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## Lisa G. Johnston in Second Stint as Acting United States Attorney

Lisa G. Johnston is the Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia. As Acting United States Attorney, Johnston is the chief federal law enforcement officer for the Southern District of West Virginia, which covers Putnam and 22 other counties, and oversees all federal criminal prosecutions as well as the litigation of all civil matters in which the United States has an interest.



Lisa G. Johnston

Attorney, the second most-senior official in the United States Attorney's Office, since January 2018.

Johnston previously served as the Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia from February 2021 to October 2021. She joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Southern District of West Virginia in August 2006 and has served as First Assistant United States

Johnston began her 37-year career with the U.S. Department of Justice in 1988 as a Special Assistant United States Attorney and then as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Northern District of West Virginia. In October 2001, Johnston accepted a detail with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,

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## Love of Quilting and Painting Produces Barn Quilt Workshop



Celeste Estes of Teays Valley and Linda Collins of Salt Rock hold up paintings they created in the barn painting class. Celeste's design features pink and turquoise, and is inspired by flowers from her flower beds. Linda's daughter picked the colors she chose for her painting, which are blues and purples.

By Betsy Allen  
Maribeth Shreve of

St. Albans has a unique hobby she wants to share with the local community. Combining her love of quilting with painting, she creates outdoor paintings depicting quilt squares which can be hung on houses, barns, and other outbuildings. She started creating barn quilt paintings in 2016, and in September of last year, she began offering classes to the public.

Participants in Shreve's classes send her photos of existing barn quilts or favorite quilt patterns, and she sketches the designs out in pencil upon aluminum signs which have been sanded and primed. With all of the hard work out of the way, participants can focus on bringing their designs to life using a wide selection of brightly colored paint. This is an all day affair, with the maximum workshop time being set at 10 hours. (Of course, some will complete their projects faster than others,

depending upon the complexity of the designs.)

Classes are held once a month at Area 34, located at 971 State Route 34 in Teays Valley, across the road from the Putnam County Library. Classes may have as many as 16 students, and Shreve says she has had to turn people away for lack of space. While the barn quilt classes draw students mainly from Putnam and surrounding areas, one student came all the way from Ohio to participate in the most recent class, which was held this past Friday.

Students have two options for the size of their paintings: 24x24 or 36x36. The class includes paint - an impressive selection featuring 155 colors - and all necessary supplies. To allow students to see what the color choices look like when dry, Shreve has painted swatches of every color upon wooden garden stakes. She says this shows a truer representation of

the shades than merely looking at the paint in a bottle.

Barn quilt paintings are a fusion of two very different arts, quilting and painting. Shreve says that many of the students in her classes are quilters, but others are painters who just like the concept of barn quilts.

The tradition of barn quilt squares is believed to originate from German, Austrian, and Dutch immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania. The tradition then spread to New England and the Midwest. Painting their barns with colorful quilt-inspired designs allowed people to customize their farm buildings, and made it easy for others to find their homes. Many states have quilt trails which provide a listing of barns featuring quilt block paintings. Putnam County has its own quilt trail, with participants in Winfield, Buffalo, Red House, Pliny,

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## Elementary School Math Field Day Winners Announced



Fourth Grade Winners (l-r): Mason Brown (1st), Aiden Rainey (2nd), Yohei Okuda (Alternate), and Ibrahim Alzoubi (3rd).



Fifth Grade Winners (l-r): Daxton Spry (Alternate), Koiro Kachikawa (3rd), Abram Carner (2nd), Branson Hoang (1st).

Putnam County Schools hosted Elementary Math Field Day at Poca High School on Tuesday, February 18. School teams of three students in grades 4 and

5 competed for top math honors and a chance to advance to Regional Math Field Day.

Students competed in four areas of mathematics: mental math, estimation computation, physical estimation, and a written (math) exam. We are excited to honor and celebrate all our 2025 student participants and Elementary Math Field Day Champions!

Students advancing to Regional Math Field Day in 4th Grade competition are 1st Place: Mason Brown - Winfield Elementary; 2nd Place: Aiden Rainey - West Teays Elementary; 3rd Place: Ibrahim Alzoubi - West Teays Elementary. 4th Grade Alternate is Yohei Okuda - Eastbrook

Elementary.

Students advancing to Regional Math Field Day in 5th Grade competition are 1st Place: Branson Hoang - West Teays Elementary; 2nd Place: Abram Carner - Calvary Baptist School; 3rd Place: Koiro Kachikawa - Hurricane Town Elementary. 5th Grade Alternate is Daxton Spry - Winfield Elementary.

Physical Estimation Winner was Graham Massey of Eastbrook Elementary.

School Team winners were 1st Place - West Teays Elementary; 2nd Place - Winfield Elementary; 3rd Place - Scott Teays Elementary.

Event Coordinators were Jill Burgess and Zach Sallade.

## City of Hurricane Extends Free Open Gym Time through March



Pictured are youngsters in action at the ZoneOut Sports' gym.

The City of Hurricane has sponsored two hours of free open gym time at ZoneOut Sports in Hurricane from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. each and every Saturday in November, December, January and February for the last three years. The free open gym which began in November was scheduled to come to an end on February 22nd. The end

has yet to come.

On Saturday, Mayor Scott Edwards announced that FREE open gym for elementary aged kids in Hurricane will continue until the end of March.

Edwards posted photos of youngsters in action at the gym and stated that the pics showed exactly why the city makes the investment in paying for free open

gym time. "I love seeing kids show up of all skill sets. Good, decent, first time. It really doesn't matter as each and every one of them had their 'first time' at some point," Edwards said.

The Mayor thanked all the dads that organize pickup teams, instruct, referee, work on skills with everyone that shows up in his post.

WEATHER SUMMARY		
February 18 - 24		
	Low	High
February 18	Hurricane 14°	27°
February 19**	Hurricane 9°	20°
February 20**	Hurricane 13°	27°
February 21	Hurricane 10°	31°
February 22	Hurricane 5°	38°
February 23	Hurricane 14°	42°
February 24	Hurricane 18°	55°

\*\*SNOW  
2 inches recorded Feb. 19  
1 inch recorded Feb. 20

## 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.

### NOW - MARCH 2

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

### FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 2

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

### FEBRUARY 27

- There will be a pool tournament from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Buffalo Senior Center.

- 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.

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

### 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.

- St. Timothy's in the Valley and Cross of Grace Lutheran Church will be holding What Are You Looking For - A Retreat for the New Year from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Timothy's in the Valley, 3434 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane. To register, go to [tpts://forms.gle/D6pHKgKUDDc6z22x5](https://forms.gle/D6pHKgKUDDc6z22x5)

- There will be a free beginner kids and family karate workshop from 11 a.m. to noon at Pinnacle Karate Center, 3544 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane.

- Quilts by Phyllis, 2943 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane, will be holding their spring open house from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### MARCH 2

- Bancroft Mission, 5936 Charleston Road, Bancroft, will be holding their annual Italian dinner and dessert auction starting at noon, after the 10:45 morning service.

### BEGINNING MARCH 3

- There will be a 5-week hand quilting and crochet clas from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane. The cost is \$40 per person. Register by going to <https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/putnam-county-parks/all-hand-quilting-crochet-class-1959325839>

### MARCH 4

- Decorate Mardi Gras masks at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley from 2 to 4 p.m.

### MARCH 5

- There will be a ribbon cutting for Acupuncture Elements, 3857 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, at 11:30 a.m.

### MARCH 6

- City Insurance, located in Poca Plaza, will be holding a ribbon cutting and grand opening from 11 a.m. to noon.

### MARCH 7

- Business Before Business will be held at 7:30 a.m. at Pottery Place, 3550 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane. RSVP by calling 304-757-6510.

- Hidden Creek Catering will be holding a winter Farm to Table Dinner from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Social Event Space, 2803 Main Street, Hurricane. Tickets are \$50 per person. To register, go to <https://buytickets.at/hiddencreekcatering/1551047>

### MARCH 8 - 9

- Lynn Hiles will be speaking at Bancroft Mission, 5936 Charleston Road, Bancroft, at 6 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. on Sunday.

### MARCH 8

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

## Governor Patrick Morrisey Unveils 2025 Vacation Guide

Governor Patrick Morrisey recently unveiled the 2025 West Virginia Vacation Guide, the state's official travel magazine. Packed full of stunning imagery and hidden gems, this guide makes the perfect tool for travelers to plan their 2025 getaway to the Mountain State. Travelers can request a free copy of the new guide online to be sent to their doorstep or pick one up at one of the state's welcome centers.

"This guide tells the story of West Virginia," said Governor Patrick Morrisey. "It highlights our natural beauty, growing recreational opportunities and thriving towns filled with local businesses. I encourage everyone to get a copy and discover for themselves what makes West Virginia the shining state in the mountains."

Organized by experiences, the new guide highlights ways to explore the outdoors, experience mountain culture, escape and unwind. It also gives insider tips on Appalachian eats, Almost Heaven swing locations and how to best enjoy West Virginia in each of the four seasons. From extraordinary overnight stays and historic hubs to natural wonders and thrilling adventures, the new vacation guide uncovers the abundance of activities awaiting in West Virginia.

## WV Native Brings Coalfield Wars To Life In Debut Novel

West Virginia born author and historian Jeremy Farley has released his first work of fiction, Cursed Mountain, a gripping historical novel that highlights the haunting folklore, brutal realities, and supernatural superstitions of West Virginia's coal country.

Set in the rugged terrain of Mingo County, Cursed Mountain follows Thomas Baisden, the wealthiest—and most damned—man in West Virginia. On the eve of his hundredth birthday, Thomas faces the final reckoning for the unholy bargains that built his empire. Having sold his soul to the demons of hell in exchange for wealth, he is cursed to live precisely one hundred years—no more, no less. Now, as his final days draw near, he is haunted by his past sins, the dark forces that granted him power, and the price that must be paid for his greed.

Spanning a century of betrayal and regret, Cursed Mountain intertwines Thomas's journey into moral decay with the violent history of Mingo and Logan County's coalfield wars. From backroom deals with powerful men to ruthless ambition fueled by something far darker, the novel paints a chilling portrait of a man who sacrificed his soul for riches in a land where the mountains remember everything.

"West Virginia's history is the story of some of the most hardworking people on the planet, but it's also a story of exploitation and greed from some of the world's most sinister people," said Farley. "This novel is my way of hopefully telling the story of both groups and perhaps causing people to see a little of themselves in the characters on both sides. It's a story about the choices we make and the ghosts they leave behind."

"The 2025 guide will inspire you to spend your vacation days in Almost Heaven," said West Virginia Department of Tourism Secretary Chelsea Ruby. "Whether you're a traveler planning to visit for the very first time or a local looking for new ways to experience every corner of the state, this guide showcases all the unique and amazing experiences awaiting you. So bring along the entire family and all your friends - we can't wait to welcome you to West Virginia!"

The 2025 Vacation Guide was produced in partnership with Dotdash Meredith, a leading publisher producing Southern Living, Real Simple, and Parents magazines. By partnering with Dotdash, the new guide will accompany 100,000 Travel + Leisure magazines and be mailed to West Virginia's target markets to encourage travel to the Mountain State. Last year alone, the West Virginia Department of Tourism distributed over a quarter of a million printed guides to travelers across the nation and around the world.

To request your free copy of the 2025 West Virginia Vacation Guide, go to <https://wvtourism.com/information-and-press/free-travel-guide/get-a-free-wv-travel-guide/>

## The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

When I read the obituaries online at Allen's and Chapman's, I am sad that Hurricane has lost so many valuable citizens. Of many, last year, Reggie and Steve... this year, Carol Rowsey and Karen Lilly, so far... imagine... if they could have lived longer, they would have accomplished even more. On the other hand, they had great lives... contributed much to so many... we will miss them... that being said, this column is not an obituary column... I will read that to the Breeze and to the Gazette... this is about my home town and being thankful for those who stayed and helped the area grow. I was not blessed to do that... I have moved from Hurricane too many times. I joke that when I visit, I will have to be dragged away.

We left Hurricane when we married in 1968. We started dating in 1963, and I never dreamed we would live anywhere but our home town. However, Mike took a job with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, right out of college. We lived in Huntington, close to his job. We had one car. I took him to work, and after I returned to the work force, I went to my part time job for a doctor. I imagined we would live in Huntington and raise out kids there. NOT. After living in a duplex, upstairs, near St. Mary's and then a tiny upstairs apartment in the West End, we moved to Summersville when he was promoted. No one needs to hear my opinion of living in the mountains... so far from everything...

Mike was again promoted quickly (and young), and this move took us to Circleville, Ohio. The office was in another town, almost two hours away, and he was to move it to Circleville. Thus, we bought a house there. With the new administration in 1974, that was put on hold. (I never understand why the government dogmatically put freezes on hiring and moving, but...)

Eventually, the office was moved... not soon enough for us... he spent long days driving home from work... little can I express our dismay... but then he had an office close

and wherever books are sold. Readers who enjoy historical fiction with dark Appalachian folklore and stories of ambition and consequence will find this novel a thrilling and unforgettable read.

## Regular 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 Thursday 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.

enough that when our kids started school, I took him to work... or he rode his bike... and I took the kids to and from school. They were one year apart in school...

Circleville was a pleasant place to live. Our ten years there were my favorite, but I always missed Hurricane. I wished our kids could walk to see their grandparents... We could go to Sunday dinner... holidays would be more convenient... we could go to Mount Vernon Church where we were married.

When the job opened in Summersville... the same job Mike had in Circleville, he wanted to go. I did not, but I did not make a big deal of it. The kids did not, but they never told us until they went to college. (They never complained about anything honestly...) We moved to WV... to Summersville... we drove 90 miles to buy tennis shoes... to the orthodontist... to shop for clothes... it was not easy living there.

All of the time we were married, I just wanted to live in Hurricane or closer to our families. We missed so much. Oh, we were so happy as the Burkes... we had a great life... we were together almost 30 years... we just wanted to live in different places... that being said, we made the best of it until we did not... another story.

My friends and family know that I love Hurricane, WV... I lived there from birth to December 1968. I lived in the area (Putnam County) from 1999-2017... Oh my... imagine... little Brenda Coiner with a Hurricane address ... (Now Burke)... teaching at Hurricane High School... dream come true... if I lived there now, I would substitute or give AP exams (thanks Heather for letting me do that)... I would walk the halls and be thankful that I had the privilege of standing in my classroom teaching my students...

Part of my heart will remain in Hurricane all of my life... part of my heart will remain in that high school until I draw my last breath... it was not a job to me... it was a lifelong dream come true... I miss it every day... I miss grading papers... although I do help grands... I don't get to go into that front door and walk the halls to my room... I hope that one day, the students will have a new building... the heat and cooling will be appropriately working... the rooms will be clean and shining... there might even be some areas for them to go and socialize... to read quietly in comfy chairs and sofas... maybe a soda fountain... for now, I will remember... I will remember those students who trusted me with their educations... and thank those kids for allowing me to be their teacher... because the way we were is the way we are... always teaching and learning...

I imagine that my class will have a 60th reunion this year. I have heard nothing, but perhaps, there will be a notice in The Breeze soon... I imagine I probably won't get to attend because of the distance... but I look forward to hearing about the plans and the date...

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# Love of Quilting and Painting Produces Barn Quilt Workshop



Instructor Maribeth Shreve poses with Wendy Kester of Scott Depot. When Wendy's painting is finished, it will feature red, white, blue, and gold. The blue and gold is in honor of her son, Teddy Kester, who played football for WVU.

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The next barn quilt painting class will be held on March 21 and 22 at Area 34. Class times are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The theme of the project is a sewing machine made from quilt blocks. A 24x24 sign will cost \$125, and a

36x36 sign will cost \$225. There is also the option to paint a customized barn quilt design for \$75. Participants are advised to wear old clothes or bring an apron, as well as pack a lunch and refreshments. Because Shreve needs time to prepare the boards and sketch each person's designs, participants will

need to register for the class as soon as possible. For more information, call 304-741-5321.

You can view quilt designs and finished projects at the Facebook page for Sew Blessed Barn Quilts, which is located at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61565649756800>.

# Lisa G. Johnston in Second Stint as Acting United States Attorney

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Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Chief Counsel's Office where she served as a legal advisor to ATF employees in the Louisville Field Division. In August 2005, Johnston accepted a detail with the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, where she handled immigration appeals.

Johnston has prosecuted a wide array

of crimes and offenses during her career with a focus on violent crime, the sexual exploitation of children, drug trafficking and firearm offenses.

A native of Moundsville, West Virginia, Johnston earned a Juris Doctor degree from the West Virginia University College of Law in 1988. She graduated Cum Laude from West Virginia University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism in 1984.

# Supreme Court Announces Launch Date For Online Circuit Court Records System

The Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia has announced a new online system to search and access circuit court records in all 55 counties will go live and be available to the public beginning March 10.

The West Virginia Public Access Search System, or WVPASS, will provide online access to all publicly available circuit court documents dating back to 1999. Registration to use the new system is free to the user and documents can be downloaded for a small charge.

"The Court is proud to announce the launch of this long-awaited system that will bring county circuit court records into the digital age," said Chief Justice William R. "Bill" Wooton. "This launch is the culmination of an extended, monumental effort on the part of the Supreme Court's Administrative

Office, our outside vendor and staff from all 55 county courthouses. Online access to court records is an essential public service, and I want to thank all parties involved for their commitment to making this a reality."

Access to the new system will be available on the Court's website, [www.courtsww.gov](http://www.courtsww.gov).

This online circuit courts record system follows last year's launch of the Court's Magistrate Case Record System, which is currently available on the Court's website. An additional records system for the appellate case level is also anticipated in the near future.

"The WVPASS circuit courts records search system demonstrates our Court's commitment to make West Virginia's judicial system as transparent and accessible to the public as possible,"



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](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

Feb. 27, 1867: Marshall College (now university) was established as a normal school to train teachers. The first term began June 15, 1868, with 25 students enrolled in three departments.

Feb. 27, 1871: The legislature approved an act incorporating the city of Huntington.

Feb. 28, 1875: Musician Edwin "Edden" Hammons was born in Pocahontas County. A subsistence farmer and hunter, he is remembered as one of West Virginia's finest traditional fiddlers.

Feb. 28, 1909: Athlete John Zontini was born. Nicknamed the "Sheik of Seth" for his outstanding football career at Sherman High School in Boone County, he still holds state

said Justice C. Haley Bunn, who has taken the lead on the project for the Court in recent years. "Beginning next month, our citizens will be able to search and download public civil and criminal case information dating back to the turn of the century from the convenience of their computer or mobile device - bypassing the need to go to a courthouse and search for records in person."

The WVPASS search function will be free for registered users. There will be a 25-cent-per-page charge plus a nominal credit/debit card processing fee for regular public users to download documents. Attorneys will be able to use the new system to access and download files for cases in which they are counsel of

# THIS WEEK IN THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

For the week ending Feb. 21, 2025

In addition to carrying out their legislative work this week, members of the West Virginia House of Delegates joined members of the Senate to collect donations for West Virginians affected by recent flooding.

"We've had record-setting flood waters, three feet higher than historic records, with county-wide damage," Delegate David Green, R-McDowell, said during the Feb. 21 floor session before requesting a moment of silence. "There was no community in McDowell County that did not feel the impact of the flood. Sadly, our greatest loss was that we have lost four community members: three in the flood itself, a couple and their 2-year-old grandchild, as well as a seasoned firefighter."

Delegate Green said 75% of McDowell County residents were left without power or water and roadways were so heavily impacted more than half the county had been

heavily restricted from accessing its only hospital. "Many residents are currently stranded, even today with their personal access bridge or roads washed away completely," he said. "We have residents in our county that have lost their homes and some who are living in emergency shelters throughout the county."

Green explained that the county's schools are on "temporary hold," and the state superintendent is working with the county superintendent to craft a plan for students to be able to finish the school year.

"We truly appreciate our service providers working very hard to help restore our services," he said. "I'm very pleased to say, and thankful to say, that we only have 10 homes now without power. With water, we still have close to 4,000 residents without public water in addition to 2,000 residents who can't use their wells until they're sanitized. It's also estimated 35% of our county is still without phone service."

"We truly say thank you. We are in need of help, but we are confident our statesmen and our nation will rally around and help, and we say thank you sincerely for the members of this body that have personally reached out and shown their care and support, we say thank you. It's my understanding that there are supplies that are being sent and again,

just a massive thank you from myself and for our constituents in McDowell County. McDowell County is resilient, we are a county that loves one another, and with each other's help and help from our friends and neighbors across this great nation and this wonderful state, we will get through this and come back together stronger and better."

Several bills moved through the House committee process and to the floor this week, including House Bill 2042, which would allow for a guardian ad litem to request a court-appointed special advocate for a child in neglect and abuse cases.

"The more favorable outcomes come out of these cases when CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocate) is involved," said Delegate Adam Burkhammer, R-Lewis, the lead sponsor of the bill. "CASA is a volunteer program, so we're not talking about adding a bunch of staff and adding a bunch of dollars to our budget; we're looking at community involvement, the opportunity to volunteer in abuse and neglect cases, and what we're trying to do is get an extra set of eyes on our kids and in these cases."

A total of 794 bills have been introduced in the House, and the last day to introduce bills is March 18. The 60-day, regular legislative session ends at midnight April 12.

degree college, the oldest such institution in West Virginia.

March 2, 1896: Clair Bee was born in Pennsboro. Bee was a successful, innovative college basketball coach and widely published author of both technical basketball books and young adult fiction centered on sports.

March 2, 1915: A blast swept through Layland No. 3 Mine in Fayette County, killing 114 men.

March 2, 1927: The West Virginia capitol building known as the "pasteboard capitol" was destroyed by fire. This wood-frame building in downtown Charleston

had been built in just 42 days after the previous Victorian-style capitol building burned in 1921.

March 2, 1961: Governor Wally Barron signed legislation that granted Marshall College university status.

March 3, 1890: Teacher and civic activist Memphis Tennessee Garrison was born in Virginia. She helped develop NAACP chapters in southern West Virginia and created the Christmas Seal Project.

March 4, 1849: Earl Williams Oglebay was born in Bridgeport, Ohio. He became one of Wheeling's most successful industrialists and generous benefactors.

## Military Veterans

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- DD214
- VA Medical Card
- Honorable Discharge Document
- Military ID

Thank you for your service, Bobby Eggleton Sheriff, Putnam County

## Online Real Estate Auction

Bidding begins closing Monday, March 10th at 6:00PM



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## Thank You for Caring

Lonnie Lee Shull 11-6-44 - 1-30-25

Brenda Shull and family wants to thank everyone for the food and prayers, phone calls, and visits. Thanks to all the friends and to Wallace Funeral Home (Milton), and thank you, Paul Booth. Thanks for the flowers and cards.

Brenda Shull and Family



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# Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



## The Why of Words

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

I wonder how the alphabet  
And words all came about  
That let our thoughts be understood  
As we sing, talk and shout

It seems to me a pointed grunt  
Or punch right in the nose  
Would give a would be listener  
A gist they could suppose

I guess in the beginning  
As we learned to use our thumbs  
The need for specificity  
Was what was to become

The population grew and each  
New kid needed a name  
More stuff invented then was dubbed  
'Cause it was not the same

So then someone invented words  
And all the world embraced it  
Which pave the way for words today  
So many just get wasted

## Recipes

Submitted by Connie Reddington of Eleanor

### Pecan Cranberry Spread

Preparation Time: 5 minutes  
Total Time to Serve: 35 minutes  
Servings: 6  
Serving Size: 6 topped crackers

#### Ingredients

4 ounces cream cheese, softened  
1/4 cup chopped pecans  
1/4 cup dried cranberries  
2 tablespoons frozen orange juice concentrate,  
thawed

Keebler Town House Original Crackers

#### Directions

In small bowl stir together cream cheese, pecans, cranberries and orange juice concentrate. Refrigerate at least 30 minutes to blend flavors. Garnish as desired. Serve with crackers.

## Fillers Contributors Wanted

The Hurricane Breeze always needs Fillers Page contributors. We would like to print your recipes, inspirational sayings, poems, clean jokes, fun facts, and other submissions.

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

You can also email submissions to [breezenews@citynet.net](mailto:breezenews@citynet.net)

## A Loaded Casserole That's Quick and Comforting

(Family Features) It's tough to beat an easy dinner that's equal parts comforting, convenient and delicious. This Loaded Hamburger Potato Casserole is no exception – just brown ground beef then mix in a casserole dish with potatoes, bacon, cheese and more before baking for an hour. Find more casserole recipes and beyond at [Culinary.net](http://Culinary.net).

### Loaded Hamburger Potato Casserole

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Servings: 4-6

1 pound ground hamburger  
1 tablespoon garlic powder  
1 bag (1 1/2 pounds) tri-colored baby potatoes  
1 can (10 ounces) cream of mushroom soup  
1/2 cup sour cream  
1/4 cup milk  
1/2 cup fried onions (optional)  
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese  
2 1/2 ounces bacon pieces  
salt, to taste  
pepper, to taste  
chives or green onions, for topping

Heat oven to 375 F.

In skillet over medium heat, brown ground beef with garlic powder; drain and set aside.

Cut potatoes into small pieces. In casserole dish, mix beef; potatoes; soup; sour cream; milk; fried onions, if desired; cheese; and bacon pieces. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Bake, covered, 50 minutes then uncover and bake 10 minutes.

Top with chives or green onions.



## Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead  
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

A machine can do work; only a life can bear fruit.

God reigns and the Son shines.

A moment of patience in a moment of anger saves you a hundred moments of regret.

You better take care of yourself. Spare parts for old models like you are no longer in stock.

Aspire to inspire before you expire.

No Jesus, no heaven. Know Jesus, know heaven.

One of the keys to happiness is minding your own business.

God accepts broken hearts, but he needs to have all the pieces.

Your thoughts are the foundation of your life. Choose them wisely.

Your attitude is a compass to your best life. Stay positive.

There is no healing after losing a parent. We just act like it's ok.

Are you humbly grateful or grumbly hateful?

A house is not a home without God in it.

Sometimes all you need is a good quote.

No one is sent by accident to anyone.

A closed mouth gathers no foot.

The best proof of love is trust.

Get right or get left behind.

A half truth is a whole lie.

What we have once enjoyed we can never lose. All of that love deeply becomes a part of us. - Helen Keller

One day you will realize that material things mean nothing. All that matters is the well-being of the people in your life.

Be decisive. The road of life is paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision.

Sometimes the best things are right in front of you; it just takes some time to see them.

I was just checking my birth certificate because some people think I was born yesterday.

Always show kindness to people you don't know because they may be angels in disguise.

Our days are happier when we give people a bit of our heart rather than a piece of our mind.

Come work for the Lord. The retirement benefits are out of this world.

Patience is the best remedy for every trouble.

Doggies come into our lives as pets, but leave as family.



Push harder than yesterday if you want a different tomorrow.

What's the remedy for worry and fear? Close your eyes and pray.

It is easy to get 1,000 prescriptions, but hard to get one single remedy.

Doggies are family, not just something you can throw away when you get bored.

Make sure your words are sweet in case you ever have to eat them.

Coincidence is when God decides to remain anonymous.

Never give the devil a ride. He always wants to drive.

Real independence is the dependence on God.

What on earth are you doing for heaven's sake?

Treats are important for both doggies and people.

The greatest remedy for anger is delay.

No God, no peace. Know God, know peace.

The older you get the more precious time and friendships become.

Many people lose the small joys in the hope for the big happiness.

A cloudy day is no match for a sunny disposition.

Don't eat yellow snow.

A smile is a light in the window of your soul.

A person is never so empty as when he is full of self.

Sign on church marquee: Now open between Christmas and Easter.

The cold world needs warm-hearted Christians.

The wages of sin is death. Repent before payday comes.

Courage is fear that has said its prayers.

If you think you're perfect, try walking on water.

Get rid of your pride before you have to swallow it.

We are called to be witnesses, not lawyers and judges.

Faith is a journey, not a destination.

Why pay for GPS; God gives direction for free.

God makes miracles out of messes and mistakes.

A loose tongue can get you into a tight place.

Faith is taking God at His word.

If God offers you a second chance, don't

waste it.

We know we're getting older when the type gets smaller.

A doggie is one of the few things in life that is as it seems.

Give God your weakness and he will give you His strength.

When life gives you a Monday, dip it in glitter and sparkle all week.

It's the friends we meet along the way that help us appreciate the journey.

Don't forget to load your brain before you shoot-off your mouth.

We know we're getting older when the steps get higher.

A narrow mind is usually accompanied by a wide mouth.

When the world pushes you to your knees, you are in a perfect place to pray.

Feed your faith and your worries will starve to death.

Choose to store the Bible in your heart instead of on the shelf.

God doesn't call us to be successful - only faithful.

People disappoint. God doesn't.

Life is fragile - handle with prayer.

Peace is not the absence of trouble; it is the presence of God.

A Bible falling apart belongs to someone who's got it together.

If prayer is asking for rain, faith is carrying an umbrella.

When God saw you, it was love at first sight.

Be an organ donor; give your heart to Jesus.

Invest your life in Jesus Christ, His return is guaranteed.

May the tears we shed in 2024 water the seeds we plant in 2025.

Brush up on your Bible: it prevents truth decay.

Heaven's riches are tax-free.

Need a new life? God accepts trade-ins.

A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.

It's hard to stumble when you're down on your knees.

Prayer is a place for burdens to change shoulders.

## Bible Verse



Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens.

— Psalm 68:19

# Obituaries

## KENNETH ADAMS

Kenneth A. Adams, 76, of Scott Depot, passed away Friday, February 21, 2025, at Hubbard Hospice House Charleston.

Surviving are wife, Karon V. Smith Adams; daughter, Allyson Chandler (Keith); son Kevin Adams (Heidi); brother, David Adams (Jenny), 9 Grandchildren, 2-step Grandsons, and 3-Great granddaughters and extended family members and friends.

He was a Vietnam Veteran of the US Air Force and avid fisherman. He loved to be with his friends at Splinter.

No services are scheduled at this time.

## STACY C. CAMPBELL

Stacy C. Campbell, 40, of Scott Depot, passed away on February 18, 2025, after a short illness.

She was born to Richard C. and Donna Holdren Campbell on May 20, 1984. In addition to her parents, she was also survived by her brother, Ryan Campbell; and her dog, Molly all of Scott Depot, WV.

Stacy was a 2002 graduate of Hurricane High School and also graduated from Ben Franklin Career Center in Institute, WV.

She was buried in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

## BRIANA CAVANAUGH

Briana Carrie Smith Cavanaugh, 33, of Hurricane,

went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, following a sudden illness. She was born on July 22nd, 1991, in Huntington to Brian and Kelly Smith, She graduated from Hurricane High School Class of 2009.

Briana is survived by her husband Vince Cavanaugh, 3 Sons, Rylan, Easton and Reign, Parents, Brian and Kelly Smith, Brother, Peyton Smith. Grandparents, Eileen Woodward, Robert (Barbara) Smith and Karen Smith, many Aunts, Uncles Cousins and extended family and friends.

Visitation was Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at Allen Funeral Home. Burial was Thursday, February 27, in Valley View Memorial Park.

## LARRY COURTRIGHT

Larry Marshall Courtright, 84, of Hurricane, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, February 20, 2025, after a short illness surrounded by love and family. He was born June 12, 1940, on Riders Creek near Hurricane. Larry was a devoted member of Forrest Burdette Methodist Church where he regularly attended. His Christian faith was the cornerstone of his life. His love for God's word was evident in everything he did, his hobby was reading the Bible, and he took great joy in sharing its teachings with others, whether through discussions or simply through his actions.

He was a retired carpenter

from the Charleston Carpenters Local. In addition to his work as a craftsman, Larry was also a small business owner who built homes in the Hurricane area for the past 60 years, leaving a lasting legacy.

Larry was a graduate of Hurricane High School, Class of 1959. He enjoyed fishing, traveling, camping, and exploring new places with his beloved family by his side. He cherished his time as a Sunday School teacher and a youth league baseball coach, helping to shape the lives of young people in his community. Larry loved nothing more than a good cup of hot coffee, and he could often be found around town sipping his favorite coffee while chatting with anyone who crossed his path. He was known for his kind and friendly nature and had the rare gift of making friends everywhere he went—he truly never met a stranger. He also loved telling stories and as a great storyteller he had an amazing way of bringing each tale to life, leaving everyone around him laughing and feeling connected. He will be remembered not only for his work ethic and his devotion to his family, but also for his big heart and unwavering kindness to those around him.

Larry's greatest love was for his family, especially his high school sweetheart and loving wife of 62 years. He is survived by her, Kathryn Jean (Dick) Courtright. They were married during a blizzard on January 23, 1963. Together, they built a

beautiful life filled with love and memories. He is also survived by his son Gregory Marshall Courtright and his wife Tracie of Hurricane, son Earl Derrick Courtright and his wife Marina of Big Fork, Montana, and his cherished grandchildren, Gracy Dawn Courtright, Morgan Dell Courtright, Andrew Wisniewski, and Sofia Alexis Courtright. He is also survived by his very special niece Linda (Henson) Clark, and many other nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Larry was preceded in death by his pride and joy, his only daughter, Marsha Dell (Courtright) Wisniewski, as well as his parents Kenneth and Rosa (Croson) Courtright, brothers Harle (Pete), Oscar, Earl, and sister Ruth (Courtright) Henson.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, February 26, at Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church. Burial was in Valley View Memorial Park.

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## LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CITY OF HURRICANE

The City of Hurricane is seeking bids for a new mini track asphalt paver, adjustable screed, heated screed, with hopper extension, and asphalt cut off guide left and right. All questions and bids should be directed to Andy Skidmore, City Manager, 3255 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, WV 25526, 304-562-5896, or [askidmore@hurricanewv.com](mailto:askidmore@hurricanewv.com). Bids are due by March 6, 2025 at 3:00pm.

2-27-11

## LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

### Notice

**THE PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION** will hold a public auction to dispose of surplus real property. The auction will be held on **Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.**, at the School Board Office located at 77 Courthouse Drive, Winfield, WV. **Bidding** will begin at \$25,500.00. **Terms of Sale:** Cash in hand on the day of sale from the highest responsible bidder. The parcel of surplus real property is briefly described as: **Parcel 10.2 (0.63) Acres** situate in the northwest corner of the West Teays Elementary School property, Teays Valley District, Putnam County, West Virginia. The Putnam County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Sale will be made, as is, without warranty, subject to all unpaid taxes and special assessments, if any, and also subject to any agreements, conditions, covenants, easements, exceptions, reservations and restrictions, as may be found in the chain of title, which may affect said property. Also, all liability for hazards associated with the premises, if any, are to be assumed by the purchaser. For more information, please contact Scott Coyner at 304-586-0500, extension 1115.

2-27-21

## LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

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

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

Estate No.: 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. Veronica Dale Parkins 683 Pine Drive Poca, WV 25159

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

Estate No.: 5923  
Estate Of: Freeda Mae Young 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

2-20-21

## LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

### NOTICE TO REDEEM

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

### DISTRICT CURRY MAP 253 PARCEL 0002 00130000

You will take notice that William D. Miller Jr. or Deana M. Miller, the purchaser of the following real estate, Certification No. 403369, located in CURRY District, PAR (0.69 AC CALC) WEST SIDE OF RIDERS CREEK, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HODGES GERALDINE, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of Putnam County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on 05/30/2024. William D. Miller Jr. or Deana M. Miller requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after 04/07/2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before 04/07/2025 will be as follows: Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest to 04/07/2025 \$1522.30  
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  
Additional statutory fees with interest to 04/07/2025 \$0.00  
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check must be made payable to the The Honorable Robert Eggleton, Sheriff of Putnam County. \$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 Division, Building 1, Room W-114, Charleston, West Virginia, 25305.  
Questions please call 1-888-509-6568

2-13-31

## LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

### IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

To: Magistrate Court Case  
**Timothy James No.:** 24-M40D-00300  
**Drafton**  
Respondent's Name Family Court  
**353 Winfield Ave Apt 3**  
**Winfield WV 25213** Civil Action  
Address No.: 24-DV-236  
**05-05-1998**  
Date of Birth

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION (PROTECTIVE ORDER / HEARING DATE)

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

### TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

It appearing by evidence duly taken in this action that you could not be found in or that you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of the ORDER referenced above, a copy of the Petition and Order may be obtained at the Putnam County Circuit Clerk's office. This PROTECTIVE ORDER will remain in effect until 6-30-2025.

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 20th day of February, 2025.  
STEPHANIE SMITH/jo  
Circuit Clerk

2-27-11w

## LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

### 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

2-20-21

## LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

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

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

Estate No.: 6015  
Estate Of: Jackie June Browning  
Administrator: Jerry Ray Browning 20 Marina Park Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5796  
Estate Of: Suzette Denise James  
Administrator Cta: Jeffrey L James 16305 Pointer Ridge Drive Bowie, MD 20716

Estate No.: 5934  
Estate Of: Edward Lee Lilly  
Administrator: Michael J Bell 81 Mill Street, Ste 300 Gahanna, OH 43230

Estate No.: 6007  
Estate Of: Gregory Kim Nowlin  
Executrix: Barbara J Nowlin P.O. Box 149 Fraziers Bottom, WV 25082

Estate No.: 5991  
Estate Of: Brady R Paxton  
Administrator: Ethan F Paxton 320 Lower Overlook Drive Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6001  
Estate Of: William Douglas Winters  
Executrix: Blaine Winters 515 Lick Branch Road Charleston, WV 25312

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 27, 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 27, 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

2-27-21

## LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

### NOTICE TO REDEEM

2022-C-000149 - Putnam County  
To: TJ THORNTON, TJ THORNTON C/O CATHERINE COYNER, CATHERINE COYNER, CATHERINE COYNER, BENJAMIN THORNTON, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, 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 00.00 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**

2-13-31

## LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT PUBLIC NOTICE

Publication Date: February 27, 2025

Expiration Date: March 29, 2025

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

A West Virginia State Waters Permit, as required by W.Va. Code §22-11-8(b)(3) has been requested from the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) for:

Bancroft - Nitro 69-kilovolt Transmission Line Rebuild

American Electric Power, 40 Franklin Road SW, Roanoke, VA 24011

### SCOPE OF PERMIT:

The West Virginia Water Pollution Control Act requires a permit for activities that may cause an alteration to the physical or biological integrity of the waters of the State. The WVDEP West Virginia State Waters Permit is authorized by W.Va. Code §22-11-8(b)(3). WVDEP follows the existing West Virginia Legislative Rule §47CSR5A which pertains to jurisdictional waters for the purpose of outlining this application process and compensatory mitigation guidelines.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITY:

Construction of the project involves the rebuilding of the existing transmission line between the existing Bancroft and Nitro substations. The project will be rebuilt on steel three-pole structures, steel H-frame structures, and steel monopole structures. Construction activities will include work pad construction, removal of existing transmission line and structures, installation of new poles and structures, construction of new access roads, and upgrades to existing roads.

### PROJECT LOCATION:

Located at coordinates 38.412202, -81.845371

### INFORMATION AVAILABLE:

The West Virginia State Waters Permit application is available for inspection between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, at the following location:

WV Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Water and Waste Management  
401 Certification Program  
601 57th Street SE  
Charleston, West Virginia 25304

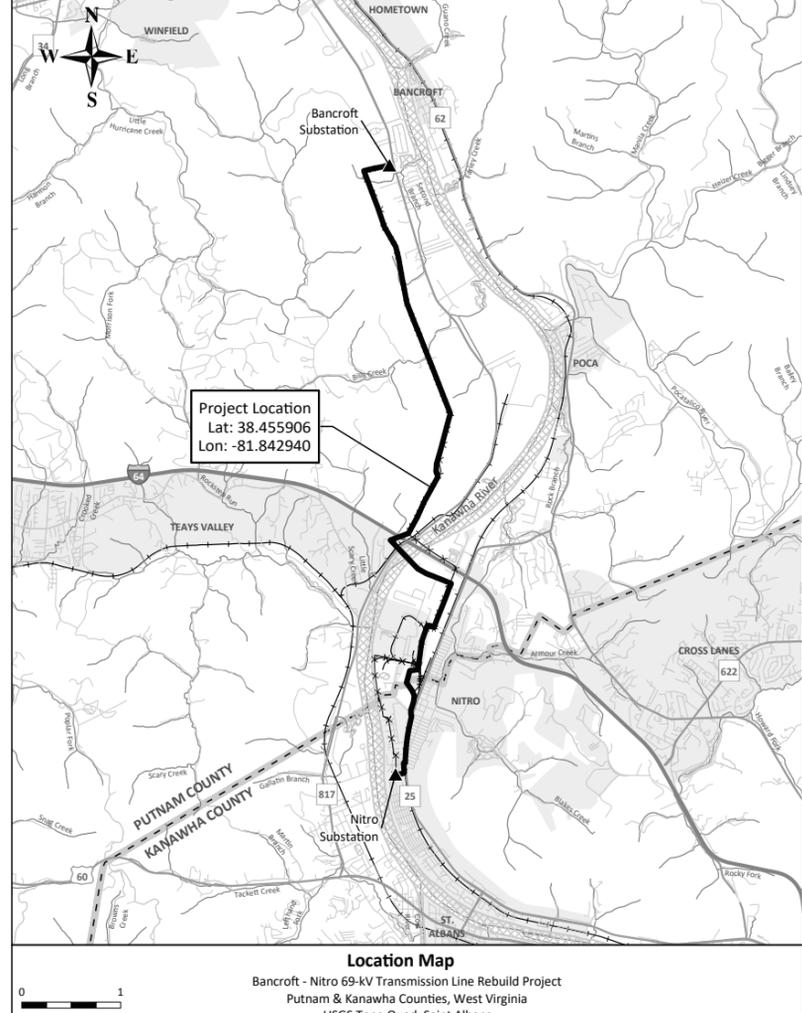
COMMENTS: Comments and information relating to the West Virginia State Waters Permit for this activity are hereby solicited. The need for a public hearing will be determined based upon an evaluation of specific request(s) for such hearing. Comments and information can be emailed to: [dep.comments@wv.gov](mailto:dep.comments@wv.gov)

All electronically-received comments will be considered prior to the expiration date of this notice.

or mailed to:

WV Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Water and Waste Management  
401 Certification Program  
601 57th Street SE  
Charleston, West Virginia 25304

All mailed comments and information on the activity's impact will be considered if postmarked prior to the expiration date of this notice. Comments and information postmarked later than the expiration date may not be considered.



# Streams Turn Into Rivers



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A mighty river is created from many small streams. With each joining tributary, meandering streams become part of a more powerful force moving with purpose toward a goal. Like a little stream, each of us is capable of becoming part of a more powerful influence for good; God's House is made up of many souls joining to form a spiritual river which can flow through the community, the state, the nation, and ultimately, the world. Our Lord declares in John 7:38, "He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Join the river at your house of worship.

### Weekly Scripture Reading

1 John 2.7-29	1 John 3.1-24	1 John 4.1-21	1 John 5.1-21	2 John	3 John	Colossians 1.1-23
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## BASIC BIBLE

By Ron Allen  
304-562-9881

### Beware of False Teachers

Jude 1:1-13

Jude opens his epistle by identifying both himself and the audience to which he is writing. Jude directs his words to them who are sanctified by God the Father, preserved in Christ, and are called to be used by Him. While Jude lists three descriptions, he is addressing a single group. That group is all who are of the common salvation. The common salvation consists of all who have received or ever shall receive Jesus as Lord and Savior. Every born again believer is sanctified by God, preserved in Christ, and called to be a vessel for His service.

In verse 2, Jude asks that God bestow three things upon the recipients of this epistle. He asks God to extend His mercy upon them. He asks that God's peace be upon them. And, he asks that God's love be multiplied in them.

Jude states the reason for his epistle in verse 3. It was needful for him to exhort believers to contend, contend earnestly, for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. The Holy Spirit moved Jude to exhort believers because exhortation was much in need. Those of the common salvation had unknowingly allowed certain men to creep in. These ungodly men had a mission. Their mission was to do three things — replace the grace of God with lasciviousness, deny God the Father, and deny our Lord Jesus Christ (v. 4). These men and their evil were ordained of old.

Why? We question God. We ask why God should allow such to happen. God's way is not hidden. Moses stood before Pharaoh and delivered words from God: "... for this cause have I raised thee up, for to shew in thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth" (Ex. 9:16). God ordained Pharaoh to stand against Him such that His power and name be declared throughout the world. The power of God is seen when men contend with God.

As God ordained Pharaoh to stand against Him, He ordained these ungodly men to oppose the faith delivered to the saints. These ungodly men were ordained of old for His purposes. God would have all of the common salvation contend for the faith such that all men might hear and believe the good news — Jesus Christ paid the price of our failures and was ordained from before the foundation of the earth was laid down (1 Pet. 1:20). The faith that was once delivered to the saints is contentious in that salvation is rooted solely in God.

Having described the mission of the ungodly and stating the need to contend for the faith, Jude urges believers to remember and consider the judgments which the Lord rendered in three very different instances.

Jude was moved by the Holy Spirit to remind believers of the manner in which God responded to the sins of the children of Israel, the disobedience of angels, and the offenses of Sodom and Gomorrha. The power of God was manifested in differing ways.

God caused the children of Israel to come out of Egypt with great gain but they refused to believe that He had given the land of Canaan to them. Their unbelief was cause for Him to sentence all of twenty years and older to perish in the wilderness (Num. 14:29). Unbelief was cause for the ten spies who returned an evil report to die by plague (Num. 14:37). Unbelief resulted in natural death in the wilderness.

In verse 6, Jude reminds believers that God has judged the angels which left their first estate. Their rebellion was cause for God to place them in everlasting chains until they would dwell in the lake of fire forever (Rev. 20:10). Rebellion against God was cause to be bound in everlasting chains.

Jude then points to God's judgment of sexual immorality and depravity (v. 7). God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrha, sparing none. Blatant immorality was cause for God to bring sudden and total destruction.

Jude announced the purpose for bringing these judgments into remembrance in verse 8. The sins of the false teachers who had crept in were like those of the children of Israel, the angels, and the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrha. God did not require men to execute His judgment against unbelief, rebellion, and immorality in past times. God executed His judgments in His time and in His way.

The Holy Spirit moved Jude to cite the manner in which the archangel Michael contended with the devil (v. 9). Michael, while empowered by God, did not speak out against Satan. Michael left the matter totally in God's hands. He said, "The Lord rebuke thee." Jude, through these examples, is instructing us to let the Lord deal with the matter of false teachers in His way. We are to contend for the faith. We are to do as He has said and to trust God to judge false teachers.

In verses 10-13, Jude reveals that which God sees when He looks upon false teachers. The Lord sees them who speak evil of that which they have no understanding. God sees wild beasts who destroy themselves. God sees hatred, greed, and rebellion. God sees them as empty clouds and raging waves that expend themselves in foams of shame. And, lastly, God sees false teachers as those reserved to endure the blackness of eternal darkness.

Jude was moved to assure us that God's judgment is certain. We are to contend for the faith. The manner in which we are to contend will be addressed when we look upon the remainder of this epistle.

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**PAUL CURTIS FIKE**

Paul Curtis Fike, 51, of Poca, passed away February 16, 2025, at the home of his daughter.

Paul is a 1991 graduate of Poca High School and retired owner/operator of PF Electrical. He is an Army Veteran and enjoyed video games, guns, and his dogs Winchester, Mr. Fizzles, LeRoy, and Bobby.

He is preceded in death by his loving wife Belinda Sue Fike and his parents Ralph and Rose Fike.

Paul is survived by his daughter Felicia and her husband Kody McVay of Oak Grove, KY.

A tribute to the life of Paul was held Friday February 21, 2025 at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Betty Lett officiating. Burial was in Donel C. Kinnard State Veterans Cemetery.

**BERRI LYNN FLUHARTY**

Berri Lynn Fluharty, 63, of Winfield passed away Saturday, February 22, 2025, in Cabell Huntington Hospital.

Berri was born and raised in Clarksburg and graduated from Washington-Irving High School where she was a member of the marching band. She is a former 17-year employee of Ticketmaster and is an avid Pittsburg Penguin fan.

She is preceded in death by her husband Kevin Fluharty and her boxer Zoe.

Left to cherish her memories are her children Cody, Brandi, and Ashley

Fluharty; her parents Richard and Carolyn Clovis; brother David A. Wagner and his wife Deborah; brother-in-law Rusty Fluharty and his wife Donna; grandchildren Jaydon Haikel and Reagan Smith; and nieces and nephew Taylor Teague, Nina Wagner, and Trace Wagner.

A tribute to the life of Berri Fluharty will be 1:00 PM Saturday March 8, 2025 at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Cheryl Winter officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the funeral home.

**ROGER LEE HORN**

Roger Lee Horn, 77, of Hurricane, passed away on February 21, 2025 at St. Mary's Medical Center in Huntington.

He was born to the late Clifford Sr. and Dicie Mae Jarrell Horn on June 21, 1947 in Inez, KY. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Linda Horn; sons: Roger and Johnny; and his brother, Clifford Horn Jr.

Roger was well known in the community for his trade, where he owned and operated Horn Roofing and Remodeling.

He is survived by his daughters: Tammy (Joe) Reavis of Culloden, WV, Melissa (Ray) Horn of Inez, KY, and Joyce Bowen of Louisa, KY; son: Randy (Melinda) Horn of Inez, KY; sisters: Maggie (Jr.) Blackburn and Josie (Glen) Pennix all of Inez, KY; grandchildren: Joshua (Brittany), Linzie (Maddie), Brittany (John),

Tiffany (Marcus), Tori (Sam), Jonathon (Morgan), Hunter, Kajsa (Noah), Hailey (Chance), Josh, Dana, T.R. (Barb), BB, and Donovan (Bre); numerous great grandchildren; and special niece: Joann Horn of Inez, KY; as well as several nieces, nephews, friends and other family members.

Funeral service for Roger was Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane. Burial was in Valley View Memorial Park, Hurricane.

**KAREN LILLY**

Karen was preceded in death by her parents Howard Jarvis and Jessie Evelyn Jarvis, sister Dora Ann Gooden, two beloved sons, Jerry Alan Lilly and Timothy Mitchell Lilly and beloved granddaughter, Amanda Jessy Lilly.

Karen leaves behind her sweetheart of 62 years, Jerry Autherliff, daughter Kristin Lilly, Grandchildren Jacob Lilly, Seth Bowers, Caleb Bowers and daughter-in-law Sherry Lilly.

Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church has been the Lilly's home church for 55 years where Karen was a devoted and compassionate member of United Methodist Woman. Over the years, she has served the church and our community in many capacities some of which include Church Historian, United Methodist Women, Women's Club, she started the Easter Egg Program, a leader in the Harrah Symphonic Organ Committee, Woman

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of the Year for Putnam County, Friends of Fellowship Sunday School Class, member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She worked for City Hall from 1974 as Clerk and she retired in 2005 as City Manager. She had too many accomplishments for us to list them all.

Karen was a loving, devoted, generous, classy and kind woman. She was a friend to all and enemy to none. She was always ready with a word of encouragement or a hug to lift people up. She will truly and deeply be missed by those who were blessed to know her.

Karen also made beautiful purses to sell at the United Methodists Women Fall Bazaar. If you are blessed to own one of her purses, it would be nice to wear it to her memorial on March 1 @ 1:00 at Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church. Gathering of family and friends will be at 12:00 to 1:00 prior to the service.

**ALEX MCCALLISTER**

Alex McCallister, 25, of Hurricane, passed away February 19, 2025.

Alex was born November 11, 1999, in Hurricane. He is a 2018 graduate of Buffalo High School and has worked numerous places, but his favorite job was installing gutters. He had a love for antique cars and participated in the mud runs at the Putnam County Fair. He attended Gateway Christian Church in Teays Valley where he was recently baptized and loved spending time with his family, especially his kids.

He is preceded in death by his grandpa Ronald McCallister.

Alex is survived by his wife, Jasmine; children Carson, Noah, Amiyah, and Alayah; mother Jennifer Stire; father Newton Blevins; sisters Danielle Cochran, Emily Blevins, and Betsy Blevins; brother Newton Blevins, III; niece Novalee; and nephew Kayden. He is also survived by a host of other family and friends.

A tribute to the life of Alex was held Monday, February 24, 2025, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Jed Worline officiating.

**RUSSELL MERCER**

Russell Lee Mercer, son of the late Henry C. and Ensell Caldwell Mercer, born February 10, 1935 on the family farm, passed away peacefully at home on February 22, 2025.

Russell graduated Hurricane High School, class of 1953, and retired from US Steele Chemical. His other full time job, which he enjoyed most, was farming.

Russell, is survived by the love of his life of 63 years, Judy Wood Mercer. They were married Christmas Eve 1961. He is also survived by son, David and wife, Crissi, grandchildren, Eric and Cortney, and great grandchildren.

At his request there will be no service, and his remains will be scattered on the family farm.

**CAROL ROWSEY**

Carol Joyce Sovine Rowsey, 91, of Hurricane, completed her life of service to her family, her God, her church and her community on Feb. 19, 2025 following an injury due to a fall.

She was born April 14, 1933 to Howard T. Sovine and Thelma Sovine McElroy in Hurricane. Following her fathers death when she was 8 years old she began helping her mother care for her four younger siblings and continued taking care of her family members for the next 82 years until the passing of her daughter Jan Rowsey and her younger sister Lois White just a few short weeks ago.

Carol was well known for her bread and pie baking and was always baking them for family and friends whenever someone else was grieving, facing a crisis or in need. She often served as a 2nd mother or grandmother to many of her children's friends over the years.

She was preceded in death by her husband Donald Rowsey, her daughter Jan, her sisters Marion Howell, Lois White, brothers, Denny Wise, Riley Sovine, Doug Wise and Tim Wise.

She is survived by her daughter LaDonna Rowsey of Hurricane, her son Howard Rowsey (Sharon) of Parkersburg, granddaughter Courtney Dyer (Shawn) of Hurricane and four great grandsons Greyson, Guy, Knox and

Wesley. Funeral service was Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church. Burial was in Valley View Memorial Park.

**SANDRA SIMPKINS**

Sandra Canterbury Nelson Simpkins went to be with the Lord on February 17, 2025. She was born to the late Samuel T. and Wyona Taylor Canterbury in Winfield on March 20, 1947. Sandy graduated from Winfield High School and retired as a secretary from the magistrate's office in Winfield in 1990. She was a loving wife and cared about her family. She was a Christian with a servant's heart and an active member at the Church of Christ in Lecanto, FL.

She is preceded in death by her first husband, Lloyd Nelson, brothers Homer, Herman, Clarence, Gene, Ray, Wade, and Douglas Canterbury and sisters Laura Robinette, and Velma Harden. Brother-in-law Stephen Nelson and Dalvis Simpkins.

She is survived by her husband, Danny Simpkins, sister Judy Russell, sister-in-law Betty Canterbury, brothers-in-law Kelly Nelson, Ronnie Nelson (Tami), Donnie Nelson (Jan), Paul Nelson (Debbie), Dale Simpkins, sister-in-law Karen Riley, 2 step children, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services was Thursdays February 27, 2025 at the Church of Christ in Lecanto, FL.

**HUBERT WICKLINE**

Hubert Wickline of Shawnee, OK, passed away Monday, February 17th, 2025, at the age of 90, peacefully at his home with his beloved wife Mary Ann by his side under the care of Hospice.

Hubert was born November 20, 1934 to Elza and Birdie Wickline. He is preceded in death by his parents, first wife Malvina, known by June,

(Boyce) Wickline of 56 years, son Roger Wickline and son Glenn Wickline, brother Edmond Wickline and sister-in-law Frances Wickline, brother Bryan Wickline, brother Jack and sister-in-law Hilda Wickline, sister Virginia (Wickline) Halstead and brother-in-law Evermont Halstead, and sister Nancy (Wickline) Bair and brother-in-law Ralph Bair.

Hubert is survived by family of niece Jeanette and husband Jerry Waller; Nephews Mark Halstead and Leon Halstead; His great-nephew Jeremy Waller and wife Georgia Waller and their 3 children.

Hubert is survived by his family, with his first wife June Wickline, their son Gary Wickline. Connie (Wells) Wickline. Hubert's Grandson Andrew Wickline and wife Rachel (Miller) Wickline their children, Hubert's great-grandchildren, Daniel, Noah and Della Wickline; Granddaughter Christina (Wickline) Danforth and husband Jim Danforth their children, Hubert's great-grandchildren, Corban and wife Haleigh (Wolf) Danforth; Hanaan, Chilion, Bethany, Caleb, Christopher, and Carlton and wife Christian (Sloan) Danforth their children, Hubert's great-great-grandchildren David, Chase, Eliana, soon to be born Owen, and Evan Danforth.

He is survived by his second wife of 10 years, Mary Ann (Lanier) Wickline and her children. Daughter Cindy (Lanier) and husband Jim Nielsen; Son Mark and his wife Tina Lanier, and daughter Melanie Lanier. Mary Ann's grandchildren are Kirsten and husband Daniel Pickworth; Dana Nielsen, Paul Nielsen, and Tim Nielsen; Forest Lanier and Dustin Lanier. Mary Ann's great-grandchildren Vera and Corbin Pickworth.

Hubert was born in Hurricane, West Virginia. He graduated from High School in 1951 then entered the US Air Force with an Honorable

Discharge. He married June Boyce on May 8, 1960, in Charleston, West Virginia and moved to Columbus, Ohio, shortly after adopting her three children into the family, Gary, Rodger and Glenn. Then moved to Las Cuses, NM; Rosamond, CA; Tulsa, OK in 1969 he began working for Holland Hall until 2001. After retirement he moved to Kansas, OK until his wife June passed in 2014 he married Mary Ann then moved to Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Hubert was accomplished at whatever he did. His skills, talents, and hobbies were wide and varied including but not limited to gardening, orchard, bee keeping, rock hound, dark room photography, travel, writing stories and poetry, serving the community, and if you are interest in something particular he was too.

Hubert was a generous, witty, dedicated, individual who loved family and was passionate about changing the world around him. Educating the younger generations and learning from those around him. He was an active and dedicated member of the local Church where he lived and volunteered in the community.

Hubert will be remembered as such a kind, gentle, patient, knowledgeable, listening, joyful, loving, wise, hardworking, stubborn, supportive, steadfast, appreciative, giving, living history, faithful, selfless, respectable, and the list is long that describes the man who he is to those he encouraged to pursue their goals and generously helped them achieve their dreams.

Services were held at Fort Gibson National Cemetery, Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, on Tuesday, February 25, 2025.



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The cost is \$15 per pie. Flavors include blackberry, peach, and Tollhouse.

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**Emma Alley Named to Flagler President's List**

Emma Alley of Winfield was among a distinguished group of students who were recognized for their academic excellence earlier this month.

The President's List is compiled in recognition of students achieving a high standard of academic excellence and is distributed by the Office of Academic Affairs. To qualify for this award, Alley a Marketing major, had to earn at least a 4.0 GPA with at least 12 semester hours of graded credit.

President John Delaney acknowledged the level of difficulty students face in qualifying for this award. Delaney said the challenge of achieving an untattered GPA requires incredibly hard work.

Flagler College is a top-ranked, private, nonprofit college in the country's oldest city, St. Augustine, Florida.

**Local Students On Youngstown Dean's List**

Carmine White and Kennedy Dean, both Marketing majors from Winfield, have been named to the Dean's List at Youngstown State University for Fall Semester 2024.

Dean's List recognition is awarded to full-time undergraduate students who have earned at least a 3.4 grade point average for not less than 12 semester hours of credit in the Fall semester.

Youngstown State University is a comprehensive urban research university that offers over 11,500 students more than 100 undergraduate and graduate programs backed by a strong tradition of teaching, scholarship and public service. As a major educational and economic development resource in the region, YSU is known for its focus on academic research and creative programs that transform its students into successful professionals, scholars and leaders. Located in the heart of the Tech Belt between Cleveland and Pittsburgh, YSU provides opportunities for students to actively participate with accomplished faculty, often in one-on-one settings, on advanced research and creative collaborations. The beautiful 145-acre campus includes high-tech classrooms, state-of-the-art labs and performance facilities, a variety of on-campus housing options and recreational facilities among the best in the nation. For more information, visit [www.yzu.edu](http://www.yzu.edu).

**Horton Hosts a Movie Marathon**

One film, two film, red film, blue film! Oh the movies you'll see based on the works of Dr. Seuss. Learn from the Lorax, catch the Cat in the Hat, and munch on some Hop on Popcorn with the Putnam County Library for an early celebration of the birthday of Theodore Geisel on Friday, February 28, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Main Library in Teays Valley.

**Free Dump Days**

DSI Waste Management, 1100 State Route 34 South, Hurricane, offers a free dump day the second Wednesday of each month. There is a 520-lb. limit (if you are over, you only pay overage). Household items large or small bagged or unbagged are accepted. Absolutely no appliances with freon or liquids/chemicals of any type are allowed. Items must be covered (tarp/net) if on a truck or trailer. Hard hat and vest required; they sell them on site. Call 304-562-3262 to verify any other items.

Republic Services Sycamore Landfill, 3475 Sycamore Ridge Road, Hurricane, also offers a free dump day the second Wednesday of each month. There is a 500-lb. limit (if you are over, you will pay the full weight). Bagged household items only. You can go as many times as you want in one day with smaller loads. Hard hat and vest required; they have limited amounts to borrow. Call 304-562-3398 to verify any other items.

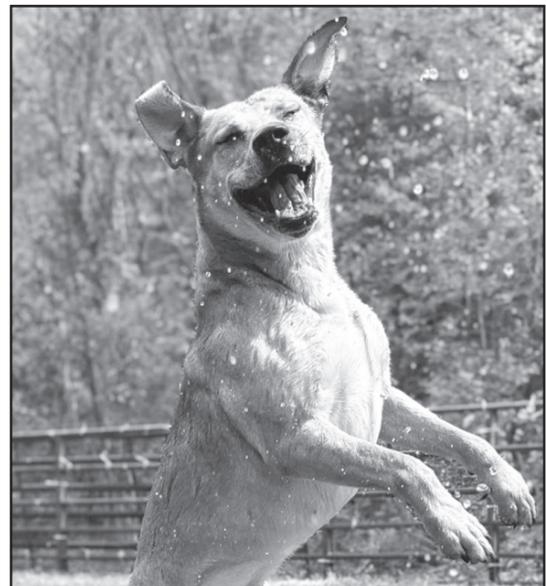
**Available Pets at the Putnam County Animal Shelter**

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.



Meet Leandra, a 3.5 year old spayed female cat looking for her forever home! Leandra is a lovely companion who thrives in a calm environment, so she would do best in a home without other pets or children.



Hi, my name is Buck, and I'm as strong as a truck! I love to be outside and with my people. I'm very polite, but sometimes I forget what boundaries are. I'm not too fond of my kennel; I'd rather be with my humans! I'm a little picky about who my furry friends are, and I'm the same way about my treats!



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