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Doug Pierson Named To Vacant County Commission Seat

By Ron Allen

On Tuesday, January 14, commissioners Andy Skidmore and Brian Ellis announced that they had come to an agreement upon the candidate who would fill the seat made vacant by the resignation of Steve Dewese on November 30, 2024.

Doug Pierson of Buffalo will serve on the county commission until a candidate is elected to fill Dewese's unexpired term in the 2026 General Election.

Commissioners Brian Ellis and Andy Skidmore were unable to agree upon a single individual to fill the unexpired commission term after interviewing 21 applicants following the December 17 commission meeting. The selection

process was made easier on Tuesday because the Putnam County Republican Executive Committee (PCREC) had narrowed the list of nominees to three. The PCREC met on January 9, 2025, and nominated Mark Drennan of Fraziers Bottom, Doug Pierson of Buffalo, and Ron Stone of Winfield to fill the seat.

Ellis and Skidmore agreed upon Pierson after meeting for 25 minutes in executive session. Ellis stated that Pierson's appointment would create a voice on the county commission for residents on the north side of the Kanawha.

Pierson, a member of the Buffalo Town Council, must resign from town council before taking the oath of office as county commissioner. He was re-elected to serve a 4th term

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Speaker Hanshaw Announces Plans for Legislative Session

On January 7th, House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, R-Clay, announced leadership roles within the West Virginia House of Delegates and committee assignments for the upcoming 87th Legislature.

Putnam Delegate Kathie Hess-Crouse will serve as Chairman of the Educational Choice

Subcommittee of the Education Committee and Delegate Jarred Cannon, R-Putnam, will serve as Chairman of the Investments Subcommittee of the Standing Committee on Finance.

Delegate-elect Sarah Drennan, R-Putnam, was

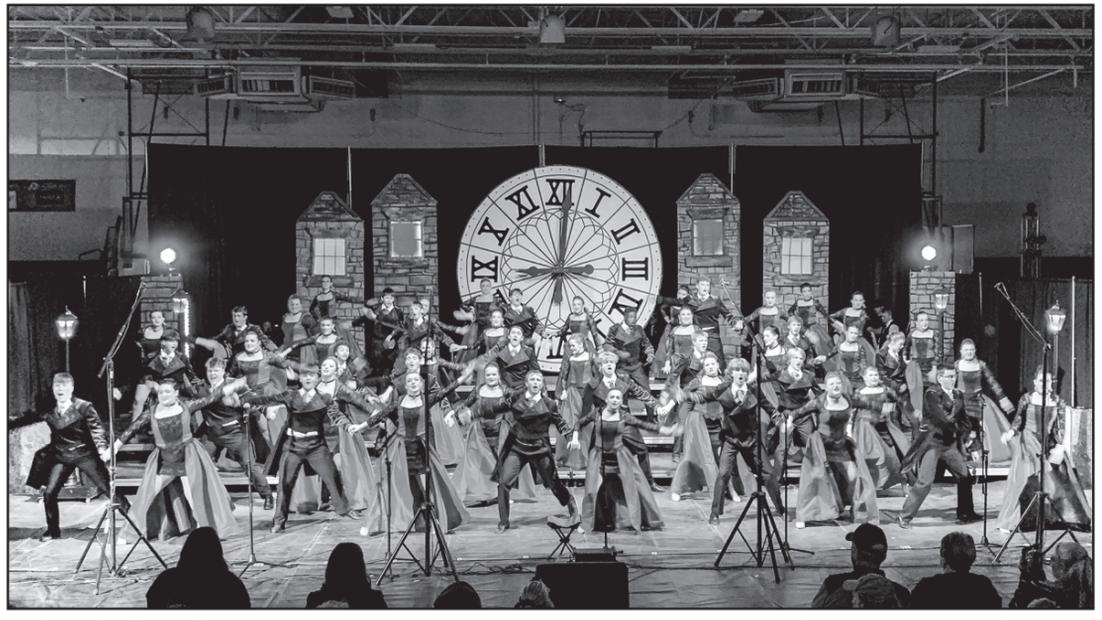
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Correction

In the Breeze issue of January 9, 2025, it was reported that Ray Jackson of Stonewall Capital stated that a specific national builder had been selected as the builder with which Stonewall would partner for home construction. This information is not correct. Stonewall is in negotiation with a number of national builders for home construction. The selection has not been finalized.

Regardless of the builder selected, national builders operate in like manner. Area residents can expect to see home construction in units of twenty or of a similar number.

HHS Red Hot and Heat Wave Dinner Theater Debute



Red Hot Show Choir's competition show for this year is loosely based upon Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" and features a Victorian-inspired theme.

By Betsy Allen

Red Hot and Heat Wave, Hurricane High School's two award winning show choirs, debuted their 2025 competition show during their annual dinner theater, which was held January 10 through 12 at the school. The annual event features a dinner theater with entertainment provided by students, and two separate show choir performances afterwards.

Heat Wave, Hurricane High's all-girl show choir, has chosen the theme of "Charlie's Angels" for this year's competition show. The performers danced in front of a backdrop which was inspired by the iconic logo of the 1970's Charlie's Angels television show. The thrilling performance featured flashy costumes and electrifying dance numbers befitting a theme of action and espionage.

Inspired by Charles

Dickens' A Christmas Carol, Red Hot's competition show is entitled "Scrooge." Featuring lavish, Victorian-inspired costumes and a backdrop of an enormous clock set amid old fashioned city buildings, the show explored themes of reflecting upon the mistakes made in one's life and making changes for the future.

The annual dinner theater is the biggest

fundraiser of the year for Hurricane's show choirs. Over thirty local businesses donated items to be given out as door prizes or raffled off throughout the event. The dinner menu included roast beef, green beans, mashed potatoes, and dessert.

The Red Hot Show Choir was founded in 1992, and has earned many awards over the years for their dynamic, action-packed shows. Heat Wave, a second show choir featuring all

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Trout But No Anglers



The West Virginia DNR stocked the Hurricane Reservoir with trout on Monday, January 13th. The ice must melt before fishermen can wet their lines. (Photo date - January 14)

WEATHER SUMMARY

January 7 - 13

Low High

January 7

Hurricane 15° 23°

January 8

Hurricane 15° 27°

January 9

Hurricane 4° 23°

January 10**

Hurricane 4° 23°

January 11**

Hurricane 12° 30°

January 12

Hurricane 5° 36°

January 13

Hurricane 16° 40°

**SNOW

2 inches recorded Jan. 10

1 inch recorded Jan. 11

Putnam County Well Represented at WVAFF Pageant



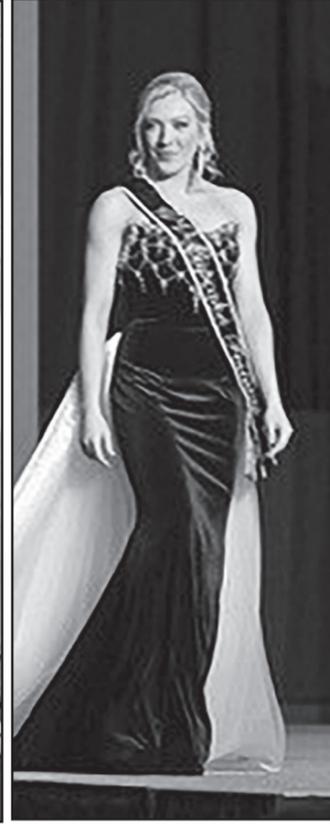
Miss Putnam County Fair Alyssa Smith



Charleston Sternwheel Regatta Queen Taylor Miller



Miss Yuletide in the Park Autumn Wooding



Miss WV Cupcake Festival Breanna Herrick



Miss Hurricane Independence Day Madison Gill

By Ron Allen

The West Virginia Association of Fairs and Festivals pageant is the premier statewide beauty event because every participant is a 2024 winner of a West Virginia fair or festival.

Four of the 88 contestants promoted Putnam County events — the Putnam County Fair, Hurricane Independence Day, Yuletide in the Park, and WV Cupcake Festival. A Putnam County winner also promoted the Charleston Sternwheel Regatta.

The 2025 WVAFF pageant was won by the WV Black Walnut Festival Queen, Sophia Wigal. She was crowned by current WV Agriculture Commission Kent Leonhart. She will reign as Queen of the West Virginia State Fair this summer.

Miss Putnam County Fair is Alyssa Smith, a Poca High senior; Miss Hurricane Independence Day is Madison Gill; Miss Yuletide in the Park is Autumn Wooding; Miss WV Cupcake Festival is Breanna Herrick; Charleston Sternwheel

Regatta Queen is Taylor Miller, a 2024 Winfield High graduate.

Miss Putnam County Fair Alyssa Smith and Miss WV Cupcake Festival Breanna Herrick were among the top 15 finishers.

(Photos courtesy of Ed Conner)

Community Calendar

If you want your event listed in the Community Calendar, write to the Hurricane Breeze at PO Box 310, Hurricane, West Virginia 25526, or phone 304-562-9881. If you have email, send it to breezenews@citynet.net and mark your subject line "Community Calendar." There is no charge for posting an event in the calendar.

SATURDAYS THROUGH FEBRUARY

- There will be a free open gym for 1st - 5th graders every Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. at Zone Out Sports, located on Morris Court, just off Main Street in Hurricane.

JANUARY 16

- Putnam County Library STEMuary Event: Learn how to create a hanging birdfeeder at the Buffalo Library during business hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- The Bridge Church, 279 Dairy Road, Poca, will be holding a clothing closet and food giveaway from 5 to 7 p.m.

- The Moms With Littles Group, for expectant moms and moms with babies under 3 years old, meets from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Heartbeat of the Valley, 28 Mission Way, Scott Depot.

JANUARY 17

- There will be an evening of praise and thanksgiving at 7 p.m. at Bancroft Mission, 5936 Charleston Road, Bancroft.

- Putnam County Library STEMuary Event: Children can learn about engineering through the tale of the Three Little Pigs at the Eleanor Library during business hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

JANUARY 18

- There will be a make your own macarons party from 1 to 2 p.m. at Bake My Day, 14 Bank Street, Nitro. The cost is \$30 per person. For more information and to register, call (304) 651-2584.

- The Tri-State Film Club will be meeting from 10 a.m. to noon at Teays Valley Church of God in Scott Depot. The club will be recreating a scene from "Saving Private Ryan."

- There will be a barn painting class during the hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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at Area 34, 971 WV Route 34, Teays Valley. Call 304-741-5321 to reserve a spot.

- There will be a Crush Run 10 Miler Course Preview and Training Run at 8 a.m. at Meeks Mountain Trails at Hurricane City Park. Meet up at the big red barn.

- Hurricane High School Cheerleading will be hosting a bingo night starting at 6 p.m. at the school. To register, go to <https://app.givebacks.gives/hhsbingo25>

JANUARY 19

- Visual Volume, Poca High's Show Choir, will be holding their annual dinner theatre at 2:30 and 4 p.m. at the school. Tickets are \$20. Doors open at 1 p.m.

JANUARY 22

- Putnam County Library STEMuary Event: There will be a beaded snowflake workshop for adult crafters at 11 a.m. at the Eleanor Library.

JANUARY 23

- The Putnam County Fair Board will meet at 7 p.m. at the Eleanor Municipal Building (entrance in back).

JANUARY 24

- Lone Oak Church of God Mission, 1303 McLane Pike, Red House, will be holding a teen movie night at 7 p.m.

JANUARY 25

- Saturday Morning Coffee and Craft at Bake My Day, 14 Bank Street, Nitro: Paint a valentine gnome from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$35 per person. For more information and to register, call (304) 651-2584.

- There will be a beginner crochet class from 1 to 2 p.m. at Bake My Day, 14 Bank Street, Nitro. The cost is \$20 per person. For more information and to register, call (304) 651-2584.

- WV Cupcake Festival Bingo will start at 5 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person.

- There will be a Crush Run 10 Miler Course Preview and Training Run at 9 a.m. at Meeks Mountain Trails at Hurricane City Park. Meet up at the big red barn.

JANUARY 26

- The Kanawha Trail Club will be hiking the Mary Ingles Trail in Putnam County. Meet up at 1:30 p.m. at the Winfield end of the trail. The walk is 2 miles in and out for a total of 4 miles.

- Fear on the Farm needs dedicated haunters. There will be an informational meeting from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fear on the Farm, 8325 Winfield Road, Winfield. Ages 14 and up - haunters under 14 must have their parents work with them. For more information, call 304-741-6238.

- The West Virginia Comics and Toy Show is coming to Social Event Space, 2833 Main Street, Hurricane, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

JANUARY 27

- Putnam County Library STEMuary Event: Children can learn about chemistry at the Poca Library at 3:30 p.m. Recommended for grades 4 and above.

JANUARY 28

- The Hurricane Civic Chorus welcomes new members ages 15 and up! Spring season begins at 7 p.m. at Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, 2848 Putnam Ave, Hurricane.

Department of Arts, Culture and History Announces Opening of West Virginia Wildlife Juried Art Exhibit

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History will open a new exhibition at the Culture Center, State Capitol Complex, in Charleston on Sunday, January 26, 2025, at 2 p.m. with a reception and awards ceremony.

This exhibit, titled West Virginia Wildlife, is the third installation of Inspired: A West Virginia Series of Juried Exhibitions, featuring four different West Virginia themes. Twenty-six West Virginia artists, representing fifteen counties were selected for the West Virginia Wildlife

show, which features thirty-two pieces, including painting, drawing, ceramics, photography, digital illustration, and mixed media. The exhibit will remain on display in the Lower Lobby and Commissioner's Gallery at the Culture Center until May 9, 2025.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information, contact Sidney Duncan, Exhibits Coordinator for the department, at (304) 558-0220 or Sidney.L.Duncan@wv.gov

Red Cross: Help Prevent Blood Shortages in 2025

Donors have chance to win trip to Super Bowl LIX during National Blood Donor Month

The American Red Cross urges donors to make an appointment to give lifesaving blood in the new year to help keep the blood supply strong this winter. Type O negative blood donors and those giving platelets are especially urged to give now to keep critical blood products on the shelves for patients in need.

The start of the new year is one of the most challenging times to collect blood products as the threat of severe winter weather builds and can often lead to widespread blood drive cancellations. Additionally, an active cold and flu season may prevent people from keeping donation appointments as they rest and recover from illness. During National Blood Donor Month, the Red Cross celebrates those who generously roll up a sleeve to help save lives and urges those who are feeling well to make and keep donation appointments to help the blood supply stay on track throughout the winter.

Don't sit on the

sidelines – kick off 2025 with a blood donation. To book a time to give, visit RedCrossBlood.org, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

For the sixth year, the Red Cross and the National Football League (NFL) are partnering in January for National Blood Donor Month to invite football fans and blood donors to join our lifesaving team and score big for patients in need. As a special thank-you to donors for helping address the need for blood during the critical post-holiday time, those who come to give through January 26, 2025, will be automatically entered for a chance to win an exciting Super Bowl LIX giveaway. The trip includes access to day-of in-stadium pre-game activities, tickets to the official Super Bowl Experience, round-trip airfare, three-night hotel accommodations (Feb. 7-10, 2025), plus a \$1,000 gift card for expenses. For full details, visit RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl.

United Way of Central WV Launches Annual Statewide Pantry Restock Service Project

The LifeBridge AmeriCorps program, proudly sponsored by the United Way of Central WV, is embarking on its second year of a meaningful statewide initiative to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. Month. This year, 35 dedicated members across 26 host sites will unite to make a significant impact through a Pantry Restock service project throughout January.

With a commitment to serving communities and embodying the spirit of Dr. King's legacy, LifeBridge AmeriCorps members are rallying together for a collective cause. The project's primary goal is to collect donations across the state, supporting pantries within schools, communities, and homeless coalitions. Last year, LifeBridge AmeriCorps members successfully supported and stocked 36 pantries, and this year, they aim to continue making a substantial impact.

Throughout January, individuals across West Virginia will have the opportunity to contribute to this noble cause by dropping off donations at designated host sites or using conveniently placed collection boxes established by our dedicated members within communities.

"Our members

are passionate about making a difference and addressing the needs of our communities," remarked Angela Collier, Director of LifeBridge AmeriCorps. "This Statewide Pantry Restock service project is an example of our commitment to supporting those in need, particularly during these challenging times."

The Pantry Restock service project is a heartfelt response to the heightened demand for essential items following the holiday season. By collaborating with various pantries and service locations that have experienced shortages, LifeBridge AmeriCorps endeavors to replenish supplies and provide vital resources to those significantly impacted.

"This initiative embodies the spirit of community and unity that Dr. King envisioned. It's a testament to the power of collective action," added Mindy Robinson, Associate Director at LifeBridge AmeriCorps. "We're immensely proud to witness our members and host sites coming together to create a positive and lasting impact across the state."

To get involved or contribute to the Pantry Restock service project, please contact LifeBridge AmeriCorps at 304-340-3519 to find a pantry location near you.

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

To my fellow classmates in the Class of 1965... Hurricane High School, Hurricane, WV... Putnam County.

Did we have snow days? Were those of us who lived in town just supposed to go to school. I remember walking in books and snowsuits to the elementary school. I remember, the couple of years we lived out of town, riding the bus in the snowsuit. I know that now the weather seems to be worse sometimes, and they must have snow days... it is not safe for the kids to be out in the really low temps on snow and ice. I am all for snow days.

It is 2025. Yesterday... yesterday... it was 1965... we were standing in the yard in front of the gym... waiting to march in to graduate from HHS. Mr. Baer told us not to throw our hats because we would have to pay to keep them... Didn't we rent them? I did NOT throw that hat. I guess, even though it was my last time as a student at HHS, I did not want to get in trouble.

Yesterday, we were little ones going into the new elementary school with Mr. Chapman opening the door to greet us. Mrs. Pauley (first grade) welcomed us into a new classroom... the school still smelled like damp and sawdust... alas... we were out of the junior high... sharing with the older students.

Yesterday, we were moving to the junior high as seventh graders. (Sixth grade is still too young to be in middle school... sorry... and ninth grade too young to be in high school... sorry... but my thoughts... anyway... we went to that old decrepit building for three years... cold and windy... snow coming in the windows... sawdust protecting us from falling on the wet floors... new teachers... new friends... new activities... three years of angst.

Available Pets at the Putnam County Animal Shelter

These are some of the many pets up for adoption at the Putnam County Animal Shelter. By the time that this issue of the Hurricane Breeze is published, these animals may have already been adopted and found forever homes. However, there are many pets at the shelter that still need homes.

For more information, call the Putnam County Animal Shelter at 304-586-0249.



At just 11 months old, Rooster is full of youthful energy and charm.



Meet Winter! This lovely girl came to the shelter as a stray, but now she's ready to find a warm and loving place to call her own.

Speaker Hanshaw Announces Plans for 87th Legislature

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named to serve as one of six Assistant Majority Whips.

“Each of the ladies and gentlemen who will come to this building to take the oath of office will do so with the confidence of the 1.8 million West Virginians who are counting on us to chart a course of leadership and progress that will improve their daily lives,” Hanshaw said. “A new Legislature is an opportunity to adjust the foundation we have here to facilitate the work of the House, and we believe the lineup we’ve assembled will bring about new discussions, new approaches and new solutions.”

Returning to the position of Majority Whip will be Delegate Marty Gearheart, R-Mercer. Delegate Matt Rohrbach, R-Cabell, will serve as Speaker Pro Tempore as well as continue to serve as Deputy Speaker, a role Delegate David Kelly, R-Tyler, will take on as well.

Delegate Pat McGeehan, R-Hancock, will serve as House Majority Leader. Several members will serve as Assistant Majority Leaders: Delegates Tom Clark, R-Webster; David Green, R-McDowell; Keith Marple, R-Harrison; Delegate-elect Dave McCormick, R-Monongalia; Erica Moore, R-Roane; Mickey Petitto, R-Harrison; and Elliott Pritt, R-Fayette.

Gearheart will be aided in his role with several Assistant Majority Whips. In addition to Delegate-elect Sarah Drennan, Delegates Jim Butler, R-Mason; Jordan Bridges, R-Logan; Eric Brooks, R-Raleigh; Dave Foggin, R-Wood; and Bill Ridenour, R-Jefferson, will serve in this capacity.

The Conference Chairman role will be filled by Delegate Mike Hornby, R-Berkeley, who will help facilitate majority caucus meetings and policy discussions among Republican members. Delegates John Paul Hott, R-Grant, and Doug Smith, R-Mercer, will return to their roles as Conference Vice Chairmen.

“In addition to a strong blend of new and established leadership, I’m excited to implement a new format for our committee work here in the House,” Hanshaw said. “For far too long, the success rate of a legislative session has been measured by the number of bills passed, and that’s just not the appropriate assessment for what should be a focus on problem-solving.”

“We’ve seen that the low-hanging fruits, such as the elimination of the food tax and creation of an Intermediate Court of Appeals, have already been picked after 10 years of a Republican majority. What’s left are the complex, complicated issues that will require a different approach to lawmaking.”

The House will have

six standing committees: Health and Human Resources, Energy and Public Works, Finance, Government Organization, Education and Judiciary. The Standing Committee on Finance will have four subcommittees and all other standing committees each will have three subcommittees. The committee process also will see changes.

The Speaker will refer each introduced bill to a standing committee or a subcommittee, and similar to the floor session’s three-day process, a bill going through the committee process may cover three days: Introduction, with agency reviews and comments from the public on day one, markups to the bill on day two and committee votes on day three. Both the subcommittees and standing committees will follow this process.

“Not only did we want to build in specific and predictable steps with appropriate timing for the committee process, but we also wanted to better execute our oversight role,” Hanshaw said. “Not every problem is solved by enacting a new law, and we think regular discussions with Executive Branch agencies will give all of us a better understanding of the challenges, successes and resources out there in every corner of our state.”

The Standing Committee on Finance will be led by Chairman Vernon Criss, R-Wood, with Delegate Clay Riley, R-Harrison, serving as Vice Chair. Its Subcommittee on Revenue will be led by Gearheart as its Chairman and Delegate Chuck Horst, R-Berkeley, as Vice Chair. Delegate Trenton Barnhart, R-Pleasants, will be Chairman of the Banking and Insurance Subcommittee and Delegate Walter Hall, R-Kanawha, will be the Vice Chair. The Investments Subcommittee will have Delegate Jarred Cannon, R-Putnam, as Chairman and Delegate-elect Ray Canterbury, R-Greenbrier, as Vice Chair. The Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman will be Hott and Roy Cooper, R-Summers, will serve as its Vice Chair.

Delegate Brandon Steele, R-Raleigh, will serve as Chairman of the Standing Committee on the Judiciary and Delegate JB Akers, R-Kanawha, will be its Vice Chair. The Courts Subcommittee will be led by Delegate Phil Mallow, R-Marion, as its Chairman and Delegate Andy Shamblin, R-Kanawha, as Vice Chair. Delegate Buck Jennings, R-Preston, will serve as Chairman of the Homeland Security Subcommittee and Delegate Bryan Ward, R-Hardy, as its Vice Chairman. Delegate Laura Kimble, R-Harrison, will lead the Legal Services Subcommittee as its Chairman and Delegate Josh Holstein, R-Boone, will serve as its Vice Chair.

Delegate Evan Worrell, R-Cabell, will serve as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Health and Human Resources. Delegate Michael Hite, R-Berkeley, will be its Vice Chair. The Public Health Subcommittee will be led by Delegate Scot Heckert,

R-Wood, and Vice Chairman Geno Chiarelli, R-Monongalia. Delegate Adam Burkhammer, R-Lewis, will be Chairman of the Human Services Subcommittee with Delegate Margitta Mazzocchi, R-Logan, serving as its Vice Chair. The Health Care Regulation Subcommittee will have Delegate Dean Jeffries, R-Kanawha, serving as Chairman and Delegate Adam Vance, R-Wyoming, as its Vice Chair.

The Standing Committee on Government Organization will be led by Delegate Chris Phillips, R-Barbour, as its Chairman and Doug Smith, R-Mercer, as Vice Chair. Its Subcommittee on Government Administration will have Delegate Jonathan Pinson, R-Mason, as its Chairman and Delegate Mark Dean, R-Mingo, as its Vice Chair. The Subcommittee on Local Governments will be led by Chairman Dana Ferrell, R-Kanawha, and Vice Chairman Mike DeVault, R-Marion. The Agriculture, Commerce and Tourism Subcommittee will be led by Delegate Wayne Clark, R-Jefferson, as its Chairman and Delegate Patrick Lucas, R-Cabell, as its Vice Chair.

The Standing Committee on Education will be led by Chairman Joe Ellington, R-Mercer, and Delegate Joe Statler, R-Monongalia, will serve as its Vice Chair. The Delegate Chris Toney, R-Raleigh, will serve as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Public Education and Delegate Jeff Campbell, R-Greenbrier, as its Vice Chair. Delegate Lori Dittman, R-Braxton, will be Chairman of the Higher Education Subcommittee with Delegate Jimmy Willis, R-Brooke, serving as its Vice Chair. Delegate Kathie Hess-Crouse will serve as Chairman of the Educational Choice Subcommittee and Delegate Mike Hornby, R-Berkeley, as its Vice Chair.

Delegate Bill Anderson, R-Wood, will be Chairman of the Standing Committee on Energy and Public Works with Delegate Mark Zatezalo, R-Hancock, serving as its Vice Chair. Delegate Bob Fehrenbacher, R-Wood, will serve as Chairman of the Energy and Manufacturing Subcommittee with Delegate George Street, R-Preston, as its Vice Chair. The Economic Development Subcommittee will be led by Chairman Gary Howell, R-Mineral, and Vice Chairman Jordan Maynor, R-Raleigh. Chairman Daniel Linville, R-Cabell, will lead the Environment and Infrastructure Subcommittee with Delegate Rick Hillenbrand, R-Hampshire, serving as its Vice Chair.

“We know this will be a big adjustment for a lot of us, especially our staff and the public, but we are optimistic about this approach, which we think will be easier to follow and will lead to a more solution-oriented approach to lawmaking,” Hanshaw said.

West Virginia Attorney General JB McCuskey Takes Office; Announces Leadership Team

John “JB” McCuskey officially became the 35th West Virginia Attorney General.

The transition happened at 12:01 a.m. Monday, with a public swearing-in set for 11 a.m.

Attorney General McCuskey has been working to ensure a smooth transition and with that, he is announcing his senior leadership.

The team brings decades of legal experience and will join McCuskey in his fight to preserve West Virginia values and move the state forward.

“I am honored to become the state’s next Attorney General and vow to fight every day to protect the people of West Virginia,” Attorney General McCuskey said. “Today, I am announcing my leadership team. The talent we have been able to attract is second to none, bringing in attorneys from the private sector, those with experience in civil and criminal litigation, and those with experience in state government. Together, this talented group will continue to lead the way to protect not only West Virginia’s citizens and industries, but also ensure that West Virginia plays a key role in restoring American greatness.”

Jace Goins and Lauren Plymale have been named Chief Deputy Attorneys General. Caleb David will be taking on the role of Deputy Solicitor General, serving under Solicitor General Michael Williams who has done an incredible job in the Morrissy Administration and will continue that work under Attorney General McCuskey. Steven Travis will remain the office’s general counsel. Administratively, Jeff Waybright is joining the team as Chief of Staff, Kallie Cart is Deputy Chief of Staff and Director of Communications and Belinda Carpenter is Executive Assistant to the Attorney General.

“We are moving into a well-run operation, and for that I am thankful,” McCuskey said. “My leadership team and I are looking forward to working with the existing employees, who hold a wealth of knowledge and work hard to protect the people of West Virginia. Those employees, combined with this new crop of talent, ensures a smooth transition as well as a focus on building on the immense success of Governor Morrissy’s administration.”

Senior Leadership Team:

Jace Goins is joining the Attorney General’s Office as Chief Deputy Attorney General. Goins has nearly 30 years of courtroom

experience managing complex litigation as a member of Steptoe & Johnson PLLC, where he specialized in civil litigation. He has earned Martindale-Hubbell’s prestigious “AV” rating, which signifies that peers rank him at preeminent levels of legal ability and professional ethics. Goins was also named by Chambers USA as one of “America’s Leading Lawyers for Business” in the areas of Litigation: Medical Malpractice Defense, and was named as one of the Best Lawyers in America in the areas of healthcare litigation, insurance litigation and professional malpractice law. He has a B.A. from Washington & Lee University and a J.D. from West Virginia University College of Law.

Lauren Plymale is Chief Deputy Attorney General. Plymale brings with her a wealth of experience both inside and outside the courtroom. Most recently, she was General Counsel for the State Auditor’s Office and Director of the Public Integrity and Fraud Unit where her team secured felony fraud convictions and tracked down millions in stolen taxpayer dollars. Prior to that, she served 17 years as an assistant prosecutor in Cabell County where she tried several high-profile felony cases and fought in front of the West Virginia Supreme Court. She has a B.A. in Management Information Systems from Marshall University and a J.D. from West Virginia University College of Law.

Michael Williams is the Solicitor General for the State of West Virginia, where he represents the State in strategic litigation and appeals, including cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. Before joining the Attorney General’s Office, Williams co-lead Bush Seyferth PLLC’s complex-briefing and appeals group, representing Fortune 500 companies and others in suits across the country. He also practiced in the litigation groups of two Washington, D.C. firms and clerked with the Appellate Division of the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Maine. His work has been honored with a Best Brief Award from the National Association of Attorneys General and a Leader in Law Award from Michigan Lawyers Weekly. A graduate of the George Washington University Law School, Williams clerked for both the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland.

Caleb B. David joins the Attorney General’s Office as Deputy Solicitor General and special counsel to Attorney

General McCuskey. David spent the last 10 years in private practice at Shuman McCuskey Slicer PLLC, where he was a member in the firm’s Charleston office. David’s litigation practice included representing the State of West Virginia and its agencies and officials in complex matters in state and federal courts, trying cases to verdict and handling appeals before the Intermediate Court of Appeals, Supreme Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of the United States. David is a graduate of Washington and Lee University School of Law and Washington & Jefferson College.

Steven Travis will remain General Counsel for the Attorney General’s Office. Travis has been with the Attorney General’s Office for the past 10 years; prior to that he worked for Jackson Kelly PLLC. Travis is a graduate of West Virginia University College of Law.

Jeff Waybright is joining the Attorney General’s Office as Chief of Staff. Waybright was the Chief of Staff in the State Auditor’s Office for 9 years, where he helped run the day-to-day operations and managed the more than 160-person staff. He will bring those skills with him to help with operations within the Attorney General’s Office. Previously, Waybright was the Jackson County Clerk for more than 23 years. He also served on the Jackson County School Board.

Kallie Cart joins the team as Director of Communications and Deputy Chief of Staff. Previously, Cart served as Deputy Chief of Staff in the West Virginia State Auditor’s Office. Prior to her roles in state government, Cart was an award-winning journalist, earning an Edward R. Murrow Award and recognitions from the Associated Press and West Virginia Broadcasters Association throughout her more than 15-year career in television news. She spent most of that time at WCHS in Charleston as a reporter and anchor where she held the powerful accountable and now is a crucial part of achieving Attorney General McCuskey’s mission to lead with transparency. Cart is a graduate of the SI Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University.

Belinda Carpenter is the Executive Assistant to the Attorney General. Carpenter was the Human Resources Assistant Administrator in the West Virginia State Auditor’s Office, where she helped with the day-to-day operations of the office. Previously, she worked in office management within the medical field.

County Commission

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on town council in the November 2024 General Election. A swearing-in ceremony is scheduled for the January 28 commission meeting.

In other business of note, the commission approved the annexation of three lots into Winfield city limits. The annexation will add 4.9 acres to the city.

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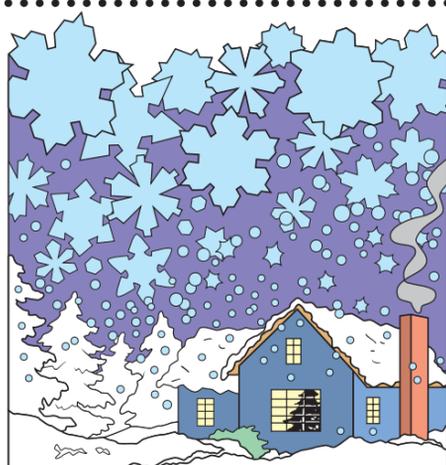
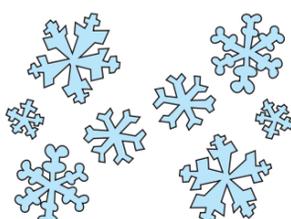
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Convenient Breakfasts to Kickstart The New Year

(Family Features) Starting the morning on the right foot can set the tone for a productive day. Even when crunched for time before work or school, eating a filling breakfast before heading out the door is an important part of setting yourself up for success.

Between work, kids and making it to that early morning workout session, finding time to prepare a quick and tasty meal can be a real challenge. For a flavorful and easy breakfast that can be on the table in just 8 minutes when you're in a rush, try this Quick Breakfast Skillet. With crispy bacon, scrambled eggs and rich cheddar cheese, it's a perfect way to fuel your morning.

The secret, convenient ingredient: fluffy Minute Butter & Sea Salt Jasmine Rice Cups. Ready in just 60 seconds to fit into the day with no hassle, this versatile and flavorful ingredient is perfectly portioned in a BPA-free cup and features a delicious blend of familiar flavors to liven up breakfast.

Or try something new and delicious with this One-Pot Rice Shakshuka. A dish with origins in the Middle East and Northern Africa, shakshuka is traditionally made with a base of tomatoes, vegetables and seasonings, such as cumin and paprika. Then eggs are cracked on top and cooked in the sauce.

This version takes it a step further with the addition of Minute Instant White Rice, which provides a heartier texture to keep you feeling satisfied longer. Simply precooked and dried – nothing added but convenience – you can enjoy its light, fluffy texture after just 5 minutes in the microwave or on the stove. Plus, it works for those with dietary restrictions, including gluten-free, vegan or vegetarian.

Find more breakfast inspiration to keep you energized and ready to conquer the day at minuterice.com.

Quick Breakfast Skillet

Prep time: 2 minutes

Cook time: 6 minutes

Servings: 1

- 1 Minute Butter & Sea Salt Jasmine Rice Cup
- 1 slice bacon, chopped
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup cheddar cheese, shredded
- cracked black pepper

Heat rice according to package directions.

Heat medium frying pan over medium heat and add bacon. Cook about 4 minutes, or to desired doneness.

Scramble egg and add to frying pan. Cook 1 minute, or to desired doneness.

In bowl, mix rice, egg and bacon mixture and cheese. Top with cracked black pepper.

Tips: Breakfast sausage or breakfast potatoes can be substituted for bacon. Add favorite hot sauce for a little heat.

One-Pot Rice Shakshuka

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 25 minutes

Servings: 6

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1 can (28 ounces) diced tomatoes with garlic and herbs
- 2 cups water
- 1 1/2 cups Minute Instant White Rice
- 6 eggs
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh parsley

Heat oven to 400 F.

In high-sided, ovenproof skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Add onion, bell pepper, cumin and smoked paprika; saute 8-10 minutes until vegetables are tender.

Add tomatoes and water to skillet. Bring to boil. Stir in rice and reduce heat to low. Cover and cook 3-5 minutes, or until most water is absorbed.

Using spoon, create six small wells in rice mixture. Crack one egg into each well. Transfer skillet to oven; cook 12-15 minutes, or until rice is tender, egg whites are set and yolks are runny, or until cooked as desired.

Garnish shakshuka with parsley before serving.

Tip: For spicy eggs, stir 1 tablespoon harissa paste into rice mixture before adding eggs. Or serve shakshuka with hot sauce.

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

We should always make time for the things we like. If we don't, we might forget how to be happy.

I told my boss I was going to the bathroom, but I didn't say which one. Now I'm at home!

I have my very own built in alarm clock. It's called a bladder, and it does not have a snooze button.

Lucky are those who have a loving doggy waiting for them to come home to each day.

An attitude of gratitude goes a long way when it comes to physical and emotional healing.

If we're not meant to have snacks late at night, why is there a light on in the refrigerator?

Anytime you feel good, you have found vibrational alignment with who you really are.

Love is smiling on the inside and out.

Love is an act of faith.

When a young child gives you a gift, even if it's just a little flower, they are sharing one of the most precious things they have with you.

Feeling a bit paranoid? Remember, you are not alone.

Doggies don't judge your past; they embrace your present.

To have joy one must share it. Happiness was born a twin.

Great services are not canceled by one act or by one single error.

Energy and persistence conquer all things. - Benjamin Franklin

Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.

Never judge someone by the opinion of another.

If money grew on trees, girls would date monkeys.

There is nothing like a dream to create the future. - Victor Hugo

It's not stress that kills us, it is our reaction to it.

It's on you, to get you, where you want to be.

Hell is an abiding place, but no resting place.

A wise man cares not for that which he cannot have.

Self-respect knows no considerations.

Failure teaches success.

It's hard to turn the page when you know someone won't be in the next chapter.

The happiness of life is made of up little things; a kiss or smile, or a heartfelt compliment.

Pretending to be happy when you're in pain is just an example of how strong you are as a person.



The reason why worry kills more people than work is that more people worry than work. - Robert Frost

The right word may be effective, but no word was ever as effective as a rightly timed pause. - Mark Twain

Have you ever listened to some folks for a minute and thought "their cornbread ain't done in the middle?"

Some of you never grew up having this fiery spit of Satan dabbed on every skinned knee and cut. It was called Mercurochrome.

Someday we old folks will use cursive writing as a Secret Code.

You can't wring your hands and roll up your sleeves at the same time.

Laughter is timeless. Imagination has no age. And dreams are forever. - Walt Disney

You shouldn't abandon a soul that you promised to love and protect forever said the doggy.

You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge yourself one. - Henry David Thoreau

Leadership requires the courage to make decisions that will benefit the next generation.

A faith is a necessity to a man. Woe to him who believes in nothing. - Victor Hugo

Good works are links that form a chain of love. - Mother Teresa

There's no possession more valuable than a true and faithful friend.

A journey of a thousand miles begins with but a single step.

When the character of a man is not clear to you, look at his friends.

Greedy eaters dig their graves with their teeth.

Who begins too much accomplishes little.

Do good, reap good; do evil, reap evil.

Nothing really belongs to us but time.

If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit for a month. - Theodore Roosevelt

A doggy is not considered a good doggy because he is a good barker. A man is not considered a good man because he is a good talker.

Life in abundance comes only through great love.

I have it all together. I just forgot where I put it.

I used to be a people person but people ruined that for me.

The road marquee with the orange cones: "You'll never get to work on time."

Exercise gives you energy, but you need energy to exercise. That sounds like a pyramid scheme to me.

Why am I getting older and wider instead of older and wiser?

I used to be able to do anything in one day. Now it takes me a week just to do nothing.

I told my husband he should embrace his mistakes: He gave me a hug.

Politicians and diapers must be changed often, and for the same reason.

My fashion style is called "whatever the heck still fits me."

Not to brag, but I can forget what I'm doing while I'm doing it.

Adulting is overrated and overpriced; would not recommend.

I will never be over the hill. I'm too tired to climb it.

If you think I'm short you should see my patience.

Don't rush me: I'm waiting for the last minute.

The young man knows the rules but the old man knows the exceptions. - Oliver Wendell Holmes

One of the disadvantages of wine is that it makes a man mistake words for thoughts.

Welcome to the Karma Cafe: There are no menus. You will get served what you deserve.

Faith is one of the forces by which men live; the total absence of it means collapse.

If you would civilize a man, begin with his grandmother. - Victor Hugo

Not a single creature deserves to be mistreated or abused.

A lair's worst enemy is someone with a good memory.

How beautiful it is to find someone who asks for nothing but your company.

Bible Verse



Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.

— 1 Chronicles 29:11

Red Hot and Heat Wave Show Choirs Dinner Theater



The theme for this year's Heat Wave Show Choir was "Charlie's Angels."



Ethan Adkins sings "Still Standing" by Elton John.



A trio of performers dress as "Charlies Angels"-inspired action heroes.



Jillian Noel sings "One Perfect Moment" from "Bring It On: The Musical."



The backdrop for Red Hot's "Scrooge" performance show featured a light-up clock with revolving hands to show the passage of time.



Senior girls perform "It's Raining Men."



The finale for Red Hot's "Scrooge" was a dramatic one.



Kendall Marcum sings "Mad Hatter."



Heat Wave's performance show featured flashy costumes and exciting dance numbers.



Mayor Scott Edwards (right) and a volunteer team to sell tickets for the 50/50 raffle during the dinner theater.

Continued from Page 1 Wave are defending will be celebrating his female performers, was Kincaid is the current tenth anniversary as established in 2016. director of Hurricane On February 1, the 2025 Both Red Hot and Heat High's show choirs, and Red Hot Championship

will be held at Hurricane High School. This event will feature 17 groups from West Virginia, Ohio, and Virginia.

Submissions

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Have you ever wondered why people love to collect antiques? Certainly, things were built differently way back then...each piece was carefully made by hand...no assembly line construction. Perhaps we want to preserve that uniqueness by owning a piece of the past. Today nearly every item we purchase is a clone of the others on the shelf. But we are each unique and precious to God. Our Heavenly Father hears our words and knows our thoughts the same as He did a hundred or a thousand years ago. Today, as in the past, we can praise Him at our house of worship.

Weekly Scripture Reading

Matthew 9.18-38	Matthew 10.1-15	Matthew 10.16-31	Matthew 10.32-42	Matthew 11.1-19	Matthew 11.20-30	Matthew 16.13-28
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Healing Ten Lepers

Luke 17:11-19

The opening verse before us conveys information of note. Jesus is on His way to Jerusalem. While Samaria was the most direct route to Jerusalem from Galilee, it was avoided by Jews because the Samaritans were considered to be unclean. Contact with any unclean thing precluded one from entering any place of worship upon arrival in Jerusalem. The midst of Samaria and Galilee likely refers to the middle of the border region between Samaria and Galilee.

The certain village (v. 2) most likely was located in Galilee since only one of the ten lepers was identified as a Samaritan (see v. 16). Lepers were not allowed to be in close proximity to others and, therefore, would not cause one to become unclean. Leprosy was a disease which necessitated physical separation from the community and, consequently, separation from God in that lepers were forbidden to worship at a synagogue.

At this particular village, the ten lepers called out to Jesus with the words: "Master have mercy upon us." One does not address a complete stranger as Master. The lepers recognized Jesus as one who could help them. They had knowledge of the many healings which He had performed.

Jesus responded with the instruction: "Go show yourselves unto the priests." This is the same instruction which the Lord gave to Moses concerning individuals who had recovered from leprosy (see Lev. 14:2). When it was apparent that one afflicted was no longer leprous, the law required the individual to be taken before a priest who would certify that he was healed. A leper could not rejoin the community until after priest had performed a series of rites that extended over an eight-day period. Then, and only then, would he be cleansed. Once cleansed, he could enter places of worship, do works of righteousness, and walk in God's ways.

The scripture before us does not reveal the Samaritan leper to have ever presented himself to a priest. When he perceived that he was healed, the Samaritan turned back, glorified God, fell at Jesus' feet, and gave thanks. He recognized that his healing was independent of the law. The other nine lepers were healed in like manner but continued on their way such that they might satisfy the requirements of the law.

Consider the difference in the response of the nine and of the Samaritan. The Samaritan glorified God. The nine satisfied the law. The nine, like the Samaritan leper, realized that their leprosy had disappeared but they chose to continue on their journey such that they might satisfy the law. The Samaritan leper accepted the healing which God the Son provided. The nine lepers would not accept the healing which God provided until after it had been verified by their keeping the law. The nine returned to their old lives to live under the law. The Samaritan embraced a new life, knowing he had been healed by the one who came to fulfill the law.

In verse 17, Jesus asked: "Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?" The Lord's question forces all to focus upon the fact that the Samaritan, a man lacking the righteousness of Jews, was the only one to give glory to God. The nine observed the law but did not glorify God.

Is God not glorified when men follow the law? Following the law requires one to hear God with one's ears, to do righteous things with one's hands and to walk in God's ways. The nine observed the law but they did not follow the law. They observed the law in that a priest ceremonially dabbed the blood of a lamb upon their right ears, on the thumbs of their right hands, and upon their right great toes (see Lev. 14:25). Following the law does not produce healing or make one clean. Following the law signifies that one accepts the provision which God has made. Ceremonial certification is no substitute for real acceptance.

When Jesus said "Go show yourselves to the priests", the Samaritan heard the voice of God. When the Samaritan fell at Jesus' feet praising God, he did a righteous work. When the Samaritan went his way in faith, he walked in the way God would have him walk. The Samaritan did not observe the law but he followed the law.

Jesus instructed the Samaritan to "Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole." (v. 19). What was the Samaritan's way? It was not the way of the law. The Samaritan did not return to the yoke of the law. The Samaritan chose to return to Jesus, believing that God had taken away his leprosy. The Samaritan chose the way of faith. The Samaritan chose the way of Abraham (Gen. 15:6). He believed God and it was counted to him for righteousness.

New Testament believers know that the Son fulfilled the law which we could not keep. He died upon the cross such that men might be justified by Him (Isa. 53:11). His sacrifice is for naught for them who return to their old ways. Through faith believers are made free of the old such that we might walk in the newness of life.

May all men see grateful newness in us.

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Obituaries

JAMES ALLEN BRADBURY

James Allen Bradbury, born December 21, 1944, passed away in the presence of his family on January 5th, 2025, after a battle with cancer. A longtime resident of Putnam County, Jim was born in Portsmouth, OH to Paul E. and Ada E. Bradbury. Jim grew up with a love for working with his hands and for recognizing the value of the repair of things worthy and unworthy of restoration. After graduation from Dunbar High School in 1962, Jim studied first at West Virginia University in Mechanical Engineering before transferring to a specialized Measurement Science program at the State University of New York to graduate at the top of his class. After graduation, he enlisted in the Army National Guard and worked for a scale company in Columbus, Ohio. He moved back to WV to help grow the family business of Kanawha Valley Scale Service. Jim grew Kanawha Scales and Systems into a worldwide enterprise. The company's hallmark product was a high speed, accurate train loading system for bulk products which has now been consistently selling around the world for over 45 years.

Beyond KSS, Jim owned and operated many other businesses, most notably several in the realty sector, along with his wife Judy and son, Mark, as well as other valued partners. He held interests and served in leadership roles in several other companies, including a British-based company specializing in high

performance components for the automotive industry.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents, Paul E Bradbury and Ada E Bradbury. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Judy L (Freeman) Bradbury, and his children Tracy (Mudar) Kattash of Lake Charles, LA, Mark (Holley) Bradbury of Scott Depot, Michael (Liz) Bradbury of Louisville KY, and sisters Pat Hatcher of Dunbar, Pauletta (Mike) Fisher of Durham, NC, and Debbie (David) Schwirian of Charleston. Also left to cherish his memory are his grandchildren Ameera, Aniese, Aliya, Layla Kattash; Sarah and Hailey Bradbury; and Lou Bradbury (with a baby brother on the way), as well as several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and extended family.

He enjoyed a long life with his wife, working side by side for 55 years and traveling the world together. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He enjoyed teaching his children and grandchildren many of life's lessons like how to hold a flashlight steady while he worked under the hood of a car. His energetic and passionate work ethic, as well as his generosity to others has

infected many around him, friends, family, and employees alike. His willingness to help repair your broken "anything" or to lend the tool or knowledge to do so will be greatly missed by many.

A Celebration of Life will be January 18th, 2025, from 4pm - 8pm at Embassy Suites 300 Court Street, Charleston. A time of sharing memories and stories will begin at 6:00 pm. A buffet of Hors d'Oeuvres will be provided by the family.

DENNIS O. COTTRILL

Dennis O. Cottrill, 83, of Winfield, passed away on December 28, 2024.

He was born to the late Myles and Jeanette (Kiser) Cottrill on July 1, 1941 in Dunbar. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Peggy; and brother, Larry Cottrill.

Dennis is survived by his daughter Andrea Wright (Bodie) of Winfield; son, Brian Cottrill (April) of Huntington; grandchildren: Peyton and Zachary Frohnappel; great-granddaughter, Emery Laine Milbee; and sister, Carolyn Duff of The Villages, FL.

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Obituaries

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ESTA MAE CRAIG

Esta Mae Craig, 89, of Buffalo, passed away Saturday, January 4, 2025, following a short illness. She was the former owner/operator of Craig's grocery in Buffalo. She retired from Putnam County Schools as a cook with several years of service. She attended various churches in the area and sang with the Priddy Sister Quartet. She loved to spend time with her family and she will be dearly missed.

Born February 21, 1935 in Buffalo, she was the daughter of the late Oscar and Malinda Priddy. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Bruce Craig; son, Donnie Craig; three brothers and one sister.

Survivors include her daughter, Loretta (Jack) Davis of Buffalo; three grandchildren; two great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; three sisters and one brother. Esta Mae is also survived by several nieces and nephews that she loved dearly.

A private graveside service was held at Buffalo Memorial Park, Buffalo, with Rev. Randy Parsons officiating.

BETTY LEE CUNNINGHAM

Betty Lee Cunningham, 92, of Winfield, passed away Saturday January 11, 2025 at Hubbard Hospice House West at Thomas Memorial Hospital. She was a member of Leon Baptist Church.

Born April 20, 1932 in Red House, she was the daughter of the late Clyde Ash and Beatrice Ash. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her step father, Dewey Adkins; husband, Kenneth Cunningham; sons, Robert Cunningham and Michael Cunningham; daughter in law, Lisa Cunningham; sister, Irene Stanball; brothers, Don Ash, Denver Ash and Clyde Ash Jr.

Survivors include her son, David (Ginny) Cunningham of Leon; grandchildren, Robert (Chrissy) Cunningham Jr., Kendra (Joey) Rogers, Casey Cunningham (Ryan Sheriff), Kevin Cunningham, Mellissa Lovejoy and Matthew Lovejoy; great grandchildren, Hunter, Titus, Macie, Samantha

and Christian; daughter in law, Kathy Cunningham. Betty is also survived by her special nephew, Denver (Mary) Ash of Webster Springs.

Funeral service was Thursday, January 16, 2025 at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastor Bobby Cunningham and Pastor Joe Rogers officiating. Burial was in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

THELMA 'JANE' HODGES

Thelma "Jane" Hodges passed away peacefully in her sleep on December 26, 2024 after 80 years in this life. A graceful and inspiring presence, she was cherished by all who had the honor of knowing her.

Jane was preceded in death by her loving parents, Elza and Amanda; brother, James Stover; and her devoted husband of 48 years, Dorsel Hodges. She leaves behind her only son, JF Hodges, and her treasured companion, her beloved dog Suchi.

Jane was a woman of remarkable vision and artistry. As an accomplished interior designer, she built and led her own firm for over two decades. Her talents extended beyond her professional career, as she worked side by side with her husband to craft extraordinary interiors for the exclusive home communities they developed together. Jane's unparalleled eye for beauty transformed spaces into sanctuaries and reflected her unique ability to see and celebrate the loveliness in life.

Her love for the world extended beyond design, as Jane embraced global travel with open arms and a heart full of wonder. Italy and Hawaii held special places in her soul, and her marriage to Dorsel in the lush tropical garden of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel embodied the love and beauty she radiated throughout her life.

As her son writes today, he reflects on the profound sadness of her loss but finds solace in the knowing that Jane is now dancing among the stars with her beloved late husband. Jane lived a life filled with love, creativity, and elegance. She leaves behind a legacy of beauty and joy that will forever be

cherished by all who knew her.

A Graveside Service for Jane to be laid to rest beside her late husband in Hodges Cemetery, Hurricane, is to be followed by a Life Celebration Reception. The services are targeted for Spring 2025 and details will be shared with friends and family as they become available.

LOWELL 'SONNY' MCCALLISTER

Lowell M. Sonny McCallister, 92, of Hurricane, passed away Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Sonny retired from Union Carbide as a weigh master after 40 years of service and was a U.S. Navy Veteran. He enjoyed traveling, gardening, walking and learning the history of places they visited.

He was preceded in death by his parents Otto and Dora McCallister, sisters Juanita McCallister, Louella Farley and brother Franklin McCallister.

He is survived by his wife of almost 71 years Gay Hodges, and several nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Forest Memorial Park.

RAYMOND EARL 'RANDY' PARSONS

Raymond Earl "Randy" Parsons, 72, of Winfield, passed away on December 30, 2024 after a brief illness. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend who will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Randy was born on May 7, 1952, in South Charleston. He grew up in the Kanawha Valley and graduated from South Charleston High School in 1970. He went on to Carver Career and Technical Center where he graduated in 1972. He started his career as a ThromoKing Technician working for JD Moore, Inc. and later became the owner/operator of Teays Valley Auto and Truck Service. Throughout his career, he was known for his hard work, honesty and dedication to helping his community.

Throughout his life he loved racing cars, playing music and spending time with his family. He taught himself how to play the guitar, banjo, mandolin and piano. In the 1980s & early 90s he was an instrumentalist and singer for the bluegrass gospel group, The Country Christians. He later happily sang with the Parsons Family band with his son, daughter, daughter-in-law and dear friend, Doug Escue. He was an active member of Teays Valley Church of God where he was a valued part of the choir and praise band. He loved playing volleyball in the church and YMCA leagues with his son.

He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Nancy Meredith Parsons, his children Randall Parsons (Rachel) and Katy Kincaid (Joseph), and his grandchildren, Noah and Cooper Parsons and Lylah Kincaid. He is also survived by his brother Larry (Rhonda) Parsons,

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his brothers-in-law Don Meredith (Sharon), Tom Meredith (Mary), Sam Meredith, his sister-in-law Judy Anderson (Ron) and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins whom he deeply loved. He is preceded in death by his mother Ila Owens Shinn, his father Orville Parsons, Jr., and brother Jay Parsons.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at Teays Valley Church of God in Scott Depot with visitation from 4:30-6:30 p.m., and service to follow.

BRENDA KAY RHODES

Brenda K. Rhodes, 78, of Buffalo, passed away Sunday, January 12, 2025. She was a graduate of Stonewall Jackson High School and retired from the K-Mart corporation

following many years of service. She attended Cross Creek Community Church.

Born October 7, 1946, in Charleston, she was the daughter of the late Harry C. Saunders and Nelma L. Saunders. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband of 29 years, Carl Rhodes.

Survivors include her children, Angela Tomblin of St. Albans, Judy Tucker of Buffalo, Lisa (Dayton) Knapp of Leon, Ronnie Rhodes of Buffalo, Rita Sayre of Buffalo and Della Rhodes of Ohio; 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

There are no services planned at this time and a celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

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To: THOMAS ROMEO, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA PUTNAM COUNTY MAGISTRATE COURT, THOMAS ROMEO, PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT TAX DIVISION, BUREAU OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT, BELINDA HAWLEY, JEREMIAH MCCORMICK, TRUSTEE, THOMAS ROMEO, THOMAS ROMEO, OCCUPANT, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, 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 an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT POCA MAP 196 PARCEL 0047 0006 0000

You will take notice that WVTK LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No.** 2023-C-000143, located in POCA District, 0.50 AC LHF, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of ROMEO THOMAS, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of PUTNAM County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on June 18, 2024. WVTK LLC, requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after June 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before May 31, 2025 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2022 - 16619 \$1,134.08
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number \$0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022-33903. \$30.44
Additional taxes with interest. \$0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$217.65
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest. \$745.14
Additional Statutory Fees with interest. \$654.11
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$1,749.28
You may redeem at any time before February 28, 2025, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Given under my hand December 17, 2024
G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of PUTNAM County, State of West Virginia
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DISTRICT POCA MAP 157 PARCEL 0022 00000000

You will take notice that Willie K. Goodson III, the purchaser of the following real estate, Certification No. 403125, located in POCA District, 1.34 AC LHF KINGS BR, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of FABER TERRY LEE ET UX, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of Putnam County on 09/11/2024. Willie K. Goodson III requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after 05/08/2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before 05/08/2025 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest to 05/08/2025 \$5659.77
Amount of taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to 05/08/2025 \$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 05/08/2025 \$318.74
Additional statutory fees with interest to 05/08/2025 \$0.00
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check must be made payable to the The Honorable Robert Eggleton, Sheriff of Putnam County. \$5978.51

You may redeem at any time before 05/08/2025, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
Given under my hand 12/11/2024
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DISTRICT UNION MAP 9999 PARCEL 0000 1030 0000

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 33923 \$101.94
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number \$0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022-33903. \$30.44
Additional taxes with interest. \$0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$217.65
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest. \$745.14
Additional Statutory Fees with interest. \$654.11
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$1,749.28
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DISTRICT POCA MAP 226E PARCEL 0078 0000 0000

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2022 - 17558 \$342.99
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number \$0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2023-15900. \$252.05
Additional taxes with interest. \$0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$212.40
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest. \$872.24
Additional Statutory Fees with interest. \$0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$1,679.68
You may redeem at any time before May 31, 2025, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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DISTRICT POCA MAP 197 PARCEL 0039 0003 0000

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2022 - 17005 \$201.73
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number \$0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2023-17022. \$141.49
Additional taxes with interest. \$0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$122.70
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest. \$936.08
Additional Statutory Fees with interest. \$0.00
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LONNIE LEO SOVINE

Lonnie Leo Sovine, 92, of Scott Depot, passed away January 10, 2025 at English Meadows Assisted Living.

Lonnie was born February 11, 1932 to the late Lawrence and Anna (Black) Sovine. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife, Wanda Sue (Ball) Sovine; brother, Denzil Sovine; sister, Dorothy Sovine Whitt; and stepson, James Lee.

Lonnie proudly served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict and retired from Special Metals in Huntington.

He is survived by his daughter, Lisa Forren (Jerry); step-daughters: Teresa Vickers (Dale), Tina Boster (Perry), and Lorrie DuPree (Johnnie); sister, Leona Vickers, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Graveside service for Lonnie was Monday, January 13, 2025 at Valley View Memorial Park Mausoleum, Hurricane.

PANSY SOVINE

Pansy Jane Carnes Sovine, 82, of Hurricane, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, January 8, 2025.

She was a member of Valley View Freewill Baptist Church and had been attending Sousesanah Freewill Baptist Church. Pansy was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Willard Ray Sovine, parents, Earl and Agnes Carnes, and sisters Kathy Kay Carnes and Sylvia Ruth Holley.

She is survived by her children Kathy Roberts, Tammy Sovine (Robbie Reed), and Earl Sovine (Brenda) all of Hurricane. Grandchildren Breanna Roberts, Jessie Helmick, Christopher Reed (Julie), Hope Huffman and Mallori Reed. Great grandchildren Sara, Rachael, Vinny, Reagan, Teagan, Riley, Carson, Easton, Sadie, sisters Shirley Mae Cowan,

Patricia Gail Sovine, nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Funeral Service was Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at Allen Funeral Home with Pastor Lafe Meade officiating. Burial was in Valley View Memorial Park.

MARY ESTELLA WILSON

After 100 glorious love-filled years, Mary Estella Wilson earned her angel wings and went to dance in the streets of Heaven on December 21, 2024.

She was born on October 6, 1924, to James and Annie Quickle, and she and her two brothers grew up in Pliny. After graduating from Winfield High School, she moved to Charleston and began her career as a secretary for Ohio-Apex Chemical Company. There she met the love of her life, Jack P. Wilson, and they shared 64 years of marriage before his death on July 14, 2011. Together, they raised two children and shared many wonderful times as a family. After raising her young children, Estella returned to work again as an executive secretary for Yeadly Engineering in Charleston and retired from there after many years of service. She was an active, dedicated member of the American Business Women's Association, Charleston Chapter, and was honored to be elected ABWA's Woman of the Year.

She enjoyed listening to many genres of music, dancing, watching WVU basketball and football with Jack, working daily crossword puzzles, and playing various board and card games. Estella was an avid gardener, filling her home and yard with a variety of beautiful plants and flowers. She was also an avid reader, enjoying a variety of books, especially inspirational books. Most importantly, she faithfully read her Bible and used it as her guide throughout her life. After she retired, she took up golf and spent many hours playing with Jack as well as with family and friends during annual Thanksgiving trips to Myrtle Beach. This incredible lady even made a 'hole-in-1' when she was in her 80s!

Church was always a central focus of her life and she was a long-time member of First Christian Church in Charleston, and in later years, the United Disciples of Christ Church in South Charleston. She loved her church family and she was so appreciative of their 100th birthday tribute

to her. She was a devoted and faithful servant and follower of Jesus throughout her entire journey on this earth.

There are so many words we can use to describe Estella. She was warm, loving and kind to all people. She was strong, energetic, and wise, and kept her playful spirit, sharp wit, and zest for life until the end. She was beautiful inside and out and had a genuine heart of gold and a sweet spirit. There was seldom a time when you didn't see a smile on her beautiful face. She was a "social butterfly" at the Genesis Dunbar Center, and "sweet" is how most will remember her. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends. While we are saddened by her passing, we are comforted knowing she is in her heavenly home.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Patty Igo (Jimmy), of South Charleston; son, Paul Wilson (Brandi), of Charleston; step-grandchildren; step-great-grandchildren; nieces, Judy Fox, Julie Stone Dickie, Dr. Marta Stone Hayne, and Kitten Stone; nephews, Jimmy Quickle and Dusty Quickle (Stephanie), and cousins.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, January 18, 2025, at the United Disciples of Christ Church, South Charleston, with Pastor Steven Smith officiating. The family will receive friends from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the church.

Estella will be interred at the Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery with her husband, Jack, who was a proud U.S. Marine.

PATRICIA FAWN WRIGHT

Patricia Fawn Wright, 71, of Fraziers Bottom, went home to be with the Lord on January 8, 2025, at home surrounded by her family.

Patricia is a graduate of Romney School of the Deaf and Blind where she was also a majorette. She enjoyed fishing, camping, boating, animals, and spending time with her family. She loved to have company and would talk on the phone for hours with her family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents Alva and Ruby Keffer; grandson Christopher Beane; brother Ernest Keffer; and her twin sister Patricia Keffer.

Patricia is survived by her husband of 25 years, Alan Wright; two children Jeff (Julie) Williamson and Beth (Bob) Burris; sister-in-law Kim Wright; six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

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LUANNE BLACK RUNYON Frazier's Bottom Birthday January 15	DONNIE GIBSON 3464 Tower Drive Charleston 80th Birthday January 17
DR. DEVIN KING 3660 Teays Valley Road Hurricane 54th Birthday January 16	DANNY HUDNALL 78 Chapman Drive Milton Birthday January 17
KENNY BIRD Hurricane 61st Birthday January 16	MARIE HEDRICK 2221 Columbia Road Culloden Birthday January 17
FRANCIS YOUNG 641 Young Road Frazier's Bottom 69th Birthday January 16	BRENDA YOUNG Hurricane Birthday January 17
SHARON MANNON Culloden 68th Birthday January 16	BRENDA WARNER Florida 78th Birthday January 17
DR. BARBARA MAYNARD Greensboro, North Carolina 83rd Birthday January 16	SIERRA GOTHARD Proctorville, Ohio Birthday January 18
MATT SMITH 2116 Brooke Street Culloden Birthday January 16	COLTON MICHAEL ERWIN 5530 Hurricane Creek Road Hurricane 7th Birthday January 18
TIM IRR Huntington 60th Birthday January 16	BECKY WALL ISNER Bill's Creek Scott Depot 80th Birthday January 18
KAREN JIVIDEN 392 Railroad Avenue Buffalo 64th Birthday January 16	ROBERT LEE GRITT 356 Gritt Road Buffalo 36th Birthday January 18
THOMAS L SMITH 456 Meadow View Drive Powell, Ohio Birthday January 16	BRENDA PERKINS Hurricane 75th Birthday January 18
COACH JIM SOVINE Hurricane 91st Birthday January 17	ROGER DONEFF 2316 Joy Lane Culloden 74th Birthday January 18
SUSAN JIVIDEN HIGGINBOTHAM 132 Margaret Street Poca 44th Birthday January 17	DENVER CHANDLER Kelley's Creek Hurricane Birthday January 18
DAWN LONG 6300 Rager Road Groveport, Ohio 56th Birthday January 17	CLYDE DeVORE Route 2, Box 329-A Ona Birthday January 18
DALTON NATHANIEL BIRD Culloden	MICHAEL CREMEANS Culloden 38th Birthday January 19
	PAUL HUDNALL

Bead the Winter Blues Away

Winter can be an isolating and slow time, so "Bead" the Winter Blues by enjoying a craft session with others. Follow the pattern provided (or follow your own creativity!) to make a wintery snowflake at the Eleanor Library on Wednesday, January 22, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Hurricane Civic Chorus Open House

Do you like to sing? The Hurricane Civic Chorus welcomes new members ages 15 and up! Come join the Civic Chorus for singing and fellowship.

When? Tuesday nights, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Spring season begins Tuesday, January 28, 2025!

Where? Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, 2848 Putnam Ave, Hurricane.

How? Come on January 28th to check the Civic Chorus out—no auditions and no obligation to join. For more information, email hurricaneCivicChorus@gmail.com

Adopt A Dog

The Putnam County Animal Shelter's kennels are full. There are currently 72 dogs to choose from. The shelter needs fosters and adopters so they can continue to help.

Ohio
78th Birthday January 19

LYNNE MORRISON
P.O. Box 898
Olive Hill, Kentucky
Birthday January 19

KENNY JEFFREY
Logan
52nd Birthday January 19

CALEB CONNER
Alabama
22nd Birthday January 19

JANET DORMAN
FAULKNER
2902 Washington Avenue
Hurricane
75th Birthday January 19

CONNIE NEVILLE
1115 Stewart Addition
Rear
Milton
68th Birthday January 20

VICKI ARVIDSON
266 North Poplar Fork
Road
Hurricane
Birthday January 20

CHRISTINA SHEPPARD
Route 1, Box 123
Milton
51st Birthday January 20

REAGAN CHAPMAN
446 Knotgrass
Fort Mill, South Carolina
9th Birthday January 20

PEGGY BENNETT
CARDEN
1461 Sycamore Road
Hurricane
75th Birthday January 20

ROBERTA TAYLOR
STRINGER
Cross Lanes
55th Birthday January 21

KATHY SOVINE
ROBERTS
189 Elva Drive
Hurricane
64th Birthday January 21

BOB HIGGINBOTHAM
132 Margaret Street
Poca
Birthday January 21

LONDON MATTHEW
BRADFORD
1004 Elm Street
Culloden
14th Birthday January 21

JOAN SOVINE
2543 Montana Avenue
Hurricane

West Virginia Comics and Toy Show

The West Virginia Comics and Toy Show is coming to Social Event Space, 2833 Main Street, Hurricane, on Saturday, January 26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be 25+ vendors set up with Comics, Toys, Pop Culture and Collectibles for the whole family. Buy, sell, or trade. This event is 100% FREE and family friendly.

Developmental Screening

Putnam County Schools Developmental Screenings will be held on Friday, February 7, at the Teays Valley Baptist Church on Teays Valley Road. Children 2 1/2 to 4 years will be screened for speech/language, hearing, vision, motor skills, social skills, self-help, and cognition. Call 304-586-0500 ext. 1166 for more information.

Neighbors Feeding Neighbors

Neighbors Feeding Neighbors is a non-profit food program hosted by St. Timothy's in-the-Valley Episcopal Church, located at 3434 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane. They serve free, no-obligation meals to anyone in the community every Monday at 5:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy a home-cooked meal!

BONNIE GAIL HODGES
LEWIS
564 Mason Street
Milton
81st Birthday January 21

ANGIE McCALLISTER
Hereford Road
Hurricane
Birthday January 21

TERESA CAUDILL
Culloden
62nd Birthday January 21

LESLIE LONG
1074 Springdale Road
Hurricane
76th Birthday January 22

TERRI MARCUM
DRURY
904 Kanawha Terrace
St. Albans
64th Birthday January 22

JASON VICTOR MASSIE
4261 Stave Branch Road
Frazier's Bottom
43rd Birthday January 23

DR MARK CHARLES
BROWN
#9 Woodhaven Drive
Huntington
71st Birthday January 23

JEWELL EGGLETON
CRANK
Sissonville
Birthday January 23

ANTHONY LAWRENCE
CHANDLER
Kelley's Creek
Hurricane
30th Birthday January 23

LeANNE CHAPMAN
GRIMMETT
Williamson
58th Birthday January 23

LARISSA ANN
LIPSCOMB
104 Hampton Lane
Hurricane
19th Birthday January 23

BAILEY COLEMAN
28585 Ashton-Upland
Road
Milton
Birthday January 23

CARLA GRALEY SMITH
Barboursville
64th Birthday January 23

KAREN ROLYSON
CARR
Eleanor
71st Birthday January 23

Tai Chi at Hometown Senior Center

The Arthritis Foundation Tai Chi Program is an ancient practice proven to reduce pain and improve your mental and physical well being. The Arthritis Foundation Tai Chi Program, developed by Dr. Paul Lam, uses gentle Sun-style Tai Chi routines that are safe, easy to learn, and suitable for every fitness level.

Tai Chi will help you reduce stress, increase balance and flexibility, feel relaxed, and improve your overall mind, body, and spirit. The Hometown Senior Center, 40 1st Avenue, Hometown, will be offering Tai Chi lessons at 10 a.m. on Thursdays through February 13. Classes are one hour each. Call 304-586-2745 to register.

North Putnam UMC Welcomes You

The North Putnam Charge of the United Methodist Church is comprised of three small traditional Methodist Churches ready to serve you.

Buffalo UMC is located at 27 High Street, Buffalo, and begins at 9:15 a.m.

Frazier's Bottom UMC is located at 1 Church Lane, Frazier's Bottom, and starts at 10:00 a.m.

Wade Chapel UMC is located at 4490 McLane Pike, Red House, and begins worship at 11:00 a.m.

The churches offer Youth Ministry, Children's Church, Choir, Music Ministry, Women's Fellowship, Sunday School, and more. Pastors Mark and Logan Harris welcome you and the church congregations will love you.

For more information, check out each church Facebook Page.

Articles Welcome

Send press releases and announcements to the Hurricane Breeze, PO Box 310, Hurricane, W. Va.; hurricanebreeze@citynet.net; or call (304) 562-9881.

Happy Anniversary

Allen-Joe and Joan Bennett Savilla of Nitro will celebrate their sixty-first wedding anniversary on January 18.

Greg and Susan Bresth Geter of 803 Washington Hill Road in Hurricane will celebrate their twenty-eighth wedding anniversary on January 19.

Daniel and Karly Williamson Black of Ohio will celebrate their eighth wedding anniversary on January 21.

Donald and Melanie Trump of Washington DC will celebrate their twentieth wedding anniversary on January 22.

Rev. Jason and Monetta Black of 2767 Whitten Ridge Road in Milton will celebrate their thirty-first wedding anniversary on January 22.

Roger and Kathy Grant LeGrand of 84 Twp 337 Road in Kittshill, Ohio, will celebrate their thirty-eighth wedding anniversary on January 23.

WV Cupcake Festival Bingo

Come to Valley Park in Hurricane on Saturday, January 25, for an evening of BINGO to raise money for the West Virginia Cupcake Festival.

Games will start at 5:00 p.m. Doors will open at 3:30 p.m.

All participants MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

The cost is \$30 per person (ticket includes one BINGO book with 20 cards, 9 facings per card); \$10 per each additional BINGO book. Daubbers will be available for \$2.

There will be raffles, 50/50 and tips available for purchase.

Concessions will be available. Tickets are NON-REFUNDABLE unless the event is canceled.

To purchase tickets, go to <https://www.ticketleap.com/events/tickets/west-virginia-cupcake-festival-inc/wv-cupcake-festival-variety-bingo>

Tayven Stephenson On Wofford College Dean's List

Tayven Stephenson of Winfield has been named to Wofford College's Fall 2024 Dean's List.

Wofford College, established in 1854, is a four-year, residential liberal arts college located in Spartanburg, South Carolina. It offers 27 major fields of study to a student body of 1,800 undergraduates. Nationally known for the strength of its academic program, outstanding faculty, experiential learning opportunities and successful graduates, Wofford is recognized consistently as a "best value" and for its commitment to student success and accessibility for low- and middle-income students. The college community has 12 sororities and fraternities as well as 20 NCAA Division I athletics teams.

Students Named To Cedarville Dean's List

Students at Cedarville University have been named to the Dean's Honor List for the Fall 2024 semester. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.75 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

The following local students were named to the Dean's Honor List:

Tytus Bennett of Winfield
Samuel Clark of Hurricane
Sarah Clark of Hurricane

Cedarville University, a Baptist institution in southwest Ohio, offers undergraduate and graduate residential and online programs across arts, sciences, and professional fields. With 6,384 students, it ranks among Ohio's largest private universities and is recognized by the Wall Street Journal as being among the nation's top three evangelical universities. Cedarville is also known for its vibrant Christian community, challenging academics, and high graduation and retention rates.

The Breeze on Microfilm

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