton. He received his degree in Agriculture Education and later a master’s in Vocational Education. He spent most of his career as the Ag-Ed teacher at Walton/Roane County High School. Paul’s passion was production agriculture. His students excelled in their SAE’s, and during his career, his students won 58 state FFA proficiency awards and one national proficiency. In his free time, he ran an active adult farmers

program aimed at helping others succeed. Paul retired from teaching in 2006 but continued to farm until his passing in 2019.

Charles Randall “Randy” Dye (dec.) - Forestry (Wood County) Randy was born and raised in Parkersburg and graduated from WVU with a degree in Forestry. He spent two decades as a forester in land management in GA, NC, and VA. In 1999, he returned to West Virginia when he was appointed Director of the Division of Forestry. He was an active member of the National Association of State Foresters and served two consecutive terms as the group’s President. Randy made an effort to spend time in the field with his foresters and was a vocal advocate for best management practices. Randy retired in 2017 after 18 years with the state. He passed away in 2024.

Robert M. Garrison - Forestry (Doddridge County) Robert spent his formative years in Doddridge County and graduated from the WVU School of Forestry in 1973. Early in his career, he worked for Georgia-Pacific and Coastal Lumber Company. In 2011, he decided to open his own consulting company. Robert is known in the industry as an expert in forest management. He was instrumental in the passage of the WV Logging Sediment Control Act of 1992. He is a Past-President of the WV Forestry Association.

James R. Hays - Forestry (Upshur County) Jim grew up in St. Albans and went to WVU, but the Vietnam War cut his studies short. He served in the U.S. Army, receiving a National Defense Service Medal and a Vietnam Service Medal with

four Bronze Stars. After his service, he finished his degree and began working for the West Virginia Division of Forestry (WV DOF) as a Forestry Aide, Service Forester, State Lands Management Forester, and District 3 Forester. Jim retired from the WV DOF in 2005 and began working as a private consultant for Sentinal Forestry Service. His colleagues say his work ethic and dedication to sustainable forest management are second to none.

William E. & Helen J. (Schmidt) McClain - Family Life (Lewis County) William and Helen were both born and raised in Lewis County. Their parents instilled the importance of community involvement and service to others. The pair met, fell in love, and married in 1970. They own and operate Stoney Meadows, a fourth-generation farm. Helen has been an active member of the Vandalia Community Education Outreach Service (CEOS) for 54 years and has served as a 4-H club leader for more than four decades. Both are active members of the WV Farm Bureau, the WV Cattlemen’s Assoc., and their local Conservation District. Now retired, the Phillips continue to farm and continue to inspire others to be servant leaders.

Dr. Ruthellen Phillips - Family Life (Monongalia County) Ruthellen has dedicated her career to the families, youth, and communities of West Virginia. In her work with WVU Extension, she has tirelessly focused on programs to improve the lives of others. Her greatest legacy is the award-winning Energy Express, the country’s only statewide, reading-focused summer learning program. She

has also been a champion in supporting and developing Extension faculty. She has a long list of awards and accolades from local, state and national organizations.

Virgil Wilkins - Agriculture (Wetzel County) For more than a half century, Virgil taught, mentored, and made a difference in the lives of countless young men and women of Wetzel County as an Agriculture Education teacher and FFA advisor at Hundred High School. He emphasized hands-on learning, from the program’s Ham, Bacon and Egg sale to the school’s community garden and greenhouse. His numerous awards include: Southern States Leadership Award (1983), Milken Educator Award (1990), National FFA VIP

(2014), and Layle D. Lawrence Lifetime Achievement Award (2024).

David J. Workman - Agriculture (Hardy County) David grew up with a passion for agriculture. He attended WVU and graduated with a degree in Agriculture. He was hired as a 4-H Agent, working with the youth of Hardy County and promoted to Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent where he conducted ground-breaking and award-winning research on heat recovery in broiler houses. He also helped write Best Management Practices (BMP) for the poultry industry. David retired from Extension in 2018 and was elected to the Hardy County Commission where he is currently serving his second term in office.

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The Hillbilly Storyteller: Reluctant Warrior

The Hillbilly Storyteller

I live in the Appalachian Mountains. I am 12 years old. I am a hillbilly. And my dad said, “Be proud of it.” My dad calls me “Sureshot”. When we came up in this part of the country to see my aunt the big deal is to go to the country store with my dad and listen to all the old stories. After about 3 hours I get bored. I usually walk around and look at stuff. This time there was a bird’s nest in a tree that I was looking at.

There was a large porch on the store that wrapped around it. There was 2 ladies talking to each other. I could hear what they was saying. One said, “Just look at that old bum over there looking in the trash can.” The other one said, “He makes me sick. Look how dirty he is.”

The old ladies left. I was watching an old robin feed her babies on a tree limb beside the porch. About that time my dad came out and said, “Let’s go and get us something to eat.”

As dad went in to get a snack to eat, the old man that had been looking in the trash can walked by the porch. I spoke but he did not say nothing back. He looked awful sad. He disappeared over the bank by the railroad track.

Dad came out with a Nehi pop and a cherry pie – the dessert of my life. I love it. I was telling my dad about the old man and what the ladies said about him. I always heard that he was in World War II and that he was one of the ones that was on the front lines in many of the battles. My dad said, “If it wasn’t for people like him we wouldn’t be free in this world right now.”

The old man looked like a skeleton of a man he was so thin and his face looked like the weight of the world was on him. My dad said, “We don’t know what he went through in the war.” Before he left for the war it was told that his father had died when he was a child. And his mother was not well. My dad said, “You cannot judge a book by its cover. There is more

to a man than what he looks like on the outside.”

I said, “Dad, where does this old man live?” Dad said, “In a little shack down by the railroad tracks.”

I have an aunt that lives about a mile from here. Dad said, “We are going to go see her.” I jumped up and down and said, “Good.”

She was very happy to see us. She hadn’t seen us in a year. My aunt told my dad, “Next year you are going to leave Sureshot here with me for a month.” I got so excited I fell out of my chair. I really liked my aunt. We lived in town and I loved the country. My dad said, “Maybe.”

As the year went by I was getting very excited and the big day finally come. As my dad was leaving, he said, “Do everything that your aunt tells you to do. I won’t tolerate you not minding. So if I hear anything about you not doing what you are told I will be here to get you that every day.” The rest of the day I was busy investigating all the out buildings and creeks and ground hog holes.

Aunt said, “We are going to the store tomorrow to pick up some stuff we need.” She sure was a good cook. She could make anything taste good. The next day we walked down to the store. It took about 10 to 15 minutes. Aunt walked slow. If she wasn’t with me I could have walked the whole way in no more than 8 minutes.

I told Aunt I was going to stay on the porch and listen to the old men tell the stories. She said, “Good.” I was watching 2 dogs that got into a fight. Suddenly the old man that I had seen last year looking into the trash can came up and yelled at the dogs and got them separated. I heard him say, “Life is too short to be fighting all the time.”

The old people sitting on the porch telling their stories had stopped talking when the dogs were fighting. Now they went right back to telling their stories. One of them said, “I wish I could get him to come and talk to us. I have tried for years. But

he says the same thing he always says – maybe next time.” He then said, “I knew some of his kin. They said he got drafted into the war. His mother died but he was on the front lines and could not come home to say goodbye to her. That bothered him. He has been through a lot and we really really don’t know what all he has been through. All we know is that if it wasn’t for people like the old man this country would not be free. I respect him very much.”

About that time Aunt came out of the store and said, “Let’s go home.” As we was walking along I asked her about the old man. She said, “He absolutely is not a bum. The war is stuck in his head and he can’t get it out. He needs therapy. He needs a friend that he can tell his side of the story to and get it out of his head. He may have had to kill people. We don’t know the truth. He just needs to get it out of his mind so he can get some peace.”

We had work to do around the yard and around the garden and a few days went by. Aunt said, “We will go down to the store tomorrow.” As we reached the store I told Aunt I was going to see if I could see the old man. I don’t know what his name is. Aunt said, “His name is Houston Bragg.”

As we got to the store I saw him in a little park like area sitting on the ground beside a bench. He was talking to the two dogs, one on each said of him. It was the 2 dogs that were in the fight the last time. I walked over where he was at. I was scared to death. I finally got enough nerve up. I said, “How are you Houston?” I caught him by surprise. He looked a hole through me. Finally I said to him, “You got 2 good looking dogs here.” He said, “These dogs don’t belong to me but they are fine dogs.” Then the old man looked at me and said, “Who are you?” I said, “I live with my aunt right now. Her name is June Gill.” The old man’s eyes lit up. He said, “I knew her father. He was a good man.” I said, “That was my grandfather.” Houston just smiled at me.

I said, “I’ll see you the next time I come to the store.”

As I got back to the store all the old men were on the porch. One said, “He talked to you more today than he ever has to us all of our lives. What did you say to him?” I said, “I called him by his name. His name is Houston Bragg. I just talked to him with kindness and told him I would come back and talk to him the next time I came to the store.” One of the little old drew up men who was so interested in Houston said, “I would like to go with you next time you talk to him.” I said, “That would be fine.”

I told my aunt what was going on. I got to thinking – maybe he talked to me because I was just a kid 13 years old. He knew I would not ask him about the war. About that time Aunt said, “The next time I need something from the store you go by yourself. You are a big boy and you know how to get there.”

The next day I went down to the store. The man that wanted to go with me to talk to Houston was on the porch. I asked him what his name was. He said it was Bill. I said, “Bill, this is very important. Do not bring anything up about the war. Let him bring it up if he wants to.” Bill said, “I will not say one word about the war.” I then said, “I think he likes to be called by his name instead of ‘old man’. So just call him Houston.”

We finally saw him. He was laying on the park bench. As we walked up the 2 dogs began to bark. Houston looked at the dogs and

said, “You boys be still.” And they did. I introduced my friend. I said, “Houston, this is my friend Bill. He is a good friend of mine. We just like to pass the time by talking.”

Bill said, “You got 2 good looking dogs here with you.” Houston said, “These dogs are not mine but they sure are good looking.” Bill talked kind to Houston. Bill said, “Would you drink a pop if I send this boy to get one?” Houston said, “Yes I would. I like root beer.” Bill told me to go in the store and get 3 pops and to tell the store keeper that he would be in later to pay. As I got to the porch the old men ganged up on me. They all wanted to know everything. I told them to wait until Bill got done talking and he could tell them every bit of it.

As I got back to Bill and Houston they was so busy talking they didn’t even realized I had walked up. The pop sure was good. I knew my Aunt would be worried about what was taking me so long so I told them I had to leave. As I was leaving Houston hollered out and said, “The next time you come to town be sure and come talk to us.” I said, “I will.” I told my aunt what was going on. She said, “I am sure proud of you for all you are doing to get the old man to open up.”

A few days later my aunt said, “It sure is getting hot. Why don’t you go down to the store and get us some pop?” I knew she was doing it just so I could go down and talk to Houston again.

When I got down to the store I did not see Houston no where. I

looked in the park. Finally on the other side of the park on a bench I thought I saw Houston. The person turned and looked at me and I wasn’t sure but then Bill was sitting beside him. Houston had cleaned hisself up. It changed his looks so much I didn’t hardly recognize him.

Bill was talking about hunting. I stood back and just listened. I did my heart good to hear Houston talk. I said, “Houston, how are you?” He said, “Thanks to you I’ve got a good friend that I can talk to.” Bill said, “Houston told me about the war.” I was very surprised. Houston said, “It was good to get it out of my mind. It had been stuck there too long. It was eating me up alive. I told Bill about what was going on. It was like a load lifted off me. I did just what I had to do. Not what I wanted to do. I could not talk about it until now. Bill is a great listener. It has done me good. He is the best help I could have got.”

Then Houston said to me, “I heard your aunt on the porch the other day call you Sureshot. I would like to know why.” I said, “My dad called me that because I miss everything I shoot at.” At that time Bill and Houston had a big laugh at me.

The last time I seen Houston he was right in the middle of a story on the porch and all the old men were eating it up.

Moral of the story – my dad told me you cannot judge a book by its cover. I say you can judge a book after you read the first page. You want to continue or you lay it down.

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Churches of Christ in the New Testament

(For the next few weeks, we will be examining the church of Christ. Since many religious people are not aware of the beginning of the church of Christ, we will look at some of those congregations described in the New Testament. Jesus Christ asked His apostles in Matthew 16 who the people thought He was. Then He asked them who they thought He was. Peter said in verse 16: “Thou are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied to Peter in verse 18 by telling him “...upon this rock (the fact Jesus was the Christ) I will build my church.

We know Christ succeeded in His plan, because in Acts 20 Paul told the Ephesian elders in verse 28 to feed the church of God, which He purchased with His own blood. According to Ephesians 5:25 Christ gave Himself for the church. We know the saved are in the church because in Acts 2:47, the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Let’s look at some of the congregations of Christ’s church we find described in the scriptures. Let’s see if the church with which I assemble is like these churches.)

Philippi: A Church To Be Thankful For (Part 1) by Jeff Asher

“I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ” (Phil. 1:3-6).

One of the greatest joys an evangelist has is a church for which he can be truly thankful. It is a great encouragement to a preacher to know there are brethren who will come to his aid in times of distress or persecution. It renews the spirit to feel the weight of the daily burdens lightened by the helping hands of loving saints of like precious faith.

Zealous To Support Paul

The Philippian brethren were ardent supporters of the apostle from the first day (Phil. 1:5). How different they were from the Corinthians from whom Paul received nothing though he gave them his all (2 Cor. 11:7-10; 12:14-17). These brethren supported Paul in Philippi (Acts 16:15), at Thessalonica (Phil. 4:16), in Achaia at Athens and Corinth (Phil. 4:15; Acts 17:13-16) and in the imperial prison at Rome (Phil. 1:7; 4:14-19). They supported Paul out of there “deep poverty” while undergoing a “great trial of affliction” (2 Cor. 8:2). Evangelists ought to be grateful for what they receive from the brethren.

While what the evangelist receives is earned (2 Cor. 11:8), it is no less a matter of generosity and sacrifice on the part of the brethren. They work, they earn and they have bills, needs and wants. Yet, they give. They could have more for themselves if they gave less, but their commitment to Christ is greater than their desires for additional comforts and pleasures (Phil. 1:6; 4:10; 2 Cor. 9:8-11).

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