

The Hurricane Breeze

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Former County Commissioner Deweese Sentenced

By Ron Allen

Former Putnam County Commissioner Steve Deweese was sentenced on Wednesday, February 12, to one year of probation and agreed to pay \$4,000 in restitution for funds that were misappropriated while he was sheriff.

Last November, Deweese chose to enter a plea agreement in which he did not admit guilt but agreed to resign from his county commission seat and pay \$4,000 in restitution, promise never to run for public office again, and to being sentenced for a guilty plea on one count of misdemeanor fraudulent schemes. In absence of the plea agreement, the case would have been presented to a grand jury for possible indictment on charges, that upon trial and conviction, could be punishable by

up to a year in jail, a fine of up to \$2,500, or both a fine and confinement.

Deweese accepted four checks, each of \$1,000, between 2017 and 2019 from a calendar company while sheriff. The calendar company used a Putnam County Sheriff Department photo on a calendar which it used to sell advertisements. The company sent the checks to Deweese believing that the money would be used to benefit the Putnam County Sheriff's Department or the Putnam County Deputy Sheriff's Association. Deweese cashed the checks but did not deposit the money in a Sheriff Department or a Deputy Sheriff Association account.

Deweese served on the Putnam County Commission from January 1, 2023 to November 30, 2024.

Winter Weather Whether We Like It or Not

By Ron Allen

Winter comes each year but not every year is of equal measure. This year's measure has been very unequal. The inequality began on December 1st when the low for the day registered in the teens. The highest low in the next six days was 15°. December's severity was quickly erased from memory by 12 single digit or below readings in January.

The first snow of 2025 was on January 3rd, just one inch. That inch was smothered with six more inches on January 5th. Another inch of snow was added on the 6th, followed by two inches on the 10th and another inch on the 11th.

January's highs were low. The snow did not go away. There were only five days between January 2nd and January 25th in which the hottest temperature of the day topped 32°. The last vestiges of the white stuff did not disappear until the month ended with

three consecutive days with highs in the low 50's.

Winter disappeared following French Creek Freddie's Groundhog Day prediction of an early spring with a high of 66° on February 3rd.

All thoughts of an early spring were washed away when more than three inches of rain fell in less than 24 hours on February 5 and 6.

It was polar vortex after polar vortex followed by Winter Storm Harlow and then Winter Storm Jet.

While this winter has been more severe than others in recent times, there have been worse, far worse. The winter of 1977 is one which comes to mind.

On January 27, 1977, natural gas service went out to residences and businesses on lower Main Street in Hurricane. The lines froze to a depth of three feet. Columbia Gas crews arrived on the scene to remedy the outage but the outage spread to upper Main Street to Clark's Department Store (site adjacent to Putnam County Bank), to the Odd Fellows Hall (site of Sergio's), and to The Hurricane Breeze (present day site of a lawyer's office) on Saturday, January 29.

The gas company worked around the clock through the weekend and was finally able to restore service on Main Street by running temporary lines above ground. The gas company moved to Second Street on Monday to find a four-inch gas line frozen solid. More temporary lines were necessary.

On Tuesday, the source of the water was

Hurricane Power Outage And Restoration Explained



Four AEP bucket trucks are pictured installing a temporary substation at Shank Avenue in Hurricane on Monday, February 17th.

By Ron Allen

When a planned detonation at the DSI Landfill at 3:53 p.m. on Sycamore Ridge knocked out a 138 kV transmission tower and lines, both AEP and 1,900 customers knew what happened.

After assessing the damage, AEP informed the City of Hurricane that the company would be constructing a temporary substation on its property on Shank Avenue to supply power while repairs were made to the tower and lines.

Fortunately, customers in Hurricane and Culloden did not have to wait for the substation construction. An engineer in Virginia determined that new lines, switches, and transformers at the site of the closed Food Fair in Culloden would allow power to be restored more quickly. AEP had

power restored to 1,500 customers by 11 a.m. Saturday and to all by 5 p.m.

AEP spokesperson Debra Pannell said that the temporary substation will be needed to meet elevated load demands. Pannell reported that some customers experienced a brief outage on Monday because of increased load demand.

The Shank Avenue substation will be removed after the 138 kV tower is repaired and returned to service.

A timeline of events follows:

9:45 p.m., Friday: AEP reported that 1,900 customers in the Hurricane/Culloden area were without electric service because a customer working near the company's facilities hit a 138 kilovolts (kV) transmission tower, bringing the tower and

line down. The outage occurred at 3:53 p.m.

9:07 a.m., Saturday: The Breeze sent an email to AEP asking what the customer used to hit the tower, where the tower was located, and if photos of the fallen tower were available.

11:02 a.m., Saturday: AEP responded to the Breeze email stating "(W) e are unable to provide any further information regarding the damaged transmission tower. Our crews worked through the night and restored power to roughly 1,500 customers impacted by the outage."

5:00 p.m., Saturday: A check of AEP's outage map (<https://d2oclp3li76tuy.cloudfront.net/external/default.html>) revealed that power had been restored to all in the Hurricane/Culloden area.

2:08 p.m., Sunday: Hurricane Mayor Scott Edwards posted on Facebook, "In relation to the 138kV tower and transmission line that were recently taken out by a customer causing widespread outages in Hurricane, AEP continues to make repairs. They are actively working at the site of the damage as well as will be installing a

temporary substation in Hurricane (will be located off Lynn Street/Shank Ave beside interstate) to supply power during the repairs."

2:45 p.m., Monday: Time of DSI Landfill photo

3:15 p.m., Monday: Time of Shank Avenue photo

4:50 p.m., Monday: Hurricane Mayor Scott Edwards posted a statement from Waste Management DSI Landfill: "On Friday February 14, a third-party contractor was performing a controlled detonation as part of our normal excavation operations at the DSI landfill property. This type of work is routine, and all safety protocols were followed. Unfortunately, Friday's operation unintentionally impacted nearby power transmission lines. The appropriate parties were immediately notified, and we thank AEP for taking swift actions to minimize the impact as much as possible. Crews worked tirelessly over the weekend and continue to work to restore power to impacted customers and make permanent repairs to the damaged power lines. Any questions about the power restoration work itself should be directed to AEP."

found on Second Street near the A-Z parking lot. Normal service did not return until the moisture level was reduced to allow gas meters to operate.

The outage resulted in the Breeze being printed late. All pages of the newspaper were created using linotypes powered

by natural gas. Linotype machines produced single lines of type from molten lead.

Breeze pages are now computer generated. Electrical outages of today can do that which frozen gas lines of 1977 did.

The damaged transmission tower and lines cannot be seen in this view of the DSI Landfill.



WEATHER SUMMARY		
February 11 - 17		
	Low	High
February 11**		
Hurricane	25°	28°
February 12		
Hurricane	27°	40°
February 13*		
Hurricane	25°	43°
February 14		
Hurricane	15°	36°
February 15*		
Hurricane	28°	47°
February 16*		
Hurricane	23°	54°
February 17		
Hurricane	20°	31°

*RAIN/**SNOW
 1 inch recorded Feb. 11
 0.2 inch recorded Feb. 13
 1.5 inch recorded Feb. 15
 0.7 inch recorded Feb. 16

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 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.

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

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 boys' clothing swap - new or gently used clothing - from 2 to 4 p.m. at Bake My Day, 14 Bank Street, Nitro.

- 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>

- 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 "Toccat," 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.

FEBRUARY 26 -

MARCH 2

- Celtic Calling will be held throughout Charleston. For a schedule of events, go to <https://celticcalling.org/>

FEBRUARY 27 -

MARCH 2

- WV Kids Consignment will be holding a huge sale at Valley Park in Hurricane. Hours are 6 to 8 p.m.

FEBRUARY 27

- The Putnam County Fair Board will be meeting at 7 p.m. at the upstairs meeting room at the Eleanor Fire Department.

- The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce will be hosting Business After Hours at CAMC Outpatient Center, 3948 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, from 5 to 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 28

- Come to the Buffalo Library between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and pick up a "Chase the Rainbow" Candy Science Experiment pack to take home and explore dissolution, food dyes, and rainbow spectrums.

- There will be a Dr. Seuss movie marathon from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley.

THURSDAYS IN

MARCH

- March My Words: A Creative Writing Workshop will be held every Thursday in March from 10 a.m. to noon at the Poca Library.

MARCH 1

- HerdCon is Marshall University's Annual Pop Culture Convention featuring gaming, vendors, cosplay, comics, and more. For more information, go to <https://www.marshall.edu/herdcon>

- Riverside Baptist Church, Route 62, Red House, will be holding their annual 25¢ yard sale starting at 8 a.m.

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

- Country Critters will be having a benefit bake sale for the Putnam County Animal Shelter from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Tractor Supply in Hurricane.

Building a Stronger Future for West Virginia Entrepreneurs

By Kris Warner, WV Secretary of State

Entrepreneurship is the backbone of West Virginia's economy, fueling innovation, creating jobs, and shaping the future of our communities.

As we celebrate National Entrepreneurship Week from February 15-22, we recognize the hard-working entrepreneurs and small business owners who take risks, bring ideas to life, and drive our state forward. National Entrepreneurship Week is the perfect time to celebrate and recognize the resilience and ingenuity of our business owners and to further our commitment to building an environment that helps new businesses emerge and thrive.

Chartered by Congress in 2006 and relaunched by West Virginia natives Joe Kapp and Amber Ravenscroft, National Entrepreneurship Week is intended to educate and promote entrepreneurship resources, funding, and tools. It fills me with pride that this important initiative has been championed since 2017 by two of our state's very own at the national level.

West Virginia's entrepreneurial strength is built on many key factors. Chief among them are access to funding solutions, the availability of a skilled workforce, simplified business regulations, physical infrastructure, and creative approaches. West Virginia must continue our efforts in these areas to foster a stronger entrepreneurial environment.

For any entrepreneur, access to capital is critical. West Virginia has expanded loan and grant opportunities, but we can do more to connect entrepreneurs with investment opportunities and encourage public-private partnerships. West Virginia programs hosted by the Secretary of State's Office, such as the Boots to Business and Young Entrepreneur Fee Waivers, help offset business startup costs by waiving registration and filing fees for those who qualify for the programs.

A strong workforce is essential to entrepreneurship and our

Reoccurring Events at Putnam Libraries

Storytime for Children

Mondays at 10 a.m.: Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.: Eleanor and Poca Branch Libraries

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.: Putnam County Main Library

Thursdays at 10 a.m.: Buffalo and Hurricane Branch Libraries

Thursdays at 6 p.m.: Putnam County Main Library

Book Clubs

Buffalo Library Book Club - First Thursday at 5 p.m.

Hurricane Library Book Club - First Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

Freedom to Read Book Club - Second Tuesdays, Main Library, 5:30 p.m.

Other Clubs

Writer's Group - First and second Tuesdays, Main Library, 5 p.m.

Chess Club - Second Tuesday, Hurricane Library, 3 p.m.; second Wednesday, Main Library, 3 p.m.

Yarn Spinners - First and third Mondays, Main Library, 5 p.m.

Twisted Stitches - First and fourth Mondays, Buffalo Library, 10 a.m.

economy. West Virginia is making strides in this area through apprenticeships, STEM education initiatives, and workforce retraining programs. I want to work with West Virginia leaders to continue the state's investment in education and job training to ensure that we meet the needs of tomorrow's businesses.

Equally critical to a robust entrepreneurial ecosystem is a culture of innovation and sustainability. Entrepreneurship fundamentally depends on innovation. We must create and maintain conditions that allow businesses to scale and sustain their competitiveness over time. When we invest in sustainability, entrepreneurs find future planning easier because they know the government will support economic growth through time.

Startup businesses benefit greatly from business-friendly policies which include quick licensing procedures and decreased regulatory requirements together with tax benefits. West Virginia has come a long way, and we are well on our way to becoming one of the most entrepreneur-friendly states in the nation. By learning from top-performing states, improving access to capital, investing in workforce development, promoting sustainability and innovation, and supporting small businesses, we can surely continue this momentum.

I also want to take this opportunity to recognize the importance of the WV Entrepreneurship Ecosystem (WVEE). The WV Secretary of State's Office is proud to have been a founding member of the WVEE that now boasts more than 160 members statewide - all working together to encourage and support small business

owners and entrepreneurs.

This National Entrepreneurship Week, let's celebrate our entrepreneurs, recognize our progress, and commit to making West Virginia an even stronger hub for innovation, economic growth, and business success.

Paranormal, Cryptid and Ghost

Stories Needed for New Publication

The Frank and Jane Gabor West Virginia Folklife Center at Fairmont State University, in collaboration with the paranormal podcast group the Mothboys, is seeking submissions of paranormal, supernatural, and cryptid stories for an upcoming zine. A zine is a small, independently published booklet that highlights creative and niche content, often featuring storytelling, art, and personal expression.

Titled Traditions: The Ghost of Ruth Ann and Other Local West Virginia Lore, this publication will showcase eerie tales and folklore from contributors across the state. Selected stories may be illustrated and published. Submissions will be accepted through March 25, 2025.

"The goal of the project is to collect and preserve new local lore from at least five West Virginia counties," said Lydia Warren, director of the Folklife Center. "We plan to have the zine completed in July, and free copies will be available at the Folklife Center." Copies will also be distributed to local libraries.

The idea for the zine originated when Folklife Center Founding Director Judy Byers attended the first annual Veggie Man Day, an event at the center organized by the Mothboys—Matt and

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

Those who have stayed with me since 1999, when I started writing, must be familiar with my family and friends. They are, after all, the most important part of my life. The other day when one of the condos in my building was on fire... I was busy in the back and didn't hear the outside fire alarm. Our wonderful HOA guy came and got me. I said, "Where do I go?" The exits were closed with fire trucks. He instructed me to get what was important and exit to my patio and yard.

When my son rode his bike over to check on me... he can see the condos from his fourth floor of his house... he asked me what I got. I pointed to a chair on the patio, and I replied, "There it is son. My legal papers... some journals... iPad, iPhone... that is it..."

What is important to me does not consist of things... I do know for a moment I was frightened... the little fire was put out... these are old buildings, so they had to be careful hence the many trucks and men around... I can relate to CA and their fires, in a way...

I have met so many good people throughout my 77 years... moving 34 times... living in WV, Ohio, SC, Indiana, Florida, DC for a summer... Massachusetts for a summer... Glenville... you name it... CA and Florida and Texas

owners and entrepreneurs. This National Entrepreneurship Week, let's celebrate our entrepreneurs, recognize our progress, and commit to making West Virginia an even stronger hub for innovation, economic growth, and business success.

Mike Schlang and Jake Haskin. Inspired by the cryptid- and paranormal-themed artwork on display, Byers suggested the next edition of the Traditions journal should focus on similar themes.

Shortly after, at a staff meeting, Folklife Center student worker Melody Keeling reported seeing the ghost of Dr. Ruth Ann Musick at the center. Staff member Hayley Harvey then proposed creating a zine to document Keeling's story and others like it.

To bring the project to life, the Folklife Center enlisted the Mothboys, artist Jonathan Dodd—best known for his Sasquatch painting series—and artist Andrew Juhl, author of the Strange Days Paranormal Zine. The project is supported in part by a grant from the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History.

Submissions should be between 50 and 800 words and must take place in West Virginia. Only true, unpublished stories will be considered. Each person may submit one story. There is no fee to submit, and accepted stories will not receive payment. Submissions may be edited for length, typos and clarity, and not all submissions will be published due to space limitations.

To submit a story, email wvfolklife@fairmontstate.edu

summers... too many to count. I have been told that some people come into our lives and stay awhile... others remain with us forever... those latter are the ones who make all the difference... so many friends and loved ones.

When I was ten or so, I started attending First Baptist Church in Hurricane. There was the most beautiful, sweet teacher in Bible School. We were outside doing activities, and she had her little daughter with her. This little girl looked like an angel. That teacher was kind and sweet, and she left an impression on this little ten year old, a child who had attended church elsewhere, but now... in town with her friends.

Patty Hogsett touched my heart. She and Charlie remained my friends all of my life. We corresponded (we still do)... we chatted when we were together... Charlie is gone now, but Patty is going on. We send notes... we pray for each other. You know what? That little girl turned out to be my sister-in-law... Becky... she married a Burke... "B" was a lucky letter for those Burke boys... (Betty also)... I don't believe that divorce severs, forever, the ties of family... in my heart, these two girls are my family... Patty is my extended family, and believe me readers, there is not a nicer person ever than Patty Hogsett... kind... good... caring... always there when needed... I hope to see her when I get to WV this year.

One person I seldom write about is a friend I met in 9th grade, and we remained close until she died, way too early. Friend of my heart, Dorothy. We meshed from day one. We were (I still am) avid readers... we roller skated--I quit in my 50's... we walked everywhere... we lived on the same street... we visited after marriage... she married David Sergent, and their lovely daughter, Mandy, is just as sweet as Dorothy. Dorothy was the smartest girl I had ever met. She was a writer... she wore contact lens before we knew what they were... she used Chanel Perfume... amazing... she traveled the world with her parents (military)... she had a little sister she adored... I miss this friend...

My point of this column is not to mention names. My point is that things are not important... if we lose them in a hurricane... if we lose them to fire... they are things... we can't take them with us... we can't worry about those items... we must cherish those who come into our lives and stay... those who are with us through love, marriage, death, divorce... those who stand by us no matter what... these two friends, that I seldom mention, Patty and Dorothy, have been with me (Dorothy in my heart now) through life changes... challenges... sickness and health... they are true friends...

If one wants to get a glimpse of a good person... visit Patty... she is the epitome of the word... thank you Patty... love and prayers each day of your life... my friend... because the way we were when I was ten is the way we are when I am "old" and your peer... forever...

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Marshall to present 56th Annual Winter Jazz Festival Featuring GRAMMY Award-winning guest artist David Smith

The Marshall University School of Music will present the 56th MU Winter Jazz Festival Wednesday through Friday, Feb. 26-28, at Smith Recital Hall. The festival is among the longest-running collegiate jazz festivals in the country and features performances by 20 different ensembles from middle school to professional groups. All concerts are free and open to all.

A hallmark of the annual festival is the featured guest artist. This year's featured guest artist is David Smith, a sought-after trumpet player based in New York City who has been recognized as a 2025 Joan C. Edwards Distinguished Professor in the Arts. Smith has released three albums featuring his original compositions and has appeared on the GRAMMY Award-winning albums Bianca Reimagined from the Dan Pugach Big Band (2025) and Four Questions from

Arturo O'Farrill's Afro Latin Jazz Orchestra (2019). Smith has also performed and recorded with Harry Connick Jr., Tom Jones, the Vanguard Jazz Orchestra and The Who. Currently, Smith is Artist Teacher in trumpet at the Jackie McLean Institute at the Hartt School, University of Hartford in Connecticut.

"Every year, we seek to invite a guest artist who is both a luminary performer and an inspiring educator," said Jeff Wolfe, director of Jazz Studies at Marshall. "David's experience, dedication to teaching and exceptionally high level of musicianship will edify our students and entertain our audiences."

Highlights of the Winter Jazz Festival schedule are as follows:

Wednesday, Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m.: Morehead State University Jazz Ensemble and the Jewel City Jazz Orchestra

Thursday, Feb. 27, 1 p.m.: Clinic for student participants with David Smith;

6 p.m.: MU Jazz Combo I and David Smith with Marshall University jazz faculty Nick Vassar on guitar and Lars Swanson on bass, as well as clinician Jesse Nolan on drums

Friday, Feb. 28, 1 p.m.: Clinic for student participants with David Smith;

6 p.m.: The Thundering Herd All-Star Jazz Ensemble, and MU Jazz Ensemble I, featuring David Smith.

The Winter Jazz festival also includes performances from regional middle and high school jazz ensembles from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 27, and Friday,

Feb. 28. For more information about the festival, visit www.marshall.edu/music/jazz/events/jazzfest/

THIS WEEK IN THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

For the week ending Feb. 14, 2025

Members of the West Virginia House of Delegates Committee on Government Organization learned on just the second of the 60-day regular legislative session how the body's new process for examining proposed legislation can help solve problems without passing a bill at all.

"I knew this was a possible effect of the new committee format, but I didn't expect to see it in action during our first meeting," said House Government Organization Committee Chairman Chris Phillips, R-Barbour. "I'm pleased we had designated time for the bill sponsor to explain what he was hoping to accomplish, then committee members who asked thoughtful questions and offered their own ideas but I'm especially happy the State Fire Marshal Ken Tyree was able to speak openly with us and agree to a solution that will work without changing the law."

The House began the first session of the 87th Legislature with six standing committees, with four subcommittees under the House Finance Committee and three subcommittees under all the other standing committees. When a bill is introduced, the Speaker will refer it to a standing committee or a subcommittee, and a standing committee can

refer it to a subcommittee. If it's placed on an agenda, it must go through a hearing where the bill sponsor explains the bill's purpose. The hearing stage is also when members of the public may provide testimony along with written comments to be included with the bill's materials. The process is the same for both the subcommittee and the standing committee, so each bill has the potential for multiple hearings.

The Committee heard House Bill 2074 Thursday, which sponsor Jim Butler, R-Mason, explained was spurred by a specific issue with food booths at his local county fair. Butler explained how a fire inspector visited and said the block buildings that had been in place for at least 50 years all needed automatic fire suppression systems or the nonprofit vendors operating for fundraisers would have to shut down. The short-term solution was for the vendors to each accept written violations with instructions to correct the problem within a window of time, which now is approaching.

"In this instance, the day one discussion resulted in an agreement between committee members, the bill sponsor and the Fire Marshal that the underlying and over-restrictive requirement in the fire code will be amended in the rules

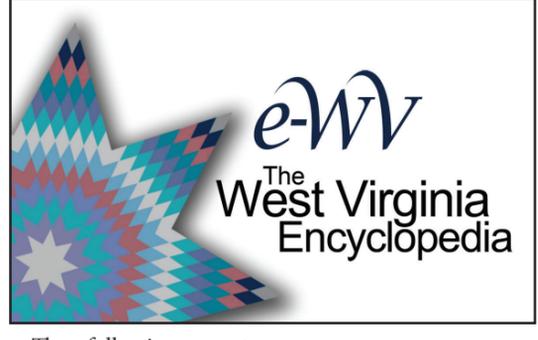
process," Butler said. "This means the problem is solved without the need to advance the bill, and I'll certainly follow up to be sure that change occurs as expected, but I'm very pleased with this outcome."

"Any time we can solve a problem for our constituents it's a win, and doing so without endlessly amending state law is a bonus."

As Marshal Tyree explained to the committee members, the state fire code was written in 1979 and updated about 15 times since then, but he said he'd have no problem addressing Butler's narrow and limited exception under rule instead.

"If anyone has ever wondered how the West Virginia State Code could have become a patchwork of narrow nooks and crannies that may seem like they don't fit together, one simply has to live through a few legislative sessions," said House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, R-Clay. "This specific instance was not necessarily the grand challenges of the state that we know we must address, but this was a meaningful proposal nonetheless and I'm pleased that its abbreviated journey through the legislative process is a good thing."

A total of 377 bills have been introduced in the House, and the 60-day, regular legislative session ends at midnight April 12.



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. 20, 1875: The legislature approved a bill to move the state capital back to Wheeling.

Feb. 20, 1995: The legislature voted to make the Golden Delicious apple the official state fruit.

Feb. 21, 1895: Bluefield Colored Institute was established by the legislature to prepare Black West Virginians for the teaching profession. After several name changes, the school became Bluefield State College in 1943 and achieved university status in 2022.

Feb. 21, 1913: Workers' compensation passed the legislature, modeled on the German system Governor Hatfield had studied in the Ruhr Valley coalfields.

Feb. 21, 1940: Former Governor Gaston Caperton was born in Charleston. Caperton defeated incumbent Arch Moore to become the state's 31st governor.

Feb. 22, 1927: Longtime Agriculture Commissioner Gus R. Douglass was born in Mason County.

Douglass, a Democrat, was first elected commissioner in 1964. Reelected nine times, Douglass was the longest serving agricultural commissioner in the country.

Feb. 22, 2018: 33,000 schoolteachers and service personnel from all 55 counties walked off the job over wages and health benefits. The strike drew national attention, and teachers in five other states organized work stoppages.

Feb. 23, 1867: Lincoln County was formed from Boone, Cabell, Kanawha and Putnam counties. The county was named for Abraham Lincoln.

Feb. 23, 1905: The first USS West Virginia was commissioned. The armored cruiser was renamed the USS Huntington in 1916 to allow the transfer of the original name to a newly authorized battleship.

Feb. 23, 1945: Harrison County native "Woody" Williams distinguished himself during the Battle of Iwo Jima by neutralizing seven concrete pillboxes. This act of heroism earned Williams the Medal of Honor.

Feb. 24, 1918: Judge Kenneth Keller "K. K." Hall was born at Greenview,

Boone County. Hall spent 47 years on the state and federal benches.

Feb. 24, 1928: Doctor Donald L. Rasmussen was born in Colorado. After coming to work at Miners Memorial Hospital in Beckley, he became a driving force in the passage of state and federal black lung legislation.

Feb. 25, 1903: An armed posse ambushed striking miners in their homes in the village of Stanaford near Beckley. Six miners were killed; federal judge B. F. Keller exonerated the posse.

Feb. 25, 1911: Newspaperman Jim Comstock was born in Richwood. In 1957, he founded the West Virginia Hillbilly, a weekly newspaper that circulated inside and outside the state.

Feb. 26, 1869: The legislature approved a bill moving the state capital to Charleston.

Feb. 26, 1972: One of the country's worst mining-related disasters occurred on Buffalo Creek in Logan County. A coal waste dam collapsed, sending 132 million gallons of water, coal refuse and silt into the valley. In the end, 125 people, including entire families, were killed, and 1,000 people were injured.

Feb. 26, 2022: Fire destroyed the historic administration building of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind in Romney.

WVSU Recognized for Research Activity With Prestigious Carnegie Classification

West Virginia State University (WVSU) has been recognized for its research activity in the prestigious Carnegie Classifications of the nation's leading research colleges and universities.

Published by the American Council on Education and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, WVSU was recognized as a Research College and University (RCU) in the 2025 rankings. The RCU is a new designation that identifies research happening at colleges and universities that historically have not been recognized for their research activity.

"The work of our research faculty has a tremendous impact on not just West Virginia but our nation and our world,"

said WVSU President Ericke S. Cage. "Receiving a Carnegie Classification is an outstanding recognition of the quality and quantity of the research work we undertake here at the university."

"A highlight of our work to modernize the Carnegie Classification is the new Research Colleges and Universities designation, which will shed light on institutions that have engaged in research but historically haven't been recognized for it," said Ted Mitchell, president of ACE. "Instead of limiting research designations to the select institutions that award Ph.Ds, all types of colleges and universities will now be celebrated for their research contributions. That's great news."

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Fillers Page



Edited by Betsy Allen



Easy...

Submitted by Myra Simmons

Strange that life gets harder when you try to make it easy.

Exercising might be hard, but never moving makes life harder.

Uncomfortable conversions are hard, but avoiding every conflict is harder.

Mastering your craft is hard, but having no skills is harder.

You never look good trying to make someone else look bad.

Most of the problems in life are because of two reasons: we act without thinking or we keep thinking without acting.

The reason why people give up so fast is because they tend to look how far they still have to go, instead of how far they have come.

Give every day the chance to become the most beautiful day of your life.

Your hardest times often lead to the greatest moments in your life.

Be thankful for what you are now, and keep fighting for what you want to be tomorrow.

LIFE IS NOT EASY...

Recipes

Submitted by Connie Reddington of Eleanor

Mexican Pinwheels

Makes: 6 servings (5 pinwheels per serving)

Preparation Time: 10 minutes

Ingredients

3 1/2 tablespoons (2 ounces) cream cheese, softened

2 tablespoons canned, chopped green chiles, drained

2 tablespoons frozen corn or canned corn, drained

2 teaspoons minced onion

2 tablespoons salsa

3 (10 inch) white or whole wheat flour tortillas

Directions

Collect, chop, and measure all ingredients before starting to prepare the recipe. Mix cream cheese, green chilies, corn, onion, and salsa in a bowl. Spread mixture on tortillas, roll up tightly, and wrap in plastic wrap. Cut in 1 inch slices, and serve immediately, or store in refrigerator until ready to serve. Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours. Eat within 3 to 5 days.

Be creative! Add washed, chipped fresh cilantro or spices like cumin and chili powder in second step.

Savory Meets Spicy

(Family Features) Football watch parties, family dinners and cold days that call for warm meals – all perfect occasions for a hearty bowl of this Barbecue Chili from “Cookin’ Savvy.” Serving 8-10 people, it’s a perfect fit for a crowd or saving leftovers to make weeknight dinners a breeze. Find more soup, stew and chili recipes at Culinary.net.

Barbecue Chili

Recipe courtesy of “Cookin’ Savvy”

Servings: 8-10

- 1 pork loin (2-3 pounds)
- 1 can (10 ounces) diced tomatoes and green chilies
- 2 cups barbecue sauce, divided
- 1 cup water
- 1 can (29 ounces) tomato sauce
- 2 cans (27 ounces each) chili beans
- 1 package chili seasoning
- 1 tablespoon barbecue seasoning
- 1 tablespoon onion powder
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- sour cream, for serving
- shredded cheddar cheese, for serving
- corn chips, for serving

Place pork loin in slow cooker. Cover with diced tomatoes and green chilies, 1 cup barbecue sauce and water; cook on low 4-6 hours.

Cut up cooked meat and place in Dutch oven along with juices from slow cooker. Add remaining barbecue sauce, tomato sauce, chili beans, chili seasoning, barbecue seasoning, onion powder and garlic powder. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Cook over medium heat 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Serve with sour cream, shredded cheese and corn chips.

Tip: Add can of beans if serving bigger crowd.

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

Jesus suffered His distress to bring you out of yours.

Don't let the ugly in others kill the beauty in you.

A happy marriage is a long conversation, which always seem too short.

Memories are like antiques. The older they get, the more valuable they become.

The calmer you are, the clearer you think. Move with strategy, not with emotions.

Smiling doesn't always mean you're happy. Sometimes it just means you're strong.

Between yesterday's mistakes and tomorrow's hope, lies a fantastic opportunity called today.

Happy people are like candles; they burn themselves up to make others happy.

There's no such thing as a bad day when you come home to a puppy.

Kindness goes a long way in life and will not go unnoticed.

God will never make you wait for no reason. Trust His timing.

It kills people when they don't know your business.

It never hurts to keep looking for sunshine.

There's no place for secrets in sisterhood.

Do something nice every day for someone.

Keep looking up - that's the secret of life.

What I like best is just doing nothing.

A happy marriage is a long conversation which always seems too short.

The emotional life of the doggie is highly developed - more highly than that of any other animal.

You don't have to be skinny to be sexy and beautiful. Beauty is the size of your heart, not the size of our jeans.

One day in retrospect the years of struggle will strike you as the most beautiful. - Sigmund Freud

Always love animals, they will never disappoint you.

There is no force more powerful than that of an unbridled imagination.

Destroy the fear that causes you to stay when you know you should leave.

We either make ourselves happy or miserable. The amount of work is the same.

Sometimes your knight in shining armor turns out to be a redneck and dirty work boots.

Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience. - Ralph Waldo Emerson



I've never seen anyone jogging and smiling, so that's all I need to know about that.

Some people are always important with or without conversation.

We are all different flowers, but together we create a beautiful garden.

When you were young, what did you want to be when you grew up?

Happiness does not depend on outward things, but on the way we see them.

God didn't bring you this far to abandon you.

You can't heal a wound by saying it's not there.

Sometimes feelings are difficult to explain.

Grief is love unfinished.

Don't gamble with eternity. Hell has no exit doors. The moment we take our last breath, there will be no re-dos.

Sometimes the scars on the inside take longer to heal than the scars on the outside.

Never put off till tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow just as well. - Mark Twain

A bad mood is never an excuse to use cruel words. Never. Moods pass, but cruel words wound the soul.

A good husband is not a man who is rich or handsome. He is a man who knows the value of a woman.

Everywhere I go I find that a poet has been there before me. - Sigmund Freud

You know you're getting old(er) when you look at the clock to see it's late enough to be to bed.

Life is more complicated than we think, yet far simpler than anyone dares to imagine.

The best relationship is where yesterday's fight does not stop today's communication.

A good laugh and a long sleep are the two best cures for anything.

It's during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light.

A happy marriage is a long conversation which always seems too short.

The emotional life of the doggie is highly developed - more highly than that of any other animal.

Sometimes the scars on the inside take longer to heal than the scars on the outside.

There is more to life than increasing its speed.

Everyone you will ever

meet knows something you don't.

The difference in winning and losing is most often, not quitting.

If you don't tell the truth about yourself, you can't tell it about other people.

A person's actions will tell you everything you need to know about them. Pay attention.

A hug does so many things. It brings joy and comfort for those who get them.

Dust on your Bible could lead to dirt in your life.

No one stands as tall as Christians on their knees.

If temptation is knocking, let Jesus get the door.

Jesus because like us, so we could become like Him.

Be patient. Sometimes you have to go through the worst to get the best.

Push yourself because no one else is going to do it for you.

Every bite you take is either fighting disease or feeding it.

Courage is fear that has said its prayers.

The earlier you start the earlier you succeed.

There is no remedy for love, but to love more.

Seven days without prayer makes one weak.

A rich life has nothing to do with money.

Real independence is dependence on God.

Keep the faith, but share with others.

Heaven: all gain, no pain.

If we must take drug tests to earn money, so should anyone receiving welfare.

Reality is merely an illusion, albeit a very persistent one. - Albert Einstein

Opinions are like armpits. Everybody has them and most of them stink.

All endings are also beginning. We just don't know it at the time.

Don't buy your wants then beg for your needs.

Good intentions die unless they are executed.

Sprinkle kindness around like confetti.

Bible Verse



May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us— yes, establish the work of our hands. — Psalm 90:17



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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.

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Notice of Proposed Settlement of Estates

To the Creditors, Distributees and Beneficiaries of the within named persons:

I have before me the final settlement of estates of the following persons, which shall be presented to the County Commission of Putnam County, at the Courthouse, in the City of Winfield, on Tuesday the 25th day of February 2025 at 5:00 p.m. for their approval which settlements have been presented to me by the Fiduciary of such estates and which proposed settlements I have approved as indicated below:

Decedent: Mary M Thomas
Fiduciary: David W Thomas
Address: 2 Lansbury Rd
Cross Lanes, WV 25313

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

Given under my hand this 10th day of February 2025.
Fiduciary Supervisor,
Putnam County
12093 Winfield Road,
Winfield, WV 25213

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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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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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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: MUKESH SHAH, Plaintiff Civil Action No. CC-40-2024-C-239 v. DESIGN ROOFING AND SHEET METAL, LLC Defendant,

The object of this Complaint is to obtain judgment against the Defendant for breach of contract, fraud and conversion. It is ordered that Defendant, Design Roofing and Sheet Metal, LLC, serve upon D. Scott Tyree, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 3564 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, West Virginia 25526, file an Answer or other defense to the Complaint filed in this action on or before 30 days after the date of this entry, otherwise judgment by default may be taken against the Defendant anytime thereafter.

A copy of said Complaint can be obtained by the undersigned Clerk at her office.
Entered by the Clerk of said Court this 12th day of February, 2025.

STEPHANIE SMITH, CLERK
CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY
By: sy Deputy
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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 24-0670-E-D

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and WHEELING POWER COMPANY Application to change depreciation rates.

NOTICE OF HEARING

On August 2, 2024, Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company (the Companies) filed an application to change depreciation rates pursuant to Rule 20 of the Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, 150 C.S.R., Series 1 (Procedural Rules) (Application). In order to comply with the requirements of Procedural Rule 20, the Companies filed a Depreciation Study, Depreciation Study Workpapers, and Dismantlement Studies. The Companies filed their witnesses' direct testimony on September 3, 2024.

The Commission set a procedural schedule, including an evidentiary hearing on the Application that will begin at 9:30 a.m. on April 9, 2025 and continuing April 10, 2025 if necessary, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. The Commission may cancel the hearing for good cause shown. Interested persons intending to attend the hearing should monitor the web docket.

The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments should state the case name and number and be addressed to the Commission Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. Public comments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us.scripts/onlinecomments/default.com> by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and WHEELING POWER COMPANY
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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	\$1522.30
Amount of taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to 04/07/2025	\$0.00
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest to 04/07/2025	\$1279.25
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check must be made payable to the The Honorable Robert Eggleton, Sheriff of Putnam County.	\$2801.55

You may redeem at any time before 04/07/2025, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.
Given under my hand 1/30/2025
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 West Virginia State Auditor's Office, County Collections

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Division, Building 1, Room W-114, Charleston, West Virginia, 25305.
Questions please call
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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.: 6000
Estate Of: Kenneth Ray Cartwright
Administratrix: Patricia A Priddy
78 Skyline Drive
Scott Depot, WV 25560

Estate No.: 6004
Estate Of: David Russell Gibson
Administratrix: Eryn R Legg
396 Rocky Step Road
Scott Depot, WV 25560

Estate No.: 5913
Estate Of: William Blaine Parkins, Jr.
Executrix: Veronica Dale Parkins
683 Pine Drive
Poca, WV 25159

Estate No.: 5993
Estate Of: Pansy Jane Sovine
Executrix: Kathy L. Roberts
187 Elva Drive
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5923
Estate Of: Freeda Mae Young
Executrix: Philip W Young
701 Bridge Road
Buffalo, WV 25033

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 20, 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 20, 2025.

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

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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.	\$699.31
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$346.08
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
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Putnam Property Transfers

The following property transfers were recorded by the Putnam County Clerk between February 3, 2025, and February 14, 2025:

S&S Mobile Home Park Inc to Double M Property LLC - Two Tracts, Poca District for \$1,600,000.00.

Dennis and Betty Johnson to Diana Starcher and Amber Wagner - Two Parcels, Union District for \$6,000.00.

DHB LLC to Richard and Christabelle Hosein Boodram - Lot, Alexanders Place, Teays Valley District for \$418,000.00.

S&J Enterprises LLC to Christopher Davenport - Lot, Home Builders Estate, Curry District for \$182,000.00.

Jody Rollins to Mavi Crawford - Parcel, Curry District for \$135,000.00.

James and Margaret McDonald to Noah and Summer McDonald - Lot, Beechwood Estates, Teays Valley District for \$270,000.00.

Brandon Young, Sarah Chapman, Sarah Young, Larry Young and Alicia Young to Julie Oliver - 16.744 Acres, Teays Valley District for \$490,000.00.

Judith Lilly to Joseph and Jennifer Reeves - Lot, River Valley Subdivision, Poca District for \$240,000.00.

Kristi Ruggles and Stephen Kelly Moss Irrevocable Property Trust to Timothy and Kimberly Windham - 14.96 Acres, Union District for \$756,000.00.

Dan and Jeanne Duncan to David and Angela Collins - Two Parcels, Scott District for \$250,000.00.

James Adkins, Donald Adkins, Jonathan Adkins, Dustin Stowers and Ronald Stowers to Cory Henson - Two Tracts, Scott District for \$205,000.00.

Gary and Margaret Hollingshead and Richard and Kathy Callahan to David and Lisa Lucas - Lot, Teays Meadows Subdivision, Scott District for \$300,000.00.

Robert Null to Nicholas Ball - 1.55 Acres, Scott District for \$140,050.00.

Airgas USA LLC and Airgas Mid America Inc to SIG Management LLC - Lot, Poca District for \$450,000.00.

Logan Jones to BGRS LLC - Lot, Woodland Forest, Winfield District for \$265,000.00.

BGRS LLC to Kenneth and Linda Spencer - Lot, Woodland Forest, Winfield District for \$265,000.00.

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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

To: Magistrate Court Case
Brandon No.: 25-M40D-00027
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Scott Depot WV 25560 Civil Action
Address No.: 25-DV-26
07-03-1977
Date of Birth

ORDER OF PUBLICATION (PROTECTIVE ORDER / HEARING DATE)

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

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

It appearing by evidence duly taken in this action that you could not be found in or that you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of the ORDER referenced above, a copy of the Petition and Order may be obtained at the Putnam County Circuit Clerk's office. This PROTECTIVE ORDER will remain in effect until 3-4-2025.

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 18th day of February, 2025.
STEPHANIE SMITH/jp
Circuit Clerk

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Warnick to Christopher and Jeni Butler - Parcel, Winfield District for \$56,000.00.

Nicholas Kirby to Dakota and Theresa Deluca - Lot, Oakvale Subdivision, Curry District for \$304,000.00.

John and Cynthia Carpenter to Tony and Kelly Thompson - Two Parcels, Curry District for \$95,000.00.

Chapman Land Development LLC to Putnam County Bank Parcel, Scott District for \$845,000.00.

Teays Valley Car Wash Inc to Palace Properties LLC - Parcel, Scott District for \$525,000.00.

Wake Rocks LLC to Vincent and Katlyn Harper - Two Lots, Poca District for \$40,000.00.

WV Auditor Delinquent Land and Bonnie Ross to WVTA LLC - Parcel, Curry District for \$3,400.00.

WV Auditor Delinquent Land and Bonnie Ross to WVTA LLC - Parcel, Curry District for \$206.81.

WV State Auditor and Robert Zitzelsberger to WVTA LLC - Mineral Interest, Poca District for \$5,500.00.

WV Auditor Delinquent Land, WV State Auditor and George McCoppin to WVTA LLC - Mineral Interest, Scott District for \$800.00.

Michael Stevens to Michael and Regina Lewis - 17.93 Acres, Scott District for \$190,000.00.

Elemental Resources LLC to Ernest Shreve - Parcel, Teays Valley District for \$61,000.00.

James Dowd to Dylan Sibold - Parcel, Teays Valley District for \$207,000.00.

Jennifer Casto to Austin Beverlin and Sarah Vogel - Two tracts, Dawn Heights, Scott District for \$223,500.00.

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John	Matthew	Matthew	Matthew	Leviticus	Deut.	1 John
10.22-42	18.1-14	19.13-30	22.15-40	19.1-18	6.1-25	1.1-2.6

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By Ron Allen
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Priscilla, Aquila, and Apollos

Acts 18:1-4, 18-21, 24-28

While the book of Acts is titled Acts of the Apostles, the book is a record of that which God did through the apostles and through believers who willingly submitted themselves to be vessels for His use. The text before us focuses directly upon that which God did through Priscilla and Aquila. God used Priscilla and Aquila to fashion Apollos into a more fitting vessel.

In the eighteenth chapter of Acts, we meet Priscilla, Aquila and Apollos. All three were Jews. Aquila and his wife Priscilla were expelled from Rome by the emperor Claudius. Apollos was a native of Alexandria. Alexandria was the center of learning and culture. It was the Greco-Roman world's equivalent to the Ivy League universities of America.

Let us first consider Apollos. He is described as eloquent and mighty in the scriptures. It is not surprising that a Jew from Alexandria might be eloquent or well-studied in the scriptures. Apollos, however, was deficient in his knowledge in that "he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John" (v. 25).

It is not clear what Apollos did or did not know. John baptized with water and prophesied that Jesus would baptize with the Holy Ghost and with fire (Lk. 3:16). It would seem that Apollos understood that one must repent and be baptized to receive the Promised One of whom the prophets spoke but did not understand the baptism of which John prophesied. Jesus' baptism with the Holy Spirit was evident at Pentecost when cloven tongues as of fire sat upon the heads of the disciples and they spoke in tongues. The Holy Spirit (the Comforter) empowers believers to do and understand that which the flesh cannot. The baptism of Jesus is a mystery in that it is not directly revealed in Old Testament scripture.

Apollos fully understood that John was the voice crying in the wilderness, making ready the way of the Lord (Isa. 40:3). It would seem, however, that he did not fully understand Jesus' mission to reconcile both Jew and Gentile to God. Apollos, while understanding scripture, did not possess the understanding and empowerment which only the Comforter provides.

We meet Aquila and Priscilla in verse 2. The names, Priscilla and Aquila, appear six times in New Testament scripture, always as a married team. Commentators have noted that it is Priscilla and Aquila sometimes and Aquila and Priscilla on other times. Paul met them and abode with them in the city of Corinth when he established a church there during his second missionary journey (v. 3). Historical records reveal the date of their expulsion from Rome to be A.D. 49. Luke does not state when Priscilla and Aquila first believed and were baptized. Because Paul dwelt with the couple for the entirety of his year and a half stay in Corinth (18:11), it is possible, and very likely, that their conversion to Christianity came before meeting Paul and was the result of evangelism that followed the return of Jews and proselytes to Rome after Pentecost (see Acts 2:10, 41).

Luke reveals that Paul chose to take Priscilla and Aquila with him when he departed Corinth for Ephesus (v. 19). Paul's stay in Ephesus was short but his teaching in the synagogue garnered much interest. When he sailed to go to Jerusalem, Priscilla and Aquila remained at Ephesus.

In verse 26, Aquila and Priscilla meet Apollos at Ephesus. They heard Apollos speak boldly and teach diligently in the synagogue. As stated earlier, we know that Apollos would have proclaimed the message of John the Baptist. He would have proclaimed the need to repent and receive the Messiah whom the prophets said should come. Aquila and Priscilla, a tentmaker and his wife, knew that which Apollos did not. They were moved to take him aside and to expound unto him "the way of God more perfectly."

God's way is made known in the Old Testament in Isaiah 53:10-12. It pleased the Lord to bruise the Messiah and make His soul an offering for sin and be made intercession for transgressors. The Old Testament does not fully reveal the love that moved the Father to bruise His Son. The Comforter makes the Father's love known with clarity. The Holy Spirit moved the Apostle John to write: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (Jn. 3:16).

Apollos listened to and received that which the tentmaker and his wife said. He was empowered to expound the way of God more perfectly. After leaving Ephesus, Apollos journeyed to Corinth (Achaia) where he helped them who believed through grace (v. 27) and he convinced Jews that Jesus is the Christ whom the scripture speak. Apollos helped the Gentile believers (them who believed through grace) by expounding upon scripture. He convinced Jews that Jesus was the Christ by expounding upon scripture. Apollos was made a more fitting vessel by God. God used Priscilla and Aquila for His purposes — first at Corinth and then at Ephesus.

God has placed this account in His word to show us that He uses the lowly to boost them whom He has chosen. God used a tentmaker and his wife to help both Paul and Apollos. Can God not use all who willingly submit themselves to Him? Is this not our reasonable service (Rom. 12:1)?

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Obituaries

EVELYN IRENE EDWARDS

Evelyn Irene Edwards, March 13, 1943 - January 24, 2025, Our mother, grandmother, aunt and great grandmother. She was an Afghan blanket crocheter maker, certified nursing assistant, church member of Bethel Baptist Church of Hurricane.

She went home to be with the Lord on Friday, January 24 after a short illness. Go rest high on that Mountain. We love you and will miss you always.

Evelyn of Hurricane and Culloden was married to Virgil N. Edwards (21 years, ex-husband) had two shared sons, Steven N. Edwards of Hagerstown, MD and Mark A. Edwards (Denise Withrow-Edwards daughter-in-law) of Hurricane. Her grandchildren, from Steven: Megan L Edwards-Pettrey of Harrison County, West Virginia, Gavin C Edwards and fiancé Dolora Huacache and future great grandsons, Chris and Nikos of Brunswick, MD, Seth C Edwards of Ft. Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Trenton C Edwards of Middletown, MD. Step-grandchildren, Megan J Hayden (Phil) and great-grandchildren Cole and Ella, of Middletown, MD, S. Chase Martin (Maria) and step-grandson, Logan of Mt. Airy, MD. From Mark and Denise: Granddaughter, Cherish Shiflett (Jacob) with great grandchildren, Berklee and Rawlings of Morgantown. Grandson, Tyson Edwards of Hurricane, (fiancé Dr. Maggie Rumbaugh) of Winfield.

KENNETH J. EGGLETON

Kenneth J. Eggleton, 77, of Scott Depot, passed on February 15, 2025, at home after a sudden illness.

He was born on August 5, 1947 to the late William J. and Sylvia Eggleton of Scott Depot.

He was a 1965 graduate of Winfield High School and attended WV State University. Kenny proudly served in the US Navy, aboard the USS Aucilla AO-56 in the Mediterranean. He then worked for Union Carbide Construction as Craft Supervisor and continued working in the plant retiring from Greenwood.

Kenny was a 50 year member of Washington Lodge #58 St. Albans AF & AM, Past Commander of York Rite Bodies, Kanawha Commandery #4, Beni Kedem Shrine and St. Albans Chapter #79 Order of the Eastern Star.

He enjoyed riding his Goldwing Motorcycle, boating at Sutton Lake on his "Misty K", woodworking and mowing on his John Deere tractor. He also took great pride in driving the Shriners Van taking children to the Shriners Hospitals in Lexington and Cincinnati. Kenny loved his dogs, Koda & Kenzie, who miss him terribly. With his love for animals Kenny volunteered on many community projects and one of the most significant was building an Animal Shelter in Winfield in 1985. He was most proud of building two of his homes, the last on the property where he was raised.

Kenny grew up in Scott Depot Church of God and attended Abney Street Church of God and Teays Valley Church of God over the years.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Karen DeHart Eggleton; sister, nephew, nieces and many friends.

Funeral service was Wednesday, February 16, 2025, in the Upper Mausoleum at Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans, with Pastor Robert Morris officiating.

MAXINE C. GARDNER

Maxine C. Gardner, 90, of Midway, passed away Saturday, February 15, 2025, at Hubbard Hospice House West at Thomas Memorial Hospital. She was graduate of Poca High School and a life long homemaker. She was a longtime member of Faith Christian Fellowship in Buffalo.

Born September 8, 1934, she was the daughter of the late Orié Rowe and Talma Rowe. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Ross R. "Bud" Gardner.

Survivors include her son, Jeff Gardner of Morrow, OH and her sister, Nancy (Delbert) Pitchford of Eleanor.

Funeral service was Thursday, February 20, 2025, at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastor Paul Boggess officiating. Burial was in Beech Grove Cemetery, Eleanor.

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Obituaries

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JONATHAN MARTIN

Jonathan E. Martin, 75, of Hurricane, passed away on Thursday, February 13, 2025, at CAMC Teays Valley after a sudden illness.

He retired from the State of West Virginia as a mechanic and was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Vietnam War. He graduated from Poca High School class of 1968; he was an avid outdoorsman and loved hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his loving wife Wilodene; Daughter, Ashley (Scott) Stalnaker of Hurricane; Son, Travis (Jennette) Martin of Catawba SC; Grandchildren, Haley Oxley, Brooke Oxley and Eli Martin, his 3 dogs that he absolutely adored, Sisters, Jane Ellen (Chris) Smith Danville, WV Paulette (Dempsey) Wright of Monroe, NC.

Memorial service was held Monday, February 17, at Allen Funeral Home.

ISADORA 'IZZY' MCCARTY

Isadora Lyn "Izzy" McCarty, 47, of Hurricane, passed away Friday, February 7, 2025, at her parents home.

She was born January 4, 1978, in Point Pleasant, a daughter of Lonnie Lee McCarty and Madora May (Wilson) McCarty.

Isadora was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Clarence and Geneva McCarty; maternal grandparents, David and Joyce Wilson; an uncle, Nathan Wilson; and three cousins, Adam McCarty, Tonda Nelson and Jessica Spencer.

Isadora was a graduate of Point Pleasant High School Class of 1996 and a graduate of Marshall University Class of 2010. She was a member of Moxie Fitness in Hurricane, where she enjoyed the company of all the ladies there. Isadora enjoyed kayaking, vacationing at the beach and loved her cats Baby and GG. She was a Rural Mail Carrier for the United States Postal Service for 20 plus years.

Isadora is survived by her parents, Lonnie Lee and Madora May McCarty of Apple Grove; three children, Riley Lee Griffith of Fraziers Bottom, Geneva "Neva" Marie Kyle and Aven Elizabeth Kyle both

of Hurricane; a brother, James "Jamo" (Cookie) McCarty of Apple Grove; a niece and nephew, Daphne and Gabe McCarty both of Apple Grove; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; a special childhood friend, Melody Nutter Jackson of Lebanon, OH; and previous husbands, Greg Griffith of Fraziers Bottom, and Brent Kyle of Hurricane.

Funeral service was Friday, February 14, 2025, at the Wilcoxon Funeral Home in Point Pleasant, with Pastor Ronald Long officiating. Burial was in Bowcott Cemetery in Fraziers Bottom.

JOANNE SOVINE

Joanne Sovine, a lifelong resident of Hurricane, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on February 11, 2025 at the age of 93.

Born on April 15, 1931, Joanne was the daughter of Bryan and Martha Neumeyer. She graduated from Hurricane High School and went on to work at Huntington Photo Lab for many years before retiring from Putnam County Bank.

In 1949, Joanne married the love of her life, Bob Sovine, together they had two children: Robert (Denise) and Debbie (Scott).

Joanne was a lifelong member of Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, where she was an active attendee and the oldest living member at the time of her passing. She cherished teaching her great-grandchildren old games, life lessons and will be deeply missed by her loved ones.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob; parents: Bryan and Martha Neumeyer; brothers: James, Bobby, Clifton (Lefty) and Denzil Neumeyer; and sisters: Betty Courts and Ruth Parsons.

Joanne is survived by her sister, Arlene Austin; children: Debbie Sovine Hoffman (Scott) and Robert (Denise); four grandchildren: Meagen Riddle (Justin), Courtney Young, Matt (Megan), and Drew (Meagan); seven great-grandchildren: Bailey, Kaden, Dawson, Weston, Jude, Natalie, and Jack. As well as a special niece, Janie Culp.

Rest In Peace, Mamaw, Your legacy will live on

through your family and the countless lives you touched.

Joanne was laid to rest beside her beloved husband, Bob in Valley View Memorial Park Hurricane.

PAUL MARLIN WESTFALL

Paul Marlin Westfall, 90, of Buffalo, passed away Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at his home. He was a 1952 graduate of Elkview High School, and a graduate of Morris Harvey College. He received his Masters Degree from the University of Minnesota. He retired as a Chemist from Union Carbide Corporation. He had secured 17 patents for his inventions over the years.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing in his earlier years and was an avid reader of old, classic Western books.

Marshall University to Host Career Fairs in February and March

The Marshall University Office of Career Education will host two career fairs in February and March offering students and alumni the opportunity to engage with hundreds of employers.

The annual Career Expo is scheduled for 12 p.m. until 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, in the Marshall University Recreation Center, located at the corner of 5th Avenue and 20th Street. The expo is open to all majors and features employers in education, engineering, health care, business, law enforcement, media, manufacturing and graduate education, among others.

Also scheduled for 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, is the annual Cyber Forensic and Cybersecurity Career Fair in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial

Born October 12, 1934, he was the son of the late Earston and Wava Westfall. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death in 2020 by his wife of 65 years, Barbara Lee Westfall; his brother, Karl Westfall; his sister, Shelby Paskel; and his son-in-law, John "Buster" Miles.

He is survived by his daughters, Debra Miles of Travelers Rest, SC, and Karen (Kenneth E.) Hanson of Morgantown; grandchildren, David Miles, James Miles, Travis Hanson, Tara Hanson and Torin Hanson; and great grandchildren, Iris Hart-Hanson, Eliana Miles and Caleb Miles.

A visitation was held Saturday, February 15, 2025 at Raynes Funeral Home, Buffalo. A private family graveside service is planned at Franklin Cemetery, Branchland, at a later date.

Student Center. Jennifer Brown, assistant director of career education, said attending career fairs is important because it provides valuable opportunities for networking, learning and advancing your career.

"These events allow you to connect directly with employers and industry professionals, giving you the chance to make a strong first impression and showcase your skills and interests," Brown said. "By engaging in conversations with recruiters, you can gain insights into company cultures, job openings, and the qualities they seek in candidates, which helps you better understand how to position yourself in the job market."

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West Virginia Natural Resources Commission to meet Feb. 23

The West Virginia Natural Resources Commission will meet on Feb. 23 at 1 p.m. at the Marshall University Student Center in Huntington. The meeting is open to the public, and those who attend in person will have an opportunity to make comments.

- Meeting Agenda**
- Introductions
 - West Virginia State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation award presentation
 - Review, correct and approve the Minutes of the October 27, 2024, meeting of the Natural Resources Commission
 - Public comments
 - 2025 Legislative Update
- Revised West Virginia CWD Containment Area Summary of the 2024-2025 Big Game Harvest Figures
- Proposed 2025-2026 Big Game Hunting Regulations
 - Proposed 2026-2027 Hunting and Trapping Regulations
 - Proposed 2026 Fishing Regulations
 - Commissioner Comments related to Current Agenda Items
 - Discussion of the 2025 Second Quarterly Meeting Agenda
 - Commissioner recommendations for next meeting agenda
 - Tentative dates and locations for remainder of 2025



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| GRACE ELKINS
2208 Kirby Road
Milton
23rd Birthday February 21 | JOE LENNINGTON
1004 NE 72nd Street,
Unit 50
Vancouver, Washington
74th Birthday February 23 |
| HERSHELL LEE
CRAWFORD
Chesapeake, Ohio
67th Birthday February 21 | DREMA PAULEY
2345 Cherry Street
Hurricane
Birthday February 24 |
| PRINCESS MARGARET
WALLER
P.O. Box 608
351 High Street
Ceredo
89th Birthday February 21 | BRANTLEE ALLEN
DOWDY
Red House
3rd Birthday February 24 |
| WAYNE GLENN
Frazier's Bottom
81st Birthday February 21 | JOHN PATRICK DISNEY
Ohio
51st Birthday February 24 |
| GREG CREASEY
Barboursville
61st Birthday February 21 | SARAH MEADOWS
5727 Whitten Ridge Road
Milton
73rd Birthday February 24 |
| SAM WIREMAN
Lima, Ohio
Birthday February 22 | CARA DAVIS
Scott Depot
42nd Birthday
February 24 |
| JEAN MURRILL
Rio Grande, Ohio
89th Birthday February 22 | DWIGHT KELLEY
Charleston
78th Birthday February 24 |
| JERRY WOODS
1910 Pine Grove Road
Culloden
74th Birthday February 22 | BILL MULLINS
1887 Harvey's Creek Road
Hamlin
75th Birthday February 25 |
| KIM TOWNE
Florida
Birthday February 23 | JUDITH ANN FLOYD
2619 Putnam Avenue
Hurricane
Birthday February 25 |
| TAMMY SOWARDS
68 Bouton Lane
Hurricane
57th Birthday February 23 | BETH MEADOWS
TUCKER
Peach Ridge Road
Hurricane
Birthday February 25 |
| WALKER REESE TATUM
306 Sansom Avenue
Wayne
23rd Birthday February 23 | AUSTIN RUTHERFORD
130 Winchester Drive
Culloden
22nd Birthday
February 25 |
| JONATHAN WHITE
2102 11th Avenue
Huntington
41st Birthday February 23 | PEARL LAWSON
274 SW Ray Avenue
Port St. Lucie, Florida
10th Birthday February 25 |
| CHANDLER KEATON
Route 3, Box 403
Milton
23th Birthday February 23 | GEORGE WINTERS
Winters Lane
Lesage
94th Birthday February 25 |
| LILLIAN JANE MACK
Hurricane
10th Birthday February 23 | DELORIS MILLER
HARLESS
600 Strawberry Road
St. Albans
86th Birthday February 25 |
| BO WILKINSON
Charleston
75th Birthday February 23 | DESTINY WRAY
Erwin Road
Winfield |
| RUBY TERRY HAYES
Anderson Hollow Road
Pliny
78th Birthday February 23 | |

Rainbow Candy Science Experiment

Throughout the month of February, Putnam County Library has been hosting events to spark kids' interest in science, technology, engineering, and math. The last STEMuary program will be held on Friday, February 28, at the Buffalo Library. Pick up a "Chase the Rainbow" Candy Science Experiment pack to take home and explore dissolution, food dyes, and rainbow spectrums. Take-home kits available while supplies last during business hours, which are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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| Birthday February 25 |
| JOYCE RADCLIFF
6106 Baker Street
Huntington
Birthday February 26 |
| DICK LUCAS
277 Malcolm Lane
Kenova
Birthday February 26 |
| STEPHANIE CLAGG
Diamond Drive
Hurricane
54th Birthday February 26 |
| BILL TAYLOR
105 Catherine Drive
Hurricane
87th Birthday February 26 |
| TIM ARMSTEAD
Elkview
60th Birthday February 26 |
| JEFF JEFFRIES
Nitro
70th Birthday February 27 |
| JOSH KEELING
#52 Revere Road
Hurricane
27th Birthday February 27 |
| NATALIE LaLIBERTY
105 Spruce Lane
Scott Depot
60th Birthday February 27 |

Happy Anniversary

Randy and Lee Ann Black of Milton celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on February 10.

Steve and Cheri Call of 980 Kanawha Trail in Culloden will celebrate their wedding anniversary on February 22.

David and Christina Sheppard of Route 1, Box 123 in Milton will celebrate their twenty-second wedding anniversary on February 22.

Mike and Missy Bias of Hamlin will celebrate their twenty-fourth wedding anniversary on February 22.

Jim and Margaret Jefferson of West Hamlin will celebrate their fifty-eighth wedding anniversary on February 25.

Donald and Connie Leadmon of Hurricane will celebrate their seventieth wedding anniversary on February 16.

Randy and Marsha Eggleton of 2427 Violet Street in Hurricane will celebrate their fifty-third wedding anniversary on February 26.

Kenneth and Joanna Rymer Newsome of 1366 Hayden Martin Road in Palmyra, Virginia, will celebrate their fifty-third wedding anniversary on February 26.

Dobie and Mary-Lynn Callaway Hodges of 391 Saline River Drive in Saline, Michigan, will celebrate their thirty-seventh wedding anniversary on February 27.

Bryson French Named to BJU Baseball Team



Bryson French, a resident of Winfield, was named to the Bob Jones University Bruins baseball team roster for the 2024-25 season. French is a Grad Sport Administration and Coaching major.

"This year has certainly been one that none of us would've predicted, but we have been given the opportunity to learn for ourselves that God's grace is truly sufficient. In the fall, we had twenty-two guys who were committed to the Bob Jones University baseball program despite there being no guarantee of a program this season," Head Coach Kyle Morrison said. "By God's grace, we are able to have a season and are able to field our largest team in the history of the program."

The Bruins will be playing 36 regular season games beginning at the end of January all the way through the end of April before competing in the NCCAA South Region Tournament in May.

The Bruins will look to improve on last season where they finished with a 13-26 record which was the most wins in the program's early history. They finished the regular season winning five of the last six games before going to the South Region tournament where they upset the #1 overall seed University of Fort Lauderdale in the first round.

"The guys are eager and grateful to be able to play ball this spring and to hopefully lay a foundation to build off of for years to come," said Coach Morrison.

Located in Greenville, South Carolina, Bob Jones University provides an outstanding regionally accredited Christian liberal arts education purposely designed to inspire a lifelong pursuit of learning, loving and leading.

BJU offers over 100 undergraduate and graduate programs in religion, education, fine arts and communication, arts and science, health professions, and business. BJU has over 3,000 students from nearly every state and more than 40 countries. They are committed to the truth of Scripture and to pursuing excellence in all they do.

Crafters and Vendors Wanted

Crafters and vendors are wanted for a Spring Arts and Craft Show which will be held on Saturday, March 22, at the Buffalo Church of God Fellowship Center.

The cost is \$25 for 8' space; \$15 for outside space (weather permitting). For vendor applications, additional information or questions contact Melody Matthews 304-543-1122 or 304-937-3492; or email matthewsmules@frontier.com

West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture Visits Buffalo High

Each year, FFA Chapters nationwide celebrate National FFA Week, a time to recognize the impact of FFA on students and highlight the importance of agricultural education. This year, National FFA Week runs from February 15-22.

West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt and WVDA staff visited five FFA chapters across the state to learn about their projects and initiatives.

On February 19, West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt and WVDA staff visited Buffalo High School to learn about their projects and initiatives. Buffalo High was one of five FFA chapters across the state, including Hundred High School, Barboursville Middle School, Bridgeport High School, and Jefferson High School.

FFA members gain valuable hands-on experience through projects such as greenhouse operations, aquaculture production, advanced meat processing labs, and fresh-cut flower cultivation, equipping them with real-world skills and problem-solving abilities.

West Virginia's FFA membership continues to grow, with 2025 projections reaching 8,000 members across 87 chapters, making agricultural education the state's fastest-growing Career Technical Education (CTE) program.

"FFA cultivates the next generation of agricultural leaders by instilling hard work, leadership, and innovation," said Commissioner Leonhardt. "As Commissioner, I've seen firsthand the passion of FFA students, reinforcing my confidence in the future of West Virginia agriculture. Supporting these young leaders ensures the success of our farming communities and preserves our rich agricultural heritage."

FFA's influence extends into business, science, and technology, shaping careers in veterinary medicine, agricultural science, business leadership, and more.

"FFA opens up a world of career opportunities to all students, including those who may otherwise have limited options," said Kari Brown, Career Technical Education Coordinator with the West Virginia Department of Education. "Many agricultural teachers credit their own involvement in FFA or the influence of a former teacher for their career path. You will find former FFA members in every industry sector, demonstrating a strong work ethic and servant leadership. The work of our students should be celebrated and showcased not just during FFA Week, but all year long."

For more information on WVFFA, visit www.wvffa.net or contact the WV Department of Education Career Technical Education at 304-558-2389.

Community Partners Career Pop-Up Event This Friday

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 Friday, 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!

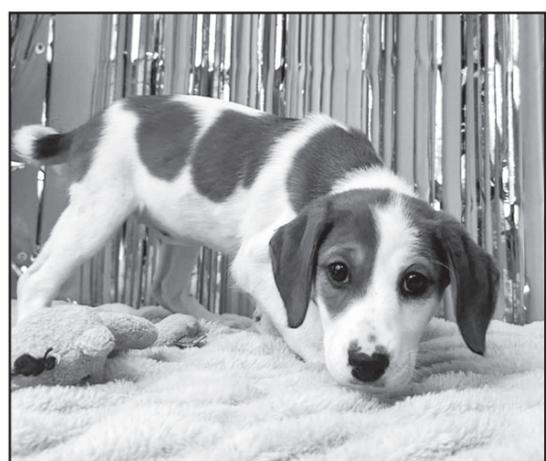
Articles Welcome

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

Available Pets at the Putnam County Animal Shelter

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

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





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