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HURRICANE CITY COUNCIL NEWS

City Council Restricts Vape Shops, Moves to Add 1.68 Acres

By Ron Allen

The Hurricane City Council meeting of Monday, February 3, opened with West Teays Elementary School Second Graders leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, followed by a Pledge of Allegiance to the State Flag.

The West Teays students attended the meeting to learn what local governments do. They were witnesses to passage of a new city ordinance and the modification of city code. The students toured City Hall prior to the meeting and asked city officials questions. Also prior to the meeting, students saw Michael Black take the oath to execute his duties as a member of the Hurricane City Council. Black was appointed to fill the seat left vacant by the resignation of Steve Goff from council at the December council meeting.

The meeting was an extra special experience for Kindergartner Amelia Oliver who was elected mayor of her class by an official vote (show of

hands). Amelia assisted Mayor Scott Edwards by wielding the gavel and announcing the passage of motions made by council members when prompted.

The council meeting served as a venue to draw awareness to Congenital Heart Defects and Angelman Syndrome. Jake Baker, a 14-year old Hurricane resident who was born with a major heart defect, addressed all present about American Heart Month, National Wear Red Day and Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week. Following his presentation, Mayor Edwards read a proclamation declaring the week of February 7 to 14 as Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week in the City of Hurricane.

Jayden Lewis, a victim of Angelman Syndrome, and his family were present to bring awareness to the rare neuro-genetic disorder that occurs in one of every fifteen thousand births. Following photos, Edwards read a proclamation officially

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Mayor Scott Edwards presents Amelia with a proclamation officially naming her the Mayor of West Teays Elementary School.

Flash Flooding Isolates Residents, Closes Schools



Pictured are flood waters on Tacketts Branch on Thursday, February 6th. Tacketts Branch residents were among many county residents who were forced to remain in their homes or to take lengthy detours. Affected areas included Hurricane Creek Road, Peach Ridge Road, Route 34 South, Cow Creek Road, Harbour Lane, Manilla Creek Road, Sugar Camp Road, and Scary Creek Road.

Schools were first placed on a two hour delay and cancelled when the rains continued. Approximately 1.5 inches fell prior to midnight Wednesday and an additional 1.7 inches fell between 2 a.m. and dawn on Thursday.

Remembering the Four Chaplains

By Betsy Allen

American Legion James E. Marshall Post 187 honored the famed Four Chaplains of World War II in a memorial service which was held on Thursday, February 6, at the Winfield Presbyterian Church.

On February 3, 1943, Allied troop transport ship SS Dorchester was struck by German torpedoes while traveling in the North Atlantic near Newfoundland. The ship's four chaplains - Methodist minister Reverend George L. Fox; Rabbi Alexander D. Goode; Reformed Church in America Minister Reverend Clark V. Poling; and Catholic Father John P. Washington - assisted with the evacuation of the ship. They handed out life



Danny Johnson lit the memorial candles during the Four Chaplains memorial service put on by the American Legion.

jackets to their fellows, and when there were no more left, they selflessly

gave up their own so that others might have a chance of survival. Making

the ultimate sacrifice for their fellow sailors, the chaplains stayed on board the SS Dorchester, singing hymns as they went down with the ship.

Each February, American Legion posts all around the country hold Four Chaplains Memorial Services to commemorate the sacrifice of these brave men. Emphasis is placed upon the various faiths practiced by the four chaplains, and how differences of religion did not matter to them when they helped their fellow sailors.

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Putnam County Chamber of Commerce Presents Annual Community Service and Leadership Awards

The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce presented Lowell Wilks with the Mayo Lester Community Service Award and Justin Williams with the Putnam CREW Young Professional for Transformative Leadership Award at the Chamber's annual dinner on January 31st.

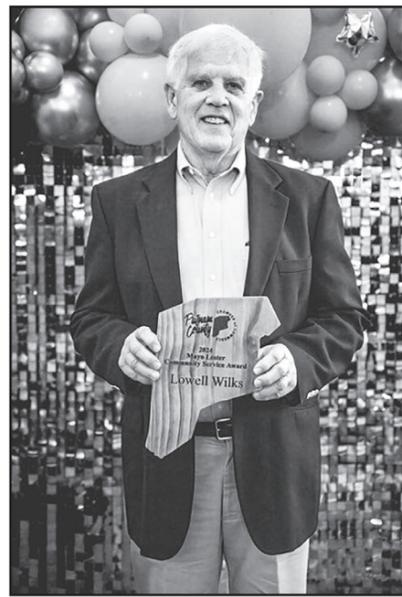
Lowell Wilks was honored for his decades of dedicated leadership in preserving and enhancing the Rivers to Ridges Heritage Trail. His tireless efforts in spearheading improvement projects, particularly in often-overlooked areas, have significantly shaped the landscape from Nitro through Putnam County to Point Pleasant.

As the founder and longtime leader of Rivers to Ridges, Lowell has worked hand-in-hand with numerous community organizations, including Putnam County Parks and Recreation, Putnam County Tourism, the

Nitro and Mason County CVBs, and many others. His projects have included restoration efforts at the Historic Hoge House, enhancements at Mitchell's Grove (Hometown Park) and the Norman Nature Preserve, and vital collaborations with local wellness and tourism initiatives.

Notably, Lowell's commitment to the organization has gone beyond leadership—he has consistently prioritized its financial stability. Though he has recently transitioned to a semi-retired role, his continued involvement guarantees that Rivers to Ridges will remain a community treasure for generations to come.

“Lowell’s passion for preserving our region’s heritage and natural beauty is unparalleled,” said Ashley Alford Glance, President of Putnam Chamber. “His work has not only enhanced our scenic byways but has



Lowell Wilks



Justin Williams

also fostered collaboration among organizations working toward a shared vision for our community. The Mayo Lester Community Service Award is a well-deserved recognition of Lowell's unwavering dedication, and we are honored to celebrate his remarkable contributions.”

Justin Williams was honored for his exceptional leadership and service to Putnam County Parks and Recreation. As a longtime advocate for the county's park system, Justin has played a critical role in ensuring its financial stability, maintaining its facilities, and fostering partnerships that have

expanded its reach and impact.

Starting as an employee and working his way up to co-director and now director, Justin has navigated challenges with a calm, humble, and determined approach. Under his leadership, the parks have transformed

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WEATHER SUMMARY

February 4 - 10		
	Low	High
February 4		
Hurricane	38°	45°
February 5*		
Hurricane	26°	33°
February 6*		
Hurricane	31°	60°
February 7		
Hurricane	25°	45°
February 8*		
Hurricane	43°	50°
February 9		
Hurricane	28°	43°
February 10		
Hurricane	25°	41°

*RAIN
1.5 inch recorded Feb. 5
1.7 inch recorded Feb. 6
0.4 inch recorded Feb. 8

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..

FEBRUARY 13

- The Galentine's Day Comedy show will start at 7 p.m. at The Garage, 3057 Mount Vernon Road, Hurricane. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 14

- Gritt's Farm, 864 Gritt Road, Buffalo, will be hosting a Valentine's Date Night. The package costs \$170, and features flower arranging, dining, and live music. To register, go to <https://www.simplerix.com/e/valentines-date-night-at-gritts-farm-tickets-201336>

- Go on an arctic expedition to engineer a dwelling for the abominable snowman at the Eleanor Library at 3 p.m. All ages welcome, elementary age encouraged.

- There will be an interactive Valentine murder mystery starting at 7 p.m. at Sugar Shenanigans, 722 First Avenue South, Suite A, Nitro. For more information and to register, call (304) 690-0826.

- There will be a board game night from 6 to 10 p.m. at Game Grove, located in Putnam Village Shopping Center, Teays Valley.

- Hurricane VFW 9097 Canteen, 3836 Teays Valley Road, will be hosting Valentine's Day "Dart-entine" dart throwing event starting at 7:30 p.m.

- Paint a Valentines-themed pug or pig for a special Galentine's Day Painting at Valley Park in Hurricane from 6 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$35. For more information and to register, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/galentines-day-painting-at-valley-park->

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FEBRUARY 15

- Gritt's Midway Greenhouse, 14844 Charleston Road, Red House, will be hosting Hearts and Houseplants from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call (304) 586-2449.

- The Putnam County Democratic Women's Club will be holding their monthly luncheon at noon at Sleepy Hollow Golf Club in Hurricane. RSVP by contacting Ede Lattimore at edeangel@aol.com or 681-529-7282.

- Kitchen Table TCG, 3760 Sleepy Hollow Drive, Hurricane, will be holding a Pokemon trade night at 7 p.m.

- The Putnam Puzzler Showdown will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane.

FEBRUARY 16

- Zoology Zone Science Center, located in Valley Park, Hurricane, will be showing the movie "Leo" starting at 5 p.m. The cost is \$7 per person. To reserve tickets, go to <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/movies-at-the-zoo-leo>

FEBRUARY 17

- A photography club meets at 6 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane.

FEBRUARY 19

- Learn about tessellations, geometric shapes which can be shifted and aligned to make patterns, at the Hurricane Library at 3 p.m. All ages welcome; middle and high school encouraged.

FEBRUARY 20

- The Putnam County Chamber Network of Women will be holding a Red Cross blood drive from 12:30 to 6 p.m. at Area 34, 971 State Route 34, Teays Valley.

FEBRUARY 21

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

- There will be a career pop-up event from 9 a.m. to noon at Putnam County Family Support, 10822 Winfield Road, Winfield.

- There will be a barn quilt painting class from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Area 34, 971 West Virginia Route 34, Hurricane.

FEBRUARY 22

- Oma Chapel Church, Arbuckle Creek Road, Grimms Landing (Leon), will be holding a Love Thy Neighbor Dinner starting at 4 p.m.

- The Kanawha Valley 5K Winter Series Run for the Paws 5K will start at 2 p.m. at Nitro High School. For more information, go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/WV/Nitro/KCHARunforthePaws5K>

- There will be a Red House area-wide cleanup from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at MSW, 1647 McLane Pike, Red House.

- The Poca High School Music Fest will be held at the school. Featuring Visual Volume from Poca; General Admission and Emerald Elegance from Winfield High School; and many more show choirs from around the state.

- The Zombie Prom will be held at Fear on the Farm, 8325 Winfield Road, Winfield, from 8 p.m. to midnight. The cost is \$30 single; \$50 couple. For more information, call 681-203-3683.

- The Teays Valley Film Club will be discussing scenes in "The Terminal" from 10 a.m. to noon at Teays Valley Church of God (2nd floor), 185 Connection Point, Scott Depot. For more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/tristatefilmclub>

Red Cross: Donors Needed Now To Build Up the Blood Supply

The American Red Cross urges donors to give blood in February to help build up the blood supply after thousands of donations went uncollected last month. People of all blood types – especially those with type O negative blood – are encouraged to make and keep their donation appointments so hospitals can continue to ensure critical care for patients this winter.

Since the beginning of the year, hundreds of blood drives have been canceled and more than 16,000 blood and platelet donations have gone uncollected due to severe winter weather and wildfires. As February continues, so does the potential for additional weather systems to disrupt blood drives. Flu and other seasonal illnesses are spreading, which could also force more people to cancel scheduled donation appointments, compounding the impact to collecting lifesaving blood products.

Give with your whole heart this month. To book a time to give blood, use the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). As a thank-you, all who come to give through Feb. 28, 2025, will get a \$15 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. See RedCrossBlood.org/Flurry for details.

In addition to providing lifesaving blood products, the Red Cross mobilizes relief to families affected by disasters, trains people in lifesaving skills and provides services to active and veteran U.S. military personnel and their families. Donors can feel good knowing that by supporting the Red Cross, they can help family and friends in their communities and across the country.

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or

for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

Amplify your impact – volunteer!

Another way to support the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross is to become a volunteer blood donor ambassador at Red Cross blood drives. Blood donor ambassadors help greet, check in and thank blood donors to ensure they have a positive donation experience. For more information and to apply, email carvolunteerservices@redcross.org or visit redcross.org/volunteertoday

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org

16th Winter Blues Farmers Market Returns to Charleston

The Winter Blues Farmers Market returns for its 16th year on March 1 to the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center from noon to 5 p.m. The Market wraps up the annual West Virginia Small Farm Conference (Feb. 26 – March 1), sponsored by WVU Extension and the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA). More than 120 agribusinesses from across the state will set up shop to sample and sell their products. Whether you're looking for pure West Virginia maple syrup or cuts of beef from animals raised and processed right here in the Mountain State, our vendors can tell shoppers where their products come from, how

- Moms With Littles will be holding a Lunch n Learn from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at Heartbeat of the Valley, 28 Mission Way, Scott Depot. For more information, call (681) 235-2097.

FEBRUARY 23

- Come hear organ favorites such as Widor's "Toccata," Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," and Ives' "Variations on 'America'" at 3 p.m. at Forrest Burdette Mem. United Methodist Church, 2848 Putnam Ave., Hurricane. The cost is \$15.

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

Since I do not have cable... none of my family does... I often listen to podcasts on TV/YouTube (free) while working in my puzzle books, coloring (not often anymore...) or writing in my journal. The other evening, I was listening to "the names" of a certain time period... mine. Of course, LINDA was one of the first... thanks a lot, Mrs. Searls for using LINDA in June 1947... I had to be BRENDA in September 1947. I wanted to be LINDA. Don't ask me why. Mrs. Searls and Mother were kind of related by marriage... I am sure she had no idea that if my mother, who was maybe having twins, had chosen Linda and Brenda. That is okay, Mrs. S was like a second mom to me, and I adored that gracious, kind, strong lady.

My great aunt was married to Linda's uncle... Searls. We were at their home together often. My great uncle married - for a time - Linda's aunt. That couple had one of my favorite relatives, a cousin really, but I called him Uncle Joe. Great families meshed... Coyner and Searls. Yes, Mother was a Coiner. I have explained that many times. I digress...

The podcasts range from "names" to being home alone and frightened. I like the one Mysterious WV... and any others from WV... my home state. Intriguing and often, frightening. Hillbilly Files... not sure of the title of that one, but a couple in WV visit cemeteries and take down the names... telling about the families... so much history in WV.

Of course, I listen to the audio books/stories by Agatha Christie. I am a visual learner, so learning to do this has not been easy. I think it has been good for me... I still maintain that one reads something, writes it, says it, hears it... one learns. That being said, I am continuing my podcasts in the hope that one day, I won't just be a visual learner. (I am the person in church who takes notes...)

Some of the podcasts are too unreal to be true... is that an oxymoron? They are out of this world; I quickly change if that is so. I have to tell you, my readers, that occasionally, the home alone ones will

Available Pets at the Putnam County Animal Shelter

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

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



Harry is a charming 2.5-year-old male dog. Weighing in at a healthy 50 pounds, Harry is not only neutered but also up to date on all his vaccinations.

challenge me. I get up and close the drapes on the patio doors. Now, I live in a condo complex near the ocean... behind the Pinellas Trail... in front of my son's home. (They can see the condos from their fourth floor...) I am on the first floor. My patio door usually remains unlocked during the day as I am in and out for about eight walks... I leave the curtains open. Even in the dark. Doesn't bother me. There are cameras outside, and we don't get many who are just driving around.

Once in awhile, I have to close the drapes... make sure the doors are locked. This is unusual because I have lived alone off and on for thirty years. Never bothers me. Life has thrown so much at me that I don't worry about the little things. However, there are a couple of podcasts that are intriguing... throw in the mysteries I read... enough said.

Back to my name. I am Brenda Joyce, and my mother called me that complete name my whole life. Linda is Linda Faye (yes, Mother was Faye). Our families are intertwined forever. We named Nathan Daniel, and we did not let others give him nicknames. One uncle tried... no... we named our daughter

Katheryne Kristen, and immediately, this tiny little girl was Kathy. In Indiana (where she moved to for college), she was Katheryne. All of her in-laws call her Katheryne - even her husband. It is so unfamiliar to me. When I was attending her church (she worked there as admin assist to the youth), when others spoke of Katheryne, I was shocked, at first. To me, she is Kathy forever... Our grands are not nicknamed by us. Katelyn Jessica, Sophie Olivia, Margaret Rose, Aidan Connor, and Nicholas Michael... five beautiful miracles... with beautiful names. (Many of my readers know that one of my favorite names has been Margaret... but I love all of the names...)

So, thanks to Mrs. Searls, I have the best friend in the world forever, Linda Faye... and I am Brenda... we are not twins, but we could be because the way we were is the way we are... In the meantime, listen to a couple of podcasts and email me.

Hurricane City Council News

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naming February 15 as Angelman Syndrome Awareness Day in the City of Hurricane.

Police Chief Mike Mullins presented council with summary HPD activities during the 2024 calendar year. The department seized \$77,587.00 in cash while removing sizable amounts of Meth, Marijuana, Heroin, Fentanyl, Cocaine, and other drugs from distribution. The 806.8 grams of Fentanyl seized was sufficient to produce more than 400,000 deadly overdoses.

City Manager Andy Skidmore informed council that the ball fields at Bridge Park have been booked for every weekend from March through July.

In regular business, council held the second and final reading of a Vape Ordinance which severely restricts the location of vape shops in city limits. The ordinance mirrors one which the Putnam County Commission signed into law in 2024.

Council approve an amendment to the city's Business and Occupation Tax Code which will reduce tax collections. Hurricane's one percent sales tax has made it possible to reduce B&O taxes.



Mayor Scott Edwards presents Jacob Baker with a proclamation proclaiming February 7 to 14 as Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week in the City of Hurricane.

Acting upon the recommendation of the Municipal Planning Commission, council approved a request to have 2760 5th Street rezoned to B-1. The property is opposite Hurricane Middle School.

In new business, council held the first reading of an ordinance which would bring 1.68 acres near the Chapman Funeral Home on Teays Valley Road into

city limits. In other business, council approved the appointment of Rachel Hill to the Hurricane Water Board.

Mayor Edwards announced that city offices will be closed on Monday, February 17, in observance of Presidents Day.

The next regular council meeting will be Monday, March 3rd, at 6:30 p.m.

Remembering the Four Chaplains



Curtis Grant read the biography of Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, one of the Four Chaplains.



Jim McDade read the poem "Four Special Chaplains" during the memorial.

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Commander David Bush gave a brief history of the sinking of the SS Dorchester and the efforts

that the four chaplains made to help evacuate the ship. The service featured a table with photographs of the four chaplains and memorial candles dedicated to each man.

As the candles were lit, American Legion members read the biographies of the chaplains. The service ended with the poignant melody of "Taps."

Chamber of Commerce Annual Community Service and Leadership Awards

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into thriving community spaces while operating on a modest budget. His commitment to collaboration has been evident in his partnerships with organizations such as Rivers to Ridges Heritage Trail and Putnam County Tourism, allowing for key improvements that may not have been possible otherwise.

Beyond his work with the parks, Justin is also the founder of the Film Futures Foundation, an initiative designed to connect filmmakers with resources and bring creative opportunities to the region. Additionally, he has been a steadfast community partner for numerous nonprofit organizations, ensuring that the park facilities remain accessible while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

"Justin is the kind of leader who never seeks the spotlight but is always working behind the scenes to make things better

for others," said Ashley Alford Gance, President of Putnam Chamber. "His dedication to the parks, our community, and the partnerships he has fostered make him an outstanding choice for this honor. Justin's ability to balance the diverse needs of the community while maintaining the integrity and sustainability of the parks makes him a true asset to Putnam County. This award is a testament to his selfless contributions, and we are thrilled to celebrate his achievements."

The Mayo Lester Community Service Award was the first annual program established by the Chamber of Commerce. Given annually to an individual who has excelled in community service to Putnam County, the award was named after one of the Chamber's founding members and first Chairman, the late Mayo Lester.

The Young Leader Award is a honor established by the Putnam County Chamber of

Commerce at the request of Putnam CREW. As a committee dedicated to the younger professionals that live and work in Putnam County, Putnam CREW believes it is never too early to start making



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.

Feb. 13, 1800: Gen. John Jay Jackson was born near Parkersburg. He served in the Seminole Wars as a member of Gen. Andrew Jackson's staff.

Feb. 13, 1913. Labor leader Mother Jones was arrested in Charleston

after supporting union miners on Paint Creek and Cabin Creek.

Feb. 13, 1923: Chuck Yeager was born at Myra, about seven miles from Hamlin. In 1947, in a Bell X-1 rocket airplane

dropped from a B-29 bomber, Yeager became the first person to break the sound barrier by flying 700 miles per hour.

Feb. 13, 1977: Football wide receiver Randy Moss was born in Rand, Kanawha County. After two All-American seasons at Marshall University, he went on to a hall of fame career in the National Football League.

Feb. 14, 1866: Grant County was created and named for Gen. Ulysses S.

Grant, who later became the nation's 18th president.

Feb. 15, 1898: Musician John Homer "Uncle Homer" Walker was born in Mercer County. Among the last in a tradition of Black Appalachian banjo players, he played the five-string banjo in the clawhammer style.

Feb. 15, 1930: Sara Jane Moore was born in Charleston. On Sept. 22, 1975, Moore attempted to assassinate President Gerald Ford in San Francisco.

Feb. 15, 1975: Elizabeth Kee, the state's first female member of Congress, died in Bluefield. Kee was elected to Congress in 1951 after the death of her husband, John. She retired in 1965 and was succeeded by her son, James.

Feb. 16, 1821: Morris Harvey was born near Prosperity in Raleigh County. Harvey's gifts to the Barboursville Seminary led to its name being changed to Morris Harvey College in 1901. The institution is now known as the University of Charleston.

Feb. 16, 1917: The legislature established the West Virginia State Colored Tuberculosis Sanitarium for the care of Black TB patients. It was built at Denmar in Pocahontas County.

Feb. 16, 1951: Second Lieutenant Darwin Keith Kyle of Boone County died during an intense exchange against Chinese forces in Korea. He was awarded the Medal of Honor.

Feb. 17, 1735: Morgan Morgan of present-day Berkeley County was commissioned a captain of militia in the 201st Field Artillery, which is considered the oldest military unit in the United States.

Feb. 17, 1930: Tunney Hunsaker was born in Kentucky and later became Fayetteville's long-time chief of police. He was also a boxer and, in 1960, lost to a young Muhammad Ali (then known as Cassius Clay) in Ali's first professional bout.

Feb. 18, 1843: Ritchie County was created from portions of Wood, Lewis, and Harrison counties. The county was named for Virginia journalist and politician Thomas Ritchie.

Feb. 18, 1890: Ellison Mounts, a cousin to the Hatfield family, was hanged for murder, ending the Hatfield-McCoy Feud.

Feb. 18, 1969: Hundreds of miners in Raleigh County went on strike over the issue of black lung. Within days, the walkout spread throughout southern West Virginia.

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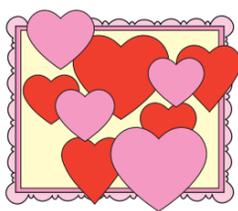
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Edited by Betsy Allen



February

From Jeff Burkhardt's "Rhyme and Reason"
Submitted by Myra Simmons

On February's frosty breath, float
promises of spring
To tempt the weary winter, to release
its icy cling

A time of faith and fasting, and of
chocolate, and of flowers
Pushing; ever forward, on the waning
winter's powers

St. Valentine's and Candlemas, Ash
Wednesday slowly creep
Then February Twenty Ninth incites
its years to leap

A box of sweets, a stolen kiss, a
bunch of lovely flowers
A quill of tiny arrows, which unleash
Dan Cupid's powers

This month of February, passes
quicker than the rest
The Robin Red Breast waits for
spring, so she can build her nest

Jokes From Linda

Submitted by Linda
Lavender Armstead



Just like all mothers
out there, Sharon was
trying to control the
amount of sweets her
three-year-old eats.
Sharon caught Jackson
eating candy without her
permission recently. She
asked, "Who gave you
these, Jackson? Why did
you take these?"

Jackson answered,
"Because I have hands."

One elderly man said
to another, "I'm so old
that my blood type has
been discontinued."

The other replied, "Yes,
but you can't let aging get
you down. It's too hard to
get back up!"

A teacher was talking
to one of her students
and said, "The only way
to learn is to start at the
bottom."

The student replied,
"But, I want to learn to
swim."



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A Delectable Dessert for Valentine's Day

(Family Features) If you're going above and beyond a stuffed animal and boxed chocolates this Valentine's Day, try these Cheesecake Cookie Cups for a special homemade dessert. Made with love, it's a perfect combination of sweet and creamy. Visit Culinary.net for more sweet treats to share with loved ones.

Cheesecake Cookie Cups

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"
Yield: 12 cups

2 packages (16 ounces each) chocolate chip cookie dough

Whipping Cream:

1 cup heavy cream
2 tablespoons sugar

Filling:

8 ounces cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup powdered sugar
1 cup whipping cream
crumbled cookies, for topping (optional)
sprinkles, for topping (optional)

Heat oven to 350 F.

In muffin tin, press three pieces of cookie dough into each muffin hole. Bake 15 minutes. Let cool 5 minutes then use shot glass and press into each hole. Let cool another 5 minutes and place on rack to cool completely.

With hand mixer, mix heavy cream and sugar until it thickens then add cream cheese and powdered sugar; cream together. Spoon into cool cookie cups.

If desired, use piping bag and pipe pretty edge around cup. Top with crumbled cookies or sprinkles, if desired.

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

Use Valentine's Day for
personal growth and love.
Treat yourself.

George Armstead, if
you live to be 100, I want
to live to be 100 - 1 day
so I never have to live
without you.

Why did the Valentine
get arrested?

For stealing someone's
heart.

Let us always meet each
other with a smile, for the
smile is the beginning of
love. - Mother Teresa

Show grace and
unconditional love by
overlooking a loved one's
flaws that may irritate
you and focus on their
positive attributes and
gifts.

Candy hearts were
originally medical
lozenges.

As long as there is
chocolate, there will be
happiness.

A successful marriage
requires falling in love
many times, always with
the same person.

Valentine's Day is said
to be the second most
popular day to send cards,
after Christmas.

Friendship is another
word for "love."

We learn to love by
loving.

Family are the ones
who know us best and
still love us.

It wasn't until the
middle ages that
Valentine's Day became
a romantic holiday.

Live simply. Love
generously. Care deeply.
Speak kindly. Leave the
rest to God.

Richard Cadbury
began packaging his
family's chocolate in
beautiful heart shaped
boxes to drive up sales.

Family and friendships
are two of the greatest
facilitators of happiness.

Miserable people focus
on the things they hate
about their life. Happy
people focus on the things
they love about their life.

It is at the edge of a
petal that love waits.

I want you for always
- days, years, eternity,
George Armstead!

Love is just a feeling
of togetherness and
openness in your heart.

The greatest happiness
of life is the conviction
that we are loved; loved
for ourselves, or rather,
loved in spite of ourselves.
- Victor Hugo

Love without reason
lasts the longest.

Love is the difficult
realization that something
other than oneself is love.

Love does not
dominate. It cultivates.

Mutual love, the crown
of bliss.

Love is not an emotion
it is your very existence.

Loving you is the
closest thing there is to



heaven.

Love is most nearly
itself when here and now
cease to matter.

Love is the only gold.

Love is the answer that
everyone seeks. Love is
the language that every
heart speaks.

It's amazing how
someone can break your
heart, but you still love
them with all the little
pieces.

Duty makes us do
things well, but love
makes us do them
beautifully.

Love looks not with the
eyes, but with the mind,
and therefore is winged
Cupid painted blind. -
William Shakespeare

Love people from your
heart, not from your
mood and needs.

As His children we are
to be conveyors of His
love to the world.

Love is the morning
and the evening star.

Being deeply loved
by someone gives you
strength, while loving
someone deeply gives you
courage.

When you trip over
love, it is easy to get up.
But when you fall in love,
it is impossible to stand
again. - Albert Einstein

Be a hand that reaches
out. Be a smile for those
who have no reason to
smile. Be a light for those
who live in darkness.
Show them what it means
to truly love.

Love me when I least
deserve it, because that's
when I really need it.

Love does not consist
of gazing at each other,
but in looking outward
together in the same
direction.

George Armstead is
my Sweetheart of almost
55 years! I love you!

How accommodating
love is; it forgives
everything.

Love makes your soul
crawl out from its hiding
place.

Romance has been
elegantly defined as the
offspring of fiction and
love.

A true friend leaves
pap prints on your heart.

Kindness comes in
many forms, but always
from the heart.

We love the things we
love for what they are. -
Robert Frost

Love people from your
heart, not from your
moods and needs.

Teach your heart to
accept disappointments,
even from people you
love.

Some memories are

like a gentle breeze, always
returning to remind us of
love that never fades.

Sometimes the heart
sees what is invisible to
the eye.

Every heart sings a
song, incomplete, until
another heart whispers
back.

Give all to love, obey
your heart. - Ralph Waldo
Emerson

Love is patient. Love
is kind.

So many years of
education yet no one ever
taught us how to love
ourselves and why it's so
important.

Love all, trust few, do
wrong to none. - William
Shakespeare

No one can love you
more than you can. Love
yourself. Start there.

Happy Valentine's Day
to Ron and Betsy and to
all my fillers-readers!

Eye contact is more
intimate than words will
ever be.

I will never forget the
moment I realized I loved
you, George Armstead.

You know you're in
love when you can't fall
asleep because reality is
finally better than your
dreams.

All you need is love.
But a little chocolate now
and then doesn't hurt. -
Charles M. Schultz

Happy Valentine's Dad
to my Precious Teenaged
Grandchildren - Kelci
and Braeden!

Love is when the
happiness of the other
person is more important
than your own.

Love.

When we were young
we would sneak out to
go to the party; now we
sneak out of the party and
then go home and sleep.

Children are like
wet cement. Whatever
falls on them makes an
impression.

I'm on a light diet. I eat
by daylight, moonlight
and sometimes
refrigerator light.

Behappy with beautiful
things that make you,
you.

God has left His
fingerprints all over
creation.

We generate fears while
we sit. We overcome them
by action.

Families are like fudge
- mostly sweet, with a
few nuts.

Bible Verse



The Lord is my
shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down
in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet
waters.

— Psalm 23:1-2

February Is American Heart Month

Thanks to Their Daughter's Heart Transplant a Washington COTA Family is Celebrating American Heart Month

February is the month to celebrate love and hearts. Since 1964, February has been known as American Heart Month throughout the United States. For the Gergen family of Duvall, Washington, February truly is a month to celebrate selfless gifts from the heart. Their daughter, Arden, is alive and able to celebrate Valentine's Day (also recognized as National Donor Day) this year because of the new heart she received right before Christmas 2021.

Melanie and Mike Gergen welcomed their second child, Arden, into their family in March 2007. Arden was born with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome, which meant only half of her heart fully developed. This condition was discovered at Melanie's 20-week pregnancy appointment. Due to the diagnosis, early in Arden's life, she underwent nine surgeries -- four of which were open-heart surgeries. With the exception of extra doctor appointments, Arden had a relatively normal childhood.

That changed in July 2021 following a protocol heart catheterization and liver biopsy, which showed her liver had significantly hardened due to years of restricted blood flow. At that point, Melanie and Mike were told Arden's only option was a heart transplant. If her heart began to function normally, the liver would likely heal itself. Without a heart transplant, her liver would worsen, and she would need both a heart and a liver transplant.

That summer, 14-year-old Arden underwent a battery of tests to see if she was eligible for a heart transplant. The testing was intense, both physically and psychologically. Once completed, the family was sent home to wait for the results. According to Melanie, "Several months later we received both the happy and scary news that Arden was approved and officially added to the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) waiting list for a new heart. Many emotions ran through all of us and lots of questions When will the call come? ... What will it mean for our family? ... How will we facilitate taking care of our three other daughters? ... How long will it take to find the perfect heart for Arden? ... How will the donor family feel? ... and so many more."

One of the questions both Melanie and Mike pondered was the cost of a heart transplant itself -- not to mention the myriad of transplant-related expenses. Melanie said, "Without Arden's transplant social worker, we would have never learned about the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA). We simply did not fully understand the extent of the financial burden our family would face."

On November 4, 2021, Melanie called COTA to learn more. Less than three weeks later, the family's signed agreement arrived at COTA's headquarters ... the Gergen family officially became part of the COTA Family, and Arden became a COTA Teen.

COTA uniquely understands that parents

who care for a child or young adult before, during and after a life-saving transplant have enough to deal with; therefore, COTA's model shifts the responsibility for fundraising to a team of trained volunteers. COTA is a 501(c)3 charity so all contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law, and funds are available for a lifetime of transplant-related expenses.

In early December, a COTA fundraising specialist trained the family's group of volunteers via telephone so fundraising for transplant-related expenses could begin immediately. The staff member shared information about the organization's fundraising process, fundraising templates, guidance and support, and the no-cost website they would be provided. COTA in honor of Arden was launched, and the website was immediately available for online donations for transplant-related expenses.

On December 13, 2021 -- just 10 days after being listed -- the Gergens received the best Christmas gift possible ... a perfect heart had been found for Arden. Melanie and Mike reflect, "We are not sure anyone can prepare you for the moment you hear those words and the endorphin rush you experience. No one can prepare you for the moment they wheel your daughter away to receive a new heart."

They shared the news on the COTA-provided website with this message, "Arden is in good spirits other than being worried about missing finals at school. That's our studious girl! Last night, she and her three sisters had one last 'pre-transplant sleepover.' Thank you for your prayers for the donor's family, for Arden, and for the many doctors who will care for our sweet girl."

After what seemed an eternity, the surgeon came out and told them the transplant was successful ... but to be prepared for 'ups and downs' over the coming days. In reality, days turned into weeks for this family. They continued to post on the COTA campaign website, keeping friends and family members connected and updated during the weeks following Arden's transplant.

On January 27, 2022, they posted, "Today the doctors are removing her chest tube. Tomorrow morning, Arden will have another chest x-ray. If it looks good, they plan to discharge her. I may or may not have bawled/cried when the doctor told us the plan. Please keep the prayers coming ... we are not out of here yet. And on January 28th, 'We are going home!' It has been a long 48 days, but Arden going home with her new heart makes it all worth the wait."

The Gergens updated their COTA followers for several months following Arden's discharge to home. Utilizing COTA's guidance and tools, their volunteer team raised nearly \$77,000 for COTA, who will assist with transplant-related expenses that will span a lifetime. Looking back now, three years post-transplant, Melanie shared these thoughts: "As you can imagine, a heart transplant and associated hospital stay is an emotionally draining experience. COTA allowed us to message

our family and friends succinctly, so instead of messaging 60 different people daily, they could all read a blog post, be engaged with Arden's story, pray for what we needed at the moment, and be part of our journey. As a parent going through all of this, you cherish the few moments of peace you are provided in a hospital room, and the last thing you want to do is feel like you should reply to messages (emails, texts, and voicemails). The COTA-provided platform ensures everyone is updated without adding extra stress while at your child's bedside."

She continued, "Another meaningful aspect about COTA is the financial support. After being in the hospital for 48 days, we arrived home to find our 'new normal' ... and the bills started to arrive. Having the financial support gave us significant emotional and financial relief. As family and friends supported COTA in honor of Arden, they became part of the journey, which is very important."

Transplant is not a cure. It provides a much better quality of life, but requires costly medications, treatments, and monitoring. COTA exists to help families, like the Gergens, navigate their transplant journeys today ... and well into the future.

Arden is now three years post-transplant and is thriving. COTA funds continue to have a tremendous impact. Arden's medications, lab visits, and clinic appointments are significant transplant-related expenses and will be for the rest of her life. Some of her medications cost more than \$1,500 per month. "When people ask if their contributions to COTA help, the resounding answer is a huge YES," Melanie said.

"COTA allows us to focus on Arden's health and not worry about the costs of prescriptions, tests and procedures," she continued. "We submit our transplant-related expenses, and COTA reallocates funds for those that are eligible. Thanks to COTA, we are truly not alone on this lifetime journey."

Today, Arden is a dedicated student finishing up her last semester of high school. She spends most Sunday afternoons ice skating. Arden started a Spanish Club at her high school and loves planning meetings for her classmates. She also competes on her school's speech and debate team. Thanks to her new heart, Arden is able to dream about a future -- a future inspired by the nurses who cared for her in the hospital to pursue a career in pediatric cardiac intensive care nursing. Arden recently committed to attend The University of Tennessee in Knoxville. She was accepted into their School of Nursing and will start classes this fall.

This Valentine's Day, Melanie, Mike, and Arden will be remembering their heart donor angel with love and gratitude and will be treasuring their COTA volunteers. "We will be forever grateful for COTA's commitment to helping families like ours," they added. "COTA holds a very special place in all of our hearts."

Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Donor Day Gergen Family from your COTA Family!

West Virginia State University Announces Plan for Tuition Freeze, Guaranteed Admission

The Yellow Jacket Pledge Designed to Ensure Access, Affordability and Career Readiness

West Virginia State University (WVSU) has unveiled a new comprehensive program designed to ensure student success by focusing on access, affordability and career readiness.

Known as The Yellow Jacket Pledge, the plan was presented today to the WVSU Board of Governors and includes a tuition freeze, the elimination of application fees, and guaranteed admission for West Virginia high school graduates who have at least a 2.5 GPA.

The Yellow Jacket Pledge also includes guaranteed access to additional coursework and career services for graduates of the university who are unable to find employment a year after their graduation.

"With The Yellow Jacket Pledge, West

Virginia State University is setting the standard for access, affordability and career readiness for higher education in West Virginia," said WVSU President Eicke S. Cage. "We know that higher education must change to meet the demands of today's workforce and we are taking bold steps to address these demands head-on."

Beginning with the fall 2025 semester, all West Virginia high school graduates with at least a 2.5 GPA are guaranteed admission to WVSU. In addition, all students who have taken at least 30 credit hours at a West Virginia community or technical college and have a 2.5 GPA, or have an associate's degree from a West Virginia community and technical college, are guaranteed admission to WVSU.

In addition, the university is increasing access to the Regents Bachelor of Arts degree, a non-traditional degree

program for working West Virginia adults who are at least four years out of high school. In-coming first-time RBA students will receive their first semester at no cost (tuition and fees).

All in-state tuition for incoming students in the fall of 2025 will be frozen for eight semesters, and for those students living on campus, room and board rates are frozen for next year as well as part of The Yellow Jacket Pledge.

After graduation, graduates who cannot find employment after one year will be eligible to enhance their credentials by taking additional courses at the university at no additional cost for up to one year.

"This comprehensive approach guarantees that West Virginia State University is with you every step of the way from the classroom to your career success," Cage said.

WVSU is now enrolling for the fall 2025 semester. For more information visit www.wvstateu.edu.

Op-Ed submission on behalf of Delegate Kathie Hess Crouse

West Virginia Takes Stand for Medical Freedom: Gov. Morrisey's Executive Order Just the

West Virginia has taken a bold and necessary step in protecting the fundamental rights of its citizens. Governor Patrick Morrisey's executive order calling for religious and conscientious exemptions to vaccine mandates is a victory for personal liberty, parental rights and medical freedom. For too long, West Virginia stood among the most restrictive states when it came to vaccine choice, denying parents the ability to make medical decisions for their children based on their beliefs, personal circumstances or informed concerns. This executive order is a course correction -- one that ensures individuals are no longer forced into compliance with mandates that violate their deeply held convictions.

However, an executive order, while powerful, is not enough. That is why we in the Legislature will take the next step this session to codify this order into law, ensuring future administrations cannot simply erase these protections with the stroke of a pen. West Virginians deserve long-term guarantees their medical freedoms will be preserved, and that's exactly what we intend to deliver.

The Case for Vaccine Freedom

West Virginia has historically had some of the most stringent vaccine mandates in the country, barring any religious or personal exemptions for school-aged children. Only a handful of other states (California, Maine and New York among them) have similarly draconian policies. Meanwhile, 45 other states allow some form of religious or philosophical exemption. These exemptions acknowledge a simple truth: parents, not the government, should be the ultimate decision-makers in their children's healthcare.

The fundamental principle behind vaccine freedom is informed consent -- a bedrock of ethical medical practice. The right to accept or decline any medical intervention must always rest with the individual or their guardian. No one should be forced into a medical procedure under threat of losing access to education, employment or

other basic rights. Moreover, the one-size-fits-all approach to vaccines ignores critical medical realities. Some individuals have religious objections to vaccines developed using aborted fetal cell lines. Others have experienced or have family histories of severe vaccine reactions, yet under West Virginia's previous policy they were left without options. Even as the rest of the country moved toward greater medical choice, West Virginia doubled down on coercion -- until now.

Science Supports Individual Choice

Contrary to some opponents' claims, vaccine choice does not threaten public health. Many states with vaccine exemptions have comparable or better health outcomes than those that enforce rigid mandates. Herd immunity is not solely dependent on universal compliance, and the idea that a child with a religious exemption poses a greater risk than a vaccinated child carrying an active infection is fundamentally flawed.

Additionally, the COVID-19 pandemic exposed the dangers of unchecked government mandates. The rushed rollout of experimental vaccines, combined with censorship of alternative medical opinions, created deep public distrust. Americans saw firsthand that government agencies, pharmaceutical companies and public health officials are not infallible. When the same bureaucrats who dismissed concerns about adverse reactions later admitted they had downplayed risks, it reaffirmed the need for individuals to make their own healthcare decisions without coercion.

Codifying Vaccine Freedom into Law

Governor Morrisey's executive order is an important first step, but it must be made permanent through legislation. If we fail to act, a future governor with a different ideology could strip away these newfound freedoms as quickly as they were granted. That's why I, along with my conservative colleagues in the Legislature, will be introducing and supporting a bill to enshrine vaccine freedom into West Virginia law.

This legislation would:

Guarantee religious and conscientious exemptions for all vaccine requirements in schools and workplaces; ensure no individual faces discrimination or exclusion based on their vaccination status; and strengthen protections against government overreach, preventing unelected bureaucrats from imposing mandates that strip away personal choice.

West Virginia can lead on this issue, standing firm in the belief that government exists to serve its people, not to dictate their medical decisions.

This fight is about more than just vaccines -- it's about defending individual liberty, parental rights and the principles of limited government. If we allow government control over our medical choices, where does it end? Conservatives in West Virginia must unite to push this legislation forward and ensure no family is ever forced to choose between their faith, their conscience and their child's education.

Along with complete informed consent, parents must have the ability to decide what is best for their children without coercion and without losing their freedoms. Medical freedom is meaningless if government policies create barriers that punish those who exercise it. True liberty means the ability to make informed decisions without fear of losing rights, opportunities or participation in society.

Governor Morrisey has taken a decisive step in the right direction. Now, it's up to the Legislature to finish the job. The people of West Virginia deserve nothing less than full, permanent protection of their medical freedoms. I am committed to making that a reality.

Delegate Kathie Hess Crouse, R-Putnam, has served in the West Virginia House of Delegates since November 2021 and serves as Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Educational Choice. She is a West Virginia State University graduate with an associate degree in science and a bachelor's degree in biology. She has worked as an analytical technician at Dow Chemical as well as a microbiologist and mycologist for the West Virginia Office of Laboratory Services.

The Most Special Valentine



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The greatest valentine you and your love can share is not one that money can buy. Knowing the Lord as a couple is the greatest gift you can give each other to ensure the closeness you crave and to strengthen your bond when worldly things threaten to separate you. If you don't yet have that special person in your life, that's all right, too; God has a plan for each of us that belong to Him. Worship this week and celebrate the greatest love of all.

Weekly Scripture Reading

John 3.1-21	John 3.22-36	John 4.1-26	John 4.27-42	John 4.43-54	1 Corinthians 13.1-13	John 10.1-21
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Lydia's Hospitality

Acts 16:6-15

The text before us is a history which captures the first stages of Paul's second missionary journey. This account has been preserved as scripture such that believers of future times might reflect upon it and be moved in accordance to God's will.

On his first missionary journey, Paul sailed to Cyprus and then to Perga where he took a land route which took him through Antioch of Pisidia, and Iconium, and Lystra to Derbe. From Derbe, he retraced his steps to Perga from where he returned to his point of origin in Antioch of Syria. Acts 13:4 states that Paul and Barnabus were sent forth from Antioch by the Holy Spirit.

Prior to his second missionary journey, Paul intended to revisit the cities where he and Barnabus had established churches (Acts 15:36). A disagreement with Barnabus was cause for Paul and Barnabus to depart upon separate paths. Paul, accompanied by Silas, visited churches in Syria and Cilicia. They then proceeded to Derbe, a city in Lycaonia where a large number had received the gospel during Paul's first missionary journey. From Derbe he traveled to Lystra where Paul enlisted Timothy to join him and Silas. From Lystra, Paul followed the return path of his first missionary journey, visiting churches in Phrygia. He then ventured into Galatia and was "forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia" (v. 6).

This is the first mention of the Holy Spirit since Paul and Barnabus visited Jerusalem prior to the second missionary journey (Acts 15:28). No one was wearing a pedometer but Paul was likely more than five hundred miles into his second missionary journey when he heard the Spirit forbid him from delivering the word to Asia. The same Holy Spirit that inspired Matthew to record Jesus' instruction to go into all the world and to preach the gospel to every creature said do not go into Asia.

Paul obeyed; he did not go southward into Asia. He turned to go northward into Bithynia. Again, the Holy Spirit said, "No" (v. 7). Again, Paul obeyed. He continued westward until he reached Troas. Troas was the western most city on the continent. Paul was 785 miles from Antioch of Syria and he had, literally, run out of land.

At Troas, Paul experienced a night vision in which a man of Macedonia stood and prayed saying, "Come over into Macedonia, and help us" (v. 9). This marks the third time in which the Holy Spirit spoke to Paul on this journey. In the earlier occasions, the manner in which the Spirit spoke is not revealed. In verse 10, Luke begins to employ the pronoun "we" in depicting the actions of Paul and those with him. It is possible that Luke shifted from "they" in verse 8 to "we" in verse 10 because he (Luke) joined Paul at that time.

When Paul learned that he was going to Macedonia, he/we did not wait. He/we was certain and immediately set sail. The closest seaport on the coast of Macedonia was Neapolis, about 140 miles distant. Paul did not tarry there. He proceeded to Philippi which was ten miles away. Philippi was the chief city of that part of Macedonia, a place where one might find a synagogue. Verse 12 states that we abided in the city certain days but does not report any encounter with a man from Macedonia or Paul's addressing Jews in a synagogue. When a city lacked enough Jewish males to establish a synagogue, it was customary for Jews to gather at a river to pray on the sabbath day. This practice is linked to Psalm 137:1 in that the hearts of those gathered at a river mimicked the hearts of them who gathered by the rivers of Babylon during the exile. Paul went to the river where he might find Jews who desired God but were separated from Him. Paul found Lydia.

In verses 14 and 15 we meet Lydia. She was a seller of purple cloth. She was from Thyratira, a city of Asia. She worshipped God. She maintained a dwelling at Philippi. She received the word which Paul delivered and was baptized. And lastly, she opened her house to Paul and those with him.

Consider what and why. Lydia came to the river to worship the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Paul came to the river because the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob instructed him to tell all who had the ears to hear that Jesus of Nazareth was the promised Holy One who would bless all families of the earth; that Jesus was the one of whom the prophets said should be rejected and made an offering for sin (Isa. 53); that Jesus was raised from the dead according to the scriptures (Ps. 16:10); and that Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father (Ps. 110:1). The Spirit would not let Paul turn to the left (Asia) or turn to the right (Bithynia). The Spirit had directed him to the river where Lydia had come to worship.

God made the meeting happen. God saw the heart of Lydia, a heart that was ready to receive the truth. God knew Lydia before she knew Him. God sent Paul. His Spirit would not let Paul turn to the left or to the right.

When Lydia's eyes were opened to that which the prophets spoke concerning Christ, she and her household were baptized. After her profession of baptism, she said, "If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house, and abide there." Lydia was not issuing a conditional invitation. Her use of "If" suggests that she may have been asking if she had done all that the Lord requires. Verse 14 states that Lydia attended to all things which Paul said. While we do not know the exact words which Paul spoke to Lydia, we do know that which Paul wrote in his epistles. He wrote: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9). God's gift of faith was fully sufficient for Lydia. God's gift moved Lydia to open her home and be used by Him for His purposes.

God would have all believers let His gift be manifest in them in like manner to that of Lydia. May our actions reveal the gift of faith that God has given us.

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Obituaries

CHARLES F. CHAPMAN
Charles Fred Chapman Jr., 79, of Hurricane, passed away on February 1, 2025.

He was born on July 3, 1945, to the late William Walter (Bill) and Mozzel (Johnson) Chapman. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his sister, Loretta Bassham; and brother, David Chapman.

Charles was an independent owner and operator Truck Driver throughout his life.

He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Frances Chapman; children: Sharon Tolson (Jim) and George Chapman; sisters: Brenda McCray and Yvonne Grams; brothers: John Chapman, Clinton Chapman and Calvin Chapman; his loyal fur-baby, Diesel and several grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Graveside service for Charles was Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at Pineview Cemetery, Orgas, with Chaplain Pete Thompson officiating.

ROBERT MORRIS DOWNS

Robert M. Downs, 63, of Bancroft, passed away on February 3, 2025.

He was born on October 13, 1961, to the late Robert and Marie (Harmon) Downs. In addition to his parents Robert was preceded in death by many friends and relatives.

Robert enjoyed hunting,

fishing, traveling, antiquing, going to flea markets, and collecting "Old Cocks". He loved his family and was very proud of his granddaughter and watching her dance recitals.

He is survived by his son, Jonathan Downs (Devon); granddaughter, Maddie Downs; sister, Vicky Henry (Mike); brothers: Mike Downs (Frances), Steven Downs (Jan), Gary Downs (Carey Shae); companion, Kaye Ellis; bonus children: Eric Beaver and Alisha Duffield; bonus grandchildren: Isaac Duffield and Avalee Duffield; many nieces, nephews and extended family.

GERALD EDWARD GARRETT

Gerald Edward Garrett, 86, of Scott Depot, passed away on February 1, 2025 after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease.

The Garrett family originated in the Isle of Man and later settled in Colorado and pursued silver and gold mining.

Ed was born in Denver, Colorado, on August 19, 1938, to the late Lewis and Elsie Garrett. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Carolyn Jo Garrett; and brothers: Robert and Raymond Garrett.

After graduating from the University of Denver with a degree in Chemical Engineering, Ed started his career with Union Carbide

in Charleston, followed by later stints in New Orleans, LA and Houston, TX. After retiring from Carbide, Ed worked at John Brown and Clarion. In his later years, he traveled the world and had more time for his hobbies of photography, playing bridge, baking, grilling, fishing, camping, visiting national parks, and spending time with friends and family.

Ed is survived by his wife: Carolyn Layne Garrett; son, Andrew Clark Garrett of St. Albans; daughters: Michelle Garrett Cassese of Cleveland, OH and Carrie Mollohan Mercado of Seattle, Washington; grandchildren: Michael Garrett Cassese and Katherine Anne Cassese of Cleveland, OH.

Memorial service was Thursday February 6, 2025 at St. Timothy's in-the-Valley Episcopal Church, Hurricane.

BONNIE LUE MOORE

Bonnie Lue Moore, 58, of Poca, passed away on February 4, 2025 at home.

She was born on May 14, 1966, in Long Beach, California, to Earnestine Lorene Lee Cooper and the late Morris Lee Cooper.

Bonnie was employed at Oakwood Homes of Nitro, where she worked as a general manager for 18.5 years. She enjoyed traveling, spending time with her friends and family, and spoiling her grandchildren.

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She loved going to sporting events also so that she could spend time with her son. She truly lived life to the fullest and loved helping anyone in need. She was a lover of all animals, but especially her cat, Zoey.

The impact and legacy that she will leave behind to anyone she has met will be vast and larger than life.

In addition to her mother, Bonnie is survived by her loving son, Derek Scott Moore (Charla Beth Davis); Derek's father, John Moore; grandchildren: McKenna, Olivia, and Haidyn; sisters: Laura Pauley and Crystal Cooper-Kincaid (Jason); brothers: Michael and Stephen Cooper; along with many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

A Celebration of Life will be 7:00 pm Friday, February 21, 2025, at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane.

MARTIN 'MARTY' D. POWERS

Martin "Marty" Powers, 54, of Hurricane, passed away on February 1, 2025.

Marty was born on September 9, 1970 to Larry (Karen) Powers and Rebecca Martin. He was preceded in death by his brother, Timothy Chapman.

In addition to his parents, Marty is survived by his brother, Jonathan Chapman; sisters: Heather Powers, Melissa Joseph, Candace Case, Julie VanDine, Tracy Adams-Rayburn, Crystal Wilkinson, and Natalie Grant.

A Celebration of Marty's Life was held Monday, February 10, 2025, at Valley Conference Center, Hurricane, with John Gray officiating.

MICHAEL G. RADER

Michael Rader, 66, of Culloden, passed away peacefully at home on February 1, 2025.

Mike was born on December 28, 1958, in Charleston to the late Jack Q. and Wanda L. Wright

Rader in Charleston. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Rebecca Bassitt.

He grew up in St. Albans and graduated from St. Albans High School Class of 1977.

Mike is survived by his longtime girlfriend, Dinah McClure; son, Josh (Amanda) Rader; his adored granddaughter: Madison Rader; step grandson: Brayden Holley; all of Scott Depot; his three siblings: Ann (Dave) Fillingim of Gulf Breeze, FL., Brenda (Steve) Sheppard of Scott Depot, and Jack Rader of South Charleston; step-children: Timmy (Amy) McClure of Hurricane, Cassandra (Hodge) Martin of St. Albans, Justin Davis of Charleston, and Courtney (Joseph) Bailes of Poca; his beloved boxers: Lucy and Brutus, and several step-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other extended family.

Funeral service for Mike was Friday, February 7, 2025, at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane. Burial was in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

PATRICIA ANN RINICK

Patricia Ann Rinick, 78, of Red House, passed away on February 4, 2025, her beloved husband's birthday.

She was born on October 26, 1946, to the late Warren G. and Ruth V. Walker Pitchford. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her beloved husband, James Rinick II.

Patricia was a graduate of Dunbar High School and Kanawha County Practical School of Nursing, then she retired as a nurse from Dunbar Medical Associates in Hurricane and was a member of Winfield Baptist Church.

She is survived by her family: Leigh Johns (David) of Winfield, James Rinick III (Nancy) of Cross Lanes, and Daniel Rinick (Crissy) of Buffalo; grandchildren: Katie, Samuel, Vlad, Krissy, Emily, Anna, Johnny and Hope; great grandson, Cayde;

brother, Garry Pitchford; as well as other family members, friends and church family.

Funeral service for Patricia was Saturday, February 8, 2025, at Winfield Baptist Church, Winfield Road, with Pastor Andrew Gordon officiating. Burial was in Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens, Cross Lanes.

DARRYL JOSEPH SCHENCK

Darryl Schenck, 75, of Hurricane, passed away on February 4, 2025.

A native of New Orleans, LA, Darryl was a Navy veteran who retired as a truck driver. He loved sports, especially Tulane, LSU, and the Saints. He also cherished time spent with his wife, Sharon, before her passing in 2022.

In addition to his wife, Darryl was predeceased by both parents and his brother Kevin.

Surviving are his brother Vernon Louis Schenck and nephew, Daniel Schenck, both of New Orleans; stepson John Paul Kesler of Charleston, and stepdaughters Ruth Kesler and Ann Kesler, of New Orleans; four grandchildren and many friends.

DR. GEORGE ROBERT SCHNEITER

Dr. George Robert Schneider, 87, of Hurricane, passed away on Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

He was the third child of the late Elmer Robert

Schneider and Clara Roemer Schneider. His two older sisters, Dottie and Marjorie, spoiled him well, buying him matchbox cars with their paychecks. He received his PhD. in Aeronautical Engineering from Purdue University, where he also met his late-wife Dorothy Jean (Cooper) Schneider. He was editor in chief of the school newspaper.

After serving in the U.S. Army he had a distinguished career serving his country at the Department of Defense, receiving awards including the Distinguished Executive Service Award. In his last few years in the Pentagon as the Director of Strategic and Tactical Systems, he had oversight of ALL major defense acquisition programs (planes, ships, missiles, vehicle, and other systems). He was described by one former colleague as "one of the finest people I ever worked for or served with." He was also Deputy Director of the SALT Task Force in the '70s. His time in Geneva spurred a life filled with international travel, which he enjoyed with his entire family. This enabled showing off his skill in photography, which he had perfected in dark rooms as an undergrad.

George and Jeannie had two children: Christine Louise Shaffer and Calvin Robert Schneider; and four grandchildren: Emma Louise Shaffer, Lauren Grace Shaffer, Talia Jane Schneider and Rex Harry Schneider.

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He was very active in church, participating in Bible study, discipleship classes, and Sunday school, attending both Lutheran and Methodist churches. He was often complimented on the smoothness of his voice and delivery when being the liturgist. He was a skilled tennis player into his 80's. He had a wonderful sense of humor even through his final days, winning the hearts of his caregivers, and selfless to the end.

A Memorial Service for George will be scheduled at a later date in April.

SARA WOOD

Sara Leann Wood passed away on February 6, 2025, in Huntington, West Virginia. Born on October 26, 1974, in

Hurricane, Sara's journey was one of love and connection, leaving an unforgettable mark on those who knew her.

She is lovingly remembered by her parents, Virgil and Jerry Wood; her siblings, Doug Wood, Mary Wood, and Diane Milhorn; her spouse, James King; and their cherished daughters, Gracie King and Maeve King.

Sara's presence brought warmth and light to the lives she touched. Though she is no longer with us, her memory will continue to bring comfort to all who mourn her passing.

Memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2025 from 11 to 1 at Allen Funeral Home.

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

Airbus Helicopters in the US establishes scholarship for Division of Aviation students

The Marshall University Foundation has announced the establishment of the Airbus Helicopters Inc. Rotor-wing Scholarship to benefit students in the Division of Aviation at Marshall University.

The scholarship is generously endowed by Airbus Helicopters in the U.S. to support underprivileged, low-socioeconomic, or need-based students who are planning to be trained as pilots in the helicopter

industry. Airbus Helicopters is the world's largest leading manufacturer of civilian and military helicopters. A division of Airbus, Airbus Helicopters employs approximately 20,000 people worldwide. Its fleet in service includes nearly 12,000 helicopters operated by more than 3,000 customers across 150 countries.

Airbus Helicopters' U.S. division opened its main facilities in 1969 in Grand Prairie, Texas. It

also operates a production line in Columbus, Mississippi. Airbus Helicopters' products are the U.S. market leaders for air medical transport, law enforcement, airborne tourism and in the corporate and VIP segment.

The recipient of the scholarship must be a student in the Marshall University Division of Aviation who has financial need per the standards of the Office of Student Financial Assistance. The

recipient must be training to be a helicopter pilot and willing to be involved with Airbus in helping improve the rotor-wing training curriculum and enhancing helicopter industry standards.

For information regarding the Airbus Helicopters Inc. Rotor-wing Scholarship, please contact Marshall University's Office of Student Financial Assistance at 304-696-3162.

WVSU Receives \$125,000 Grant from Coalfield Health

West Virginia State University (WVSU) has received \$125,000 from Coalfield Health for improvements and expansion to better serve students in the school's nursing and social work programs.

The \$125,000 investment by the Chapmanville-based nonprofit organization was made possible through funding it received from Aetna Better Health of West Virginia.

"We are grateful to Coalfield Health and to Aetna Better Health of West Virginia for this significant investment into our nursing and social work programs that will enable additional opportunities for our students," said WVSU President Ericke S. Cage. "We all understand the incredible need for trained health care professionals in West Virginia and this investment will ensure that West Virginia State University is continuing to meet that need head on."

The funding will cover the enhancement of tracking field, internship, and clinical placements of WVSU students, while utilizing a clinical site management platform. Additionally, the funds will help create a culture of self-care for WVSU students and faculty, while increasing retention and better preparing students



On hand for the check presentation were from left: WVSU Assistant Vice President for University Relations Trey Jones; Aetna Better Health of West Virginia Director of Community Development Jim Smallridge; WVSU President Ericke S. Cage; WVSU Department of Social Work Chair Lena Lambert; Coalfield Health CEO Brent Tomblin; and Aetna Better Health of West Virginia CEO Todd White. Photo courtesy of West Virginia State University

for employment post-graduation.

"We are thrilled to partner with Aetna Better Health and West Virginia State University to support the future of healthcare by providing vital funding to their nursing and social work schools. Together, we are fostering the next generation of compassionate, skilled professionals who will make a lasting impact on our communities and beyond. At Coalfield Health, it is critical to have this educational infrastructure and partnerships to help grow and recruit West

Virginia's talent to provide the best possible care to our patients," said Coalfield Health CEO, Brent Tomblin.

"We're committed to supporting the health and wellness of individuals and families across the state," said Todd White, CEO, Aetna Better Health of West Virginia. "Our collaboration with WVSU and Coalfield Health will enable more nursing and social work students to develop the essential skills needed to make a direct impact on the health of our local communities."

is a rural, nonprofit organization that provides primary care, behavioral health, pediatrics and preventive health care services to Chapmanville, West Virginia, and the surrounding area. For more information, visit www.coalfieldhealth.com.

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APPLICATION FOR COVERAGE UNDER THE GENERAL WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT NO. WV0115924

Public Notice No.: BS-017-2025 Public Notice Date: February 13, 2025

Paper: The Hurricane Breeze

The following has applied under the General WV NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit WV0115924 for this facility or activity:

Appl. No.: WVR112197

Applicant: PIFER PROPERTIES, LLC
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Location: HURRICANE, PUTNAM COUNTY

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Receiving Stream: UNT/Hurricane Ck./Lower Kanawha Rv.

Activity: 4.42 acres of earth disturbance for a roadway, construction and associated utilities to construct a residential neighborhood. This project is being sent to Public Notice due to the length of grading activities.

Business conducted: Discharge of treated stormwater through an unnamed tributary into Hurricane Creek, a tributary of the Kanawha River.

Implementation: N/A

On the basis of review of the application the "Water Pollution Control Act (Chapter 22, Article 11-8(a))," and the "West Virginia Legislative Rules," the State of West Virginia will act on the above application.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the site registration permit application and may request a public hearing by addressing such to the Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management within 30 days of the date of the public notice. Such comments or requests should be emailed to billy.t.shirley@wv.gov or addressed to:

Director, Division of Water and Management, DEP
ATTN: Billy Shirley, Permitting Section
601 57th Street SE
Charleston, WV 25304-2345

The public comment period begins February 13, 2025 and ends March 15, 2025.

Comments received within this period will be considered prior to acting on the permit application. Correspondence should include the name, address and the telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever a finding is made, on the basis of requests, that there is a significant degree of public interest on issues relevant to the site registration permit application and this facility's coverage under the General Permit. Interested persons may contact the Public Information Office to obtain further information.

The application may be inspected, by appointment, at the Division of Water and Waste Management Public Information Office, at 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on business days. Copies of the application and the General Permit and Fact Sheet may be obtained from the Division at a nominal cost.

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The City of Hurricane ("the City") is accepting Statements of Qualifications from qualified persons or firms to provide engineering and construction management services which will include a preliminary engineering report, design services including drawings, preparation of construction plans and specifications, bid documents, construction administration/management and observation services for a new project(s) to be determined by public involvement of its citizens.

Procurement of said services would be in accordance with Chapter 5G-1-3 of the WV Code. Interested persons or firms must submit 1 copy of all requested information by Thursday, February 20th, 2024, by 4:00 pm to Andy Skidmore, City Manager, City of Hurricane, 3255 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, WV 25526 in order to receive consideration. Based on evaluation of the proposals, up to three firms will be invited for interviews. The candidate judged most qualified will be asked to prepare a proposal including fees for paid services.

This project or projects are proposed to be financed in part by grants from the US Department of Interior National Park Service Land & Water Conservation Fund and shall be referred to as the **Pickleball Project**.

Proposals must include:

- 1) Experience of the firm with grant related projects.
- 2) Experience in engineering design and construction management of this type of project.
- 3) Qualifications of personnel directly involved in the project
- 4) Related prior experience

The selected person or firm will be required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246, Section 109 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Conflict of Interest Statement and Access to Records provisions, Architect's Certification and all other requirements as they relate to HUD-funded projects.

The City of Hurricane will afford full opportunity to minority business enterprises to submit a show of interest in response to this request and will not discriminate against any firm or individual on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap or national origin.

The City of Hurricane reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals or parts of proposals. For further information, please call Andy Skidmore, City Manager at askidmore@hurricane.wv.com or 304-562-5896.

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE TO REDEEM

2022-C-000212 - Putnam County
 To: EDITH COCKERHAM, EDITH COCKERHAM, EDITH COCKERHAM, C/O GALLAGHER & STULL, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT POCA MAP 197 PARCEL 0081 0000 0000

You will take notice that WVTA LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000212**, located in POCA District, 20 AC LHF, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of COCKERHAM EDITH M, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of PUTNAM County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 19, 2023. WVTA LLC, requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after April 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2025 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 14204 \$477.22
 Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number \$0.00
 Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022-14213. \$401.43
 Additional taxes with interest. \$0.00
 Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$218.20
 Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest. \$712.38
 Additional Statutory Fees with interest. \$540.52
 Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$2,142.24
You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2025, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Given under my hand January 30, 2025
Christal G. Perry
 Christal G. Perry
 Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of PUTNAM County, State of West Virginia
Please return this letter and payment to the West Virginia State Auditor's Office, County Collections Division 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Building 1, Room W-114, Charleston, West Virginia, 25305. Questions please call 1-888-509-6568

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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.: 5944
 Estate Of: William B. Casto
 Executrix: Brett Suzanne Robinson
 826 Antiock Road
 Red House, WV 25168

Estate No.: 5984
 Estate Of: Esta Mae Craig
 Executrix: Jackie L. Davis
 90 Craig Lane
 Buffalo, WV 25033

Estate No.: 5999
 Estate Of: Brenda Kay Rhodes.
 Executrix: Lisa Marie Knapp
 1068 Jim Ridge Road.
 Leon, WV 25123

Estate No.: 5957
 Estate Of: Katherine J. Risk
 Executrix: Deborah Sue Mitchell
 225 Pinewood Drive
 Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5813
 Estate Of: Alice Woodall Shafer
 Executrix: James Gordon Woodall
 4118 41st Street
 Nitro, WV 25143

Estate No.: 5974
 Estate Of: Michelle Lynn Thompson
 Executrix: James Allen Bridges
 5 Vincent Drive
 Nitro, WV 25143

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 February 13, 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 February 13, 2025.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 6th day of February 2025.
 Fiduciary Supervisor
 Putnam County Commission
 10293 Winfield Road,
 Winfield, WV 25213

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE TO REDEEM

2022-C-000149 - Putnam County
 To: TJ THORNTON, TJ THORNTON C/O CATHERINE COYNER, CATHERINE COYNER, CATHERINE COYNER, BENJAMIN THORNTON, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT CURRY MAP 9999 PARCEL 0000 4510 0000

You will take notice that WVTA LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000149**, located in CURRY District, 1/2 OF MIN 55.2 AC RESERVED, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of THORNTON T J ET UX, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of PUTNAM County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 19, 2023. WVTA LLC, requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after April 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before March 31, 2025 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 7874 \$107.43
 Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number \$0.00
 Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022-7853. \$34.98
 Additional taxes with interest. \$0.00
 Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$218.20
 Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest. \$712.38
 Additional Statutory Fees with interest. \$540.52
 Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$1,613.51
You may redeem at any time before March 31, 2025, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Given under my hand January 8, 2025
Christal G. Perry
 Christal G. Perry
 Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of PUTNAM County, State of West Virginia
Please return this letter and payment to the West Virginia State Auditor's Office, County Collections Division 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Building 1, Room W-114, Charleston, West Virginia, 25305. Questions please call 1-888-509-6568

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF WINFIELD BOARD OF ZONING AND APPEALS

THE WINFIELD BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:00 PM ON MARCH 20, 2025 AT CITY HALL, 12448 WINFIELD ROAD, WINFIELD, WV 25213 ON THE FOLLOWING:
 BZA Case # 2024-2025-12, the application of EBE Investments seeking a variance from Article 1349.07(a)(2) R2 Mixed Residential Setbacks, of the Winfield Codified Ordinances; to allow rear yard setbacks less than the required 25'.

The property is located behind the Winfield Mobile Home Village, Winfield WV 25213, between Cash Lane and Riverdale Estates.

INTERESTED PARTIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS HEARING AND EXPRESS THEIR OPINION WITH RESPECT THERETO. THE BOARD WILL VOTE ON THIS MATTER AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING, IF TIME PERMITS, OTHERWISE THEY WILL ANNOUNCE THE DATE AND PLACE THE VOTE WILL BE TAKEN. ANYONE WISHING A TRANSCRIPT OF THIS HEARING SHOULD PROVIDE THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL FOR SUCH. PLEASE CALL CITY HALL AT (304) 586-2122 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

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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 June 5, 2018, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Document No. 004427520010, in Book No. 1191, at Page 299, Desiree Black and Jason Black did convey unto Cateret Title, LLC, 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 AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse in Winfield, West Virginia, on

April 1, 2025 at 11:30 AM

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 03 - Buffalo Town District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All that certain lot or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the Town of Buffalo, Buffalo District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and being LOT NO. TWENTY-ONE (21) OF SANDSTONE, as shown and designated on that certain plat dated July 30, 1991 made by Wilkinson Surveying and Engineering, Inc. entitled "SANDSTONE Developed by: Lewis W. Dooley in the Town of Buffalo Situated on the Waters of Cross Creek Town of Buffalo District, Putnam County, W.V.," of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia in Plat Cabinet B, slide 319.

Along with the right to use all the streets in Sandstone and the roadway known as Knapp Lane as a means ingress and egress to and from West Virginia Route 62, as the same was conveyed to the party of the First part in the aforesaid deed. Subject to those certain restrictive covenants contained in that certain deed from Algerine S. Dooley and Lewis W. Dooley, wife and husband, dated the 23rd day of September, 2006, to Richard E. Boone and Teresa L. Book, husband and wife of record as aforesaid
 Map No: 2
 Parcel No: 95 0030
 Being the same property conveyed unto JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association, by Trustee's deed dated January 22, 2016, recorded Putnam County, WV deed book 547, at page 975.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 63 Flintstone Cir, Buffalo, WV 25033-9717.

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: \$8000.00 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.

SENECA TRUSTEES, INC.
 5000 Coombs Farm Drive, Suite 104
 Morgantown, WV 26508
 (304) 413-0044
 (304) 292-2918
 Toll free: (888) 534-3132
 Reference File No. 74313

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF HURRICANE PLANNING COMMISSION

The Hurricane Municipal Planning Commission will have a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 4:00 pm at the Hurricane Municipal Building: 3255 Teays Valley Road. The agenda of this hearing will be to review a request from R. Thor Meeks who is requesting that the City of Hurricane zone the properties located at 161 Hale Street, 163 Hale Street and 2530 Main Street B-3 for the purpose of retail space. In addition, the Commission will review a variance request from CitySwitch II-A, LLC (Agent Connie Knight-Beers) to construct a 195 ft. Monopole within an unmannd 14ft. x 80ft. fenced Wireless Telecommunication Facility utilizing a proposed/existing 7ft. - 12ft. wide gravel access drive within the City of Hurricane west of intersection of Gavin Land and Mill Road within CSX ROW.

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

To: Magistrate Court Case No.: 25-M40D-00016
Ethan Carter Neece
 Respondent's Name Family Court Civil Action No.:
 Respondent's Address 25-DV-16
 Date of Birth 2-13-1t

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 2-25-2025.

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 4th day of February, 2025.
 STEPHANIE SMITH/jo
 Circuit Clerk 2-13-1tw

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.: 5953
 Estate Of: Joyce Ann Catlin
 Executrix: Kenneth E Catlin
 295 Ada Dell Avenue
 Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5910
 Estate Of: Roy Lee Green
 Administratrix: Rossa Fisher
 77 Canal Lane
 Red House, WV 25158

Estate No.: 5980
 Estate Of: Helen Ann Hoffman
 Executrix: Steven B Hoffman
 137 Quiet Way
 Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5946
 Estate Of: Shirlee Frances Lively
 Executrix: Lisa A Estes
 1495 Hurricane Creek Rd
 Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5849
 Estate Of: Harold Alan Morris
 Executrix dbn: Mylissa Spradling
 70 Riverbend Boulevard
 St. Albans, WV 25177

Estate No.: 5982
 Estate Of: Kenneth Edward Shank
 Executrix: Michael Edward Shank
 3413 Virginia Avenue
 Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5454
 Estate Of: Brenda K Sprouse
 Administrator: Dana Sprouse
 4517 First Ave.
 Nitro, WV 25143

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 February 6, 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 February 6, 2025.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 30th day of January 2025.
 Fiduciary Supervisor
 Putnam County Commission
 10293 Winfield Road,
 Winfield, WV 25213

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF WINFIELD PLANNING COMMISSION

The Winfield Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 PM, March 3, 2025 at City Hall, 12448 Winfield Rd., Winfield, WV 25213, on the following:

Conditional Permit No. 2024-2025-13, the application of EBE Investments requesting permission under Article 1349.04(e) of the Planning and Zoning Code of the City of Winfield to allow the use of the following R-2 Mixed Residential Group Housing Development. The 6.40 acre parcel is located between Cash Lane and Riverdale Estates, behind the Winfield Mobile Home Village.

Deed Book 616; Page 569
 Parcel 29.2; Tax Map 4

Interested parties are invited to attend this hearing and express their opinion with respect thereto, or submit their opinion in writing, to City of Winfield, P O Box 596,12448 Winfield Rd., Winfield, WV 25213. The file is available for your inspection at City Hall, or if you have any questions, you may call the staff at (304) 586-2122 during normal office hours. Time permitting, after the hearing the Commission will vote. Otherwise, they will announce the time, date and place of such a vote. Anyone wishing a transcript of this hearing should provide the necessary equipment and personnel for such.

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE TO REDEEM

Cert. No. 403369 - William D. Miller Jr. or Deana M. Miller
 To: HEIRS OF GERALDINE HODGES, OCCUPANT, STEPHEN R. HODGES, LORINA SNOWDEN, JERRI LYNN ISAAC, ANITA BETH MEADOWS, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT CURRY MAP 253 PARCEL 0002 00130000

You will take notice that William D. Miller Jr. or Deana M. Miller, the purchaser of the following real estate, Certification No. 403369, located in CURRY District, PAR (0.69 AC CALC) WEST SIDE OF RIDERS CREEK, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HODGES GERALDINE, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of Putnam County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on 05/30/2024. William D. Miller Jr. or Deana M. Miller requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after 04/07/2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before 04/07/2025 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest to 04/07/2025 \$1522.3



CRYSTAL HARPER COLLARD Morgantown 46th Birthday February 14

BRUCE ALAN ADKINS Huntington 70th Birthday February 14

ROGER LeGRAND 84 Twp 337 Road Kittshill, Ohio 65th Birthday February 14

NIKKI BARINARD AKERS Frazier's Bottom Birthday February 14

ROGER ARTHUR Midway Birthday February 14

DR. JONATHAN HILL 3465 Teays Valley Road Hurricane 41st Birthday February 15

YVONNE ERWIN LANHAM St. Albans 76th Birthday February 15

CORA COMBS Eleanor 71st Birthday February 15

DYLAN ELI BIRD 1951 Pine Grove Drive Culloden 19th Birthday February 15

LISA HAMMICKS 6423 Hurricane Creek Road Hurricane 57th Birthday February 16

IAN GREGORY McNEIL GILFILEN 2927 Main Street Hurricane 19th Birthday February 16

ALISHA MAYNARD South Carolina Birthday February 16

ETHAN WHITE Hurricane 18th Birthday February 16

RHETT PARKER ASHBY Cross Lanes 7th Birthday February 16

HEATHER GOTHARD Proctorville, Ohio 27th Birthday February 16

DR. SCOTT JAMES HENRY 132 Willow Wood circle 55th Birthday February 17

JULIA HINKLE Huntington Birthday February 17

COLLEEN LAWSON 274 SW Ray Avenue Port St. Lucie, Florida 73rd Birthday February 17

HEATHER NICHOLE CASTO BONHAM Winfield 37th Birthday February 17

PAMELA FERGUSON 171 Plantation Road Pliny Birthday February 17

BOB BERRY 667 Washington Hill Road Hurricane 69th Birthday February 17

SHERRY HODGES BUCHLA Atlanta, Georgia Birthday February 17

EVERETT NEVILLE 1115 Stewart Addition Rear Milton 73rd Birthday February 18

BOYCE BAKER Trenton, Ohio 58th Birthday February 18

VANNA WHITE Conway, South Carolina 68th Birthday February 18

HERSHEL JON GILLISPIE Katy, Texas 74th Birthday February 18

EDWARD (BUB) HEDRICK Fort Myers, Florida Birthday February 18

KATHY LOSH Culloden 85th Birthday February 18

TINA LEADMON 2017 Trace Creek Road Hurricane 63rd Birthday February 18

MARY JANE CONNER Alabama 50th Birthday February 18

REV KENNETH CONN P.O. Box 504 Flatwoods, Kentucky 72nd Birthday February 18

JACKIE LEE BLACK 1000 Jane Drive Culloden

Democratic Women to Meet

The Putnam County Democratic Women's Club will be holding their monthly luncheon at noon on Saturday, February 15, at Sleepy Hollow Golf Club in Hurricane. The menu will be spaghetti, and the cost is \$22 per person. RSVP by contacting Ede Lattimore at edeangel@aol.com or 681-529-7282. Please leave a message if there is no answer.

Bus Driver Training Class

Putnam County Schools is now accepting applications for our upcoming Bus Driver Training Class on March 3. Interested candidates can apply online at www.putnamschools.com or stop by the Board Office before the submission deadline.

Applications are due by February 20. Interviews start on February 26.

If you want more information on becoming a school bus operator or have questions about applying, please contact Putnam County Schools at 304-586-0500 ext. 1103.

79th Birthday February 19

MARCUS BLACKMON P.O. Box 275 Branchland 76th Birthday February 19

LORIANNE CROOK OWENS Brentwood, Tennessee 68th Birthday February 19

RANDY FOX Candler, North Carolina Birthday February 19

REBECCA RICHMOND 3012 Sansom Court Milton 40th Birthday February 19

CHRISTANNA DONAHUE #2 Morris Court Culloden Birthday February 19

MINDY SCARBERRY Barboursville Birthday February 19

ASHLEY CHRISTOPHER #29 Augusta Lane Hurricane 40th Birthday February 19

ERIC ALAN MORRISON 1607 W Mud River Road Milton 57th Birthday February 19

JUSTIN CHAPMAN 219 Johnstone Drive North Carolina 36th Birthday February 19

GEORGE ARMSTEAD JR 732 Washington Hill Road Hurricane Birthday February 20

HAPPY 81ST BIRTHDAY, PAPA! LOVE YOU! KELCI & BRAEDEN

TOM McGEE Bridge Road Charleston 78th Birthday February 20

AUTUMN BROOKE Barboursville, 36th Birthday February 20

WANDA STARCHER 143 Gritt Road Buffalo Birthday February 20

BERNARD (CUZ) WHITE 3435 Howell's Mill Road Ona 87th Birthday February 20

DONNA CONNER Columbus, Ohio 82nd Birthday February 20

KASEY LEMLEY Route 3, Box 126 Milton 28th Birthday February 20

RON A CHAPMAN Milton 67th Birthday February 20

Community Partners Career Pop-up Event

Want a new career and don't know where to start? Have a barrier or obstacle in the way of you achieving your goals? Come to the Community Partners One Stop Pop-up at Putnam County Family Support, 10822 Winfield Road, Winfield, on February 21, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Find out about different opportunities for: Training and Education, High School Equivalency, Job Opportunities, Career Exploration, Resume Building, Emergency Assistance, Job Readiness, Youth Services, Clothing Assistance, Transportation, and so much more!

Bridge Services

On the third Thursday of each month, the Bridge Church, 279 Dairy Road, Poca, holds a clothing closet, hot meal, and food pantry box from 5 to 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. This month's event will be on February 20.

Card Shower Requested



A birthday card shower has been requested for Ruth Alford, who passed the 97th year mile marker on February 13.

Her address is: Ruth Alford 1091 Kelton Ave., Rm 602A Ocoee, FL 34761

Happy Anniversary

Terry and Teresa Burdette will celebrate their forty-sixth wedding anniversary on February 13.

Joshua and Christine Jackson of 117 Glenwood Street in Milton will celebrate their wedding anniversary on February 14.

Larry and Becky Wallace Harper of Culloden will celebrate their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary on February 14.

Gary and Penny Green of 1 Grady Lane in Wellston, Ohio, will celebrate their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary on February 14.

Steve and Debbie Dewese of Buffalo will celebrate their wedding anniversary on February 14.

Raymond and Fern Jaynes of Dunbar will celebrate their wedding anniversary on February 15.

Preston and Velma Sheets of 631 Parsons Ridge Road will celebrate their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary on February 17.

Larry and Pam Pauley of 364 Whipple Run Loop in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, will celebrate their eleventh wedding anniversary on February 18.

Charles and Evelyn Bradley of 4687 Sycamore Road in Culloden will celebrate their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary on February 20.

PipeSounds Organ Concert: "Familiar Classics," by Christopher Engel

Come hear organ favorites such as Widor's "Toccata," Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," and Ives' "Variations on 'America!'" on Sunday, February 23, at 3:00 p.m. at Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church, 2848 Putnam Ave., Hurricane. Also featured will be Daniel Gawthrop's exciting and beautiful "Organ Symphony No. 1 - O Jerusalem."

Chris Engel is the Director of Music, at First Baptist Church in St. Albans. Chris received two degrees in Organ Performance: his Master of Music from Westminster Choir College (2017) and Bachelor of Music from University of North Carolina School of the Arts (2014). A familiar face to the Charleston musical community, Chris has previously served as Director of Music at Kanawha United Presbyterian Church, as well as accompanist

for the West Virginia Symphony Chorus, adjunct piano faculty at West Virginia State University, and organ recitalist for FestivALL and AGO concerts. He is presently serving as accompanist for the Opus Chorale of West Virginia and sings in the WV Symphony Chorus.

The PipeSounds Organ Concert Series features Forrest Burdette Church's Harrah Symphonic Organ, a six manual and pedal organ with 456 draw knobs that has 2,600 actual pipes and more than 20,000 digital pipe notes. When the Harrah Organ was dedicated over 20 years ago, it was the largest draw knob console in the world!

It's wonderful to recognize another outstanding local musician who will perform in this Symphonic Organ series! Come and enjoy "Familiar Classics." Admission is \$15; students get in free.

Red House Clean-Up

There will be a Red House area-wide clean-up on Saturday, February 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mountain State Waste, 1647 McLane Pike, Red House.

Excluded items: tires; car/truck batteries; items containing freon (refrigerators, AC units, dehumidifiers) - unless the unit has a tag that certifies the freon has been properly removed; household hazardous waste; asbestos; paint, oil, combustible items, any liquids; oversized stumps, logs, rocks, concrete; any item that may cause damage or cannot be properly loaded into one of the bins.

Articles Welcome

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

Emma Allman On Mississippi Deans' List

Emma Allman of Hurricane was named to the Mississippi State University fall 2024 Deans' List. Allman is among 2,661 students who attained this honor.

To be named to the Deans' List, a student must have achieved a grade-point average between 3.5 and 3.79, based on a 4.0 scale, while completing at least 12 semester hours of coursework with no incomplete grades or grades lower than a C.

Mississippi State University is a national STEM-focused, doctoral degree-granting, land-grant university offering a wide range of educational experiences for learning and growth to a diverse student body of more than 23,000 students. Among the National Science Foundation's Top 100 research universities, MSU provides access and opportunity to students from all 50 states and 94 countries. MSU is committed to its comprehensive research university mission, addressing complex local and global issues with innovative ideas and solutions.

Network of Women Blood Drive

The Putnam County Chamber Network of Women will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive from 12:30 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 20, at Area 34, 971 WV Route 34, Hurricane.

Help Save a Life in 2025! Schedule an appointment at 1-800-733-2767 or at RedCrossBlood.org and enter pcc, or come as a walk-in.

Divija Kottapalli Receives Georgia Tech Degree

Divija Kottapalli of Scott Depot has earned a Master of Science in Quantitative and Computational Finance from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

Kottapalli was among approximately 6,400 undergraduate and graduate students to be presented Georgia Tech degrees during the Institute's 267th Commencement exercises Dec. 12 - 14, 2024, at McCamish Pavilion (Ph.D. and bachelor's) and Bobby Dodd Stadium (master's).

The Georgia Institute of Technology, or Georgia Tech, is one of the top public research universities in the U.S., developing leaders who advance technology and improve the human condition.

The Institute offers business, computing, design, engineering, liberal arts, and sciences degrees, as well as professional development and K-12 programs for fostering success at every stage of life. Its more than 53,000 undergraduate and graduate students represent 54 U.S. states and territories and more than 143 countries. They study at the main campus in Atlanta, at instructional sites around the world, and through distance and online learning.

As a leading technological university, Georgia Tech is an engine of economic development for Georgia, the Southeast, and the nation, conducting more than \$1 billion in research annually for government, industry, and society.



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