



Holler Hap'nins



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Competition Is a Close-un

It were the most beauuutifullest kinda purty day out there, on the Family Mountain Meadow. That were, until Uncle Michael "Billy Bob" Schaedel and Uncle Kris "Bubba Dean" Endean brought with them the most concernin' lookin' buncha kinfolk. They was a-jumpin' around and hollerin' at theyselves all sorts of braggin's, and then they all jumbled theyselves up in a wild sort of crowd, swappin' cards and dashin' through a chute in a fast race to the finish in *Tidyin' Up the Tools*. It, uh, seems that despite the Laaaw Officer's long and careful preparashuns for any potential confusion, **SOME** of the kinfolk cannot tell when they is holdin' **MATCHING PICTURES** and **WHEN THEY DOES NOT**. Still, the chores was done and the Hillbilly Hicks were the goodest at ...basic picture matching.

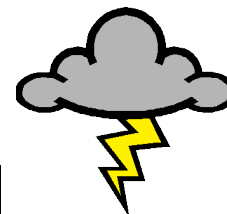
There was also some tic tac toe relay (some nice strategizing by Jesse Boyd and Asher Smith) and a few amazing scores by Hannah Kuzmic and Angelica Wilkie in the Impossible Shot slingshot contestin'. After some yummy vittles, a bit of rest, and some loafin' time, each shack had the chance to impressionate the men of the Laaaw with some Family Funnin' - Lineup at the Grub Hall. There was some pretty awesome creativitation and originality—and some fancy impressive details. Both clans got them some nice marks from the judges.

And skippin' th' beauty sleep, the green and orange kinfolks put on their dark duds and tore theyselves 'round the mountain in the dark, **Critter Catchin'** and tryin' to find the animals with th' most value. Even though thar were some frightin' crooks and bandits runnin' around, seems them kinfolk had some success bufore callin' it a night. Looks like the tally tabalashuns are awful close: which clan will pull ahead to th' prize?



How to Celebrate

Simon Wilkie got hisself some birthday treats: a ring pop frum Elizabeth West, and a mysterious someone else gave him a birthday candy bar. Maybe it were from Jethro Wittdem's ghost? Laaaw Officer Tim Petersen had his 2nd wedding anniversary alone....well, until Jr. Laaw Officer Asher Vincent joined him for dinner. But Asher don't have much experience with Anniversary dinners. Hopefully, Mr. Tim can have a nicer meal back home next week.



What's Up?

Akchually, the stuff's comin' down.

Be uhware of possible precipitation—and maybe lightninations.

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And a wet evenin'.





Dwelling on the Word

To start off the day right, we gathered to hear Pastor Greg point us to Ephesians 4:32. As we study how God forgives, we learn the pattern for how we ought to forgive. When a person asks our forgiveness, we are to forgive them (even repeatedly!) and then show reaffirming love. If someone offends us but doesn't ask our forgiveness, we should never ever ever take revenge—even the silent treatment. How evil is it to act as if someone doesn't matter? We dismiss sins of ignorance, overlook the sin if possible, and if finally absolutely necessary...confront. But as we remember how we have such overwhelming forgiveness in Christ, we learn to restore relationships with others.

In the evening, we looked at Isaiah 55, and how God loves us *first*. God is providing free grace and mercy: it is already paid for! He beseeches us, "Hope! Walk! Listen! Drink! Buy! Delight!" and partake in the riches He offers us. Do not let the fear of future sin prevent you from running to Him: come now. His urgent sincerity requires us to turn our back on everything other than Him, to receive the assurance that He *will* abundantly pardon. If we are willing to repent, to come, to yield to Him, His attitude towards us is as that of the father of the prodigal son. God's forgiveness *will* cover your sin: will you let Him?



How's Yer Aunts n' Uncles?

Jeremiah Kan: "Really awesome, actually. I mean, really. I had a great one on one with mine, and he was really helpful."

Priscilla Smith: "Ok, I think?"

Mia Walker: "Really nice! I have the best Aunts."

Thomas Sanders: "My who?.....OH. My counselor. Yeah." ("How are they?") Thomas: "Ok." (That's it? Are they theologically sound?)

Thomas, grinning: "Nope." ('Parruntly, Uncles Jared Rush and Ethan Hamilton have no particular advantage from their Pastoral-Paternal upbringings.)



Our Special Staffatators

Haveya met the men of the kitchen: Mist'ers Foster, Farnsworth and Matthia? They often take the dirtiest of the prep work and do much of the scrubbing' up after you-uns make yer mealtime messes. Ya might consider (that means, use yer thinker) 'n be a bit vocally grateful for the real ministry these kind guys are gifting us this week. And, speakin' of the guys that clean up, iffin' ya see Jr. Laaaw Officer Micaiah Wartak around, check n' see if he has the proper footwear. He seems to be a-fergittin' his shoes a bit.



Bosun's Chairs

Accordin' to the experts at Peniel, it takes most shacks 5....mayyyyyybe 8....minutes to complete the Bosun's Chairs obstacle on the Challenge Course. Howevuh. That thar is the norm, and the Turtle Trail Trackers of Shack 3 are what we call, "speshul." They hold the new record for bein' a little.....slow. TWENTY FOUR MINUTES slow, actually. They is good at bein' turtles, that's for shure.

