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SGMA of West Virginia Presents!

The BIGGEST night in West Virginia Southern Gospel music is coming to Huntington's Christ Temple Church. The SGMA of West Virginia presents the 3rd Annual SGMA of West Virginia Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Concert on Saturday, April 27 at 6:00 PM.

Five Mountain State gospel music legends will be inducted into our Hall of Fame: Homer Fry (Gospel Harmony Boys and Guardians), Diana Perry Gillette (The Perry Sisters), Mark Hale (Recording Engineer), Harold Lane (The Speer Family and Gospel Harmony Boys) and Tank Tackett (The Statesmen and Jerry and The Singing Goffs). Additional presentations include the Eric Lusk Super Fan Award to Dean Adkins and the Legacy Award to Chuck Lawrence.

But there's more! Our special musical guests will be SGMA of West Virginia Hall of Famer Gary Casto and Tribute Quartet, along with The Perrys! No admission charge. Doors open at 5:00. Make your plans now to join us for this very special service. Call 304-546-8031 for more information.



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PEOPLE OF GOSPEL MUSIC

Buddy Greene is a singer, songwriter, guitar player and harmonica player. Most of his recordings consist of gospel music with a distinctly Southern Gospel flavor. Much of his music is influenced by country music and bluegrass music. Greene was



born on October 30, 1953 and grew up in Macon, Georgia. He has written the music for many songs and also co-wrote the Christmas song, "Mary, Did You Know?" with Mark Lowry. He is considered a harmonica legend by many and once played a classical harmonica medley at Carnegie Hall. Greene has been a part of recording sessions with top artist in gospel, country and pop music. He is a frequent performer with the Gaither Homecoming Concert series and has frequently appeared on the Billy Graham crusades. He and his wife now reside in Nashville.

TOP SONGS IN GOSPEL MUSIC

As reported in the "Singing News" Magazine

<u>This Month</u>	<u>Song Title</u>	<u>Artist</u>
1	Dance	Karen Peck & New River
2	Think About There	Greater Vision
3	Been Blessed	Whisnants
4	How Beautiful Heaven Must Be	Gaither Vocal Band
5	That's Why We Pray	Brian Free & Assurance
6	Braggin' On Jesus	Steeles
7	Anywhere Jesus Is	Scotty Inman
8	For The Life Of Me	Mark Trammell Quartet
9	Calvary's Touch	Perrys
10	All Things	The Sound

THE INTERNET

I had just spent an hour in the bank with my father, as he had to transfer some money. I couldn't resist asking: "Dad, why don't we activate your internet banking?" "Why would I do that?" he replied. "Because then you won't have to spend an hour here for things like that transfer. You can even do your shopping online. Everything will be so easy!" I was so excited about introducing him to the exciting world of online banking. He thought for a minute, then answered "If I do that, I won't have to step out of the house?" "Yes, yes" I said. I told him how even grocery can be delivered to your front door now and how Amazon delivers everything! His answer left me speechless.



He replied "Since I entered this bank today, I have met four of my friends. And I have chatted for a while with the staff who know me very well by now. You know that I am alone. This is the company that I need. I like to get ready and come to the bank. I have more than enough time, it is the physical touch that I crave. Two years ago I got sick. The shop owner, where I buy my fruit, came to see me and sat by my bedside and cried. When your mom fell down a few days ago during her morning walk, our local grocer saw her and immediately brought his car to rush her home, as he knows where I live.

Would I have that 'human' touch if everything became online? Why would I want everything delivered to me, forcing me to only interact with my computer? I like to know the person I'm dealing with and not just the 'seller'. It creates bonds and relationships. Does Amazon deliver all this as well?"

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Between concerts, there is so much to see and do. Explore the Ark Encounter with its state-of-the-art exhibits, ride the brand-new carousel with custom built animals, visit Ararat Ridge Zoo's exotic animals, enjoy family dining, ride zip lines reaching up to 50 mph, ride a camel, plus much more!

The **National Quartet Convention** which takes place each September in Pigeon Forge, TN, has announced plans to return to a center-stage setting. The change from center stage to an end-stage configuration was implemented during the Covid pandemic. A representative of NQC stated that returning to the center-stage setup allows the event to return to the identity that made it so popular for over 30 years.



THE LIGHTER SIDE

I know I shouldn't have done this, but I am 83 years old and I was in the McDonald's drive-through this morning and the young lady behind me leaned on her horn and started mouthing something because I was taking too long to place my order. So when I got to the first window I paid for her order along with my own. The cashier must have told her what I'd done, because as we moved up she leaned out her window and waved to me and mouthed "Thank you," obviously embarrassed that I had repaid her rudeness with kindness. When I got to the second window I showed them both receipts and took her food too. Now she has to go back to the end of the line and start all over again. Don't blow your horn at old people, they have been around a long time.

Groups of Americans were traveling by tour bus through Switzerland. As they stopped at a cheese farm, a young guide led them through the process of cheese making, explaining that goat's milk was used. She showed the group a lovely hillside where many goats were grazing. "These," she explained, "are the older goats put out to pasture when they no longer produce." She then asked, "What do you do in America with your old goats?" A spry old gentleman answered, "They send us on bus tours!"

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