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Greenbrier County in midst of rabies outbreak

GREENBRIER COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Greenbrier County Health Department would like to make the public aware that the county is in the midst of a rabies outbreak. In 2023, raccoons and bats were reported to be positive in various areas of the county. In 2024, there have been two stray cats test positive. All areas of the county are considered to be affected. All residents should exercise extreme caution regarding both wildlife and stray animals. Early signs and symptoms of rabies include animals appearing disoriented and wandering aimlessly, wildlife appearing during the day, animals typically skittish of humans showing no fear of humans. Later symptoms include foaming at the mouth and extreme aggression. People should avoid any contact with an animal that is acting uncharacteristically and contact local authorities to dispose of the animal. To reduce the risk of being exposed to rabies:

- Keep garbage in a secured/tightly lidded trashcan.
- Feed pets indoors or remove food from bowls after feeding outdoor pets.
- Teach children not to approach any animal at large.
- Vaccinate pets (dogs, cats, and ferrets) against rabies. West Virginia State Code requires all dog and cat owners to maintain a current rabies vaccination on their pets. Fines may be levied against owners who fail to do so.
- Contact the local health department at 304-645-1539 if you see a suspect animal or if you have been bitten or scratched by an animal at large.

Happy Valentine’s Day from The Hinton News

Rebecca Stalnaker
SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - As roses bloom and chocolates sweeten the air, we find ourselves immersed in the magic of Valentine’s Day once again. It’s a day where love takes center stage, weaving its enchanting spell around us all. To our dear readers, we extend the warmest wishes for a joyous Valentine’s Day filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments. May your hearts be overflowing with affection, and may you find beauty in every shared smile and tender embrace. Whether you’re celebrating with a sweetheart, cherished friends, or simply embracing self-love, let this day serve as a reminder of the incredible power of love to uplift and inspire us all. Happy Valentine’s Day from all of us at The Hinton News! May your day be as bright and beautiful as the love that surrounds you.

One life lost in fatal crash in Green Sulphur

GREEN SULPHUR W.Va. (Hinton News) - A Virginia woman lost her life in a fatal crash that occurred in the Green Sulphur area of Summers County on Saturday, Feb. 3. Local emergency services and the West Virginia State Police responded. The WVSP released the following information: “On Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024, at approximately 4 p.m., Cpl. N.C. Boothe and S/Tpr. Z.A. Hatfield responded to I-64 at the Green Sulphur Springs exit on the report of a single-car rollover with entrapment. Upon arrival, these Troopers began life-saving measures with the assistance of an uninvolved witness until such time that EMS. could arrive on scene. The victim, identified as 31-year-old Kristina Robinson of North Dinwiddie, Virginia, did succumb to her injuries and was declared deceased on scene. The investigation into the crash is ongoing.”

Aimee Baker continues to shock medical professionals

Rebecca Stalnaker
MONROE COUNTY, W.Va. (Hinton News) - Several years ago, in 2021, a local family received the devastating news that their daughter, Aimee, had brain cancer. She underwent various treatments, but sadly, this particular type of cancer, a glioblastoma, is incurable. At the time, doctors gave Aimee a dismal prognosis of weeks, possibly months. However, this young girl defied all odds; not only did she survive past her prognosis, but she just received some incredible news. Aimee’s parents recently took her to see her team in Morgantown for some scans and other tests. According to her mother, Korie Baker, the cancer is moving incredibly slowly, something the doctors never would have predicted. It has not metastasized into her spine. Instead, it is still contained within her brain. Baker noted that the cancer began as just a tumor, but it started to diffuse, which, in Baker’s words, means that it grows in “tendrils like a weed or roots.” In the last two years, the tumor and tendrils have only grown a small amount, which Baker called “amazing.” The type of cancer Aimee has is known to move quickly. According to Baker, the rate it is currently growing does not match what the genetic testing says it should be doing. According to her mom, Aimee has never followed the textbook examples and has always taken her own path while fighting cancer. Both Aimee and her parents have relied on faith in God to get through this diagnosis and call this slow tumor growth nothing short of a miracle. In a previous interview with Aimee, she stated that if just one person came to God because of her, it would all be worth it, presenting a staggering amount of faith for someone so young. Unfortunately, this slowed-down growth does not mean Aimee is cured. She still struggles daily with physical and mental limitations; she endures headaches and vomiting. As a vibrant teenage girl, these things can undoubtedly become frustrating at best. Baker said, “Sometimes it’s still really rough on her.” At any time, things could change, and the cancer could begin growing rapidly, but for now, doctors believe it is possible that Aimee could have years left on this earth. While there is shockingly little funding that goes into childhood cancer and even less into the specific type Aimee has, the Bakers are hopeful that with the added time Aimee has been granted, a more effective treatment may be developed. In addition to Aimee’s good report, the family got another bit of good news recently. As many wheelchair users know, having a wheelchair-accessible van can make a world of difference. The Bakers purchased a van to help get Aimee to doctor’s appointments and other outings. Thanks to recent fundraising efforts, the van has been paid off, and the family has enough left over to build a pathway so Aimee does not have to be in the mud while going to and from the driveway. One of the fundraisers was organized by Susan Smith-Linton, the Director of Operations at The West Virginia Daily News. She garnered assistance from Tia Mattox and Sandy Holmes, also from WVDN. Smith-Linton and the entire newspaper team have been following Aimee’s story for quite some time. Many on and off the WVDN team have found inspiration from this resilient young woman. Despite the difficulties young Aimee has faced in her short life, she continues to be a happy and incredible individual. The Bakers wish



Photo provided by Korie Baker
to thank the community for their unwavering support, love and help, “which is such a blessing,” Korie Baker said Aimee “loves her community,” and she’s “just very touched” by all the support. Additionally, she asked that the community continue to pray for Aimee because, without a miracle, the cancer will cause Aimee’s health to deteriorate and eventually take her life. WVDN will continue to follow Aimee in her journey. Editor’s Note: This article originally appeared in The West Virginia Daily News, part of The Hinton News family.

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Carnegie Hall’s Museum Gallery features Jim Costa and Builder Levy



“Down In A Hole: Coal mining in Appalachia” a collaborative exhibit by Builder Levy and Jim Costa in Carnegie Hall’s Museum Gallery until the end of February.

LEWISBURG W.Va. (Hinton News) - Carnegie Hall’s January/February Exhibits continue with three galleries featuring the works of regional artists. The Museum Gallery (adjacent to the Hamilton Auditorium) will house a collaborative exhibit of work by Jim Costa and Builder Levy titled “Down In A Hole: Coal mining in Appalachia.”

Featuring photography by Builder Levy and contextual historical items provided by Jim Costa, the exhibit Down in a Hole: Coal Mining in Appalachia provides an intimate glimpse of the day-to-day lives lived under the perpetual coat of coal dust and between the seams of the coal mines of Appalachia.

Levy’s detailed black and white photography, taken primarily from his collection Appalachia USA, goes beyond the stock photo tropes of heavy machinery and impossible-to-imagine out-scaled topographical views, to bring the viewer in close, eye to eye with the lined and resilient faces of those whose daily labor not only fed their own families, but fueled the industry of an entire nation.

Interspersed between the photos are the actual tools of the trade, from early 20th-century carbide lamps and blasting squibs to the pickaxes and shovels whose handles are still stained by the sweat of the men and women who la-

bored over them. Carefully curated over decades by Jim Costa, these historical items lend the viewer real-life context- the kind of context that has heft and weight and bears the memory of years spent bent over, underground, and in the dark.

Builder Levy was born in Tampa, Florida, raised in Brooklyn, New York, and currently lives in New York City. Initially thinking of himself as an abstract expressionist painter and sculptor, Levy majored in art at Brooklyn College, where he studied painting with Ad Reinhardt, art history with Milton Brown, and photography with Walter Rosenblum (a leader of the Photo League in the 1940s and early 1950s).

Levy earned a master’s degree in art education at NYU, where he did metal welding junk sculpture, and incorporated the study of the FSA photography program, the Photo League, and the Kamoinge Workshop (whose founding director was Roy DeCarava). In addition, Levy’s work with at-risk teens, as a New York City Teacher for 35 years, enriched his life and his vision.

Levy’s photography earned him fellowships from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, Alicia Patterson Foundation, National Endowment of the Arts, Puffin Foundation, a Furthermore publication grant, two

commissions from the Appalachian College Association, and, in 2019, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Brooklyn College Alumni Association.

The four hard-covered books of his photographs are Images of Appalachian Coalfields, foreword by Cornell Capa; Builder Levy Photographer, introduction by Denise Giardina; Appalachia USA, foreword by Naomi Rosenblum; and Humanity in the Streets: New York City, 1960s–1980s, foreword by Deborah Willis.

More than 80 collections contain Builder Levy’s photographs, including those of Sir Elton John, Nion McEvoy, International Center of Photography, High Museum of Art, Brooklyn Museum, Chrysler Museum of Art, John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, Smithsonian NMAAHC, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Museum of the City of New York, Huntington Museum of Art, Victoria and Albert Museum, Ruhrland Museum, and Bibliotheque Nationale.

Levy is currently working on a book (his fifth) of his new millennium demonstration photographs, including those of the recent Black Lives Matter and anti-Asian hate protests, justice marches for women, LGBTQ, immigrants, workers, the environment and against climate change; along with his civil rights and peace demonstrations

work of the 1960s.

Jim Costa is a native of Summers County, and an accomplished traditional musician and storyteller. He is well known throughout West Virginia as a musician, playing the fiddle and banjo, singing, and instructing classes in traditional mountain music across the state.

Costa is also an avid collector and expert of 18th and 19th-century farm tools and objects of rural life, including Hammons family fiddles, spinning wheels, cast iron cookware, and blacksmith tools. Costa has been building this collection throughout his life, and he restores many of the old tools and instruments himself. In addition to his public presentations on music and material culture, Costa appeared in the 1987 John Sayles film Matewan.

The exhibits are free and open to the public, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and run through the end of February. For more information, please visit carnegiehallwv.org, call 304-645-7917, or stop by the Hall at 611 Church Street, Lewisburg, WV.

Carnegie Hall programs are presented with financial assistance through a grant from the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts.

Community Obituaries



Jo Lynn Ball BALL

Jo Lynn Ball, 82, passed away Saturday, February 3, 2024, at the Peyton Hospice House following a long illness.

Born October 18, 1941, in Montgomery, WV, she was the daughter of the late Victor Harold Burks and Mary Katherine Shawver Burks.

Survivors include daughter, Renee Harvey (Randy) of Alderson, WV; sister, Bonnie Ellison of Bluefield, VA; and brother-in-law, Joe Ball (Linda) of Lewisburg, WV. Also left to cherish her memory are grandson, Matthew Harvey

of Alderson, WV; granddaughters, Nicole Adkins (Charles) of Ballard, WV, and Amber Toney (Cody) of Danese, WV; special nieces, Vickie Crockett (Junior) of Bluefield, VA, and Laura Stewart (Richard) of Holland, OH; special cousin, Lynne Strubble (Skip) of Pittsburgh, PA; and special friends, Doris and Dana Godby of Lewisburg, WV.

A memorial service was held at Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg, WV, on Friday, February 9, 2024, with the Reverend Joe Geiger and Reverend Jeff Kanode officiating. The family received friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the funeral following at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in her memory to the Peyton Hospice House, 1265 Maplewood Avenue, Lewisburg, WV, 24901.

Please send online condolences by visiting www.WallaceandWallaceFH.com.

Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Lewisburg is in charge of arrangements.

A.A. meetings in Hinton

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Hinton Alcoholics Anonymous group holds two weekly meetings on Wednesdays at noon and Fridays at 8 p.m. in the lower level of Ascension Episcopal Church. Both are open meetings.

The entrance to the meeting area is through the rear

of the church, which is located at the corner of Temple Street and 5th Avenue (222 5th Avenue). The format of the meeting will be an open discussion of a weekly topic related to alcohol use/abuse.

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Hinton Area Foundation Starts the New Year with New Funds

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - From late fall of 2023 to the start of 2024, Hinton Area Foundation has added new funds that will support the community. The newest funds added to the Foundation are The Wynes Facility for Children and Families, Inc. Fund and the John and Betty Hendrick Fund (formerly John and Betty Hendrick Scholarship Fund).

Collaborating with Malik Wynes, Michaela Wynes and Marcia Leitch, The Wynes Facility for Children and Families, Inc. Fund allows the Foundation to support the cause with ad-

ditional resources and programs needed to assist the children and families of the community.

The John and Betty Hendrick Fund provides a range of support from grants and scholarships to FFA and other community needs.

Director, Scott Jarrett and Executive Coordinator, Jordonne Bostic say they are in the process of networking to add new funds in the near future.

For a complete list of funds or questions on how to establish a fund with the Hinton Area Foundation, please visit hintonarea-foundation.org.

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Citizens raise questions regarding AHMH at Ronceverte City Council meeting

Annette Slonaker

RONCEVERTE W.Va. (Hinton News) - The City of Ronceverte held its monthly council meeting on Monday, Feb. 5, with almost 50 attendees.

The meeting was called to order promptly at 7 p.m. There was a full house at city chambers as many Ronceverte community members and nearby citizens came to voice their concerns regarding the ongoing dilemma of The American Heritage Music Hall.

Emotions ran high as citizens were given two-minute increments to approach the Council with their concerns regarding the locked Music Hall, where people can listen to live music, join in a line dance lesson, and enjoy fellowship and food with their friends and neighbors. Members of music groups that play at AHMH were also in attendance to show support for the questions the community of devotees have and ask their own. Concerns included music equip-

ment and belongings left there, thinking they would be back as usual to entertain. Additionally, there were concerns about where the largely elderly community could gather if not for the Music Hall. While many questions remain, the Council stated that "they are not trying to take something from them and no [malice is intended.]"

The fans of AHMH boasted that there is no alcohol served, no smoking is allowed, and "no problems have ever arisen"

from any of the many events happening there. It was noted that many of the older community members "truly enjoy their time to fellowship and call each other family and feel comfortable bringing their children or grandchildren along to dance and have fun." During part of the discussion, Attorney Grady Ford stated that "the building itself is tied up in litigation."

It is unclear exactly how many AHMH supporters were present as there was

standing room only. After the meeting, Ford offered to speak directly with the complainants, and the contents of that discussion and how many individuals participated are currently unknown.

In other business, Roger Vanoy, who is running for The House of Delegates, introduced himself to all. The Ronceverte Development Committee has a new website that will have information regarding events, news, plans, etc., and can be found at visitronceverte.com. They

welcome all to visit the new site.

Additionally, old and new business was discussed, and WVDN will provide more information regarding plans for Spring and Summer events. The river city always has many exciting things to do and partake in. The City of Ronceverte offices will be closed in observance of Presidents' Day on Feb. 19. The next Council meeting is scheduled for March 4 at 7 p.m. in council chambers on Edgar St., Ronceverte.

Lady Cavaliers Unable to Upend Bobcats



Maddie Fields, shown in this photo from 1/31, scored 17 points in the loss to Summers County. Photo credit: Eli James/Facebook

Michael Goddard

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - Class A #6 Greenbrier West fell to Class AA #5 Summers County Tuesday night 63-37 at Wayne Ryan Court in Hinton. The win gets the Lady Bobcats back on the winning track after dropping back-to-back games to Pikeview and Wyoming East. The Lady Cavaliers suffered their sixth loss of the season, with all six losses coming at the hands of ranked opponents.

Summers County snuck out to a 14-10 first quarter lead behind ten points from senior Grace Harvey. Preslee Treadway helped the Cavaliers keep pace with the Bobcats with six first quarter points. Greenbrier West's lone senior, Hannah Sweet, knocked down a three-pointer.

Harvey added ten more points in the second quarter, helping stake Summers County to a 31-21 halftime lead. Maddie Fields carried most of the scoring load for West with seven points to keep the Cavaliers within reach of the homestanding Bobcats.

Harvey continued her torrid pace in the second half, notching nine more points as Summers County

outscored Greenbrier West 18-9 in the third quarter. The Cavaliers mustered three points from Treadway, a pair of free throws from Fields, and two points each from Brilee Redden and Lacey Walker.

Harvey, who scorched the nets for a game-high 36 points, cooled off somewhat in the final quarter and tallied only seven points. Fields matched Harvey with seven points of her own, but she was also the only Cavalier to score in the quarter.

Fields led Greenbrier West with 17 points, followed by Treadway with 11, Redden four, Sweet three, and Walker two.

Jaelyn Boone poured in 17 points for Summers County. Avery Lilly added six points while Cheyenne Smith and Braelyn Farrish had two points each for the victors.

Updated February meetings in Summers County

SUMMERS COUNTY W.Va. (Hinton News) - Here is a list of meetings occurring in Summers County during January 2024.

Summers County LEPC - No February meeting.

Summers County Public Library Board of Directors - Regular Meeting - Feb. 8 at 5 p.m. in the library.

Summers County Board of Education - Regular Meeting - Feb. 13 at 5 p.m. at the central board office. Call the Board Office for more information.

Summers County Commission - Regular Meeting - Feb. 14 at 9 a.m. in the Commission Room in the Courthouse.

John Henry Days Committee - Regular Meeting - Feb. 15 at 6 p.m. in the Trinity Methodist Church basement.

Hinton City Council - Regular Meeting - Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Summers County Parks and Recreation Committee - No February meeting.

Three Rivers Democratic Women - Regular Meeting - Feb. 22 at 5 p.m. on the patio at Kirk's Restaurant.

Summers County Dilapidated Structures Committee - Regular Meeting - Feb. 26 at Noon in the Memorial Building Auditorium.

Summers County Republicans - Regular Meeting - Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Building.

Summers County Board of Education - Regular Meeting - Feb. 27 at 5 p.m. Call the Board Office for more information.

Friends of the Summers County Public Library Book Group - Regular Meeting - Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. in the library.

*This list is subject to change in accordance with updates, cancellations, and additions.

**If you would like to add a meeting to this list, contact news@hintonnews.com.

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The Power Of Conversion

(Part 2)

by David Padfield

(Last week we looked at how the gospel is for all. This week we will see how the gospel can change all hearts.)

Christ Can Change The Hearts Of Men

At our conversion, we become new creatures. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" (2 Cor. 5:17). "For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin" (Rom. 6:5-6). In the song, *Jesus Paid It All*, we read, "Lord, now indeed I find, Thy power and Thine alone, can change the lepers spots, and melt the heart of stone."

We must "put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts" and "put on the new man which was created according to God, in righteousness and true holiness" (Eph. 4:22, 24).

Those converted at Corinth made dramatic changes in their lives. "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God." (1 Cor. 6:9-11).

Likewise at Ephesus, the power of the gospel was able to change idol worshippers into obedient children of God. "And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds. Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed." (Acts 19:18-20).

From his Roman jail cell, Paul was able to report that the gospel produce saints in "Caesar's household" (Phil. 4:22).

The Gospel Has Not Lost Its Power

The gospel is still "living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword" (Heb. 4:12), and is still "the power of God to salvation" (Rom. 1:16).

We must preach what people need, not what they want. Paul told how the "Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom" (1 Cor. 1:22). Instead of yielding, Paul preached "Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God" (1 Cor. 1:23-24).

Conclusion

If you are a Christian, use your opportunities to teach the gospel. If you are not a Christian, remember that the gospel will be the standard of judgment. "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day" (John 12:48).

(Next week we will begin a two-part series on salvation by faith.)

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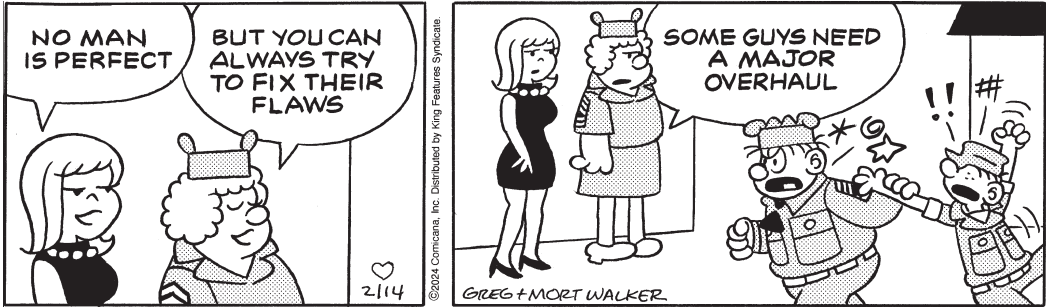
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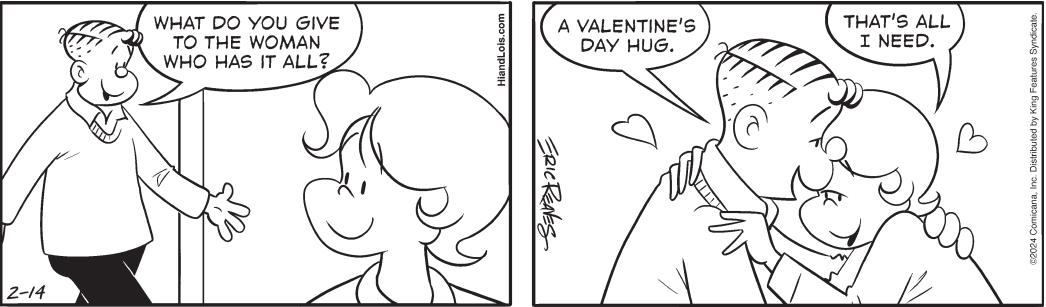
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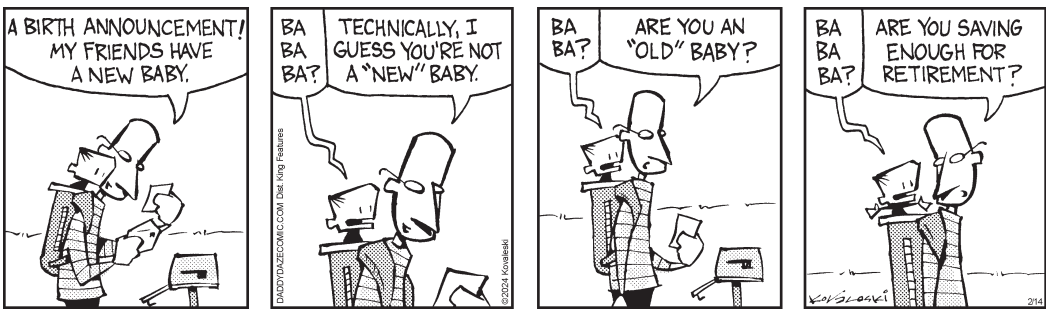
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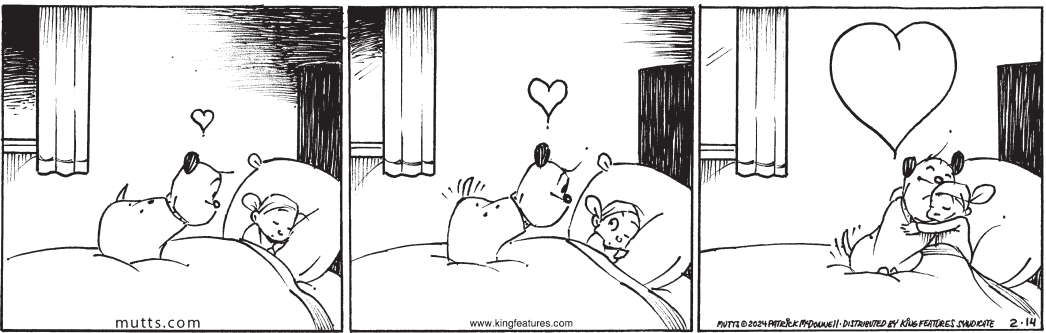
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ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

MOON ALERT: Avoid shopping or important decisions from 5 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. EST today (2 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. PST). After that, the Moon moves from Aries into Taurus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2024:

You are high-spirited, playful and forever youthful. You're intelligent with a sharp-witted humor. This is a year of service for you, primarily to family. Therefore, take care of yourself so you can be a resource. You might even consider a personal makeover to rejuvenate yourself.

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★ Do your best to avoid squabbles about money or how to deal with others, because you might encounter challenges to what you want to do. Some kind of competition might exist with a friend or a group. If so, be skillful and work slowly. Don't bash at things head-on. Tonight: You're pleased.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

4★ The Moon is in your sign today, which can make you more emotional than usual. Furthermore, you might be challenged by authority figures, including the police. (Pay

attention while driving.) Someone older or more experienced will have advice for you. Listen to it. Tonight: Optimism!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

3★ Steer clear of arguments about politics, religion and racial issues, which is difficult now with everything that's going on in the world. Ask yourself what kind of day you want to have. Do you want to be upset with others? No, you don't. Let it go and treat your main squeeze to dinner. Tonight: Pleasant solitude.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

3★ If you're involved with a friend or a group today, this could end up in an argument about shared responsibility.

ties, shared property or how to spend a specific amount of money. Instead, look for a way to keep the peace. Listen to a teacher or guru-like figure. Tonight: Friends!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

3★ You're high-viz today, which means people notice you. Meanwhile, your focus is on partners and close friends. Because you're a romantic sign, many of you are celebrating Valentine's Day. Nevertheless, you'll be sensible and practical today. ("One diamond is enough.") Tonight: You're admired.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

3★ Today you want a change of pace -- ideally, a change of scenery. If you can do this through your job or with a partner, this will please you. Meanwhile, health challenges along with work challenges can't be avoided. Cope as best you can. Tonight: Explore!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

4★ Many of you will enjoy Valentine's celebrations. You're in the mood to party! (You will socialize today for any reason.) Playful times with kids, social outings, sports events

and schmoozing with friends will delight you today. Tonight: Check your finances.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

3★ Your focus is on home, family and your private life, and you're involved with partners and close friends. This could trigger tension with loved ones, which means you have a choice. You can stir that tension or let it go and keep the peace. What's it gonna be? Tonight: Socialize.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

3★ It's another fast-paced day! You have things to do, people to see and places to go. This can be a productive day, especially if you don't get sidetracked trying to prove you're right. Whether you know it or not, you're coming on strong now. Lighten up. Tonight: Get organized.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

3★ Some of you like expensive gifts because you think it shows that someone cares. That might be the case on this Valentine's Day. You're focused on romance, fun outings and money. Is there some conflict here? Be happy for whatever

attention you receive -- or give. Life is short. Tonight: Play!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

3★ You're hyped with energy with the Sun and fiery Mars in your sign. This could be why you might be at odds with a family member today, especially a female. Remember that you're empowered right now, which means you need to tone things down a little. That's better. Maybe a little more. Tonight: Cocoon.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

3★ Today you might feel restless. You're a sensitive sign, and you might feel you're not getting the attention you deserve. (Join the club. We number in the millions.) Actually, you can do some serious, practical thinking today. Who knew? Tonight: Relax.

BORN TODAY

Actor Simon Pegg (1970), actress, playwright Danai Gurira (1978), actress Meg Tilly (1960)

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ACROSS

1 Sluggo
5 LAPD alert
8 "Hey!"
12 Downwind
13 Born abroad?
14 Highly rated
15 Mathematician and computer pioneer
17 Iranian money
18 Oolong brewer
19 Kind of benefit
21 — Paulo
22 Navy commando
23 Crunchy sandwich
26 2500, in Roman numerals
28 Snap-shot
31 Actress Hatcher
33 "— outta here!"
35 "Frozen" reindeer

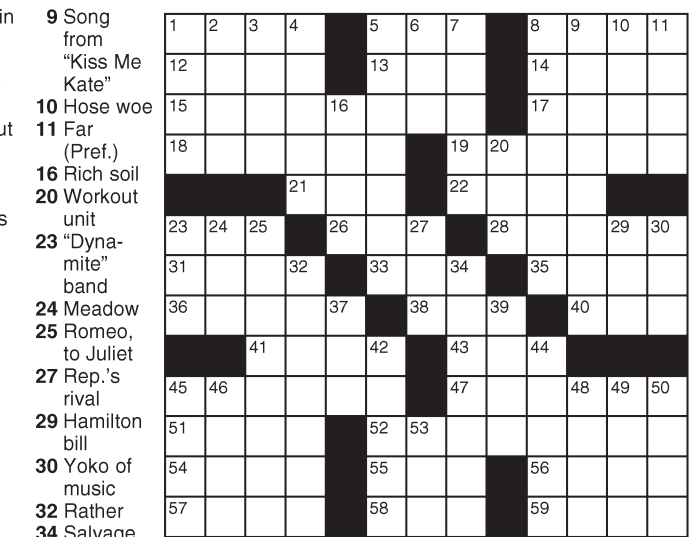
DOWN

1 Sentry's cry
2 Medicinal plant
3 Saint Petersburg's river
4 Stays fresh
5 Human body
6 Chest muscle
7 Complaints
8 Outcasts

Solution time: 23 mins.

MARIA ANG PFC
ECOL MOA LAOS
SLOWDOWN ESPN
HUMAN GRATES
YAMS USB
ARFS OWED ASH
AKA SMOKE LEM
SOS HARE SLIM
TAO ESTE
SOFTER OASIS
ABOO SLOWLANE
LOOM VER ETTIE
KEDS PAD REOS

Last Wednesday's Answer
(Answers Next Wednesday)



JUMBLE

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

LIYHL
VODIE
TOSOHM
GEDERE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



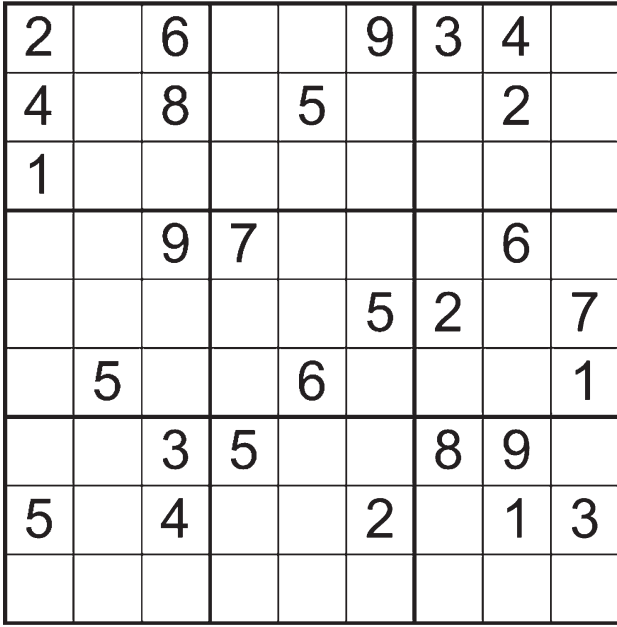
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here:

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)
Last Wednesday's Answers: Jumbles: TUMMY BLAND DENTAL EITHER
Answer: When Altoids were invented in 1780, the company — MADE A MINT

SUDOKU PUZZLE

King Classic Sudoku



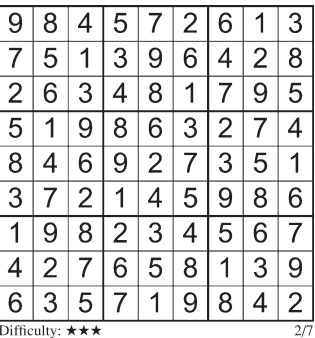
Difficulty: ★★★

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

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

Answer To Last Wednesday's Puzzle:



Difficulty: ★★★

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION TO CREDITORS, DISTRIBUTEES & LEGATEES

Notice is hereby given that the following estates have been opened for probate in the Summers Fiduciary Supervisor’s Office at 120 Ballengee Street, Suite 100, Hinton, WV 25951-0097. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code § 41-5-11 – 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file written notice of an objection with the County Commission through the Summers County Fiduciary Supervisor’s office within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred. Any person interested in filing claims against an estate must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code § 44-2 or 44-3A.

Settlement of the estates of the following named decedents will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.

First Publication Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2024
Claim Deadline: Sunday, April 7, 2024
APPOINTMENT DATE: 01/26/2024
ESTATE OF: RAYMOND MCKINLEY BLEVINS
EXECUTRIX: E. RAEANN OSBORNE 1605 NORTH WALKER ST. PRINCETON WV 24740-2624

APPOINTMENT DATE: 12/27/2023
ESTATE OF: HUGH FREDERICK SWEENEY JR.
ADMINISTRATRIX: JUDITH C. SWEENEY 229 MAIN ST. HINTON WV 25951-2533
APPOINTMENT DATE: 01/03/2024
ESTATE OF: NANNIE KAY KIRK
EXECUTRIX: KELLEY KIRK HENTHORN 1373 WASHINGTON ST. EAST LEWISBURG WV 24901-2537
APPOINTMENT DATE: 01/03/2024
ESTATE OF: STEVEN PULLIAM
ADMINISTRATRIX: CAMELLA PULLIAM 130 CRIPPLE CREEK

LANE HINTON WV 25951-1338
APPOINTMENT DATE: 01/03/2024
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ADMINISTRATOR: DANNY DOMINICK 262 LITTLE MINGO RD. WAYSIDE WV 24985-7500
APPOINTMENT DATE: 01/05/2024
ESTATE OF: DONALD LEE HANNAH
EXECUTOR: JOHN MARK ELLISON 40 DUSTY LANE NIMITZ WV 25978-8522
APPOINTMENT DATE: 01/11/2024
ESTATE OF: NANCY J. SHRADER
ADMINISTRATRIX: DEBRA L. CANTRELL PO BOX 27 NIMITZ WV 25978-0024
APPOINTMENT DATE: 01/17/2024
ESTATE OF: DEBRA LEA COOK
EXECUTOR: GLEN M. COOK 34 MICHAEL ST. ALDERSON WV 24910
APPOINTMENT DATE: 01/17/2024
ESTATE OF: ROBERTA ANN SMITH
EXECUTRIX: KIMBERLY ANN HOFF 2622 PINWHERRY ST. NW. PALM BAY FL 32907-6804
APPOINTMENT DATE: 01/18/2024
ESTATE OF: ATHOEL EUGENE LILLY
EXECUTOR: WAYNE LILLY PO BOX 431 WHITE PINE TN 37890-0431
APPOINTMENT DATE: 01/26/2024
ESTATE OF: AVALON JUNE BLEVINS
EXECUTRIX: EVELYN RAEANN OSBORNE 1605 N. WALKER ST. PRINCETON WV 24740-2624
Subscribed and sworn to before me on January 31, 2024.
Donald R. Basham Jr. Fiduciary Supervisor of Summers County (7,14fe)

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION
Cert No. 45827 Summers County
To: , MATTIE LEFTRIDGE, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.
DISTRICT HINTON CORP MAP 5 PARCEL 0260 0000
You will take notice that City of Hinton Building Commission, the purchaser of the following real estate, Certification No. 45827,

located in HINTON CORP District, 1 LOT 72 1/2 X 42 1/2 STATE STREET, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of LEFTRIDGE MATTIE B “EST”, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of Summers County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on 12/06/2022. City of Hinton Building Commission requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after 3/15/2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before 3/15/2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to 3/15/2024 .. \$455.41
Amount of taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to 3/15/2024.....\$0.00
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest to 3/15/2024..... \$782.61
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest to 3/15/2024..... \$0.00
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check must be made payable to **The Honorable Justin Faris, Sheriff of Summers County..... \$1238.02**

You may redeem at any time before 3/15/2024 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
Given under my hand 1/8/2024.
G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
G. Russell Rollyson Jr. Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of SUMMERS County, State of West Virginia (31ja7,14fe)

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION
Cert No. 45857 Summers County
To: , RAYMOND STEPHEN ENRIGHT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, as-

signs, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT HINTON CORP MAP 4 PARCEL 0154 0000
You will take notice that City of Hinton Building Commission, the purchaser of the following real estate, Certification No. 45857, located in HINTON CORP District, BLOCK 9 LOT 1 11TH AVE, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of ENRIGHT MATHEW F, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of Summers County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on 12/06/2022. City of Hinton Building Commission requests that you be notified a deed for such real estate will be made on or after 3/15/2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before 3/15/2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest, to 3/15/2024 .. \$535.55
Amount of taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to 3/15/2024.....\$0.00
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest to 3/15/2024..... \$1415.53
Additional Statutory Fees with Interest to 3/15/2024..... \$0.00
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check must be made payable to **The Honorable Justin Faris, Sheriff of Summers County..... \$1951.08**

You may redeem at any time before 3/15/2024 by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
Given under my hand 1/8/2024.

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
G. Russell Rollyson Jr. Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of SUMMERS County, State of West Virginia (31ja7,14fe)

In the Circuit Court of Summers County, West Virginia
Case No. CC-45-2023-JA-30 11/16/2023
IN THE INTEREST OF: SERENITY DAWN MEADOR
Adult Respondent(s): AUTUMN KESSELL UNKNOWN FATHER ORDER OF PUBLICATION TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The purpose of this action is to determine guardianship of Olivia Grace Meador DOB: 11/16/2023. Petitioner, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, is seeking continued legal and physical custody of said child(ren), and/or Termination of Parental Rights.

It appearing that the whereabouts of any known or unknown father, or of any named or unnamed father, or of anyone claiming paternity of infant child, is presently unknown at this time, it is ORDERED that any known or unknown father, or any named or unnamed father, or anyone claiming paternity of infant child, appear in the Office of the Honorable Robert A. Irons, Judge of the Circuit Court of Summers County, West Virginia, for an Adjudicatory Hearing/Improvement Period Review Hearing, on April 26, 2024 at 11:30 a.m., of that day and object, or make other defense, to the Petition, otherwise guardianship of the child may be granted to the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, the parental rights of the father and mother terminated.

Further, it is hereby ORDERED that any known or unknown father, or any

named or unnamed father, or anyone claiming paternity of Olivia Grace Meador DOB: 11/16/2023, be advised of his right to have counsel at every stage of these proceedings and that counsel will be appointed if they cannot pay for the services of counsel and that such proceedings may result in the severance of parental rights and the transfer of custody of said child unto the Petitioner.

/s/ Robert Irons
Circuit Court Judge
31st Judicial Circuit
(7,14fe)

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF SUMMERS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
Civil Action No. FC-45-2024-D-6

IN RE: The Marriage of: Crystal Kathleen Richardson, Petitioner and Laith Hanoun Respondent
ORDER OF PUBLICATION THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE. THIS IS A PUBLICATION BY CLASS II LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT.
To the Above-Named Respondent:

It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that Laith Hanoun is a non-resident of the State of West Virginia or has an unknown address. It is hereby ordered that Laith Hanoun serve upon Crystal Richardson, Petitioner, whose address is 11492 State Route 3 and 12, Alderson, WV 24910, an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition For Divorce filed in this action on or before March 8, 2024. If you fail to Answer the Petition for Divorce, a judgment may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk’s Office.
Entered by the Clerk of said Court January 26, 2024.
/s/ Stacy D. Ford
Clerk of the Court
(7,14fe)

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A Peek into Summers County’s Past: Pence Springs Community Church



The commemorative plate from the Pence Springs Community Church’s 37th year. Photo provided by William Jones

William Jones

PENCE SPRINGS W.Va. (WVDN) - Editor’s Note: Every week, local history collector William Jones discusses items from his collection and their historical significance. In this week’s edition of A Peek into Summers County’s Past, Jones is tackling the topic of the Pence Springs Community Church.

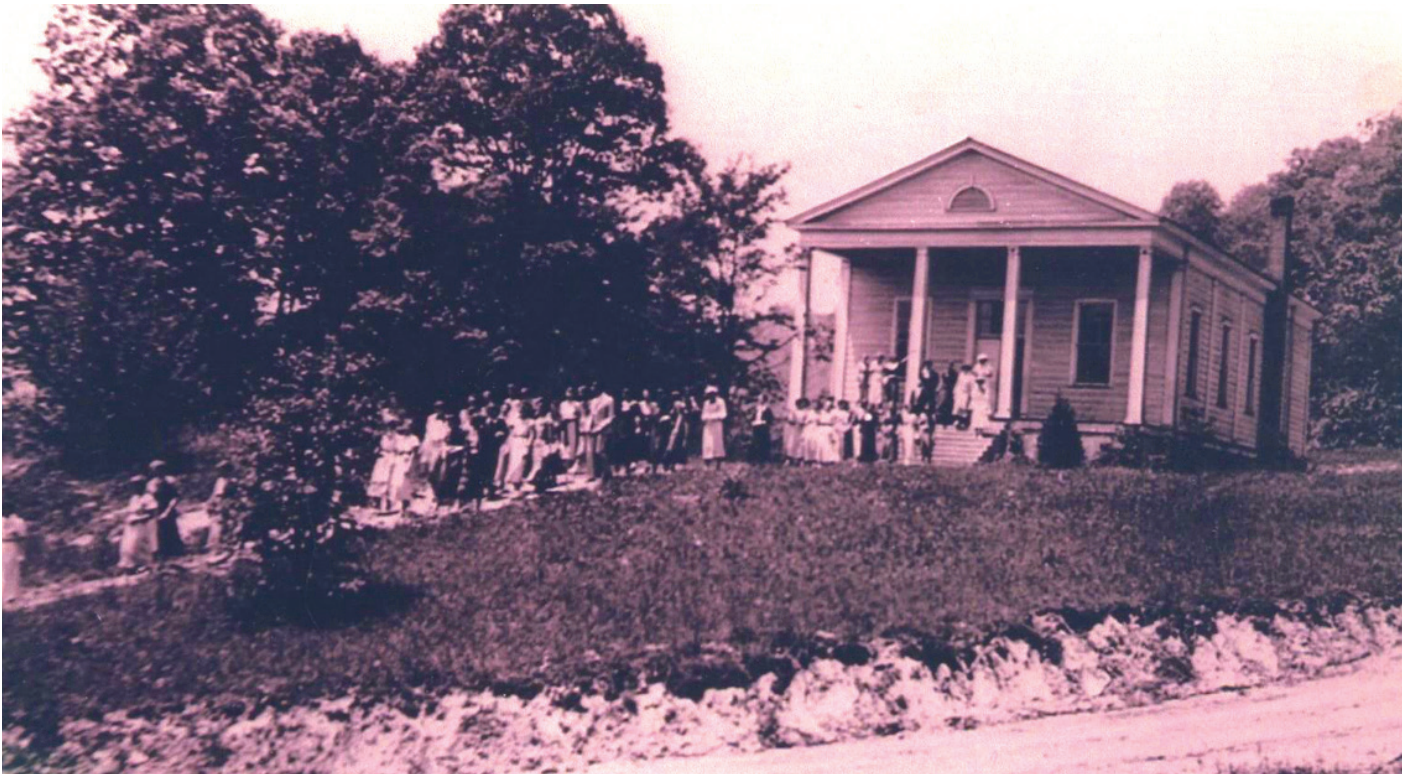
The black and white photo is the earliest photo I have ever seen of the Pence Springs Community Church in Pence Springs, West Virginia. The church was constructed in 1921 and was initially intended for the Presbyterian denomination.

The congregation, in its early days, decided it wanted to be independent from a denomination and broke away to form a “community

church.” I have been a member of this church my entire life. It is non-denominational, but it is centered around the Baptist ideology.

Alvin Garten, my good friend and local history buddy who was a member of this church, had told me many historical facts at one of our “history retreats,” that centered around us drinking coffee in his yard on summer evenings and various stories about this church before he passed away in 2013. One of which was when the original Presbyterian congregation was constructing the building, they had a large wood cook stove in the basement and would hold dinners for the community to raise funds for its completion.

He could remember his parents telling the men of the



Early photo of the Pence Springs Community Church. Photo provided by William Jones

church they had to tear the stove apart so it could be carried up the small stairs out of the basement. In those days, the only way into the basement was the tiny staircase at the back door. The stove was sat down in what would be the basement before the church building itself was constructed. His nephew, Dale Hedrick, was recently telling me that his mother, Lornie Cales, told him that when they decided to break away and become private, every member of the church wrote to the Presbyterian Corporation and gave them one cent for each year they were old.

Back to the photo, this was a special Sunday service that was held for the school in The Pence Springs Hotel after it closed, as many businesses did at that time due to the

depression. It was a preparatory reform school for young women. Eleanor Roosevelt, whose husband was President Roosevelt, was involved in this school. It came about during President Roosevelt’s “New Deal,” which was designed to improve the economy and help people harmed due to hardships faced during The Great Depression, especially in rural communities such as Pence Springs, West Virginia.

The commemorative plate pictured is one that was produced for the church in 1958. It reads, “Pence Springs Community Church Pence Springs, West Virginia 1921 - 1958.” At the time, it would have been 37 years old, which may seem like an odd year to produce a commemorative plate.

My guess is there was a company that produced these plates for local churches back in the day, which is why they did not commemorate a specific year. I have seen these plates for many local churches: Trinity United Methodist Church in Talcott, Tempa Baptist Church in Tampa, West Virginia, Greenbrier Baptist Church in Alderson, and so on.

Just as the commemorative throws made in the local towns around 20 years ago. One for Talcott, Pence Springs, Alderson, etc. After further examination of the plates, they were all produced by the Preston-Hopkinson Co. So, just as I had first thought, there was one company that made these commemorative plates for the churches in the area. This explains why they

were made for odd years, like the one for Pence Springs at 37.

Lastly, there is a small fenced cemetery to the left of the church. This is for the Pence family. Andrew Pence, for whom the town was named to honor the Pence Springs Hotel, is buried in it. Many of his immediate family are buried there also. An architect was staying at The Pence Springs Hotel as a guest in the 1920s. He was selected to design the new church in Pence Springs.

This is the end of another edition of A Peek into Summers County’s Past. Did you know the history of the Pence Springs Community Church?

If you have a tale from the area’s past to share, send an email to news@hintonnews.com

Summers County History Hero Award Recipient Announced

CHARLESTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - West Virginia Archives and History recently announced the list of individuals who will be recognized as West Virginia History Heroes during a West Virginia History Day at the Legislature program and ceremony to be held at the Culture Center on the Capitol Complex in Charleston on Wednesday, Feb. 21. One Summers County local, Robert “Cotty” Farley, made the list.

Robert “Cotty” Farley conceived of and developed a project called “Inspiration Hall” designed

to motivate students to make their mark on history. Housed at the Summers County Comprehensive High School cafeteria, the Inspiration Hall gallery uses photos and memorabilia to showcase outstanding county residents, both living and dead, who made an impact at the national level. Farley spent hours researching famous people from Summers County in all fields for recognition in an annual ceremony at the high school.

West Virginia History Heroes are nominated by historical, genealogical,

preservation, museum, patriotic or like organizations from across the state. The purpose of this annual award is to give state-level recognition to individuals chosen for dedicated service on behalf of an organization’s programs or for a recent significant contribution to state and local history through research, interpretation, publication, or preservation. The West Virginia History Hero Award is a one-time-only recognition.

The 2024 History Hero Awards program is set to begin at 9:30 a.m. in the State Theater at the Cul-

ture Center and will conclude before 11 a.m. Honorees’ local legislators have been invited to participate in the ceremony at the Culture Center, time and legislative session permitting. During this time, photographs will be taken, copies of which can be obtained by visiting <https://www.wvculture.zomfolio.com/p737259101> after Feb. 21.

West Virginia History Day at the Legislature

was begun by the West Virginia Archives and History Commission in 1997 and is officially designated by the commission as a special day to recognize the state’s rich and varied history. This annual event, during which groups from around the state provide history displays in the capitol, is now in its twenty-eighth year. This year, nearly three dozen groups have registered to have displays in

the upper rotunda of the capitol.

In addition to the Archives and History Commission, co-sponsors of West Virginia History Day are the Mining Your History Foundation, Preservation Alliance of West Virginia, Inc., West Virginia Association of Museums, West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History, West Virginia Historical Society, and West Virginia Humanities Council.

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