

The Hurricane Breeze

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Sheriff Responds to Cybersecurity Threat at TV Christian School

By Ron Allen
Teays Valley Christian School has been in the news this week because a student received a threatening message stating that if a specific file was not downloaded, a so-called "hit list" would be distributed using the student's email. The incident is being treated as a cybersecurity threat and is under investigation by the Sheriff and the West Virginia Fusion Center. The timeline of events follows. On Thursday, March 20, the Putnam County Sheriff Department responded to a call from Teays Valley Christian School. A student at the school received an email stating if the student did not download a certain "file", an assault "hit list" would be sent out under his name and email account. Chief Deputy Shamblin stated in a March 21 Facebook post that the threat was not valid but the incident was being publicized to prevent misinformation from being spread. Shamblin reported that the Department had called upon the West Virginia Fusion Center (WVFC) to assist in determining the origin point of the email. The WVFC was established following the events of September 11, 2001, to collect, integrate,

evaluate, analyze and disseminate information and intelligence to support local, state and federal agencies in detecting, preventing, and responding to criminal and terrorist activity. On Sunday, March 23, Shamblin posted that deputies would be present at the school to assure a safe and healthy environment for students and staff on Monday and that law enforcement will continue to be proactive for the safety of the Teays Valley Christian School family. On Monday, Shamblin shared some findings by the WVFC following an analyst's examination of the student's computer hardware:

(1) The student's "Discord" account and google school account suffered a "sophisticated" attack causing both accounts to be compromised. To clarify, a discord account can be used as a video gaming chat platform.
(2) The student's account was accessed (3) three different times by (3) different IP addresses within 20 minutes of the attack. All personal files were accessed within seconds.
(3) Patterns of the user's habits on the account greatly differentiate before

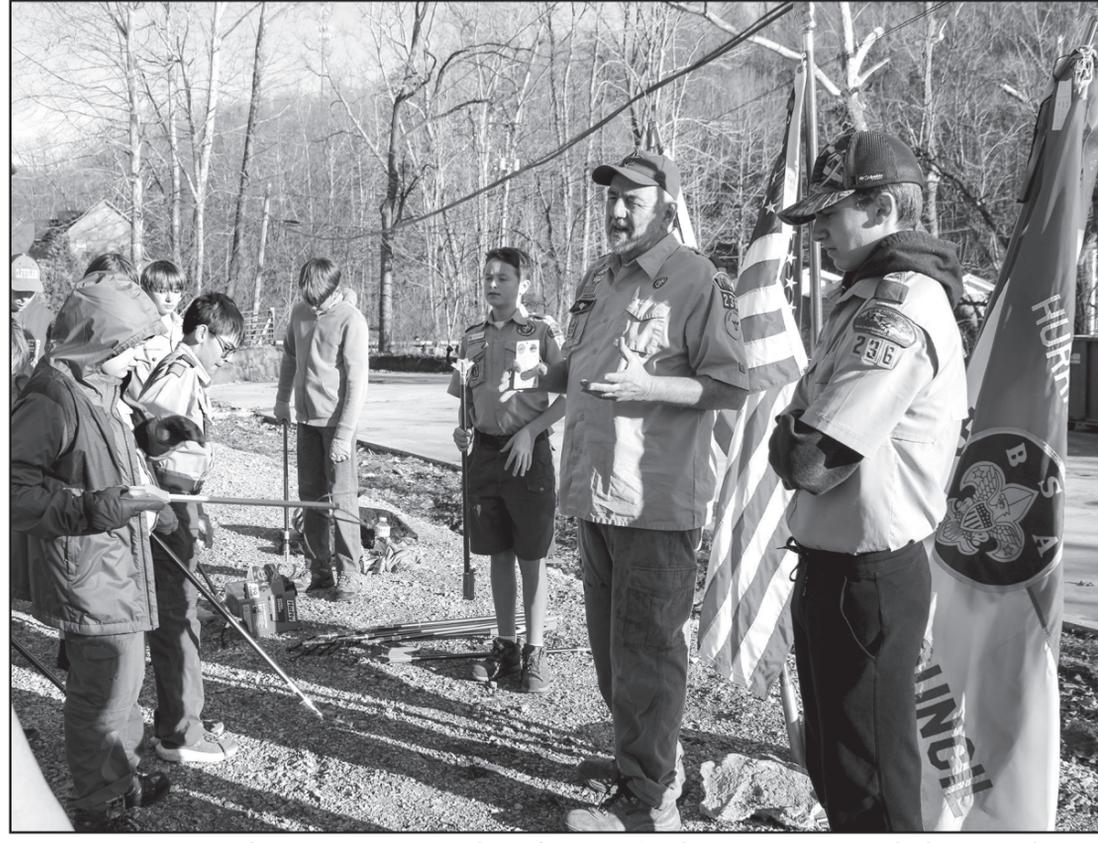
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Local Nurse Practitioner Pleads Guilty to Health Care Fraud

The U.S. Attorney's Office of the Southern District of West Virginia announced Wednesday, March 19, that Shawn R. Blankenship, 54, of Winfield, has pleaded guilty to four counts of health care fraud. Blankenship is a licensed nurse practitioner and owner of Holistic Inc., a medical clinic in St. Albans. He admitted to knowingly and willfully causing materially false claims to be submitted to Medicaid and its Managed Care Organizations for medical services that were not provided and not medically necessary. Blankenship admitted that four materially false claims were filed for services that were not provided. Holistic submitted three claims for smoking cessation services and one for a 15-minute office outpatient visit which were purportedly conducted on October 29, 2020. The investigation revealed that services required a licensed provider to be present. From on or about October 28, 2020, through on or about October 30, 2020, Blankenship and Holistic's other practitioners were in Hilton Head, South Carolina, and not in St. Albans on October 29, 2020. Holistic provided multiple services to patients during the October 2020 time period, including

primarily office-based opioid treatment, weight loss counseling, and smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling. Investigators concluded the losses from Blankenship's criminal conduct is approximately \$600,000. Blankenship is scheduled to be sentenced on July 21, 2025, and faces a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison, at least three years of supervised release, and a \$1 million fine. Blankenship also owes restitution in an amount to be determined by the Court. Acting United States Attorney Lisa G. Johnston commended the outstanding investigative work of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services-Office of Inspector General (HHS-OIG), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the West Virginia Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) for their multi-year investigation of Blankenship's fraudulent medical billing practices. United States Magistrate Judge Omar J. Aboulhosh presided over the hearing. Trial Attorney Jody King of the U.S. Department of Justice Criminal Division-Fraud Section and Assistant United States Attorney Owen Reynolds are prosecutors for the case.

Scouts Do Good in Pursuit of Conservation Good Turn Award



Gerry Stover issues safety instructions to members of Troop 236 and Troop 36 prior to embarking on a clean up project to benefit Meeks Mountain Trail users.

Troop 236 and Troop 36 gathered at the lot on the banks of Mill Creek opposite Hurricane City Park on Monday, March 17th, to clean up the former site of a storage building on Meeks property. The Meeks Family has made the lot available for parking specifically for Meeks Mountain Trail users. Completion of the cleanup project and follow up

documentation will result in receiving the Conservation Good Turn Award. Since 1910, conservation has been an integral part of the program of Scouting America. Scouting America has been a positive force in conservation and environmental efforts. Scouts have rendered distinguished public service by helping to conserve

wildlife, energy, forests, soil, and water. Past generations of Scouts have been widely recognized for undertaking conservation Good Turn action projects in their local communities. In addition to the Conservation Good Turn patch, the Scouts will receive the "Order of the Firefly," a recognition patch that Stover plans to award in his capacity as the Ecology

Director (official approval on this patch is expected). It will be awarded to Scouts who have done a good deed as it relates to conservation. Criteria include knowledge of awards for Conservation, Outdoor Ethics, Leave No Trace principles, and Outdoor Code in conjunction with a plan and execution of a community conservation project.

Custody and Ownership of Nitro WW I Tank Differ

By Ron Allen
Ownership of the World War I M-1917 tank that was on display in Nitro from 1986 to 2005 has been known ever since the tank was moved from Alexandria, Virginia, to Nitro. The tank was U.S. Government property. Ownership was known but not documented.

Ownership has now been documented. Nathan Wills, Vice President of the Nitro Historical Commission, recently came into possession of a copy of a 2006 email from TACOM which confirmed that the tank belonged to the United States and that it was legally on loan to the City of Nitro and the Nitro VFW Post 9248. TACOM is the agency tasked with loaning obsolete military equipment to VFW Posts and other organizations. Last year, Wills asked all West Virginians to email TACOM requesting the agency conduct an investigation into proof of its ownership of M-1917 Tank, Serial No. 18168. The agency confessed to poor record keeping and stated that it had no record of any tank transaction involving the Alexandria VFW Post. Wills recently contacted TACOM concerning the 2006 email and has asked the agency to claim their property and to honor an agreement which designated the City of Nitro and VFW Post 9248 as legal custodians of the tank. The tank is now in the possession of the National Museum of Military Vehicles (NMMV), a privately owned museum in Dubois, Wyoming.



Pictured is Dan Starks, founder of the National Museum of Military Vehicles, with Nitro's World War I tank (YouTube video screen shot).

Owner Dan Starks, in a YouTube video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RSrPhEChQjA>) stated that he purchased the tank for \$1.2 million. Starks also stated that the tank was well-known in collector's circles because it was restored by the Ropkey Armor Museum in Indiana. The Ropkey Museum purchased the tank in 2005 from the heirs of Jack Moody. Ropkey, reportedly, paid \$60,000 for the tank and spent an additional \$100,000 to restore it to running condition. Ropkey purchased the tank believing that it was the private property of Moody who died in January of 2005. Jack Moody's heirs obtained possession of the tank in the summer of 2005 when they told City of Nitro officials that they wanted to move the tank to have it sandblasted and painted. They stated that they would have the tank back in 30 days. The July 2006 email

from TACOM would have been composed when the tank was in Ropkey's possession. The City of Nitro, reportedly, did not know the whereabouts of the tank at the time of the email. The location of the tank at the Ropkey Museum was not determined until early 2007. Wills has contacted TACOM concerning the email and was referred to an agency legal consultant. "I was told that the email was solid evidence of government ownership but that restoring custodianship of the tank to Nitro would be difficult," Will said. "The consultant said one option would be to have a U.S. Senator endorse a Federal Action which would require the movement of the tank from Dubois to Nitro." Wills said he will be submitting a letter to TACOM asking the agency to do "the right thing" and return the tank to its legally designated custodian, the City of Nitro and Nitro VFW Post 9248.

A copy of the 2006 email follows:
Byrd, Mary (ML)
From: Woolverton, Ed MR TACOM-WRN [ed. woolverton@us.army.mil]
Sent: Monday, July 03, 2006 8:16 AM
To: Byrd, Mary (ML)
Cc: Jan, Bradley J
Subject: RE: Ownership Issue of a WWI Renaylt FT17 Tank
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WEATHER SUMMARY		
March 18 - 24		
	Low	High
March 18	Hurricane	23° 67°
March 19	Hurricane	30° 78°
March 20*	Hurricane	32° 56°
March 21	Hurricane	22° 54°
March 22	Hurricane	30° 58°
March 23*	Hurricane	23° 57°
March 24	Hurricane	36° 57°
*RAIN		
0.2 inch recorded Mar. 20		
0.3 inch recorded Mar. 23		

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 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 28

- Historical Square Community Church, 20058 Buffalo Road, Buffalo, will be showing the movie "The Passion of the Christ" at 7:30 p.m. Hot dogs will be available for sale at 7 p.m.

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/>

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Africa A New Hope

5KRun2KWalk

- 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 on Route 60.

- There will be a Pokemon trade event from 2 to 4 p.m. at Bridge Cafe and Bistro, 1779 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane.

MARCH 30

- Buffalo Methodist Church, located at 27 High Street, Buffalo, will be holding a special Sunday evening service at 7 p.m. featuring special singing by Faith's Promise.

APRIL 1

- The Poca Library will be playing the movie "The Parent Trap" at 6 p.m.

- Smokey the Bear will be visiting the Eleanor Library at 10 a.m.

- There are free line dancing lessons at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings at Brookse's Bar and Grill, 13184 Winfield Road, Winfield.

- The Pallet Bar, 3999 Teays Valley Drive, Suite A, Scott Depot, will be holding 90's Country Singo Bingo starting at 7 p.m.

APRIL 2

- The Eleanor Library will be handing out kits to make your own solar system at home. Pick up a kit between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- Sergio's Cucina Italiana and Steaks, 2801 Main Street, Hurricane, will be hosting Grey's Anatomy trivia starting at 7 p.m.

APRIL 3

- There will be a herbal tea garden demo at 6 p.m. at Valley Park Conference Center in Hurricane. Admission is \$5. Learn how to grow your own herbal tea garden.

APRIL 4

- The Tribute Quartet will be performing at 7 p.m. at Emma Chpael Church, 15623 McLane Pike, Liberty.

- The Putnam County Library is hosting a birdwatching at the Eleanor wildlife sanctuary. Meet at the trailhead on Eagle Drive near the Armory and locks in Eleanor at 9 a.m.

APRIL 5

- There will be a spring craft show from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Greene Center, 10494 Charleson Road, Kenna.

- Beauty For Ashes - A Women's Ministry Encounter will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Niro Church of God, 15th Street and 2nd Avenue, Nitro.

- There will be a beginner crochet class at 1 p.m. at Bake My Day, 14 Bank Street, Nitro. The cost is \$20 per person.

Mission West Virginia Expands Bridge Program with \$366,152 Grant

Mission West Virginia (Mission WV) is proud to announce that through the Initial Opportunity Grant, the West Virginia First Foundation has awarded a \$366,152 grant to expand the Bridge Program, which provides targeted support to high school youth in foster and kinship care. The funding will enable Mission WV to hire additional Mentors, allowing the program to reach an additional 150 students and further strengthen academic and career outcomes for youth in foster and kinship care — some of the most vulnerable populations in the state.

The Bridge Program implements evidence-based strategies that have consistently shown significant improvements in attendance, behavior, academic performance, and post-secondary success. This expansion will specifically target youth in West Virginia who have been significantly impacted by parental substance use disorder, both in foster care and kinship care.

Kelly Thompson, Executive Director of Mission WV, emphasized the importance of expanding support for this at-risk population: "Children in foster care are among the most at-risk in our society, facing increased risks of incarceration, substance use, homelessness, and reliance on public assistance. We must provide the help they need with well-researched, evidence-based programs. The Bridge Program is proving to be a lifeline — offering not just a plan for the future, but hope."

Concord University Seeking STEM Students for Prestigious NSF Scholarship

Over the next three years, nineteen incoming students at Concord University will be awarded four-year scholarships for as much as \$60,000 (\$15,000 per year). Scholars will also receive a computer and additional career-focused enrichment activities to support their academic and social growth through graduation – thanks to a \$1 million grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to Concord University.

Concord University is seeking interested students to pursue Bachelor of Science degrees in chemistry, computer science, computer information systems, and environmental geosciences.

Concord's SEAM Program (Science Engagement and Active Mentoring) will build fellowship among students and contribute to the national need for well-educated scientists and technicians by supporting the retention and graduation of high-achieving students with demonstrated financial need at Concord University. The project will last through 2030.

The project will enhance students' STEM and professional identity and development by tying together cohort building, career and entrepreneurial focused field trips, direct mentoring by student peers and faculty, and a variety of workshops. As a distinguishing feature, SEAM cohorts will be able to participate in outreach and research activities at Concord's Materials

Proven Success

The Bridge Program has already demonstrated remarkable success during the 2024 school year, with data showing the program's effectiveness:

- 98.6% graduation rate, surpassing the state average.
- 100% of graduates transitioned to post-secondary education or career plans, including:
 - 23% entering the workforce
 - 23% attending technical school
 - 47% enrolling in four-year colleges
 - 5% joining the military
 - 1% Job Corps
 - 66% decrease in absences and an 89% decrease in behavioral infractions.

This expansion is critical for supporting youth in foster care, particularly those affected by the opioid crisis. By increasing the program's reach and adding new full-time mentors, Mission WV will continue to provide the structured support necessary for these students to graduate, succeed, and thrive.

The West Virginia First Foundation's generous support strengthens their vision toward education that equips people to make informed choices and where strong social support lifts up those at risk and mission to empower West Virginians to prevent substance use disorder, support recovery, and save lives.

For more information about the Bridge Program or Mission WV, visit www.missionwv.org

For more information about West Virginia First Foundation, visit www.wvfirst.org

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

Spring is here. That being said, in Florida it is always spring/summer, almost. We had a few cold days this winter but not many...

Perhaps it is true... people do better and are healthier living in the south. We can get out every day... we don't have to worry about falling on ice or snow... we can walk more... food seems to be healthier (maybe or maybe not). Just a thought...

I remember spring in WV... my favorite part in Hurricane... the B. pear trees... the white lining Main Street. I liked them so much, I planted some in my backyard at Green Acres. (I miss that house so much...) They are gorgeous... almost like snowballs... the blossoms don't last long, but oh... magnificent... one of God's gifts.

Spring in the mountains of WV... well, in Summersville, we didn't notice it that much... cold, windy, and snowy... when the blooms did start, it was lovely. (Autumn is the most beautiful time in the mountains.)

When I lived in South Carolina, spring was just like the other seasons... not so in Ohio and Indiana... we were glad for the thaw... but then, the next day, snow came again... alas... no place is perfect.

I started walking diligently in 1992... except for a few years when I quit... I have walked my 3-5 miles daily... at this time of my life... it is almost too much to do the five miles, even with eight walks per day... the joints can't handle so much... however, I am a dedicated walker. I still attribute my years to walking, vegetarian diet, and staying mentally alert...

Getting up early... after I retired, I did NOT want to hear an alarm clock. I did not want to be awakened with the blare... I wanted to lounge in the bed... reading... just relaxing... I still do NOT have one in this house. In fact, I have no clocks except on the stove... I use my phone and Ipad and Fitbit... I don't care what

WVDNR Announces Gold Rush Returns April 1-12

WVDNR will stock 69 lakes and streams with golden rainbow trout

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) today announced the return of Gold Rush stockings at 69 lakes and streams around the state starting April 1.

"As we celebrate the eighth anniversary of the Gold Rush, we look forward to seeing all of the ways this exciting event helps recruit the next generation of anglers and helps us keep West Virginia's outdoor traditions alive and well for years to come," said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion.

From April 1-12, the WVDNR will stock more than 50,000 golden rainbow trout at 69 lakes and streams around the state, including waters in or near 15 state parks and forests. Of these fish, 100 will receive a numbered yellow tag. If an angler catches a golden trout with one of these tags, they can enter the tag number online for a chance to win one of the following prizes:

time it is unless I have to be with family.

Now... and some of my readers and loved ones will be shocked... I am up by, at the latest, 5 every morning... I don't seem to need much sleep anymore... 4-5 hours, or less, does it for me... I go into the living room... I have a routine... this is a silly routine for some. For me it works. I do my word games on the phone... and don't forget... I do FRENCH... (As long as my granddaughter is taking French in college, I will continue to do this...) I read on my IPAD/KINDLE books that I review for NETGALLEY... I read books that I have sitting on my little table... I journal... I pray... Bible study... all of my fun things... by this time, it is going to be WORK... clean daily... laundry daily... walking... cooking... puzzle books... jigsaw puzzles... catch up on any television shows I might miss (I do not have cable, but most are online or on my Hulu...) Family activities... if daughter is here, we are out and about... I work on my budget, correspondence... more reading... more walking... journaling... etc...

How anyone becomes bored... I have no idea... my life is never boring... now that Spring is here... a renewal if one must describe this time of year... Easter soon... all of God's creation coming alive after a time of stoppage... winter... this is a time when we begin new things... we think about what we want to do next... travel... family visits... getting out and about... working in the yard (my yard work is "done" here at the condo)... the ocean... parks... whatever spring means to us... a fabulous time to be alive... breathe the air... kids getting ready for school to end... teachers ready for a rest... spring is the time when we know, without a doubt, there is HOPE... hope for better days... and we sure need that HOPE today, more than ever... because the way we were is the way we are... praying things get better soon...

- (1) Free Resident West Virginia Lifetime Fishing License (1 Winner)
- (1) One-Night West Virginia State Park Lodge Stay (5 Winners)
- (1) \$25 West Virginia State Parks Gift Card (5 Winners)

All anglers with a valid fishing license and trout stamp who report their tagged catch during the event also will be eligible to receive a gift bag. All other prizes will be awarded by random drawing. To learn more about Gold Rush giveaways and stocking locations, visit WVdnr.gov/goldrush.

All anglers 15 and older must have a West Virginia fishing license with a current trout stamp and a valid form of identification while fishing during Gold Rush. Licenses and stamps can be purchased online at WVfish.com. Anglers are also reminded to follow West Virginia's fishing regulations, available to download at WVdnr.gov/fishing-regulations.

Cybersecurity Threat at TV Christian School

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the March 20th attack and after the attack. Before the attack, a WV internet service provider was used. After the attack, three different internet providers were used from three different states. Shamblin said that

information that can be shared will be shared but that it was not possible to provide certain information relating to criminal consequences and dealing with juveniles.

Also on Monday, Sheriff Bobby Eggleton reported, "During this investigation, we have determined that

the threat was not made by any student or staff of TVCS. We are committed to do all we can to find and prosecute the person responsible for this incident."

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office said they feel that students are safe at the school.

Custody and Ownership of Nitro WW I Tank

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Mary,

Based on everything we've been able to determine the tank rightfully belongs to the US Government with the City of Nitro and the Nitro VFW Post 9248 as joint legal custodians. This is predicated upon the fact that the law governing the transfer of obsolete and/or condemned Army property (Title 10 USC 2572) dates back to May 22, 1896 and states that all such donations are subject to the rules and regulations of the Department of War. Historically all such donations made by an Act of Congress since 1900 specifically states in each Act that the items donated shall remain at the discretion of the Secretary of War at all times, thus substantiating the government's ownership of these items.

This tank was transferred from Ft. Meade to the VFW Post #609, Alexandria, VA and placed in their custodianship in 1941. In his letter of

September 10, 1986, Mr. Moody negotiated with VFW Post 609 to have the tank transferred to Nitro. This letter was written by Mr. Moody and signed by him as the Chairman of the WWI Commission for the City of Nitro. The tone and implications of this letter are that Mr. Moody was acting for and on behalf of the City of Nitro and VFW Post 9248. He also implies that the museum is to be owned and operated by the City of Nitro, not as a private concern.

The aforementioned information leads this office to the conclusion stated in paragraph one above. This office stands ready to defend and assist you in your efforts to retain the tank within the City of Nitro under City control. Once everything settles and the city has proper custodianship of the tank, we will execute the current Conditional Deed of Gift between you and us to solidify and document the city's rightful custodianship.

Ed Woolverton

Chief. Army Donations Program
US Army TACOM LCMC
(586) 574-8469

-Original Message-
From: Byrd, Mary (ML) [mailto:BYRDML@dow.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2006 1:18 PM
To: 'Woolverton, Ed MR TACOM-WRN'
Subject: RE: Ownership Issue of a WWI Renaylt FT17 Tank

Ed,
Just wondering if there is an update? I have a meeting with our State Attorney General on the 5th of July. He seems willing to help if there is something he can do. Any additional information that you can send before that time would be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks

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Gregory to Jared and Kaley Knoll - Lot, Sleepy Hollow Township, Teays Valley District for \$425,000.00.

AJ Investments LLC to Cedric and Janette Crumbley - Lot, Cherry Grove Subdivision, Scott District for \$310,000.00.

William and Beverly Devoss to Billy and Elsie McGhee - Lot, Oakbridge, Scott District for \$275,000.00.

Corey and Christina Langsdorf to Hunter Christian - Two Lots, South Winfield, Scott District for \$242,000.00.

Lindsey Chapman, Corey Ford and Sherry Fauber to Sue Chandler - Two Parcels, Maplewood Estates, Scott District for \$269,415.00.

Glenmont Properties LLC to Scott Joseph and Susan Spence - 3.947 Acres, Eleanor District for \$10,000.00.

Suad Shishani to Whitney Loggins, Andrew Vess and Whitney J. Loggins Revocable Trust - 0.56 Acres, Scott District for \$85,000.00.

Jeffrey Cavender, Regina Cavender, Christopher Cavender, Wendy Richardson and Don Cavender to Sara Nunley - 0.62 Acre, Poca District for \$90,000.00.

Stephanie Richmond Hilton to Timothy Williams and James Fallen - Two Tracts, Union District for \$135,000.00.

Danny and Mary Dudley to Mark Halstead and Shawna Bowman - Lot, Brendonwood Subdivision, Curry District for \$38,000.00.

Terra Abstract Trustee West Virginia Inc and Alan Currence to Carrington Mortgage Services LLC - Two Lots, Virginia Avenue Addition, Curry District for \$63,000.00.

Robert Oyler to Ahmad Nusair - Two Parcels, Teays Valley District for \$115,000.00.

Winfield One LLC to Corey and Christina Langsdorf - Parcel, Winfield District for \$290,000.00.

Kori and Colleen Denkins to MAT Equities LLC - Lot, Valley Hills, Teays Valley District for \$199,999.00.

THIS WEEK IN THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

For the week ending March 21, 2025

Members of the House of Delegates voted this week to pass several education-related bills to the Senate for debate as the legislative deadline for bills to pass from one Chamber to the other approaches.

House Bill 2802, which passed the House by a vote of 98-0 Tuesday, was inspired by a successful local partnership between law enforcement and schools. It would allow law enforcement officers to substitute as many as eight of their required 16 hours of annual in-service training for hours served on-site in a school safety program.

"The thought is that officers would spend time in schools within their jurisdiction or immediately surrounding their jurisdiction, knowing that in the event of a school shooting every officer from anywhere close to that area is going to be responding to the school," said HB2802 Lead Sponsor Delegate Jonathan Pinson, R-Mason. "If officers have had the opportunity to take eight of their 16 hours of in-service training inside a local school somewhere, they know where the cafeteria is, so if they get a call that a school shooter is in the cafeteria, that institutional knowledge will already be

present; they're not trying to figure out where the classrooms are, they're not trying to figure out where certain facilities are."

Pinson said he began working nearly four months ago with the state's Law Enforcement Professional Standards (LEPS) Subcommittee of the Governor's Committee on Crime, Delinquency and Corrections, which is responsible for law enforcement officers' training and certification. The program is being modeled after the Shield Program in Jackson County, which is in Pinson's district.

"Ultimately, they agreed this is an excellent idea," he said, noting the bill was needed to allow the LEPS Subcommittee to set the parameters of a program and the subcommittee had already voted to create this one-to-one exchange for training hours. "I believe the LEPS Committee will go into further detail as to what they expect of these officers when they report to the schools for eight hours rather than reporting to in-service for eight hours.

"The thought being that those officers are out of their vehicle, they're in the school, they're around the school, they're checking doors, they're talking with

students."

Pinson said the Shield Program has allowed officers to develop relationships with teachers and students, which has led to several crimes against children being stopped or solved.

"It has also increased the unpredictability," he said. "If someone wants to do harm to a school, they don't know if that's a day there may be an officer or two officers fulfilling their one-to-one exchange time."

House Bill 2164, which would allow public and private schools to employ school safety officers, passed the House by a unanimous vote last week. The bill requires the state Division of Protective Services to establish standards for school safety officers, allowing them to carry firearms, requiring background checks and information sharing with the Division of Protective Services as well as annual training. House Bill 3166, which would allow each county board of education to establish standardized school safety mapping data and require the data be shared with relevant state and local agencies, also passed the House without a single vote against it this week.

House Bill 3024, unofficially called the guaranteed course transfer bill, passed the House unanimously. It would establish a framework to ensure students have a seamless road among high schools, career and technical education centers, community and technical colleges as well as baccalaureate institutions for post-secondary credits to guarantee transfer in a uniform way.

A bill to prohibit most cellphone use in schools passed the full House by a near-unanimous vote. House Bill 2003 would require the West Virginia Board of Education to establish rules for implementing the ban while allowing accommodations for students with disabilities, medical needs or Individualized Education Programs (IEP).

"I do believe there are a lot of distractions in the classroom, not only cell phones but also behavior. That's why we had bills on discipline and behavior that came up," said House Education Committee Chairman Delegate Joe Ellington, R-Mercer. "As far as devices, there are opportunities for devices to be used during the instructional day. We do have exceptions built into that."

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



The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

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

March 13, 2002: Herbalist and folk doctor Catfish Gray died in Huntington. Gray was known for his vast knowledge of traditional plant lore and for his quaint and engaging personality. At the height of the folklore revival of the 1970s, Gray was a frequent newspaper and television interview subject.

March 14, 1931: Noting the interest in the annual reunion of Carnifex Ferry

battle veterans from the Civil War, the legislature created the Carnifex Ferry Battlefield Park Commission.

March 15, 1882: Union leader Frank Keeney was born on Cabin Creek, Kanawha County. Keeney, who went to work in the mines as a boy, became a rank-and-file leader during the Paint Creek-Cabin Creek Strike of 1912-13.

March 15, 1890: Architect Walter Martens was born in Illinois. After moving to Charleston, he won competitions to design prominent buildings across the state, including the current governor's mansion, which just turned 100 years old.

March 16, 1906: Country musician Buddy Starcher was born Oby Edgar Starcher near Ripley. In 1946, Starcher cut his first recordings on Four Star, including his best-known composition, "I'll Still Write Your Name in the Sand," which became a hit in 1949.



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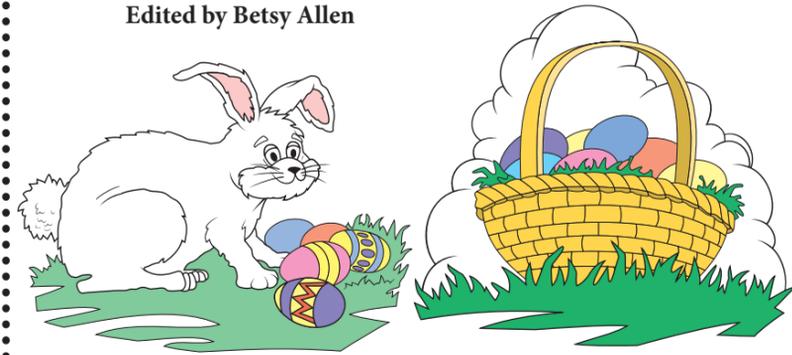
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Fillers Page

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Notes on Getting Older

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

As the years roll along and the wind's blowing colder
I've noticed the thing about us growing older
Is people we've loved that have lived and have left
Leave us lost and alone and unsure and bereft

We ones that are left draw together and ponder
About those we've lost that have risen up yonder
They leave us some clues about how we should live;
To continue to love and continue to give

As our circles grow smaller and spirits benumb
We see what we became and know what we'll
become

As our bodies grow tired we begin to find out
That the reason we're here and what life's all about

Is the world will remain after we have all gone
So hold on to wisdom from life that you've drawn
Share it with children and family and friends
And make sure you make peace with yourself 'fore
it ends

God Can Use You

By Velma Kitchens of Culloden

The next time you think God can't use you, just remember:

Noah was a drunk
Abraham was too old
Isaac was a daydreamer
Jacob was a liar
Leah was not pretty
Joseph was abused
Moses had a stuttering problem
Gideon was afraid
Samson had long hair and was a womanizer
David had an affair and was a murderer
Elijah was suicidal
Isaiah preached naked
Jonah ran from God
Naomi was a widow
Job went bankrupt
John the Baptist ate bugs
Peter denied Christ
The disciples fell asleep while praying
Martha worried about everything
The Samaritan woman was divorced, more than
once
Zaccheus was too small
Paul was too religious
Timothy had an ulcer... and Lazarus was dead!

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

Street Tacos from the Slow Cooker

(Family Features) If your idea of street tacos includes standing over a hot skillet, wipe that sweat off your brow and give these Savory Street Tacos a try. They put the slow cooker and oven to work for you, providing that delicious street taco taste without the hassle. For more ways to simplify cooking at home, visit Culinary.net.

Savory Street Tacos

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"
Servings: 4-6

1 chuck roast (2-3 pounds)
1 package taco seasoning
1 can (10 ounces) beef consommé
16-20 street taco tortillas
1 package (8 ounces) shredded cheese
1/4 cup avocado oil
salsa, for serving
guacamole, for serving
queso, for serving

Cover chuck roast with taco seasoning then place in slow cooker. Pour beef consommé over roast and cook on low 6 hours to braise.

Heat oven to 425 F.

Use fork to shred roast.

Brush outside of tortillas with avocado oil and fill with meat and shredded cheese. Place in casserole dish and bake 10-15 minutes until tacos reach desired crispiness.

Place on tray and serve with salsa, guacamole and queso.

Tip: Recipe can be doubled for large crowds.



Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

Sometimes I stay inside because it's just too peopley out there.

Small circle. Private life. Happy heart. Clear mind. Peaceful life.

I worked out for an hour and all I lost was 60 minutes.

Peaceful mind, peaceful life.

I'm retired, not expired.

I have reached an age where my mind says, "I can do that." My body says, "Try it and you'll be sorry."

Life is a gift that is given and will be taken. How we choose to spend our time here is our gift to life.

What reminds you of the miracle of simply being alive?

Let your hope of heaven master your fear of death.

My only competitor is the person I was yesterday.

A brave man acknowledges the strength of others.

Happiness is finding your inner child.

Be a positive influence in someone's life.

Gut feelings are guardian angels.

There are no perfect husbands and no perfect wives, but if you will keep believing in each other, there will be plenty of perfect moments in your marriage.

A banker is a fellow who lends you his umbrella when the sun is shining, but wants it back the minute it begins to rain. - Mark Twain

Be sure to spend time with your parents while you can, because one day when you look up from your busy life, they won't be there anymore.

Courage is the most important of all the virtues because without courage, you can't practice any other virtue consistently. - Maya Angelou

If someone calls you ma'am or sir, it doesn't mean you're old. It's a sign of respect.

The good news is, I made it to the golden years. The bad news is there ain't no gold.

My patience is like a gift card. Not sure how much is left, but we can give it a try.

The truth is, losing a parent means no healing. We just pretend we're okay.

Forget the fountain of youth. Where is the fountain of common sense?

Nothing is more fake than students clapping after the principal's speech.

I'm at a place in my life where errands are starting to count as "going out."



That move you're afraid to make, might be the game changer.

Hope is one of those things in life you can't do without.

You know you're getting older when the muscles gets weaker.

I've survived too many storms to be bothered by raindrops.

The older you get, the faster the time seems to go.

Kindness is free.

You know you're getting older when you barely do anything all day, but still need to take a nap to continue to do barely anything.

Slowing down, letting your spare time expand, getting enough sleep, resting is the radical act now, but it is essential.

When people throw dirt, remember you're a seed. God is about to use what the enemy meant for evil to make you grow.

You should stop disliking people over what you heard, and be thankful God isn't disliking you over what he knows.

You know you're getting older when in preparation for a big sneeze you cross your legs and hope for the best.

No one on earth will love you more, be more patient with our moods, and keep your secrets better than a doggie.

I lost the audio book. I'm never going to hear the end of it.

Pets are not disposable. They are family. Family is forever.

You'll never know how far you can fly till you spread your wings.

No one can keep a secret better than a child.

Don't criticize your spouse's decisions; you were one of them.

The very essence of romance is uncertainty.

He who waits for a chance may wait for a long time.

If you don't have a plan for yourself, you'll be a part of someone else's.

I'm so old I remember calling a phone number to see what time it was.

Love is like an hourglass, with the heart filling up as the brain empties.

Well, to be Frank, I'd have to change my name.

Ignorance, the root and stem of all evil.

I named my doggy Rolex. He's my watchdoggy.

Love makes everything that is heavy light.

Pasteurize: what is just too far to see.

The one thing we can never get enough of is love. And the one thing we never give enough of is love.

You know you're getting older when you give up all your vices and you still don't feel good.

There was a time Fruit of the Loom took Hanes to court. It was a brief case.

You glow differently when your confidence is fueled by belief in yourself instead of validation from others.

The secret to surviving the cold is to put on enough layers that you can't fit through the door to go outside.

A boy becomes a man through pain, failure, rejection, loss, disrespect, and heartbreak; not age.

If you don't know the value of loyalty, you will never understand the damage of betrayal.

People with good intentions make promises. But people with good character keep them.

I remember when a hashtag was capped a pound sign, and we played tic-tac-toe on top of it.

If the kindest souls were rewarded with the longest lives, doggies would outlive us all.

If common sense was lard, some people wouldn't be able to grease a pan.

It's so cold outside, the sun came out, saw its shadow, and went back to bed.

Eat food off of other people's plate. Those are their calories. They don't count.

Hope for the Christian is a confident expectation of a guaranteed result.

Where there is no hope in the future, there is no power in the present.

At 50 years old, your broad mind and narrow waist have traded places.

God's way is the best way, it's the only way.

In the blink of an eye, it could all be taken away. Be grateful always.

There's no room for unsupported friends, family, or fake love in this year.

He who is afraid to ask is ashamed of learning.

If the best things in life are free, then why do I have to buy chocolate?

People who make you smile on your bad days are so important.

Bible Verse



Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
— Matthew 5:9



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A New Month of Events at Putnam County Libraries

Enjoy woodland themed stories, energetic songs, and a special visit with Smokey the Bear, courtesy of the WV Division of Forestry, at the Eleanor Library on Tuesday, April 1, beginning at 10 a.m.

No fooling, the Poca Library is hosting a special after hours family movie night on April 1 at 6 p.m. They will be showing "The Parent Trap" (Rated PG, 1998) for you on the big screen!

On April 2, the Eleanor Library is going to be handing out kits to make your own solar system at home. Pick up your kit while supplies last! The Eleanor Library is open from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and closes for lunch from 12:30-1:15 p.m.

Learn a skill that's helpful on the go and at home, or just a good hobby for fidgety fingers, with a Beginner Knot Tying lesson at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley on Wednesday, April 2, at 2 p.m. All supplies will be provided

For National Poetry Month (and National Library Week), learn how to write poetry by using someone else's words. By using discarded book pages, you can make blackout poetry. This event will be held on Monday, April 7, beginning at 4 p.m. at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley.

The Library will be hosting a birdwatching adventure with Master Birders as guides. Meet up at the trailhead on Eagle Drive near the Armory in Eleanor at 9 a.m. on Friday, April 4.

Developmental Screening

Putnam County Schools Developmental Screenings will be held on Friday, April 11, at the Teays Valley Baptist Church on Teays Valley Road. Children 2 1/2 to 4 years will be screened for speech/language, hearing, vision, motor skills, social skills, self-help, and cognition. Call 304-586-0500 ext. 1166 to schedule an appointment.

Happy Anniversary

Darrell and Sarah Meadows of 5727 Whitten Ridge Road in Milton will celebrate their fifty-second wedding anniversary on March 30.

David Paul and Sara White-Cresap of 19210 N. Concho Circle in Sun City, Arizona, will celebrate their twenty-first wedding anniversary on April 1.

Zachariah and Kathy Gillispie Phillips of Daniels will celebrate their thirty-fourth wedding anniversary on April 1.

Leonard and Emma Lee Morrison of 2310 Joy Lane in Culloden will celebrate their thirty-ninth wedding anniversary on April 2.

Troy and Linda Bird of Culloden will celebrate their twentieth wedding anniversary on April 2.

Tyrone and Marcie Plymale Masters Maynard of Huntington will celebrate their fourth wedding anniversary on April 3.

The Library is thrilled to be hosting a free screening of the independent documentary "Free for All: The Public Library" at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley on Monday, April 7, at 5:30 p.m., as part of the American Library Association's National Library Week. This documentary tells the story of the quiet revolutionaries who made a simple idea happen. From the pioneering women behind the "Free Library Movement" to today's librarians who service the public despite working in a contentious age of closures and book bans, meet those who created a civic institution where everything is free and the doors are open to all.

For more information about Putnam County Library events, go to <https://putnamlibrarywv.org> or check out the Library on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/putnamlibrarywv>

Monthly Tire Collection Event

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

The next tire collection event will be held on Saturday, April 5.

Afton Myers Makes Dean's List

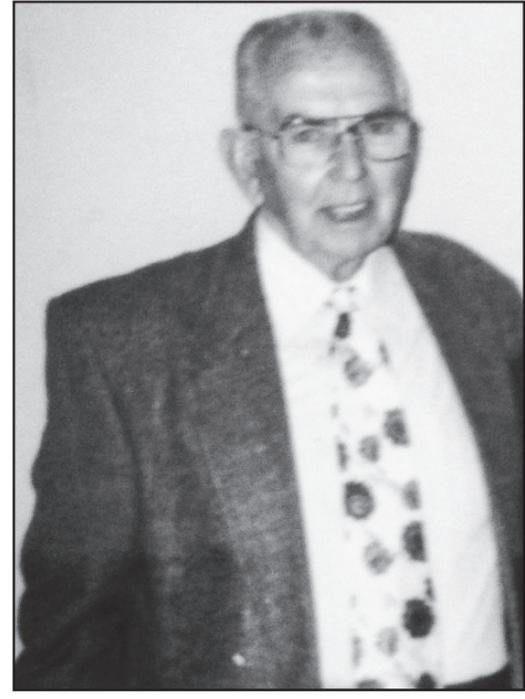
Afton Myers of Scott Depot is majoring in Business Creative Enterprises and is a member of the Emerson College Class of 2025.

The requirement to make the Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for that semester.

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Remembering Dad On His Birthday



On Tuesday, March 25th, my dad, Delmar "Vernie" "Pete" Fisher would have been 101. He was born to Ken and Lola Sovine Fisher.

Dad was the best dad I could have ever had! He was so kind and loving. So easy to get along with. He always had a smile on his face. I could hear his "smile" even on the telephone. Such a precious Dad and parent! He and I got a long like two peas in a pod. I miss him so very much. I always loved him and always will. The next time we meet - it will be forever! I love you, Dad!

Your Loving Daughter,
Linda Fisher Armstead

Revival at Walker Chapel Church Forrest Burdette UMC Easter Egg Orders

There will be a revival at Walker Chapel Church, Walker Ridge (back of Buffalo), Leon, on April 7 through 10 at 7 p.m. nightly.

The speakers will be Pastor Donnie Fisher on April 7 and 8, and Pastor Adam Null on April 9 and 10. There will be special singing as well. For more information or directions, call Pastor Larry Woody at 304-633-9737.

Blood Drive in Buffalo

Buffalo Church of the Nazarene is hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, April 8, from 1 - 6 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome. If you would like to schedule an appointment to donate, please call or text Samantha Cart at (304) 437-0621.

Articles Welcome

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

Available Pets at the Putnam County Animal Shelter

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

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Forgiven and Forgotten



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Forget the past? How often we hear this advice, particularly when the past has been traumatic. Yet, the accomplishment of this act of forgetting is so difficult, especially when it is ourselves we must forgive. Paul gives us good advice on this situation in Philippians 3:12-14 when he writes, "but one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal...." Keep your mind on positive goals for the future; God wants the best for you. Make a decision to visit your house of worship this week, ask God to forgive and to help you forget.

Weekly Scripture Reading

Psalm 17	Psalm 21	Psalm 23	Psalm 25	Psalm 26	Psalm 27	Psalm 28
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Worthy Is the Lamb

Revelation 5:1-5, 11-14

God has revealed through the prophecies in His scriptures that He knows that which is future. John was shown "things which must be hereafter" beginning with Revelation 4:1.

The things which are recorded in Revelation 5 occur after the dispensation of the church age has passed (See Revelation 2 and 3). The redeemed (see verse 9) fixes the timing of the scene before us to be after Jesus has redeemed sinners out of "every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation." This event can only occur after the gospel has been preached in every nation and in every tongue and after the gospel's work of redemption is completed.

Matthew 24:14 links Revelation 5 to the time of the end: "And the gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then the end shall come." We are viewing a time which surely is not far future.

In the opening verses of Revelation 5, God the Father is pictured sitting upon the throne holding a sealed book in His right hand. The contents of the book are sealed with seven seals, signifying that it is sealed by God and cannot be opened without His authority. An angel asks who is worthy to open the book and loose the seals. The singular purpose of this question is to inform all who read these words that there is no man in heaven, nor in the earth, nor under the earth who is worthy to open the book or to look upon it. The men in heaven include the 24 elders who occupy seats of honor around the throne of God. The elders have been redeemed. There is no man in heaven, even among the redeemed, who is qualified to open the book and look upon it.

John witnessed "a Lamb as it had been slain" step forward and take the book out of the hand of God the Father. John knew the Lamb's identity and, likewise, all who are second-born know the Lamb's identity. The Lamb is Christ Jesus. The Lamb is He who was slain upon the cross of Calvary to satisfy the sin debt of all who would believe.

The Lamb is identified in verse 5 as the Lion of the tribe of Judah and the Root of David. This description of Jesus is unlike any that was given in addressing the seven churches of Asia (Rev. 2 and 3). The Lion of the tribe of Judah refers to the prophecy of Israel (Jacob) who declared that the tribe of Judah would lead all tribes of Israel and that Shiloh (the Messiah) would be of it [Gen. 49]. This description is not directed to the church; it is directed to believers who lived before Moses and before the giving of the law. The description, Root of David, is directed at a people who lived under the law and were recipients of the Davidic covenant. These two groups, together, consist of Old Testament believers who looked to the coming of the Promised One who would rule over them. The Promised One is fully revealed to Old Testament believers at this time as the Lamb who was slain yet possesses the full power of God. The Lamb, alone, is worthy to open the book.

In verse 6, the Lamb is described as having seven horns. A horn signifies power. Seven horns signifies the power of God. God alone has the power to open the book. The Lamb is further described as having seven eyes which are identified as the seven Spirits of God. The Lamb manifests the full power and Spirit of God.

John reports that there is great rejoicing about the throne of God when the Lamb takes the sealed book. The four beasts and the twenty-four elders fall down before the Lamb and sing, "Thou art worthy to take the book" (v. 9). The beasts are living beings created by God; their number, four, is that of the four corners of the earth. The twenty-four elders can be divided into two sets of twelve, one set representing the twelve tribes of Israel (the promised seed of Abraham according to the flesh) and the second set of twelve representing New Testament believers whose belief is counted for righteousness and are blessed through Abraham.

John reports that every one of the twenty-four had vials filled with the prayers of saints. And what might these prayers be? All who are sanctified pray as Jesus instructed: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." When the Lamb takes the sealed book from the hand of the Father, that prayer shall be answered. The Lamb shall open the book and God shall rule on earth as He rules in heaven. The Redeemer shall rule!

There is great rejoicing because the wait is over; God's will shall be done: Christ shall rule! All who are redeemed shall participate in His reign as kings and priests (v. 10). Joining the elders and the four beasts in singing praise are countless angels —ten thousand times ten thousand plus millions more. All creatures join in singing praise — those in heaven, on the earth, under the earth, and those in the sea.

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing" (v. 12). This is the praise of all who are about the throne. This praise is joined by another praise — the praise of every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them. It is the cry of all creation. All creation calls out: "Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever" (v. 13).

All creation cries out with praise because all creation has been redeemed. The fall of Adam has been completely remedied by the Lamb who was slain. The seed of woman has bruised the head of the serpent (Gen. 3:15). The curse upon the ground of the earth is no more (Gen. 3:17). All creation has cause to praise God because the Lamb is worthy to open the book.

God lifted John up in the Spirit and showed him these things because the Lord God wants us to know that His kingdom is worthy of our wait. Let us fill the vials of the elders to overflowing in preparation of that day.

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LINDA M. BAIER

Linda M. Baier, 76, of Winfield, formerly of St. Albans, went home to be with the Lord, Friday, March 21, 2025, in the Hubbard Hospice House West surrounded by her loving family.

Linda was born May 10, 1948, in Charleston to the late Northup and Reva Clark. She loved the Lord with all her heart and dedicated her life to her late husband Floyd Baier, her children and grandchildren, whom she loved dearly.

She is survived by her daughter Kim and husband Mike Wine; son David and wife Tiffany Baier; three brothers Mike, Greg and Don Clark; three grandchildren Jacob and wife Samantha Baier, Brady Wine, and Jackson Wine; and one great granddaughter.

A service to celebrate Linda's life will be held at a later date.

JACKIE RAY BAILEY

Jackie Ray Bailey, 79, of Red House, passed away Sunday, March 16, 2025. He was a graduate of Buffalo High School and retired as a millwright from Union Carbide chemical plant in Institute. Jackie was a born again Christian and loved quoting scriptures. He sang with his wife in church and felt such great joy rejoicing in the Lord. Even on his final day, the family had the gospel music playing loudly so he could feel God's Holy Spirit. He loved his wife, Carolyn, with all his heart as well as his family. They had a beautiful

marriage together and built an amazing life together. They raised a family that was built on values that their children and grandchildren will take with them forever. They had a bond that was powerful and loving. Even in his final days, he was comforted and surrounded with his loving wife and family.

Jackie was avid in restoring Mopar cars with his son, Randy, and had a brilliant mind in mechanics. He was an artist as well and attended Art Instruction Schools. If you knew Jackie, you would know he was one of a kind and a real blessing to learn from and be around. God gained an amazing man on Sunday. His life on this Earth will never be forgotten.

Born July 17, 1945, he was the son of the late Beechie L. Bailey and Ida W. Bailey. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brother, Harold Lee "Leroy" Bailey.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Carolyn Sue Bailey; son, Randy "Butch" (Debbie) Bailey of Eleanor; daughters, Jeanette (Shannon) Jeffers of Eleanor, Rebecca (Pauline) Miller of Reoca and Anthony (Donovan) Beaver of St. Albans; brother, Arnold (Mary) Bailey of Red House; grandchildren, Brandon Bailey, Derek Bailey, Chelsea McBrayer, Elizabeth Bailey, Hannah Jeffers, Eathan Jeffers, Nathan Jeffers and Shawn Miller; great grandchildren, Connor, Ella, Tyler, Haley, Aubree, Hattie, Rory, Jovie, Piper and Scarlet.

Funeral service was Friday, March 21, 2025 at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with

Pastor Ray Parsons officiating. Entombment was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House.

JEWEL (JEAN) BEAVER

Jewel Imogene (Jean) Beaver, age 95, of Hurricane, passed away Saturday, March 22, 2025, at Rolling Meadows Place. She was born September 8, 1929, daughter of the late Estel and Ida Hodges. She was a homemaker and attended the First Baptist Church of Hurricane.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Beaver.

Surviving are her children, Malia (Bill) Dotson and Paul (Conda) Beaver. Her grandchildren Joshua Beaver and Sydney Sandoval and three great grandchildren: Scarlett, Slade and Nova.

Graveside service will be held on Friday, March 28, 2025, at Valley View Memorial Park starting at 1:00 p.m.

SUSAN CAROL BRACKEN

Susan Carol Bracke, 77, of Scott Depot, passed away on March 21, 2025 at her home surrounded by her loving family, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Susan was born on June 29, 1947 to the late Horace and Mary (Austin) Perdue.

She was a sales associate at Talbot's where she loved working with her friends, loved to travel and attend all of her grandchildren's events.

Susan is survived by her loving and devoted husband of 59 years, Charles Steele

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Bracken III; her loving children: Julia Bracken Ciliberti and Charles Bracken IV; grandchildren: Alex, Bella, Quinn and Harper; as well as a great grandchild on the way.

A Celebration of Susan's Life was held Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane.

ROGER P. CASTO, SR.

Roger P. Casto, Sr., 78, of Buffalo, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

Roger is retired school bus driver with Putnam County Schools with 16 years of service and former employee of Avtex Fiber in Nitro with 15 years of service. He is an Air Force Veteran and a member of Wilkinson Memorial United Methodist Church. He is preceded in death by his wife Linda Dunlap Casto; parents Parvin and Dorcas Casto; and sister Misha June Jividen.

Roger is survived by his children Catherine (Forest) Cooper of Leon, Iowa, Kenneth E. Dunlap of Buffalo, Connie (Thomas, Sr.) Carte of Buffalo, and Roger (Roberta) Casto, Jr. of Buffalo; 9 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

A tribute to the life of Roger P. Casto, Sr. was held Monday, March 24, 2025, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Darren Persinger officiating. Burial was in Moss Chapel Cemetery.

DAWN MICHELE CLARK

Dawn "Michele" Clark, 57, of Winfield, passed away Sunday March 23, 2025 at CAMC Memorial Hospice surrounded by her family and friends.

A tribute to the life of Michele will be 2:00 PM Saturday, March 29, 2025 at The Bridge Church, Scott Depot. Visitation will be from 12:00 PM until time of service. Burial will follow at Haven of Rest Memory Gardens in Red House, West Virginia.

BRENDA EPLING

Brenda Epling, 78, passed away on March 18, 2025, at St. Mary's Hospital. She was a devoted wife, mother, and friend who found joy in spending time at the beach, camping, and

boating. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ed and Marie Sovine and her brother, Bucky.

Brenda is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, Ray Epling; her daughters, Terri Burford (Jeff), Kelly Allen (Greg), Stacy McPherson (Todd), and Sherri McClure (Will); and her grandchildren, Jessica Burford, Ryan Burford, Noah Allen, Tony Allen, McKenzie Allen, Bryer McPherson, Brogan McPherson, and Cameron Dionne. She will be deeply missed by a host of family and friends.

Funeral service was Saturday, March 22, 2024 at Allen Funeral Home with Rev. Jerry Losh officiating. Burial was in Valley View Memorial Park.

NEAL FOOTE

Neal Charles Foote, 84, of Hurricane, passed away Monday, March 24, 2025, in Putnam Center after a short illness.

He was born January 3, 1941, in Wisconsin to the late Charles and Doris Foote. He is survived by his wife Mary Ann Foote and 2 Sons and 8 Stepchildren.

Following his wishes there will be no services.

FRANKLIN M. HANSON

Franklin M. Hanson, 82, of Pliny, passed away Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at home.

He is a 1960 graduate of Cadiz High School and retired with 28 years of service from Union Carbide/ Rhone Poulenc/ Bayer. Frank was the owner/driver of Stock Car #84 "Snoopy" from 1971-1984 where he won many heat races and championships in the Tri-State area. He also attended Mt. Union Church, Pliny, and Buffalo Church of God.

Frank is preceded in death by his mother and stepfather Pauline and Floyd Twigg; father and stepmother Jerry and Eva Hanson; youngest son Richard Hanson; brother David Hanson; stepbrother James Love; and great granddaughter Kylie Garrison.

He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Judy Hanson; four children Donna Booth of Tornado, Teresa Scott of Hurricane, Frank Hanson, Jr. of Cross Lanes, and James Hanson of LaGrange, NC; sister

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Frank never met a stranger and even had an extra garage where he would fix anything for anybody for free. At his request there will be no services.

KEITH SLATER HUDSON

Rev. Keith S. Hudson, 88, of Scott Depot, went Home to be with the Lord on March 19, 2025 at Hubbard Hospice House West in South Charleston.

He was born on October 21, 1936, to the late Delmar and Mildred Hudson. He proudly served his country in the US NAVY from 1954 until 1957 as an Electrician's Mate. He was retired from FMC South Charleston Plant after 35 years of service. He was a Church of God Pastor, serving many area churches in WV and attended Scary Creek Church of God.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Joyce Hudson; son, Keith E. "Eddie" Hudson of Scott Depot; daughter, Diana Cain (Steve) of Apple Grove; sisters: Carole Waters (Wiley) of Forest, VA, Frances Fogerson (Dewey) of Knoxville, TN, and Nancy Harold (Rick) of Southport, NC; grandchildren: Chassie Estep of Hayes, VA, Rev. Nathan Cain of Fraziers Bottom, Chelsey Tripp of North, VA, and Justin Cain of Pleasant Hill, CA; 9 great grandchildren and 1 great great-grandchild.

Funeral service for Keith was Monday, March 24, 2025 at Scary Creek Church of God in Scott Depot with Grandson Rev. Nathan Cain officiating. Burial was in Graceland Memorial Park, South Charleston.

JOEL E. JIVIDEN

Joel E. Jividen, 65, of Poca, passed away Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at Hubbard Hospice

House West at Thomas Memorial Hospital. He was a graduate of Elk Valley Christian School and attended Cross Lanes Bible Church. He was a longtime employee and partial owner of Gas Flow Service.

He was born March 5, 1960, in Pt. Pleasant. He was the son of Vernon E. Jividen of Cross Lanes and the late Hilda Sheets Jividen. In addition to his mother, he is preceded in death by his step-son, Randy Walden.

In addition to his father, he is survived by his loving wife of 33 years, Jane Jividen; step-son Eric (Amy) Booth of Poca; sister, Joanna (Jeff) Foster of Greenville, SC; and step-grandson, Jack Walden of Gainesville, FL. Joel is also survived by six nieces, nine nephews, and extended family and friends.

A memorial service was held Saturday, March 22, 2025 at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastor Ben Edwards officiating.

BETTY JOHNSTON

Betty Jo Johnston, 95, of Hurricane, formerly of Point Pleasant, peacefully departed this life and went home to the Lord on March 20, 2025.

Betty Jo Walters was born on April 12, 1929, in Rainelle, West Virginia. As a child, Betty's family moved to Mount Hope and then to Charleston. She graduated from Stonewall Jackson High School in 1947. Betty then graduated from Morris Harvey College in 1951 with a bachelor's degree in Biology. At Morris Harvey, Betty formed lifelong friendships in her sorority and sang in the traveling choir. She put that education to work at the West Virginia State Laboratory for twelve years. After getting married she became a full time homemaker and mother,

also helping as needed with her husband's veterinary practice.

After moving to Point Pleasant in 1967, Betty was dedicated to helping others and serving in leadership roles in her church and community. Betty was a Christian and a member of Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church until her passing. At her church, Betty taught Sunday School, led a community food bank and served on the session, the governing body of the church. She served as Clerk of the session, which is the lay leader of the church, and led two different searches for new pastors when vacancies occurred. For many years, Betty led the Red Cross Bloodmobile program in Point Pleasant. Betty was also active for many years in the homemakers clubs of Mason County, as a member and officer of her home club, the Camp Conley Homemakers, and at the county level. Betty enjoyed the many friendships she made with her fellow homemakers.

Betty will also be remembered as a loving, loyal and kind daughter, sister, wife, aunt, mother, grandmother and friend. She loved cooking, baking, crafts and cats. Betty was an excellent player of Shanghai Rummy.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents Herbert and Frances Walters; her husband, Dr. William E. Johnston; and her brothers, Herbert Walters, Jr., and Robert Walters. She is survived by her son, U.S. District Judge Thomas E. Johnston, his wife Sydney and stepdaughter Olivia; grandchildren Joie Johnston, Esq., of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Dr. Jack Johnston and his significant other, Casey Underwood, of Gainesville, Florida; great granddaughter Adilyn Grace Johnston; Betty's brother Bill Walters and his wife, Pat, of Eagle, Idaho, and their children, Mike Walters, of Meridian, Idaho, and Sharon Hurlbut and her husband Dennis of Hillsboro, Oregon; nephew Rob Walters and his wife, Kerry, of Charleston, South

Carolina; and niece, Pamela Tessnear and her husband, Marshall Tessnear of Blackburg, Virginia.

Memorial service was Wednesday, March 26, at Allen Funeral Home in Hurricane, with family friend Pastor Thom Mollohan officiating. Betty was laid to rest beside her husband at Forest Hills Cemetery in Letart.

THOMAS CLARK RUNNION

Thomas Clark Runnion, 77, of Scott Depot, passed away Monday, March 17, 2025, at home.

Tom was born January 28, 1948, in Charleston, to the late Donzel Wesley and Mabel Irene Cox Runnion. He is a 1966 graduate of Poca High School where he participated in football and basketball. He is a retired mail carrier from the USPS. Tom is a veteran serving in the US Marines 1966-1968 and US Army 1970-1972 and is a purple heart recipient.

He is survived by his daughter Andrea (Briana) Runnion; stepson Robert (Amber) Thornton, II; grandson Robert Thornton, III; granddaughter Cheslea (Jeremiah) Asbury; siblings Sandy Runnion, Bob (Brenda) Runnion, Tim (Jill) Runnion, Eddie Runnion, and Rose Runnion; several nieces and nephews; and his beloved grand dogs Daisy and Pepper.

Tom was a devoted father and always put family first. He was known for telling jokes and making everyone laugh. He was an avid sports fan and loved cheering on the WVU Mountaineers and the Kansas City Chiefs. Tom enjoyed attending his Vet group meetings weekly and everyone there held a special place in his heart. He loved going to family gatherings and his weekly trips to Golden Corral with his brother. Tom will be greatly missed.

Burial with Military Honors was in Donel C. Kinnard State Veterans Cemetery on Friday, March 21, 2025.

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SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2026. Table with columns: Column E Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes, Current Expense Levy, Levy Rate/\$100, Taxes Levied. Includes Class I, II, III, IV and Total Class I-IV.

SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES ALLOWANCE FOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2026. Table with columns: Column C Roll Back Value Form, Current Expense Levy, Levy Rate/\$100, Taxes Levied. Includes Class I, II, III, IV and Total Class I-IV.

Continuation of the LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT table from the first block, listing various property records with owner names, addresses, and values.

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. Lands listed above as escheated or waste and unappropriated lands may not be redeemed. Payments must be received prior to the close of business the day prior to the land sale. Pre-registration while not required is strongly recommended and may be completed at the following link: https://www.wvsao.gov/CountyCollections/Registrations

Christal G. Perry, Land Director of Delinquent and Nonentered lands of PUTNAM County

Call for Vendors! MAIN STREET SPRING FESTIVAL. Large graphic with text and decorative elements.

Saturday, May 3, 2025 1:00pm - 5:00pm



SIGNED THIS THIRTEENTH DAY OF MARCH, 2025, BY John G. Hudson, SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION JOHN G. HUDSON

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Obituaries

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GLENN EUGENE SHAMBLÉN

Glenn Eugene Shamblen, 88, of Red House, passed away on Saturday, March 15, 2025, following a short illness. He was a retired chemical operator and steel worker from Monsanto in Nitro. He was a US Army veteran and an avid hunter, fisherman and outdoorsman.

Born on March 14, 1937, he was the son of the late Herman Shamblen and Freda Hein Shamblen. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Richard Shamblen and Gene Shamblen.

Survivors include his loving wife of 64 years, Barbara Withrow Shamblen; son, Mark Shamblen (Kim) of Red House and daughters, Terri Miles (Scott) of Mountain City, TN, and Lori Shamblen of Hurricane; grandchildren, Andrea Huey, Shane Hawley, Cassidy Starcher, John Michael Miles, Tanner Miles; great grandchildren, McKenzie Huey, Layla Huey, Cooper Huey and great grandchild, Tatum Starcher.

In accordance with his wishes, there are no services planned for the public, but a private family memorial will be held at a later date.

SHARON KAY SAUL

Sharon Kay Richardson Saul, 64, of Poca, passed away March 18, 2025, at home.

Sharon was born in South Charleston on November 5, 1960, to the late Roy Richardson, Jr. and Betty Withrow Richardson Angel. She is a graduate of Poca High School and former owner, along with her husband of H & S Heating and Cooling. Sharon enjoyed camping, working in her flower garden and feeding the birds.

Besides her parents and her husband Terry, she is also preceded in death by her brothers Dwight, Bob, Mike and David Richardson.

She is survived by her sister Tudy Maass; brother Marvin (Teresa) Richardson; nephew Steve (Sonjia) Richardson; nieces Angie, Stephanie, Rachel, Becky, and Brittany; and several nieces and nephews especially her great niece Sutton. Sharon is also survived by the many friends she has made over the years.

Visitation was Saturday, March 22, 2025, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home.



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Facebook Fundraiser

To celebrate her 43rd birthday, Betsy Allen has created a Facebook fundraiser for the Spastic Paraplegia Foundation, which is dedicated to spreading awareness and funding research for Hereditary Spastic Paraplegia (HSP) and Primary Lateral Sclerosis (PLS).

While there was much mystery and speculation surrounding the exact nature of the condition which left Cookie Ambler paralyzed from the chest down, the last neurologist she visited believed that she had Primary Lateral Sclerosis. PLS is a rare motor neuron disease which is similar to Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease), but has a slower progression and longer life expectancy. It is theorized that 500 to 2,000 people in the USA have PLS.

The deadline for the fundraiser is Tuesday, April 1.

To donate to the fundraiser, go to <https://www.facebook.com/donate/1850344189066082/10232696787495005>

For more information about the Spastic Paraplegia Foundation, go to <https://sp-foundation.org>

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE TO REDEEM
Cert. No. 402796 - Ernie R. Gillispie
To: KATHY D HERDMAN, ROY
A CAMPBELL AHOY LAND
LLC, WV DEPARTMENT OF
TAX AND REVENUE, or heirs
at law, devisees, creditors,
representatives, successors,
assigns, all known heirs,
guardians, conservators,
fiduciaries, administrators,
lienholders, co-owners, other
parties having an undivided
interest in the delinquent
property, and other parties that
may have an interest in the
subject property.

DISTRICT POCA MAP 226B PARCEL 0040

You will take notice that Ernie R. Gillispie, the purchaser of the following real estate, Certification No. 402796, located in POCA District, Lot 0.12 Ac Nr Nitro, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of Herdman Kathy D, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of Putnam County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on 05/30/2024. Ernie R. Gillispie requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after 05/19/2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before 05/19/2025 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest to 05/19/2025	\$572.18
Amount of taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to 05/19/2025	\$0.00
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest to 05/19/2025	\$665.32
Additional statutory fees with interest to 05/19/2025	\$0.00
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check must be made payable to the The Honorable Robert Eggleton, Sheriff of Putnam County.	\$1237.50

You may redeem at any time before 05/19/2025, by paying the above total less any unearned interest. Given under my hand 3/20/2025

Christal G. Perry
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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of Putnam County, State of West Virginia
Please return this letter and payment to West Virginia State Auditor's Office, County Collections Division, Building 1, Room W-114, Charleston, West Virginia, 25305.
Questions please call 1-888-509-6568

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

To: Magistrate Court Case
Jordan Shedd No.: 25-M40D-00017
Respondent's Name
3710 37th Street Family
Nitro WV 25143 Court Civil:
Respondent's Address Civil Action
No.: 25-DV-14

ORDER OF PUBLICATION (PROTECTIVE ORDER / HEARING DATE)

- The object of this suit is to obtain protection from the Respondent.
- 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 4-22-2025.

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

Issued this 24th day of March, 2025.
STEPHANIE SMITH/jo
Circuit Clerk

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NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

To maintain necessary clearances for safe and reliable electric service, Appalachian Power Company plans to manage vegetation along the Teays-Hurricane portion of its 12 kilovolt distribution system in Putnam County, WV. On or about March 17, 2025 contract crews will begin to trim and remove trees and brush and apply herbicides along our rights-of-way. Work will be done in accordance with International Society of Arboriculture guidelines and take into account factors such as tree species, growth characteristics, line voltage, etc. In unmaintained or undeveloped areas, cuttings will remain on site so as to minimize soil disturbance and to promote biodegradation.

Rights-of-way in this area involved in the program are: State Route 2, Jerry's Run Rd., Seven Mile Rd., Long Ridge Rd., Beagle Club Rd., Wallace Rd., Black Oak Rd., 5 Forks Rd., Dunlavy Oak Rd., Mount Union Rd., Barton Chapel Rd., Plantation Rd., White Pine Rd., Riverview Rd., Sisson Rd., 18 Mile Creek Rd., Ashton Upland Rd., Fees Branch Rd., Rocky Fork Rd., Chandler Ridge Rd., Hannan Trace Rd., Guyan Creek Rd., McCowan Branch Rd., Palestine Rd., Zid Camp Rd., Upland Rd., Means Rd., Evergreen Rd., Whitt Rd.

Representatives will attempt to personally contact resident property owners at least seven business days prior to working on their property. Specifics regarding your property may be discussed at that time. If you are a nonresident property owner and have questions regarding our right-of-way maintenance they may be directed to:

Appalachian Power Company
Forestry Department
2935 WV Route 34
Winfield, WV 25213
304-746-2648

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Hospital Dr., Granada Circle, Seville Rd., Eldorado Circle, Cordoba Dr., Mt. Vernon Rd., Glen Oaks (along Mt. Vernon Rd.), and Mt. Vernon Circle.

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Rights-of-way in this area involved in the program are: Teays Valley Rd., Brookside Dr., Sable Pointe, Charlo Acres, Lake Chadasa Dr., Chemar Dr., Lakeside Dr., Mt. Vernon Rd., St. Rt. 34, Marine Dr., Turtle Island Trail, Jones Dr., Moorefield Place, and Hoffman Dr.

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Rights-of-way in this area involved in the program are: Pumpkin Way, US Route 60, E Main St., Brickyard Ave., Mason St., Lawhorn St., 2nd St., 3rd St., Mason Rd./Johns Creek Rd., Washington Ave., Florida St., Adams Ave., Jefferson Ave., Summers Ave., Union St., Hickory Dr., Myers Branch Rd., Johnson Lane, Bedford Chapel Rd., Adobe Pass, Saddle Creek Way, Lunsford Lane, Wallace Rd., Kilgore Creek Rd., Kansas Lane, Ashton Upland Rd., Anderson Lane, Bear Hollow/Benton Rd., Trace Creek Rd., Staten Chapel Rd., Mt. Olive Rd., 5 and 20 Mile Creek Rd., Gibson Branch, Coleman Creek Rd., T Cupp Rd., Village Lane, Evans Creek Rd., Mason Valley Rd., Jolly Rd., Okell Lane, Whitten Ridge Rd., Ridgeview Dr., Chapman Dr., Whitten Circle, Edgefield Dr., Florence Dr., Meadows Rd., Holley Dr., Highland Dr., Sorrel Dr., Timberwood Lane, Hoefft Lane, Summit Lane, Upland Rd., Hannan Trace Rd., Palestine Rd., Kanawha Rd., Mt. Zion Rd., Staves Branch, Doss Lane, Fairview Rd., Deal Rd., Guyan Creek Rd., Lynn Dr., Gavin Dr., Wildcat Way

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

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

Estate No.: 6013
Estate Of: Anna Genevieve "G" Adams
Executor: Verlin T Adams, II
25 Meadow Wood Estates
Scott Depot, WV 25560

Estate No.: 6016
Estate Of: Charles T Browning
Administrator: Jerry Ray Browning
20 Marina Park
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6037
Estate Of: Lynn Ann Campbell
Administrator: Harold Ray Campbell
240 Hereford Rd
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5985
Estate Of: Barton Carroll Craig
Executor: Tony L Craig
198 Craig Road
Leon, WV 25123

Estate No.: 5922
Estate Of: Elizabeth Ann George
Executrix: Stephanie R Cavender
14 Bit Circle
Scott Depot, WV 25560

Estate No.: 6040
Estate Of: Russell Lee Mercer
Executrix: Judy L Mercer
2029 Riders Creek Rd
Hurricane, WV 25526

All persons having claims against the estate(s) of any of the above-named deceased persons whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims with vouchers thereof, legally verified, to the fiduciary of such deceased person as shown above within 60 days of March 27, 2025, or, if not, to exhibit the same at the office of the undersigned Fiduciary Supervisor at the address shown below by said date; otherwise any or all such claims may by law be excluded from all benefits of said estate(s). No claims against the estate shall be accepted by the fiduciary supervisor after said date. All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear either before the above-named fiduciary by the date first shown above, or thereafter before the undersigned fiduciary supervisor by the date last shown above to examine said claims and otherwise protect their respective interests.

All persons seeking to impeach or establish a will must file a complaint pursuant to W. Va. Code. Any person objecting to the representative's qualifications, venue or jurisdiction must file a complaint within 60 days of March 27, 2025.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 18th day of March 2025.
Fiduciary Supervisor
Putnam County Commission
10293 Winfield Road,
Winfield, WV 25213

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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

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Rights-of-way in this area involved in the program are: Teays Valley Rd.,

DISTRICT POCA MAP 226B PARCEL 0039

You will take notice that Ernie R. Gillispie, the purchaser of the following real estate, Certification No. 402856, located in POCA District, .11 Ac Nr Nitro, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of Herdman Kathy D, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of Putnam County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on 05/30/2024. Ernie R. Gillispie requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after 05/19/2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before 05/19/2025 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest to 05/19/2025	\$1011.47
Amount of taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to 05/19/2025	\$0.00
Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest to 05/19/2025	\$665.32
Additional statutory fees with interest to 05/19/2025	\$0.00
Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check must be made payable to the The Honorable Robert Eggleton, Sheriff of Putnam County.	\$1676.79

You may redeem at any time before 05/19/2025, by paying the above total less any unearned interest. Given under my hand 3/20/2025

Christal G. Perry
Christal G. Perry
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of Putnam County, State of West Virginia
Please return this letter and payment to West Virginia State Auditor's Office, County Collections Division, Building 1, Room W-114, Charleston, West Virginia, 25305.
Questions please call 1-888-509-6568

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