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Ice on the Kanawha Eleanor VFD Membership Soon to Include 4th Generation Firefighter

Editor's Note:
The scene of a narrow channel of open water on the Kanawha River at the Winfield Bridge on Friday, January 24th in the photo below, brought to mind a submission by the late Fred McCallister published in the January 9, 2014, issue of the Breeze. Fred recalls a winter in which the Kanawha River was completely frozen over. Fred's story follows.

of which there were many in the flat, bottom ground. With all the streams and ponds frozen over with four to six inches of ice, it was hard for the farmers to keep a place where their animals could get water. (Horses will eat enough snow, if there is snow for them to eat and make it through winter's frozen times. However, cows will not eat snow; they must have liquid water in order to survive.) Not only creeks and swamps froze over, but the Kanawha River began to freeze over also.

Ice Fishing On Bills Creek

By Fred D. McCallister
January 9, 2014

We (Ella, Oscar, Woodrow, Pansy and Fred McCallister) were living on the "Sid" Morgan place in the winter of 1939-40. We had the old slave kitchen, which was our main residence, and we also had two bedrooms in the old Morgan mansion where four of us slept. Mother "Ella" and Pansy slept in one room at the top of the stairs on the northwest side of the house. Woodrow and Fred slept in the room across the hall at the top of the stairs on the southeast side of the house. Oscar slept on a roll-a-way bed in the old kitchen where he kept the fire burning all night to keep everything, including himself, from freezing. The upstairs bedrooms had no heat.

The Coast Guard ran an ice cutter up the Ohio and Kanawha Rivers from down on the Mississippi River. That ice cutter cut a path up the center of the river to Charleston and docked for the night. The next morning the ice had frozen over the path that the boat had made going up the river, and the ice cutter was stuck in the ice and it could not get back down the next day. The boat stayed in Charleston several days until things began to thaw!

With all the running water being covered with ice, the cows in the community of Bills Creek could not drink. Mr. Clate Tincher lived with his family in the old Thompson Mansion. (This mansion house sat on the creek bank, about 200 yards back from old Route 17 on the west rim of the property where the John Amos Power Plant now sits.) Mr. Tincher had gone over the bank, down

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Emmy Jo Herdman poses with "The Jaws of Life" at the Eleanor Fire Department. She received instruction in use of "The Jaws" at the Putnam Career and Technical Center in Eleanor.

By Ron Allen

History was made on April 12, 1961, when the Eleanor Volunteer Fire Department came into existence. Part of that history was Joseph Fox. Fox was among the volunteers who built the fire station, block by block.

When the Eleanor VFD meets on Monday, February 3, history will be made again. Emmy

Jolene Herdman, Joseph Fox's great granddaughter, will become the first full-fledged fourth-generation firefighter on the EVFD. Emmy Jo has been a junior member of the department since the summer of 2023. Her membership status will change from junior to senior at the meeting because her birthday is February 2nd and Emmy will be 18-years-old. She

will be joining her dad, Joe Herdman, who is a captain on the EVFD.

Joe is the son of former EVFD member Randy Herdman. Randy was son-in-law to Joseph Fox who gave more than thirty years of service to the department.

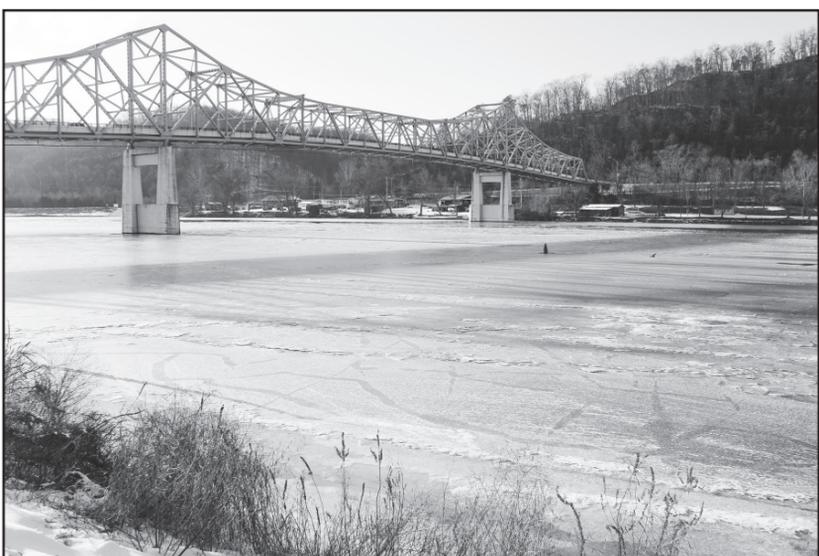
While continuation of her family's service to Eleanor and the EVFD is a certainty for Emmy Jo,

there is a strong possibility that she may also follow her father's career path.

Joe is employed by Kanawha County as an EMT. Emmy is a senior at Buffalo High School and is enrolled in the Putnam County Technical Center's Firefighter/EMT program.

"Emmy is much further along in firefighting and

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Only a narrow channel of open water near the distant bank of the Kanawha River visible on Friday, January 24th.

Urgent Medical Care Available at Fruth Pharmacy in Winfield



Craig Glover, president and CEO of FamilyCare Health Centers, performs ribbon cutting duties at Fruth Pharmacy in Winfield on Thursday, January 23rd.

FamilyCare Health Centers held a ribbon cutting for its ConvenientCare facility located within Fruth Pharmacy in Winfield on Thursday, January 23rd. ConvenientCare

is structured to provide immediate medical care for colds, flu, diarrhea, digestive issues, non-life threatening allergic reactions, burns, cuts, sprains and strains. Shots are available for flu, meningitis, COVID-19,

tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis.

Hours are (Monday through Saturday): 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sunday hours are 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

PCS 2025 Science & Engineering Fair Winners Announced

January 16th was recognition day for Putnam County's middle school students at the Division II Science & Engineering Fair (SEF) at Winfield Middle School. Middle school students entered projects in no fewer than twelve science and engineering classifications. Judges named "Champion" projects from Animal Science, Behavioral Science, Chemistry, Earth & Environmental Sciences, Engineering, Materials Science, Math & Data, Medical Sciences, Physics, Plant Science, and Technology entries. The winning projects will advance to compete in the Region III Science & Engineering Fair on February 11, 2025, at Coonskin Park Clubhouse in Charleston.

The list of participants, school, and projects follow:

Animal Science — Champion - Macie Dean, Emberlynn Rowh, Charlie Miller (Poca Middle School) for Music to My Cat's Ears

Behavioral Science — Champion - Morgan Snodgrass, Declan Horn, Cohen Massie (Poca Middle School) for The Science of Where's Waldo; **Chemistry** — Champion - Jessalyn Caruthers, Marley Sanders (Poca Middle School) for The Perfect Cookie; **Earth & Environmental Sciences** — Champion - Dima Malko, Howie Sample (Winfield Middle School) for Does Climate Change Ecosystems?; **Engineering** — Champion - Ryker



"Music to My Cat's Ears" by Macie Dean, Emberlynn Rowh, and Charlie Miller was the top Animal Science entry. (Turn to Page 5 for additional photos)

Gladwell, Asher Knott (Winfield Middle School) for Fold and Fly; Runner-Up - Cruz Massey, Daniel O'Neal (Poca Middle School) for The Three Bridges; **Materials Science** — Champion - Khloe Snyder, Aubrey Dawson, Kynlee Dunlap (Poca Middle School) for Milk Magic; **Math & Data** — Champion - Malijah Davis, Luke Hill, Bryon Bradshaw (Poca Middle School) for Shark Bite; **Medical Sciences** — Champion - Jordyn Lemle, Dawson Sams, Landon Slater (Poca Middle School) for Color and Taste; **Physics** — Champion - Anderson Leftwich, Josh Tinney (Poca Middle School) for Knuckleball vs. Fastball; **Plant Science** — Champion - Vera Smart (Poca Middle School) for One Bad Apple; **Technology** — Champion - Ryleigh Fauber (Winfield

Middle School) for Latent Fingerprints.

Regional winners will advance to the 2025 West Virginia Science & Engineering Fair (WVSEF) for statewide competition on March 10, 2025, at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center.

WEATHER SUMMARY

January 21 - 27		
	Low	High
January 21		
Hurricane	-8°	20°
January 22		
Hurricane	-10°	22°
January 23		
Hurricane	-2°	31°
January 24		
Hurricane	6°	32°
January 25		
Hurricane	5°	40°
January 26		
Hurricane	25°	45°
January 27		
Hurricane	16°	41°

*RAIN/**SNOW
None recorded

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 30

- A women's exercise group will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Nitro, 2200 2nd Avenue, Nitro.

- There will be a Tips and Tricks Meal Class from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at Heartbeat of the Valley, 28 Mission Way, Scott Depot. For more information and to reserve a spot, call (681) 235-2097.

JANUARY 31

- The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner and Celebration will start at 6 p.m. at Valley Park Conference Center in Hurricane. For more information, call (304) 757-6510.

- There will be an interactive murder mystery dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. at Zoology Zone Science Center, located at Valley Park, Hurricane. To purchase tickets, go to <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/murder-mystery-dinner-3>

- There will be a heart-shaped bowl pottery making class at 6 p.m. at MadeBy, 2805 Main Street, Hurricane. The cost is \$100 per person. For more information, call (681) 523-6989.

FEBRUARY 1

- There will be a women's clothing swap from 2 to 4 p.m. at Bake My Day, 14 Bank Street, Nitro. The cost is \$10. To sign up, call (304) 651-2584.

- The Sweetheart Market will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Teays Valley Church of the Nazarene, 3937 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane.

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- There will be a Galentines Party at 6 p.m. at Social Event Space, 2833 Main Street, Hurricane. Hang out with girlfriends, laugh, party, and shop.

- The 2025 Polar Plunge for the Special Olympics will start at 3 p.m. at Hurricane City Park.

FEBRUARY 2 - 9

- There will be a Goodwill Donation Drive Fundraiser at Valley Park in Hurricane to benefit the Putnam County Clover STEMs. The donation trailer will be unlocked from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 2

- The Putnam County 4-H CloverSTEMs will be holding an afternoon of crafting starting at 3 p.m. at Teays Valley Church of God, 185 Connection Point, Scott Depot. The cost is \$15 per participant.

FEBRUARY 4

- Zoology Zone is coming to the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley at 4 p.m. with a presentation about bearded dragons.

FEBRUARY 6

- The American Legion James E. Marshall Post 187 will have a Four Chaplains Memorial Service at 6:00 p.m. at the Winfield Presbyterian Church on Ferry Street, Winfield.

FEBRUARY 7

- For Such A Time As This: Lone Oak Church of God Mission, 1303 McLane Pike, Red House, will be holding a women's dinner starting at 6:30 p.m.

- Night to Shine, a prom for people with special needs, will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at The Bridge Church, 6496 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot.

- The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce will be holding Business Before Business from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley. RSVP by calling 304-757-6510.

- There will be a foam dance party for ages 7-14 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Foam Garage, 2716 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane. The cost is \$10 per child. For more information, call (681) 235-2603.

FEBRUARY 8

- There will be a winter market vendor fair from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at The 1267 Rentals, 17588 Charleston Road, Buffalo.

- The Kanawha River Catfish Club will be meeting from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at the Eleanor Fire Department.

- The Winfield Nazarene Church, 10822 Winfield Road, will be holding a food pantry from 9 a.m. to noon.

- There will be a Honey + Hues Paint Party from 4 to 6 p.m. at Teays Valley Church of God, Connection Point Drive, Scott Depot. Paint a flamingo sunset. The cost is \$25 per person. To register, call (304) 543-0609.

- Hard Reign will be performing at 8 p.m. at the Putnam County Moose, located at Putnam Village Shopping Center in Teays Valley.

- The Crush Run Trail 10 miler, 5k run or hike, and Kids Run will start at 9 a.m. at Meeks Mountain Trails, Hurricane City Park. For more information, go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/WV/Hurricane/MMTACrushRun>

- There will be a foam dance party for ages 1-6 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Foam Garage, 2716 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane. The cost is \$10 per child. For more information, call (681) 235-2603.

WVDNR Announces Groundhog Day Celebration Activities

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) recently announced that the West Virginia State Wildlife Center in French Creek will host its 48th annual Groundhog Day Celebration on February 2.

Members of the public are invited to attend the free event, which will start at 9:30 a.m. with an opening ceremony at the amphitheater. Gates will open at 9 a.m. and guests are encouraged to arrive early.

"Groundhog Day is a major event here in French Creek, and we are excited to welcome back Freddie's adoring fans, many of whom make the trip each February," said Trevor Moore, Wildlife Biologist at the West Virginia State Wildlife Center.

At 10 a.m., French Creek Freddie, the State Wildlife Center's resident weather-predicting groundhog, will emerge from his dwelling to reveal whether an early spring is on the way or if winter will continue

2025 Girl Scout Cookie Season Kicks Off Across Region

Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council recently kicked off the 2025 Girl Scout Cookie season, a time when Girl Scouts hone their entrepreneurial skills as they find new and inventive ways to sell cookies.

With the much-anticipated cookie season back in full swing, cookie lovers can rejoice as they indulge in the classic cookie lineup. The 2025 season will provide the full spread of highly sought after cookie flavors, including Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs and more.

At the close of the 2025 cookie season, the beloved Girl Scout S'mores cookie flavor will be retired. Girl Scout S'mores enthusiasts can purchase the last of these sweet treats by contacting a Girl Scout for their Digital Cookie online sales link, or by visiting <https://girlscouts.info/cookies>.

Starting this season, each box of Girl Scout Cookies will cost \$6.00 to ensure more girls have an opportunity to benefit from local and national programming.

When girls participate in the Girl Scout Cookie Program, the largest entrepreneurial program in the world, they acquire a host of invaluable entrepreneurial skills, including goal setting, money management, decision-making, people skills and business ethics.

Each box of cookies sold allows Girl Scouts to develop an inextinguishable entrepreneurial spirit, gaining courage, confidence and character as they conquer new feats and embark on new adventures.

"Each of our Girl Scouts is looking to change the world, and through the Girl Scout Cookie Sale, you can help make it happen," said Beth Casey, CEO for the Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council.

"Our girls have big goals to travel, take on service projects and help their communities - and you can fuel their dreams by ordering delicious cookies to enjoy. All the while, they're learning key skills like goal setting, decision making, money management, business ethics and people skills."

Locally, 55% of cookie proceeds go towards

for another six weeks. Following the ceremony, guests are encouraged to take photos with French Creek Freddie, enjoy refreshments, participate in a "wood chucking" contest and explore the Wildlife Center, which features nearly 30 different species of native mammals, birds and reptiles.

For more information about the West Virginia State Wildlife Center, visit WVDnr.gov/west-virginia-wildlife-center

Directions to the Wildlife Center

To get to the Wildlife Center from I-79 North, take Exit 99 and follow US-48/US-33 East for 12 miles to Buckhannon, and follow WV-20 South for 12 miles. From I-79 South, take Exit 67 at Flatwoods and follow US-19/WV-4 North approximately 30 miles to Rock Cave. Be sure to bear right to stay on WV-4 North at the US-19/WV-4 Junction. From Rock Cave, follow WV-20 North for two miles to the Wildlife Center.

council-sponsored programming and events, while 21% funds the Girl Scout Leadership Experience and 24% covers Girl Scout Cookie-related costs and delivery fees.

Girl Scout Cookie season is recognized nationally from Jan. through April, but local timing varies; please support your local Girl Scouts now by ordering before the conclusion of initial orders on Saturday, Feb. 8. Cookie Booth Sales are expected to begin at the end of Feb.

For more information about the Girl Scouts of Black Diamond, visit <https://www.bdgsc.org>

How to Purchase Girl Scout Cookies This Year

- If you know a registered Girl Scout, reach out to learn how they're selling cookies. If you don't know a Girl Scout, contact Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council at productsales@bdgsc.org to be connected with a local troop.

- Customers who do not know a Girl Scout can purchase cookies to be shipped directly to their homes by ordering online at <https://girlscouts.info/cookies>

- You can also text COOKIES to 59618 to stay informed about how to purchase Girl Scout Cookies and other exciting Girl Scout news.

- Don't forget to donate! In addition to fueling exciting, girl-led adventures, the Girl Scout Cookie Season provides an opportunity to donate cookies. Through our Gift of Caring program, community members can donate cookies to local military families and provide funding to local Girl Scouts. Learn more about donating cookies by contacting a troop or visiting <https://girlscouts.info/cookies>

About Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council

Working in partnership with nearly 2,000 volunteers, Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council serves nearly 4,000 girls in 61 counties in West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio and Maryland. For more information on how to join, volunteer, or donate to Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council, call 304.345.7722 or visit the council's website at www.bdgsc.org

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

On a chilly, rainy day in Florida, my mind goes to libraries. I like to read books about murders in the libraries. In fact, I am still, at this old age, an avid reader. Right now, I am reading a fiction book I read years ago about Poe... we found it in one of the little libraries where we take books (in the parks, at the ocean, at homes... they are so cute...) I digress. I am also reading Horowitz, a favorite mystery writer, am reading a book sent to my daughter by one of the publishers, and reading one for Netgalley (I review for them) on my iPad/Kindle. It doesn't bother me to have several books going at once.

Libraries are some of the best places for kids and adults. I wish city governments would give more money to them... counties, states, etc. They serve a useful purpose... If one can read... enough said.

My love of libraries has been passed on to my kids and my grands. My daughter worked part time in a library, while raising and home school her girls. (She is a teacher, but she stopped teaching when her girls were born.) My eldest granddaughter worked in the library at Greenwood... Nana frequented that one all of the time, and she worked for my friend there. Although that friend did not know Katelyn was my grand when she hired her. Sophie, the middle grand girl, worked at the library at her university. The youngest grand girl, Margaret, has volunteered at the Greenwood library for years... she has volunteered at one at Purdue, and she now works part time there. The legacy continues.

The two grandsons are at the library during the week for Spanish tutors and to get books. They read daily... their parents require this... it is good for their education and well being. Reading can't be under estimated...

I have visited so many libraries... my first was the one in Hurricane. Tiny but one that I loved. Of course, the school libraries were part of my sanctuary when growing up in Hurricane. I don't think I read everything, but I probably came close. Remember the little cards where we wrote our names, promising to return the books readily. Awww... My sweet teacher, Mrs. Duke, let me visit the school library daily... she knew...

When we lived in Huntington, I could not believe that library. Huge... but it always seemed cold and not welcoming for some reason. Probably because I was young and knew no one there... maybe it was me, and I was not comfortable.

We moved to Summersville, and there is no reason to mention the library there... enough said.

Awww... the Castle... the library in Circleville, Ohio... shaped like an ancient castle. I fell in love with that place and the librarians... old, decrepit at times, but welcoming... the librarian let my little girl go into the story hour with her brother, even though she wasn't old enough... she knew Kathy was as well-behaved as Nathan. We also took ceramic classes

at her house... my two preschoolers and Mom... the kids still have decorative items we made there.

That was my favorite library building... I was lost when I entered... lost in the stacks of books yet to read. I read, read, read... and my kids took so many home. They had a place for them... they signed their names sometimes...

We returned to live in Summersville again, and that little library was my least favorite... few new books... just not conducive to visiting. My friends sent me books, and I bought a few... oh yes, I love new bookstore and even more, used ones...

During the years, there have been libraries in WV, Ohio, and South Carolina that I have grown to love... the little libraries in Putnam County, in the valley and in Hurricane... warm and welcoming... librarians are helpful... oh I miss them so so much... I hope they receive tons of money to keep them going.

The library in Greenwood, Indiana, is one of my favorites, and the librarian and I correspond. I lived in Indianapolis, across the street from Greenwood. Thus, I paid fifty dollars a year to use Greenwood library... that was nothing compared to the books I read... they steered me toward ones I was not familiar with... they reserved those I loved... it was the best experience for me, and when my grands worked/volunteered there, I loved it more. Beautiful building with a little garden in front with a statue... so much glass... gorgeous... you can tell when you drive up that a library is important in Greenwood. I also liked Johnson County Library, close to my daughter's home, where she worked for awhile.

Since moving to Florida, the library has not been a place I go often unless I am staying with the boys while they are tutored in Spanish. They have a used book room with a place where they sell cards... (new ones)... I might have to go soon... but that being said, Netgalley sends me all the books I want on my Ipad/Kindle... free... over one thousand since I moved here...

Libraries are the places where we go to escape... to learn... to have fun... to get the books we have waited on... free... during Covid, the librarians chose the books for me and put them in a bag on a post outside... they were not open at the time... I would not have gone in if they had been.

I have read so many books... mysteries that take place in libraries... there are more I want to read. In the meantime, I will continue to support libraries because the way we were is the way we are... always reading... now I must get back to the mystery of Poe (someone put flowers and Cognac on his grave for years... my daughter and I visited his grave and stone and home in MD long ago... a mystery no one ever solved, at least as far as I know...) I want to finish the Horowitz mystery before the new one comes... the book on Netgalley awaits, etc... enjoy your winter... enjoy your books... story telling...

Eleanor VFD 4th Generation Firefighter



Emmy Jo will join her dad, Joe Herdman (right) as a member of the EVFD on Monday, February 3rd.

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EMT training than I was when I started out," Joe said. "She is at least six months to a year ahead of what I was."

When Herdman began his career, certification requirements were far

less than they are today. It requires years of training to meet all of the national requirements today.

Emmy enrolled in PCTC program at the beginning of her junior year. "It was all firefighting training the first year," Emmy stated. "The first semester of this school

year was all EMT related but now, it is both. I am providing hands-on firefighting instruction to first-year enrollees."

There are about fifteen students in the program. "The first year, it was mostly girls, but now, it is about fifty-fifty," Emmy added.

Taxpayers Have Options for Help as 2025 Tax Filing Begins

The Internal Revenue Service opened the 2025 tax filing season on Monday, Jan. 27 and is accepting and processing federal individual tax year 2024 returns.

The IRS expects more than 140 million individual tax returns for tax year 2024 to be filed ahead of the Tuesday, April 15 federal deadline. More than half of all tax returns are expected to be filed this year with the help of a tax professional, and the IRS urges people to use a trusted tax pro to avoid potential scams and schemes.

Taxpayers residing in a federally declared disaster area may have additional time to file and pay federal taxes.

Get free help preparing and filing taxes electronically

Taxpayers can visit IRS.gov to get answers to tax

questions. IRS.gov is the quickest way for taxpayers to get help. The Interactive Tax Assistant (ITA) is a tool that provides answers to several tax law questions specific to individual circumstances. Based on input, it can determine a taxpayer's filing status, if a person should file a tax return, if someone can be claimed as a dependent, if a type of income is taxable, if a filer is eligible to claim a credit or if an expense can be deducted.

The IRS encourages people to file their tax returns electronically and choose direct deposit for more secure and faster refunds. According to Treasury's Bureau of the Fiscal Service, paper refund checks are 16 times more likely to have an issue, like the check being lost, misdirected, stolen or uncashed. Filing electronically reduces tax return errors as the tax software does the calculations, flags common errors and prompts taxpayers for missing information.

Free tax filing options

The IRS offers free online and in-person tax preparation options for eligible taxpayers through IRS Free File, IRS Direct File and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly programs.

IRS Free File

Taxpayers with income of \$84,000 or less last year can use IRS Free File Guided Tax Software now through Oct. 15. IRS Free File Fillable forms, a part of this program, is available at no cost to any income level and provides electronic forms that people fill out and e-file themselves, also at no cost.

Direct File

Now open in 25 participating states, taxpayers can use Direct File to file online directly with the IRS for free. It is a free web-based service - available in English and Spanish - that works on mobile phones, laptops, tablets or desktop computers. It guides taxpayers through a series of questions to prepare their federal tax return step-by-step. Direct File automatically guides taxpayers to state tools to complete their state taxes. Get help from IRS customer service representatives through a live chat feature in English and Spanish. Interested taxpayers can go to directfile.irs.gov, where they can determine if they are eligible.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

The VITA program offers free tax help to people who generally make \$67,000 or less, persons with disabilities and taxpayers whose preferred language is not English. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals.

In addition to VITA, the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program offers free tax help for all taxpayers, particularly those who are 60 and older, specializing in questions about pensions and retirement-related issues unique to seniors.

MilTax

This is a Department of Defense program available to members of the military and some veterans with no income limit. MilTax generally offers free return preparation and electronic filing software for federal income tax returns and up to three state income tax

returns.

Most refunds issued in less than 21 days: EITC refunds for many available by March 3

The easiest way to check a refund's status is by using "Where's My Refund?" on IRS.gov or the IRS2Go app.

Many factors can affect refund timing after the IRS receives a tax return. Although the IRS issues most refunds in less than 21 days, the IRS cautions taxpayers not to rely on receiving a refund by a certain date, especially when making major purchases or paying bills. Some returns may require additional review and may take longer.

Under the federal Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act, the IRS cannot issue Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) refunds before mid-February. "Where's My Refund?" should show an updated status by February 22 for most early EITC/ACTC filers. The IRS expects most EITC/ACTC related refunds to be available in taxpayer bank accounts or on debit cards by March 3 if they chose direct deposit and there are no other issues with their tax return.

Report taxable income; don't file before receiving key documents

People should report all taxable income on their tax return and wait to file until they receive all of their income and informational documents. Taxpayers may receive various income and information statements such as Forms 1099 from banks or other payers, unemployment compensation, dividends, pensions, annuities or retirement plan distributions. Taxpayers receiving Forms 1099-K, for payments on sale of goods and services through an online marketplace or payment app, can visit www.irs.gov. What to do with Form 1099-K to help them figure and report the correct amount of income on their tax return.

Choose a trusted tax professional

More than half of taxpayers turn to a tax professional for help filing a tax return. While most tax preparers deliver exceptional and professional service, selecting the wrong preparer can lead to financial harm.

Taxpayers should review the tips for choosing a tax preparer and learn how to avoid unethical "ghost" return preparers who don't sign or include a valid preparer tax identification number (PTIN) on every tax return they prepare. Taxpayers can also use the IRS Directory of Federal Tax Return Preparers with Credentials and Select Qualifications to find trusted professionals. The IRS also reminds taxpayers that choosing someone affiliated with a recognized national tax association is always a good option. Tax professionals accepted into the IRS electronic filing program are authorized IRS e-file providers, qualified to prepare, transmit and process electronically filed tax returns.

Be aware of tax scams

Be aware of scammers, who can become more active during tax season. They will attempt to mislead people about tax refunds, credits and payments. They pressure people for personal, financial, employment information or money.

New Hair Studio Opens in Hurricane



Owner Destiny Wray cuts the ribbon to officially open Blissful Hair Studio LLC in Hurricane on January 24th.

Blissful Hair Studio LLC is owned by Destiny Wray. She is from the Hurricane area. The

business is located just off Main Street to the rear of the Social Event Space building. Wray worked

as a stylist at New U Hair Designs previously. There is enough space for 4 stylists at Blissful Hair

Studio. There are currently two - Wray being one of them.

The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Jan. 30, 1895: Mingo County was created from the southern part of Logan County. Mingo is the

youngest county in West Virginia.

Jan. 31, 1878: Educator William Woodson Trent was born in rural Nicholas County. He served as state superintendent of schools from 1933 until 1957.

Jan. 31, 1922: Movie and television actress Joanne Dru was born Joan Letitia Lacock in Logan. Her movie career included more

than 40 films. Her brother, singer and TV host Peter Marshall, is also a West Virginia native.

Jan. 31, 1945: Sergeant Jonah Edward Kelley of Mineral County was killed in action while leading his squad against German positions during World War II. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his "superb courage."

Feb. 1, 1832: Education reformer Alexander Luark Wade was born. Wade reorganized rural Monongalia County schools to require progress through eight prescribed levels with a graduating exercise and receipt of a diploma. Wade's system worked so well it was copied in other

counties and states.

Feb. 1, 1901: Frank Buckles, the last surviving American veteran of World War I, was born in Missouri. Buckles purchased a farm in Charles Town in 1954 and continued to live there until his death in 2011.

Feb. 2, 1908: Justice Marion Chambers was born in Huntington. Chambers was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions in the World War II Iwo Jima campaign in February 1945.

Feb. 3, 1825: Confederate General William Lowther Jackson was born in Clarksburg. He was one of at least three Southern officers to bear the nickname "Mudwall."

Feb. 3, 1923: Broadcast announcer Jack Fleming was born in Morgantown. He was the long-time "Voice of the Mountaineers."

Feb. 3, 1961: The West Virginia legislature passed a resolution adopting "The West Virginia Hills" as an official state song. Prior to the adoption of "Take Me Home, Country Roads," "The West Virginia Hills" was the best-known of our four official state songs.

Feb. 4, 1945: The hotel at Minnehaha Springs was destroyed by fire. Built in 1914, it was the first facility in Pocahontas County built strictly for the tourist business and was a forerunner of today's local tourism economy.

Feb. 5, 1784: Nancy Hanks, the mother of Abraham Lincoln, was probably born February 5, 1784, in Hampshire County on Mikes Run in what is now Mineral County, although historical records relating to her early life do not exist.

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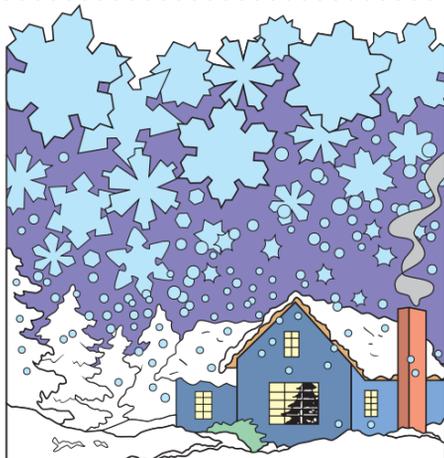
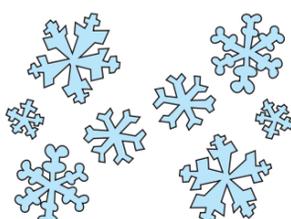
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Fillers Page

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Recipes

Submitted by Connie Reddington of Eleanor

Microwave Coconut Cream Pie

1/2 cup sugar
3 tablespoons cornstarch
1/4 tsp. salt
2 cups milk
3 egg yolks, slightly beaten
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tablespoon butter
1/2 cup coconut
1 8" baked pie shell
Stir together sugar, cornstarch, salt in microwave safe bowl. Blend milk and egg yolks, gradually stir into sugar mixture. Cook in microwave for 10 minutes; taking out every 2 minutes and stirring and scrapping the bowl with a rubber spatula. Add butter, vanilla, and coconut; mix together and pour into pie shell. Cool and top with cool Whip or meringue.

Fillers Contributors Wanted

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Please send contributions to The Hurricane Breeze Fillers Page, PO Box 310, Hurricane, WV 25526.

You can also email submissions to breezenews@citynet.net

Flavorful Snacks Packed with Lean Protein

(Family Features) Living a happier, healthier life often begins in the kitchen. From lunches on the go to sit-down family meals, keeping flavor at the center of your meal planning is key to maintaining healthy habits.

Based on Mintel's 2025 Global Food and Drink Trends, experts predict that sweet, sour, smoky and spicy flavors will continue to rise in popularity among families in the United States this year. Show your family how much you care with delicious and nutritious dishes that don't skimp on flavor. After all, it's easier to stick to healthy eating when you find joy in the foods you share.

Next time you're at the grocery store, stock up on pantry staples that deliver flavor and nutrition – without extra time in the kitchen. Whether you're grabbing a snack on your way out the door or looking for ways to add protein to your next meal, Chicken of the Sea Wild Caught Tuna Packets are convenient and flavorful, delivering key nutrients.

Each packet is 100 calories or less and ready to eat with high-quality, responsibly sourced protein made with MSC-certified tuna, allowing you to dive into a world of deliciously seasoned, lean protein.

Your go-to wild caught tuna paired with the iconic blend of 18 herbs and spices, Chicken of the Sea Wild Caught Light Tuna Packet with Old Bay Seasoning is a match made in seafood heaven. Perfect for when you're on the go, the unique combination of flavor, convenience and value helps fight that pesky midday hump, recover from a tough workout or reminisce about a favorite childhood recipe.

For a quick bite when you're looking for an easy solution, this Tuna Stuffed Avocado recipe is simple yet satisfying and full of flavor. The protein from the tuna and healthy fat from the avocado help to power you through your day and keep you feeling satiated longer. Now on shelves, you can enjoy lean protein with a mix of classic seafood seasoning in recipes like this one.

With the help of the flavor experts at McCormick, Chicken of the Sea Wild Caught Tuna Packet with Chili Lime is a convenient protein-packed snack. The joyful zing of lime and chili spice takes this next recipe to another level and can help add a burst of flavor to any meal.

If you're hosting a crowd or preparing a snack for loved ones, Better-For-You Chili Lime Tuna 7-Layer Dip lets you indulge in fun recipes without ditching health goals. For an extra nutritious touch, serve with chopped vegetables.

Make mouthwatering flavor the right decision for your body and mind with additional better-for-you recipe ideas at ChickenOfTheSea.com.

Tuna Stuffed Avocado

Total time: 5 minutes

Servings: 2

1 packet (2 1/2 ounces) Chicken of the Sea Wild Caught Light Tuna with Old Bay Seasoning
1/4 cup whole kernel cooked corn
1 tablespoon minced parsley
1 avocado
lemon wedges, for serving

In bowl, combine tuna, corn and minced parsley.

Halve avocado and carefully remove seed.

Divide tuna mixture between avocado halves.

Serve with lemon wedges.

Better-For-You Chili Lime Tuna 7-Layer Dip

Total time: 15 minutes

Servings: 10

15 ounces canned beans (pinto, black, red, etc.), drained
1 cup nonfat Greek yogurt
1 cup guacamole
1 cup pico de gallo or salsa
1/4 cup sliced black olives
2 tablespoons low-fat shredded cheddar cheese
2 packets (2 1/2 ounces each) Chicken of the Sea Wild Caught Light Tuna with McCormick Chili Lime
sliced or chopped jalapenos or Serrano chilies (optional)
lime wedges, for serving
vegetables or tortilla chips, for serving

In 2-quart casserole dish, layer beans in single layer.

Add remaining layers: Greek yogurt, guacamole, pico de gallo or salsa, black olives, cheese and tuna.

Add additional layer of sliced jalapenos or Serrano chilies, if desired.

Serve dip with tortilla chips or sliced vegetables.

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

If you start now, you'll begin seeing results one day earlier than if you start tomorrow.

A good deed becomes a selfish act the moment you take your phone to record it.

They say the best things take time. That's why I'm always late.

I've been working on how I react when I'm mad and I'm doing terrible.

I don't know how to act my age I've never been this age before.

I may be old but I still remember when to say "please" and "thank you."

When I do good, no one notices. When I do bad, everyone sees.

We all have a friend who teaches us better than our teacher.

Do you walk around in circles when you talk on your cellphone?

My favorite childhood memory is my back not hurting.

Failure is not the opposite of success. It is the part of success.

Loyalty isn't gray. It's black-and-white. You're either loyal completely or not loyal at all.

Drive carefully on this road called "life" because people will switch lanes on you without a signal.

Smile, it will make you look better. Pray, it will keep you strong. Love, it will help you enjoy life more.

With great pain causes change. If you're not ready to change, then you're not in enough pain.

Finally, after all these years, I managed to figure out my body type. It's hourglass with extra minutes.

When life feels too big to handle, go outside. Everything looks smaller when you're standing under the sky.

Sometimes giving someone a second chance is like giving them an extra bullet for the gun because they missed you the first time.

Don't let your lonesomeness make you reconnect with toxic people. You shouldn't drink poison just because you're thirsty.

When someone tells you about their problems, it doesn't mean that they are complaining. It means that they trust you.

Shout out to all the married folk out there waiting for their spouse to fall asleep on the couch so they can watch what they really want to.

Just because it popped into your head, does not mean that it should come out of your mouth.

Success doesn't come from what you do occasionally; it comes from what you do consistently.



It's better to grow older with a sense of humor than to grow old with no sense at all.

It's better to feel the hurt of honesty than to live in the false comfort of the lie.

I don't think housework will kill you, but I have decided not to take the risk.

Learn to close the window that hurt you, no matter how beautiful the view.

Never be too available for someone, otherwise you will lose your importance.

If you're lucky, a doggy will come into your life, steal your heart and change everything.

You'd be surprised who's watching your journey and being inspired by it. Don't quit.

God doesn't live at church. He lives in you. Make your heart His home.

It's not what you know, it's what you use that makes a difference.

We live among dangerous, jealous, and evil people with friendly faces.

Society has become so fake that the truth actually bothers people.

I hope my absence gives you the peace that my love couldn't.

People treat you exactly how they feel about you. Don't be blind.

Kisses to the sky, I have a few angels up there.

Lying about me won't change the truth about you.

Some progress is better than no progress.

Some people feel the rain. Others get wet.

No one has ever become poor from giving.

The price of success is much lower than the price of failure.

Ability is important in our quest for success, but dependability is critical.

Whatever happens, do not lose hold of the two main ropes of life - hope and faith.

Kids go where there is excitement. They stay where there is love.

You can earn more money, but when time is spent it is gone forever.

You've got to be before you can do, and do before you can have.

You can disagree without being disagreeable.

Say no to the good so you can say yes to the best.

Motivation is the fuel necessary to keep the human engine running.

If we don't start, it's certain we can't arrive.

Those who won't take a chance don't have a chance.

Ability can take you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there.

The past doesn't need you anymore. Your future does.

Failure is often the line of least persistence.

If there were no love, there would be no grief.

All Veterans are heroes.

The most effective way to do is to do it. - Amelia Earhart

Marriage is not a fairytale. It is a love story that builds over the years.

You don't drown by falling in the water. You only drown if you stay there.

You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have.

Start with where you are with what you have. You are enough.

Lose an hour in the morning, and you will spend all day looking for it.

Real love is not based on romance, candle light dinner and walks along the beach. It is based on respect, compromise, care and trust.

Never give anybody enough power over you to bring back the triggered, unhealed version of you, when you've worked so hard to become better than that.

I will always need my son, no matter what age I am. My son has made me laugh, made me proud, made me cry, hugged me tight, kept me on my toes and at times driven me crazy. My son is a promise that I will have a friend forever.

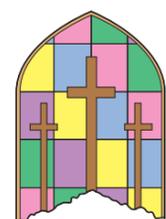
Aging is tricky. It's like you still feel young inside, but then ever once in a while you catch a glimpse of yourself in the mirror and reality just smacks you in the face.

That moment when you have something really important to say, but you're waiting for the person who is talking to stop talking, but when they do, you forget what you were going to say.

The biggest mistake we make in life is thinking we have time.

I miss the old-time stars. The ones who wore clothes and had talent.

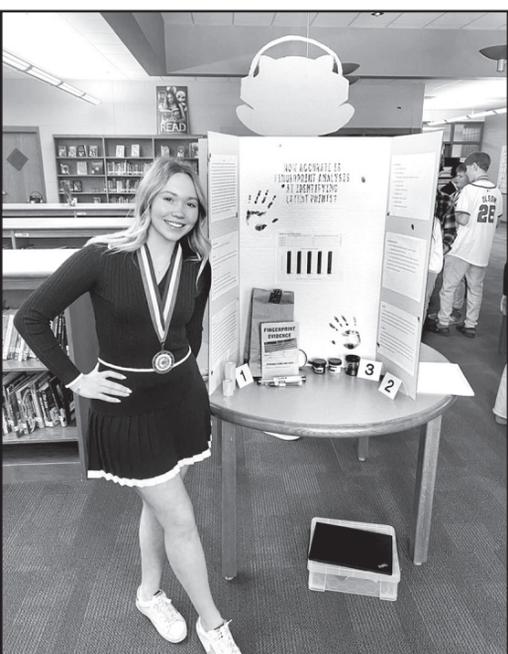
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You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

— Matthew 5:14

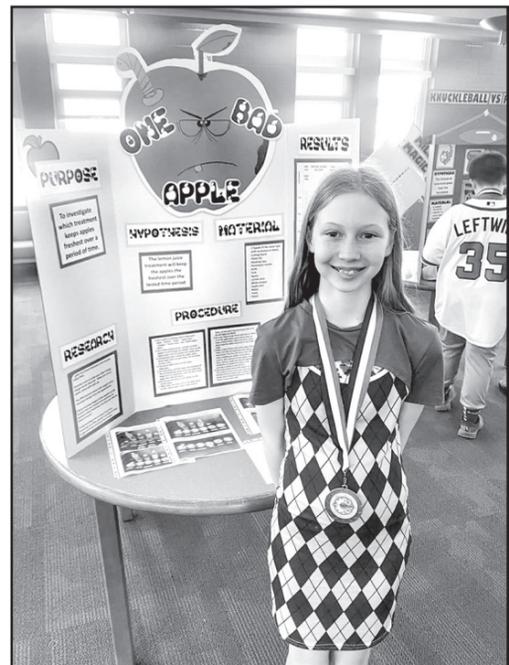
PCS 2025 Science & Engineering Fair Winners



Ryleigh Fauber's "Latent Fingerprints" was the top Technology project.



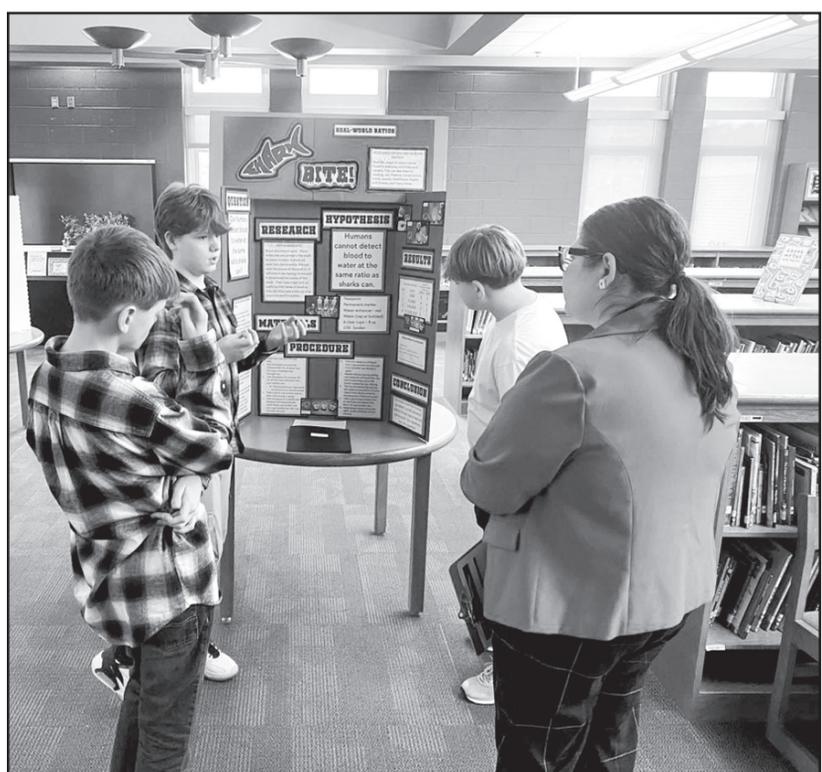
Ryker Gladwell and Asher Knott pose with their first place Engineering project.



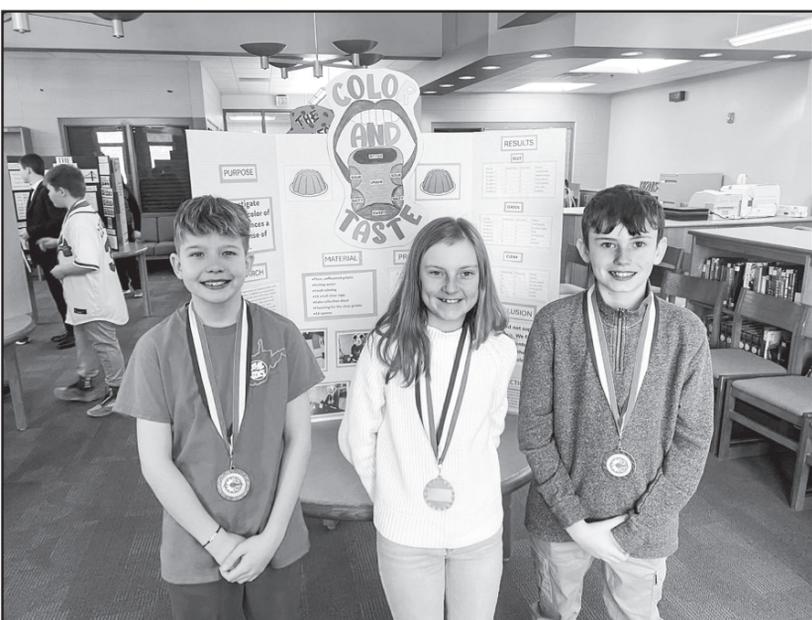
Vera Smart's entry won Plant Science project championship honors.



Morgan Snodgrass, Declan Horn and Cohen Massie won Behavioral Science honors with "The Science of Where's Waldo."



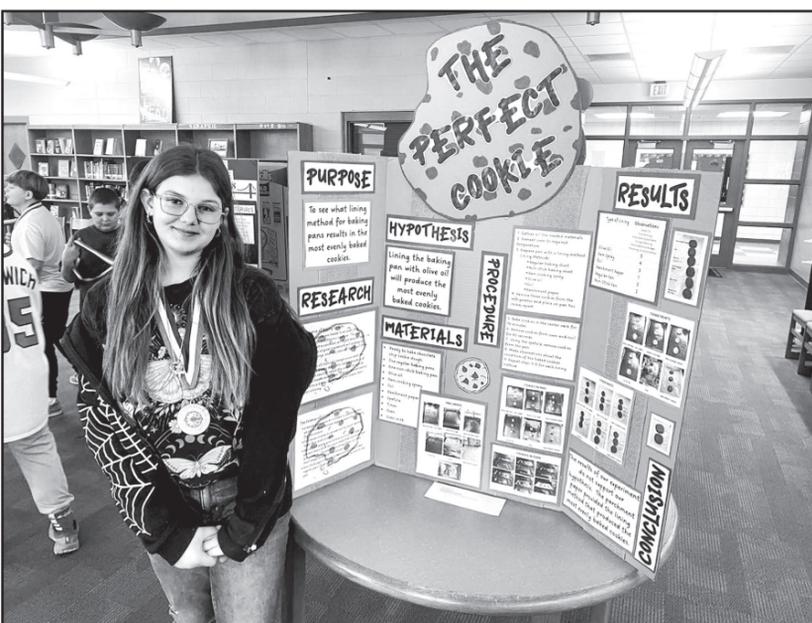
Malijah Davis, Luke Hill and Bryon Bradshaw "Shark Bite" entry earned top Math & Data honors.



Pictured are Medical Sciences champions Jordyn Lemle, Dawson Sams and Landon Slater.



Khloe Snyder, Aubrey Dawson and Kynlee Dunlap were first in the Materials Science division with "Milk Magic."



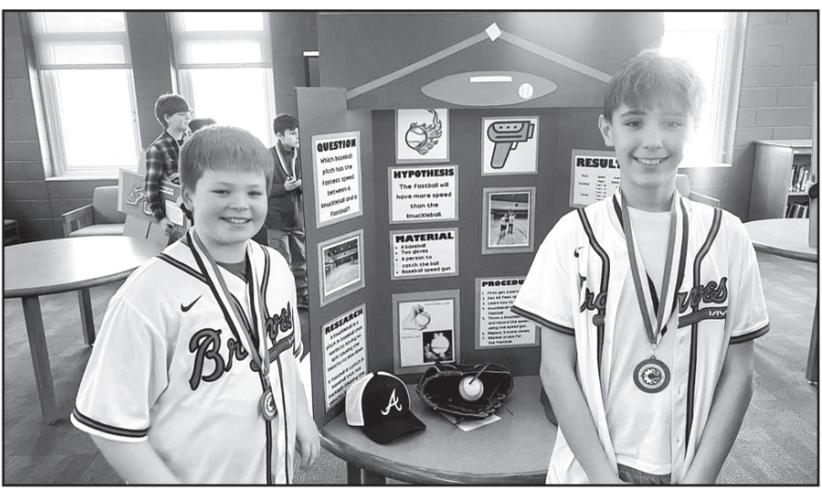
Jessalyn Caruthers and Marley Sanders Perfect Cookie project took championship honors in the Chemistry Division.



Cruz Massey and David O'Neal were named runner-ups for their Engineering project.



Dima Malko and Howie Sample pose with their Earth & Environmental Science winning entry.



Anderson Leftwich and Josh Tinney pose with their winning project.

Command That Mountain



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God tells us that when we believe in His Word, we possess limitless power through Him, the Creator of the universe. Jesus said "...if you have faith and do not doubt...but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done." (Matthew 21:21) Be patient and have confidence in your Heavenly Father's will for you. Pray to Him and He will answer your prayer in His time and in His way. Try not to be discouraged, keep in touch with God in worship and remember, you, too can command that mountain.

Weekly Scripture Reading

Acts	Acts	Acts	Acts	Acts	Acts	Acts
9.26-43	10.1-33	10.34-48	11.1-30	12.1-25	13.1-12	13.13-35

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Healing a Man Born Blind

John 9:1-17

The human author of this gospel witnessed the works of the Son from the beginning of His ministry to the end. John was moved by the Holy Spirit to record the Lord's teachings and miracles such "... that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" (John 20:31). In the text before us, we see both the power and wisdom of God displayed such that men might believe.

Upon seeing a man who had been blind from birth, the disciples asked Jesus who sinned? — the man or his parents. This question was based upon the supposition that the man's physical blindness was the consequence of sin. The only issue in the minds of the disciples was the identity of the sinner.

Jesus stated that the man was born blind such that the works of God should be made manifest in him. While it can be argued that Jesus' healing powers are the works of God, there is much more to the works of God than physical miracles. When we look upon the Son, we see the Father. When we look upon Jesus, we see more than men made free of physical liabilities and illnesses. We see men made free from the hold of demons. We see men made free from Satan's hold. We see changed lives. We see Zacchaeus restoring four-fold that which he wrongfully took (Lk. 19:8). We see the Son giving Himself as a ransom for many (Hos. 13:14). We see much more than miracles of healing. When we look upon Jesus, we see love beyond measure.

The disciples wrongly presumed the man's blindness to be the result of God's judgment. Jesus stated that the works of God should be made manifest in him (the blind man) and, then, immediately added that He (Jesus) must do the works of Him (the Father) who sent Him (the Son) while it is day because the night will come when no man can work. There is a time limit upon working hours. Jesus' earthly ministry was limited to three and a half years. Jesus was sent by the Father to bring light to the world. In the Sermon Upon the Mount, Jesus declared to all who had the ears to hear: "Ye are the light of the world." Believers are empowered to deliver His light to the world by the Holy Spirit. The only light that we possess is that which we have received. All believers are called to display the light of Jesus. We are to let His light shine in the darkness that ever cloaks the world.

The manner in which Jesus gave sight to the blind man is the subject of much speculation. Why did Jesus heal the man in the way He did? Why did He apply mud to his eyes and send him to the pool of Siloam? Why did Jesus not heal the man on the spot? The manner of healing determined the aftermath. All that Jesus did was done in accordance to the Father's will. The picture that unfolds following this miracle is a picture that God would have us see and reflect upon.

Because the blind man received sight in the manner in which he received it, some who had known him doubted that he was the same man who was blind from birth (v. 9). They doubted because they had not witnessed the miracle as it occurred. The formerly blind man confirmed with his own lips that it was he who had formerly begged. They, then, asked him how he was now able to see.

He answered, "A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed my eyes, and said unto me 'Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash': and I went and washed, and I received sight" (v. 11).

The name Jesus is cause for believers to rejoice. We know that there is no other name under heaven by which men may be saved (Acts 4:12, Rom. 10:13). The name Jesus did not bring joy to them who questioned the blind man. It was cause for alarm. It was cause for them to take the man before the Pharisees (v. 13). Jesus had healed the man upon the sabbath day (v. 14).

The Pharisees had issues with Jesus and the power by which He performed miracles. They had confronted Him with His healings upon the sabbath on an earlier occasion (see John 5).

Those who brought the man given sight to the Pharisees, perceived that what had happened was not by the power of any man. They held the Pharisees in high regard and trusted them to explain this happening. The Pharisees questioned the formerly blind man and were unable to come to a consensus. Some thought the worker of this miracle to be a sinner and others thought him to be of God (v. 16). By bringing sight to the blind man in the manner in which He did, Jesus exposed the blindness of the Pharisees to the people who trusted in them. The formerly blind man testified that his healer was of God, a prophet.

We note that the blind man was not given instant sight; he had to go to the pool of Siloam and wash his eyes. Consequently, the man did not know Jesus by sight. The blind man knew the name of the one by whom he was healed but he had to wait until Jesus returned to see Him face to face (v. 35-37). Is not this true of every believer? We wait for the day in which we shall meet Him face to face.

The man knew that Jesus was sent by God because Jesus did only that which God could do. The man knew Jesus, not as a lawbreaker, but, as the one who had given him a new life. Believers know Jesus in like manner. We were born dead, not knowing God. We were stillborn but now alive because the Son has given us life.

The physical healing of the blind from birth that John recorded is a picture of the spiritual. All men are born spiritually blind. Those who know the Son are given sight by Him and await the day when we shall behold Him face to face.

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Obituaries

DREMA GAIL BAILEY

Drema Gail Bailey, 72, of Scott Depot, passed away Thursday, January 23, 2025, at home with her family by her side.

Drema is preceded in death by her parents Richard A. and Virginia "Elaine" Bowyer Walker; brother Richard "Rick" Walker; and son Melvin E. Bailey, Jr.

She is survived by her sons Tommy Bailey of Floyd, VA and Paul Bailey (Andria) of Chloe, WV; sisters Barbara Burdette of Mantua, OH, Janet Arbogast of Kenna, Carolyn Fisher (Jim) of Paradise, and Linda Mrozinski (Doug) of Georgetown, DE; and a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A tribute to the life of Drema was held Saturday, January 25, 2025, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel.

BLENDINE N. BLANKENSHIP

Blendine N. Blankenship, 89, of Leon, passed away Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at Mountainview Care Center in Ripley. She loved to spend time outdoors gardening and enjoying nature. She loved watching sports, especially football. She never met a stranger and always enjoyed meeting people and making new friends.

Born January 8, 1936, in Clay County, she was the daughter of the late Lester Daubenspeck and Dana Parks Daubenspeck. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Franklin G. Blankenship; son,

Blaine Blankenship; daughter, Linda Blankenship; sister, Erlene; brothers Buck and Bob.

Survivors include her sons, Robert Blankenship of Leon and Frank Blankenship of Leon; daughter, Angel McCoy of Leon; grandchildren, Jermy Blankenship, Cody Blankenship, Emily Blankenship, Timothy Blankenship, Zachary Blankenship, Billie White, Jessica McCoy, Carson Haynes and Bentley Haynes. She is also survived by numerous great grandchildren and extended family.

Funeral service was Saturday, January 25, 2025, at Raynes Funeral Home, Buffalo, with Rev. Randy Parsons officiating. Burial was in Blankenship Family Cemetery, Maysel.

CHARLES T. BROWNING

Charles "Butch" T. Browning, 71, of Scott Depot, passed away unexpectedly at home on January 24, 2025.

He was born May 22, 1953, to the late Charles and Jackline (Wroten) Browning in Charleston.

Butch is survived by his brothers: Jerry of Hurricane and Bill of Scott Depot; aunt, Gaynell Tolley of Oakhill; nieces: Sarah Browning, Connie Carney (Dan), Tammy Snyder (Dawson); nephew, Mike Taylor (Kera); great nieces: Natalie and Harmony Browning; great nephews: Masen Carney, Evan Taylor, Owen Taylor; Isiah Browning, Trinton and Dakota Browning; uncle, John Wroten of Bluefield,

WV and a host of family and friends who loved him dearly.

A Gathering of Family and Friends will be 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm Friday, January 31, 2025, at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane.

ALICE BURGESS

Alice Burgess, of Hurricane, went to be with the Lord on January 19, 2025.

Alice Burgess, 90, of Hurricane, passed away Sunday, January 19, 2025, after a long illness. Alice was a member of Wesleyan Church in Culloden. Alice was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Zell Rice; her husband of 55 years, Paul Burgess; 6 sisters and 1 brother Dorothy, Johnnie Mae, Barbara, Ellen, Betty, Carlene and brother Charles Thomas. She is survived by 1 brother and 4 sisters, Ernie Rice, Mary Rice, Fay Dunbar, Ann Chambers and Ruby Savage.

ELIZABETH DEMPSEY

Elizabeth Ann Veronica (Carey) Dempsey passed away peacefully Saturday, January 25, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. Libby was born February 05, 1951, to James E. Carey Sr. and Arbutus "Boots" (Staats) Carey.

She made friends easily and found joy in the simple pleasures of investing time into those many friends and family members. Libby had incredible faith in God and a love of music that led her to a prison ministry in her early adult life. She also left her mark with extended

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Obituaries

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employment at the Rite Aid Warehouse in Poca and then as a Floor Attendant at the Dog Track in Cross Lanes.

Libby is survived by her daughters, Amy Butcher and Lori (Scott) McCracken, both of Hurricane; grandchildren, Heather Hunt, Jonathan Butcher, Julius McCracken, Tanner (Alex) Butcher and Quinn (Kaytlin) McCracken; great grandchildren Madison Hunt, Larissa Huffman, Mason Ford, Killian McCracken, Bear Butcher, Khoen McCracken and Titan Butcher. Additionally, she is survived by brothers James (Peggy) Carey Jr., Rex (Bobbie) Carey and Sister-in-law, Sharon Carey. In addition to her parents, Libby was preceded in death by her brothers Dan and Pat Carey and her ex-husband Earl Dempsey.

GREGORY SCOTT ESTES

Gregory Scott Estes, age 70, of Scott Depot, passed away on January 21, 2025, at home. Scott was born on November 19, 1954. He was the son of the late Clarence John Estes and Irene Grace Lovejoy Estes Gadd.

Scott was raised on the old Estes Farm in Hurricane. His Grandfather Grover Cleveland Estes was the Blacksmith for the local area.

Scott leaves behind a Daughter, Meagan L. Estes (Sean Bosworth); two Granddaughters, Mekaylah Bosworth and Peyton Bosworth; Grandson Scott Andrew Estes;

Brothers Rick Estes (Pam) and Jerry Estes (Sheila); Cousin Wendel Estes; and many cousins and extended family by marriage.

Scott was retired from ESC Carpet and Tile. He was a knowledgeable handyman and mechanic. He enjoyed helping people in need, rarely met a stranger and was quite the conversationalist. Scott's greatest enjoyment was spending time with his daughter and grandchildren. He enjoyed the quietness of hunting and fishing, and working in the yard was a peaceful labor of love. Scott had

a great love for animals of any kind. Anyone who had the privilege of knowing Scott would say he was the kindest, most caring, helpful man that they knew. His joy of a good sense of humor and laughter will never be forgotten.

A memorial service is being planned, however will be delayed due inclement weather.

RICKY 'RICK' FIELDS

Ricky "Rick" Fields, 70, of Scott Depot, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, January 25, 2025 at CAMC General Hospital.

He retired from Walker Machinery with 40 plus years of service. He enjoyed fishing and the WVU Mountaineers and going to Cracker Barrel.

He was preceded in death by his parents Howard and Mary Boggess Fields. He is survived by his aunt Jewell Bailey of Charleston, and cousins Jeanette and Jerry Waller and their son Jeremy and Georgia Waller and their children Bohannon, Raelynn and Magnolia all of Hurricane and special friends Misty & John, David, Bobby and Lisa.

Funeral service was Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at Allen Funeral Home with John McPhail officiating. Burial was at Emma Chapel.

CORDUSS WILSON HAMMONDS

Corduss Wilson Hammonds, 82, of Buffalo, passed away Friday, January 24th, 2025, at C.A.M.C. Teays Valley. He was a retiree of the Rite Aid Corporation, having worked at their former distribution warehouse in Poca. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed being in the outdoors. He loved his family most of all, especially his grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Billy Hammonds, and a sister, Patricia Sykes.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Hammonds; sons, Tommy (Sheila) Hammonds of Buffalo, and Darrell Hammonds of Chattanooga, Tennessee; daughters, Lisa (Jack) Welch of Monterey, Tennessee, and Teresa (Jeff) Gunther of Deer Lodge, Tennessee; 6 grandchildren and 13

great-grandchildren; sister, Mary Brooks of Tennessee; and special thanks to his granddaughter, Kayla, and great-granddaughters, Abigail, Emma, and Caroline for always helping with his care.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

DOLORES JEAN JOHNSON

Dolores Jean Johnson's beautiful soul left this earth peacefully on January 19, 2025 at 11:05p at HospiceCare CAMC.

"Jeanie" as she was lovingly known was a bright ray of sunshine to all that knew her. She was always smiling, always kind and always helping anyone in need. Her legacy will be remembered for the love and compassion she shared with so many all of her life.

Born on July 21, 1946, to Clarence & Ruby Bess of Cannelton, WV, Jeanie was the eldest daughter of thirteen children. She was the sister-matriarch of her family, the glue that kept them all together. In 1969 she met the love of her life Olaf 'OJ' Johnson at a high school football game. They happily married and spent their first years together in Gauley Bridge, where they welcomed their daughter, Jeanne Marie, in 1979. The family moved to Hurricane in 1984, where Jeanie dedicated herself as a devoted wife and mother. While her daughter was always her most cherished possession, her grandson Liam and grand-dog Truman quickly became her pride and joy.

In 2013, Jeanie lost her beloved husband, OJ. In 2023, she rekindled a companionship with her high school sweetheart, Dr. Danny Oakes, who has been by her side since.

Jeanie was preceded in death by her husband, Olaf Edward Johnson; her parents, Clarence and Ruby Bess; her sisters, Carolyn Sue Bess, Phyllis Myers, and Linda Lutes; and her brothers, Mark Bess and Clarence "Sonny"

Bess.

She is survived by her daughter, Jeanne Marie Jones (Jamin) of Winfield, and her beloved grandson, Liam. Her sisters: Helen Schoolcraft (Richard) of Cannelton, Marie Comer (Mike) of Cannelton, Marilyn Butcher (Allen) of Ripley, and Vicky Moore of St. Albans; and her brothers: Richard Bess (Becky) of Cannelton, Gary Bess (Tina) of Cannelton, and Tim Bess (Debbie) of St. Albans. She is also survived by her sweetheart and companion, Dr. Danny Oakes. Jeanie also leaves behind numerous nephews and nieces, each of whom she loved dearly.

Celebration of Jeanie's life will be Saturday, February 1, 2025 at New Millennium Full Gospel Church, St. Albans, from 2 - 4 P.M.

STEPHANIE DAWN KIDD

Stephanie Womack Kidd, 50, of Hurricane, passed away January 10, 2025, unexpectedly.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Helen; and the love of her life, Michael Kidd.

Stephanie grew up in St. Albans and resided in Hurricane for the last three years. She had a strong love of helping people, especially the elderly and was a huge fan of the Dallas Cowboys.

She is survived by her children that she adored: David Lee Harmon Jr. (Victoria Bennett) of South Charleston, Haley Harmon (Cameron Hale) of Hurricane, and Whitney Walker (Joshua Walker) of Hurricane; loving grandchildren: Bentley Harmon, Valac Hale, Axl Hale, and Gracie Walker, all of who she loved more than life; father, Roger Womack of St. Albans; mother, Becky Harper of Charleston; sister; Sabrina Stutler (Shane Stutler); brother, Brian Womack (Morgan Guthrie); nieces and nephews: BJ Munsey, Taylor Oldaker, Victoria McClure, Morgan,

Madison, Colson Womack, and Lilly McCormick.

A Celebration of Life for Stephanie was held Saturday, January 25, 2025 at The Garage, Scott Depot.

LAURA ELLEN PAULEY

Laura Ellen Campbell Pauley, 69, of Winfield, passed away January 17, 2025.

She was born November 1, 1955 in Charleston. She is preceded in death by her husband Richard L. Pauley; parents, Everett and Juanita Campbell; sisters, Helen Smith, Linda Shumaker and Sally Murphy; and brother, Dean Campbell.

Laura was a graduate of St. Albans High School in 73/74, with a vibrant spirit in her band membership. As a devoted sports and cheerleader mom, she embodied the true essence of community, and her presence was deeply felt in the city of St. Albans before she embarked on a new adventure to Winfield with her beloved late husband Richard Pauley.

Laura's heart was overflowing with kindness, compassion, and love for everyone around her; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and fur babies held a special place in her heart, and her love for them was boundless.

Laura's passions were a testament to her zest for life. She was an ardent fan of Mountaineer football, and her enthusiasm was contagious. She reveled in the beauty of nature while camping, nurtured her green thumb through gardening, and found solace in the pages of a good book. Her culinary skills were legendary, and her baked goods and

cooked meals brought joy to all who savored them.

What made Laura truly special was her gift for connecting with others. Her infectious smile and laughter had the power to illuminate even the darkest of rooms, and her presence was a blessing to all who knew her. Her legacy will live on, and her memory will be cherished by all who loved her.

She is survived by her children, Jason Cleek (Kelli) of Culloden and Karris Sowders (Jimmie) of Winfield; sister, Janet Shingler of St. Albans; grandchildren, Alex Rogers (Hannah), Kayleigh Cleek (Javan Simmons), Tyler Cleek, Cameron Cleek, JD Sowders, Bella Sowders and Brody Sowders; 6 great grandchildren; and many other extended family and friends.

Funeral service was Saturday, January 25, 2025, at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, St. Albans.

GARY FRANKLIN SOVINE

Gary Franklin Sovine, 70, of Cleveland, Georgia, formerly from Culloden, passed away on January 11, 2025. Gary was preceded in death by his parents Emzie Sovine and Mildred Edwards Sovine and one sister Linda (Sovine) Bird.

Gary is survived by one daughter, Sierra Sovine, and sons Josh (Karen) Sovine and John (Courtney) Sovine.

Gary has seven grandchildren and is also survived by two brothers Rick (Shay) Sovine and Bruce Sovine, and one brother-in-law Vernon Bird.

Ice Fishing On Bills Creek

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into the Bills Creek bottoms and to the creek which ran behind the Thompson Mansion, and cut two or three holds in the ice about three foot square in order that his cows and horses could get water to drink.

The animals were thirsty and they followed Mr. Tinchler down to the frozen creek area and were waiting for him to cut the ice. After he cut the first hole, he moved upstream a few yards and began cutting the second hold. As he worked there, he noticed that the animals were not drinking from the first hole, although they were thirsty. He watched for a minute and they would start to drink and then just jump back from the waterhole and stand and look at it. Mr. Tinchler walked over to see why that his livestock was not drinking and found a very unusual thing taking place.

The hole in the ice was filled with large fish. They were all standing on their tails with their mouths extended above the surface of the water. They were opening and closing their mouths as if they were eating something. When the mystery was solved, the fish were starving for oxygen. All of the chemical plants that were in the Nitro, St. Albans and Charleston areas at that time were dumping many of their waste chemicals into the river. With the creeks and the river covered with solid ice and the water below the ice polluted with chemicals, the fish didn't have enough oxygen to breathe. When the ice was lifted from the 3 x 3-foot section, many of them rushed there to get oxygen.

Mr. Tinchler cut a couple more holes and they, too, were soon filled with fish. He finally got a No. 2 washtub from the house. Using a 10-quart bucket to get the water from the hole, he poured it into the washtub. Only then would his livestock drink.

Mr. Roy McCallister was the proprietor of a small, log store at the intersection of Bills Creek Road and Route 17. The hole that Mr. Tinchler cut was across the road and over the creek bank in front of the store. Mr. Tinchler walked up to the McCallister store and told Roy and two or three other men who were loafing around the store about the fish in the waterhole in the ice. One of the men asked Mr. Tinchler if he tried to catch any of those fish. He said, "I don't need fish; I need water for my livestock."

A couple of the men there in the store talked a little while and said they were gong over the hill to fish. Then all but Roy followed. One of them picked up some discarded hay baling wire as they were leaving the store and took it with them. Upon arrival at the hole in the ice that Clate Tinchler had cut, the men were astonished at what they saw. Fish of all sizes and species were standing straight up in the hole with their mouths gaping open as if they were rying to eat.

One of the men, Mr. Lee Lawson, was a young man who had been working for Mr. Roy McCallister on the farm for the past couple of years. He would be one of the first men drafted in the new military draft that would begin in the summer of 1940. (Lee was sent to fight the Germans after boot camp. He was captured by them and spent the remainder



A view of the frozen Kanawha from the Winfield Community Center.

of World War II working on a German farm.)

Lee stuck his hand down in that cold, freezing water that December morning and caught a nice perch fish. The other men jumped in and before long, all of them had a nice haywire string of fish and there seemed to be as many left in the water as they were to begin with. They all came back to the McCallister store to show off their fish and to get warm. The people who stopped by the store for the rest of the day saw the fish. Many of them wanted to know if they could get some fish also.

Roy McCallister finally decided to send for Mr. Sid Morgan to come down and advise them what to do about the abundance of fish. When Sid arrived, he was dumbfounded. Sid talked with Roy, Clate, and Lee and the four of them decided to have a community fishing night. They began to spread the word for everyone to come and fish that night.

The word was: "Be sure to bring a container to put the fish in." Odell Tinchler (Clate's son), Lee Lawson, Dan Milbee, and "Starkey" Terry went to the fishing hole and gathered up all the deadwood that was lying around and made a couple of piles near the holes in the ice.

Along toward evening, cars and trucks began to come in and park at the McCallister store. Men, women and children all climbed out of those vehicles, each one carrying something to bring back their fish in. They had

washtubs, bushel baskets, tin-buckets, cardboard boxes, fish stringers made of hay bailing wire and binder twine, and many other things to carry their fish home. Some were even carrying the old shipping crates that came from the World War I Explosives Plant (US Government Explosives Plant "C") in Nitro. All of those fishing were dressed in heavy clothing because it was below zero weather that night.

Lee Lawson and his crew set the wood that they had gathered on fire. Not only did the fishermen and others have heat to warm by, but the fire gave an abundance of light for the fishing project. Someone (it must have been a farmer) had even taken their horse muzzles that they would put on the horses to keep them from eating the corn when they were cultivating it. Several muzzles were fastened on the ends of an eight-foot pole and they made a nice seine to get the fish out of the cold water with. Others had rakes or pitchforks and they would just throw the fish upon the banks and anyone who needed fish could pick them up.

I suppose this went on for a couple of hours until everyone had all the fish they wanted and the fires were beginning to die down. We began to drift away as most of us were looking for warmer places to spend the night.

I remember Mr. Sid Morgan had a few fish and I heard him say "We will mount these and keep them for a memorial of the big fishing expedition on

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Bills Creek in the middle of the winter." A very cold winter it was!

PS: He did just that and several of these mounted fish were in Sid's Museum, now located at Mason County Fairgrounds, Point Pleasant, West Virginia. I checked a few weeks ago and could find none of those fish. How sad!

Yes, my family helped themselves to some of the "winter wonderland" fish. After my brothers cleaned the fish, my mother soaked them in salt water a day and a night, and then cooked them and they were good eating. Mother baked some of those fish on the hearth of the old Morgan Kitchen and they were especially delicious.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

To: Magistrate Court Case
Suzann Carol No.: 24-M40D-00222
Cowie c/o AGB
Respondent's Name Family Court Civil:
Protected Address Civil Action
No.: 24-DV-173

Date of Birth

ORDER OF PUBLICATION (PROTECTIVE ORDER / HEARING DATE)

- The object of this suit is to obtain protection from the Respondent.
- The object of this publication by Class I legal advertisement is to notify Respondent of the PROTECTIVE ORDER prohibiting the above-named Respondent from having contact with certain individuals. This order may affect property and other rights of the Respondent. Violating this Order may subject the Respondent to criminal sanctions. The Respondent is strongly encouraged to obtain a copy of this Protective Order and Petition from the Circuit Clerk of the county listed above.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

It appearing by evidence duly taken in this action that you could not be found in or that you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of the ORDER referenced above, a copy of the Petition and Order may be obtained at the Putnam County Circuit Clerk's office. This PROTECTIVE ORDER will remain in effect until 3-31-2025.

The Respondent may appeal this Protective Order pursuant to W. Va. Code § 48-27-510, within 10 days of the date of the order was entered.

Issued this 27th day of January, 2025.

STEPHANIE SMITH/jo
Circuit Clerk

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

To the Creditors and Beneficiaries of the following deceased persons estates:

I have before me the estates of the deceased persons and the accounts of the fiduciaries of their respective estates as listed below:

- Estate No.: 5940
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- Co-Executor: Joel K Arthur
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- Estate No.: 5908
- Estate Of: Dorothy aka Dorothy Ann Barr
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Poca, WV 25159
- Estate No.: 5564
- Estate Of: Dorsel Howard Cobb Jr.
- Administratrix Dbn: Ashley D Fronda
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- Estate No.: 5968
- Estate Of: Edward Lee Howard
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- Estate Of: Sharon Rebecca Oxley
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All persons having claims against the estate(s) of any of the above-named deceased persons whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims with vouchers thereof, legally verified, to the fiduciary of such deceased person as shown above within 60 days of January 30, 2025, or, if not, to exhibit the same at the office of the undersigned Fiduciary Supervisor at the address shown below by said date; otherwise any or all such claims may by law be excluded from all benefits of said estate(s). No claims against the estate shall be accepted by the fiduciary supervisor after said date. All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear either before the above-named fiduciary by the date first shown above, or thereafter before the undersigned fiduciary supervisor by the date last shown above to examine said claims and otherwise protect their respective interests.

All persons seeking to impeach or establish a will must file a complaint pursuant to W. Va. Code. Any person objecting to the representative's qualifications, venue or jurisdiction must file a complaint within 60 days of January 30, 2025.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 23rd day of January 2025.

Fiduciary Supervisor
Putnam County Commission
10293 Winfield Road,
Winfield, WV 25213

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

In Re: Change of Name from Samantha Dawn Thornton to Samantha Dawn Paxton

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING

Civil Action No. 25-P-6
Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of February, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Judge Phillip M. Stowers, Cheryl Paxton will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia for the entry of an order by said Court, changing her granddaughter's name from Samantha Dawn Thornton to Samantha Dawn Paxton, at which time and place any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire.

You are hereby notified that this matter may be rescheduled without further notice or publication.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office at 12093 Winfield Road, Ste. 12, Winfield, WV 25213.

ENTERED by the Clerk of said Court this 24th day of January, 2025.

Stephanie M. Smith
Putnam County Circuit Clerk

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated May 5, 2009, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Document No. 002670260012, in Book No. 901, at Page 640 and modified in Document No. 003453790008, in Book No. 1041, at Page 876 and modified in Document No. 003801980008, in Book No. 1095, at Page 303 and modified in Document No. 004257470008, in Book No. 1171, at Page 802 and modified in Document No. 004577800009, in Book No. 1208, at Page 649, Steven W Short and Shelley D Short did convey unto Lisa Moye, Trustee(s), certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Seneca Trustees, Inc., as Substitute Trustee; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust F to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse in Winfield, West Virginia, on

March 11, 2025 at 11:30 AM

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 13 - Winfield Town District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Winfield Town District, Putnam County, West Virginia, being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEING known, numbered and designated as all of Lot Number Eighteen (18) of the Riverview Subdivision, as the same is shown upon a map of said Subdivision made by C.B. Holsclaw and John A. Holsclaw, Civil Engineers, and duly of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Map Book 2, at pages 74 and 75.

AND BEING THE SAME property conveyed unto Steven W. Short and Shelley D. Short, husband and wife, by Jerome W. Johnson by Deed dated the 5th day of May, 2009, said Deed to be recorded simultaneously herewith.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 21 Elm Street AKA 139 Elm Street, Winfield, WV 25213.

The referenced real estate will be conveyed with no covenants of warranty, and subject to all covenants, restrictions, easements, rights of way and reservations which may be a matter of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or visible upon the ground, all prior liens and encumbrances, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, incinerator, sanitary and sewer charges. The purchasers at the sale shall be responsible for paying the recording costs and also the tax on the privilege of transferring real property (the cost of the tax stamp to be affixed to the deed). The purchasers shall be responsible for payment of all real estate taxes.

The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

TERMS: \$9000.00 in cash and/or certified funds as deposit at the time of sale with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

FEDERAL TAX LIEN: In the event that there are Federal Tax Liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.

Pursuant to the Deed of Trust, the Trustee may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated or by posting a notice of the same, and act by agent in the execution of the sale. The parties secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned by deed of trust dated the 20th day of December, 2007, signed by Elma L. Hornish, unmarried, to Rickie E. Rice, State Director of the Rural Housing Service for the State of West Virginia, or its successor agency, Trustees, which said deed of trust is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 854 at page 420, and Golden & Amos, PLLC, Trustee having been requested so to do by the Secured Creditor, and default having been made under the terms and conditions of said deed of trust, and the provisions in said deed of trust concerning acceleration having been complied with by the Secured Creditor and present holder of the note, said Trustee will sell at public auction at **9:00 o'clock a.m.** on the

6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025

at the front doors of the Courthouse in Putnam County in Winfield, West Virginia located at 12093 Winfield Road Ste 3, Winfield West Virginia, the following described real estate located in the District of Poca, County of Putnam, State of West Virginia as follows:

All that certain parcel, lot or tract of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate on the waters of Heizer Creek, Poca District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the 1/2" galv. Pipe situate near the northerly boundary of Heizer Creek, said 1/2" galv. pipe being further located N. 55° 05' E. 44.88 feet from a large dead elm, said 1/2" galv pipe being further located in the northeastern corner of the parcel herein conveyed; thence S. 2° 00' W. 242.22 feet to a 1/2" galv pipe; thence S. 12° 00' E. along a fence line 420.75 feet to a 1/2" galv pipe; thence S. 11° 42' N. 288.75 feet to a 1/2" galv. pipe; thence N. 46° 47' W. 165.00 feet to a set stone found; thence S. 79° 00' W. 181.50 feet to a 1/2" galv pipe; thence N. 2° 17' E. 598.96 feet to a 1/2" galv pipe situate in the southerly line of a 40 foot right of way; thence N. 2° 17' E. 52.48 feet to a 1/2" galv pipe situate in the northerly line of said 40 feet right of way; thence N. 2° 17' E. 38.31 feet to a 1/2" galv pipe situate in the northerly boundary of said Heizer Creek; thence running with said northerly boundary of said Heizer Creek, N. 56° 05' E. 301.62 feet to a 1/2" galv pipe; thence N. 56° 05' E. 83.42 feet to the place of beginning, containing 5.23 acres, and being the same real estate set forth and designated upon that certain map entitled "Property Map For Samuel W. & Eliza P. Saunders Being A 5.23 Acre Tract Near The Town Of Heizer Situated On The Waters of Heizer Creek Poca District, Putnam County, W. Va., Scale: 1" = 100", Made by Wilkinson Surveying and Engineering, Incorporated, Dunbar, W. Va., dated August 7, 1978.

This conveyance is made subject to that certain right of way 40 feet n width as reflected on the aforementioned map said right of way to be used by the parties hereto and the adjacent property owners for ingress and egress.

It is the intention of this notice to sell the secured property by proper description as was intended to be transferred and conveyed in the aforesaid deed of trust.

The above described real estate is reported to have a mailing address of:

Route 1, Box 131,
Poca, WV 25159

TERMS OF SALE: Cash in hand on day of sale or within 30 days of date of sale upon terms to be agreed upon between Trustee and successful bidder, time being of the essence; payment for unpaid real estate taxes to be assumed by the purchaser. The Trustee does not warrant title or fitness to this property; it is being purchased as is; this is a buyer beware sale and any buyer is advised to retain counsel before the sale. If there is any part of the process of sale which is found to be objectionable, the Trustee reserves the right to cancel the sale. No purchaser should take possession or make improvements in the premises until the Trustee deed is delivered or recorded. A third party purchaser at sale will be required to pay the purchase price plus all recording and transfer fees.

Trustee at sale is under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

FEDERAL TAX LIEN: In the event that there are Federal Tax Liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.

The party(ies) secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale. If the purchaser at sale is unable to complete the terms of purchase within 30 days, the Trustee reserves the right to transfer the property to the next highest bidder.

Any sale hereunder may be adjourned from time to time without any notice other than oral proclamation at the time and place appointed for this sale or by posting of a notice of same. Should the Trustee not appear at the time appointed for the sale and there is no notice posted of a continuance please contact the office of the Trustee to make further inquiry. Any sale may be conducted or adjourned by the designated agent or attorney of the Trustee. The undersigned is fully vested with the authority to sell said property as Trustee by instrument of record. Some Trustee sales may be conducted by a servicer required Auction Company. In that event, the auctioneer will be acting under an "Auction Services Agreement."

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned by deed of trust dated the 11th day of November, 1992, signed by William J. Shelton and Regina Y. Shelton, his wife, to William F. Patton, acting State Director of the Famers Home Administration for the State of West Virginia, Trustee, which said deed of trust is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 309, at page 137, and Golden & Amos, PLLC, Trustee having been requested so to do by the Secured Creditor, and default having been made under the terms and conditions of said deed of trust, and the provisions in said deed of trust concerning acceleration having been complied with by the Secured Creditor and present holder of the note, said Trustee will sell at public auction at **9:00 o'clock a.m.** on the

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in Putnam County in Winfield, West Virginia located at 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, West Virginia, the following described real estate located in the District of Scott, County of Putnam, State of West Virginia as follows:

All of Lot 41, Section II, as more particularly designated and shown upon that certain map entitled, "A Plat Showing a Survey of Section II of Poplar Hills Subdivision being situate in Scott District, Putnam County, West Virginia" dated July 1985, and prepared by Roger K. Randolph, PE #6246, a copy of which is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Map Cabinet B. Side 24, a reference to said map is hereby made for all pertinent purposes.

For the same consideration as aforesaid the Grantors further grant and convey unto the Grantees and Grantees' heirs, successors and assigns, the non-exclusive right to use, in common with Grantors and Grantors' heirs, successors and assigns, all present and future roads and streets contained in all present and future sections of said subdivision for the purpose of ingress and egress to and from the subject property to and from the public highways and roads.

Plats refer to Lot as Section 1 and as Section II. Plat A-181 is Section 1, Plat B-24 is Section 2, Lot A1.

This conveyance is expressly made subject to that certain declaration as to the residential restrictions, general provisions and the Homeowners Association, which is of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Miscellaneous Book 23 at page 772.

This conveyance is subject to any and all restrictions, reservations, covenants, conditions, and exceptions of record in prior deeds in the chain of title.

Plats refer to Lot A-5 Section 1 and as Section II, Plat A-18115 Section 1 Plat B24 15 Section 2.

It is the intention of this notice to sell the secured property by proper description as was intended to be transferred and conveyed in the aforesaid deed of trust.

The above described real estate is reported to have a mailing address of:

41 Poplar Hills,
Hurricane, WV 25526

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, WV Trustee Services, LLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated May 18, 2023, executed by Borrower, Amanda Rutledge, to Douglas McElwee, the Trustee of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Book 1344, at Page 521. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 268 Linden Ln, Culloden, WV 25510. WV Trustee Services, LLC were appointed as Substitute Trustees by APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated November 12, 2024, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 1377, Page 537-538. The borrower defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustees have been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustees will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Putnam County, in Winfield, West Virginia, on the following date:

6th day of February, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Putnam County, West Virginia, All that certain lot or parcel of real property, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Curry District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as: LOT 132, Section Two Revised, Wheeler Ridge Ranches as shown on a map of same dated 31, January, 1991, made by David Franklin Meadows, P. E. #8057, and approved the 26th day of February, 1991 by Conrad H. Sansoucie, president of the Putnam County Planning Commission, and of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Map Cabinet B, Slide 298.

TERMS OF SALE:

- 1) The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.
- 2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1.
- 3) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.
- 4) The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.
- 5) The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.
- 6) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale..

WV Trustee Services, LLC,
Substitute Trustee
BY: _____
Jim Ashley, Limited Signing Officer
WV Trustee Services, LLC
McGuire Office Center
618 Tenth Street, Suite 108
Huntington, WV 25701
(304) 853-3336
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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

To: Magistrate Court Case
Casey No.: 24-M40D-00010
Allen Parsons
Respondent's Name Family
Court Civil:
Action No.:
Respondent's Address 25-DV-9
06-01-1977
Date of Birth

ORDER OF PUBLICATION (PROTECTIVE ORDER / HEARING DATE)

1. The object of this suit is to obtain protection from the Respondent.
2. The object of this publication by Class I legal advertisement is to notify Respondent of the PROTECTIVE ORDER prohibiting the above-named Respondent from having contact with certain individuals. This order may affect property and other rights of the Respondent. Violating this Order may subject the Respondent to criminal sanctions. The Respondent is strongly encouraged to obtain a copy of this Protective Order and Petition from the Circuit Clerk of the county listed above.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

It appearing by evidence duly taken in this action that you could not be found in or that you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of the ORDER referenced above, a copy of the Petition and Order may be obtained at the Putnam County Circuit Clerk's office. This PROTECTIVE ORDER will remain in effect until 2-18-2025. The Respondent may appeal this Protective Order pursuant to W. Va. Code § 48-27-510, within 10 days of the date of the order was entered.

Issued this 21st day of January, 2025.

STEPHANIE SMITH/jo
Circuit Clerk

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned by deed of trust dated the 26th day of February, 1999, signed by Lisa L. Williams, to Robert D. Lewis, Trustee(s), which said deed of trust is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 461, at page 441, and Golden & Amos, PLLC, Trustee having been requested so to do by the Secured Creditor, and default having been made under the terms and conditions of said deed of trust, and the provisions in said deed of trust concerning acceleration having been complied with by the Secured Creditor and present holder of the note, said Trustee will sell at public auction at **9:00 o'clock a.m.** on the

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at the front doors of the Courthouse in Putnam County, West Virginia, the following described real estate:

Situate in Curry District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at am iron pin set on the easterly side of a creek in the original line, corner to Lot #1 and being the northwest corner of the lot hereby conveyed; thence with the common division line of Lot. No. 1, D. 72° 25' 00" E. 183.91 feet to an iron pin; thence leaving the common division line of Lot #1 and with the westerly line of a certain 25 foot right of way S. 23° 30' 56" W. 100 feet to an iron pin, corner to Lot #3; thence leaving said right of way line and with the common division line of Lot #3 N. 72° 35' 28" W. 174.30 feet to an iron pin east of the creek and in the original line; thence with the original line N. 18° 00' 00" E. 100 feet to an iron pin and the place of beginning, containing 0.41 acres, more or less, as shown upon a certain map of same entitled "A Map Showing Subdivision of Parcel Owned by Wayne K. Robertson and John Duncan", made by Roger K. Randolph, P.E. #6246, and being designated ad Lot NO. Two on said map, and being the same real estate conveyed unto Lisa L. Williams by virtue of a deed from Craig W. Smallridge and Diane Y. Smallridge, his wife, dated February 18, 1999, to be recorded simultaneously herewith, reference to said map and deed being made herein for all pertinent purposes.

For the consideration aforesaid, the Grantors do further Grant and convey unto the Grantee a right of way and easement leading to and from Thompson Road and the property hereby conveyed.

For the consideration aforesaid, the Grantors do further Grant and Convey unto the Grantee a right of way and easement for utilities, said right of way and easement being five feet in width and leading to and from the property hereby conveyed and U.S. Route 60

It is the intention of this notice to sell the secured property by proper description as was intended to be transferred and conveyed in the aforesaid deed of trust.

The above described real estate is reported to have a mailing address of:

#2 Barn Drive,
Culloden, WV 25510

TERMS OF SALE: Cash in hand on day of sale or within 30 days of date of sale upon terms to be agreed upon between Trustee and successful bidder, time being of the essence; payment for unpaid real estate taxes to be assumed by the purchaser. The Trustee does not warrant title or fitness to this property; it is being purchased as is; this is a buyer beware sale and any buyer is advised to retain counsel before the sale. If there is any part of the process of sale which is found to be objectionable, the Trustee reserves the right to cancel the sale. No purchaser should take possession or make improvements in the premises until the Trustee deed is delivered or recorded. A third-party purchaser at sale will be required to pay the purchase price plus all recording and transfer fees.

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

To the Creditors and Beneficiaries of the following deceased persons estates:

I have before me the estates of the deceased persons and the accounts of the fiduciaries of their respective estates as listed below:

Estate No.: 5874
Estate Of: Ella Frances Bailes
Administrator
Cta: Robert M Buck
125 9th Ave
Charleston, WV 25033

Estate No.: 5948
Estate Of: Myrtle Lee Boggess
Administrator: Paul Boggess
477 Wrights Lane
Buffalo, WV 25033

Estate No.: 5895
Estate Of: Julia Ann Dennis
Executrix: Pamela Dosier
105 Valley Bend
Scott Depot, WV
25560

Estate No.: 5911
Estate Of: Ezekiel Allen Lee
Featherson
Administrator: Kyle A Featherston
1532 Chandler Drive
Charleston, WV 25387

Estate No.: 5880
Estate Of: Sara Jane Gilkerson
Administrator
Cta: Tommy E. Miller, Jr.
480 Ches Wal Road
Scott Depot, WV
25560

Estate No.: 5901
Estate Of: Hilda Ann Gravley
Executrix: Steven J McGrew
139 Ralph Drive
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5959
Estate Of: Rebecca Mae Harkins
Executrix: Judith A Lilly
102 Jill Avenue
Poca, WV 25159

Estate No.: 5894
Estate Of: Martha Daynese
aka Daynese M Holstein
Executrix: Mona J Evans
159 Sunny Drive
Ona, WV 25545

Estate No.: 5936
Estate Of: Diana Lynn Howard
Executrix: Amy M Hunt
1042 N Humphrey Ave
Oak Park IL 60302

Estate No.: 5097
Estate Of: Clifford Henry Muck
Executrix: Diana J Smith
PO Box 333
Poca, WV 25159

Estate No.: 5864
Estate Of: Larry Franklin Parsons
Administrator: Carolyn Sue Parsons
142 Summit Ridge Rd
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5931
Estate Of: Avis Evelyn Ramey
Executrix: Randall D Ramey
2625 Henderson Ave
Hurricane, Wv 25526

Estate No.: 5891
Estate Of: Frances Kay Vickers
Executrix: Damon Romel
245 W Esplanade Ave
Louisville, KY 40213

All persons having claims against the estate(s) of any of the above-named deceased persons whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims with vouchers thereof, legally verified, to the fiduciary of such deceased person as shown above within 60 days of January 23, 2025, or, if not, to exhibit the same at the office of the undersigned Fiduciary Supervisor at the address shown below by said date; otherwise any or all such claims may by law be excluded from all benefits of said estate(s). No claims against the estate shall be accepted by the fiduciary supervisor after said date. All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear either before the above-named fiduciary by the date first shown above, or thereafter before the undersigned fiduciary supervisor by the date last shown above to examine said claims and otherwise protect their respective interests.

All persons seeking to impeach or establish a will must file a complaint pursuant to W. Va. Code. Any person objecting to the representative's qualifications, venue or jurisdiction must file a complaint within 60 days of January 23, 2025.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 15th day of January 2025.
Fiduciary Supervisor
Putnam County Commission
12093 Winfield Road,
Winfield, WV 25213

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: **EVELYN FERN BLACKWELL HUNTER, a protected person**
Case No. CC-40-2025-G-2

The object of the above-styled action is to determine whether a guardian and/or conservator should be appointed for the alleged protected person. It appearing by the filed Petition in this action that petitioners are without knowledge as to the existence or whereabouts of the alleged protected person's sister, Sharon Blackwell Morton. A hearing is to be held on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. at the Putnam County Judicial Building, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213. A copy of the *Petition for the Appointment of a Guardian/Conservator* can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court this 17th day of January, 2025.

STEPHANIE SMITH, CLERK
CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY
By: sy
Deputy

1-30-2T

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned by deed of trust dated the 24th day of February, 2004, signed by Carol S. Locke, unmarried, to Jenny N. Phillips, State Director of the Rural Housing Service for the State of West Virginia, Trustee, which said deed of trust is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission Putnam, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 686, at page 312, and Golden & Amos, PLLC, Trustee having been requested so to do by the Secured Creditor, and default having been made under the terms and conditions of said deed of trust, and the provisions in said deed of trust concerning acceleration having been complied with by the Secured Creditor and present holder of the note, said Trustee will sell at public auction at **9:00 o'clock a.m.** on the

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at the front doors of the Courthouse in Putnam County in Winfield, West Virginia located at 12093 Winfield Road, Suite 3, Winfield, West Virginia, the following described real estate located in the City of Hurricane, County of Putnam, State of West Virginia as follows: All that certain lot or parcel of real estate, suite in the City of Hurricane, Putnam County, West Virginia, and being Lot Number 14 of the Hale Street subdivision situate in the City of Hurricane, Putnam County, West Virginia, as said subdivision is shown on a plat thereof of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Plat Cabinet C, at page 545.

Subject to the Declaration for Hale Street Subdivision, dated December 1, 1993 and of record in Miscellaneous Book 39 at page 90.

It is the intention of this notice to sell the secured property by proper description as was intended to be transferred and conveyed in the aforesaid deed of trust.

The above described real estate is reported to have a mailing address of:

107 Millard Street,
Hurricane, WV 25526

TERMS OF SALE: Cash in hand on day of sale or within 30 days of date of sale upon terms to be agreed upon between Trustee and successful bidder, time being of the essence; payment for unpaid real estate taxes to be assumed by the purchaser. The Trustee does not warrant title or fitness to this property; it is being purchased as is; this is a buyer beware sale and any buyer is advised to retain counsel before the sale. If there is any part of the process of sale which is found to be objectionable, the Trustee reserves the right to cancel the sale. No purchaser should take possession or make improvements in the premises until the Trustee deed is delivered or recorded. A third party purchaser at sale will be required to pay the purchase price plus all recording and transfer fees.

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CHRISTINA CHILDERS
493 Fudge's Creek Road
Barboursville
32nd Birthday January 31

JEANNIE HEDRICK
#25 Gene Drive
Frazier's Bottom
82nd Birthday February 2

AUSTIN JAMES GEFFS
413 W Red Oak Road,
Apt. 73
Red Oak, Texas
21st Birthday January 31

LILLY ROBERTS
532 Lynn Street
Hurricane
75th Birthday February 2

DALE FISHER
292 Ada Dell Avenue
Hurricane
83rd Birthday January 31

JOHNNY KEATON
HODGES
5078 Evergreen Road
Frazier's Bottom
29th Birthday February 2

BARBARA YOUNG
ROSE
2662 2nd Street
Hurricane
77th Birthday January 31

LORI CHANDLER
Kelly's Creek
Hurricane
Birthday February 2

JANET ERLEWINE
Winfield
74th Birthday January 31

DAN ABSHIRE
Kentucky
Birthday February 2

JOHN WILLIAM HAGEE
Texas
18th Birthday January 31

MARY BURGESS
1021 Holly Brook Lane
Culloden
Birthday February 2

COURTNEY ADAMS
DANIEL
Helen Drive
Hurricane
36th Birthday January 31

LEVI BLAINE
MEADOWS
3290 Turkey Creek Road
Hurricane
12th Birthday February 2

ROBIN HARDWICK
Huntington
56th Birthday January 31

TODD BROWNING
Gallatin, Tennessee
Birthday February 2

CHRISSE WRAY
Huntington
46th Birthday February 1

MARVEL HAMMICKS
Oakbridge
Hurricane
80th Birthday February 2

EDWARD (BUDDY)
CHAPMAN
5201 5&20 Road
Frazier's Bottom
72nd Birthday February 1

BECKY WALLACE
HARPER
1662 Central Avenue
Culloden
76th Birthday February 3

ASHLEY NICOLE
AUSTIN MOORE
Hurricane
40th Birthday February 1

THOM CHAPMAN
109 Main Street
Winfield
75th Birthday February 3

CHARLENE BIRD
BURTON
141 Bayside Drive
Huntington
75th Birthday February 1

LUCY WALLER
BECKETT
2851 Buff Creek
Hurricane
75th Birthday February 3

GARY SHEPPARD
Milton
50th Birthday February 1

SHEILA JORDAN
1711 Buff Creek Road
Hurricane
68th Birthday February 3

BRENDA RUSSELL
#6 Mockingbird Drive
Milton
Birthday February 1

AIDEN WRAY
& Twin brother
ALAN WRAY
Winfield
2nd Birthday February 3

CINDY CHANNELL
113 Mulberry Drive
Hurricane
68th Birthday February 2

DAN QUAYLE
78th Birthday February 4

Attorney General's Mobile Office Stops for Metro Valley

Attorney General JB McCuskey announced a representative from his office will meet with Metro Valley residents in February to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions.

"Mobile office hours allow local consumers the opportunity to speak with a representative from our office and learn more about scams, identity theft and other consumer issues right in their hometown," Attorney General McCuskey said. "I encourage everyone to attend the mobile office hours at a time and location that is convenient for them so they can learn about scams that are impacting the area, and get to know the hardworking people in our office."

"We always look forward to the opportunity to answer questions and interact with the people of West Virginia."

Susan Azevedo, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will host the following events:

- Feb. 6: 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. – Hurricane Branch Library, 410 Midland Trail, Hurricane
- Feb. 12: 11 a.m. to noon – Buffalo Senior Center, 48 Wright's Lane, Buffalo
- Feb. 12: 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. – Eleanor Branch Library, 401 Roosevelt Blvd., Eleanor
- Feb. 25: 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. – Putnam County Commission, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield

For information on additional requirements specific to any location, attendees are encouraged to contact Susan Azevedo at 304-590-1831. In case of inclement weather, please call ahead.

Back Issues on Microfilm

If you are looking for an older issue of the Hurricane Breeze, microfilm copies of the paper can be found at both the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley and the West Virginia State Archives in Charleston.

President's Lists Students Named For UA Fall Term

A total of 14,631 students enrolled during Fall Semester 2024 at The University of Alabama were named to the dean's list with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the president's list with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's).

Local students include: Chase Compton of Hurricane was named to the Presidents List.

Ethan Burdette of Scott Depot was named to the Presidents List.

The University of Alabama, part of The University of Alabama System, is the state's flagship university. UA shapes a better world through its teaching, research and service. With a global reputation for excellence, UA provides an inclusive, forward-thinking environment and nearly 200 degree programs on a beautiful, student-centered campus. A leader in cutting-edge research, UA advances discovery, creative inquiry and knowledge through more than 30 research centers. As the state's largest higher education institution, UA drives economic growth in Alabama and beyond.

Ava Smith Named To Kentucky Dean's List

Ava Smith of Scott Depot was named to the Fall 2024 University of Kentucky College of Arts and Sciences Dean's List. This accomplishment is a sign of Ava's hard work and commitment to learning.

More than 2,000 undergraduate students have qualified for the Fall College of Arts and Sciences Dean's List. Students on the Dean's List earned 12 or more credit hours as letter grades with a minimum 3.6 GPA for the semester.

The University of Kentucky College of Arts and Sciences is united in excellence. Their mission is to cultivate elevated student learning and experiences, advance innovative research and scholarship, and positively affect the lives of people in the Commonwealth, nation and world.

Crush Run Coming to Meeks Mountain Trails

The City of Hurricane Crush Run to benefit the Meeks Mountain Trail Alliance will be held on Saturday, February 8. There will be a 10 miler, 5k run or hike, and Kids' Run. All proceeds go to support further development and maintenance of Meeks Mountain Trails Alliance.

Packet pickup will be held on Friday, February 7, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. and again on Saturday morning from 8:00-10:00 a.m., at Hurricane City Park's big red barn. All race participants in the 10-miler, 5k, and kids' run can pick up their packets at that time. After 10:00 on Saturday morning, packets will be available for pickup at the starting line in the back of the bowl. There will be signs directing you to the start line.

All races begin in the bowl. You will cross active train tracks to get to the start/finish, so beware and be careful. Plan for an extra 15 minutes to walk to the start/finish line.

The 10 miler has a 3-hour time limit, and the last aid station will close at 11:30.

Craft With the CloverSTEMs

Join the Putnam County CloverSTEMs for an afternoon of fun crafting on Sunday, February 2, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Teays Valley Church of God, 185 Connection Point, Scott Depot. Choose from various Valentine and winter theme crafts to make and take, along with light refreshments.

The cost is \$15 per participant. Register by going to <https://bit.ly/4g5akku>, or call (304) 937-2184 for more information.

This is a fundraiser to help the CloverSTEMS Robotics team with their expenses as they travel to Long Beach, California for the Western Edge Open First Lego League Robotics Competition in May.

STEMuary Events Bring Science Fun to Putnam County

February = STEMuary! The Putnam County Library is hosting a series of events to spark kids' interest in science, technology, engineering, and math.

On Tuesday, February 4, Zoology Zone is coming to the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley at 4 p.m. with a presentation about bearded dragons.

On Wednesday, February 12, the Putnam County WVU Extension Office will be at the Poca Library at 4 p.m. to explore the medieval technology of catapults. All ages welcome, upper elementary

Monthly Tire Collection Event

The Putnam County Solid Waste Authority holds a tire collection event the first Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the City of Winfield public works lot located beside Payne's Produce.

Limit 10 tires per Putnam resident. Personal passenger tires only. For more information, call 681-235-3276.

Water and sports drinks are available on the course. The 5k will have one aid station, and the 10-miler will have access to an aid station 4 times.

Every runner gets the MMTA Crush Run swag, tote, and finisher award. Expect a finish line bonfire, marshmallows, Orange and Grape Crush, and plenty of hot and ready pizza from Little Caesars. Shirts will be first come first serve in size and gender.

The 10-miler, 5k, and Kids Run all begin and end at the new Huntington Federal Shelter at the back of the bowl, which is a 15-minute walk from the parking lot at Hurricane City Park. Each course will be run on hand-built, single-tract trails. Expect it to have rocks, roots, and lots of rolling fun.

The kids' run is approximately 1 mile and begins at the Huntington Federal Shelter and follows pink flags.

Registration fees for the kids' run is \$10, the 5k is \$40, and the 10 miler is \$55. Registrations are final, and there are no refunds.

Enter as a two-person team and compete for the lowest overall time for the 10-miler and 5K. The two finishing times will be added together to determine the team time. Please note that if you sign-up for the Crush Two-Person Team and place first, you will NOT win overall awards. If you sign-up for the two-person team, and your team does not win the overall award, you are still eligible for age group awards.

This is a winter race in February, so expect winter conditions. There are no refunds or deferrals. Please don't ask. Runsignup offers insurance that you may purchase at registration checkout.

To register for the Crush Run, go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/WV/Hurricane/MMTACrushRun>

Happy Anniversary

Kenny and Sharl Hinkle of 390 Evans Creek Road in Frazier's Bottom will celebrate their fifty-second wedding anniversary on February 3.

NELSON EDWARDS
220 Carper Lane
Barboursville
78th Birthday February 4

CARLA NEAL SHEETS
2191 Northup Road
Gallipolis, Ohio
75th Birthday February 4

STEVE JOYCE
542 Whitt Road
Frazier's Bottom
78th Birthday February 4

TRACI BROWN SMITH
207 White Pine Road
53rd Birthday February 5

ADAM MICHAEL
COYNER
Eau Claire, Wisconsin
30th Birthday February 5

SAVANNAH CAROL
PAYNE
College Station, Texas
28th Birthday February 5

RENEE NEAL
Route 1, Box 385-A
Milton
65th Birthday February 5

ROGER DONEFF
399 Coon Creek Road
Culloden
49th Birthday February 5

CAROLYN SWISHER
Scott Depot
Birthday February 5

DR WILLIAM DAN HILL
Springdale Estates
Hurricane
72nd Birthday February 6

KEVIN RAY ERWIN
5530 Hurricane Creek
Road
Hurricane
44th Birthday February 6

COREY WILKES
Ohio
52nd Birthday February 6

MASON FAULKNER
1074 Sugar Camp Road
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