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County Commission CloverSTEMs Make Lego Cryptid Reveal at HerdCon

Receives Updates, Budget Requests

By Ron Allen
The Putnam County Commission held its February 25th meeting at the Putnam County Sheriff's Building due to ongoing renovations of Commission Chambers in the courthouse.

The commission approved an annexation request by the City of Winfield to bring Jordan Place into city limits. The property is adjacent to Winfield Baptist Church.

Most of the meeting was devoted to receiving updates on water projects and hearing the budget needs of county agencies and programs.

Terry Martin of the Regional Governmental Council presented the commission with an update on the availability of grant funding for public water projects throughout the county. Martin reported that an income survey revealed that Fisher Ridge did not qualify for a HUD Community Development Grant. HUD grants of this nature require that 51% of the residents be of low or moderate income.

Martin said that a Critical Needs Project to provide funding for water to Riffee Ridge was linked to HUD funding for Fisher Ridge. Critical Needs Projects are not subject to income limitations but cannot exceed \$2 million. Martin reported that the \$2 million Critical Needs Grant that had been received for Deerfield Estates has been returned to the State because the projected cost exceeded the limit. Martin is hopeful that the legislature will increase the Critical Needs limit to \$3 million.

Jim Nagy of Terradon reported that the Custer Ridge water project will be advertised before the end of March with contracts to be awarded in May. Nagy said that construction is slated to begin in June with completion prior to the end of the 2025 calendar year.

The Putnam County Convention and Visitors Bureau is funded through

hotel/motel tax receipts. Executive director Kelli Steele informed the commission that a 10% increase in revenue is expected and will be adequate to meet agency needs. Steele said that 10% of all credit card purchases in Putnam County are sourced to out-of-county residents.

Library director Megan Tarbett reported that she is asking for a 5% increase to meet increased costs. The commission allotted \$320,000 to Libraries in the current fiscal year.

President of Putnam County Fair Krista Snodgrass presented an overview of the 2024 Fair. Very hot days suppressed attendance holding the total to between 20,000 and 25,000 for the nine-day fair. Attendance and income from admissions is weather dependent. Snodgrass is hopeful in 30,000 for this year's fair.

Justin Williams, director of Parks and Recreation, asked the commission for an increase to meet the rise in utility cost and to avert employee turnover. The

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Shown above are Katie Matthews, who is both a member of Putnam County CloverSTEMs and the Winfield Scotts, and Andrea Meadows, who is a leader with the Midway Meridians as well as the CloverSTEMs.

By Betsy Allen
Putnam County CloverSTEMs, a special interest 4-H club, were represented at HerdCon, Marshall University's annual pop culture convention. The CloverSTEMs were one of the vendors at the

convention, which was held on Saturday, March 1. The club had had a fundraising booth for their upcoming trip to the 2024 Western Edge Open. The items they offered for sale included a wide variety of small Lego figurines made by local children and teenagers

involved in 4-H, as well as Mothman and other West Virginia cryptid themed merchandise.

The CloverSTEMs will be traveling to Long Beach, California, this coming May, where they will compete in the 2024 Western Edge Open. Because the deadline

is quickly drawing to a close, the CloverSTEMs have been hosting a flurry of fundraisers and promotions, and making appearances at craft fairs and conventions.

On Friday, March 14, the CloverSTEMs will be

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Calvary Baptist Academy presented with Jennings Randolph Award

West Virginia Secretary of State Kris Warner visited Calvary Baptist Academy in Hurricane on Wednesday, February 26, to present the school with the prestigious Jennings Randolph Award for Civic Engagement. The Award is presented to any public or private high school in West Virginia that registers at least 85% of their eligible seniors to vote.

At an assembly held at the school in front of middle and high school students and staff, Secretary Warner and Calvary Baptist Academy Principal David Spencer recognized seniors Maci Atwell and Bryson Childers as "Honorary Secretaries of State" (HSOS).

"Because of their leadership, Maci and Bryson helped their school earn the prestigious Jennings Randolph Award for Civic Engagement," said Secretary Warner.

The Jennings Randolph Award honors the late U.S. Senator Jennings Randolph who represented West Virginia in the United States Congress for more than 50 years.



Pictured (Front, l-r): Honorary Secretary of State Bryson Childers, Secretary of State Kris Warner, Honorary Secretary of State Maci Atwell and Calvary Baptist Academy Principal David Spencer.

In back: Calvary Baptist Academy senior class, WV Delegate Sarah Drennan, Putnam County Clerk Brian Wood, Putnam County Commissioner Andy Skidmore, Civics Teacher Caleb Turner, and WVSOS Field Representative Jarrod Summers.

Senator Randolph worked for more than 29 years to get Congress to pass the 26th Amendment to the

United States Constitution that reduced the voting age from 21 to 18-years-old. The Amendment was ratified by the states in 1971.

This is the first time in school history Calvary Baptist Academy has received the Jennings Randolph Award.

"In our country, there is no great opportunity or responsibility than to be a registered voter-to be an informed citizen who is actively engaged in electing our local, state, and federal leaders. We are here today to recognize this outstanding achievement from Calvary Baptist Academy," Secretary Warner told the students, faculty, and staff. "I am proud to say that

many of the seniors at Calvary Baptist Academy have joined the most powerful club in the world--you've become a registered American voter," Secretary Warner continued.

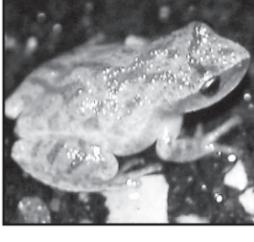
Thanks to Senator Randolph and the 26th Amendment, West Virginia has a long history with giving young people the opportunity to serve in elected offices. "If they're old enough to fight and die for our country, then they are old enough to elect the people who vote to send them to war," Senator Randolph once said. "If they're old enough for bullets, then they're old enough for ballots."

Putnam County Clerk Brian Wood,

Delegate Sarah Drennan, and Putnam County Commissioner Andy Skidmore joined in the presentation.

WEATHER SUMMARY		
February 25 - March 3		
	Low	High
February 25		
Hurricane	29°	61°
February 26		
Hurricane	25°	63°
February 27*		
Hurricane	30°	56°
February 28		
Hurricane	24°	54°
March 1		
Hurricane	20°	38°
March 2		
Hurricane	12°	37°
March 3		
Hurricane	13°	47°
*RAIN		
0.1 inch recorded Feb. 27		

First Spring Peeper Report



February is Frog month because that is when spring peepers awake from their winter slumber to let all the world know that they are lonely and seek intimate companionship.

This year's nap ended on February 26 when Retha Lemon heard a solitary peeper cry out from the flood plain of Big Hurricane Creek just south of Bridge Park.

The February 26 date is late for area frogs. Last year the Breeze began receiving Spring Peeper reports on February 9th.

Time Jumps Sunday



Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night. Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 a.m. Sunday.

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 MARCH

- 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.

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 6

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

MARCH 7

- SpeakEasy Singles will be holding a singles dinner starting at 6 p.m. at Diehl's Restaurant, 152 Main Avenue, Nitro. RSVP by calling 304-807-9591.

- 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

- There will be a Food Preservation 101 class from 10 a.m. to noon at West Sattles Circle, Nitro Community Center, 234 Lee Street, Nitro. For more information, call 304-776-5256 ext. 101.

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

to noon.

- There will be a WV Concealed Handgun License Class from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Putnam County Gun Club in Eleanor. To register, go to <https://legalheat.com/classes/in-person/wv-concealed-handgun-license-class-eleanor-wv>

- Yeager Design & Interiors, 168 Great Teays Boulevard, Scott Depot, will be holding their spring fling event from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- The West Virginia Jeep Club will be organizing a convoy to Point Pleasant to participate in Off-road on Main Street. A \$10 donation is requested. Meet up at 10 a.m. at AutoZone in Teays Valley.

- Lighthouse Baptist Church, Route 60, Hurricane, will be holding a food pantry from 9 to 11 a.m.

- Putnam Area Community Enrichment - PACE Foundation - will be holding a Speakeasy themed fundraiser from 6 to 11 p.m. at Social Event Space, 2833 Main Street, Hurricane.

MARCH 9

- The 2025 Miss Putnam County Fair Pageant will be held Sunday, March 9th at Valley Park Conference Center in Hurricane. Pageant applications are available at <https://form.jotform.com/250146072435147>

- Zoology Zone Science Center, Valley Park, Hurricane, will be holding Art for Animals from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (304) 397-1111 or go to the Zoology Zone Facebook page.

MARCH 11

- There will be a free line dancing class at 7:30 p.m. at Brookse's Bar and Grill, 13184 Winfield Road, Winfield.

- Lunch & Learn: What To Do If Your Business is Sued will be held from noon to 1 p.m. at Area 34, 971 WV State Route 34, Hurricane. RSVP by calling the Chamber of Commerce at 304-757-6510.

MARCH 13 - 15

- Buffalo Church of the Nazarene, 25053 Buffalo Road, will be holding Adult Vacation Bible School: Jeopardy! on Thursday and Friday from 6 - 8 p.m. and 2 - 4 p.m. on Saturday.

MARCH 13

The Putnam Puzzler Puzzle Competition will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane. The cost is \$20 entry per group. For more information, call (304) 562-0518.

MARCH 14

The Zoology Zone Science Center, located at Valley Park in Hurricane, will be hosting a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Mutant Mayhem Movie Night from 5 to 8 p.m. To purchase tickets, go to <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/ninja-turtle-movie-night>

MARCH 15

- There will be a gospel sing and jam session at 6 p.m. at Oma Chapel Church, 2116 Arbuckle Creek Road, Leon.

- There will be a plant and propagation swap from 1 to 4 p.m. at Bake My Day, 14 Bank Street, Nitro.

- Teays Valley Strings will be performing at 11 a.m. at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley.

- The Kanawha River Ducks Unlimited Sportsmans Night Out will start at 5 p.m. at Valley Park Conference Center in Hurricane. Raffles,

WV Spring Fire Season, Burning Restrictions Return

The start of West Virginia's annual spring fire season on Saturday, March 1, marks the return of burning restrictions.

The West Virginia Division of Forestry (WV DOF) reminds residents to confine outdoor burning to 5 p.m. to 7 a.m., according to West Virginia State Code Chapter 20-3-5. Fires set during that time must be put out before 7 a.m.

"Even though we have had a wet and snowy winter, it doesn't take very long for our fuels to dry out. Since January 1, we have responded to 29 fires that have burned approximately 161.6 acres. We would like to ask the public to please follow burning restrictions, especially on sunny and windy conditions," said Jeremy Jones, Director/State Forester of the West Virginia Division of Forestry.

Statewide burning restrictions will remain in effect until the spring fire season closes on May 31. The Division of Forestry has issued burning guidelines on its website at wvforestry.com/fire-laws.

Regulations include:

- All fires must have a safety strip.
- The safety strip itself must be cleared of burnable material and be at least 10 feet wide.
- Fire must be attended until completely extinguished.

Attorney General McCuskey Warns Consumers of Disaster Scams in Wake of Flooding

West Virginia Attorney General JB McCuskey is urging consumers to be on guard against impostors calling to solicit monetary donations to aid those affected by the deadly floods in West Virginia.

Scammers will be working to seize the opportunity to prey on people's generosity and giving hearts, taking advantage of the disaster, as well as the expectation that there will be organizations set up to provide relief to victims, or using similar names to existing organizations.

"The people who have been affected by this catastrophic event are in my prayers," Attorney General McCuskey said. "West Virginians are very generous – even in their own time of need – they will give whatever they can. Unfortunately, there are those who will try to take advantage of their giving spirit, so we just want people to be aware of some of the common scams to protect them and make sure their donations are actually used to help our neighbors in need."

Those who want to give to a charity or organization should confirm it is registered with the proper state government agency. If an organization is registered in West Virginia, people can access that information through the

games, silen auction and live auction. Tickets are \$75 per person. For more information, call 304-610-1080.

MARCH 16

- WV Horse Network will be hosting a volunteer and foster enrichment and recruitment day camp starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Winfield Riding Club. Preregister by going to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KZ25537>

- Only vegetative materials such as leaves, brush and yard clippings are permitted to be burnt.

- Spark-throwing machinery such as power shovels or sawmills operating on land subject to fire must contain an adequate spark arrestor.

- Inflammable waste disposal areas must annually remove all grass, brush, debris and other inflammable material adjacent to disposal areas to provide adequate protection, preventing the escape of fire to adjacent lands.

"Our fire laws protect one of West Virginia's most valuable resources, our forests," Jones said. "We urge everyone who decides to burn anything outside to be completely familiar with the guidelines available on our website. It doesn't take long for our fuels to dry out and fires to escape easily during the spring months."

Commercial burning during prohibited periods requires a permit, which are issued by local WVDOF offices. A permit is required for each commercial burning site.

Any person or company that causes a fire on grass or forest land must reimburse the state for the costs of suppressing the fire. Fines for forest fires caused by negligence range from \$100 to \$1,000, with an additional civil penalty of \$200.

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

As we finish February, thank goodness, I am drawn back to February 29, 1992, always... the day I walked into Putnam General Hospital, and Dr. Smith gave me the news about my Mother, age 60. She lived until June 2nd just as predicted.

I have never forgotten the kindness of Dr. Smith and the others at that little hospital. I remember when I walked with Chapman's out to the hearse, I turned around, and there were employees lined up to greet me. It was a journey of 90 days... watching my wonderful Mother leave us at such a young age... We could not have asked for a better doctor ever. Thank you, Dr. Smith.

That was a year that was awful... my family and I could not wait for it to end because the cancer diagnosis started us downhill... each month, it was something else. I am thankful that Mother loved and cared for us the way she did. I miss her every day.

February is also the birthday of my mother-in-law, Maxine Burke. She would have been 100 this year. I loved her from the age of 15... she was the best wife one could have asked for... my father-in-law was blessed to be married to her... I loved the Burkes.

February is a time for Valentine's Day, a day that is quite special to me. I love the cards and little gifts... the meals out when appropriate... a fun time for kids... and those candy hearts... oh my, don't forget the chocolates and flowers... February, for such a tiny month,

holds much.

Precious Memories... how they linger... how they fill our souls... my readers know that I love gospel music. Wish I could write it... alas... no happening... I listen to it on the television, and I watch church online. It is a shame that churches neglect to sing some of the older songs... esp. "Victory in Jesus"... one thing I have noticed, the congregations are singing less and the choirs are singing more... should be the other way, in my opinion...

When I get in the car to run to my grocery - a mile - or Dollar General - a mile... I put in a CD of Dorsey's... I only have one, and it is about worn out. I talk about this often in my column, but I love his voice... my friend in Indiana (friends since 1983 in Ohio), told me the other day that she plays one of Dorsey's CDs in her car also. Friends are listening to a great singer as we drive... surely the Lord must be with us. Dorsey sings like an angel...

This little column is about February, and I got on two of my favorite subjects... church and music... those who know me, know that those subjects are some of my favorites because the way we were is the way we are. I would be remiss if I did not add that the first time I heard "How Great Thou Art" was at First Baptist in Hurricane many years ago... awww... that is gorgeous... so those of you who go to church, rejoice in singing our Lord's praises and enjoy...

Mister Bee Mothman Style Mysterious Spice Blend Chips To Make Debut in Stores

Mary Anne Ketelsen, co-owner of Mister Bee Potato Chips, in honor of the legend of the Mothman and popular Festival in Point Pleasant, has unveiled a "Mothman Style Mysterious Spice Blend Chip." The chips are rolling out on local store shelves now and will be available statewide soon.

Ketelsen said she and the leadership team at Mister Bee – the only manufacturer of potato chips in the state – are continuing to showcase the best of West Virginia with special chip bags and exciting new flavors.

Some of the special chips Mister Bee has produced in recent years – with Ketelsen's stewardship – include:

- A bag saluting Veterans and military personnel to benefit the USO;

- A bag promoting the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve launched at Bridge Day;

- A "304" chip to honor the Mountain State area code;

- A "1951" chip to take customers back to the original flavor of Mister Bee's founding chips;

- A Pepperoni Roll flavored chip to honor the coal miners who introduced the treat to our state;

- A Sausage and

be fraudulent can contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 800-368-8808 or file a complaint online at www.ago.wv.gov.

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County Commission Updates, Budget Requests

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2024-25 Parks budget was \$385,000. Williams said that bookings for Valley Park playing fields is down because of increased competition.

Jamey Hunt of Putnam County Day Report expects his agency to expend 2.5% more than last year. Hunt projects the increase to be met by

additional grant money. Putnam County WVU Extension Agent Tim Sayre requested an increase of \$2,500 over the \$70,560 approved last year. Sayre said that WVU is asking a \$25,000 salary match for each agent.

Putnam County Health Director Crystal Moberly projects \$226,000 in grants to help meet a \$590,800 need. The Health

Department drives part of its operating revenue from fees. Last year, the commission allocated \$50,000 to the Health Department.

In other business, the commission appointed Greg Mick to the Parks and Recreation Board. The next commission meeting will be Tuesday, March 11, in commission chambers at the courthouse.

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holding a pepperoni roll sale in April, with orders due by March 30. The cost is \$20 per dozen; cheese optional. Pick up on April 4 or 5, noon to 2 p.m. or 5 to 7 p.m., at the Scott Teays Elementary

School. To order, visit <https://bit.ly/4auWkzm>

Upcoming restaurant fundraisers for the CloverSTEMs include the Hurricane Pizza Hut on March 7 - 9, Barboursville O'Charley's on March 17, the Scott Depot Husson's Piza

on March 18, Dave and Buster's on March 27, and Cross Lanes Buffalo Wild Wings on April 7. For times and other information, contact each individual restaurant, or call the CloverSTEMs at (304) 937-2184.

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

Free Summer Pathway Programs Help Students Explore Health Careers

The Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine is accepting applications for two free summer programs designed to help high school and undergraduate students explore medical careers and prepare for medical school applications.

Health Care Pathways Initiative (HCPI) will be held June 1-27. This four-week, residential program on Marshall's campus introduces high

school students from West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky to STEM and health care careers, including medicine, research, pharmacy, nursing and engineering. Funded by the Army Educational Outreach Program's UNITE initiative, with support from the Marshall Health Network and Marshall's schools of medicine and pharmacy. Apply by April 25 at jcesom.marshall.edu/HCPI.

Project PREMED, set for July 13-18, is an immersive, five-day residential experience that gives undergraduate students a firsthand look at medical school. Through hands-on activities and interactive sessions, students gain valuable insights into the application process, academic expectations, and the preparation needed for medical school success. Apply by May 2 at jcesom.marshall.edu/

THIS WEEK IN THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

For the week ending Feb. 28, 2025

As members of the West Virginia House of Delegates continue to implement their new, two-day committee process for deliberating potential bills, many passed the full body with nearly universal, unanimous support.

A total of 11 bills passed the full House this week, with fewer than half a dozen "nay" votes against any of them.

Members of the House voted to move some food additives out of reach with their approval of House Bill 2354. The measure would eliminate certain food additives from school nutrition programs starting Aug. 1 and would prohibit the sale of food products containing seven specific color additives or food dyes within the state after Jan. 1, 2027.

"We live in a state where many of our elementary school kids are medicated dealing with ADHD or some type of autism symptoms and what the studies have begun to show is that these additives that add

ProjectPREMED.

All programs are free for participants. For questions or more information, contact Shelly Campbell-Monroe, Ph.D., MPH, associate dean for student engagement and outreach, at 304.691.1607 or campbels@marshall.edu.

no value to the nutritional value, only appearance to it, are actually feeding into hyperactivity and ADHD," said Adam Burkhammer, R-Lewis, and lead sponsor of HB2354. "So as we consider bills on down our list, and one of them has been a really hot topic when we talk about elementary school behavior and how we're going to tackle this, we're tackling it right now: Better foods, better ingredients, better behavior, better for everybody."

Delegates this week also voted to increase the criminal penalties on parents or guardians convicted of child abuse or neglect resulting in injury with House Bill 2123, and House Bill 2047, to largely prohibit cameras or recording devices in the bedrooms and bathrooms of foster children.

"We have to do everything we can to protect our kids," said Delegate Doug Smith, R-Mercer, and lead sponsor of HB2123, which has unanimously passed the full House five out of the past six years.

Members of the Energy and Public Works Committee dug deep this week for an intense discussion on utility services and the establishment of microgrids in West Virginia. Their work across two meetings lasted

nearly five hours with no legislation on the table.

Various representatives from the energy industry spoke to the economics and other aspects of microgrids in the state during the meeting, allowing the committee to go in-depth on the key question of how West Virginia can continue to lead in energy generation and economic development.

"When we're able to talk through a problem, a concept or an opportunity without anyone in the room trying to defend or fight any specifics of a bill, we have the latitude to learn," said Delegate Clay Riley, R-Harrison. "We got a wholistic view of microgrids in just one meeting, hearing from fuel sources, coal, natural gas, renewables, from the regulated utilities, the merchant utilities and the end users."

Riley said the format lends itself to gaining perspective rather than being pigeonholed.

"It helps us all to understand the 'why' behind what someone believes without feeling like we must line up behind one bill or another," he said.

A total of 1,051 bills have been introduced in the House; the last day to introduce bills is March 18. 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.

March 6, 1820: Joseph H. Diss Debar was born in France. Diss Debar was the designer of the Great Seal of West Virginia and the state's first commissioner of immigration.

March 6, 1828: Johnson Camden was born in Lewis County. In 1861, he opened one of the state's first oil wells, in Wirt County, and a refinery in Parkersburg in 1869. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1881.

March 6, 1900: A mine explosion at the Red Ash Mine in Fayette County killed 46 men. It was the state's first major mine disaster of the 20th century. Five years later, another 24 men were killed at the same mine.

March 7, 1856: Tucker County was formed from Randolph County and named for Henry St. George Tucker Sr., a Virginia soldier, statesman and jurist.

March 7, 1929: The legislature adopted the official state flag. The state's coat of arms is emblazoned in color in the center. Above the seal is a red ribbon lettered "State

of West Virginia," and a wreath of rhododendron surrounds the lower part of the seal. The white field of the flag is bordered on four sides by a strip of blue.

March 7, 1990: West Virginia teachers went on strike after negotiations with the governor's office and legislature failed to produce an agreement on a pay package. Teachers in 47 of the 55 counties were involved in the 11-day strike.

March 8, 1926: An explosion killed 19 miners at Eccles in Raleigh County. Ten men were saved by barricading themselves in the mine.

March 8, 1963: The state colors of blue and "old gold" were adopted by the legislature.

March 9, 1832: George Robert Latham was born. At the onset of the Civil War, Latham turned his Grafton law office into a recruiting station, and he led the first Union troops in north-central West Virginia.

March 9, 1953: Football player Dennis Harrah was born in South Charleston. In the NFL, Harrah played in 168 games for the Los Angeles Rams (1975-87), was a six-time All Pro, and played in one Super Bowl.

March 9, 1965: President Lyndon Johnson signed the act establishing the Appalachian Regional Commission.

March 10, 1910: Kermit McKeever, considered the father of the modern West Virginia state park system, was born near Renick, Greenbrier County.

March 10, 1915: West Virginia's first Rotary International club was established in Wheeling.

March 10, 1920: West Virginia became the 34th state to ratify the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guaranteed the right of women to vote.

March 11, 1847: Boone County was formed from parts of Logan, Kanawha and Cabell counties and named for Daniel Boone.

March 11, 1848: Putnam County was formed from portions of Kanawha, Mason and

Cabell counties. It was named in honor of Gen. Israel Putnam, a leading commander at the Battle of Bunker Hill during the Revolutionary War.

March 11, 1856: Roane County was created from parts of Kanawha, Jackson and Gilmer counties. It was named for Judge Spencer Roane, a son-in-law of Patrick Henry.

March 12, 1835: Marshall County was created from part of Ohio County. It was named for John Marshall, chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

March 12, 1850: Wheeling Hospital was chartered. During the Civil War, the institution was used as a general military hospital. The Sisters of Saint Joseph were hired as army nurses, treating wounded Union and Confederate soldiers side by side.

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Fillers Page



Edited by Betsy Allen



March

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

Like a lion March storms in, her
howling winds a 'blowing
The winter strains to keep us cold,
but knows where things are going

Ash Wednesday and then Lent, the
fast just seems to go so slow
Good Friday and Palm Sunday, and
then Easter joins the show

It's a feast quite movable, we share
with all our brothers
Then comes a day that we observe,
especially for our Mothers

Always on March seventeen, as all
good Irish say,
"Don bit 'o green me friends; observe
St. Patrick's Day"

A mighty month of fasting, and of
feasts of fowl and yam
Then March relents as she goes out,
as gentle as a lamb

Recipes

Submitted by Connie Reddington of Eleanor

Corn Bread Salad

Ingredients

1 pkg. Jiffy Corn bread mix
1 can pinto beans, drained
1 cup corn, drained
1 green pepper, diced
1 onion, diced
1pkg. cherry tomatoes, halved
8-oz. pkg. shredded extra sharp cheddar cheese
1 pkg. dry Ranch Dressing mix
1 pkg. bacon bits
1/2 pt. sour cream
1/2 cup mayonnaise

Directions

Make corn bread according to package directions
in a 9x9-inch pan. Let cool. Crumble corn bread
in bottom of salad bowl. Add pinto beans, corn,
pepper, onion, tomatoes and cheese. Mix together
dressing, bacon bits, sour cream and mayonnaise.
Spread on top of salad. Refrigerate several hours,
Makes 10-12 servings.

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

Celebrate Spring's Arrival with a Skillet Fish Fry

(Family Features) Nothing says spring like a fish fry with the catch of the
day. This Pan-Fried Catfish recipe is perfect for enjoying flaky fillets without the
mess. Find more springtime favorites by visiting Culinary.net.



Pan-Fried Catfish

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Servings: 4-6

1/3 cup flour
2 tablespoons mesquite seasoning (or seasoning of choice, such as lemon
pepper)
1 stick butter
1/4 cup avocado oil (or oil of choice)
1-2 pounds thawed catfish fillets (1/2 pound each)
cooked rice, for serving

In pie dish, mix flour and seasoning.

In skillet over medium heat, melt butter and add oil. Coat fish fillets in flour
mixture on both sides. Place fish in skillet and fry 5 minutes then flip and fry 5
minutes.

Place fish on paper towel to drain excess oil then serve with rice.

Tip: If skillet is large enough, fry two fillets at once. If frying more than four
fillets, discard butter and avocado oil then start fresh before frying more.

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

Attitudes are
contagious. Is yours a
good thing to catch?

There are some
questions that can't be
answered by Google.

Exercise daily. Walk
with God, run from sin.

Spread the gospel, not
the gossip.

Jesus can turn your
EFIL around.

We have two wings:
mom and dad. When we
have both, we can fly. Life
is hard with one wing,
even harder with none
at all.

You are here for a
reason. There is nothing
accidental about you.
There is a specific
purpose, an assignment
emission on earth. Only
you can fulfill it.

We are not in the same
"boat." We are all in the
same "storm." Some have
yachts, some have canoes,
and some are drowning.
Just be nice and help
when you can.

Always put a coat on
before you answer the
door. If you're happy to
see them, tell them you
just got home. If you don't
want to see them, tell
them you were just on
your way out.

God has two dwellings,
one in heaven, and the
other in a meek and
thankful heart.

Every family has 1
weird relative. If you don't
know who it is, then it's
probably you.

If you see me staring at
the sky, just know there
are people up there I
wasn't ready to lose.

Doggies have a way of
finding people who need
then, and filling them
with happiness.

Having money in your
pocket is nice, but having
the Lord in your heart is a
million times better.

I can't remember how
many times I've said "I'm
fine" just because I didn't
want to burden others
with my problems.

Sometimes I get road
rage walking behind
people in the grocery
store.

Things we can't buy:
time, happiness, friends,
dreams, hope, health,
love.

Whatever you want to
do, do it now. There are
only so many tomorrows.

Truckers say goodbye
to their families to supply
the needs of others.

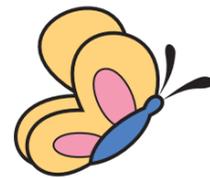
Not a single creature
deserves to be mistreated
or abused, not a one.

You can't add a day to
your life, but you can add
life to your days.

You will never have
to force anything that is
truly meant to be.

Self-love won't give
you butterflies, but it will
give you wings.

Never stop being a
good person because of
bad people.



Don't burn your
opportunities for a
temporary comfort.

Don't abandon a senior
doggie. You are all they
know.

If you get tired, learn to
rest, not to quit.

My favorite part of
winter is when it's over.

In the end, you only
have yourself.

Are you alive or just
existing?

I don't want to get to
the end of my life and find
out I lived just the length
of it. I want to have lived
the width of it also.

I have smiled at people
who have said the most
terrible things about me
and they think I don't
know.

You know you're
getting old when it feels
like the morning after, but
there was no night before.

Finding a loyal friend
is like finding a teardrop
in the ocean. If you have
them, cherish them.

When we walk with
the Lord in the light of
His Word, what a glory
He sheds on our way.

Success doesn't come
from what you do
occasionally, but what
you do consistently.

Do you ever put things
in a "safe place" and then
forget where the safe
place is?

No matter what life
throws at you at the end
of the day, your doggie
still loves you.

I like straightforward
people. Their lack of
drama makes life so much
easier.

My goal in life is to be
as good of a person my
doggies already thinks
I am.

There's a time each
winter when things
go from magical to
miserable. It's called
"January."

The path before us is
paved with the prayers of
others.

When you love what
you have, you have
everything you need.

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

I just lost my job at
the orange juice factory.
They said I couldn't
concentrate.

I never considered
cottage cheese a "cheese."
It's just a curd to me.

Goodbyes hurt the
worst when the story
wasn't finished.

A man's jewel is a
woman who walks by
his side.

Positive gardeners
always tend to have a
rosy outlook.

I kept all of my

resolutions this past year
in a journal.

A snowman's favorite
cereal is Frosted Flakes.

May life treat you the
way you treat animals.

Stay patient and enjoy
your journey.

Things are dark until
they're not.

Are mattresses ever not
on sale?

Wasps are wannabees.

Common sense is not
a gift. It's a punishment
because you have to
deal with everyone who
doesn't have it.

Being a mom without
your mom is tough
sometimes, because
sometimes you just want
your mom, too.

Sometimes you have
to give up on people. Not
because you don't care,
but because they don't.

How come the people
who claim to know
everything never seem to
know when to shut up?

Cleaning is just putting
stuff in less obvious places
and then wondering
where you put them.

Some of you never had
to push your own car,
then jump in and pop the
clutch, and it shows.

I think we have all had
a near death experience
at some point in our
life. Talking back to our
mother, for instance.

Getting old is weird
because you're still that
same enthusiastic kid
trapped in an antique
body.

Sometimes before
bedtime, I fall asleep
on the couch. It's my
little sleep appetizer, my
nappetizer.

When people talk
about me behind my
back, I just sit there and
think, "I got myself a fan
club."

You know that moment
when you wake up in the
morning full of energy?
Yeah, me neither.

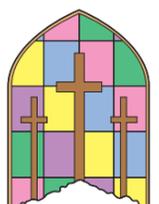
Every woman is a doll.
Now, whether it's a Barbie,
Annabelle, or voodoo is a
roll of the dice.

Schools should be
guarded like banks
because kids are more
important than money.

You know you're
getting older when the
voice starts to get softer.

Somewhere in the
world, someone will
remember you because
you were kind.

Bible Verse



Now he who supplies
seed to the sower and
bread for food will also
supply and increase your
store of seed and will
enlarge the harvest of your
righteousness.
— 2 Corinthians 9:10

Sunshine and Sweet Tea

By Josslynn Forth

There was nothing better than sweet, iced tea on West Virginia summer days. For as long as I can remember, my Uncle Luke and I would make our daily trips to McDonald's and get one large, sweet tea on our way to his farm on the right fork side of Cow Creek Road. He is who I must thank for my love of sweet tea. After each swig of sweet tea, we would swallow and say "Ahhh...". As we drove along in his white Chevy S10, he would put in a cassette tape and play "Cajun Baby" by Hank Williams Jr.



I would then make my way around the garden behind the house. He planted rows of corn, broccoli, tomatoes, squash, and all kinds of other vegetables and fruits. I would help him pick fruits and vegetables sometimes. I didn't necessarily enjoy picking them, but if he would ask for help, I'd do it. When I got bored, I'd go ride the four-wheeler some more. The whole property was fenced in, so I would drive along the fence watching the cows out in the distance grazing in the fields. I would wave to them and they would look up and moo back; it always felt like they were saying hello back. Sometimes, they would meander over to the edge of the fence and I would reach out and scratch their ears. I would always giggle when they licked or nibbled at my hand. He had too many cows to count, there were black, brown, and white cows. The black and white cows were always my favorite. At one time, he had horses on the left side of the house in the fenced-in field. I never rode them; I was always too nervous and I knew the horse would know. When I wasn't riding the four-wheeler, you could find me playing in the loft of the barn. I'd jump from haybale to haybale. I'd lay in the hay and make up my own stories. There was one big hole in the floor of the loft, and I'd look down on the cows and sneak them some extra hay.

When it would start to get dark, he'd call for me. "C'mon Josh, Let's go!". Josh was my nickname, Uncle Luke called me that for as long as I could remember. I don't know why he called me Josh; it could have just been another way for him to show affection towards me. I'd reluctantly get in the truck, but I knew I would be back tomorrow.

Every morning like clockwork, mom would drop me off at his house on Teays Valley Road on her way to work. He would have breakfast waiting for me. As soon as I walked in, I would smell the most salivating smell-BACON! The crinkling and popping of the bacon, the old westerns playing in the background, the anticipation of McDonalds sweet tea, and the long ride out Cow Creek was enough to get me excited. We would laugh and joke around while eating our "country breakfast". He would tell me stories from his childhood and adulthood. My favorite one is how he purposefully shot off his pinky toe so he wouldn't get drafted to the Vietnam War.

"Uncle Luke, you didn't do that! You are just telling a story." I'd laugh and shake my head.

"Oh yes, siree I did," He pulled off his slipper so I could see.

My eyes widened, "Lukey! You really did do it."

He would clean up breakfast and we would make our way to McDonald's, get our large sweet tea, and head down Cow Creek to the farm. Luke always brought Sam, his yellow lab, with us to the farm. I always enjoyed the ride to the farm. I loved the smell of fresh country air, the overpopulated areas of oak trees and wildflowers on both sides of the road, the feeling of the warm breeze across my face and arms,

the country music playing in the background, and sipping on sweet tea. While I played, he'd be working on one of the tractors, working in the garden, feeding the cows, or anything else he needed to do that day. I always admired how hard he worked. I loved the summer days I spent on the farm. Roaming around, sometimes barefoot, and feeling the soft grass between my toes. I'd ride the four-wheeler out the dirt roads. On the hotter days, Luke, Sam, and I would ride down to the pond. The feeling of the wind in my hair, the smell of the cows and fresh cut hay floating in the air and leaving dust clouds wherever I went. We'd kick off our socks and shoes and sway our legs back and forth in the water while sipping on sweet tea. There was nothing better than sunshine and sweet tea.

Sam would always want to play fetch and I'd spend ten minutes looking for the "perfect" stick.

"Okay Sam, sit! Fetch!" I'd yell as I threw the stick.

He never waited to see where the stick landed before he'd take off like a roadrunner. I watched as his body bobbed up and down as he swam, his loud breathing clear as day, his head darting left to right looking for the stick. Watching him swim back was funny, he would always have this serious look in his eyes. He would climb up the bank and shake off the water- usually on me.

"Sammmm..." I whined while wiping off my face.

I'd grab the stick and toss it again.

As I got older, I stopped going to the farm as often. In the summer of 2015, I barely went down to the farm. I got older and wanted to hang out with my friends instead. It didn't matter what we did, I never got that content feeling I did when I was on the farm. We would talk about boys, practice putting makeup on, and watch movies. He never told me if that made him sad, but I know it did. If I had known that was my last summer to go, I would have gone every day. That winter he got sick and couldn't go anywhere. I went to see him as much as possible at the hospital. We would talk about the farm and all our fond memories. I went to see him the day before my birthday, but he wasn't all there. But we talked as much as we could. I didn't know he was dying. I honestly didn't think he was dying. He had a stroke and just wasn't the same afterwards. He held on long enough to see me turn 14 and died about a week after my birthday on April 4th, 2016.

Sometimes I thought he needed me more than I needed him. But the truth is, we needed each other more than we realized. He was the grandfather figure I never had, and I was the daughter he never had. He had three sons, but they each tragically died as infants. Their names were Timmy, Tommy and Scott. We each gave the other something we desired- Friendship, and an unconditional love for each other. I think the reason I considered the farm "Home" was because of him and the peace I was surrounded by. He let me be a kid and explore. Most importantly, he let me be myself. After he died, I didn't

think I would ever feel that way about a place or person ever again. Sometimes I think, he sent me a new best friend, Christian. We met each other when I was in a dark place, he made me feel the same way I felt when I was with my Uncle Luke. We share a love for sweet tea, country roads, Hank Williams Jr., and dogs named Sam.

I think of him every time I drink Sweet Tea. When I start to miss him, I listen to "Cajun Baby", I hear him singing it to me while patting his knee.

*Way down yonder in the Bayou
Country in dear old Louisiana...
That's where lives my Cajun baby the
Fairest one in the land*

I roll my windows down, let the breeze roll over my face and arms, and sing along to the music. I see him in the sunrises and sunsets. I know he's thinking of me too when I think of him because I always see a Cardinal sitting on a tree branch. I see him in the flowers and trees scattered on both sides of Cow Creek Road. I ended up living on Cow Creek five years later, but not on his farm. I live on my own farm now. This is home now. The grassy fields, the red barns, the dark starry nights, the fresh country air, the bumpy gravel road, and the fenced-in land with a gate. I have a dog named Sam, but he is a Golden Retriever, and he is a constant reminder of Uncle Luke and Sam. Every summer morning fills me with the happiness I had when at Uncle Luke's farm. Every day is like a sunshine and sweet tea kind of day.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

**SERVICE OF DIVORCE -
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE
OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF RICHMOND**

LAURETHA EGO EFE Plaintiff,
-against- DASHAWN TYRILL
JOSEPH Defendant.

Index Number: 55517/2024

To the above-named Defendant:
YOU ARE HERE-BY SUMMONED
to answer the complaint in this
action and to serve a copy of your
answer on the Plaintiff within twenty
(20) days after the service of this
summons, exclusive of the day of
service, where service is made by
delivery upon you personally within
the state, or within thirty(30) days
after completion of service where
service is made in any other manner.
In case of your failure to appear
or answer, judgment will be taken
against you by default for the relief
demanded in the complaint.

The nature of this action is to dissolve
the marriage between the parties,
on the grounds: DRL§170(7)-
irretrievable breakdown in
relationship.
The relief sought is a judgment of
absolute divorce in favor of the
Plaintiff dissolving the marriage
between the parties in this action. No
additional relief is requested.

Hon. Catherine M. DiDomenico -
Chambers phone number
(718-675-7880)

Matter is adjourned for an "In Person"
appearance which shall be held on
April 28, 2025, at 2:30PM.

Plaintiff's Attorney
RADERIBIGBE LAW, PLLC
Raheemat A. Aderibigbe, Esq.
PO Box 131612, Staten Island, NY
10313 (Mailing address)
Phone: (929) 437- 3144
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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
PUTNAM COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA**
In Re: Change of Name from
Lillian Renee Raines
to Cameron Lee Raines

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING**
Civil Action No. 25-P-18
**Circuit Court of Putnam County,
West Virginia**

Notice is hereby given that
on the 9th day of April, 2025, at
10:30 a.m. on said day, or as soon
thereafter as the matter may be
heard, before the Honorable Judge
Mark A. Sorsaia, Lillian Renee
Raines will apply by Petition to the
Circuit Court of Putnam County, West
Virginia for the entry of an order by
said Court, changing her name from
Lillian Renee Raines to Cameron
Lee Raines, at which time and place
any interested party may appear and
be heard, if they so desire.

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

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

ENTERED by the Clerk of said
Court this 24th day of February,
2025.
Stephanie M. Smith
Putnam County Circuit Clerk

Qualified Newspapers

Only newspapers with a bonafide circulation are qualified to publish legal advertisements. A free distribution newspaper has a bonafide circulation of zero and does not meet state code requirements.

The Breeze is qualified to publish all legal advertisement pertaining to Putnam County.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
PUTNAM COUNTY,
WEST VIRGINIA**
BCS Rentals, LLC
Plaintiff

**Case Action No.
CC-40-2025-C-40**
Judge Mark Sorsaia

v.
**Rexyall Lee Wade,
Patricia A. Priddy,
E. Catherine M Kelley,
Jerry Cartwright ET AL,**
Defendants,
ORDER OF PUBLICATION

To the above named Defendants:
Unknown Heir(s) of
Cecil Cartwright, deceased
1023 Manilla Creek Road
Poca WV 25159

The object of the above-entitled
civil action is to obtain possession
a certain portable storage building
located at 1023 Manilla Creek Road,
Poca, West Virginia.

It appearing by Affidavit filed in
this civil action that there are or may
be persons, other than those named
in the Complaint, interested in the
subject matter of this civil action,
whose names are unknown to Plaintiff
and who are made Defendants by
the general description of
Unknown Heir(s) of Cecil Cartwright,
deceased, it is hereby ordered that
Unknown Heir(s) of Cecil Cartwright,
deceased serve upon Marc B.
Lazenby, Plaintiffs attorney, whose
address is Lazenby Law Office, P.O.
Box 4968, Princeton, West Virginia
24740, an Answer, including any
related Counterclaim or defense
which Unknown Heir(s) of Cecil
Cartwright, deceased may have to
the Complaint filed in this civil
action, on or before thirty (30) days
after the date of the first publication
of this Order of Publication in a
newspaper of general circulation in
Putnam County, West Virginia. If
Unknown Heir(s) of Cecil Cartwright,
deceased, fail to do so, judgment
may be taken against them for the
relief demanded in the Complaint.
A copy of said Complaint can be
obtained from the office of the
Putnam County, West Virginia Circuit
Clerk.

/s/ Mark A. Sorsaia
Circuit Court Judge
7th Judicial Circuit

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.: 5935
Estate Of: Carol Fay Brock
Executor: Bobby Brock
774 Thompson Rd
Culloden, WV 25510

Estate No.: 5988
Estate Of: Gregory Scott Estes
Executrix: Patsy L Hedrick
153 Maplewood
Estates
Scott Depot, WV 25560

Estate No.: 5932
Estate Of: Olivia Jean French
Executrix: Amy Bower
569 Cobblestone Blvd
Scott Depot, WV 25560

Estate No.: 6025
Estate Of: Corduss Wilson
Hammonds
Executrix: Judy A Hammonds
Aka Judy Saunders Hammonds
188 Frazier Lane
Buffalo, WV 25033

Estate No.: 6014
Estate Of: Kinlaw Hartford
Richardson, Jr.
Executrix: Kinlaw Hartford
Richardson, III
1052 A Springdale Rd
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5937
Estate Of: Eugene Tilman
Wilson, Jr.
Executrix: Andrea L Wilson-
Combs
125 Jericho Rd
Winfield, WV 25213

Estate No.: 5964
Estate Of: Randall L. Wilson
Administratrix: Pamela Sue Wilson
66 Conner Rd
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 March 6,
2025, or, if not, to exhibit the same
at the office of the undersigned
Fiduciary Supervisor at the address
shown below by said date; otherwise
any or all such claims may by law
be excluded from all benefits of
said estate(s). No claims against
the estate shall be accepted by the
fiduciary supervisor after said date.
All beneficiaries of said estate(s)
may appear either before the above-
named fiduciary by the date first
shown above, or thereafter before
the undersigned fiduciary supervisor
by the date last shown above to
examine said claims and otherwise
protect their respective interests.
All persons seeking to impeach or
establish a will must file a complaint
pursuant to W. Va. Code. Any person
objecting to the representative's
qualifications, venue or jurisdiction
must file a complaint within 60 days
of March 6, 2025.
Subscribed and sworn to before
me on the 26th day of February 2025.
Fiduciary Supervisor
Putnam County Commission
10293 Winfield Road,
Winfield, WV 25213

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

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

To: Magistrate Court Case
No.: 24-M40D-00016
Ethan Carter Neece
Respondent's Name

Family Court
Civil Action
No.: 24-DV-236

Address
12-30-2003
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 8-25-2025.

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

Issued this 25th day of February,
2025.
STEPHANIE SMITH/jo
Circuit Clerk

3-6-1tw

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.

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Estate Of: Jackie June
Browning
Administrator: Jerry Ray Browning
20 Marina Park
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5796
Estate Of: Suzette Denise
James
Administrator: 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

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Weekly Scripture Reading

Colossians	Colossians	Colossians	Psalm	Psalm	Psalm	Matthew
1.24-2.19	2.20-3.17	4.2-18	51	56	57	6.1-18

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Build Up Your Faith

Jude 17-25

The epistle of Jude was written for the specific purpose of exhorting the church to contend for the faith that was delivered by the saints (v. 3). After issuing statements of the certainty of judgment that shall fall upon the purveyors of doctrines that deny the Lord God and Jesus Christ, Jude exhorts believers to avoid error and remain true to Christ. The manner in which one must contend for the faith is to remember.

In verse 17, Jude urges the church to remember the words of the apostles of "our Lord Jesus Christ." The words which Jude calls upon the church to remember is that which has been placed before us in New Testament scripture. It is likely that all of the New Testament (with the exception of the gospel of John, John's epistles, and the book of Revelation) was in existence when Jude penned his epistle. The full record of the words of the apostles consists of the four gospels, the epistles, and Revelation. The apostles Matthew and John penned the gospels bearing their names. John, Peter and Paul were the human authors of no fewer than 18 epistles. Mark, Luke, James and Jude, while not apostles, all recorded books and epistles containing the word which the apostles delivered to the first century church.

The specific words of the apostles that Jude directs the church to remember in verse 18 are those of Peter (II Pet. 3:3) and Paul (I Tim. 4:1). Both Peter and Paul (and now Jude) warn believers of the falling away from the faith that shall occur in the last days. It is likely that both Peter and Paul had been martyred when Jude wrote this epistle. Their word (the word of God) does not go away. Nor, does it change. What was true in the first century is true in the twenty-first century. The need of Jude's exhortation could be seen in the church of his day and it can be seen in churches of today.

In recent years, many Protestant denominations have found it necessary to redefine or to clarify their mission and doctrines. God's word has not changed. The mission which Christ gave the church has not changed. So why is it necessary to redefine and clarify? Redefining of doctrine and clarification is needful only if a church has parted from the words given by the apostles. The church needs to return to the word upon which it was founded. Jude's exhortation is not to redefine or to clarify; it is to remember and depart not from the word of the apostles. False teachers, scoffers, and mockers are separated from God. They are not born of the Spirit. Any refining or clarifying that does not focus upon the words of Christ which the Holy Spirit has brought into remembrance is error.

In verse 20, Jude spells out what believers can do to contend for the faith. We are to build ourselves up in our most holy faith and to pray in the Holy Spirit. What is one's "most holy" faith? Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Heb. 11:1). One's "most holy" faith is faith upon God. The most holy faith is not by the will of man; it is the gift of God (Eph. 2:8). To build himself up in the most holy faith, one must dwell upon that which God has done. Each believer is given the surety of the Holy Spirit by God. One builds himself up in faith by trusting in the Lord with all one's heart and leaning not to one's own understanding (Prov. 3:5). One cannot trust in God by ignoring Him and His word. One must maintain continual contact with the Holy Spirit by keeping an open prayer line to God. One must ask for the Spirit's guidance and trust God's answer. One builds himself up in the faith by listening to God.

Believers are to keep themselves in God's love. How is this done? God the Son provides specific instruction: "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him" (John 14:23). One expresses love for the Son by keeping His commandments. One keeps himself in God's love by loving one another as Christ has loved us. We ever need to focus upon His love. Loving one another is evidence of one's love for Christ.

As we pray and love one another, we are to seek the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that produces eternal life. What is the mercy of Christ that produces eternal life? Eternal life is a gift. We have been given a life-producing mercy mission that is realized when unbelief is replaced with belief. God, in His mercy, counts belief for righteousness.

The object of our prayer and love is to replace unbelief with belief in ourselves and in others. Our outreach to others is not a one shoe-size fits all feet approach. In some, His life saving mercy is activated by acts of compassion, by doing things that make a difference (v. 22).

In other instances, we are to "save with fear." Some will come to Christ only when their sinful nature is revealed to them and they realize that their best is insufficient for the God who is perfect in all His ways.

Whether by love or by fear, we are to reach out to others. We are to remember the word of the apostles. We serve a God of perfect righteousness — a righteousness which is imputed to believers by faith. As Abraham believed and his belief was counted for righteousness, it is with all who shall believe.

The righteousness of God is a righteousness which no man can attain through his own works. We are to contend for the faith by letting His works be seen in us. Let us give praise to God by revealing Him to others.

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Obituaries

BARBARA SUE CASTILLO
Barbara Sue Castillo, 78, of Lakeland, FL, formerly of Hurricane, passed away on February 19, 2025.

Born on April 2, 1946, Barbara was the daughter of the late James and Odessa (Bird) Lee. She was very active in her church, where she was the secretary and event coordinator. She had a passion helping those in need. Barbara loved to sing, tend to her flowers, find a bargain at a local yard sale, and was very active in politics.

In addition to her parents Barbara is preceded in death by her grandson, Angel Delgado.

She is survived by her husband of 17 1/2 years, Nau "Jose" Castillo; grandchildren: Whitney and Alex Danton, Marissa Delgado and Ethan; great grandchildren: Cecelia and Alexander Danton, and Ari Delgado; step-children: Marina and Joey Castillo.

Funeral service for Barbara was Sunday, March 2, 2025, at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane. Burial was in Mount Vernon Cemetery, Hurricane.

LINDA DUNLAP CASTO
Linda Dunlap Casto, 73, of Buffalo, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, February 24, 2025.

Linda is a homemaker and a member of Wilkinson Memorial United Methodist Church.

She is preceded in death by her parents William and Ruby Dunlap and brother Mike Dunlap.

She is survived by her

loving husband Mr. Roger Casto, Sr.; children Catherine (Forrest) Cooper of Leon, Iowa; Kenneth E. Dunlap of Buffalo; Connie (Thomas, Sr.) Carte of Buffalo; and Roger (Roberta) Casto, Jr. of Buffalo; sisters Judy (Melvin) Fletcher of Confidence and Patricia Armes of Belle; 9 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

A celebration of Linda's life will be held between 12:00 - 2:00 PM, Saturday, March 8, 2025, at Buffalo Church of the Nazarene, Buffalo.

DAVID FERRELL
David Michael Ferrell, 79, of Hurricane, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on February 17, 2025 after a long illness.

He was born on February 4, 1946, in Logan County, to the late Okie Shannon and Frieda Ferrell.

Dave was a graduate of Logan High School and West Virginia Tech. After graduation he joined the US Army and began his career working for the WV Tax Department where he retired after thirty years of employment.

Dave enjoyed playing softball and bowling in his younger years where he met the love of his life, Deborah "Cookie" Neeley Ferrell. He was an avid golfer and continued to bowl as long as his health allowed.

He is survived by his loving wife, Deborah "Cookie" Ferrell; nieces and nephews: Brian, Emily and Jillian Owens, Michelle Wright, Aaron and Aaralyn Barefield; sister-in-laws: Jorja Neeley

and Chris Washington. A Gathering of friends and family for Dave will be 11:00 am until 1:00 pm Saturday, March 8, 2025, at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane.

RICHARD HENCHEY
Richard H. Henchey, 79, of Hurricane, passed away on February 22, 2025.

He was born on June 10, 1945 to the late Robert and Dorothy (Lightner) Henchey. In addition to his parents Richard was preceded in death by his sisters: Doris Buchanan and Donna Murtif.

He is survived by his loving wife, Rita; sons: Richard "Rick" Harry Henchey II (Nathalie) of Hurricane, and Russell Scott Henchey (Jennifer) of Rio Grande, Ohio; grandchildren: Alexandrine and Olivier Ratnani; Kenneth Andrew and Elizabeth Dyer; four great-grandchildren; brothers: Thomas Henchey (Nancy) of York, PA and William Henchey (Karen) of Altoona, PA; several nieces and nephews; special lifetime friends: Paul "Herk" and Mary Yingling.

A Celebration of Life will be held 2:00 pm, Saturday, March 22, 2025 at St. John United Methodist Church, Scott Depot, with Rev. Teresa Markins officiating.

WANDA MCCLANAHAN
Wanda June McClanahan, 92, of Poca, passed away peacefully at home on February 26, 2025. She was born on June 12, 1932, at her family home on Poca

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River Road to the late James Hubert and Selva McClanahan. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Margaret H. Whittington, brother, James Harold McClanahan, and first cousin, Frank W. McClanahan who Wanda considered a brother.

Wanda is survived by her brother, Gilbert D. McClanahan (Sandra), along with a host of nieces and nephews who cherished her dearly.

A dedicated and compassionate professional, Wanda pursued higher education at Morris Harvey College and Indiana University, where she earned advanced degrees in social work. Her career was defined by her unwavering commitment to helping others, particularly children in need of loving homes. She spent several decades working as a social worker in New York City, where she played a vital role in placing children with families, changing countless lives through her dedication.

Wanda's journey took her across the world, spending many years living in England, where she embraced the culture, built lifelong friendships, and further enriched her understanding of social welfare. Despite her travels, she remained deeply connected to her roots in West Virginia, carrying with her the values of resilience, compassion, and service.

After retiring, Wanda returned home, where she enjoyed a quiet life surrounded by family and friends. She will be remembered for her kind heart, her lifelong dedication to helping others, and her adventurous spirit.

As per Wanda's wishes, there will be no funeral services.

HAROLD RAY MOLES

Harold Ray Moles, 80, of Nitro, passed away Sunday, February 23, 2025 at Hubbard Hospice West at Thomas Memorial Hospital. He was a graduate of Poca High School. In 1986 he opened T&M Meats in Cross Lanes and continued to own and operate it for many years.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Audrey Moles; wife, Joyce Lynn Moles; wife,

Laurel Edge Moles; infant children, Michael and Michelle.

Survivors include his son, H.R. (Amy) Moles Jr. of St. Albans; grandchildren, Casey Moles and Joycely Moles; half-sister, Rose Fox. He is also survived by his companion of 13 years, Sarah Mullis and her daughter, Brooke Perry.

Funeral service was Thursday, February 27, 2025 at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastor James Legg officiating. Burial was in New Antioch Cemetery, Red House.

PAUL OXLEY

Paul Oral Oxley, 80, of Hurricane, passed away peacefully February 27, 2025, surrounded by family, after a short illness. He was born March 13, 1944 in Hurricane, to Oral and Virgie Oxley.

First and foremost Paul was a farmer. He greatly enjoyed farming the land he grew up on. He was retired from Union Carbide and also worked in maintenance at Teays Valley Hospital. He was a member of the Freemasonry, and a Christian by faith.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Ada Phelps Oxley, son, Gregory Charles Oxley, and his sisters Aredith Oxley and Elwanda Brown; and brothers-in-law Larry Sayre and Herald Whittington.

He is survived by his wife Carolyn Surface Ross Oxley, son Keith (Martha), step-children: Jerry Ross and Kim Ross; daughter-in-law Bobbi Oxley; sisters Diane Serjern, Jeanette Withrow (Jerry) and Janice Sayre; grandchildren: Gregory, Philip, Allison, Brandi, Jason, Stacy, Holly and Hope; great-grandchildren: Hailey, Kelsey, Jacob, Karsen, Lilly, Tritan, Zoe, Roman, Conner, Jase, Brinley, Easton, Xander, and Lillian; and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and friends.

Service was Monday, March 3rd, at Allen Funeral Home in Hurricane, with Tony Edwards and Keith Torman officiating. Burial was in the Bird Cemetery in Hurricane.

WANDA PENNINGTON

Wanda Lee Salisbury Pennington, of Clay,

formerly of Hurricane, went to her heavenly home on February 21, 2025, after a long illness. She was born on March 19, 1944, at Staats Hospital in Charleston to the late Arthur Lee Salisbury and the late Mary Ann Canfield Salisbury.

Wanda graduated Clay County High School in 1962 with a class that remained closely connected throughout the years. Following graduation, Wanda remained at home working part-time at the Triplett Ridge School Library while she continued to care for her grandmother, Lydia, until the matriarch's passing in June of 1968. Wanda then moved to Charleston where she worked in dietary at Charleston General Hospital. She moved on to work at NAPA Warehouse for 30+ years until retirement.

She was an active member in the Hurricane Republican Women's Club. Wanda was passionate about the American Red Cross and donated more than 62 units of blood in her lifetime.

She married Philip Nelson Pennington, on July 16, 1983 and shared 32 loving years together. They shared many hobbies and interests including the love of music, gardening, camping and traveling the world through reading. Her greatest passion was keeping her family history and stories alive.

She was preceded in death by her father, Arthur Salisbury, mother, Mary Canfield Salisbury, husband, Philip N. Pennington, sister, Paoletta Salisbury, brother, Richard Salisbury, stepson Phil Pennington, daughter-in-law, Denise Pennington, and niece-in-law, Melissa "Miss" Salisbury.

Left to cherish her memory are her brothers: Hobert (Reta) Salisbury, Cary (Mary) Salisbury of Clay, Stepchildren: Charlie (late Denise) Pennington of New Market, AL, and Ann (David) Cooper of Jacksonville, FL, Step-grandsons Garrett Pennington, of New Market, AL and Matthew Tabler of Jacksonville, FL. She also leaves behind nieces and nephews, Angela (TG) Cruikshank, Donald (Betty) Salisbury,

Julie (Rick) Allen, Mark (late Melissa) Salisbury, several great nieces and nephews and a host of beloved cousins and friends.

Funeral was Saturday, March 1, 2025, at Wilson Smith Funeral Home, Clay. Committal was in the Koch Cemetery on the Salisbury farm.

BERNARD 'BJ' WHITE

It is with sadness that we share the passing of Bernard (BJ) White on February 21, 2025. BJ was born at home in Scott Depot on January 10, 1931 to Maurice and Mary White.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Sandra; sister Nancy Oliver; stepdad Carl Miller; and step-granddaughter Chasity.

BJ was a bright young man who graduated from Hurricane High School, with honors, at age 16. He started work for Union Carbide at age 17 and retired as Regional Distribution Manager, after 38 years of service. BJ also served in the US Army and was honorably discharged as a Sergeant.

He had a love for sports and enjoyed hunting and playing golf. He also had his pilot's license and enjoyed flying.

BJ was an active member of Twin City Bible Church, where he spent many years serving as an usher and regularly serving others in the church.

He is survived by his sister Phyllis Bowcott; nieces Sheila Harvey and Patty Oliver Matz; nephew Greg Hodges; stepson Jon Cyrus (Lisa); stepdaughter Lisa Cyrus; 4 step-grandchildren, and 6 step-great-grandchildren.

Memorial service was Friday, February 28, 2025, at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, St. Albans with Pastor Jon Cyrus officiating.

CAROLYN WILKINSON

Carolyn Irene (Sams) Wilkinson, 88, passed away on February 28, 2025, in Poca, West Virginia.

Born on October 19, 1936, in Vienna, West Virginia, Carolyn graduated from Poca High School before dedicating 30 years of service to the State of West Virginia. Her

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commitment and hard work left a lasting impact on those she worked with throughout her career.

Carolyn was a beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She is survived by her children, Carl D. Wilkinson, Deanna K. Wilkinson, and Angie F. Wilkinson. She also leaves behind a large and loving family that includes 15 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Guy "Frank" Wilkinson, and her son, Guy F. Wilkinson.

Carolyn's memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

A tribute to the life of Carolyn was held Thursday, March 6, 2025, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Paul Bailey officiating. Burial was in Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens.

CONNIE WILMOTH

Connie Sue Wilmoth, 76, of Buffalo, and formerly of Winfield, passed away on February 22, 2025.

She was born the only child to the late Donald and Ivy Riffle King on July 3, 1948 in Montgomery.

Connie was a born again Christian and a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her husband, Maxwell Wilmoth; daughter: Jeannette "Jan" Forbes (Steven) of Teays Valley; sons: Phillip (Jenny) Wilmoth of Winfield and Eric Wilmoth of Buffalo; grandchildren: Derek & Aaron Forbes, Tyler, Evan, Maddie and Hannah Wilmoth; and best friend: Ruby Hurner of Washington, as well as several family members and friends.

Funeral service for Connie was Friday, February 28, 2025 at Chapman Funeral Home, Winfield. Burial was in Winfield Cemetery.



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WENDY CHAPMAN P.O. Box 503 Milton 59th Birthday March 7	LuANN GIBSON P.O. Box 842 Hurricane 66th Birthday March 9
DAVID JOLLEY #28 Donna Heights Huntington Birthday March 7	LeANNA LEGG BLACK Milton Birthday March 9
SARAH RUSSELL CHAPMAN 446 Knotgrass Drive Fort Mill, South Carolina 46th Birthday March 7	DR. JENNIFER ARNOLD KLEIN Boston, Massachusetts 51st Birthday March 10
ALEX LAVERTY #7 Hillview Lane Milton Birthday March 7	CRISTIN MASSEY Hurricane 41st Birthday March 10
DWAYNE BIRD 2180 Cow Creek Road Hurricane 74th Birthday March 8	BRAYDEN MOORE South Hills Charleston 11th Birthday March 10
RUBY DAVIS 1312 Thompson Road Culloden 73rd Birthday March 8	DREMA VARNEY Kentucky 74th Birthday March 10
PAMELA DAY HUDSON #5 Summit Drive Scott Depot 61st Birthday March 8	REV. BOB WITHERS 313 Main Street Huntington 80th Birthday March 10
KENDRA JOY BLOSS 75 Scott Drive Hurricane 21st Birthday March 8	IRMA JEAN RADCLIFF South Carolina 93rd Birthday March 10
ROGER HART Hurricane Birthday March 8	BROOKLYN LEE TONEY 425 Buffington Acres Milton 13th Birthday March 10
BERKLEIGH ALICE SOWARDS 5361 Hurricane Creek Road Hurricane 5th Birthday March 8	CHEYENNE SIMPSON 3292 State Route 34 Hurricane 18th Birthday March 10
BUD GIBSON 412 Mason Street Milton Birthday March 9	ANN CALDWELL MOORE 76 Buff Creek Hurricane 73rd Birthday March 10
PAULETTE GRANT 280 Cow Creek Road Hurricane 68th Birthday March 9	SUE REYNOLDS HODGES Apple Grove Birthday March 10
	TERRY FLOYD Hurricane

Birthday March 10

DANA WHITT
Hurricane
Birthday March 11

GREG GETER
803 Washington Hill Road
Hurricane
58th Birthday March 11

DENISE DARLENE
DENT
#40 Western Hills
Hurricane
61st Birthday March 12

JOHN DENNISON
Huntington
53rd Birthday March 12

KATIE FRANKLIN
DENNING
Huntington
46th Birthday March 12

WANDA THEVEDIN
1669 Washington Hill
Road
Hurricane
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MCKENZIE JOE ALLEN
2837 Main Street
Hurricane
27th Birthday March 12

MARISSA SARGENT
Milton
Birthday March 12

TRENA McCALLISTER
FLORA
P.O. Box 718
Hurricane
76th Birthday March 12

EZEKIEL "ZEKE" RAY
LINTRON
Colorado
16th Birthday March 12

ALEXANDER "ALEX"
VINCENT MOORE
Hurricane
12th Birthday March 12

LIAM NASH
3504 Wellington Drive
Hurricane
Birthday March 12

VICKIE BENNETT
FARROW
P.O. Box 75
Hurricane
70th Birthday March 12

GREG ALLEN
2837 Main Street
Hurricane
59th Birthday March 12

MADISON FRAZIER
Barboursville
18th Birthday March 12

RAY HELMICK
126 Poca Circle
Poca
Birthday March 13

DENNIS BLOSS
75 Scott Drive
Hurricane
Birthday March 13

TIM RANSON
Nashville, Tennessee
61st Birthday March 13

Happy Anniversary

Bobby and Debbie Sovine Workman of Hurricane celebrated their thirty-fourth wedding anniversary on February 28.

Roger and Ruby Gibson of Frazier's Bottom will celebrate their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary on March 7.

Steve and Debbie Caldwell of Caldwell Farm in Hurricane will celebrate their forty-third wedding anniversary on March 7.

Glen and Betty Gibson of 1567 Poindexter Road in Hurricane will celebrate their sixty-ninth wedding anniversary on March 8.

Arthur and Marcella Smith of 587 Buffington Acres in Milton will celebrate their sixty-second wedding anniversary on March 9.

Shane and Marcia Walker Gue of 510 Old Hickory Blvd. in Nashville,

Putnam Tastes and Talents Returns For Another Year

Tastes and Talents, Putnam County's annual celebration of food and the arts, is held every March. Tastes and Talents introduces the community to new flavors, sights, and sounds.

Participants can download the Putnam WV app, select "Passports" from the menu, and load the Tastes & Talents pass. Check in at 8 or more places and fill out the form to get special Putnam County gear. The pass will be available beginning March 1, and will remain open through March 31. Note: Participants must create an account on the app to store their check ins.

For more information, go to <https://visitputnamwv.com/tastes-talents>

Participating restaurants include Mediterranean Breeze, EZ Street, Barnyard BBQ, The Pallet Bar, Winfield Dairy Freeze, Taste of Asia, Valley Cakes & Cafe, Wok'd, Fat Patty's, Billy Sunday's Sports Grille, Putnam Provisions Co., Fairways Bar & Grille, Sweet Mama's Bakery, King's Kitchen, Thai Valley Kitchen, Bubbarino's Bites & Bubbles, Fireside Grille, Angaleno's Pizza, Bridge Cafe & Bistro, Mi Casita of Eleanor, Farley's Famous Hot Dogs, Tammy's Country Kitchen, The Juice Box, The Bakerie, Red Line Diner, L&R BBQ, Dough Daddy's Pizza, Sergio's Cucina Italiana & Steaks, Whiskey Taco, Moon Buffet, Guadalajara Mexican Restaurant, Belknap Dough Company, and Brookse's Bar and Grill. All locations of the Putnam County Library (Main, Hurricane, Eleanor, Buffalo, and Poca) are participating in Tastes & Talents as well.

Putnam Tastes and Talents events include: Got a knack for creative writing? Share your word talent every Thursday during March with other writers at the Poca Library, featuring new prompts each week. Stay just long enough for the prompt at 10 a.m., or feel free to stick around and share your creation in a post-prompt wrap-up.

Sunday, March 9 - Zoology Zone Science Center, Valley Park,

Weight Loss Group on Thursdays

"Our Way," a weight loss group, meets Thursday mornings at 9 a.m. at Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, Putnam Avenue, Hurricane. Meetings are held in Byrd Hall.

Monthly Tire Collection Event

The Putnam County Solid Waste Authority holds a tire collection event the first Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the City of Winfield public works lot located beside Payne's Produce. Limit 10 personal passenger tires per Putnam resident. For more information, call 681-235-3276.

Tennessee, will celebrate their eighteenth wedding anniversary on March 10.

Barry and Angela Bellomy of 1019 Holly Brook Lane in Culloden will celebrate their thirty-seventh wedding anniversary on March 12.

Hurricane, will be holding Art for Animals from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (304) 397-1111 or go to the Zoology Zone Facebook page. Come for some painting, hot cocoa, and fun... for a great cause!

Saturday, March 15 - The young students of Teays Valley Strings, under the instruction of Dr. Fred Meyer, will be performing at the Main Library 11 a.m. Performance will last approximately 30 minutes.

Tuesday, March 18 - Story Art at the Pottery Place in Hurricane. You and your little ones are invited to come to The Pottery Place at 6 p.m. to listen to a story, eat a snack and create a themed ceramic piece. Please call the studio at 304-931-5077 to RSVP to save you a spot. Price will vary (\$10-\$30 price range + tax).

Wednesday, March 19 - Do You Carrot About Your Health: Learn about the health benefits, varieties, and ways to cook carrots at 11 a.m. at the Eleanor Library.

Friday, March 21 - There will be a Stained Glass Essentials class at 10 a.m. at the Poca Library. If you love the beautiful work of stained glass but don't know where to start, this casual how-to session will help guide you through the basics.

Saturday, March 22 - There will be a spring craft and vendor show from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Buffalo Church of God New Fellowship Center, located on Church Street, Buffalo. Concessions (hot dog plate lunch) by the Women of the Church of God will be available.

Putnam Farm Bureau to Meet

The Putnam County Farm Bureau will be meeting on Monday, March 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the Winfield Courthouse. The special guest speaker will be the Mason County Extension Agent.

For more information, check out the Putnam County Farm Bureau Facebook page.

Putnam County Food Pantries And Clothing Banks

Christian Community Cupboard

2843 Virginia Avenue
Hurricane
(304) 562-9373

Food pantry open from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Fridays

Calvary Baptist Church

3653 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane
(304) 757-8829

Food pantry open from 8:30 to 11 a.m. the last Saturday of the month

Light House Baptist Church

2440 US Route 60
Hurricane
304-562-3900

Food pantry on the second Saturday of each month from 9-11 a.m. Church also offers free clothing giveaways on a regular basis.

Teays Valley Baptist Church

3926 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane
(304) 757-9306

Food pantry opens at 9 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month

Salt & Light Food Pantry

Winfield Church of the Nazarene
10822 Winfield Road
(304) 586-2180

Food pantry open monthly

The Pulse Church

5368 WV Route 34

Barn Quilt Workshop

Barn Quilts are not just for barns anymore! Perfect for houses, porches, fences, barns, mailboxes and inside. You do not have to be a quilter to paint a Barn Quilt!

The next barn quilt painting class, which features a sewing machine theme, will be held on March 21 and 22, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Area 34, 971 Route 34, Hurricane. (Area 34 is across the street from Liberty Square. It is the brick building that sits between the Holiday Inn Express and the Exxon Station.)

The Sewing Machine Barn Quilt uses 20-30 different paint colors. There are 155 paint colors to choose from. All supplies are included to paint your Barn Quilt. Choose from 24x24 at \$125 or 36x36 for \$225 size boards. Your board will be sanded, primed and your design drawn on and ready for you to start painting.

Don't want to do the Sewing Machine Barn Quilt? Pick either day to come paint a custom Barn Quilt for \$75. For custom barn quilts, participants will need to send inspiration photos to the instructor, Maribeth Shreve. She will then sketch out your chosen design for you to paint.

Participants will be painting on Aluminum which will not deteriorate like wood and it's much easier to paint on and to hang. Wear old clothes or bring an apron. Pack a lunch/drinks or order out. Everything else will be supplied for you!

Payment expected in advance to reserve your spot. For custom barn quilt paintings, participants need to show the instructor their designs at least one week in advance before the weekend of the class.

For more information, call Maribeth Shreve at 304-741-5321, or email sewblessedbarnquilts@gmail.com You can view more barn quilts at <https://facebook.com/profile.php?id=61565649756800>

Winfield

(304) 936-1679

Food pantry open from 2 to 4 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month

Buffalo Baptist Church

407 High Street
304-937-3221

Food pantry on the third Friday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m.

Five Loaves Two Fish Food Pantry

Poca United Methodist Church
Silver Street
(304) 755-7341

Food pantry open from 9 a.m. to noon second and fourth Saturday

Food and More At The Bridge

The Bridge Church
279 Dairy Road
Poca
(304) 373-6068

Church offers hot meals, food pantry boxes, and a clothing closet from 5 to 8 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month

Bridge Family Resource Center

30 Mallory Lane
North, St. Albans
304-727-6991

Resource Day is held on the third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Clothing, furniture, household, and other items



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