

WV Lifeline Ambulance Expands Services in Summers County

Rebecca Stalnaker
Hinton News

HINTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) — A new medical transportation company, WV Lifeline Ambulance Services, is increasing its focus on Summers County as it works to establish a permanent presence in the region.

The company, which launched in May, provides non-emergent medical transportation services, including hospital transfers and rides to doctor appointments and dialysis. WV Lifeline Ambulance CEO Matthew Tyler Kirk said the company has seen an “influx of traf-

fic” in Summers County since it began operating, which he said validates the need for its services. “As we continue to grow, our goals include bringing two or more ambulances to the region as well as providing additional Advanced Life Support services to the community,” Kirk said.

While a dedicated station has not yet been established in Summers County, the company’s headquarters in Fayette County is providing services to the area with four EMTs and three drivers. Kirk said the company is currently exploring potential sites for a Summers County base and anticipates hiring new crew mem-

bers for the region within the next six months. In addition to expanding its Summers County operations, WV Lifeline Ambulance is also preparing to begin offering 911 services in Fayette County after being authorized by the Fayette County Commission in July. According to Kirk, the company hopes to

eventually offer 911 services in all areas where they establish bases, with Summers County being a target area. For non-emergency transportation requests, residents can contact WV Lifeline Ambulance at 304-207-0615.

City of Hinton Welcomes New City Manager, Megan Turner

HINTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) -The City of Hinton is proud to announce the hiring of Megan Turner as the new City Manager. Turner, who has served as the City’s Executive Assistant for just under a year, officially stepped into her new role this month. In her time as Executive Assistant, Megan quickly became a trusted leader within city operations, demonstrating strong organizational skills,

dedication to public service, and a deep commitment to the community. Her experience working closely with city staff and officials has provided her with the knowledge and vision needed to guide Hinton into its next chapter of growth and development. “I am honored to serve as Hinton’s City Manager,” Turner said. “This community has so much potential, and I am excited to continue working with our citizens,

businesses, and partners to build on the progress we’ve made. Together, we can create a bright future for Hinton.” As City Manager, Turner will oversee daily operations, support ongoing projects, and work to strengthen communication, community engagement, and development initiatives. City officials believe her leadership and energy will help advance Hinton’s goals while maintaining the small-town

values that make it unique. Mayor Jack Scott praised Turner’s appointment, stating, “Megan has proven herself as an invaluable member of our team. Her professionalism, passion, and vision for Hinton make her the right choice to lead our city forward.” The City of Hinton welcomes Megan Turner into her new role and looks forward to her continued contributions in serving the citizens of Hinton.



Megan Turner

Foster Parenting: A Journey of Love, Challenges, and Community Support

Rebecca Stalnaker
Hinton News

GREENBRIER VALLEY W.Va. (Hinton News) - Jessie and Tyler Gruskievich never imagined their family would look the way it does today. What started as a childhood dream for Jessie has blossomed into a beautiful reality - three children who, as Jessie puts it, “look just like us” despite no biological connection. Jessie knew from age 15 that she couldn’t have biological children, but that didn’t deter her dream of having a large family. “I wanted eight kids,” she laughs, while her husband, Tyler, “wanted maybe one.” When they married, Jessie was upfront about her situation, and Tyler shared her passion for foster care and adoption. After years of unsuccessfully trying to have kids, the couple had a realization. “Why are we paying doctors all this money when there are hundreds of kids in our own communities sitting in foster care?” Jessie recalls. That moment led them to Children’s Home Society, where they

met Suzanne, their home finder, who would become instrumental in their journey. “Being a foster parent means being there in the interim when kids need a safe place to be, whether that means for a month, a day, or forever,” Jessie explains. It’s a definition that has evolved since they first started, shaped by real experience rather than assumptions. Their journey hasn’t been without challenges. Jessie remembers when their oldest daughter adamantly refused adoption, saying she wanted to stay in foster care until she turned 18. But after working through various experiences, the same daughter came home from school one day and announced, “Mom, I want to be adopted.” Another powerful moment came when their middle daughter shared a profound realization during a car ride home from a basketball game. “God really knew what he was doing,” she told Jessie, “because something had to happen when we were kids, and then something had to happen when we got older and you

guys were ready, so we could come home.” The Gruskievich family’s experience highlights both the joys and complexities of foster care. As Jessie notes, their daily life looks different from traditional families in ways people don’t always consider. Comments from well-meaning community members can be challenging - like being told they don’t look old enough to have a 19-year-old, or questions about where their children “came from.” “We don’t always think about how our comments and the things we say can impact people who are different than us,” Jessie observes. Even holidays like Mother’s Day carry complex emotions, as Jessie explains: “For me to be their mom, they had to go through incredible trauma with their mom.” Janice Richmond, the new CEO of Children’s Home Society, provides context for the urgent need in West Virginia. The 129-year-old statewide agency operates 14 main sites and eight emergency child shelters across the state. Currently, children are staying

in hotel rooms because there aren’t enough foster homes available. “Every day right now in West Virginia, there’s a pretty long list of kids that are staying in hotels because there’s not a foster home for them to go to,” Richmond explains. “Some of those kids have been in those hotel rooms for quite a bit of time.” The organization serves Greenbrier, Summers, Pocahontas, and Monroe counties through their Lewisburg office, providing not just foster care and adoption services, but also independent living programs and community support for grandparents raising grandchildren. Betty Hendrick, who serves on both the local advisory council and state board, emphasizes that community members don’t have to become foster parents to make a difference. “Don’t just think about it. Get engaged with Children’s Home Society, and they will help you to make the right decision whether it’s the right path for you.” The organization offers various volunteer opportuni-

ties, from mentoring teenagers at shelters to joining fundraising efforts. Their annual fundraiser at the West Virginia State Fairgrounds has raised nearly \$48,000 in recent years, with every penny staying local to help children in the four-county area. Jessie’s primary advice to new foster parents is simple: “Trust your workers.” She explains that policies and procedures that might seem frustrating exist for important reasons - to protect everyone involved. “It’s just a season, hang in there,” she encourages those facing difficult times. Drawing from her background as a pastor, she references Psalms 34:4: “Sometimes we’re stuck in that comma, like in that gap where it’s hard for us to see the other side, but when you’re in the comma, the promise is coming.” Richmond adds that potential foster parents shouldn’t let fear stop them from investigating the possibility. “It’s okay to be afraid, but don’t let that fear stop you from at least investigating it and finding out what

it could be like.” As Jessie puts it, “We as a society do a lot of complaining about problems, but this is something we can be part of the solution for.” Whether through fostering, adopting, volunteering, or simply being more mindful of how we interact with foster families in our community, there are ways for everyone to help. For those interested in learning more about foster care, adoption, or volunteer opportunities, contact the Children’s Home Society Lewisburg office at 304-647-3430, visit their Facebook page (Children’s Home Society West Virginia - Lewisburg Site), or check their website at www.child-hswb.org. The Gruskievich family’s story is a testament to the transformative power of opening your heart and home to children in need. As Richmond notes, “Our best recruitment tools are our foster [and] adoptive parents and word of mouth and telling their stories. That’s what really usually ignites that spark in other people to say, maybe I could do that.”



COMMUNITY OBITUARIES



Carmen Berry

Carmen Berry, 87, of

Hinton, passed away August 24, 2025, at Princeton Community Hospital, following a short illness. Born August 9, 1938, in Long Bottom, she was the daughter of the late Wayman and Stella Adkins Berry. She retired from Summers County ARH Hospital as a dietary cook with 40 years of service. Carmen loved cooking, gardening,

and going to the Summers Co. Senior Center. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death three brothers; eight sisters; and her special son-in-law, David Madison. Survived by one daughter, Romanda Madison; one sister, Corene Sears; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is also survived by a special family she viewed as

her grandchildren and lovingly known as Granny C. by Keisha and J.R. Gill and their children; Madison McNicholas and her husband, Ashton, and Levi Gill; special family, Ray and Angie Crewey and their sons, John and Nick Crewey and Adam Bragg; and dear friend, Margaret Nelson. Funeral services were held 1 p.m. Saturday,

August 30, 2025, at the Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlors Chapel with Pastors Robbie Merritt and John Sauvage officiating. Burial followed in the Restwood Memorial Gardens near Hinton. Friends could call from noon until service time on Saturday at the funeral parlors. Ashton McNicholas, J.R. Gill, Terry Fisher, Adam Bragg, Keith

Bennett, and John Crewey served as pallbearers. Cecil Cox, Donald Bennett, Chuck Gwinn, Garry Wheeler, and Jerry Wheeler served as honorary pallbearers. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.ronaldmeadows-fp.com. Arrangements are by the Ronald Meadows Funeral Parlors of Hinton.

Hinton Area Foundation Announces Two Grant Opportunities for 2025: “Making a Difference” Community Improvement Project Grants and Learning Innovation Fund Educational Grants

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) — The Hinton Area Foundation (HAF) is pleased to announce two grant opportunities designed to strengthen Summers County through community engagement and educational innovation. Making a Difference (MAD) Community Improvement Project Grants The Making a Difference (“MAD”) Community Improvement Project Grants support local initiatives that

enhance Summers County communities through sustainable improvements and resident involvement. While full project funding requests will be considered, applications that include matching funds may receive priority. Application Deadline: September 30, 2025 Awards Announced: October 30, 2025 Status Reports Due: May 1, 2026 Applications must be submitted

in hard copy and mailed to: HAF MAD Community Improvement Project Grant Committee P.O. Box 217 Hinton, WV 25951 Learning Innovation Fund Educational Grants The Learning Innovation Fund supports classroom teachers in Summers County, Pre-K through grade 12, who wish to implement creative and innovative projects that directly benefit students. Grants of up to \$500 will be

awarded. Projects should demonstrate educational merit, measurable student achievement goals, and promote inventive teaching approaches. Application Deadline: October 1, 2025 Awards Announced: October 31, 2025 Project Evaluations Due: Last school day of the 2025–2026 academic year Grant funds may not be used for salaries, stipends, or awards for school

employees. Commitment to Summers County “The Hinton Area Foundation is committed to improving life in Summers County, whether by investing in our communities or supporting classroom innovation,” said Christina Cochran, Executive Director of HAF. “These grants provide opportunities to make a lasting impact both in our neighborhoods and in our schools. We try to make this funding

as easily accessible as possible, because we know that our teachers and community leaders have enough on their plates. We are excited to see what our community needs we will be able to meet through these grants!” For more information and to access the Grant Applications, visit <https://hintonareafoundation.org/grants/> or contact the Hinton Area Foundation at info@hintonareafoundation.org or 304-309-5502.

WVU Football Preview by Position: Receivers



Jarrod Bowie lays out and makes a diving catch in practice two weeks ago (Photo: WVU Football)

Brandon Baker
Hinton News

MORGANTOWN W.Va. (Hinton News) - Once an unknown back in the spring, the WVU receiving group may have actually become a strength over the last few months of work. The lack of experience along with very few returning, experienced options had fans and coaches wondering if the Mountaineers would have any semblance of a passing game. However, those questions have, at least in the eyes of the insiders close to the program, been answered. Leading the way for the 2025 receiver room is Jacksonville State transfer Cam Vaughn. Vaughn has been named a Biletnikoff Award candidate after a stellar freshman season under Rich Rodriguez in

2024. In their bowl game last season, Vaughn finished with nine catches, 183 yards, and a touchdown versus Ohio. Ironically, the Mountaineers play at Ohio in the second game of this coming season. Rodriguez recently said that Vaughn hasn't even scratched the surface of his potential but will still be an extremely big producer on the outside. The sleeper of this whole group may be Jayden Bray. Bray played for the Mountaineers a season ago after transferring from Oklahoma State and drew rave reviews in the preseason last year frequently. But he couldn't stay healthy and outside from a 50-yard catch in the latter part of the season, he was a non-factor. This season, however, Bray is fresh

and ready to go. He loves the new staff and the offense WVU will run and feels he can flourish in the system. In 2023 at OSU, Bray hauled in 30 receptions for 382 yards and two scores. One of those scores and 52 of those yards came against West Virginia. The talent is there for Bray to excel. Will is healthy be? Other receivers on the outside who make the position deep are Justin Smith-Brown, Christian Hamilton, and Preston Fox. Jeff Weimer, a talented transfer from Idaho State, was expected to play an important role in the offense, but on Tuesday at a court hearing involving eligibility status, Weimer was told he was not listed on the official roster which is not good news for him to be cleared to play this fall. At the inside receiver spot, coach

Rodriguez and inside receivers coach Logan Bradley are anxious to see what their guys can do on the field. Rumor has it, behind closed doors, Rodriguez said this is the best group of slot receivers he has ever had on one team. The group is led by Rodney Gallagher, a familiar name to fans as he is back for his third season in Morgantown. Gallagher is projected to start at slot and be backed up by another explosive athlete, Oran Singleton. A transfer from Eastern Michigan, Singleton led the Eagles with 64 catches and 639 yards a year ago. He has a knack for getting open and can make plays in space. He can be the perfect complement to Gallagher when needed. Jarrod Bowie, who played high school for Martinsburg and starred at Concord for a year before playing for Ro-

driguez at Jax State, is yet another experienced option the offense has. Bowie had 105 receiving yards in that bowl game against Ohio and is ready to make an impact for his home state school now that he has that legit opportunity. Armoni Weaver, a highly rated true freshman, is the depth at this spot

and is a speedster in space. To put it bluntly, the West Virginia receiver room will be better than what most thought during spring practice. Some of the additions to the position and just players improving 110 percent this summer, will make the passing game fun to watch in 2025.

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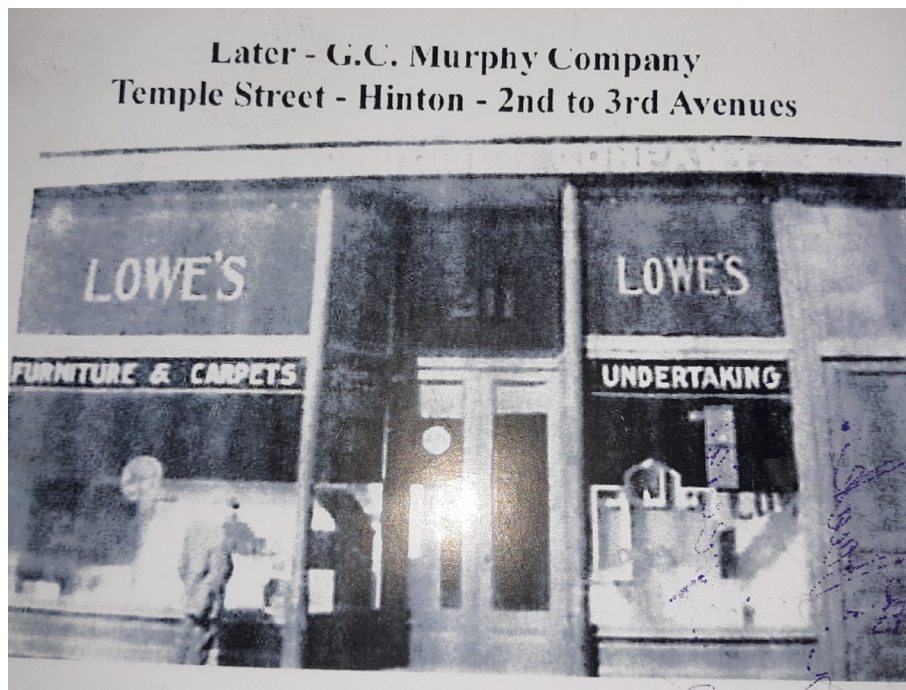
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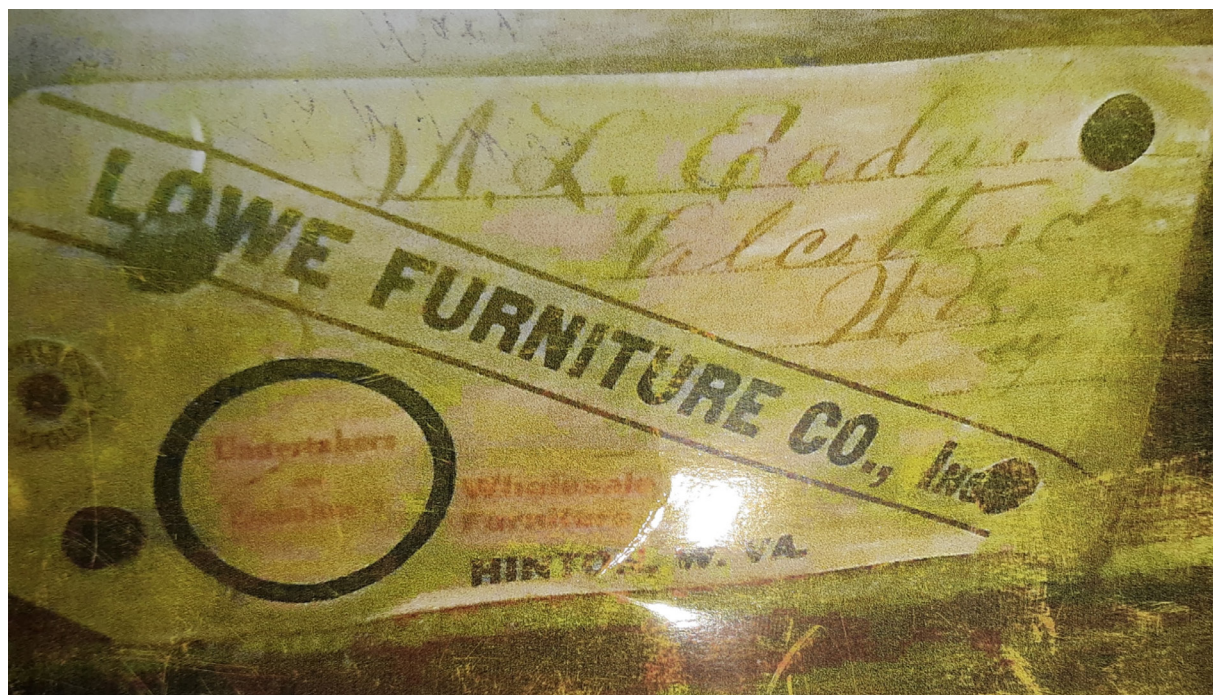
A Peek into Summers County's Past: Lowe's



The storefront. Photo provided by William Jones



The desk. Photo provided by William Jones



Lowe's furniture Co. sign. Photo provided by William Jones

William Jones
Hinton News

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - In 2021, I connected with Lois Thompson Petty on Facebook. Lois and I are distant cousins on the Thompson side of my family. We share a mutual love for local history, we have shared many stories and photos over the years. Recently, she told me about a desk her grandfather, Albert Lee Eades, purchased from The Lowe's Furniture Company in Hinton. It was housed in a building on Temple Street that still has the name in the eve made from metal and is dated 1905. Mr. Eades purchased this desk and had it delivered to his home in Talcott, WV. Mrs. Petty specu-

lates the desk is at least 100 years old. Based on the information I have uncovered while writing this piece I would assume it is around 115 years old. Which would have made this piece having been purchased by Mr. Eades around 1910. The Lowe's building became part of GC Murphy's sometime around the 1920s. But here is where some confusion comes into play. At some point the Lowe's building was Woolworth, but there is no consensus on whether GC Murphys expanded into it from the building to its left when Woolworths closed or how it all transpired. If you know about these businesses, please

send me an email at greenbrierantiques@gmail.com. My friend and local Summers County historian Tom Huthison was telling me his 99 year old mother-in-law worked at GC Murphys,

soon after she started work there they bought out Woolworths. So it can be assumed that at this point is when the GC Murphy's sign expanded across the front both buildings. I think everyone in Summers Coun-

ty has at least one experience with GC Murphys. Just today my mother and I were talking about a set of Texas Ware mixing bowls she bought for her mother there in 1977 when dad and she were first married. We still have those bowls.

I digress and will get back to the Lowe's desk. The part of it I find fascinating is that the original Lowe's Furniture Co. tag/delivery label to Mr. Eades

to Talcott is still attached. You see a front view of the desk and a close-up of the label. The other photo is of the building bowls she bought when it was still for her mother Lowe's Furniture Company. Lois has told me that the desk will go to her son. I love hearing things like that, a piece that has been in someone's family for this long should stay with the family. Lois and I haven't met yet, but hopefully one day soon we can.

Hinton A.A. Meetings

HINTON W.Va. (Hinton News) - The Hinton Alcoholics Anonymous group holds multiple weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 8 p.m., Wednesdays at noon, and Saturdays at 5 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. For more information, please call 304-660-7073 or 1-800-333-5051.

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5:30: Raffle Drawings; Chance Auction Drawings
6:00 - 10:00: Buddy Allen & Cheat River Band

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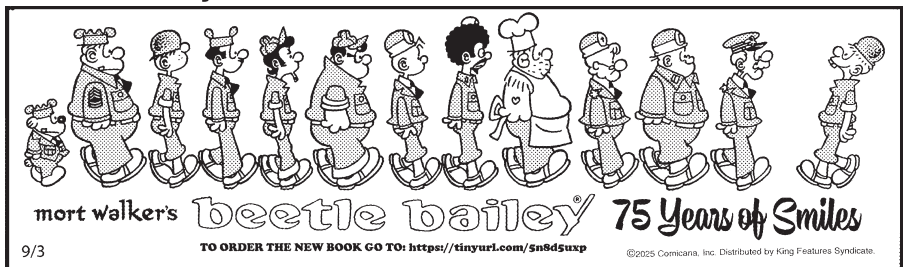
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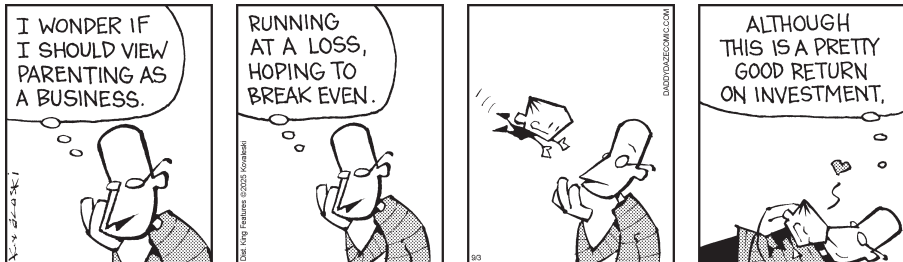
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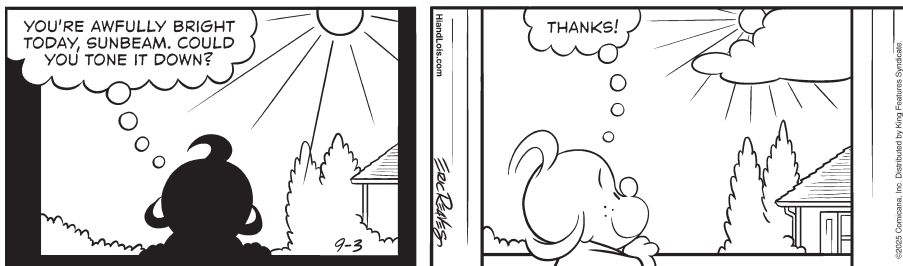
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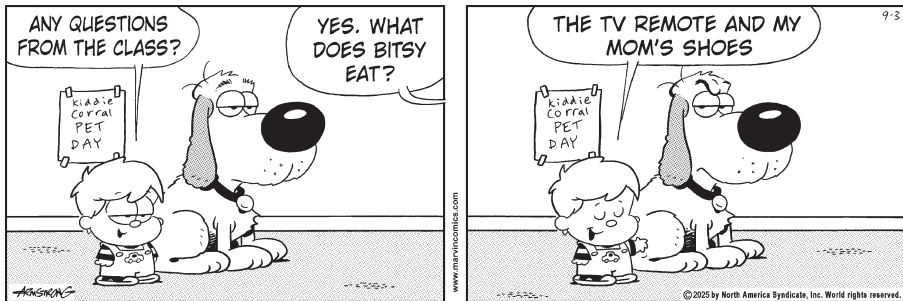
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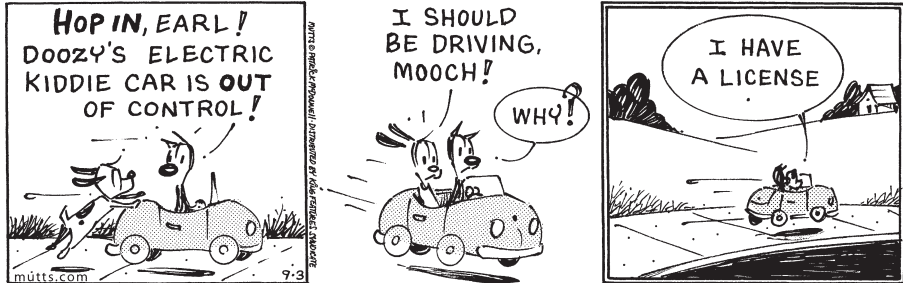
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ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

MOON ALERT: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in CAPRICORN.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2025:

You are determined, clever and empathetic. You want practical solutions for social problems. This is a fun-loving year! Your creativity, zest and desire for life are at a pinnacle! Let your guard down and loosen up a bit. Have fun! Old friends might reappear to rekindle relationships.

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)

2★ This is the kind of day when arguments can break out, especially with partners and close friends. Nasty retaliations and outbursts might erupt at work, or with people involved with your health, or even a pet. That's because people are on edge today and ready to rant. Tonight: Stay busy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

3★ Parents need to be patient with their kids today. Likewise, romantic partners must be patient with

each other to avoid need-less arguments. You also might find yourself at odds with someone who has the budgetary power to give you supplies, equipment or money related to your job. (A tenuous situation.) Tonight: Hobbies?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

2★ As the wordsmith of the zodiac, you can do a verbal dance in order to avoid a nasty confrontation at home, or at least minimize the fallout. Likewise, be wary of volcanic exchanges with your kids or romantic partners. Keep your words sweet and gentle. Tonight: Home repairs.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

2★ Patience is your best friend today because everyone is looking for a fight. There are two different influences that will create nasty confrontations at home (with family members) and also with daily contacts. Pay attention; this is an accident-prone day! Tonight: Discussions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

2★ Something unexpected might impact your money or your possessions today. Keep your eyes open. You might find money; you might lose money. Protect

what you own against loss, theft or damage. Be patient with co-workers today (or issues about pets) to avoid nasty confrontations. Tonight: Check your money.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

3★ Your mind is stimulated today because your ruler Mercury is at odds with unpredictable Uranus. You might have some nerve-racking interactions or little surprises. Be patient with authority figures. Likewise, be patient with your kids and romantic partners, especially about finances. Tonight: Express yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

2★ Although you're a clever debater, you like harmonious surroundings -- it's who you are. Therefore, be patient with family members, especially female relatives today. Something going on behind the scenes that catches you off guard might make you feel mentally sidetracked. Stay focused. Tonight: Research.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

2★ Tread carefully and avoid thy viper's tongue. (In case you have one.) Today the Moon is in your House of Communications at odds with fiery Mars, which means you will be easily annoyed with something or

someone. This could relate to a friend or a group that has caught you by surprise. Tonight: Socialize.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

2★ Quarrels about money or possessions might arise today. Do be careful when talking to parents, bosses and VIPs (including the police), because someone might throw you a curveball. Take time to react. Process what's happening. Remember to be courteous. Tonight: Set goals.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

3★ News in the media or something unexpected related to medical or legal matters might surprise you today. Perhaps this is why you might be irritated with a parent or an authority figure. Remember that patience is the antidote to anger. Be wise and refrain from saying anything that can come back to haunt you. Tonight: Study and learn.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

2★ Don't be hasty agreeing to financial matters today, especially about settling debts or dealing with an inheritance or shared property. Make sure you have all your facts. A dispute with someone

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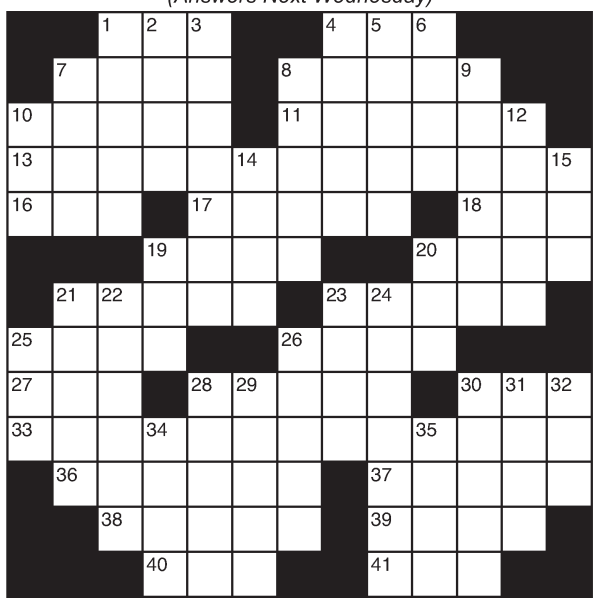
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Last Wednesday's Answer (Answers Next Wednesday)



JUMBLE

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

DIVOE

SGRHU

RONCEE

SPRTOA

(Today's Answers Next Wednesday)

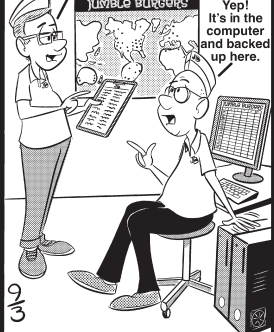
Last Wednesday's Answers: VAULT, GRAPH, ONLINE, ELDEST

Jumbles: VAULT, GRAPH, ONLINE, ELDEST

Answer: When they completed the jigsaw puzzle, they were — ALL TOGETHER

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



THE RESTAURANT KEPT ALL THE INFO ABOUT ITS WAITSTAFF

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

might cloud your thinking, and you might agree to something that you later regret. Tonight: Check your finances.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

2★ You might feel irritated with a group today, perhaps about how something is divided or shared or how money is spent. This could lead to an excitable discussion with a partner or close friend. Fortunately, co-workers are supportive.



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.

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First Publication Date: Wednesday, September 3, 2025
Claim Deadline: Sunday, November 2, 2025
ESTATE OF: RUTH GAIL CASSEDDY
ADMINISTRATOR: VICTOR CASSEDDY
ESTATE OF: ERMA FAY MEADOWS
EXECUTRIX: MARY NEWSOME
ESTATE OF: JOHN RODNEY FORD
ADMINISTRATRIX: LINDA FORD
ESTATE OF: DENNIS LEE HATCHER
ADMINISTRATOR: ROBERT TIMOTHY FITZPATRICK
ESTATE OF: CARL RICHARD MIZE
ADMINISTRATRIX: SHERRI L. GILL
ESTATE OF: BENNY WYANT BOONE
ADMINISTRATRIX CTA: KATHY LYNN BOONE
ESTATE OF: RYNE TYLER NAHODIL
ADMINISTRATOR: GREGORY L. NAHODIL
ESTATE OF: ROBERT H. FLESHMAN
EXECUTOR: DAVID SCOTT FLESHMAN
ESTATE OF: JOHN DAVID MEADOWS
ADMINISTRATRIX: DONNA K. BELCHER
ESTATE OF: ROBERT HOUSTON HOLLIDAY
EXECUTRIX: ELLEN HOLLIDAY
ESTATE OF: DONNIA I. YANCEY
ADMINISTRATRIX: JANET YANCEY
ESTATE OF: GOLDIE CAROL HUBER
ADMINISTRATOR: ALAN HUFNAGLE
ESTATE OF: LAURA SUE BRIERS
ADMINISTRATOR: WILLIAM JENNINGS BRIERS III

Subscribed and sworn to before me on August 27, 2025.
Donald R. Basham Jr.
Fiduciary Supervisor of Summers County (3,10sp)

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Publication Date: Wednesday, September 3, 2025
Claim Deadline: Sunday, November 2, 2025
Estate: William Blynn Pease

Affiant: Travis Pease
Subscribed and sworn to before me on August 27, 2025.
Donald R. Basham Jr.
Fiduciary Supervisor of Summers County (3sp)

Notice To Creditors, Distributees, and Legatees Proposed / Short Form Settlements

To the Creditors and Beneficiaries of the within named deceased persons:

I have before me the Final settlements and Proposals for the estates of the following deceased persons, which shall be presented to the County Commission of Summers County, at the Courthouse thereof, in the City of Hinton, West Virginia on the 10th day of September, 2025, at or near 10:00 a.m. These proposed settlements and short form settlements have been presented to me by the fiduciary of such estates which settlements I have approved as indicated below:
Estate: Mary Lou Harris (Proposed)
Fiduciary: Reba Jean Judy & Twila Gay Hicks
Estate: William Clayton Ballard Jr. (Proposed)
Fiduciary: Gregory Bragg & Herman Pack
Estate: Paul Lincoln Brown Jr.
Fiduciary: Eugenia Brown

Estate: Barbara Jean Fox
Fiduciary: Michael David Fox
Estate: Wilma Sue Miller
Fiduciary: Michael Miller
Estate: Carl Lee Foster
Fiduciary: Cheryl Foster
Estate: Betty Jane Foster
Fiduciary: Cheryl Foster
Estate: James W. Mann
Fiduciary: Teresa Mann
Estate: Mary Carol Meadows
Fiduciary: Donna Belcher
Estate: James Lewis Richmond
Fiduciary: Gregory K. Richmond
Estate: Mildred K. Richmond
Fiduciary: Gregory K. Richmond

Any person having any interest in the estate of any such deceased person, may appear before the County Commission at the time and place hereinabove specified and thereupon protect his interests as they may appear or else may be forever thereafter barred from asserting such interest.

Given under my hand this the 27th day of August, 2025.
Donnie Basham
Fiduciary Supervisor (3sp)



Dear Recycle Lady,
I have a plastic bottle with a label that covers the entire bottle. There is a small note on the label that says, "Remove Label to Recycle Bottle." How do I remove the label?
Puzzled

Dear Puzzled,
Plastic bottles have different types of labels; some are paper, and some are plastic. If the label is paper, it does not need to be removed as the heat during the recycling process will burn it away. If the plastic bottles have plastic labels that are the same kind of plastic, the labels do not need to be removed, as they are both recyclable.

The label on your bottle indicates that the bottle has a plastic label that is a different type of plastic than the plastic of the bottle. Thus, the label must be removed, as it will become a contaminant in the recycling process.

To remove the label, simply insert a sharp

Dear Recycle Lady

pointed knife (away from you for safety!) in the seam where the label has been glued on and make a cut in the label. It doesn't require a very large cut, as the plastic label will then pull off in strips. Some labels can be easily cut on the entire width of the label; others are more difficult. Plastic bottles with labels that cover the entire bottle generally have the "remove the label before recycling" note, as these large labels may also affect the optical scanners' sorting technologies.

Incidentally, the small ring around the top of most plastic bottles does not need to be removed.

Dear Recycle Lady,
One of my prescriptions includes directions in the package that are folded lengthwise several times and then folded in the opposite direction three times. The folded directions are then sealed together

with three pieces of paper tape. Must that seal be broken and the paper unfolded before putting it in the recycle bin for office paper?
Want to Recycle Correctly

Dear Want to Recycle Correctly,

You do not need to remove the seal from the folded paper, and the folded paper instructions do not need to be opened before recycling it. Since this is plain paper with directions, it probably is office paper. Just add it with the paper on its way to be recycled.

Dear Recycle Lady,

I recently replaced my lawnmower battery. Will my old lawnmower battery recycle?
Lawn Caretaker

Dear Lawn Caretaker,

The Recycling Center accepts, and will pay for, lawn mower batteries, car batteries or cordless batteries regardless of whether they will charge or not. In fact, they accept any

large rechargeable battery, but not the small AA, AAA, C or D batteries. I am sorry to say, alkaline batteries of any kind are also not accepted.

According to information from battery manufacturers, it is now safe to put them in the landfill. When you take your battery to the Recycle Center, go to the door for recycling aluminum cans, push the button and a staff member will come to assist you.

Interesting Information: Four-eyed fish don't really have four eyes—their two eyes are just split to see above and below water at the same time. So cool! (fto.com).

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.

Back to School Poison Safety

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (Hinton News) – "Back to school" season is more than a time for notebooks and pens, backpacks, and lunch boxes—it is a time for change. When there are changes in daily routines, poisonings are more likely to occur. The West Virginia Poison Center provides these tips to help avoid poisonings during the "back-to-school" season.

Morning Rush Medication Mix Up—Mornings can be hectic with getting ready and trying to get out of the house. When distracted, it is easy to take the wrong medicine. Do not lay medicine on the counter where anyone, including a child, could grab it. Instead, keep all medicine in its bottle until it is ready to be taken. Then, slow down and read the label before taking the medicine.

Medication Double Dose—In the morning, one parent gives their

child their medication before rushing off to work. Without realizing the medication has already been given, the other parent or caregiver also gives the child their medication. When everyone is rushing, verbal communication of medicine being given may not be reliable. Consider another way of making sure to communicate medicines have already been given, such as a medication chart.

Dares from Friends—A friend dares their friend to play with a chemical in chemistry class; a friend dares their friend to try inhaling something to make them "high." Friends may not mean to cause harm, but it sometimes happens. Talk to your children about dares and dangers they may encounter in school. Emphasize the importance of being careful, never taking pills or medicines from friends, and never using items, even if legal, to make them

high or alter their mood or behaviors.

Energy Drink Mistake—Energy drinks can pose a threat if too much caffeine is consumed to help with studying or getting them through a long day of sports. The amount of caffeine a person consumes can quickly add up resulting in a poisoning.

Potential Hazards at School—Teach children about hazards they may find at school, such as cleaning supplies and hand sanitizers. Remind them of outdoor hazards as well, like plants, berries, and snakes.

Call the West Virginia Poison Center—If someone has been poisoned, call the medical experts at the West Virginia Poison Center at 1-800-

222-1222. All calls are fast, free, and confidential.

About the West Virginia Poison Center: The West Virginia Poison Center provides comprehensive emergency poison information, prevention and educational resources to West Virginians 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. The WVPC is staffed by nurses, pharmacists and physicians with special training in treatment of poisonings. Located in Charleston, WV, the WVPC is a part of the West Virginia University-Charleston Division. Toll-free: 1-800-222-1222. Website: www.wvpoisoncenter.org.

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Fresh Water Folk Festival Prepares for Another Year of Fun

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS W.Va. (Hinton News) - On Saturday, September 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the grounds of the White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery will be the site for the 19th annual Freshwater Folk Festival.

The sounds of folk music and music genres derived from it will come from the amphitheater stage. Interesting exhibits, demonstrations, and hands-on activities related to our understanding, enjoyment, and conservation of streams, forests, wild animals, and nature in general will be featured in a huge tent. Hatchery tours guided by US Fish and Wildlife Service professionals at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. will provide behind-the-scenes access to many parts of the hatchery operation. The magnificently designed Hatchery Visitors Center, situated in the middle of the festival action, will be another site of special interest with its many displays and live aquatic animals.

The music program on the stage will commence at 10 AM with a two-hour performance by Common Ground featuring singer DeAnna Delp and five other musicians. They have been playing together at least seven years at festivals and other venues, mostly in Fayette, Summers, and Raleigh Counties. Their lively show will feature a wide variety of bluegrass, classic rock, and country music.

From noon to 2 p.m., Jim Snyder, Robert Shafer (replacing Samuel James), and Bob Riggleman will play together. Jim has described their repertoire as a “mix of contemporary folk mixed with a splash of R&B and classic acoustic rock”. Robert Shafer is a two-time winner of the National Flatpicking Guitar Championship.

At 2 p.m., Roy Moose of the Cranberry Mountain Nature Center will bring some of his Snakes of West Virginia reptiles from his booth in the big exhibitors’ tent to the stage for a special showing. Following that, Larry Two Rivers Brown of the Appalachian American Indians of West Virginia will give a presentation that will include his thoughts about their respect for the earth and nature. He will also play the Native American flute. He was a dancer with other members of the organization at the first Freshwater Folk Festival many years ago.

The exhibitors in the big tent will be the White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery, Roy Moose’s Snakes of West Virginia, Sigma Xi Scientific Research Honor Society’s Science Activity Table, Hanging Rocks Raptor Observatory, Susan Ryan (with iNaturalist app demo), WV Cave Conservancy plus Greenbrier Grotto cavers, Kathryn Lehotsky’s Exhibition of her Fish and Wildlife Paintings, Jessica Levine’s Art & the Environment Activities, Astronomer Michael Rosolina with Solar Telescopes, Greenbrier River Watershed Association, Southeastern WV Beekeepers, Longspur Tracking, Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge, Appalachian Headwaters, Project Healing Waters, WV Department of Natural Resources, Greenbrier River Trail Association, US Fish and Wildlife Service Field Office, Greenbrier Valley Sportsman Alliance, Pheasants Forever/Quail Forever, Allegheny Trail Association, and Encore Community Arts.

The “lawn bass fishing” and Touch A Truck activities for children and former children will both be available again this year. The vehicles and personnel will come from the WV State Police, the White Sulphur Springs Fire Department, Lynch Construction (a dump truck), Boone Tractor (a skid steer), and a local rescue service. A clean White Sulphur Springs trash truck is the most recent addition to the list.

The food vendors will include Nana B’s BBQ, the Civil Air Patrol selling hot dogs, Country Roads Pickles, J.J. Choo Choo’s with baked goods, Serendipity’s Italian Ice and Giant Pretzels, Real Whorled Ice Cream, and Em’s Cake Corner.

Folks will be welcomed to the festival by members of the Friends of the White Sulphur Springs National Fish Hatchery in a tent near the Hatchery Visitors Center. Brochures with festival information and Hatchery Friends’ membership forms will be available. T-shirts with the hatchery logo will be sold there.

The festival receives Arts and Rec funding from the Greenbrier County Commission and Fairs and Festivals funding from the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History.

Local Motorcycle Club Hosts Annual ‘Ride to Give’ Poker Run in Memory of Paul and Lindsey Raines

Cynthia Mattison
Hinton News

ALTA W.Va. (Hinton News) - On Saturday, September 6, the Patriots Motorcycle Club will host their 9th annual ‘Ride to Give’ poker run. This year, the event will be held in memory of Paul and Lindsey Raines.

Every year, Raines held a memorial scholarship poker run on the first Saturday following Labor Day in memory of his daughter, Lindsey. After Paul’s passing in January 2025, the Patriots voted to hold their event on the same day this year in honor of their late friend and his daughter. “Paul was a big part of the Patriots,” says Bob Johnson, Patriots Motorcycle Club President. “He and his wife, Vicky, are just outstanding people, and it’s an honor for us to be able to do this on that day. This year, Vicky asked if we’d like to have our ride on that day from now on, and we voted yes.”

The Patriots Motorcycle Club’s ‘Ride to Give’ poker run is open to all vehicles, not just motorcycles. The group will meet and take a scenic road trip before ending the day with a cookout. “We make all our stops at convenience stores to help local communities,” says Johnson. “The ride is family-oriented, and all of our money goes to help the local community.”

Registration will be from 9-11 a.m. at The Meeting Place in Alta, West Virginia. The cost is \$25 per rider, which will include a poker hand and a ‘Ride to Give’ t-shirt. For an additional hand, the cost is \$10 and for an extra shirt, the cost is \$15. Patriots Motorcycle Club poker chips will also be given out with each poker hand.

Participants will begin this year’s journey from The Meeting Place toward Snowshoe by way of Route 219. From there, riders will travel Route 66 to Cass and back to Route 92 before heading to White Sulphur Springs, where the ride will conclude at the Greenbrier State Forest picnic shelter with hot dogs and prizes. Last bike in is at 4 p.m.

The cookout for this year’s ride will be provided by the AgriStars 4-H club, which will be accepting donations for those who wish to contribute.

The ‘Ride to Give’ poker run and other events held throughout the year directly benefit the Patriots Motorcycle Club Christmas and scholarship funds. Each year, the Patriots deliver Christmas presents to families in need and also award scholarships to local students. “We give away four \$500 scholarships to Greenbrier East and four to Greenbrier West,” Bob Johnson said. “We gave two scholarships to James Monroe, but starting next year we will be awarding four to those students as well.”

For more information on this event or to stay updated on future club announcements, you can follow the Patriots Motorcycle Club on social media at Facebook.com/patriotmc2016.

Governor Morrissey Statement

“Thanks, Secretary Kennedy, for your leadership and your support on this common-sense policy. West Virginia shouldn’t be a radical outlier that doesn’t recognize religious exemptions. Forty-five states already have a clear religious exemption for vaccines, and West Virginia has authority with our religious freedom law to recognize this basic right and be the 46th state.

“I am asking every legislator to support President Trump and Secretary Kennedy on this issue. We appreciate their strong support in moving our state forward.

“On interpreting the religious freedom law to provide for religious exemptions for mandatory vaccines, do West Virginia legislators stand with the West Virginia Board of Education – a group of unelected bureaucrats – or do they stand with the Trump Administration and Secretary Kennedy?

“A very straightforward question which must be resolved soon for our kids!”

Jerusalem: A Model Church

(Part 1)
by Jeff Asher

(We are looking at some of the congregations of Christ’s church in the New Testament. Last week we finished looking at the congregation of Christ’s church at Sardis. Today we will begin to study about the church at Jerusalem.)

“Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; and sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with singleness of heart, praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved” (Acts 2:40-47).

A model is “the plan from which an item not yet constructed will be produced.” It is “an example to be imitated or compared” (*The American Heritage Dictionary*). It is that which is “worthy of imitation or duplication.” It is the “ideal,” an “exemplar,” the “standard” (*Roget’s Thesaurus*).

The Jerusalem church is the working model after which every congregation should pattern itself. It began according to inspired prophecy, and the apostles of Christ organized and oversaw it.

The Jerusalem church had a supernatural beginning under a Divine providence that resulted in a perfect model of the local church to follow in every age.

A Model Of Organization

The apostles organized the church according to a plan that preserved its autonomy and independence. Elders were installed as the overseers of the flock (Acts 15:6, 22) and deacons were chosen to serve the needs of the saints (Acts 6:1-7). These men were taken from among the Jewish converts that exemplified the qualifications later outlined and applied in all the churches (1 Tim. 3:1-10).

There was no organization in the early church tying the congregations together in either a denomination or a society. Every church had its own elders which directed the work of each church (Acts 11:29, 30). There was nothing but independent, autonomous cooperation between the churches.

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(Next time we will complete the study of the Jerusalem church.)

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