

Alderson Man Charged with Child Pornography Possession After Joint Investigation



Robert Bond Sipos

ALDERSON W.Va. (Hinton News) — Following an extensive joint investigation and a search warrant conducted by the Greenbrier County Sheriff’s Department and the West Virginia State Police Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, Robert Bond Sipos, 62, of Snake Run, Alderson, has been charged with possession of child pornography. Sergeant D. Vaught of the Greenbrier County Sheriff’s Office is the lead investigator. The investigation resulted in Sipos being formally charged and subsequently taken into custody. His bond was set at \$75,000. Both agencies remain committed to safeguarding children and holding individuals accountable for crimes involving the exploitation of minors. Additional details regarding the investigation will be released as appropriate and in accordance with ongoing legal proceedings. Sheriff Bart Baker would like to caution parents to closely monitor what their children are doing on the internet. He said, “Predators use the internet and social media platforms to gain access to children. Our children are our most precious resource and must be protected. If you target our children, we will target you! The Greenbrier County Sheriff’s Office is dedicated to protecting our youth and will work tirelessly to find those who harm or exploit them and put those perpetrators in prison.”

Meet Matt Butler: Building a Business on Quality and Hard Work



Lisa Abshire
Hinton News

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - If there was one thing Matt Butler was certain of, it was that he was ready for more. More responsibility. More

of everything life had to offer. It was in those moments that he knew he wanted to start his own business. Butler said he started his business in March and has been going strong

ever since. He explained how he had learned to do many different things over the years that have aided in the start of his business. One day, Butler decided he didn’t want to keep starting over at another full-time job. That’s when he knew that his love of doing odd jobs and handyman-type work was going to be turned into a business he could grow into something to rely on. Something to build and depend on. Offering garbage clean-up, grass cutting,hauling vehicles away, working on vehicles, and sometimes buying items for scrap, Butler wants to be the go-to service for Summers County. The 27-year-old says he won’t rule out expanding his business if the need arises. Butler said that one thing he really enjoys about his business is getting to meet new people. He went on to say his goal is to provide quality services and show the people of Summers County that there are still decent, honest, hardworking people out there. Be sure to give Butler’s Job Services a call to see how he can help you. He can be reached on Facebook.

Fritz’s Pharmacy in Alderson to Close Permanently July 31 After 40 Years



Photo courtesy of Fritz’s Pharmacy Facebook page

Rebecca Stalnaker
Hinton News

ALDERSON W.Va.

(Hinton News) — Fritz’s Pharmacy, a staple in Greenbrier and surrounding counties for four decades, will permanently close its doors on July 31. Owner Fritz announced the difficult decision, citing financial impossibilities largely due to reimbursement policies from major Medicare D providers. In a letter shared with the community, Fritz expressed gratitude for the support received over the past 40 years, acknowledging “the opportunity, the guidance, and great and dedicated employees..... all of which I will be forever grateful.” However, he noted that the “pharmacy business has become a commodity, not a service,” explaining a significant reduction in profits from prescriptions. He detailed losses ranging from approximately 20% on certain prescriptions (up to \$40 on inhalers and insulins) to less than \$1 or \$5 on others, and only a \$10 profit on mostly WV Medicaid prescriptions. Fritz stated that his “40+ years of experience” in the field proved “futile” in his attempts to keep the small-town pharmacy open, leading to

frustration and disappointment, particularly due to the practices of Humana, Aetna, and other Medicare D providers. To ensure continuity of care, all prescription information and inventory from Fritz’s Pharmacy will be transferred to Greenbrier Medical Arts Pharmacy in Fairlea on Friday, Aug. 1. Prescriptions will then be available for pickup starting Monday, Aug. 4, at the new location. For customers with prescriptions due in the last week of July, Fritz advises calling Greenbrier Medical Arts Pharmacy on Monday or Tuesday to arrange pickup on Wednesday (July 30) or Thursday (July 31). Rick Leatherman, RPh, a Ferrum College graduate hired by Fritz in the mid-1990s, has agreed to fill prescriptions at Greenbrier Medical Arts Pharmacy, promising the “same ‘hometown’ service.” Pharmacy staff members Jake and Priscilla will also be at the new location to assist with the transition. The new phone number for Greenbrier Medical Arts Pharmacy is 304-647-5121. The closure is being felt as a “huge loss for the community.”

West Virginia State Fair: A Century of Memories, Traditions, and Future Excitement

Lisa Abshire
Hinton News

FAIRLEA W.Va. (Hinton News) - As a small girl, I remember that nothing was more exciting than knowing it was time for the State Fair of West Virginia. My earliest memory is of being carried across the Talcott Bridge because it was under construction. My mom and I were meeting my aunt Ruth on the other end to go to the Fair. Back in those days, there were steps to climb to get to a

walkway over into the fairgrounds. The cement ramp and walkway. Now you have the tunnel that doesn’t involve any upward climb. There

wasn’t any black top over in the fairgrounds years ago. I vividly remember my Dad telling me about a year when it poured rain and people were stepping out of their shoes because they became stuck in the mud. I remember when, in the 70s, there was a tram-



COMMUNITY OBITUARIES



Brenda Ellen Lilly
“Mama Bear”
“Nana” “Aunt B”

Brenda Ellen Lilly, 76, of Winchester, VA, passed away on Friday, July 18, 2025, peace-

fully at her home, surrounded by her loved ones.

Brenda was born in 1949 in Hinton, WV, the daughter of the late Ernest and Elsie Lilly. She graduated from Hinton High School. For 15 years, Brenda worked in the accounting department for Real Title and then went to work for Walker Title, where she gained the title Assistant Vice President. She was a lifetime friend and past member of Jumping Branch Tabernacle Church in Jumping Branch, WV.

Brenda enjoyed all holidays, but most of all, Christmas. She wanted to throw a party for any occasion; she loved celebrating birthdays and milestones of everyone. She also loved shopping and traveling, especially to the Outer Banks.

Brenda’s strong faith, along with her strong will, allowed her to survive over 18 years after her initial diagnosis of cancer in 2007. When she was diagnosed, she had a goal of watching her grandchildren graduate high school. She even saw them graduate

college and start families of their own. She beamed with joy every time a new great-grandchild was born.

She loved everyone she ever met and had a heart of gold. Brenda was a beacon of light to so many.

Brenda is survived by her husband, Donald “Don” Ray Lilly, whom she married on October 21, 1967; son, Rob Lilly (Teresa); daughter, Kristi Piottter (Jeff); grandchildren, Robbie (April), Brennan (Kaitlin), Ashley (Travis), Karley, Adam, and Lo-

gan; great-grandchildren, Audrey, Skylar, Jaxton, Carter, Caden, Avery, Oakleigh, and Saylor; sister, Anna Breese (Kevin); brother, Gary Lilly (Marilyn); sisters-in-law, Joyce Lilly and Ginger Lilly; and many cousins and nieces and nephews, many who considered her a second Mom.

In addition to her parents, Brenda is preceded in death by her daughter, Baby Lisa Ellen Lilly; sisters, Lou Stricker (the late Cliff), Baby Susie Lilly; and brothers, Roger Lilly, David Lilly,

and Alvin Lilly.

Brenda’s Celebration of Life Service will be held on October 18, 2025, at 1 p.m. at The Jumping Branch Tabernacle in Jumping Branch, WV.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Brenda to Blue Ridge Care, 333 W. Cork St., Suite 405, Winchester, VA 22601.

Please visit obituaries and tribute wall at ompsfuneralhome.com.

Information submitted by Omps Funeral Home in Winchester, VA.

State Fair of West Virginia to Celebrate 100 Years with Expanded 2025 Fair

FAIRLEA W.Va. (Hinton News) – The State Fair of West Virginia is set to celebrate its 100th anniversary from August 7-16, 2025, promising an expanded array of entertainment, agricultural showcases, and family-friendly activities.

Concert Lineup: The 2025 Grandstand concert series features a diverse range of artists:

- August 7: T-Pain
- August 8: Kansas & 38 Special
- August 9: Buckin’ B Bull Ride with special guest Cole Goodwin
- August 10: Zach Top
- August 11: Cornell Gunter’s Coasters, The Drifters, & The Platters
- August 12: Nate Smith with special guest Preston Cooper
- August 13: Wyatt Flores with special guest Kashus Culpepper
- August 14: Lauren Daigle with special

guest Frannie Cash

August 15: Jeff Dunham

August 16: Miranda Lambert

Daily Entertainment & Attractions:

Beyond the main concerts, the fair offers a wide range of daily attractions:

Sea Lion Splash: Featuring sea lions performing tricks and dances.

Swiftly Swine Racing Pigs: Pigs race for an Oreo cookie prize, reaching speeds of 15 mph.

The Moogician: A dairy-themed magic show with “magical cow-medy”.

Catherine Hickland Comedy Hypnosis: An entertaining and family-friendly comedic hypnosis show.

Hot Glass Academy: Live glassblowing demonstrations.

Oregon Trail Dis-

play: An interactive campsite display demonstrating life on the 1849 Oregon Trail and the importance of oxen.

Farm Credit Dairy Birthing Center: Offers the chance to witness the live birth of calves.

Farm to Food Pavilion: Provides agricultural education for children in grades K-5.

TAHOE Antique Tractors: A display by a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving farm machinery history.

Fiber Arts Network: Daily demonstrations and instruction on various fiber arts like weaving, spinning, and fiber processing.

Special Events & Daily Highlights:

August 8 (Governor’s Day): Features performances by

Chance and Tessa McCoy, and Chad Nickel and The Loose Change.

August 9: Includes Youth Barrels & Poles, Youth Show, and High School & Youth Rodeo²⁵. Fireworks display at 10:30 PM.

August 10 (11th Annual Car Show): Takes place on the Main Grounds from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Also includes a Church Service at the UScellular Center Stage.

August 11 (Community in Schools Supply Drive): Bring three different school or hygiene supplies for reduced admission and carnival rides²⁹. This day also features the Next Big Fair Food Contest ³⁰and an Unclaimed Property Auction.

August 14 (WV Day): A celebration of the fair’s 100th anniversary.

August 15: Draft

Horse Pull at the Grandstand at 9:00 AM and a special drone show at 10:00 PM.

August 16: Fireworks at 10:30 PM.

General Information: Gates open daily at 8:00 AM and close at 11:00 PM³⁶. Carnival rides operate from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM³⁷. The West Virginia Building will host cooking demonstrations, home, arts, and garden competitions, food contests, kid activities, and crafts daily from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM³⁸.

Ticketing Information:

Advance Discount Price (June 1 - July 28 at noon): Adult Gate Admission (ages 11+) is \$10.00. Mega Pass (11 AM - 11 PM every day) is \$30.00 + tax. Carnival Ride Ticket Sheets (15 tickets) are \$10.00 + tax.

Fair Week Price (Starting July 28 at midnight): Adult Gate Admission is \$15.00.

Children 10 and under receive free admission every day.

Daily Specials include:

Thursday, August 8 (Opening Day): \$10.00 admission (ages 11+), \$25.00 ride special.

Tuesday, August 12 (Dollar Day): \$1.00 admission (ages 11+), \$20.00 ride special.

Thursday, August 14 (WV Day): \$5.00 admission.

August 11 & 13 (Afternoon Special): Admission is \$7.00 after 4:00 PM.

August 11-14 (Lunch Special): Specific details available on the fair’s website.

For more details, visit the official State Fair of West Virginia website.

Pitch Southern West Virginia Business Idea Competition First Round Applications Due Noon September 2

BECKLEY W.Va. (Hinton News) – The West Virginia Hive Network is accepting entries from entrepreneurs for its 2025 Pitch Southern West Virginia (PSWV) business idea competition. First round applications are due to the WV Hive by noon on September 2.

Finalists chosen by a panel of reviewers will pitch their business ideas in person on November 20, 2025, at Concord University in Athens, WV. The audience will select its favorite pitch, and an expert panel of judges will select the other winners.

Judy Moore, executive director of the WV Hive and deputy director of the New River Gorge Regional Development Authority, said there are many compelling reasons to pitch in a business idea competition.

“It’s an incredible opportunity to refine your idea, gain valuable insights,

build connections, and access resources that can help bring your idea to life or expand a young business,” she said.

Diana Woods, Collegiate Project Manager for Entrepreneurship Expansion at the WV Hive, recognized the generous support of current event sponsors:

Platinum Sponsors – NRGRDA, United Bank

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Bronze Sponsors – Greenbrier Valley Economic Development Corporation, Wyoming County Economic Development Authority

In-Kind Sponsors – Concord University (venue), Go Duck Media (platinum), XAPP, Inc. (platinum), Jaensson Law (gold), Asher Agency (silver)

“We are deeply grateful to our sponsors for their investment in these entrepreneurs,” said Woods. “Their support reflects

their commitment to fostering entrepreneurship and community growth—and this opportunity wouldn’t be possible without them. We are still adding sponsors and encourage anyone who wants to participate to reach out through our website or to me directly.”

All prize money and in-kind services awards must be used to further the business idea presented.

Woods said this year’s competition is different from previous ones, incorporating an additional “video pitch round” in which selected applicants from Round 1 will be invited to submit a 90-second video pitch in Round 2. The videos will then be evaluated by a team of reviewers, and the top five applicants will be invited to pitch in person in November at Concord University. During the

in-person event, competitors will have five minutes to present their idea followed by a question-and-answer period with the judges. Virtual coaching sessions will be offered for the finalists.

Pitch Southern West Virginia is open to residents and businesses in Raleigh, Fayette, Nicholas, Summers, Webster, Pocahontas, Greenbrier, Monroe, Mercer, Wyoming, McDowell, Logan and Mingo Counties, and also to students enrolled in colleges or universities in those counties. Applicants must have new or innovative business ideas and cannot have been in business longer than three years. First and second place winners of 2024 PSWV events are not eligible for the 2025 competition.

Check out more details at the program website: <https://wvhive.com/pswv/>

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Richmond and Lester Engagement announcement

The parents of Alexis Richmond and David Lester would like to announce the engagement of their children.

Alexis is the daughter of Karen Richmond and the late Gary Richmond of Hinton, WV. She is a licensed cosmetologist and Graduated from Academy of Careers and Technology in 2023. She is a Cosmetologist at Revive Salon in Princeton, WV.

David is the son of David and Vicki Lester of Pipestem WV. He is a Sheriff Deputy K-9 unit of Summers County and attended Concord after graduating Summers County High School. He Graduated from the West Virginia Police Academy in 2021.

The parents are proud to announce their engagement after seven wonderful years together.



The proposal took place during a romantic trip to New York City, where David popped the question against the iconic backdrop of the city skyline. The moment marked a beautiful new chapter for the couple, who have shared

a strong bond and deep love since they first met. The happy couple is currently planning their wedding, set to take place this fall. They look forward to celebrating this exciting milestone with their family and friends.

State Fair Continued



The author on the Merry-Go-Round at the State Fair of West Virginia



The author enjoying a candy apple from the fair circa 1970s

like ride that would take you for a ride up over the fairgrounds. Some guy took one of my shoes off. The thing that sticks in my mind the most is my Mom instantly going into momma bear mode. I got my shoe back, and Mom never suggested we get on that ride again. As I got a little older, I did love the rides. I remember the year my beloved uncle George traveled with the Carnival and ran the pony rides. I thought it was the best thing ever. Far more thrilling than the ponies themselves.

I always had to take cotton candy and a candy apple home. Once the delicious coating was gone, I didn't want the apple. It was sour and plain compared to the sugary goodness of the coating. Mom would always tell me not to waste and end up eating the rest of the apple herself before admitting it really wasn't so great. During the early days of the fair, my Dad always told me there weren't as many food choices as there are now. He said hot dogs and corn dogs made up the majority of what was

available besides cotton candy, candy apples and the like. Dad had a favorite story of him and a friend going into a side show that was common at the fair back in the day. Dad said that after the women finished dancing, one threw a rose into the crowd, and a fight broke out over which of the men got to keep it. Dad said he and his friend crawled out under the tent to escape.

In more recent years, eating gyros, ears of corn, and, still, after all these years, Ben Ellen donuts are a must in my family. I'm sure traditions are as varied as each individual, and all are wonderful and keep us coming back. The amazing concerts. The exhibits. The animals. It seems the very air is charged with excitement once you enter the fairgrounds. For the young or merely young at heart, the state fair offers something for everyone. Looking ahead, I don't think that will ever change. Here's to 100 more years.

A Peek into Summers County's Past: Garten Motors Ford



Photo provided by William Jones



Photo provided by William Jones

William Jones
Hinton News

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - I found this 1929 Ford Motor Company letterhead and envelope in an antique store in Nitro, WV, years ago with my Grandfather, Bernard Thompson. My grandparents are where I got my passion for all things old and historic, especially "automobilia." Or as my family calls it, "hoarding", but "it is what it is." Ha

This was the first Ford dealership in Hinton, West Virginia, which later became Garten Motors Ford. The photo you see is of the early days of this Ford dealership. The original owner was W. Shad Peck.

"W. Shad Peck, has been for the past ten years the progressive and successful local agent for the Ford automobiles at Hinton, the judicial center of Summers

County, West Virginia, and here, in 1918, he erected his modern garage, with an attractive sales and display room and well equipped repair department, this building occupying the site of the home in which Mr. Peck was born, the date of his nativity having been June 1, 1892."

This dealership existed from 1918 to the start of WWII; at this point, it ceased operation. It was then acquired by new owners and moved to Avis in 1946. The West Virginia Secretary of State lists its incor-

porators as Carlos B. Garten and Ned C. Garten. Its effective date was 1/18/1946, and then its name was officially changed to Garten Motors, Inc.

I am not sure when it closed its operation, but it had to be sometime in the 1970s because my father can remember going there when he was a young teenager. Somewhere in my large collection, I have several advertising yardsticks and a license plate topper from Garten Motors. This was one of the car dealerships that operated in Hinton over the years.

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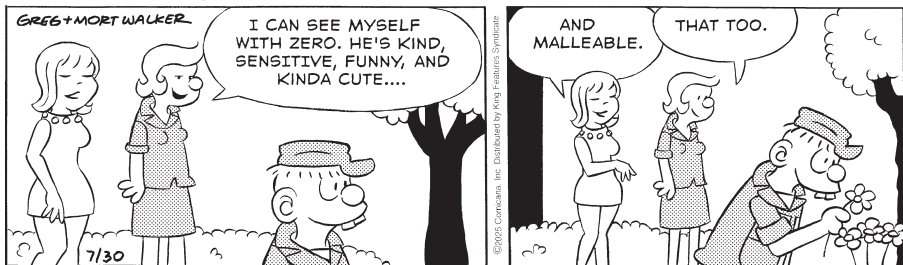
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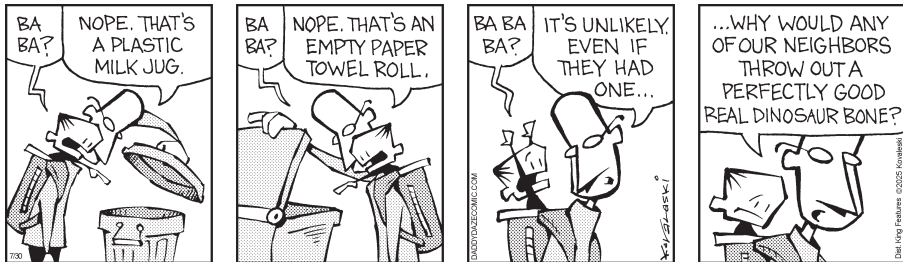
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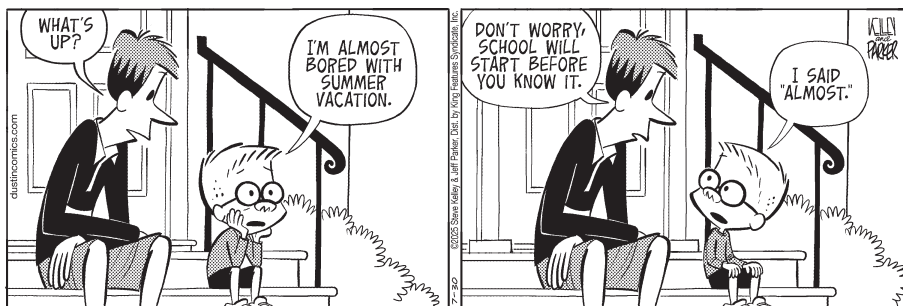
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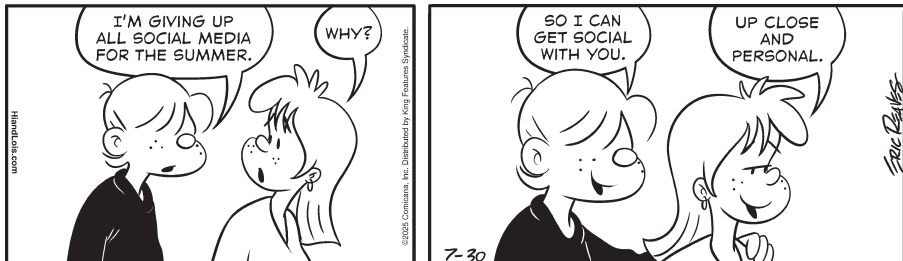
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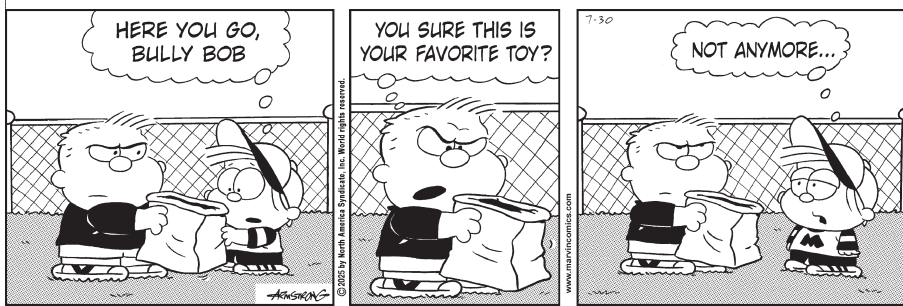
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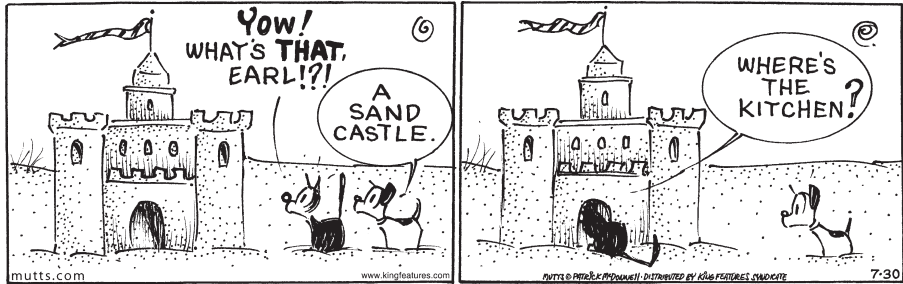
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ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

MOON ALERT: Avoid shopping or making important decisions all day. The Moon is in LIBRA.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, July 30, 2025:

You are practical, grounded and motivated. You think in a logical, linear fashion, with a heightened awareness of your surroundings. This is a year of new beginnings, adventures and major changes. Keep your eyes open for new opportunities. Be ready to take action, initiative and define your goals.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

3★ Today the Moon is opposite your sign, as it is for two and a half days every month. When this occurs, you have to compromise and go more than halfway when dealing with others. However, today's Moon Alert is also happening all day. Don't shop (except for food and gas); postpone important decisions. Tonight: Entertain.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

3★ This is a challenging day at work because it's a Moon Alert all day, plus it's

Mercury retrograde. Aside from all the goofy mistakes and delays, use today's influence to finish old work, especially work that requires thinking outside the box. Be innovative and imaginative! Tonight: Warm discussions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

4★ Although this is a poor day for efficiency and productivity because of the Moon Alert combined with Mercury retrograde, it's a fantastic day for artists and working on any project that requires imagination and bold thinking. Write down your ideas. Act on them tomorrow. Tonight: Check your belongings.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

3★ If possible, hunker down and take it easy at home today. Do not shop except for food or gas. Postpone important decisions until tomorrow. Meanwhile, expect delays related to money and cash flow. Checks in the mail will be late. And so it goes. This is nothing you can't handle. Tonight: You're charming.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

3★ People from your past are back in your world or your thoughts. Meanwhile, today is a combination of Mercury retrograde

and a Moon Alert. (Gulp.) A double whammy! Give yourself extra time for whatever you're doing so you have wiggle room to deal with the unexpected. Don't spend money (except for food and gas). Tonight: Enjoy privacy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

3★ This is a terrible day to shop or make financial decisions; however, it's a fantastic day for any kind of creative endeavor and exploring the arts. Socializing will appeal to you. Avoid shopping (except for food and gas). Postpone important decisions until tomorrow. Enjoy good times with friends. Tonight: Friendships.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

4★ Today the Moon is in your sign, which might make you a bit more emotional than usual. However, it can also slightly increase your good luck. Nevertheless, it's a Moon Alert ... all day! Tread carefully. Tonight: You look impressive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

4★ This is a loosey-goosey day. Don't make demands on yourself. Cut yourself some slack. Take it easy. Don't spend money on anything other than food and gas. If you're dealing

with past issues with bosses, authority figures or the government, don't act today. Tonight: Travel plans?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

4★ This is a lovely day to socialize with friends and members of groups and organizations. However, do not volunteer for anything today. Do not agree to anything that's important. Restrict your spending to food and gas, because there is a Moon Alert all day. Keep things light. Tonight: Check your finances.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

3★ Today's Moon Alert is taking place at the top of your chart, which is a surefire guarantee that it's a poor day to agree to anything regarding authority figures -- parents, bosses, teachers, VIPs, the police and the government. Postpone these decisions until tomorrow. Do yourself this favor. Tonight: Cooperate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

4★ Despite your urge to make travel plans (because you will feel the need to break free and do something different), this is actually a poor day to do this. Wait until tomorrow to act on your heart's desire.

SUDOKU PUZZLE

King Classic Sudoku

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(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Answer To Last Wednesday's Puzzle:

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13 Cyndi Lauper's "— Bop"
14 "Deal — Deal"
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17 Beheld
18 Ankle bone
19 Strong points
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22 Lummock
23 Televised
26 Devoured
28 Bratty look
31 A/C measures
33 Hesitant sounds
35 Overconfident
36 Christmas Eve visitor

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- 1 Loopy
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3 — do-well
4 Gaggle members
5 Quarantine
6 HBO alternative
7 Military award
8 Pogo's family
9 Leisure
10 Tech news website
11 Male offspring
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20 "May-day!"

- 23 Tummy muscles
24 Call — day
25 Frolics off-leash
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Last Wednesday's Answer (Answers Next Wednesday)

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JUMBLE

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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VTCOE					
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Last Wednesday's Answers	Jumbles: HATCH	BYLAW	AFRAID	SQUARE
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THE FRIENDLY HIKER WHO DIDN'T LIKE TO BE INDOORS WAS ---

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

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

If dealing with ex-partners and old friends, agree to nothing important. Tonight: Work.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

3★ Ignore temptations to make financial decisions today, especially about banking matters, inheritances and shared property. Don't do it. Postpone these decisions until tomorrow. Restrict spending to food and gas today. Cope with silly errors, delays, mixed-up communications and

faulty equipment at work. Courage! Tonight: Socialize.

BORN TODAY

Actor Arnold Schwarzenegger (1947), actress Lisa Kudrow (1963), film director Christopher Nolan (1970)

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LEGAL NOTICE

TRUSTEE'S SALE
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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@pillwvllaw.com (23.30jl6ag)

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Notice is hereby given that Board of Trustees of the West Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will, on or after August 6, 2025 QUITCLAIM, GRANT and CONVEY to Bonnie Tickle and Floyd Tickle, all of their right, title and interest in and to the following described lot or parcel of land, lying in Jumping Branch District, Summers County, West Virginia, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit: BEGINNING at a stake on a line of Wm. C. Dobbins, running East with said Dobbins line 4 poles thence same direction through A. B. Lilly's land 4 poles to the Road, thence a northerly direction 13 poles to a gum, thence about West 8 1/2 poles to a Hickory and Dogwood, thence 15 poles to beginning containing 3/4 of an acre be the same more or less. And being the same property conveyed from Josephus and Cynthia Lilly and Allen R. and Belzonia B. Lilly to Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South by Deed dated December 29, 1897 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Summers County, West Virginia in Deed Book T, at page 76, reference to which is hereby made. Said Sand Knob United Methodist Church was closed effective November 21, 2024 by resolution of a majority of the District Superintendents of the West Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. Dated July 21, 2025. BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH By: Robert N. File, Attorney 130 Main Street Beckley, West Virginia (304) 253-3358 (30jl6ag)

PUBLIC NOTICE
CORRECTIVE ACTION
PLAN FOR PETRO-
LEUM IMPACTED
SITE

PUBLIC NOTICE NO.: 001 DATE OF PUBLICATION: (7/24/2025) NEWSPAPER: Hinton Daily News In response to a release of petroleum products from regulated tanks, the property owner/operator under the direction of the Tanks Corrective Action Unit of the Department of Environmental Protection developed a draft corrective action plan (CAP) for the following site: Midway Market State Highway 20 Lerona, West Virginia WV ID #2803639; Leak ID #2002-027 The CAP briefly describes the extent of the release and details the proposed cleanup methods at the site. Copies of the CAP are available for public review at the following location: WVDEP Office of Environmental Enforcement Tanks Corrective Action Unit 601 - 57th Street, Charleston, WV 25304 Phone: (304) 926-0470 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Interested parties may submit written comments during the 30-day period beginning July 25, 2025 through August 24, 2025. Correspondence should include the name, address and telephone number of the writer. It also should include the leak ID number and a concise statement regarding the CAP. Comments and/or questions should be directed to Tanks Corrective Action Unit at the above-referenced address. (30jl)



Dear Recycle Lady

Dear Recycle Lady, What are orphan wells and why are they a concern? Learning About the Environment Dear Learning,

Orphan wells are oil or gas wells that have been abandoned by the industries that extracted the oil or gas. These wells have no known legal owner responsible for their care and closure, and they are polluting the air with climate-warming methane and contaminating groundwater. They also can leak benzene and other cancer-causing toxic chemicals into the air, surface water and ground water. They are a significant contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. According to Wikipedia, the Interior Department has documented the existence of 130,000 orphaned wells nationwide, and an EPA study estimated that there are as many as twomillion to three million orphan wells nationwide. The nation's first commercial oil well was drilled in Pennsylvania in 1859. The Department of Environmental Protection has used old paper, coal mine and farm maps in their attempt to locate these orphan wells. They have been found in 27 states under schools, homes, retirement communities and convention centers. Currently, drones are being launched in northwest Pennsylvania to hunt for

these wells. The drones are outfitted with magnetic sensors that can detect metal underground and special detectors to identify leaking methane emissions. However, according to planetizen.com, finding them is "just the beginning of a costly and urgent cleanup effort".

Dear Recycle Lady, Several nonprofit organizations are sending coins glued to their letters requesting donations. After removing the coins, there are globs of glue left on the letter. Must this glue be removed before recycling the letter? Avid Recycler

Dear Avid Recycler, Yes, the glue dots that hold the coins on the letter must be removed as the glue can cause problems for the paper shredding machine during the baling process. After the glue dots are removed, put the letter in with office paper or magazines. Most glue dots can be removed simply by rubbing your thumb over them, or they can be cut out.

Dear Recycle Lady, This isn't about recycling, but I thought it was good information for readers, especially dog owners.

Kentucky-based veterinarian, Dr. Matt McGlasson, has cautioned that there are potentially fatal consequences if dogs eat sugar-free foods such as candy, gum, baked goods,

pudding snacks and peanut butter as they contain a sugar substitute called xylitol. Dog Lover

Dear Dog Lover, Thanks for alerting readers to the dangers of xylitol. According to https://vcahospitals.com/know-your-pet/xylitol-toxicity-in-dogs, when dogs eat xylitol, the xylitol is quickly absorbed into the bloodstream and can cause a profound drop in blood sugar (hypoglycemia). Higher doses can cause seizures and liver failure. Call Pet Poison Helpline 800-213-6680 immediately if xylitol has been ingested by your dog.

Happy Coral Reef Awareness Week! Coral is a living marine animal made up of tiny creatures called polyps that lives in bustling underwater neighborhoods called reefs. These polyps build hard exoskeletons of calcium carbonate, creating the vibrant, colorful structures we know as coral reefs. They provide habitat for fish and other marine species, and they produce large amounts of oxygen.

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.

Senator Justice, Senator Reed
Introduce Bipartisan Effort Related to
Local Food Security Act

WASHINGTON D.C. (Hinton News)– In an effort to strengthen the nation's food supply chain network, bolster economic opportunities for local farmers and food producers, and increase access to local nutritious food in communities and schools, Senator Jim Justice (R-WV) and Senator Jack Reed (D-RI) introduced the Strengthening Local Food Security Act (S. 2338): "In West Virginia, we know the value of hard work and locally grown food. The Strengthening Local Food Security Act helps our farmers and ranchers get more of their local food onto more tables. It puts money back into our communities and keeps people fed. That's a win-win all around. I look forward to working to get this done for our local producers, food banks, and schools," said Senator Jim Justice. "Food prices are up and food banks are experiencing rising demand. We've got to feed those in need. The Strengthening Local Food Security Act makes family farmers and fishermen part of the solution, putting fresh, healthy food on the table in a cost-effective manner that strengthens the local economy too," said Senator Jack Reed. "This bill will feed students and families and plant seeds of economic development for farmers, fishermen, and others throughout the nation's food supply chain." Supporting Organizations: "This legislation is a win-win for our communities and our farmers. By investing in our local food systems, we're providing fresh food to our commu-

nities, expanding economic opportunities and building more resilient farms and supply chains. We deeply appreciate the outstanding leadership from Senators Justice and Reed in championing this legislation. Their dedication to strengthening our food systems and supporting family farmers across the country will make a meaningful impact," said National Farmers Union President Rob Larew. "Farm Credit applauds Senators Reed and Justice for their leadership in introducing the Strengthening Local Food Security Act of 2025. This bill is a strategic investment in American agriculture—supporting farmers, strengthening supply chains, and helping schools and communities access locally produced food. This bill will help boost regional economies and improve food security across the country," said Christy Seyfert, President and CEO, Farm Credit Council. "NASDA applauds Senators Jim Justice (W.V.) and Jack Reed (R.I.) for introducing the bipartisan Strengthening Local Food Security Act. This critical legislation would codify flexible food purchase programs at the local and regional level, allowing for small and medium-sized farms to access local markets, strengthening supply chain resiliency and advancing the development of regional food systems. Farmers are part of the solution to improve nutrition security and expand access to healthy, locally grown food in communities nationwide. NASDA supports this legislation and will advocate for its quick adoption in the Sen-

ate," said NASDA CEO Ted McKinney. "This legislation is the investment we need in American family farmers and their communities. We greatly appreciate Senators Justice and Reed for their leadership in delivering healthy, local food while

generating new market opportunities for producers. This bill will strengthen local and state food systems that combat food insecurity and provide healthy meals for students," said Hannah Quigley, Policy Specialist with the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition.

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The Hillbilly Storyteller: Jackie’s Making Hay While the Sun Shines



Picture by The Hillbilly Storyteller

The Hillbilly Storyteller
Hinton News

Hello again, everybody. It’s the Hillbilly Storyteller, and I have got another good one for you today. I told you earlier about my friend Jackie. You may remember his story about his mandolin called “Music in the Woods”. Well, Jackie gave me another one about putting up hay. Anybody around these parts that has had to get the hay in for the

winter will know exactly what he is talking about and will appreciate it. I know you are going to enjoy it.

Make Hay While the Sun Shines: by Jackie

It is spring time on the farm

And there is a lot of work to do.

The garden needs to be plowed

And many other things too.

The grass is growing fast.

It will soon be time for the hay mowing task.

Now it is the month of June and

The garden has been planted and it’s starting to grow.

The hay is about ready

And it is time to mow.

Flowers have been planted and the yard work is done.

But a farmer’s chores have just begun.

The sun is shining and the weather report is good.

Better get the hay up then start cutting wood.

I’ll cut the hay today, the sun is hot enough to bake.

Then tomorrow I will help Sonny repair the hay rake.

Sonny is my neighbor and a special one indeed.

We help each other any time there is a need.

He is also a mechanic and knows a lot of tricks.

He’s good with tools and can fix anything that needs fixed.

The rake has been repaired and it’s ready to go.

Time to get the hay into the windrow.

All is going well but I am feeling a strain.

The wind is up and it’s threatening to rain.

Finally the raking is all done and it is ready to bale.

And we pray to the Lord that the baler don’t fail.

We went right to work but the baler won’t tie.

“What to do now?” is my loud cry.

“Don’t get excited.” Sonny said. “I don’t claim to be MacGyver

But just give me a pair of pliers and a screw-driver.”

He tied a string and turned a bolt and adjusted a little screw.

Then he said, “Now let’s see what it will do.”

So he tries again and the baler began to shake and shutter

Then it started dropping bales one after the other.

We have been working all day and are almost done.

A farmer’s work is from sun to sun.

We’re working fast now, we’re on the last windrow.

It’s looking good now, though we started slow.

The hay is all baled on our little farm.

But now there is no help to put it in the barn.

I looked at the sky and it’s coming a storm.

The bales are going to get wet as sure as we’re born.

Then I heard a small still voice that seemed to say

“Just trust in the Lord, He will make a way.”

I looked around and here comes Jack

In his truck and there

are men on the back.

We went to work as fast as we could

Load after load, and I am feeling good.

Forgive me Lord where I doubted some.

Thank you for you watchful care and the gift of your Son.

The hay is in the barn and it’s been a strain

And now I hear thunder and it’s starting to rain.

We all laid back on the hay, tired indeed.

But, I’m so thankful for this winter’s feed.

For all my readers who have had the “joy” of putting up hay for the winter you know how true Jackie’s story is.

You always worry about something breaking or rain pouring down before you get the job done. But when it is all done, seeing that hay in the barn for the winter is such a relief. And you can say to yourself, “Job well done.”

Moral of the story – There is a lot of satisfaction in getting a hard job, no matter what it is, finally completed.

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Delnora Wins 2025 Music Video of The Year at 69th Anual ICGMA Awards for “Man at The Well”

WEST PLAINS M.O. (Hinton News) - PositiveCountry artist Delnora was honored with the prestigious “2025 Music Video of the Year” Gold Cross Award from the International Country Gospel Music Association (ICGMA) at their 69th annual awards ceremony on July 19th in West Plains, Missouri.

The video for “Man At The Well” features an outdoor performance of the song by Delnora filmed on location in Midlothian, TX interspersed with footage from the acclaimed television series “The Chosen,” along with an exclusive behind-the-scenes interview with Delnora and actress Vanessa DeSilvio, who portrays “Photina” – “The Woman at the Well” in the series.

Watch the award-winning “Man At The Well” music video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=owos_ix-gZ3U

Co-written by Delnora, Jeff Bates, and Thomas Mac, “Man At The Well” showcases Delnora’s signature blend of authentic Appalachian vocals and inspirational storytelling that has made her a leading voice in positive country music. “I’m grateful to be just a small part of the ‘Man At The Well’ music video,” said Delnora upon receiving the award. “The recognition for this great music video should really go to Producer/Director Adam Drake and the incredible team at CinemaStory Productions.”

The “Man At The Well” music video crew included Associate Producer Shane Reitzammer, Director of Photography Joey Nicotra, Gaffer Nick Caldwell, Audio specialist Sutton Stout, BTS filmmaker AJ Vanterpool, and Film Editor Andy Baeza. The project was produced by CinemaStory and filmed on location

in Midlothian, Texas.

The song was recorded, mixed, and mastered at Cowbell Fever Studio in Sparta, Tennessee by Josh Swift, who also co-produced the track with Delnora for her “Blank Page” album. It reached #1 on the Christian Voice Magazine charts.

About Delnora:

A native of Princeton, West Virginia, Delnora is a Nashville-based singer-songwriter who has established herself as a prominent voice in inspirational country music. Over the past decade, she has made numerous appearances on the legendary Grand Ole Opry stage while building a reputation for her authentic Appalachian vocals and heartfelt songwriting.

Delnora’s recent chart successes include her current Top 5 Inspirational Country Music chart hit “Peacemaker,” a duet with Chris Golden (son of Oak Ridge Boys leg-

end William Lee Golden). Her music consistently resonates with audiences seeking hope and unity through faith-based country music.

Delnora has been recognized in multiple categories including New Artist, Female Vocalist, and Inspirational Song of the Year. Her “Blank Page” album showcases her distinctive blend of traditional country instrumentation with con-

temporary inspirational messaging, positioning her alongside artists like Carrie Underwood and Anne Wilson in the positive country music space.

Beyond her solo career, Delnora has collaborated with notable artists and continues to perform extensively throughout the country. Her authentic Appalachian roots and Nashville polish have made her a sought-after performer for both secu-

lar and faith-based audiences.

This ICGMA Gold Cross Award for “Man At The Well” adds to Delnora’s growing list of accolades as she continues building her reputation as a leading voice in inspirational country music.

“Man At The Well” is available on all major streaming platforms including Spotify, Apple Music, Pandora, and Amazon Music.



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Philippi: A Church To Be Thankful For (Part 2)

by Jeff Asher

(We are looking at some of the congregations of Christ’s church as noted in the New Testament. Last week we started with the church at Philippi. We will continue to study about that congregation today.)

Worked By His Side

The Philippians did not just “throw money” at Paul, Luke or Timothy expecting “so much preach for so much pay.” No, the Philippians were “yokefellows,” “fellow laborers,” “fellow soldiers” and “companions in labor” with Paul (Phil. 2:25; 4:3). These brethren had actually helped in the work of evangelizing. Lydia opened her house and received the church (Acts 16:40). Epaphroditus was an evangelist, as well as their messenger who risked his life to carry a gift to Paul (Phil. 2:25). Clement was a teacher of the gospel (Phil. 1:1; 4:1-2). Euodias and Syntyche were served as well (cf. Rom. 16:1-2).

Too many “in the pew” are under the impression that preachers are hired to do their evangelism. There are quite a few preachers under the impression that their sole responsibility is to “fill the pulpit.” The evangelist and the church are in fellowship together in the great work of evangelism. The church shares in the financial needs of the preacher, but also in the work. Elders and deacons have a responsibility to teach and preach the word (1 Tim. 5:17; Acts 21:8) and to train others in that work (1 Tim. 3:10; Titus 1:9-10).

Not Ashamed of Paul

When Paul wrote the church at Philippi his popularity was greatly diminished. He was in prison in Rome (Phil. 1:7) deserted by some of his former companions and alone (2 Tim. 4:9-17). The sect of the circumcision continued to harass Paul (Phil. 1:15-18). Their desire was to destroy him if possible. They made false charges against him and misrepresented his doctrine (Gal. 5:10-12; Phil. 3:18-19; Rom. 3:8). Some of the brethren were turning away from Paul (2 Tim. 1:15). However, the Philippians were remaining steadfast in their former love (Phil. 1:7; 4:14). They unashamedly acknowledged their debt to Paul as the herald of their salvation (Phil. 2:17).

There will be times when an unpopular stand must be taken because it is the right place to stand (Gal. 2:11-12). Men of influence and importance will try and persuade you to do otherwise for the sake of your influence (Gal. 2:6). Weak brethren will tremble because they fear being “labeled” (Acts 28:22). Former stalwarts will cave into pressure because the majority is against you (Gal. 2:13).

When we are ashamed of those who faithfully stand for Christ, we reveal that we are ashamed of the Lord (2 Tim. 1:8). The Lord needs churches today that will support preachers who choose to suffer rather than to practice compromise. We need brethren who will sacrifice to see that those who are standing for the truth have their needs met abundantly. Elders that fear God more than they fear men—leading saints to hold up the hands of the righteous in defense of the faith.

A Good Church

Philippi was certainly a church to be thankful for—evangelistic, sacrificial and loyal. What more could one want in a congregation of God’s people? Is this church such a body of believers? Are we all working? Have we sacrificed for truth? Will we stand when the time comes?

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