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## Commission Hears Budget Needs of Elected Officials Irish Eyes Smile Upon Teays Valley Strings

By Ron Allen  
The Putnam County Commission heard the budget needs of each elected office at its Tuesday, March 11 meeting. The commission must submit its budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2005 to the State before the end of the month.

Circuit Clerk Stephanie Smith, Prosecuting Attorney Kris Raynes, Assessor Gary Warner, County Clerk Brian Wood, and Sheriff Bobbie Eggleton, all requested increases that would produce 5% wage increases for their employees.

Employee wages make up the major part of each elected officer's budget. Last year, the commission approved the following totals: Circuit Clerk - \$597,498; Prosecuting Attorney - \$1,261,780; Assessor - \$535,693; County Clerk - \$952,539; Sheriff (Treasurer) - \$693,571; and Sheriff (Law Enforcement) - \$4,682,255.

The total county budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year was \$24 million,

\$14 million of which was funded by property taxes. Putnam property tax revenue for the coming fiscal year is expected to be about \$900 thousand above 2024-2025.

Stephanie Smith said that her office would also need additional funding to meet overtime requirements that the Circuit Clerk's officer has encountered in meeting electronic filing mandates imposed by the State legislature. Smith also cited the need to replace worn out seating in the Judicial Building.

Kris Raynes stated that she would face an increase for two upcoming high-profile trials. Raynes also asked the commission to fully fund salary and benefits of an employee that had been previously funded by a federal grant. Sheriff Eggleton reported that he needed additional to meet a projected increase in cost of uniforms and home-visitations.

In other business, the commission approved the

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Teays Valley Strings perform at the Putnam County Library on Saturday, March 15th.

By Betsy Allen

The patrons of the Putnam County Library were treated to a performance by the Teays Valley Strings this past Saturday, March 15. The all-string ensemble

features violins, violas, and cellos, and is composed of local youth who are in elementary through high school. Due to the proximity to St. Patrick's Day, one of the selections chosen for the event was the famous tune, "When

Irish Eyes Are Smiling."

Other selections included the Kerry Polka, a traditional Irish polka; "Lavender's Blue," an English folk song; "The Grumpy Pirate," a sea shanty from the British Isles; "Oats and Beans and Barley Grow," a traditional folk song; "Bile 'em Cabbage Down," an old time hoedown tune; and Kookaburra," a song from Australia. The favorite selection of the young performers was "Ode to Joy" from Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.

This is the first time that Teays Valley Strings has performed at the Putnam County Library. The event was well attended, with a large crowd of both children and adults listening to the young performers.

"Every March, Putnam County Tourism has an event called Tastes and Talents which showcases local eateries and highlights the arts here in Putnam County," said Megan Tarbett, Library Director. "The Library

plans multiple events with that theme in mind, and we are so pleased to have the Teays Valley Strings play here at the Library. Any opportunity for music education the Library supports."

The Teays Valley Strings was established in 2006 and is directed by Dr. Frederick Meyer. There are around 20 students in the group, which includes first graders through high schoolers. The ensemble has performed at various places in the surrounding area, including the Huntington Museum of Art, the Putnam County Board of Education, local schools, and living assisting facilities. Dr. Meyer has a long educational career, having taught at Cornell University, University of Maine, and the West Virginia Institute of Technology. He also performed with the West Virginia Symphony for more than 30 years.

Desiring to bring musical education to local children, Dr. Meyer teaches music at various Putnam County schools. On Mondays and Wednesdays, he teaches at West Teays Elementary; on Tuesdays he goes to Eastbrook Elementary; and on Thursdays he visits Winfield Elementary.

Teays Valley Strings will be playing at West Teays Elementary this Friday, March 21, at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

## Country Critters Community Service Project

By Jase Shaw  
4-H Country Critters Reporter

March 1, 2025, the 4-H Country Critters had a bake sale at Tractor Supply. Each member brought baked goods to raise money for the Putnam County Animal Shelter. We raised \$1442.44 in just a few hours; the extra bake goods we had we gave some to Tractor Supply employees and delivered the remaining to CAMC Teays Hospital employees.

The following week we met at Wal-Mart and spent the money on supplies needed for the animal shelter. We purchased cleaning supplies, dog and cat food, cat litter, detergent and many other items they needed. We delivered all the items to the Putnam County Animal Shelter. We were also able to sponsor 4 senior dogs.

It was a great learning experience we were able to give back to the community and help the Putnam County animal shelter.



## 2025 Putnam County Fair Queen Pageant



Ella Grant  
Miss Putnam County Fair Pre Teen



Khloe Kirby  
Miss Putnam County Fair Teen



Emma Luikart  
Miss Putnam County Fair

By Ron Allen  
Emma Luikart is the 2024 Putnam County Fair Queen. Miss Luikart was winner of the PCF Pageant

held Sunday, March 9 at Valley Park in Hurricane. She will reign over this year's nine-day Putnam County Fair from July

11-19. During the fair she will be presenting trophies and ribbons and posing for photos with the winners. Prior to the

fair, she will promote the fair by participating in Putnam County's 4th of July parades.

Following the fair,

she will represent Putnam County Fair by participating in the Putnam County

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### WEATHER SUMMARY

March 11 - 17		
	Low	High
March 11		
Hurricane	25°	70°
March 12		
Hurricane	38°	75°
March 13		
Hurricane	34°	73°
March 14		
Hurricane	38°	77°
March 15		
Hurricane	51°	67°
March 16*		
Hurricane	37°	65°
March 17		
Hurricane	26°	59°

\*RAIN  
0.4 inch recorded Mar. 16

## Community Calendar

If you want your event listed in the Community Calendar, write to the Hurricane Breeze at PO Box 310, Hurricane, West Virginia 25526, or phone 304-562-9881. If you have email, send it to breezenews@citynet.net and mark your subject line "Community Calendar." There is no charge for posting an event in the calendar.

### SATURDAYS THROUGH 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 20

- A ladies' exercise group meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Nitro, 2200 2nd Avenue, Nitro.

### MARCH 21 - 22

- There will be a barn quilt painting class from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Area 34, 971 West Virginia Route 34, Hurricane. Reservations needed a week in advance. Call 304-741-532 for more information.

### MARCH 21

- There will be a Stained Glass Essentials class at 10 a.m. at the Poca Library. Learn the basics of making stained glass creations.

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

### MARCH 22

- There will be a women's clothing swap from 2 to 4 p.m. at Bake My Day, 14 Bank Street, Nitro.

- There will be a Spring Arts and Craft Show from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Buffalo Church of God Fellowship Center.

- Healing Honey: A Women's Bible Study will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at The Macholah Ballet, 6422 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot. Registration is \$15 per person.

- Kevin Zhea and Mark Abbot will be performing at 6 p.m. at Barnyard BBQ, Hospital Drive, Hurricane.

- Valley Vintage, 404B Midland Trail, will be

holding a flea market parking lot sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### MARCH 23

- Dave Wickerham will be playing Popular Hits of the 1950's-80's at the Harrah Symphonic Organ at Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, Putnam Avenue, Hurricane, starting at 3:00 p.m. Admission is \$15, with students being free.

### MARCH 24 - APRIL 11

- Lighthouse Baptist Church, located on Route 60, Hurricane, will be holding a three-week clothing giveaway Monday through Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### MARCH 24

- There will be a genealogy meet-up from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley.

### MARCH 25

- Brookse's Bar and Grill, 13184 Winfield Road, Winfield offers free line dancing classes on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

- Allen Funeral Home, 2837 Main Street, Hurricane, will be holding an advanced funeral and cremation planning workshop at 2 p.m. RSVP by calling 304-562-9711.

### MARCH 27

- The Putnam County Fair Board will be meeting at 7 p.m. at the Eleanor Municipal Building (entrance is in the back up the ramp).

- Business After Hours, a Putnam County Chamber of Commerce event, will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at Teays Valley Cinemas, 170 Erskine Lane, Scott Depot.

- Frank Miller Photography will be offering a Headshot Day for business profile pictures at Area 34, 971 WV Route 34, Hurricane. To register, go to <https://frankmillerphotography.pixieset.com/booking/headshot-day>

- There will be a doormat painting workshop from 6 to 8 p.m. at Valley Park Conference Center in Hurricane. The cost is \$30. To register, go to <https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/putnam-county-parks/make-your-own-doormat>

### MARCH 29

- The First Annual Africa, A New Hope 5K will start at 9:30 a.m. at the Nitro High School. Proceeds benefit sending two local missionaries to South Africa. To register, go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/WV/Nitro/AfricaANewHope5KRun2KWalk>

- Valley Cakes and Cafe in Poca will be holding a Roots to Bloom Spring Fling starting at noon. Make wreaths, swags, centerpieces, and other floral arrangements. For more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/RootstobloomWV>

- Gritt's Farm will be holding spring planter workshops at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Create a custom hanging basket or decorative planter with expert guidance. For more information, go to <https://www.simpletix.com/e/gritts-farm-spring-planter-workshop-tickets-206301>

- A Court of Dreams & Stars Fae Ball - an event inspired by popular fantasy novels - will be held from 7 p.m. to midnight at Valley Park in Hurricane. To purchase tickets, go to <https://www.beyondthepagevents.com/events/a-court-of-dreams-and-stars-fae-ball>

- There will be a community sing at 6 p.m. at the Hurricane First Church of the Nazarene, 358 Route 60, Culloden.

## WVDNR Releases Big Game Bulletin

Annual publication includes harvest numbers for West Virginia's big game species

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) announced today that its annual Big Game Bulletin, which includes harvest numbers for white-tailed deer, wild turkey, black bear and wild boar, is available to download at [WVDnr.gov/big-game](http://WVDnr.gov/big-game)

"The Big Game Bulletin is a helpful tool that gives hunters an overview of harvest numbers and trends," said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion. "These harvest numbers also help our biologists monitor big game populations and recommend any needed changes in bag limits or season lengths so we can continue to sustain healthy populations of these important species."

According to data in the report, hunters harvested more white-tailed deer during the 2024 seasons than last year while overall harvest numbers for other big game species decreased. Summaries from the report for each big game species are provided below.

### Black Bears

#### Harvest and Trends

Hunters harvested 2,479 black bears during the 2024 seasons, a 12% decrease from the 2,830 bears harvested in 2023. Despite the overall harvest decline, the bear population remains robust and liberal hunting seasons in eastern mountain counties have stabilized numbers. Non-hunting mortalities decreased by 19 percent, nuisance complaints dropped by 55 percent and damage claims decreased by 26 percent, which suggests effective management.

### White-Tailed Deer

#### Harvest and Trends

Hunters harvested 111,646 white-tailed deer during the 2024 seasons and January 2025 season, a 2 percent increase from the 109,246 deer

harvested in the previous year and 1 percent above the five-year average of 110,296. While harvests in the buck-only firearms season dropped 7.7 percent, the overall deer harvest was buoyed by a 14% increase in antlerless harvests. Despite this increase in antlerless deer harvests, female deer harvests fell short of the 40 percent target for population stabilization.

### Wild Turkey

#### Harvest and Trends

Hunters harvested 12,780 wild turkeys in 2024 seasons, a 3.2% decrease from the 13,198 turkeys harvested in 2023. The spring gobbler harvest decreased 4.64% but came in ahead of the five- and 10-year averages of 10,937 and 10,913, respectively. The drop in spring harvests was offset by a strong fall season, in which hunters harvested 16.9% more turkeys than they did in 2023.

### Wild Boar

#### Harvest and Trends

Hunters harvested 91 wild boar during the 2024 season and February 2025 season, a 35 percent decrease from the 142 boar harvested in the previous year and the lowest harvest in five years. According to the report, bad weather and abundant white oak availability reduced harvests, but the February season continues to stabilize the population while offering hunting opportunities.

Publishing the Big Game Bulletin is funded by money collected through the sale of hunting and fishing licenses and by funds from Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration. In addition to including harvest numbers for each big game species, this year's publication includes harvests by season and county area. Digital copies are available to download at [WVDnr.gov/big-game](http://WVDnr.gov/big-game)

## Submissions Accepted for the Inspired: West Virginia Historic Figures Juried Art Exhibition

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH) is currently accepting submissions for the fourth installation of Inspired: A West Virginia Series of Juried Exhibitions. This installation of the exhibit is titled West Virginia Historic Figures. Submissions will be accepted until Tuesday, March 25, 2025.

The exhibit will open Sunday, June 1, 2025, at 2 p.m. with an awards ceremony and reception at the Culture Center, State Capitol Complex, in Charleston.

Inspired is a four-part series in honor of the upcoming 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, highlighting visual representations of West Virginia themes. Previous shows focused on landscapes, historic buildings and structures, and wildlife. The exhibit will be displayed in the Commissioner's Gallery of the Culture Center.

Artists must be current West Virginia residents and may enter up to two pieces in each of the four exhibitions. Entries should be made within the past two years and not exceed

7 feet in any dimension. Film/video works are not eligible for this exhibit. Awards will be presented for 1st place (\$1,000), 2nd place (\$500) and 3rd place (\$250).

Prospectus and entry information can be found at <https://wvculture.org/agencies/museums>

For more information, please contact WVDACH Exhibits Coordinator Sidney Duncan at (304) 558-0220 ext. 175 or [Sidney.L.Duncan@wv.gov](mailto:Sidney.L.Duncan@wv.gov).

## 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.

## The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

Sometimes, I am so overcome with emotion that I can't breathe. Where have the years gone? How could I be getting so close to 80... (78 this year)? How did this happen? The woman in the mirror... Is that me? When I was in my 20's, a gracious lady, in our church in Ohio, told me that the years would pass too quickly. That was difficult to comprehend back then. You know what? She was right. I do have to say that I have enjoyed my life... I hope I have many years left.

Yesterday, I was a little girl excited to go to school and learn. I was shy, quiet, and innocent, and fearful each day. Thankfully, Mrs. Pauley, my first grade teacher, was kind and gentle. She made our days fun while we learned. Grade school and junior high zoomed by. High school was the most fun because of friends and a special boyfriend.

Yesterday, I was a newlywed, happier than I ever dreamed possible. The babies came, and life took on a new look... the best kids anyone could ever want. We were The Burkes and happy... that was just yesterday...

Where did the time go? I ask this so often... where are the years? the months? the days? the times we had together?

Yesterday, I graduated college and became a teacher. The best career in the world. The most

rewarding... every day a challenge and a gift. (Other than being a wife and mother... the best... )

Yesterday, I left my classroom... I gave it to another teacher. I cried. Where did the 18 1/2 years go that I was privileged to teach junior high, high school, and as an adjunct at State and Marshall? Yesterday.

Yesterday, I had a Mother and a huge family... I had in-laws... so many... where did they go?

Yesterday, I was a young woman... starting out in life with dreams only the young can realize... yesterday... those dreams...

Yesterday, my friends had their loved ones... their parents and husbands... yesterday... we have survived the pain, the agony of loss, along with the beauty of goodness... we are WV Strong... we are different... we are our Mothers...

Yesterday, I lived in a house in WV... I was around friends... yesterday...

I don't have the answers... no one does... that is life... we have the past... we have the present... we look forward to the future and more yesterdays... I am NOT finished. I am looking forward to that 100th birthday... because yesterday is gone and tomorrow is a new day... because the way we were is the way we are, loving life... Prayers...

## Paranormal, Cryptid and Ghost Stories Needed for New Publication

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

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

"The goal of the project is to collect and preserve new local lore from at least five West Virginia counties," said Lydia Warren, director of the Folklife Center. "We plan to have the zine completed

in July, and free copies will be available at the Folklife Center." Copies will also be distributed to local libraries.

The idea for the zine originated when Folklife Center Founding Director Judy Byers attended the first annual Veggie Man Day, an event at the center organized by the Mothboys—Matt and Mike Schlang and Jake Haskin. Inspired by the cryptid- and paranormal-themed artwork on display, Byers suggested the next edition of the Traditions journal should focus on similar themes.

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

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

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

To submit a story, email [wvfolklife@fairmontstate.edu](mailto:wvfolklife@fairmontstate.edu)

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# Putnam County Commission

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annexation of 1.68 acres adjacent to Chapman Funeral Home in Hurricane into Hurricane city limits. The site is slated to become the home to a new Putnam County Bank Branch.

The commission also extended an extension of an agreement with the Kanawha-Charleston Humane Association to assist in implementing

changes at the Putnam County Animal Shelter.

In an item not listed on the agenda, Gary Jones of Scott Depot expressed his concern that the Department of Highways may not choose the option favored by residents when Teays Valley Road is widened. Jones believes that the overwhelming majority of residents favor two-way turn lanes and additional lanes at traffic

lights, while the DOH favors the construction of four runabouts. The area of Teays Valley Road involved is the section between Great Teays Boulevard and Scott Teays Elementary School. The issue is expected to be discussed at the county transportation committee meeting on March 31st.

The Putnam County Commission next meets on Tuesday, March 25th.

# THIS WEEK IN THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

For the week ending March 14, 2025

Members of the House of Delegates voted on many pieces of legislation this week, sending some to the Senate for debate and several others completed the legislative process this week.

"We knew by consciously deciding this year to spend more time learning about issues and talking about potential solutions the natural result would be fewer bills brought to the House floor for a vote and I believe that's a good thing," said House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, R-Clay. "I've been excited to shift the mindset and the narrative away from assuming the goal here is to pass as many bills as possible because often what is necessary to fix a problem in this state is not a new line of Code."

Hanshaw gave as an example the issue of dilapidated buildings and structures, something every town throughout West Virginia struggles to manage. He said that with roughly 50 different proposals on how the state could or should address

it, each looking only from a narrow perspective in a specific portion of the state, it would be a disservice to look with blinders at each individual bill one at a time.

"We have probably 50 different proposals on that, and it's incumbent upon us as the Legislature to really examine how we want to deal with that issue as a state," he said. "There are many other problems that truly are not ours to solve, but these are the types of decisions we should be making here as a body to solve what problems we can."

"I'm proud of our members for showing up to the 60-day session ready to listen and talk rather than just perform a rapid-fire sorting of bills that come from any number of sources." Hanshaw pointed out the House has passed 63 bills, including two that completed the legislative process this week after unanimous votes in the House of Delegates.

Senate Bill 138 would create enhanced criminal

penalties for a person repeatedly convicted of fleeing an officer, and those repeat offenses would play into sentencing. Senate Bill 240 would update definitions included under the state's criminal code as it relates to the extortion of sexual conduct and would criminalize the practice of threatening blackmail under the threat of disclosing private images without consent. Those two measures now go to the Executive for action.

The House Health and Human Resources Committee this week advanced several measures related to foster care. House Bill 2503 would revamp the foster care clothing allowance program by establishing what is considered an adequate wardrobe and approved necessities for children removed from their homes. It also would provide reloadable purchasing cards for more flexible purchasing online or at any store that accepts an electronic payment transaction. House Bill 2934 would require the Department of Human Services to prioritize housing applications, such as HUD or any government-assisted housing, for children who have turned 18 and transitioning from foster care. House Bill 2377 would update child welfare data reporting and create a Critical Incident Review Team to review both fatalities and near fatalities involving children in the child welfare system. It would allow the Foster Care Ombudsman to access relevant report and would require reports to be retained for at least one year.

The 60-day, regular legislative session ends at midnight April 12.

# Putnam County Fair Queen Pageant

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Homecoming, Poca Heritage Day, WV Pumpkin Festival, and Hurricane Christmas Parades. She will compete with other fair and festival queens at

the West Virginia Fairs and Festivals Pageant in Charleston in January of 2026 for the honor of reigning over the 2026 State Fair.

The PCF Pageant also produced PCF Teen Queen and Pre Teen

Queen winners. Khloe Kirby is the 2024 Putnam County Fair Teen Queen and Ella Grant, the Pre Teen Queen.

The queens and their courts will assist in presenting awards during the fair.

# Report from Midway Meridians 4-H Club



January



February



March

Submitted by Midway Meridians Reporter Ella Grant

The Midway Meridians have had a busy couple of months participating in fun activities, as well as service projects.

In December, the members collected plastic bags to be sent to North Carolina. These bags went to be used to help flood victims who are still not able to get into their homes. Not only was this project good for the environment, but it also helped others.

On January 30th, members enjoyed watching the new Sonic 3 movie. This was a fun time for club members to spend

together. Member participated in the Putnam County 4-H Bowling event on February 23rd. This event brought together members from the whole county to do something fun together.

On March 5th, the club was represented at the State Capitol. This is

a good opportunity to tell our representatives about 4-H and encourage them to continue supporting 4-H programs.

If you want to join our fun, there is still time to join. Visit our Facebook page 4-H Midway Meridians for more information.



December

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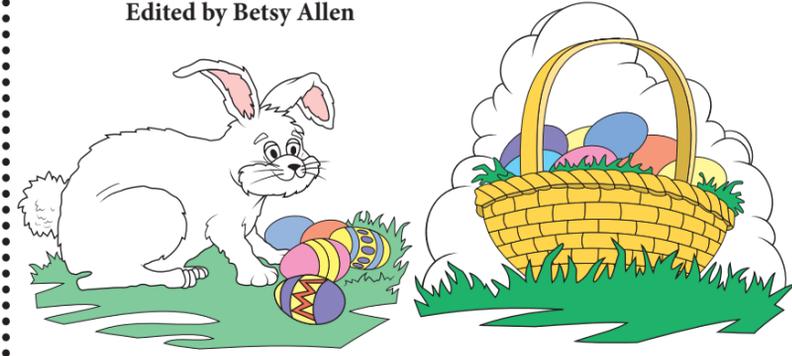
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# Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



## The Truth Ever Waiting to Be Told

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

You can write it, you can rhyme it  
You can say it, you can sing it  
Just as long as it rings true  
Then I can wait for you to bring it

The truth is waiting to be told  
The truth will set you free  
The truth is; truth will find a way  
For everyone to see

You'll get a little warmer  
Every time you're getting near it  
The sound is unmistakable  
You'll know it when you hear it

The lives that people live  
Are turned around when they revere it  
The truth when it reveals itself  
Will free you, don't you fear it

## 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)

## Add This Superfruit to Your Menu For Heart-Healthy Meals

Make recipes nutritious and delicious with avocados

(Family Features) It's no secret that adding greens to your menu – morning, noon and night – can go a long way toward healthier eating habits. While most people think of lettuce, kale, spinach, cucumbers and Brussels sprouts, don't forget avocados are a superfruit you can use to add good fats and great taste to recipes throughout the day.

As a versatile fruit with naturally good fats and nearly 20 vitamins and minerals, avocados have become a household staple. Avocados From Mexico is a national supporter of the American Heart Association's Healthy for Good Initiative – Eat Smart Program, encouraging people to incorporate a variety of fruits, vegetables and other heart-healthy foods into their meals.

By supporting this initiative, Avocados From Mexico is helping to raise awareness about the importance of making smart nutrition choices. The brand's "Good Fats Meet Great Taste" campaign, featured at select Kroger locations, highlights the importance of balanced nutrition and fresh food choices as part of an overall heart-healthy lifestyle.

Avocados provide a good source of naturally unsaturated fats, which can be part of a heart-healthy eating pattern when consumed in place of saturated fats. A well-balanced diet that includes nutrient-rich foods like avocados, whole grains, lean proteins and fiber-rich vegetables can support overall heart health. In addition to good fats, avocados are also a good source of fiber, with 3 grams per one-third of a medium avocado.

If you're looking for an easy yet tasty way to add more avocados to your family's menu, this Avocado, Brussels Sprout, Kale and Date Salad provides a delicious introduction to the superfruit. Loaded with greens and fit for sharing with a crowd, you can do your part to bring avocados to your nearest and dearest, neighbors or anyone you're hosting for a fresh, better-for-you meal.

The best part: This heart-healthy dish comes together in a snap. Just process the homemade dressing featuring dates, Dijon mustard and apple cider vinegar. Then toss Brussels sprouts, kale, red onion, pistachios and, of course, avocados before combining with the dressing.

Finally, serve with shaved Parmesan cheese on the side (so guests who prefer to avoid dairy can do so) and enjoy for a fresh meal that's equal parts delicious and nutritious. Sliced avocados are the star of the dish, with naturally good fats and nearly 20 vitamins and minerals, making this an always good, super fun recipe and a way to begin making smarter food choices.

Discover more ways to add heart-healthy meals to your menu by visiting [AvocadosFromMexico.com/avocado-nutrition](http://AvocadosFromMexico.com/avocado-nutrition).

### Avocado, Brussels Sprouts, Kale and Date Salad

Servings: 8

#### Dressing:

- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 4 dates, pitted, softened
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1/4 cup olive oil

- 2 Avocados From Mexico, sliced
- 6 cups Brussels sprouts, shaved or shredded
- 3 cups lacinto (dinosaur) kale, shredded
- 1 cup red onion, sliced
- 1/2 cup pistachios (or pumpkin seeds), shelled
- reduced-fat (sharp) Parmesan cheese, shaved or grated, for topping (optional)

To make dressing: In food processor, process lemon juice, apple cider vinegar, pitted dates and mustard. Slowly add olive oil to combine.

To make salad: In large salad bowl, combine avocados, shaved Brussels sprouts, kale, red onion and pistachios. Drizzle salad dressing evenly over greens and toss until well-coated.

Serve with shaved Parmesan cheese, if desired.



## Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead  
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.

No home is complete without the pitter-patter of a doggie's feet.

Make sure your mouth and brain are connected when you start talking.

When your parents are not rich but still afford to give you a beautiful life, appreciate their sacrifices.

Don't think of the things you didn't get after praying. Think of the countless blessings God gave you without asking.

One thing about being young is that you will grow out of it.

He who has a why to live for can bare almost any how.

It's better to rain cats and dogs than to hail taxis.

Don't forget to be grateful for what you have.

Breaking news! The earth revolves around the sun. This may upset a few people who think it revolves around them.

Bringing down the walls of Jericho involved more walking than shouting. A Sunday shout is great, but it can't replace a daily walk.

When we were young we used to lay in one position and sleep all night. Now we have to rotate like a rotisserie chicken so our hip won't hurt.

A man's mind is stretched by a new idea or sensation, and never shrinks back to its former dimensions. - Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

Remember the little cash registers we used to play with? As it turns out, they were prepping us for self-check out the whole time.

To know how to grow old is a master work of wisdom, and one of the most difficult chapters in the great art of living.

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

The more you are focused on things past and future - the more you miss the now, the most precious things there is.

When the waves of life threaten to overwhelm us, we need an anchor that will hold up in the strongest storm.

No matter how old they get, our doggies will always have that look that says "I'm still your little puppy."

I just got my utility bill. If you are coming by, please bring a flashlight.

You can't save somebody who isn't willing to participate in their own rescue.

A priest, pastor and rabbit went to donate blood. The rabbit was probably a type 0.



Sometimes you need to learn to be quiet, even when you have a lot to say.

My son wouldn't eat tongue, he said it came from a cow's mouth, so I gave him an egg.

That risk you are afraid to take, could be the one that changes your entire life.

Ann works as a waiter; it doesn't pay much, but it puts food on the table.

With God life is an endless love; without God is a hopeless end.

Is the cost of hammers determined per pound?

Hope is the foundation of patience.

Getting older is all about knowing a guy. A plumbing guy, a roof guy, a tax guy, a lawn guy, etc.

No amount of regretting can change the past, and no amount of worrying can change the future.

That every day should be a fiesta seem to me a marvelous discovery. - Ernest Hemmingway

Removing your presence from places you don't feel loved, valued, or respected is top tier self-care.

Never underestimate the importance of having a person in your life who can always make you smile.

A true friend is someone who thinks that you're a good egg, even if they know you're half-cracked.

Resentment is a fire that burns within, consuming our peace and replacing it with ashes of bitterness.

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

Someone who takes the time to listen when we are at our lowest is rare and should be valued.

To discover the blessings on emotional healing, you first must face the things you are avoiding.

Some things in life are out of your control. You can make it a party or a tragedy.

I no longer listen to what people say, I just watch what they do. Behavior never lies.

It is in the nature of cats to do a certain amount of unescorted roaming.

When you are present in your own life, it extends infinitely in every direction.

If you are never born again, you will wish you had never been born at all.

You're never too old to

remember when to say "please" and "thank you."

Never pass up the chance to say "I love you" because tomorrow is never promised.

Time is a mirror that reflects our past. Longing for what was, won't change what is.

Two guys walked into a bar, you'd think one of them would've seen it.

Don't give up! The hardest battles are given to the strongest soldiers

Your "normal" day is someone's dream, so be thankful every day.

It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.

Be with people who protect your name in your absence.

We have to start teaching ourselves not to be afraid.

Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work.

Everything is fresh, the essence of realization.

A hair on the head is worth two on the brush.

Confidence is silent. Insecurities are loud.

Eyes that see do not grow old.

As you teach, you learn.

There is nothing like staying at home for real comfort.

I think something is missing in my life, like \$1 million.

Most of the trouble in the world is caused by people wanting to be important.

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

Prayer costs nothing, is available always, and reminds us to be humble - for that is where God is.

Where we live, there are basically two seasons: shovel and swat.

You never know what someone is going through. Be kind or be quiet.

At my age, thermal underwear are considered hot lingerie.

When you belong to God, your future is filled with hope.

An inheritance is not only kept for us, but we are kept for it.

## Bible Verse



Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.  
— Acts 13:38-39



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**Genealogy Workshop**

Exchange research tips and tricks as well as explore the Putnam County Library's resources in a Genealogy Meet-Up which will be held on Monday, March 24, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Main Library in Teays Valley. No prior experience needed for this casual gathering of ancestry enthusiasts.

**Free Clothing Giveaway**

Lighthouse Baptist Church, Route 60, Hurricane, will be holding a clothing giveaway on, March 24 - 28, from 5 to 7 p.m.; March 31 - April 4 from 5 to 7 p.m.; and April 7 - 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

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Birthday March 24

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Birthday March 26

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Ona  
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SETH MCELHANEY  
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Waxanachie, Texas  
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ANGELA SOVINE BIRD  
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54th Birthday March 27

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RILEY  
Huntington  
88th Birthday March 27

**Forrest Burdette UMC Easter Egg Orders**

The Forrest Burdette United Methodist Women are taking orders for decorated candy Easter Eggs, available in vanilla, coconut, cherry-nut, maple-nut and the most favorite of all, peanut butter, dipped in milk or dark chocolate. Each egg is hand decorated. Cost is \$5.00.

The eggs will be available for pick-up on Saturday, April 12, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, 2848 Putnam Avenue in Hurricane. Also, on that day, crafts, baked goodies, hot dogs and barbecue will be for sale at our Spring Festival.

To place an order, call the church at 304-562-5903 or email your order to: office@forrestburdette.com with the subject Easter Eggs, by April 4th! For directions to the church, call 304-562-5903 or go to <http://www.forrestburdette.com>

**Girl Scout Cookie Sales Locations**

**Saturday, March 22**  
• Hurricane Tractor Supply  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

• Hurricane Walmart  
Noon - 8 p.m.

**Sunday, March 23**  
• Hurricane Walmart  
Noon - 4 p.m.

**Saturday, March 29**  
• Hurricane Walmart  
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Sunday, March 30**  
• Hurricane Walmart  
Noon - 4 p.m.

**Saturday, April 5**  
• Hurricane Walmart  
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Saturday, April 12**  
• Teays Valley Kroger  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

*Happy Anniversary*



Bob and Mary Arnold of 2931 Putnam Avenue in Hurricane will celebrate their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary on March 21.

Jim and Judy Welch Taylor of Scott Depot will celebrate their sixty-first wedding anniversary on March 21.

Tom and Misty Harshbarger Carson of North Carolina will celebrate their twenty-eighth wedding anniversary on March 22.

Randy and Debby Scarberry of 22 Winters Way in Lesage will celebrate their forty-sixth wedding anniversary on March 23.

James and Gail Mees Enochs of Milton will celebrate their twenty-ninth wedding anniversary on March 23.

Chuck and Sharon Mannon of James River Turnpike in Culloden will celebrate their forty-first wedding anniversary on March 24.

Bob Jr. and Susan Mays of Ocala, Florida, will celebrate their fifty-eighth wedding anniversary on March 25.

Eric and Beth Morrison of Indian Meadows in Ona will celebrate their thirty-third wedding anniversary on March 27.

**Bonnie's Bus to offer Mammograms in Hurricane**

Bonnie's Bus mobile mammography unit will visit Lincoln, Wayne, Putnam, and Ritchie counties offering three-dimensional (3D) digital screening mammograms and breast care education to women.

A service of WVU Medicine-WVU Hospitals and the WVU Cancer Institute, Bonnie's Bus will be at Valley Health in Hurricane from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 3. For an appointment, call 304-760-6040.

The screening mammograms are billed to private insurance, Medicaid, or Medicare, if available. Patients who are underinsured or uninsured and meet enrollment criteria will be assisted in enrolling in the West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program (WVBCCSP) to cover the cost of their screening mammogram. Uninsured women living in West Virginia who are 40 and older can receive a free screening mammogram on the Bus through the generosity of grant funding and donations. A

physician's order is needed for a mammogram.

Bonnie's Bus has provided more than 33,000 mammograms for women throughout West Virginia and led to the detection of more than 190 cases of breast cancer since 2009. Many of those screened are underinsured or uninsured and qualify for screening through the WVBCCSP.

Bonnie's Bus works in collaboration with a statewide partnership of clinicians, public health professionals, women's groups, and other community leaders working to help reduce the number of deaths from breast cancer in West Virginia.

Made possible by a generous gift from West Virginia natives Jo and Ben Statler to the Cancer Institute, Bonnie's Bus is operated in partnership with WVU Hospitals. The Bus is named after Jo Statler's late mother, Bonnie Wells Wilson.

For information on Bonnie's Bus, see [WVUCancer.org/Bonnie](http://WVUCancer.org/Bonnie).

**Geneva College Announces Dean's List**

Geneva College announces the Dean's List of undergraduate students for the fall 2024 semester. To be eligible for this recognition, students in traditional programs must earn a GPA of at least 3.6 while passing 12 credit hours or more.

Luke Lyle, Freshman, and Caleb Parra, Sophomore, both of Hurricane, made the Dean's List.

Geneva College is a Christ-centered academic community that provides a comprehensive education to equip students for faithful and fruitful service to God and neighbor. Geneva offers over 195 traditional undergraduate majors and programs, fully online degree programs, and high-demand graduate degrees.

**Alexa Smolder Named to Radford Dean's List**

Alexa Smolder from Hurricane has been named to the Fall 2024 Dean's List at Radford University.

Appearing on the Dean's List is the most prestigious academic recognition Radford University students can receive for their performance during a semester.

Radford University is a comprehensive public university of 7,812 students that has received national recognition for many of its undergraduate and graduate academic programs, as well as its sustainability initiatives. Radford University serves the Commonwealth of Virginia and the nation through a wide range of academic, cultural, human service and research programs.

**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.

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# Into the Light



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It's spring and the earth awakens once more! Crocus and daffodils sprout from chilly beds; birds lay their eggs and welcome new life. Spring is a time to emerge from the darkness that may be clouding your happiness and celebrate the newness of life. Wouldn't it be even more glorious if every day could feel like the first day of spring? It can...the light of God can give you a perpetual glow no matter the season. Walk into the light of God's love at your house of worship this week.

### Weekly Scripture Reading

1 Kings	1 Kings	1 Kings	1 Kings	Psalm	Psalm	Psalm
8.1-21	8.22-53	8.54-66	3.1-15	11	12	16

Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society

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### Worship Before the Throne

Revelation 4:1-11

The book of Revelation links the past and present to the future. The first three chapters of Revelation deal with the past and the present. Beginning with chapter 4, God reveals the future —things which must be hereafter (v. 1). The hereafter is that which follows the sparing of the church at Philadelphia from the hour of temptation which shall come upon all the world (Rev. 3:10) and the hereafter is that which shall follow Christ's spewing the church at Laodicea from His mouth (Rev. 3:16).

A door was opened to John into heaven. John heard the voice of the trumpet instructing him to come up for the express purpose of being shown the hereafter. John was then in the spirit. John saw a throne set in heaven and he saw the One who sat upon the throne. The One who sat upon the throne was like a jasper and sardine stone. The picture is spiritual. It is a picture that we cannot fully understand because we now see through a glass, darkly (see I Cor. 13:12). God uses the physical to represent the spiritual. The first appearance of jasper and sardine stone in scripture is found in Exodus 28. The first stone (representing the first tribe of Israel) in the breastplate of judgment is a sardius and the last stone is a jasper. When John looked upon the throne, he saw the first stone last and the last stone first. In the day in which we shall look upon the throne, we shall see the Lord God who knows us and who places the first, last and the last, first.

John saw a rainbow about the throne which had the appearance of an emerald. The rainbow is a token of God's promise to Noah and all living flesh that He would never again send a flood to destroy men (Gen. 9:9-17). An emerald is green, symbolic of life. The throne that John saw is the kept promise of life everlasting in the presence of God. John saw these things because he heard the voice of the trumpet and was drawn up.

The book of Revelation begins with a promise: "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein" (Rev. 1:3). Now consider the words of the Apostle Paul. "...for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed" (I Cor. 15:52b) and "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (I Thess. 4:17). Those who hear and act upon the words of this prophecy will be blessed with being in the presence of the Lord for all eternity. The future begins with being in His presence. The future for believers is not quite yet.

In verse 4, John reports seeing four and twenty seats in close proximity to the throne. Sitting upon the seats are four and twenty elders. The elders are clothed in white raiment and have crowns of gold upon their heads. The seats are seats of honor. An elder is one who possesses birthrights. The 24 elders are all who have acquired the birthright of the second-born. They are clothed in righteousness, supplied by God. The clothing [works] of men is as filthy rags (Isa. 64:6). Their crowns of gold are like the crown of gold which covered the ark of the testimony (Ex. 25:11). The ark was the repository for the golden pot of manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the ten commandments. The picture is spiritual. The elders' crowns of gold testify that they are beneficiaries of manna from God; that they are chosen by God; and that they are keepers of God's laws. Their crowns testify of the things of God which are found in them.

Why 24 elders? There is no day nor night about the throne of God. Perhaps, the 24 reflects the everlasting and continuous hours of light that is found in God's presence.

In verse 5, John's attention is directed to the throne. It is characterized by lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Lightnings, thunderings, and voices are physical manifestations of the spiritual. They represent power, strength, and authority. The fullness of God's power, strength and authority is seen in the number seven (the number of completion). John saw the seven Spirits of God. He saw more than that which words can describe.

In verses 6-9, we see beasts that are unlike any creatures known on earth, having three pairs of wings and countless eyes. The wings allow movement and eyes provide means for seeing. The number of wings and number of eyes suggest that the beasts may move in and see in all directions. In verse 8, the four beasts issue the praise: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come."

This praise is different from the praises which men can lift up because men are limited by earthly experiences. The beasts move in all directions (into the past, in the present and into the future) and see all of the past, the present and the future. The praise "Holy, holy, holy" is a declaration of that which the beasts witness. God is holy, holy, holy in all that He has done, does, and will do. Men know the Lord God Almighty to be holy, holy, holy by faith. The beasts know it because they have the eyes to see.

When the four beasts give praise to God, the 24 elders are moved to worship the One upon the throne and to cast their crowns before His throne. The elders occupy a place of honor and possess crowns of honor. God gives crowns of honor to them who act upon faith believing. The elders cast their crowns before the throne because they know that their faith is a holy gift of God (Eph. 2:8). The only manner in which men can worship God is to give back that which God has given them.

In verse 11, the elders declare that God has created all things and that all things are created for His pleasure. In declaring this, the elders are stating that which has been from the beginning. God created light and the light was good (Gen. 1:3-4); God created the dry land and the seas and the dry land and the seas were good (Gen. 1:10); God created plant life and it was good (Gen. 1:13); God created the sun, moon and stars and it was good (Gen. 1:14-18); God created fish and birds and it was good (Gen. 1:21); and God created the beasts of the earth and man to whom He gave charge over all His creation and it was very good (Gen. 1:31). All creation testifies of the Creator.

God has given us a picture. Both the four beasts and the 24 elders act upon knowledge that God has given to them. Both the beasts and the elders are blessed with eternal positions of honor. All who act upon knowledge of this picture shall receive the blessing that God has promised (Rev. 1:3).

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**PEGGY BUSH**

Peggy Jane Oxley Bush, 87, of Hurricane, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, after an extended illness. She was preceded in death by her parents Roy and Etta Bird Oxley; sister Louise McCallister and brothers, Shelby Oxley and Larry Oxley.

Peggy was a faithful follower of Christ and a member of the Hurricane First Baptist Church where she was very active for many years especially in mission work.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Dwane Bush, daughter, Donna Swartz and her husband Craig of Englewood Ohio; grandchildren, Luke (Ashli), Magalie (Eric), and Rachel; great grandchildren, Kamren, Kennedy, Addie, and Eliza; step-grandchildren, Andrew (Melanie), Sheldon (Danielle), and Cassie. step-great grandchildren, Dexter, Reagan, and Akira; sister, Joyce Grass of Maine.

Funeral service was Monday, March 17, 2024, at Hurricane First Baptist Church. Burial was in Valley View Memorial Park.

**DANIEL DAVIS**

Daniel Ray "Danny" Davis, 68, of St. Albans, went home to be with the Lord Saturday, March 15, 2025 in CAMC Hospice.

Danny is a 1974 Graduate of Poca High School and retired concrete finisher. He is preceded in death by

his parents Park and Edith Davis and seven siblings John, James, Dorothy, Bill, June, Janet, and Jenny.

Danny is survived by his son Paul (Sarah) Davis of MI; four siblings Woody (Linda) Davis of FL, Gary (Nancy) Davis of St. Albans, Gene Davis of Bancroft, and Betty Bailey (Doug) Jones of VA and a host of nieces, nephews, and other family and friends.

A tribute to the life of Danny was held Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor James Legg officiating. Burial was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House.

**EULA JUANITA DAVIS**

Eula Juanita Davis, 88, of Winfield, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at home.

Juanita is a graduate of Logan High School and Morris Harvey College. She is retired Registered Nurse from Thomas Memorial Hospital and a member of Lone Oak Church of God Mission.

She is preceded in death by her husband Ira L. Davis, son Stephen M. Davis, parents Rev. Moss and Thelma Craddock, brother Lewis Moss Craddock, and sister Helena White.

Juanita is survived by her daughter Leah Davis Craner and husband Fred; brother Larry David Craddock and wife Sherry; and three grandchildren Sarah Zinkl and husband Carl, Amber

Davis, and Megan Gray and husband Ethan.

A tribute to the life of Eula Juanita Davis was held Friday, March 14, 2025 at Haven of Rest Memory Gardens with Pastor Scott Casto officiating.

**CAROLYN MILTON GUTHRIE**

Carolyn Milton Guthrie, 86, of Hurricane, native of St. Albans, passed away March 11, 2025.

She was born August 19, 1938 to the late Loyd Lester Milton and LaEunice Alice Easter Milton in Saint Albans. Also preceding in death is her husband, Robert L. Guthrie; and sisters, Jean Denson and Jo Ellen Hornbeck.

Carolyn worked as a clerk with BP Service Station, also AT&T, was a Girl Scout Leader from 1975-77 and Boy Scout Leader from 1975-79, a member of First Baptist Church of Hurricane, but her life revolved around her home and family once Scott and Robin were born.

Surviving her are her children, Scott Guthrie (Elizabeth) of Cary, NC and Robin Marshall (Michael) of Buffalo; sister, Barbara Milton of St. Albans; grandchildren, Brian Guthrie, Chelsea Marshall and Meredith Guthrie; and many other extended family and friends.

Funeral service was Monday, March 17, 2025, at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home with Rev. Jerry Losh officiating. Burial was in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

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High School. She met and married Luigi Hunter in mid 1950s and had two children, James and Jill. In 1961, they moved into their home on Little Guano Creek. She lived there for the majority of the balance of her life. After the death of her husband, Fern began a career in early 1980's at City National Bank that lasted nearly 30 years. She made numerous friends with employees and customers at the Bank. Fern was lifelong member of Wilkinson United Methodist Church in Hometown. Fern loved gardening and working in her yard and could spend hours watching the countless species of birds that lived in Guano Creek. Another daily ritual was reading spiritual literature and devotionals. At the end of her life, she found great comfort in having scripture read to her and listening to Old Hymns. Fern left this world 90 years to day of her arrival. She will be missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Johnny and Ava Strickland Blackwell; husband, Lewis (Luigi) Hoyt Hunter; brother, Kenneth Blackwell.

Fern was survived by her son, James Hoyt Hunter; daughter, Jill H. Pullen (Robert); sister, Sharon Morton.

A graveside service to Honor the Life of Fern was held Wednesday, March 19, 2025 in Sunset Memorial Park, South Charleston, with H.R. Whittington officiating.

**ROBERT KNOWLES**

Robert R. Knowles, of Hurricane, unexpectedly passed away at his home on Saturday, March 15, 2025. Robert was born on March 12, 1964 to the late David R. Knowles and Marie E. Knowles (Kimber). In addition to his parents Robert is preceded in death with his younger brother David W. Knowles.

Robert was a proud husband, father, grandfather, brother, son, and uncle. He worked at Center Industry Corporation in Wichita Kansas for over 30 years as a manufacturing supervisor before retiring in 2010 and returning

to West Virginia. Robert was always a kind, smart, loving family man. He was born with cerebral palsy but never let that stop him from his accomplishments. Robert use to love sitting in the car after work and listen to baseball games. He also loved watching football and being with his family.

Robert R. Knowles is survived by his wife of 39 years, Lori Knowles, son James Knowles, daughter Katie Knowles, son in law Zachery Spears, 4 grandchildren Dalton Harper, Skylar Harper, Connor Harper, and Devin Spears, sister Debbie Handley Bird, Brother in law Ricky Bird, and many many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at Allen Funeral Home in Hurricane on Friday, March 21, 2025 from 12-2 pm. Followed by the burial at Bird Cemetery. We will be doing a live feed on zoom for family and friends out of town. Link will be posted to Facebook before services start.

**ELISSA DAWN NALLE-MATHES**

Elissa Dawn Nalle Mathes, 48, of Eleanor, passed away on March 13, 2025 at CAMC Memorial after a sudden illness.

She was born on June 5, 1976, to Charles D. and Jane Beth Richardson Nalle in Charleston. Elissa was a graduate of Buffalo High School Class of 1994, attended Marshall University and a graduate of Mountaineer Beauty College. She was most recently employed as the Salon Manager with JC Penny Hair Salon in Charleston. During high school, she was an accomplished athlete holding a track record that still stands and being the first BHS female athlete that was invited to WV All State Softball team, as well as enjoyed being a cheerleader. Elissa was also a former member of the Eleanor Fire Dept.

In addition to her parents, Chuck and Jane Nalle; she is survived by her family that she loved fiercely, her husband, Chad Mathes; daughters: Hannah Morgan Smalley and Kayleigh Dawn Hayzlett both of Eleanor;

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A Celebration of Elissa's Life was held Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane.

**JUANITA GERALDINE MILLER**

Juanita Geraldine Bowens Miller of Hendersonville, TN, formerly of Scott Depot, walked into the arms of Jesus the morning of March 10, 2025.

Known affectionately to many as "Jerry", she was born in Scott Depot to the late Edith (Lovejoy) Bowens and William Isaac Bowens on April 8, 1930. Her mother Edith died when she was five, and her father later remarried Rosie, the woman who would take on the role as her mother.

Jerry and her siblings: Harold, Henry and Vera Bowens, grew up on a small family farm with siblings from Rosie and William - her sisters: Dolores and Loretta, and brother, Eddie in Scott Depot.

Jerry attended college for two years, but the pressing need for school teachers in their rural community moved her to become a teacher in a one room schoolhouse. She later married Vernon William Miller, and they moved to Marion, Ohio, where they raised their four children: Verna, Sandy, Mark and Eddie

Jerry was a stay home mom until her children went to school, and she then began her 2nd career as a teacher's assistant at MARCA School for Special Needs Children, where she retired. Upon retirement, Jerry and Vernon moved to Smyrna, Tennessee where their 4 children resided.

Jerry was a believer in Jesus, a devoted wife of 65 years, and a devoted mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She was feisty, very independent, and a survivor in every sense of the word. She will be missed by her family and by her friends at Legacy Village in Hendersonville.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband, Vernon Miller; son, Eddie Miller; grandson, Ryan Rodgers; brothers: Henry Bowens, Harold Bowens (Jeanne), Eddie Bowens; sisters: Vera Bowens Anderson, Dolores Jean Bowens Miles, Loretta Bowens Payton; brother-in-law, Doug Miles; and son-in-law, Judd Newman.

She is survived by her daughters: Verna Wyatt (Christopher) and Sandy Newman; son, Mark Miller; sister-in-law, Suzanne Bowens; grandchildren: Keith Rodgers (Samantha), Noah Newman (Alex), Nate Newman, Christopher Wyatt (Alex), Nicole Wyatt Holland (Heath), Lucas Wyatt (Tobi Jane Voan), Alethea Miller, Macey Miller, Raleigh Miller (Cynthia), Taylor Miller (Gracie); Great grandchildren: Charlie, Gunnar, Bear, Sonny, Katie, Kylie Rodgers, Madeline Holland Johnson (Isaac), Mylo and Moss Holland, Dove Miller, Michael and Tony Brown; along with many nieces and nephews.

Graveside service for Jerry will be 10:00 am Saturday, March 22, 2025, at Mount Vernon Cemetery, Hurricane.

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**IDA BLANCHE HANSON**

Ida Blanche Morris Hanson, 95, of Scott Depot, passed away on March 12, 2025 at SECU Hospice House in Smithfield, NC.

She was born in Charleston on March 16, 1929, the third of four children of the late Claude B. Morris, Sr. and Eula Newhouse Morris. In addition to her parents, Blanche was preceded in death by her husband of 72 years, Richard L. Hanson, Sr.; brothers: Julius C. Morris and Claude B. Morris, Jr. and her sister, Martha Morris Hall Nunley.

Blanche and Richard were married August 12, 1950. Together they had five children: Richard L. Jr. of Winston Salem, NC, Thomas A. (MaryPat) of Charlottesville, VA, William C. "Corky" (Tammy) of Sarasota, FL, Terrence W. (Kathy) of Culloden, and Susan C. Kennedy (Shawn) of Garner, NC.

She is survived by 11 grandchildren: Eric Hanson, Greg Hanson, Tim Hanson, James Hanson, Katherine McPherson, Andrew Hanson, Michelle Roynak, Taylor Hill, Adam "A. J." Hanson, Jennifer Johnson and Scott Dooley; 16 great-grandchildren: Noah and Luke Hanson, Hadleigh and Harper Hanson, Lindell and Levon Hanson, Miller McPherson, Waylon Hanson, Maci Hanson, Kinley and Brayden Hill, Austin Ronyak, Peyton Hagen, Madeline, Caroline and Ryan Johnson; brother-in-laws: William Hanson of Winston Salem, NC, Robert Hanson of Hurricane; and sister-in-laws: Georgia and Joyce Hanson, both of Scott Depot. With such a large extended family, Blanche is survived by numerous nieces and nephews who thought so fondly of their gentle Aunt Blanche.

As a very young girl during the Depression, Blanche and her family lived in a house boat on the Kanawha River. She attended Charleston High School, where she played center on the girls' basketball team. Blanche and Richard moved to Scott Depot in 1953. They raised their five children in the home they built and shared for over 70 years.

Funeral service for

Blanche will be 1:00 pm, Friday, March 21, 2025 at Chapman Funeral Home, Winfield, with son-in-law, Deacon Shawn Kennedy officiating. Burial will follow in Winfield Cemetery.

**ANDREW DEWEY HARGRAVES**

Andrew D. Hargraves, 72, of Hurricane, formerly of Lawton, OK, passed away on March 7, 2025.

Andrew was born January 5, 1953 in Valdosta, GA to the late Edward Dewey and Marianne Elisabeth Hargraves. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brothers: Eddy John Hargraves and Randy Hargraves. Andrew grew up in Lawton, Oklahoma, where he retired after working 32 years from the City of Lawton as the Superintendent of the Water Department. Andrew was quite the jokester and always full of laughter. He sure could tell some pretty outrageous stories. He loved his family and enjoyed golfing, fishing, going camping, and playing card games.

He is survived by his previous wives: Kori Lynn Hargraves, in which he most recently reunited in love with and Dianne Reece who was his Best Friend; loving children: Melissa Dawn Ellison (Richard) of Poplarville, MS, Andrea Lynn Whisenhunt (Jeffrey) of Westpoint, VA, and David Andrei Hargraves, of Hurricane, WV; sisters: Sandra Elisabeth Yenchesky (Roy) of Goddard, KS and Kathy Mary Ann Wood (Roger) of Center City, MN; grandchildren: Shawna, Tristen, and Dalton Opre, Richard Ellison Montano, Andrew and Aidan Sellers, Harlee Whisenhunt; great-grandchildren: Luke, Sawyer, and Hunter Berger, and Aria Ellison; several nieces and a nephew.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Medicine Park, OK at a later date.

**FERN B. HUNTER**

Fern B. Hunter, 90, of Red House, passed away on March 11, 2025, at English Meadows in Scott Depot.

Fern was born in 1935 in Clendenin. Her family moved to Hometown where she grew up and graduated from Poca

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE 1018 Wethersfield King, Hurricane, WV 25526

In a Deed of Trust dated October 4, 2022, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 1333, at page 447 Gena N. Bell did convey unto Seneca Trustees Inc., Trustee, certain real property. The beneficial holder of that Deed of Trust has elected to appoint Terra Abstract Trustee West Virginia, Inc. as substitute trustees by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office. Default having occurred under the Deed of Trust and the beneficial holder having instructed the undersigned Trustees to foreclose, this real property will be sold at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse, 12093 Winfield Road, Putnam County Courthouse, Winfield, WV 25213 on:

May 15, 2025 At 12:00 PM

The property for sale as described by the Deed of Trust is as follows:

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THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT ENTITLED, "DECLARATION OF COVENANTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS AND EASEMENTS FOR NEW LONDON COMMONS SUBDIVISION, SCOTT DISTRICT, PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA", DATED DECEMBER 15, 1993, WHICH IS OF RECORD IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE IN MISCELLANEOUS BOOK 39, AT PAGE 249, AND TO THE FIRST AMENDMENT THEREOF DATED MAY 24, 1994, OF RECORD IN THE SAID CLERK'S OFFICE IN MISCELLANEOUS BOOK 39 AT PAGE 690. BY ACCEPTANCE OF THIS DEED, THE PARTY OF THE SECOND PART, FOR HERSELF, HER HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND SUCCESSORS IN TITLE, AGREES TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NEW LONDON COMMONS SUBDIVISION OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION FORMED FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING AND REPAIRING THE COMMON AREAS IN NEW LONDON COMMONS SUBDIVISION, AND TO ABIDE BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE BY-LAWS OR OTHER REGULATIONS IMPOSED BY SAID ASSOCIATION. FOR THE CONSIDERATION AFORESAID, THE PARTY OF THE FIRST PART DOES FURTHER GRANT AND CONVEY UNTO THE PARTY OF THE SECOND PART, HER HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND SUCCESSORS IN TITLE, THE RIGHT TO USE THE STREETS AND ROADS RIGHTS OF WAY IN NEW LONDON COMMONS SUBDIVISION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INGRESS AND EGRESS TO AND FROM THE REAL ESTATE HEREIN CONVEYED AND TEAYS VALLEY ROAD.

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The purchaser will take the property subject to any deed of trust, judgment, lien, and any other encumbrance that is junior ("junior claims") to this Deed of Trust and to which sufficient notice was not given. In that case, unless such right to notice is waived, the chain of title shall not merge with this Deed of Trust as to those unnotified deeds of trust, judgments, liens, and other encumbrances and will be subject to a further noticed and published sale under this Deed of Trust pursuant to W.Va. Code 38-1-4, in which bidding shall resume at the last highest bid given. In the event of a surplus of such sale, the mortgagors and noticed junior lienholders are hereby on notice that if such surplus is less than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), then the Substitute Trustee will disburse those proceeds to the most senior interest holder as it sees fit, unless an objection is made in writing.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) Concrete Pad for Steel Building

Putnam County Parks & Recreation Commission Contact: Justin Email: justin@putnamcountyparks.com Phone: 304-562-0518

Project Overview: Putnam County Parks & Recreation Commission is seeking proposals from qualified contractors to furnish labor, materials, and equipment necessary for the installation of a concrete pad for a steel building. The contractor must comply with all local regulations and obtain all required permits and licenses.

Scope of Work: The project includes but is not limited to:

- Excavation and site preparation.
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Pouring and finishing concrete pads per provided specifications.
Compliance with all applicable building codes and local regulations.
Cleanup and disposal of construction debris.

Proposal Requirements: Interested bidders must submit a sealed proposal that includes the following:

- Company name, address, and contact information.
Proof of licensure and ability to obtain required permits.
Detailed cost estimate.
Project timeline, including estimated start and completion dates.

Submission Deadline: All proposals must be received in a sealed envelope no later than April 1st. Drop off at Valley Park Offices or by mail. Late submissions will not be considered.

Evaluation Criteria: Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Compliance with RFP requirements.
Cost-effectiveness.
Contractor's experience and qualifications.
Proposed timeline and ability to meet deadlines.

Additional Information: Site visits can be scheduled upon request. Putnam County Parks & Recreation Commission reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

In Re: Change of Name from Charlotta Gail Dooley to Charlotta Gail Glenn

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING

Civil Action No. 25-P-20 Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of April, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Judge Mark A. Sorsaia, Charlotta Gail Dooley 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 Charlotta Gail Dooley to Charlotta Gail Glenn, 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 4th day of March, 2025. Stephanie M. Smith Putnam County Circuit Clerk

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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING CITY OF HURRICANE

The Hurricane City Council will hold a Special Council Meeting at Hurricane City Hall, 3255 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, WV 25526 on March 24, 2025 at 6:30pm to include the following agenda items: FY2026 General Fund Budget and FY2026 Coal Severance Fund Budget.

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Notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or lots of land in the County of PUTNAM have been certified by the Auditor of the State of West Virginia to Christal G. Perry, Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered lands of said County, for sale at public auction. The lands will be offered for sale by the undersigned Deputy Commissioner at public auction in the County Commission Room on the 18th of April, 2025, at 09:00 AM.

Each tract or lot as described below, will be sold to the highest bidder. The payment for any tract or lot purchased at a sale shall be made by check or money order payable to the sheriff of the county and delivered before the close of business on the day of the sale. If any of said tracts or lots remain unsold after the auction, they will be subject to sale by the Deputy Commissioner without additional advertising or public auction. The deputy commissioner sale may include tracts of lots remaining unsold from a previous auction not required by law to be readvertised and described for this subsequent auction of those same tracts and lots. All sales are subject to the approval of the Auditor of the State of West Virginia.

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Any of the aforesaid tracts or lots may be redeemed by any person entitled to pay the taxes thereon at any time prior to the sale by payment to the Deputy Commissioner of the total amount of taxes, interest, and charges thereon up to date of redemption.

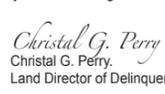


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State of West Virginia  
 Department of Environmental Protection  
 Division of Water and Waste Management

PUBLIC NOTICE

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S,  
 PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE, 601 57TH STREET SE, CHARLESTON,  
 WEST VIRGINIA 25304-2345 TELEPHONE: (304) 926-0440.

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

Public Notice No.: BS-027-2025 Public Notice Date: March 20, 2025

Paper: The Hurricane Breeze

The following has applied for coverage under the General WV/ NPDES Water  
 Pollution Control Permit No. WV0115924 for this facility or activity:

Appl. No.: WVR112884

Applicant: CHARLESTON AREA MEDICAL CENTER, INC.  
 3000 MACCORKLE AVE. SE  
 CHARLESTON, WV 25304

Location: HURRICANE, PUTNAM COUNTY

Latitude: 38:27:07 Longitude: 81:57:12

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

Activity:  
 8.50 acres of earth disturbance to provide addition to building, additional  
 parking, heli-pad and associated site work. This project is being sent to public  
 notice due to the length of grading activity.

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

Implementation:  
 N/A

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

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

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

The public comment period begins March 20, 2025 and ends April 19,  
 2025.

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

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

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
 OF WEST VIRGINIA  
 CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 24-0854-E-42T

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and  
 WHEELING POWER COMPANY,  
 Rule 42T tariff filing to increase rates and charges.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES  
 WITH PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATES

Notice is hereby given that Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling  
 Power Company (the Companies), public utilities, have filed with the Public  
 Service Commission of West Virginia a tariff containing increased rates,  
 tolls and charges for furnishing electric service to approximately 460,921  
 customers in their service territories in the counties of Boone, Brooke, Cabell,  
 Clay, Fayette, Greenbrier, Jackson, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Marshall,  
 Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Nicholas, Ohio, Putnam, Raleigh,  
 Roane, Summers, Wayne, Wetzel, and Wyoming. This filing is a replacement  
 of Case No. 24-0669-E-42T that was dismissed by the Commission on  
 September 18, 2024. The rates, tolls, and charges proposed in this filing are  
 in lieu of, and NOT in addition to, those proposed in the dismissed Case No.  
 24-0669-E-42T.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective  
 December 1, 2024, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service  
 Commission and will produce approximately \$250,493,835 annually in  
 additional revenue, an increase of 14.12 percent. The average monthly bill for  
 the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	(\$) INCREASE	(%) INCREASE
Residential	\$27.15	16.16%
Commercial	\$57.09	14.04%
Industrial	\$32,385	11.63%
Resale	N/A	N/A
Other	\$1.33	12.01%

A residential customer using 1,000 kWh would experience a monthly increase  
 over current rates of \$23.74 or 13.54%.

Resale customers of Appalachian Power Company include Old Dominion  
 Electric Cooperative, City of Radford, Craig-Botetourt Electric Cooperative,  
 City of Salem, Kingsport Power Company, Black Diamond Power Company  
 and Virginia Tech Electric. Resale rates are subject to the jurisdiction of the  
 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and are not affected by this West  
 Virginia jurisdictional rate filing. The increases shown are based on the  
 averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may  
 receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the  
 requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change  
 (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of  
 this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until  
 authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. If a hearing is  
 scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene  
 prior to April 7, 2025. Failure to timely intervene can affect your right to  
 participate in the proceedings. Requests to intervene must comply with the  
 Commission's rules on intervention. Anyone desiring to protest should file  
 a written or electronic protest at any time prior to the start of the evidentiary  
 hearing. Customers may also make verbal protest at a public comment  
 hearing scheduled in this case. Notice of the evidentiary hearing and public  
 comment hearing dates and locations will appear in future newspaper  
 publications. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the  
 reason for the protest or intervention. All protests and interventions should  
 be addressed to:

The Executive Secretary,  
 Public Service Commission of West Virginia  
 P.O. Box 812  
 Charleston, West Virginia 25323

A complete copy of the tariff, as well as a representative of the  
 Companies to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to  
 all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the following office of  
 the Companies: 200 Association Drive, Charleston, WV 25311. A copy of the  
 tariff is also available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents  
 on the website of the Companies www.appalachianpower.com/account/bills/  
 rates/APCORatesTariffsWV.aspx.

Any customer wishing to receive a reduced-size copy of the tariff can  
 telephone toll-free 800-982-4237, request such a copy and provide the  
 necessary mailing information, and a copy will be mailed to the customer.  
 A copy of the tariff is also available for public inspection at the office of the  
 Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street,  
 Charleston, West Virginia.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and  
 WHEELING POWER COMPANY  
 3-20-1t

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Putnam County Board  
 of Zoning Appeals will meet on  
 Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 6:30 pm  
 in Room 221 of the Putnam County  
 Courthouse, 12093 Winfield Road,  
 Winfield, WV in order to conduct  
 regular business and hold the  
 following public hearing:

BZA-SPC-2025-01 Michael Young  
 has submitted a Special Permit  
 Use Application to construct a  
 single-family residential dwelling  
 on property located at 19607  
 Winfield Road in Fraziers Bottom,  
 WV (Tax Map 151, Parcel 14.5).  
 The property is zoned "C-2" High  
 Density Commercial.

All interested parties are invited  
 to attend and will be granted an  
 opportunity to speak.

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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF  
 PUTNAM COUNTY,  
 WEST VIRGINIA

To: Magistrate Court Case  
 Kevin Matthew No.: 25-M40D-00043  
 Bryson  
 Respondent's Name  
 39 Turtle Creek Lane Family Court  
 Charleston WV 25307 Civil Action  
 Address No.: 25-DV-37  
 8-11-1987  
 Date of Birth

ORDER OF PUBLICATION  
 (PROTECTIVE ORDER /  
 HEARING DATE)

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

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED  
 RESPONDENT:

It appearing by evidence duly taken in this action that you could not be found in or that you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of the ORDER referenced above, a copy of the Petition and Order may be obtained at the Putnam County Circuit Clerk's office. This PROTECTIVE ORDER will remain in effect until 2-25-2026.

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 17th day of March, 2025.  
 STEPHANIE SMITH/jo  
 Circuit Clerk

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Under authority of that certain Deed of Trust dated May 30, 2002, from Bruce A. Priestley, Virginia M. Priestley, Rudeau P. Priestley and Judith A. Priestley to Michael Hooper, Trustee, of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia in Trust Deed Book No. 576, at page 375, securing a promissory note in the principal amount of \$86,828.02, payable to Oakwood Acceptance Corporation, LLC, and default having been made under the promissory note secured by the aforesaid Deed of Trust and sale requested by Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., as Attorney-in-Fact for JP Morgan Chase Bank, as Trustee U/A dated as of August 1, 2002, Assignee of the aforesaid Deed of Trust, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse in Winfield, West Virginia on April 18, 2025 at 3:00 p.m., subject to all reservations, exceptions, easements and other matters which appear of record, and subject to all unpaid taxes, if any, all that certain parcel of real estate together with improvements thereon and the appurtenances belonging, situated in Curry District of Putnam County, West Virginia, described as follows:

Being Tract of G, Sycamore Lane Subdivision, as shown on a plat made by Jimmy D. Calhoun, PE 4782, dated April 6, 1984, which plat is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, and containing 2.21 acres. Said plat is of record in said Clerk's Office in Map Cabinet A, at Slide 171-B.

Together with a certain Oakwood Manufactured Home.

Being the same property conveyed from William R. Perdue and Ruth E. Perdue, husband and wife, to Bruce A. Priestley and Virginia M. Priestley, husband and wife, and Rudeau P. Priestley and Judith A. Priestley, husband and wife, by Deed dated August 1, 1997, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's office in Deed Book No. 384, at page 317.

Terms of the sale: Cash or certified funds due on date of sale.  
 Given under my hand this 13th day of March, 2025.

/s/ Marc B. Lazenby  
 Substitute Trustee  
 3-20-2t

Subscribe to the Breeze in  
 Putnam County for only  
 \$27.00 per year

# Obituaries

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NORMA HEDERICK  
 MORREALE

Norma J. (Hederick) Morreale, 85, of Hudson, MA, died on Thursday, March 13, 2025 peacefully with her loving family by her side. She was predeceased by her husband of 50 years Richard J. Morreale (2014). She resided in Hudson since 1972.

Norma was born in Buffalo, West Virginia, daughter of the late Mac and Margaret (Hott) Hederick. She attended local schools and was a 1957 graduate of Buffalo High School. She was a member of the high school band and played trumpet. She then attended Gale Airline School. Before her retirement, Norma was employed by the Embassy Suites Hotel in Marlboro, MA.

Norma is survived by her daughter Cheryl Leeber and her husband Carl Leeber of Clinton MA, her late daughter Brenda Morreale of Stow, MA (2013), her grandchildren Victoria Budge Remain and her husband Zac Remain of New York, Nicole Budge of Maine, Rebecca Chaves and the late Dylan Chaves (2024) of Sturbridge, Rose and Joseph Leeber of Clinton MA and predeceased by her granddaughter Hope Ann Budge (1988). She also has great-grandchildren Aubrey, Zac, Ethyn, Zoey, Bree, Natalie, and Elliot. Norma is survived by her brothers and sisters, Anna May King of West Virginia, Geroge and the late Lee Hedrick (2012) of West Virginia, Edward and the late Peggy Hedrick (2015) of Massachusetts, David and his wife Priscilla of Virginia, Carol and Marty Hedrick of Florida and Carolyn Hedrick of West Virginia. She is preceded in death by her brother Mac Hedrick Jr (1964) and her brother Danny (2000) and his late wife Kathy Hedrick (2023) of Missouri.

Norma had many hobbies and interests which included being outdoors, planting and gardening. She was an avid sports fan of the Celtics, New England Patriots, and the Red Sox. She would have made a great play-by-play commentator. She loved games shows, puzzles, and cards. Most of all she enjoyed being a mom and a grandmother to all of us, creating delicious Sunday meals for her family and making her famous spaghetti and meatballs. She was a VERY

hard worker and had amazing work ethics. She will be sorely missed.

Celebration of Norma's life was Friday, March 21, 2025 at the Tighe-Hamilton Funeral Regional Home, Hudson, MA.

Roderic F. Nicholson, 72, of Eleanor, passed away Tuesday, March 11, 2024 at CAMC Memorial following a long illness. He was a proud U.S. Navy veteran and a member of Shalom Baptist Church. Born September 24, 1952, he was the son of the late Roderic Nicholson Sr. and Vera Nicholson. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Clyde Nicholson. Survivors include his loving wife, Sandy Nicholson; daughter, Angie Childs of South Carolina; stepsons, Rick (Beth) Keen of Hurricane and Jay (Rachel) Keen of Red House; grandchildren, Stephen Childs, Dayla Childs, Ray (Shyanne) Keen, Katie Keen and Olivia Keen; great grandson, Jameson. Rod is also survived by his sister-in-law, Karen Nicholson, extended family, church family and many friends. Funeral service was Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastor Bernie Gatens and Pastor Frank Lawson officiating. Burial was in Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery, Dunbar.

GINGER SAUNDERS

Ginger Leigh Saunders, 54, of Hurricane, passed away on March 9, 2025, three weeks after a sudden and unexpected medical emergency. She was born June 3, 1970 in Charleston. She was a life-long resident of Hurricane. Ginger was a 1988 graduate of Hurricane High School. She enjoyed following the Redskins and loved helping the local teams with their orders at Hurricane Trophy. Ginger loved the beach and spending time by her pool soaking in the sunshine. She was a self-proclaimed homebody but enjoyed playing Yahtzee with her best friend every weekend. If you met Ginger you couldn't help but love her. She had such a good heart and was loved by so many, especially her family; she would do anything for anyone; but she was also a strong woman who stood up for herself and others with such passion.

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

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mark Saunders.

Ginger is survived by her two daughters, Madison and Macy Saunders who she loved beyond measure; parents, Richard and Sue Johnson, sister, Kim Salmons (Bill), brother Andy Johnson (Jennifer); sister-in-law Jane Saunders; nieces, Emily Hudson, Abigail Hudson, Jozee Johnson, Jenna Johnson & Ashlee Johnson; nephew, Andrew Johnson; her very best friend, Carrie Chaffin; her beloved beagle Woodstock and grand pup, Indigo, who knew her as GiGi. Memorial service was Saturday, March 15 at Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church

GARY LEE SMITH, SR.

Gary Lee Smith Sr., 80 of Poca, went home to be with the Lord on March 14, 2025.

He was born on December 31, 1944, in Ironton, Ohio, to the late Claxton F. Smith Sr and Dorthy E. Smith. Gary is preceded in death his loving wife Joyce F. Smith, grandson Eric M. Davis; brother Claxton F. Smith Jr; sisters Marilyn S. Roberts and Pamela K. Smith. He is survived by his brother Keith (Pam) Smith of Hurricane, brothers-in-law Brad (Sue) Harbour of Red House and Houston Roberts of Winfield, sister-in-law Patsy Smith of Hurricane, daughter Robin L. Davis of Poca, son Gary (Marian) Smith Jr. of Hurricane, daughter Kimberly D. Smith of Poca and daughter Nikie (Matthew) Rider of Winfield, grandchildren, Ralph W. Davis, Kayla (Brandon) Hickman, Blain (Alex) Lewis, Dakota (fiance' Sara Ashworth and her son Carson) Rider, Jaedyn Rider and Weston Smith, great grandchildren Gracin, Ellie and Amin Hickman, Noah Davis, Hudson and Parker Lewis and a host of nieces and nephews.

Gary retired from Smith Concrete in Poca where he dedicated his life working as a manager and day-to-day operations for the family business until his retirement. He still played an active role in the day-to-day operations for several years. He is also a member of Poca Baptist Church. A tribute to the life of Gary was held Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Celebrant H.R. Whittington officiating. Burial was in Valley View Memorial Park, Hurricane.

Funeral service was Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastor Bernie Gatens and Pastor Frank Lawson officiating. Burial was in Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery, Dunbar.

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Submitted by Crystal Rooper of Teays Valley