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## Putnam County Commission Approves \$29.5 Million Budget

By Ron Allen  
The county commission approved a budget of nearly \$30 million for the fiscal year beginning on July 1st at its March 25 meeting. The budget looks quite different from the budget which the commission approved in 2024 for the current fiscal year.

The 2024-2025 budget projected expenditures of \$24 million. The 2025-2026 budget projects county expenditures of \$29.5 million, an increase of \$5.5 million or nearly 23%. A sizable portion, \$3 million, of the increase will be financed by the Fire Levy which voters approved in the November election. A comparison of the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 budgets reveal that the county is projecting a \$2 million increase (\$1.8 million to \$3.8 million) in revenue from ambulance fees. Tax collections from the regular levy on property is expected to increase by \$800,000.

In other business, the commission approved a request by the City of Winfield to annex property at 241 Winfield Avenue into city limits. Mayor Randy Barrett said that 13 residential units are planned for the property.

The commission approved a Tower Assistant Fund grant of \$648,240 for the construction of a 911 communications

tower that will replace the Buffalo tower on Custer Ridge. OES/911 Director Mikyle White said the new tower is very similar to the tower on Red House Hill at the old Confidence Elementary site. The total cost of the tower is projected at \$1.4 million. The condition of the grant requires it to be expended in the 2025 calendar year. The new tower will be instrumental in implementation of the county's fiber optic project.

White presented changes to the Putnam County Communications Manual for approval. The major change involves the numbering system which is used by dispatchers. The new system will reflect the capabilities of the vehicle. White said the current numbers on a truck does not reflect its capabilities but that it will not be necessary to change the physical number on the truck.

White also presented options for a six-month maintenance contract for 911 Call Center Handling Equipment to the commission. White has received proposals from both Frontier Communications and INdigital. The commission authorized white to accept the INdigital proposal of \$14,986.26. Frontier's price was \$24,373.84.

The commission next meets on Tuesday, April 8.

## HURRICANE CITY WORKERS

# Testing and Being Tested



Pictured is a screen shot from a Facebook video of four City of Hurricane workers having fun.

On March 22nd, Hurricane Mayor Scott Edwards posted a Facebook video of four city workers having a bit of fun testing the slipperiness of slide at City Park. Edwards asked viewers to submit appropriate captions and offered to reward the winning entry with a Hurricane umbrella.

Two days later, Edwards posted, "Had many more captions than I expected

as I once was, but I'm as good once as I ever was. (5) Here We Come Sliding Down This Slide We get the Funniest Looks From Everyone We Meet Hey Hey We the MONKEYS (6) City of Hurricane safety training video on how to "not" ride the slide (7) Don't worry, be happy (8) World's slowest Bob Sled team (9) Take me home country slides and (10) Slowest to stand back up loses.

On the FREE HURRICANE UMBRELLA GIVEAWAY, so a group chose the top (10) and you can vote on the best one. In the comments, put the number of the caption you vote for."

The top ten submissions were (1) "When mom says just one more minute at the park" (2) How many city workers does it take to test a slide? (3) Sliding into the weekend like "Help me up!!" (4) I ain't as good

Edwards' post received more than two hundred comments. Selection (2) "How many city workers does it take to test a slide?" by Brenda Hill was the winner. After completing their slide, the city workers removed the slide for polishing. The slide will be back in place for summer fun. Edwards stated that the slide was first installed in the 1970's.

## PUTNAM COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

# Teays Valley Road Roundabouts, Stakeholder Notification Issues

By Ron Allen

More than seventy individuals and all three county commissioners attended the Monday, March 31, Putnam County Transportation Committee meeting. The committee meets every two months and usually draws about a dozen interested citizens and a single commissioner.

The vast majority of those present came to express their direct opposition to the West Virginia Department of Highways plan to widen Teays Valley Road from Great Teays Boulevard near Kroger Apple Lane past Scott-Teays Elementary. The widening project favored by the DOH does not add an additional lane to the road. It adds four single-lane 110-foot roundabouts. The locations

of the roundabouts would adversely affect the Scott Depot Dairy

international students and are not limited to business majors. "These programs welcome diversity, academic excellence, and global engagement," he said. "We would love to see a few WVSU students heading to Hong Kong every year. I encourage any student that seeks adventure and challenge to contact me."

WVSU senior Franco Farias, a finance and economics double major originally from Buenos Aires, Argentina, has also accepted a HKBU scholarship and a living stipend valued at US\$53,750. Founded in 1956, HKBU has grown into



West Virginia Department of Highway officials attend Putnam meeting.

Queen, the Teays Valley Business Park, ingress and egress to Maplewood and Beechwood Estates. In many instances, the shortest distance between two points would involve a circuitous route to and around a 110-foot roundabout.

Dirar Ahmad, the Assistant Director for Engineering for DOH, informed the gathering that safety was the issue and that studies have found that roundabouts is the safest and least expensive option for traffic on that section of Teays Valley Road and would allow for bike lanes and sidewalks. Ahmad stated that stakeholders had been consulted and were not opposed to the roundabouts.

The DOH has received about 400 public

comments related to the project. Some stakeholders present said that they learned of the project only after the comment deadline had come and gone.

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WEATHER SUMMARY		
March 25 - 31		
	Low	High
March 25*	Hurricane	34° - 43°
March 26	Hurricane	25° - 53°
March 27	Hurricane	25° - 62°
March 28	Hurricane	51° - 77°
March 29	Hurricane	51° - 76°
March 30*	Hurricane	54° - 70°
March 31*	Hurricane	38° - 64°

\*RAIN  
0.2 inch recorded Mar. 25  
0.1 inch recorded Mar. 30  
0.6 inch recorded Mar. 31

## Logan Stone Awarded Full-Ride Scholarship at Hong Kong University

Logan Stone, a Poca High alumnus and a senior at West Virginia State University, has been awarded a full-ride scholarship to pursue a master's degree at Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU), a top-ranked, triple-accredited business school. The scholarship will cover full tuition along with a generous living stipend.

Stone, from Poca, is completing his degree at WVSU in agribusiness and agricultural economics. He will enroll in the Master of Science in Applied Economics program. His scholarship includes a full tuition waiver worth \$34,460 along with a living stipend of \$12,860, for a total value of about \$47,320.

Stone said, "I feel very lucky to have this opportunity. I hope that this experience will expand my worldview and make me both a better person and a better candidate for future job opportunities."

Hong Kong Baptist University is one of Asia's leading institutions of higher education. The School of Business holds the "triple crown" of international accreditation—AACSB, EQUIS, and AMBA—a mark of excellence earned by less than 1% of business schools worldwide. In addition, HKBU was



ranked among the top 25 Asian business schools by the Financial Times and its Master of Science in Business Management program has been ranked eighth in Asia and among the world's top 100 programs in international management.

"This will be a life-changing experience," said Dr. Michael Young, Professor in the Department of Management and International Business at WVSU. "Living and learning in one of the most economically dynamic regions in the world will be transformative—both personally and professionally."

Young, who previously lived and worked in Hong Kong for 19 years before joining WVSU, played a key role in establishing the relationship between WVSU and HKBU. He noted that the scholarships are designed to attract

## 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.

### 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.

- Lee's Studio of Dance, 8325 Winfield Road, Building D, Winfield, will be holding drop-in dance classes: Tap at 10 a.m.; Contemporary at 11 a.m.; and Jazz at noon. The cost is \$15 per class, or \$45 for all three. For more information, call (304) 437-2860.

- Cooking With Kathy: Learn how to make spring salads at 10 a.m. at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley.

- There will be a parking lot sale/flea market to benefit the Zoology Zone from 6 a.m. to noon at the Putnam County Bank Loan Center parking lot in Hurricane.

### APRIL 6

- Poca River Hunting, Fishing, and Recreation Club, 789 Dupont Road, Poca, will be holding an

Easter egg hunt from 1 to 4 p.m. There will be a paid fishing tournament to follow. Admission is \$6.

- Putnam County Farmers Market will be holding their 2025 membership meeting from 2 to 4 p.m. at Area 34, 971 WV Route 34, Teays Valley. Take applications and get ready for the May start.

### APRIL 7 - 10

- There will be a revival at 7 p.m. nightly at Walker Chapel Church, 1030 Walker Ridge Road, Leon.

### APRIL 7

- The Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley will be holding a black-out poetry workshop at 4 p.m. Write poetry by using discarded book pages.

### APRIL 8

- There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. at Buffalo Church of the Nazarene, 20531 Buffalo Road.

- There will be a community baby shower and new mom party from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Eleanor Fire Department. To register, call Heartbeat in the Valley at (681) 235-2097.

- Moms With Littles will be celebrating their eleventh anniversary at 4 p.m. at Heartbeat of the Valley, 28 Mission Way, Scott Depot.

- The Hurricane Library will be hosting a Lego Club at 3 p.m. Use blocks provided by the library to construct something to display there.

### APRIL 9

- Buffalo Methodist Church, 27 High Street, Buffalo, will have an Easter Egg Hunt at 6 p.m.

- Facing Hunger Foodbank will be holding a mobile food pantry at Hurricane Bridge Park from 11 a.m. to noon.

### APRIL 10

- Are you interested in starting a childcare business or expanding your current facility? Advantage Valley's FASTER WV Childcare BASTER Workshop will be held at 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Area 34, 971 WV Route 34, Teays Valley.

### APRIL 11

- Gritt's Farm in Buffalo will be hosting Tastes and Tulips from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$85. To register, go to <https://www.simpletix.com/e/gritt-s-farm-tastes-tulips-tickets-209076>

- Business Before Business sponsored by the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce will be held at 7:30 a.m. at Sleep Inn & MainStay Suites in Liberty Square. Call 304-757-6510.
- Teays Valley Church of the Nazarene, 3937 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, will be holding a Glow Easter Egg Hunt from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

### APRIL 12

- Fraziers Bottom Church of God, located at 19064 Winfield Road, will be holding an Easter egg hunt at 1 p.m.

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

- Teays Valley Church of God, Connection Point, Scott Depot, will be holding an Easter Extravaganza from 2 to 4 p.m. Rain or shine.

- Celebration Villa of Teays Valley, 4000 Outlook Drive, Hurricane, will be holding an Easter Eggstravaganza from noon to 3 p.m. Children 12 and under welcome.

- The Putnam County Farmers Market April Off Season Market will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at Area 34, 971 WV Route 34, Teays Valley.

## Bridging Resources WV is More Than a Phone Number:

When you need assistance, you want more than a phone number, you want support.

Spring symbolizes new growth and possibilities. There are many health and community resources out there to support independent living at home. Whether you have difficulty preparing meals or help with dressing, bathing, cleaning, or require home modifications, Bridging Resources WV can help!

When you call Bridging Resources West Virginia, you'll work with a Community Resource Specialist with the WV Aging and Disability Resource Center to find all the services that can help make your life easier. They will connect you with all the agencies and non-profits that can help. Here are a few ways they can provide support:

- Home Health Care Services: Many agencies offer in-home health care support, from nursing services to therapy and assistance with daily activities.

- Community-Based Programs: Programs like Meals on Wheels, local senior centers, or

transportation services can help you maintain independence while providing social connections and resources.

- Assistive Technology: Devices like smart home technology, medical alert systems, and mobility aids can help make daily life easier and safer.

- Caregiver Support Programs: If you have a family member or friend helping you, caregiver training and support groups can provide the resources they need, too.

- Local Nonprofits or Government Programs: Many local organizations and government programs provide resources for independent living, including funding for home modifications, transportation, and personal care.

Spring is a great time to refresh, reassess, and seek the support you need. Finding support shouldn't be difficult. One phone call can start you on your journey to living better and more independently.

Call 866-981-2372 or learn more at [br-wv.org](http://br-wv.org).

## Reminder: Poultry Exhibition and Sale Events Suspended in West Virginia

As the fair and festival season begins, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) reminds the public that all poultry exhibitions, shows, swaps, meets, and sales at flea markets or auction markets are suspended due to the ongoing threat of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). This decision follows an extended outbreak of HPAI cases in commercial and backyard poultry operations nationwide. Additionally, federal and state wildlife agencies have identified the virus in wild bird populations through ongoing surveillance, coinciding with the peak spring bird migration in the contiguous United States, which runs approximately between March 1 and June 15.

"This is a serious threat to West Virginia's poultry industry which is the largest overall contributor to our state's animal industry economy - this

- Life After Loss, a peer based grief support group, will meet at 1 p.m. at Creekside Church, 488 Charleys Creek Road, Culloden.

- Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, 2150 Mount Vernon Road, Hurricane, will be holding an Easter egg hunt from noon to 2 p.m.

- The 2025 Hurricane Independence Day Pageants will start at 10 a.m. at Valley Park Conference Center in Hurricane.

- Pinnacle Karate Center, 153 Commerce Drive, Hurricane, will be offering a free beginner kids and family workshop at 11 a.m.

- Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, Putnam Avenue, Hurricane, will be holding their annual spring fling craft fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### APRIL 13 - 16

- Holy Week Services for Buffalo Churches: Faith Christian Fellowship, April 13 at 6 p.m.; Buffalo Methodist April 14 at 7 p.m., Buffalo Historical Square Church, April 15 at 7 p.m., and Buffalo Church of God, April 16 at 7 p.m.

action provides added safeguard," said West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. "This nationwide outbreak has been ongoing since 2022, and we have worked closely with poultry industry stakeholders and our interagency partners to prepare for and respond when needed to a West Virginia outbreak."

The WVDA is monitoring waterfowl activity, as these birds naturally carry and spread avian influenza, and will advise of any status changes.

West Virginia has had two positive cases of AI in backyard flocks, one in Kanawha County in February of 2024 and another in Pocahontas County in January of 2025.

For detailed information on HPAI detections in the United States, please refer to Commercial, Backyard, & Wildlife cases in the United States (USDA APHIS).

As a reminder, to prevent the spread of the disease, WVDA urges poultry owners to:

- Limit, monitor, and record any movement of people, vehicles, or animals on or off the farm.
- Permit only essential workers and vehicles to enter the farm.
- Avoid visiting other poultry farms or unnecessary travel off the farm.

- Disinfect equipment, vehicles, footwear, and other items in contact with flocks.
- Change clothes before entering poultry areas and before exiting the property.
- Keep flocks away from wild or migratory birds, especially waterfowl.
- Isolate any ill animals and contact your veterinarian immediately.

For additional precautions against the virus, visit the CDC's Avian Influenza Guidance. Poultry owners should report unusual death loss, a drop in egg production, or any sick domestic birds to WVDA's Animal Health Division at 304-558-2214.

## The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

My friends and family know that I am an avid reader. I devour books. I always have several going at once. I wrote (in a previous column) about one of my two favorite books last year. *The Girls We Sent Away* by Meagan Church. I discovered this author last year. I love this book. I have read it so many times. It is a must read.

God news: Church has another book coming out this year. *The Mad Wife...* another historical fiction. I cannot wait.

I discovered Meagan on Netgalley. I read her book early and reviewed it. I was so amazed that on the release date, my daughter and I drove to the bookstore to purchase a copy for her. I don't buy books anymore because of space. However, we had to have *The Girls We Sent Away*.

My daughter and I read hundreds of books yearly. We review so many. This one struck a chord with me. Not only does it take place during "my growing up years" but the subject was shocking. I never dreamed the girls were sent away to have babies and give them up. Oh, I probably knew, but I did not think about it much.

Now I do.

*The Girls We Sent Away* is intriguing and informative. This author has a way with words... images stay with me. Each time I read this book, I learn more. Imagine. Not being given a choice. Go away. Give up your child. Go home and wonder. Church has written about a subject few want to contemplate.

In 2025, a new book will come. I will read it for Netgalley or wait until it is released. Surprisingly, even though my daughter meets many of the authors she writes about, I have never cared about that. I would like to meet the young woman who penned *The Girls...* that is unusual for me. She took a subject and a time period and brought both alive on the pages of her book.

I am repeating what I write about. This column is for a young woman who has impressed me. An English major like I am... she is amazing. Don't miss reading this book. Check it out of the library or buy it. Share it with your friends. Baby boomers especially will relate because the way we were is the way we are... readers...

## Girl Scout Cookie Sales Locations

**Saturday, April 5**  
• Hurricane Walmart 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, April 12**  
• Teays Valley Kroger 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

## The Breeze on Microfilm

Microfilm copies of Hurricane Breeze issues from the past can be found at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley and the West Virginia State Archives in Charleston.

## Monthly Tire Collection Event

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

## Neighbors Feeding Neighbors

Neighbors Feeding Neighbors is a non-profit food program hosted by St. Timothy's in-the-Valley Episcopal Church, located at 3434 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane. They serve free, no-obligation meals to anyone in the community every Monday at 5:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy a home-cooked meal!

## Putnam County Food Pantries And Clothing Banks

**Christian Community Cupboard**  
2843 Virginia Avenue Hurricane (304) 562-9373  
Food pantry open from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Fridays  
**Calvary Baptist Church**  
3653 Teays Valley Road Hurricane (304) 757-8829  
Food pantry open from 8:30 to 11 a.m. the last Saturday of the month  
**Light House Baptist Church**  
2440 US Route 60 Hurricane 304-562-3900  
Food pantry on the second Saturday of each month from 9-11 a.m. Church also offers free clothing giveaways on a regular basis.  
**Teays Valley Baptist Church**  
3926 Teays Valley Road Hurricane (304) 757-9306  
Food pantry opens at 9 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month  
**Salt & Light Food Pantry**  
Winfield Church of the Nazarene 10822 Winfield Road (304) 586-2180  
Food pantry open monthly  
**The Pulse Church**  
5368 WV Route 34

Winfield (304) 936-1679  
Food pantry open from 2 to 4 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month  
**Buffalo Baptist Church**  
407 High Street 304-937-3221  
Food pantry on the third Friday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m.  
**Five Loaves Two Fish Food Pantry**  
Poca United Methodist Church Silver Street (304) 755-7341  
Food pantry open from 9 a.m. to noon second and fourth Saturday  
**Food and More At The Bridge**  
The Bridge Church 279 Dairy Road Poca (304) 373-6068  
Church offers hot meals, food pantry boxes, and a clothing closet from 5 to 8 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month  
**Bridge Family Resource Center**  
30 Mallory Lane North, St. Albans 304-727-6991  
Resource Day is held on the third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Clothing, furniture, household, and other items

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# Free Childcare Business Workshop to Be Hosted in Putnam County in April

Advantage Valley, a nine-county regional economic development organization, will host a free childcare start-up business workshop on April 10th in Putnam County, as part of its Fostering Advantages for Start-Ups & Entrepreneurial Resurgence in WV (FASTER WV) program.

The childcare business workshops, supported by grant funding from the Appalachian Regional Commission, provide participants with insight into the steps and resources needed to start a childcare center, family care home, or family care center.

“We were able to host our first of twelve workshops in Jackson County in March, and what we saw was a wall coming down—the intimidation factor that often comes with navigating a highly regulated industry began to fade,” said Terrell Ellis, President and CEO of Advantage Valley. “It was vital to have all the key entities in the room that someone looking to start this type of business would need to connect with. In particular, the local health department and fire marshal’s office provided crucial insight into the first steps prospective providers should take above all else.”

The Putnam County childcare business workshop will be held at Area 34 on April 10th at 6:30 p.m. This free session will feature presentations from key partners. Participants can expect to learn about the following:

- Link Child Care Resource and Referral – Link will share information about their traveling education resources, program planning tools, support for planning a childcare center’s layout and design, and more.
- Putnam County Health Department – Starting a childcare center involves meeting various regulations. The Health Department will walk participants through the permits and inspections required to become operational.
- West Virginia State Fire Marshal’s Office – Often, unexpected operational delays come from fire code compliance issues. The Fire Marshal’s Office will provide insight on what to look for and prepare when selecting a facility.
- Advantage Valley – Advantage Valley will outline the technical

assistance, mini-grants, and loan programs available through the FASTER WV initiative to support prospective childcare providers.

Wonderschool and WV Small Business Development Center – In partnership with the state, these two entities will offer business coaching, website support, and marketing guidance to help new childcare businesses succeed.

“In the Advantage Valley region, studies indicate a childcare deficit of over 5,000 slots, affecting 32% of eligible children in our area,” said Ellis. “Childcare access is a significant barrier to workforce participation. With the growing number of job opportunities, our role as an economic development organization is to provide resources for those interested in starting a childcare facility.”

Advantage Valley encourages anyone considering starting a childcare business to attend, as well as current providers who are looking

to expand their services or need additional business support. Those interested in attending can register for the free workshops on Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/advantage-valley-55321568063>.

Advantage Valley will host the following workshops in April & May, which are free to attend, will be held at the following locations:

- Putnam County at 6:30 p.m. – April 10th at Area 34 - 7093, 971 WV-34, Hurricane, WV 25526
  - Kanawha County at 6:30 p.m. – May 6th at the Connect CCR&R Office (1 Players Club Dr, Charleston, WV 25311)
- Additional workshops will be held in the following counties Boone County (June 17th), Lincoln County (July 24th), Clay County (August 12th), Wayne County (September 18th), Cabell County (October 2nd), and Mason County (November 1st). Additional information will be provided on the future workshops at [www.advantagevalley.com](http://www.advantagevalley.com).



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

April 3, 1755: Frontier scout and “long hunter” Simon Kenton was born in Fauquier County, Virginia. Upon leaving home, Kenton first traveled north through present West Virginia to Pittsburgh and then explored, hunted and trapped through much of the Ohio Valley.

April 3, 1908: Samuel Starks died in Charleston. Starks became the first Black state librarian in the nation when he was appointed to the position in 1901 by Governor Albert B. White.

April 4, 1948: Renowned gospel singer Squire Parsons was born in Newton, Roane County. A graduate of Spencer High School and West Virginia Tech, he is best known for his song “Sweet Beulah Land.”

April 4, 1980: Musician

Red Sovine died in Nashville. Sovine, born Woodrow Wilson Sovine in Charleston, gained country music fame for his recitations, especially those incorporating sentimental truck-driver themes.

April 5, 1856: Booker T. Washington was born enslaved in Virginia. In 1865, he moved with his family to Malden, in Kanawha County, to join his stepfather, who had escaped from slavery during the Civil War. He became one of the most influential educators in U.S. history.

April 5, 1920: Gifted hand weaver Dorothy Mayor Thompson was born. She taught generations of people about fiber arts. For her dedication to preserving folklife traditions, she was named a National Heritage Fellow in 2000. She died in Tucker County in 2008.

April 5, 2010: An explosion at the Upper Big Branch Mine in Raleigh County killed 29 workers. Only two men escaped from the mine alive. It was the state’s worst coal mining disaster since 1968, when the Consol No. 9 Mine at Farmington exploded, killing 78 workers.

April 6, 1938: The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) established Camp Kanawha in Kanawha State Forest. The CCC removed all the abandoned houses, coal tipples, and other structures no longer in use, and constructed roads, the forest superintendent’s residence, office, maintenance building, and picnic shelters.

April 6, 1944: Guitarist and singer David Morris was born in Ivydale, Clay County. With his brother John on fiddle, the Morris Brothers founded music festivals, supported union and environmental causes and promoted West Virginia traditional music nationwide. He died in 2016.

April 6, 1964: Brad Smith, the former head of Intuit, was born in Huntington and then grew up in Kenova. In 2021, he

# THIS WEEK IN THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

For the week ending March 28, 2025

Members of the House of Delegates began meeting twice a day this week as the legislative deadline for bills to pass from the House of Delegates to the Senate draws near.

The House overwhelmingly voted Tuesday to pass Senate Bill 199, which was more than a year in the making. The measure would address student behavior intervention and teacher safety. It would establish guidelines for the re-entry of a student who has been excluded from the classroom or school bus for disorderly conduct. A behavioral plan, developed by a school counselor, school social worker or school psychologist, would need to be developed before the student could return. It also would require the counselor or social worker to participate in a conference and implement a behavioral plan before a student who had been excluded twice in one semester could be readmitted.

Delegates spent a great deal of time on the floor this week discussing foster care and child welfare. House Bill 2027, which passed the full House by a vote of 97-2, would change the process for the state to remove a child from a foster home. It would specify that a child who has been in a suitable placement for more than 15 consecutive months, or 50 percent of the child’s life, cannot be removed unless it is in the child’s best interest.

House Bill 2880 had

became the 38th president of his alma mater, Marshall University.

April 7, 1927: A. James Manchin was born in Farmington. In 1984, the longtime secretary of state was elected state treasurer but soon fell into trouble. With a stock market downturn in 1987, Manchin bore much of the blame when the state lost nearly \$300 million in investments. He died in 2003.

April 7, 1947: Medal of Honor recipient Thomas W. Bennett was born in Morgantown. Believing it was wrong to evade the draft while others had to serve in Vietnam, he volunteered as a noncombatant medic. He was killed by gunfire while dragging a wounded soldier to safety.

April 8, 1891: The town of Paw Paw was incorporated. Strategically located on the Potomac River, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and the C&O Canal, Paw Paw was named for the banana-like pawpaw fruit that grows in the area.

April 8, 1951: An Air

only one vote against its passage. It would assign a “Parent Resource Navigator” through the Court Improvement Program or Public Defender Services to serve as part of the Bureau for Children and Families’ multidisciplinary team. This individual would be charged with helping parents trying to be unified or reunified with their children work through the legal system.

House Bill 2377, which unanimously passed the House Thursday, would bring more transparency to fatalities and near fatalities of children involved in the child welfare system while still maintaining necessary confidentiality. It 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 reports and would require reports to be retained for at least one year.

House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, R-Clay, addressed the House at the end of Wednesday’s floor session, reminding them the incremental changes they had voted on that day ultimately result in systematic reforms.

“It may not have seemed that way to those outside the body, outside the building, but we took up questions today of how we address — how society addresses — some of the most vulnerable people in

National Guard transport plane crashed near Kanawha (now Yeager) Airport, killing 21.

April 9, 1817: John Nuttall was born in England. He was one of the first operators to ship coal on the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway in the early 1870s and founded the town of Nuttallburg in the New River Gorge.

April 9, 1900: Physician Margaret Byrnside “Dr. Maggie” Ballard was born. She actively pursued her interest in genealogy and local history and was a founder of the Monroe County Historical Society.

our charge,” Hanshaw said. “We took up a discussion about foster care and young people who are our responsibility. We talked about issues of criminal justice reform, how one gets a black mark expunged from one’s record to enter the workforce and rejoin society as a productive member. We talked about issues of criminal justice. This was a big day.”

Speaker Hanshaw also noted the oversized emphasis that often becomes put on the Legislature when crises occur.

“You know, not every problem — not every problem — can be solved by the government. Not every problem can be solved by a law, not every problem can be solved by a judge, not every problem can be solved by the governor,” he said. “We had, on the discussion of our first bill today, what I believe to be a very meaningful conversation about what the role is of families in society and how we as the government relate to those who are just simply trying to keep a family together.”

“And I think it’s important to note that we have children in foster care in West Virginia. We have a foster care problem that wasn’t created by the government, that wasn’t created by the courts, that wasn’t created by the Legislature, that wasn’t created by DHHR. It was created because men and women chose to prioritize drugs and substance abuse and other things over their children.”

Hanshaw reminded the Delegates to “continually reflect on the fact that the very best we can do is our best.”

“Our goal today, for the next period of time we have together, for this legislative session and always, needs to be to contribute as well as we can contribute in the society to allow men and women of West Virginia, families of West Virginia, citizens of West Virginia, to solve our own problems and continue to create an environment in which that’s possible.”

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

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### Weekly Scripture Reading

Psalm 30	Psalm 31	Psalm 33	Psalm 34	Psalm 40	Psalm 41	Psalm 42
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By Ron Allen  
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### The Great Multitude

Revelation 7:9-17

"After this" (v. 9). Immediately preceding verse 9, John witnessed the sealing of 144,000 servants of God. The 144,000 were sealed during a pause between the sixth and seventh seal judgments. Following the breaking of the sixth seal, John saw four angels, positioned at the four corners of the earth. These angels were instructed to hold back their judgments until after the 144,000 servants of God were sealed.

Consider — Could not the sealing of God's servants be accomplished in a twinkling of an eye as will be the changing of the bodies of all living saints (see I Cor. 15:52) at the time of the taking up? The wait for the sealing of the 144,000 is a delay in God's judgments. The reason for the temporary halt may be an act of grace allowing all upon the earth a chance to repent. Refusal to turn to God will result in suffering the torments to follow.

During the pause in judgments, John saw a multitude too great to number. John was not looking at the 144,000; they were numbered. John looked upon a multitude consisting of men from all nations and kindreds and people and tongues. The identity of the multitude is fully revealed in verse 14.

In verse 9, we are informed that the multitude was clothed in white robes and had palm branches in their hands. White robes are robes of righteousness and can only be provided by God. The Lord counts belief for righteousness (Gen. 15:6). The reason for the palm branches is not stated. The only previous New Testament reference to palm branches is linked to Jesus' entry into Jerusalem prior to His death, burial and resurrection (Jn. 12:13). On that occasion, Jesus was hailed as the promised king of the lineage of David. The palms in the scene before is suggests that the multitude awaits the arrival of the promised son of David (see II Sam. 7:13-16).

In verse 10, the multitude cried out, "Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb." The praise of the multitude is the proclamation of salvation. This same proclamation of salvation is found in Psalm 118. This psalm describes the triumphal entry of the king in terms of humiliation and glory. This praise of salvation is directed to God and to the Lamb. Psalm 118:27 reads, "... bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar." The only sacrifice which was bound to an altar of sacrifice was the Lamb who was nailed to the cross. The multitude knew the Lamb who was slain and was worthy to receive power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessing (Rev. 5:12).

One of the elders asked John the identity of them in white robes (v. 13) and then provided the answer to him. God made the identity of the great multitude known to John and God also wants us to know. The multitude is they which came out of great tribulation. The multitude most certainly is not the church at Philadelphia (see Rev. 3:10); the church at Philadelphia left in the twinkling of an eye before the first seal had been broken. The multitude was left behind. Again, note the white robes of the multitude. After the opening of the fifth seal, white robes were given to all who were slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held (Rev. 6:9-11). Those given white robes following the opening of the fifth seal were informed that they would be joined by fellow servants who would be killed as they had been killed (Rev. 6:11). It would appear that the great multitude which was too great to number is only a portion of all who shall perish as martyrs during the seven-year tribulation.

In verse 14, one of the elders informed John how the multitude's robes were made white. The multitude made their robes white by washing them in the blood of the Lamb. The sacrifice of Christ Jesus (the blood of the Lamb) is purifying. The blood of the Lamb is sufficient for all times — it has made robes white in the past, makes robes white in the present and shall make robes white in the future. There is no substitute. Believers are sanctified by the sacrifice of the Lamb who was without blemish.

This particular scene is after the breaking of the sixth seal but prior to the breaking of the seventh seal.

"Therefore are they before the throne ..." (v. 15). The presence of being before the throne of God and serving Him is dependent upon being purified by the blood of the Lamb. The blood of the Lamb made the robes of the elders as white as snow. It, likewise, purifies all who shall perish as martyrs during the seventieth week (Dan. 9:24-27).

The closing verses of chapter 7 reveal that the multitude which comes out of the great tribulation shall hunger no more, thirst no more, or suffer discomfort. The Lamb shall feed them and lead them. Is this not the same promise which is given to all who have cried out to Jesus, believing? "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst" (Jn. 6:35).

The great multitude shall hunger no more, thirst no more, suffer in the heat of the sun no more, and they shall be fed by the Lamb and they shall cry no more. The late entries into the kingdom of heaven shall receive the same as the church which has been with Christ Jesus from the first hour. That which John was shown was taught by Jesus in the parable of the hired laborers in Matthew 20. The late comers shall receive the same as those who have labored long. All receive the gift of life through Christ Jesus.

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# Obituaries

### LEONARD ROSCOE BIRD

Leonard Roscoe Bird, 81, of Scott Depot, went home to be with the Lord, Sunday, March 23, 2025.

Leonard is a 1961 graduate of Stonewall Jackson High School and a graduate of WV State College. He is an Army Veteran and retired from Appalachian Power after 37 years of service. Leonard is a former member of Kingdom Life Fellowship Church and currently attends Teays Valley Church of God. He and his wife Emma enjoyed camping, boating, and scuba diving together.

He is preceded in death by his parents Roscoe Siebert and Dorris Dawson Bird; brothers Jack and Jerry Bird; and sister Jackie Cottle.

Leonard is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Emma Lou Bird; daughter Lora Bird Boggs (Tim Boggs); son Brian Andrew Bird (Paula Coleman); 6 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

A celebration of Leonard's life will be 6:00 PM Saturday April 5, 2025 at Teays Valley Church of God with Dr. Melissa Pratt, Pastor, officiating.

### ROBERT 'STU' COMBS

Robert Stewart "Stu" Combs, 62, of Winfield, passed away Tuesday, March 25, 2025.

Stu is a 1981 graduate of Winfield High School, Army Veteran, and a diesel mechanic. He enjoyed fishing and arrowhead hunting.

He was born July 5, 1962, in Charleston, to the late Robert and Winifrede Combs.

He is survived by his siblings Dorothy (Mike) Wilson, Brian Scott (Becky) Combs, William "Bill" Combs, and Sandy Baldwin, his dog Hootie, and a host of nieces and nephews.

A celebration will be held at a later date. Burial was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens.

### ROBERT 'BOB' FORSHEY

Robert "Bob" Allen Forshey, 68, of Kingwood, WV, passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, March 13, 2025. Born on April 6, 1956, in Akron, OH, Bob was the son of the late Norman Frederick Forshey and Margaret "Peggy" Delores (Mitchell) Forshey.

Bob dedicated his career as a Master Ford Technician and his expertise and work ethic were well known.

He is survived by his loving wife of 14 years, Tammy Lynn (Duke) Forshey; his son, Robert "Bob" Forshey and wife Melissa of Kingwood; his daughter, Kalan Wolford and husband Chris of Tunnelton; his mother in law, Delores Duke, of Kingwood, WV; two step children, Jeremy Smith, of Hurricane, WV, and Wes Smith and wife Angie, of Reedsville, WV; his four beloved grandchildren, Karleigh Wolford, Brooke Smith, Raegan Smith, and Scott Smith who makes his home with Bob and Tammy; one brother in law, Ed Ritchie and wife Holly, of Winchester, KY, two sisters in law, Nancy Forshey, of Uniontown, OH, and Maria Forshey, of Ortonville, MI; two brothers

in law, Roger and Donald Ridenour; several nieces and nephews; and special friend Doug Baker; and his fur babies, Rocky, Sissie, Izzy, Calli, and Gizmo.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by: one grandson, Daniel Smith; his four siblings, Norman Forshey, Earl Forshey, David Forshey, and Tillie "Marlene" Sink; and his fur babies Buster and Wompuss.

Bob will be remembered for his hard work, devotion to family, and the kindness he extended to those around him. He enjoyed spending time at his camp at Landboc Seven Island, Parsons, WV.

### NATHAN MCCALLISTER

Nathan Owen McCallister, 43, of Hurricane, passed away March 26, 2025 at CAMC Teays Valley after a short illness with family and friends by his side. Nathan was an avid Cincinnati Bengals and WVU Fan. He had a passion for baseball and even played football at Hurricane High School where he graduated from.

Nathan was a Conductor with CSX Railroad and loved being in the outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Doris; grandparents, Jessie and Janice McCallister and Verona and Tom Adkins.

Nathan is survived by his father, Marshall (Diana) McCallister; brother, Kevin (Mackenzie) and Natasha (Jeff); children Jacob, Kendall and Bryson McCallister; girlfriend, Megan Moore and

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her children and a host of many more family and friends.

Funeral service for Nathan was Thursday, April 3, 2025 at Allen Funeral Home with Pastor Mark Hesson officiating.

**DEBRA LYNN PRIESTLEY**

Debra Lynn Priestley, 68, of Hurricane, went Home to be with the Lord on Thursday, March 20, 2025.

Debra was born August 20, 1956, in Louisville, KY, to the late Obed and Dorothy Terry. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her former husband and father of her children, James Ronk; and stepson, Cody David Priestley.

She is survived by her loving husband of almost 22 years, David Priestley; children: Jarrett (Tori) Ronk of Sissonville, Erin (Hugh) Deskins of Dunbar, Jessica (Eric) McClain of Rincon, GA, Kyle (Star) Ronk of Kenosha, WI, Cory (Teresa) Ronk of Hurricane; grandchildren: Gillian Ronk, Gabriel Ronk, Gracelyn Ronk, Alexis Chambers, McKenzie Deskins, Jayden McClain, Bryce McClain, Alex McClain, Kyle Ronk Jr., Hailey Ronk, and Nicholas Ronk; great granddaughter, Ezra-Jade Dworsky; mother-in-law, Judy Priestley; stepchildren: Jason Priestley, Amber Kinser, Christopher Priestley, Tiffany Priestley, Cody Priestley; her best companion, her dog, Penelope Lynn; brother, Bill (Linda) Terry of Louisville, KY; sisters: Donna Gibson and Cindy Burgin both of Clarksville, IN; as well as, several nieces and nephews.

Debra was a strong woman who fiercely loved her children and grandchildren. She spent most of her time with her youngest "the baby" Cory Ronk. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Debra believed that passing on shouldn't be anything less than a celebration of her life, she wanted us all to love and remember her while being able to find comfort in our souls knowing she was free again.

Funeral service for Debra was Friday, March 28, 2025 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Pastor Mayford Witt officiating.

**DONNA JANE NIX**

Donna Jane Nix, 79, of Winfield, graduated to Heaven on March 24, 2025.

She was born to the late Ora L. and Peggy Flamont Ekers on May 1, 1945 in Jacksonville, FL. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Huey C. Nix Sr.; stepfather, Jack Nichols; sister, Caroline Ekers; and son in-law, David R. Bennett.

Donna was an employee of the State of WV and retired in 2011 to pursue her dream of traveling to Hawaii, Cayman Islands and whale watching in Washington State. She enjoyed learning about different cultures, history and wildlife, as well as discussing those topics with others. Donna was an accomplished cross stitcher and crocheter, having won several awards at the State Fair of WV on her stitched pieces.

She was a devoted Christian who performed her daily devotionals and enjoyed watching Rev. Charles Stanley. A mother, grandmother and great grandmother, who loved her family and spending time with them.

Donna is survived by her children: Lori Bennett (David), Allison Parkins (Kerry), and Huey C. Nix Jr. (Charlenia); sister, Linda Hinton of FL; brother, David Ekers of MN; granddaughters: Heather Fagan (Jamin) Shannon White, Bethany McClanahan (PE), Morganne Tenney (JR), Rachel Nix (Charles Fernsell), Katherine Nix (Kord Mullins); great-grandchildren: Nora White, Noelle Fagan, Grier McClannahan, Landon Tenney, Grant McClanahan, and Jack Tenney; niece, Michelle Craver; and dearest friend, Debbie Chinn.

Funeral service for Donna was Friday, March 28, 2025 at Haven of Rest Memory Gardens Mausoleum, Red House, with Pastor Delbert Hawley officiating.

**ALAN LEE ROWH**

Alan Lee Rowh, 69, of Poca, went home to be with the Lord and the love of his life, Diana, on Thursday, March 27, 2025.

Alan was born October 13, 1955, in Charleston to the late Coy and Evelyn Rowh. He is a graduate of Poca High School and a retired Master Carpenter. Alan was a giver and had a heart of gold. You could often find him building a handicap ramp, donating an appliance, or giving his love dollars to someone in need at Christmas. His jokes and his generosity will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Left to cherish his memories are his two children Letitia "Tisha" and her husband Bobby Runions and Terry and his wife Denisha Rowh; aunt Margie and her husband Steve King; uncle Max Rowh; brother-in-law Johnny and his wife Lisa Lark; and granddad to Hannah Marie Runions, Lindzie Elizabeth Runions, Coy Alan Rowh, and

She was born on May 15, 1991.

Savanna was the most selfless human being, the strongest & fought the hardest fight until the very end.

Savanna is preceded in death by her grandfather Dencil Lee Rhodes, Sr., grandmother Cheryl Lynn Rhodes, grandparents Peggy Jean and Dale Grant, great grandparents Muriel and Otto Rhodes and Earl and Emilee Wray, as well as aunts Beverly Rhodes and Linda Burrows.

Savanna is survived by mother Kimberly of Hurricane, father Dencil Jr. (Vera) of Hurricane, sister Brianna (Miranda) of Nitro, niece Aubriella Rhodes, brother Andrew, all of Nitro, sister Jewelissa Rhodes, nephew Liam, and uncle Brian Rodes of Charleston as well as a host of other special family and close friends.

Per Savanna's wishes she will be cremated with a memorial service at a later date.

Emberlynn Carol Rowh, his grandchildren were the light of his life. He is also survived by many nieces, nephew, and a host of friends.

A tribute to the life of Alan Rowh was held Monday, March 31, 2025, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Delbert Hawley officiating. Burial was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens.

**DAVID SMITH**

David Michael Smith, 48, of Hurricane, passed away March 26, at St Marys Hospital after a 4 year battle with cancer.

David loved the outdoors especially fishing and chasing them springtime turkeys.

David was preceded in death by his mother, Phyllis, grandparents, Lester and Lilly Myers; Lewis and Juanita Smith; and his Uncle John.

David is survived by his two sons, John (Hailey) and Tyler Smith; father, Michael (Paula) Smith; and a grandson, Cooper and a host of many other family and friends.

He will be missed by his bluetick Buddy.

A celebration of life was held Saturday, March 29, 2025 at Sycamore Baptist Church.

**ACY W. UNDERWOOD**

Acy W. Underwood, 70, of Bancroft, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, March 29, 2025.

He is a graduate of Nitro High School Class of 1972. He is a former employee of Viscose, Perrow Presbyterian Church, Cross Lanes, and CAMC Teays Valley Maintenance Department. At the hospital they called him "The Whistler" where he retired in 2018. From then on, he served his community, always lending a hand or giving advice whenever needed. He was a master plumber, wood worker, and a jack of all trades and master of many. He was a member of Our Victory Church, Cross Lanes, where he led the congregation in joyful songs to the Lord

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Jesus Christ. Acy had a beautiful voice and loved singing and praising our Savior.

Lee Casto and Randy Baner were his buddies in mischief and these two were his buds along with Brent Null, Rick Casto, and many more. He called them brothers.

He is preceded in death by his father Melvin Underwood; sister Nancy Norvell; brothers-in-law Wayne Norvel, Jim Norvell, and Larry Pack; and father and mother-in-law Sam and Mary Rust.

Acy is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Katy; sons Bryan and Charley (Cierra); grandchildren Alexis, Cayden, Beau, Marcus, Lilly, Emma, Nora, and Jane; daughters Katy Beth (Chris) and Lisa. He is also survived by his 100-year-old mother Mae, who was able to make a surprise visit a few weeks back along with his sisters Ann (Craig) and Sandy (Ronnie) and his brother Johnny (Gina). He is also survived by nieces, nephews, sisters-in-law Amy Sullivan (Mike) and Connie Gallaher (Steve); brother-in-law Roy Rust and the youth of our church, especially Josh and Chris who was always there if he needed them.

A tribute to the life of Acy was held Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Brent Null officiating.

**MARY LOU WARD**

Mary Lou Ward, 96, of Scott Depot, passed away on March 21, 2025 at home surrounded by family.

She was born on July 14, 1928, in Barboursville to the late Keyser E. and Georgia (Call) Bowles. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her step-mother, Bertha Bowles; former husbands: Ross A. Taylor Jr. and Jack Okey Ward; son, Randall Lee Taylor; and brothers: Ray, Keith, Wesley and Ralph Bowles.

Mary Lou raised three

children and retired from Kroger's after 15+ years. She enjoyed crafting, baking, traveling, sewing, and flying in her husband's plane. Mary Lou was very unique and loved bright colors.

She is survived by her daughters: Tenia (Greg) Creson and Tammy (Keith) Hale; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild, with one on the way; and her brother, Reverend Philip Bowles.

Funeral service for Mary Lou was Thursday, March 27, 2025 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Rev. Dr. Melissa Pratt officiating. Burial was in Heaven's Gateway Memorial Gardens, Winfield.

**PATRICIA WILCOXEN**

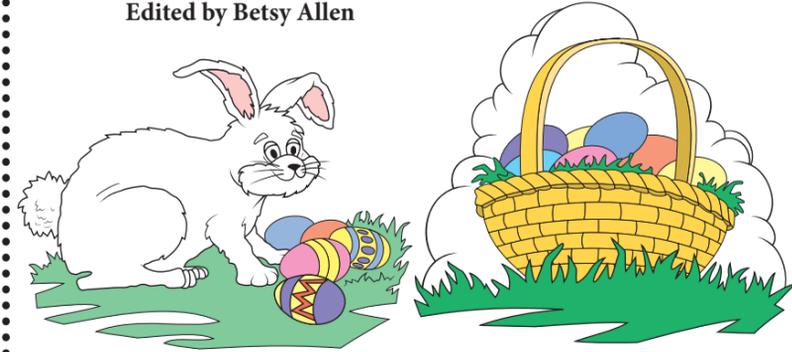
Patricia Wilcoxen, 52, of Culloden, , went to walk amongst greener pastures unexpectedly on Tuesday, March 25th, surrounded by family and friends. Wife, Mother, Grandmother, friend, born on August 9, 1972, Trish was sunshine in human form. She was always a helping hand, and there when you needed her. She loved spending time with her family and friends, cooking, sewing, reading, and working in the garden. She worked at Fear On The Farm and The Sugar Shed, alongside the best of friends.

Patricia is survived by her husband Lonnie Wilcoxen, daughter Alondra (Hunter) Price, grandchildren Josiah and Juniper Price, Gwendolyn, Dalton, and Hensley Bartram, Father Harold Thacker, sister Marjory Call. She is preceded in death by her mother Rebecca Thacker, grandmother and grandfather Luvenia and Clyde Richards, grandmother Mossie Thacker, and dear friend Kelly Ashworth. A celebration of life was held at Wallace Funeral Home in Milton on Sunday, March 30, 2025.

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# Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



## Dandelion

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

I came upon a dandelion above my  
backyard grass  
I didn't pick or pull it from the ground  
I liked the way its yellow flower  
bloomed for all to see  
And so I kept my tiny friend around

One day I went to visit but the little  
guy had changed  
His leaves were gone and he had  
turned to fluff  
I bent down and made a wish and  
blew the white away  
It only took a second and a puff

Day by day I visited to see if he had changed  
No flower, fluff or fuzz were on his stem  
I saw a couple other dandelions here and there  
And wished my friend was yellow just like them

In time I realized the wish I made  
would not come true  
As Mother Nature took my little fellow  
I should have wished for silver or for  
glistening gold instead  
Of asking fate to turn him back to yellow

## Jokes From Linda

Submitted by Linda  
Lavender Armstead



You can find me in the  
past. I can be created in  
the present and the future  
doesn't know me. What  
am I?

History

What do you call a  
herd of cows with a sense  
of humor?

Laughing stock.

What did the beaver  
say to the tree?

It's been nice gnawing  
you.

Why don't oysters  
share their pearls?

They're shellfish.

Therapist: Your wife  
says you never buy her  
flowers, is that true?

Husband: To be  
honest, I never knew she  
sold flowers.



# Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead  
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

You cannot depend  
on your eyes when your  
imagination is out of  
focus. - Mark Twain

I don't need a  
hairstylist. My pillow  
gives me a new hairstyle  
every day.

Love is the master  
key that opens the gates  
of happiness. - Oliver  
Wendell Holmes

A man is not old until  
regrets take the place of  
dreams.

Be faithful to that  
which exists within  
yourself.

That moment when  
you realize your "children"  
are middle-aged.

Age is just a number  
until you try to bend over  
to tie your shoes.

If you get locked out,  
talk to the lock calmly.  
Communication is the  
key.

The man who turned  
water into wine can also  
turn your tears into joy.

Big shout out to my  
fingers I can always count  
on them.

It is not only necessary  
to love; it is necessary to  
say so.

I write songs about  
sewing machines. I'm a  
Singer song-writer.

Along with success  
comes a reputation for  
wisdom.

Bashfulness is an  
ornament to youth, but a  
reproach to old age.

Turning vegan would  
be a big missed steak.

Despite the high cost of  
living, it remains popular.

Love is letting go of  
fear.

If you suck at playing  
the trumpet, that's  
probably why.

To live happily is an  
inward power of the soul.

Our birthdays are  
feathers in the broad wing  
of time.

Where love is, there  
God is also.

Break the leg of a bad  
habit.

Life doesn't always give  
you the people you want,  
and sometimes it takes  
away people you need  
most.

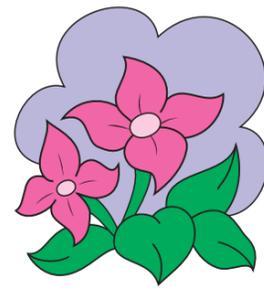
Last week the candle  
factory burned down.  
Everyone just stood  
around and sang, "Happy  
Birthday."

Luxury and lies have  
huge maintenance costs.  
But truth and simplicity  
are self-maintained  
without any cost.

We are meant to love  
each other and care for  
each other. We are at our  
very best when we are  
kind.

If you are not content  
with what you have, you  
would not be satisfied if it  
were doubled.

Be the one that shows  
grace when everyone else  
is casting stones.



No one ever hears  
the Gospel proclaimed  
without making some  
kind of decision.

Love's greatest gift is its  
ability to make everything  
it touches sacred.

That awkward moment  
when a zombie looking  
for brains walks right by  
you.

I told the carpenter  
not to carpet my steps,  
he gave me a blank stair.

Off the top of my head,  
I can't think of anything  
worse than being scalped.

When I was young and  
learning to count, it was  
odd at first, even then.

If you wish your rose,  
you need to find the  
courage to hold it with  
thorns.

Two things you don't  
fight for: true love and  
true friends, they come  
naturally.

There is power in  
letting go, but there is  
strength in holding on.  
Choose wisely.

Only thing that keep  
me from staying on a diet  
is food.

Duct tape won't fix  
stupid, but it will certainly  
muffle the sound.

If a parrot and a  
centipede were married,  
they'd have walkie-talkies.

Being entirely honest  
with oneself is a good  
exercise. - Sigmund Freud

When I try to eat  
healthy a chocolate bar  
looks at me and Snickers.

I just can't handle  
automatic doors.

Wear a smile to give  
your face a perfect glow.

Someone's perception  
of you is not your  
responsibility.

It's hard to get in shape  
spiritually if you only  
work out on Sunday.

Meekness is the mark  
of a man who has been  
mastered by God.

You're in your own  
mind 24/7. Make it a  
loving place to be.

A house without a pet  
is like a garden without  
flowers.

Make sure your circle  
has quality, not quantity.

Seeing yourself  
outgrowing the old you is a  
blessing.

Never trust your fears;  
they don't know your  
strength.

Stand on your  
principles, even if it gets  
lonely.

The greatest wealth is  
peace of mind.

Love yourself for who  
you are.

The best pine tree is a  
matter a pinyon.

Never underestimate  
prayer.

People need loving the  
most when they deserve it  
the least.

Living in a shoe doesn't  
make you the sole owner;  
there are strings attached.

A good son makes a  
good husband.

Without freedom of  
speech, we would not  
know who the idiots are.

Everything changes,  
nothing remains without  
change.

He who knows that  
enough is enough will  
always have enough.

Water is heavier than  
butane because butane is  
a lighter fluid.

Love is like a mountain,  
hard to climb, but once  
you get to the top, the  
view is beautiful.

Making egg rolls is  
easy, just give them a little  
push.

The talent of success is  
nothing more than doing  
what you can do well. -  
Henry W. Longfellow

My mood ring is  
missing and I don't know  
how to feel about that.

I am blessed because I  
have God in my life.

CEO of a local mirror  
company passed away.  
Please take a moment to  
reflect.

Nothing ahead of you  
is bigger or stronger than  
the power of God behind  
you.

I used to be able to do  
cartwheels. Now I tip over  
putting on my underwear.

Wake up with the  
termination, seize the  
moment and follow your  
aspiration.

Guess who I bumped  
into on my way to  
getting my glasses fixed?  
Everyone.

Someone pushing  
you to be better is not an  
attack; it's an act of love.

Some losses don't just  
hurt for a while; they hurt  
forever.

Sprinkle yourself with  
love; it's the sweetest  
perfume.

I'm so good at sleeping  
I can do it with my eyes  
closed.

Our mountains aren't  
just funny, they're hill  
areas.

Grief does not change  
you; it reveals you.

Faith is a key to aging  
gracefully.

## Fillers Contributors Wanted

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## Easter Apps Made Easy

(Family Features) If you'll be hosting friends and family for Easter this year, creating the perfect spread doesn't have to be hard. Make your gathering as simple as it is delicious by serving dishes that can be made ahead of time then easily put together on the big day.

Opting for an array of appetizers can help keep hungry people out of the kitchen until the main course is ready. Featuring easy prep and short cook times, these apps from "Cookin' Savvy" can let you spend more time creating memories with loved ones.

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### Deviled Eggs

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Yield: 16 deviled eggs

8 boiled eggs  
1/2-3/4 cup mayonnaise  
2 tablespoons mustard  
2 tablespoons dill pickle juice  
1 package (2 1/2 ounces) real bacon pieces  
1 teaspoon garlic powder  
2 teaspoons onion powder  
salt, to taste  
pepper, to taste  
smoked paprika, for garnish (optional)

Slice each egg and place whites on plate and yolks in bowl.

In bowl of yolks, add 1/2 cup mayonnaise, mustard, pickle juice, bacon pieces, garlic powder, onion powder and salt and pepper, to taste. With fork or hand mixer, blend until smooth. Add more mayonnaise until mixture reaches desired smoothness.

Spoon or pipe mixture into egg whites. Garnish with smoked paprika, if desired.

Note: Deviled eggs can be made day before and kept covered in refrigerator until needed.

### Pimento Cheese Bites

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Yield: 12 shells and 12 tops

2 cups shredded cheddar cheese  
8 ounces cream cheese, softened  
1/2 cup mayonnaise  
1 jar (4 ounces) pimentos, drained  
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder  
1/2 teaspoon onion powder  
1 package (2 1/2 ounces) real bacon pieces  
salt, to taste  
pepper, to taste  
2 packages frozen puff pastry shells

With hand mixer, blend cheddar cheese, cream cheese, mayonnaise, pimentos, garlic powder, onion powder, bacon pieces and salt and pepper, to taste, until smooth; set aside.

Heat oven to 400 F.

Thaw then bake pastry shells 15 minutes.

Remove tops and set aside. Spoon pimento cheese mixture into each shell.

Place dab of pimento cheese mixture on tops for smaller appetizers.

Notes: Pimento cheese mixture can be made in advance and kept in refrigerator up to 5 days before using. Recipe can be halved or doubled depending on needs.

## Bible Verse



May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had.

— Romans 15:5

# Skirmish at Hurricane Bridge

By O.R. Miller

*The following history was printed in The Centennial History of Hurricane WV in 1988. Last Saturday was the 162nd anniversary of the battle.*

It was not Gettysburg or Shiloh, and its impact on the outcome of the war was insignificant, but to the residents of the small village at Hurricane Bridge who could hear Minnie balls whistling over their rooftops, it was their little piece of the Civil War. The event, of course, was the skirmish that occurred at this site March 28, 1863. The skirmish was not planned and perhaps should never have happened.

## Participants and Preparations

In early 1863, the Kanawha Valley was under control of Federal troops. General J.D. Cox, with headquarters in Marietta, Ohio, commanded Federal forces in Western Virginia. His field commander in Kanawha Valley was General E.P. Scammon with headquarters in Charleston. Permanent outposts were being maintained at Pt. Pleasant, Barboursville, Hurricane Bridge, Charleston, Gauley Bridge, and Fayette Station. The post at Hurricane Bridge was being held by three companies of the 13th Virginia Infantry (Federal), including Companies A, commanded by Capt. James Johnson; B, commanded by Capt. Milton Stewart; D, commanded by Capt. Simon Williams, and Company G of the 11th W. Va. Regiment. Approximately 150 troops were stationed here. A small fort had been started but was unfinished. There was no sense of urgency to complete it as the Federals thought they were far enough removed from the main battlefields of the war to preclude a major attack. At the local level, their main concern was Rebel guerrilla activity. Dr. G.S. Shaw of Pt. Pleasant was their regimental surgeon and maintained a small field hospital.

Some 200 miles to the south at Dublin Depot on the New River, was the headquarters of General Samuel Jones, who commanded Confederate forces in western Virginia. (Note: This was prior to West Virginia Statehood in June 1863.) General Albert G. Jenkins commanded a cavalry brigade which was in winter quarters nearby. In January 1863, these Confederate forces began formulating a plan for a raid on Kanawha Valley to take place in early spring. General Jones selected General Jenkins to lead the raid. Both Jenkins and his men were to make the raid "on foot", as their horses had been sent to North Carolina for winter forage and it was thought that, at the time of the raid, it would be too early in the spring to find adequate forage for the horses along the line of march. That General Jones had a certain amount of trepidation about sending the men on foot is evidence as he confided to a fellow officer, "Jenkins and all his men go on foot, and you know how adverse cavalrymen are generally to doing anything on foot." They would, of course, take several pack

horses.

Concurrent with the Jenkins raid on the Kanawha, General William Jones and J.D. Imboden were planning a raid on the northern part of the state with the objective of destroying as much rail transportation and military supplies as possible. The purpose of the raid by Jenkins was three-fold. First, by making a show of force in Kanawha Valley, Gen. S. Jones hoped that Jenkins would be able to hold the Federal forces there in order that they not interfere with the Jones-Imboden raid in the north. Second, Jenkins had received reports which indicated the Federals were accumulating a large quantity of stores and horses at Pt. Pleasant in preparation for the spring offensive and to supply their outposts. Jenkins determined to capture as many of these supplies as possible and Gen. Jones agreed with his plan. Third, secret negotiations had been ongoing with southern sympathizers in Ohio to deliver a large number of beef-cattle to the Virginia side of the Ohio River. If they arrived in time, Jenkins was to deliver them to Confederate lines. Accordingly, many of the men who accompanied Jenkins on this raid were listed as teamsters, wagoners, and drovers.

It is obvious that Jenkins, with so many units under his command, selected his men carefully. Most of the men who accompanied him were in units that had been formed in Wayne, Cabell, Mason and Putnam Counties, so they would be familiar with the countryside over which they would travel. It cannot be determined with any degree of certainty the exact number of men who participated in the raid. Various reports of the number range from 400 to 800. On March 7, Gen. Jones wrote to Gen. Jenkins, "I telegraphed you yesterday that 600 Richmond rifles had been forwarded to you. This may enable you to take in your expedition a somewhat greater number of men than we had contemplated." Again, on March 8, Jones to Gen. Floyd, "I propose in a few days to send about 500 or 600 cavalrymen, dismounted, under Gen. Jenkins, to the Lower Kanawha." It is certain that a total of ten companies took part in the raid: Companies C, D(2), E, G, I and K of the 8th Regt. Va. Cavalry, commanded by Col. James Corns, and Companies D, E, G and K of Col. Milton Ferguson's 16th Regt., Va. Cavalry, at present commanded by Major James Nounnan. Allowing for the fact that some of the men were in the hospital near Lewisburg and others were on horse detail in North Carolina, a conservative estimate of their combined strength would still be in excess of 600 men. Dr. Charles Timms of Buffalo, Putnam County, traveled with the raiders as regimental surgeon. (Two days after the skirmish at Hurricane Bridge, Dr. Timms would be captured in Pt. Pleasant after the Confederates withdrew from that engagement. He presumably remained behind to care for their wounded.)

Leaving Jeffersonville on the New River on the afternoon of March 16th, they began the long, arduous trek to Pt. Pleasant. Traveling through McDowell, Logan and Cabell Counties, they arrived at Hamlin on the evening of March 26th. (Lincoln County had not yet been formed.) Sgt. James Sedinger of Co. E, 8th Regt., kept a diary during most of the war and added to it from memory after the war. He recorded an incident here at Hamlin that is somewhat humorous, yet poignant. It is repeated here just as he wrote it. Writing after the fact, his dates are probably in error and are indicated by (?).

"On the 24th (?) of March 1863, we broke camp for a march to the Ohio River on foot. By the time we reached Cabell County half the boys were barefooted. We reached Hamlin, now Lincoln Co., about dark and put out pickets on all the roads. About daylight the morning of the 29th (?) the sentinel on the road towards (?) brought in a man with a two horse team who had been hauling bacon to the Yanks and told us all he knew. While the officer was talking to him, Rod Noel of the old Co. noticed that he had on a good pair of shoes. Rod was barefooted and said to him, "Could or would you give an old Confederate soldier a god pair of shoes?" That was the first intimation that the man had that we were Rebels. He said to Rod that he would if he had any but those he had on. Rod asked him if he had any more at home. He told him, "Yes." "Well," Rod said to him, "give me the, you can stand it better to ride home barefooted in your wagon than I can to walk." The man pulled off his (shoes) and gave them to Rod. He was scared so badly he did not know what he was doing. He and his wagon and horses were sent on to the General (Jenkins) who told him to go home and behave himself. (Ed., note: Rod Noel referred to here was later a POW at Camp Chase, Ohio, and reported there to be a "bad man". He was only 18 years old.)

## The Skirmish

Breaking camp on the evening of March 27th, the Confederates marched all night and arrived at Hurricane Bridge about daylight on March 28th. The senior officer of the Federal detachment was Capt. Johnson of Company A and their camp was on the west side of Hurricane Creek a few hundred feet northwest of the bridge. (The bridge was on the James River Turnpike and is still at the same location although the road is called Harbour Lane or "Chicken Farm Road". It was NOT at the location of the bridge on present U.S. Route 60 as some have thought.)

Shortly after daylight, Jenkins sent Major Nounnan, under a flag of truce, to Capt. Johnson's headquarters with a note requesting surrender and allowing twenty minutes for a reply. Jenkins, having received information from the man at Hamlin, knew he had the Federals outnumbered, and so stated this fact to Capt. Johnson as an inducement to surrender. Unfortunately, Jenkins, at this point, had not exposed his troops.

Capt. Johnson, seeing no evidence of a superior force facing him, declined to surrender his troops and informed Nounnan that he would not "unless forced to do so by an exhibition of your boasted strength". Nounnan replied that an attack would begin in twenty minutes just as the General had promised and then returned to his own troops.

Receiving Major Nounnan's report that Johnson refused to surrender, Jenkins had no recourse but to carry out his threat. He quickly deployed his men to the hills on the east and south of the Federal position, apparently keeping his command post on the bottom ground between the hills. At the expiration of the twenty minutes allotted, the Confederates opened fire. The Federals returned the fire, but under difficult circumstances. Jenkins has posted sharpshooters on the hill to the south who were armed with globe-sighted rifles – forerunners of the telescopic sight. With these weapons, they effectively kept the Federals pinned down during the skirmish. Reporting the skirmish to his superiors a few days later, Capt. Johnson painted a graphic picture of his predicament as he wrote, "the enemy appeared in force and opened a furious fire upon us simultaneously on three sides from as many different hills, owing to the high elevation of which and the unfinished condition of our works, exposed our men to a most galling crossfire." Neither side had artillery, for which Dr. Shaw was thankful. Writing to his daughters in Pt. Pleasant later, he advised them, "At the time of the fight the fort was not completed and would have been no protection from artillery."

After some five hours of intense firing, Jenkins recalled his troops and broke off the engagement. Casualties on both sides were relatively light in view of the fact that some 650 men kept up a sustained fire for a five hour period. Federal losses were three, killed during the skirmish, including Ultimas Young of Pt. Pleasant and Jesse Hart of Dutch Flats, Mason County, both of Co. B, and four wounded, one of whom died later. Confederate losses were at least two killed (including John Payne and John Chapman) and several wounded, some of whom were left behind and cared for by Dr. Shaw.

Having reassembled, the confederates then moved quietly up a draw behind the hill to the south, flanking the Federal position and rejoining the James River Turnpike far enough west to be out of range of enemy weapons. From here, they turned north on Benedict Road, proceeded about one mile and then turned back east. It was Jenkin's plan all along to reach the Kanawha via Hurricane Creek Road. Crossing the dividing ridge, they went down either Coon Creek or Poindexter until they again struck Hurricane Creek. An incident occurred here that indicates the condition of the Confederate troops after the skirmish. Writing in the May 7, 1987 issue of the Hurricane Breeze, Mrs. Irene Ambler reported, "Mr. Elmer Foster, a respected friend of mine,

told me in the 1950's that his father saw the band of ragged Confederates with their wounded thrown across horses' backs marching down Hurricane Creek Road near Poindexter Road. Mr. Foster said, his father said, that one soldier slipped from the horse's back and rolled down the bank of Hurricane Creek, appearing to be dead. He said others picked him up and laid him again across the back of the horse." They then continued on their way, moving slowly down Hurricane Creek.

As quickly and unexpectedly as it had begun, the skirmish was over. The Federal troops began attending their dead and wounded, wary that the Confederates might return. Local residents began emerging from their places of safety to assess the damage. So ended one of the most exciting and eventful days in the history of Hurricane.

In Retrospect – Why?

The outcome of the skirmish was so indecisive as to raise many questions. Was the skirmish planned? Should it have happened? Did Jenkins really try to take the Federal position? The answers to these questions are obvious, but must be predicated on the original intent of Jenkin's mission, which was to make his presence known in Kanawha Valley and capture as many supplies and/or livestock as possible. He was not to go engage (except defensively), take or hold any position – just "get in and get out". Upon learning of the Federal troops at the Bridge, he could have simply flanked their position unseen and continued on his way. But, he also knew that, if he achieved his objective in Pt. Pleasant, he would be returning the same way, this time encumbered with wagons and horses or cattle, and these same troops, having been alerted, would be blocking his path. So, he sent the surrender note, assuming Capt. Johnson would indeed surrender his troops and they could be left in the hands of a few guards while he continued on his mission. Then, as he informed Capt. Johnson, they would be paroled after he (Jenkins) was out of the area. The full text of the surrender demand was included in Capt. Johnson's report of the skirmish and is very enlightening. The note was addressed to Col. Brown, who commanded the Thirteenth Regt., but he was with other units of his command at Barboursville. Thus, Capt. Johnson received the note which follows:

**March 28, 1863  
Hurricane Bridge, Va.  
Colonel Brown,  
Commanding, 13th  
Regiment, U.S.  
Volunteers, Hurricane  
Bridge:**

Colonel: I have now an overwhelming force so disposed as to completely surround you and cut off your retreat. A humane desire to avert the loss of life induces me to demand your surrender. In the event of your compliance, and the surrender in good faith of all forces under your command, they shall receive the treatment warranted by the usages of war, and both officers and men will be paroled. Twenty minutes will be allowed for the consideration of this note and to return a

reply.

I am, Colonel, very respectfully,  
your obedient servant,  
A.G. Jenkins  
Brigadier-General,  
C.S. Army

Jenkins obviously made a colossal blunder in making a threat without showing his force to back it up. Otherwise, his plan might have succeeded. Knowing that he had the Federals outnumbered four to one, he could have indeed surrounded them, made a frontal assault, and captured the position. But, he didn't want it – he just wanted the Yankees out of his way. Perhaps Captain Johnson thought Jenkins was bluffing, but if he had seen the number of Confederates he was facing, he might have given a different answer to Major Nounnan. There is no indication that he had any idea of enemy strength until the skirmish started. In his own words, "the enemy appeared in force and opened a furious fire upon us" – obviously a greater number than he had expected.

Jenkins had little recourse but to begin the attack. The fact that he never completely surrounded the Federal position would indicate that he never intended to take it. In addition to the reasons previously stated, he might have had reservations about using dismounted cavalrymen in an infantry attack which they were not trained for. (When the cavalry fought "on foot" it was usually in a defensive posture, not offensive). His ulterior motive in allowing the skirmish to continue for five hours was that he still hoped that Johnson would see the hopelessness of his situation and surrender. This was not to be, as Johnson soon saw that little damage was being done by the long range rifle fire and saw no need to surrender. Jenkins finally concluded there would be no surrender and, already behind schedule to reach the Kanawha, broke off the engagement and continued his march to Pt. Pleasant where he encountered even more disastrous results as the expected supplies and livestock were not found.

Was the raid worth the cost? Jenkin's first objective was to hold Federal forces in the Kanawha Valley, and this he accomplished. General Scammon, in Charleston, became a real "Nervous Nellie", repeatedly asking for reinforcements and advising his outposts to "be alert." The other objectives were dismal failures.

In the skirmishes at Hurricane Bridge, Pt. Pleasant and Chapmanville, and the return arch across Cabell and Wayne Counties, Jenkins lost in excess of one hundred men, either killed, wounded or captured – more than twenty percent of his command. Heavy losses, indeed, in view of the results. Perhaps the biggest mistake of all was made by General Jones, when he elected to send cavalrymen on foot, instead of infantry units who were better suited to this type of mission.

Some three months later, units of the 8th Regiment, back in the saddle again, acquitted themselves well in battle at a place called Gettysburg.

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Executrix: Andrea Lea Graziano
209 Weatheridge Drive
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5774
Estate Of: Phyllis Jean Stinnette
Executor: William E Stinnette Jr
10031 Teays Valley Rd
Scott Depot, WV 25560

Estate No.: 6022
Estate Of: Paul Marlin Westfall
Executrix: Karen W Hanson
1034 Laurel Wood Drive
Morgantown, WV 26508

Estate No.: 5978
Estate Of: Gary M Yowell
Executrix: Katherine K Yowell
3605 Brookshire Dr.
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 April 3, 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 April 3, 2025.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 27th day of March 2025.
Fiduciary Supervisor
Putnam County Commission
10293 Winfield Road,
Winfield, WV 25213

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

To: Magistrate Court Case
Kevin D No.: 25-M40D-00039
Eldridge
Respondent's Name
20757 Buffalo Rd
Buffalo WV 25033
Family Court
Civil Action
No.: 25-DV-34
11-25-1975
Date of Birth

ORDER OF PUBLICATION (PROTECTIVE ORDER / HEARING DATE)

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

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

It appearing by evidence duly taken in this action that you could not be found in or that you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of the ORDER referenced above, a copy of the Petition and Order may be obtained at the Putnam County Circuit Clerk's office. This PROTECTIVE ORDER will remain in effect until 8-18-2025.

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 27th day of March, 2025.
STEPHANIE SMITH/jo
Circuit Clerk

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CITY OF HURRICANE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Hurricane City Council will hold a Special Council Meeting to Lay the Levy for FY2026 on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 6:00pm at Hurricane City Hall, 3255 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, WV 25526.

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE TO REDEEM

2023-C-000204 - Putnam County To: PAUL TURELY, BARBARA TURELY, JOHN SNYDER, HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK OF WEST VIRGINIA, ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, AND ASSIGNS OF PAUL TURELY AND BARBARA TURELY, 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 0038 0001 0000

You will take notice that JACOB GATES, the purchaser of the following real estate, Cert. No. 2023-C-000204, located in POCA District, PRT LOT 1 HELEN M BUTLER SUBD (0.21 AC), which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of TURLEY PAUL ET UX, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of PUTNAM County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 18, 2024. JACOB GATES, requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after September 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before August 31, 2025 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2022 - 17236. \$484.61

Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number \$0.00

Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2023-17353. \$390.90

Additional taxes with interest. \$0.00

Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$161.62

Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest. \$850.94

Additional Statutory Fees with interest. \$540.52

Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$1,888.07

You may redeem at any time before August 31, 2025, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Given under my hand March 14, 2025
Christal G. Perry
Christal G. Perry
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of PUTNAM County, State of West Virginia

Please return this letter and payment to the West Virginia State Auditor's Office, County Collections Division 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Building 1, Room W-114, Charleston, West Virginia, 25305. Questions please call 1-888-509-6568

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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 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
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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SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2026. Table showing tax rates for various property classes and total assessed valuations.

SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES ALLOWANCE FOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2026.

Continuation of the legal advertisement table from the top section, listing property details and owner information.

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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.

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

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT section containing a NOTICE TO REDEEM notice for Ernie R. Gillispie regarding a deed for real estate.

Continuation of the SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES table, showing tax rates and assessed valuations for various property classes.

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 Nc 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

Large promotional graphic for 'Subscribe to the Breeze in Putnam County for \$27 per Year' with a background image of a field.

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<b>Putnam County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget)</b>					
<b>2025 - 2026 Fiscal Year</b>					
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA					
County of: Putnam, West Virginia					
In accordance with Code §11-8-10, as amended, the Putnam County Commission proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the current year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:					
<b>General Fund</b>		<b>Estimated Revenues</b>			
Property Taxes Current Year		14,955,023			
Prior Year Taxes		1,308,000			
Tax Penalties, Interest & Publication Fees		270,000			
Property Transfer Tax		500,000			
Gas and Oil Severance Tax		175,000			
Wine & Liquor Tax		250,000			
Payment in Lieu of Taxes		3,400			
Miscellaneous Energy Tax (Coal Bed Methane)		3,000			
Licenses		50			
Building Permits		50,000			
Federal Grants / Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes		80,000			
Sheriff's Service of Process		9,500			
Sheriff's Earnings		2,600			
County Clerk's Earnings		125,000			
Circuit Clerk's Earnings		40,000			
Prosecuting Attorney's Earnings		500			
Accident Reports		5,000			
Motor Vehicle License Fee		4,500			
Clerk Deed Fees		6,500			
Rents & Concessions		19,000			
Ambulance Fees		3,800,000			
Franchise Agreement		225,000			
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)		40,000			
Fines, Fees & Court Costs		20,000			
Regional Jail Operations Partial Reimbursement		60,000			
Interest Earned		8,000			
Miscellaneous Revenue		25,000			
Sheriff's Commission		15,000			
Commissions		1,200			
Gaming Income		38,000			
Video Lottery		170,000			
Planning Commission Revenue		15,000			
Refunds/Reimbursements (External Sources)		40,000			
Sale of Fixed Assets		25,000			
Transfers Other Funds		2,237,377			
Emergency 911 Reimbursement		1,200,000			
Home Confinement Reimbursements		45,000			
General School Reimbursements		116,750			
Magistrate Court Reimbursements		18,000			
<b>Total Estimated General Fund Revenues</b>		<b>\$ 29,506,400</b>			

Personal Property	663,532,546	663,533	
Public Utility	634,915,671	634,916	
Total Class III	1,797,360	1,797,361	
Class IV			
Real Estate	133,611,430	10.00	133,611
Personal Property	98,662,987		98,663
Public Utility	50,459,365		50,459
Total Class IV	282,733,782		282,733
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 4,437,733,659		\$ 3,258,914
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		7.50%	244,419
Less Tax Discounts		1.50%	45,217
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes			\$ 2,969,278
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA COUNTY OF PUTNAM			
I, BRIAN WOOD, CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF SAID COUNTY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ARE TRUE COPIES FROM THE RECORD OF ORDERS MADE AND ENTERED BY SAID COMMISSION ON THE 25TH DAY OF MARCH 2025. BRIAN WOOD			
4-3-21			

I, Linda L. Gibson, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the 24th day of March, 2025.  
LINDA L. GIBSON  
City Recorder

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<b>FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026</b>					
<b>LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT</b>					
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPALITY OF HURRICANE, WEST VIRGINIA					
In accordance with Code § 11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:					
The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:					
<b>REVENUE SOURCE</b>					
Unassigned Fund Balance			1,400,000		
Property Taxes - Current Expense			1,277,700		
Prior Year Taxes			65,000		
Supplemental Taxes			105,000		
Tax Loss Restoration			500		
Property Taxes - Excess Levy			687,405		
Tax Penalties, Interest & Publication Fees			19,000		
Gas & Oil Severance Tax			30,000		
Excise Tax on Utilities			473,000		
Business and Occupation Tax			2,200,000		
Wine and Liquor Tax			70,000		
Hotel Occupancy Tax			135,000		
Sales Tax			1,900,000		
Fines, Fees & Court Costs			115,000		
Licenses			30,000		
Building Permit Fees			54,600		
Franchise Fees			30,000		
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)			265,000		
Parks & Recreation			85,000		
Landfill / Incinerator Fees			40,000		
Federal Government Grants			10,000		
State Government Grants			10,000		
Other Grants			115,500		
Contributions/Transfer from Other Entities			50,000		
Gaming Income			10,500		
Interest Earned on Investments			4,000		
Refunds			40,000		
Sale of Fixed Assets			5,000		
Sale of Materials			750		
Accident Reports			4,500		
Confiscated Property, Forfeiture/Seizure			10,000		
Video Lottery (LVL)			27,000		
Miscellaneous Revenues			50,000		
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)</b>			<b>\$ 9,319,455</b>		

<b>COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND</b>					
<b>REVENUE SOURCE</b>					
Assigned Fund Balance			\$ 50		
Coal Severance Tax			23,500		
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)</b>			<b>\$ 23,550</b>		
<b>ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES</b>					
Mayor's Office		\$ 583,222			
City Council		19,777			
Recorder's Office		12,176			
City Manager's Office		44,285			
Treasurer's Office		19,309			
Finance Office		151,243			
City Clerk's Office		2,498			
Police Judge's Office		6,709			
City Attorney		19,890			
Personnel Office		38,335			
Regional Development Authority		166,790			
Building Inspection		155,239			
Data Processing		32,517			
City Hall		477,650			
Parking		3,000			
Contingencies		100,000			
Police Department		3,257,394			
Fire Department		590,279			
Dog Warden/Humane Society		3,625			
Streets & Highways		1,696,131			
Street Lights		-		11,800	
Snow Removal		-		11,750	
Parks & Recreation		1,760,383			
Visitors Bureau		133,503			
Fair Associations/Festivals		34,500			
Library		6,000			
Aging Program (Senior Citizens)		5,000			
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$ 9,319,455</b>		<b>\$ 23,550</b>	

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 04 - Curry District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All that certain real estate situate in Curry District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and described as follows:

Lots Nos. 9, 10, 11 of Sunset Heights Subdivision as the same are laid out and shown on the map thereof of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Putnam County, West Virginia, each of said lots fronting 65 feet on Southwest Street and running back between parallel lines a distance of 244 feet. This conveyance is made subject to the following covenants and restrictions:

- Said property shall be used for residence purposes only and not more than one residence shall be constructed on each lot, no portion of the foundation of which nor automobile garage shall be closer than thirty-five (35) feet to Southwest Street. Said residence including garage (attached or detached) to cost not less than \$ 7,500.00 and is not to be occupied until the entire exterior thereof has been completed. Neither trailers, temporary structures, nor other "Makeshift" facilities shall be occupied as a residence, and no so-called "Jenny Lind" structures shall be erected or maintained on the premises. The exterior of any cinder block structure shall not be considered fully complete until it is either painted or stuccoed, and the exterior of any frame building will not be considered fully complete until it has received at least two coats of paint. No outbuildings or accessory buildings shall be constructed on said premises closer to Southwest Street than the foundation line of the dwelling and any outhouses or accessory building constructed on the premises shall not be used until completed and shall be neat and of good workmanlike appearance.
- Neither swine, cows nor goats shall be maintained on the premises or any part thereof. Chickens may be maintained on the premises provided they are kept to the rear of the residence and kept in a sanitary manner.
- Residences shall be connected to a sanitary sewer system or a sanitary septic tank which is built and maintained in compliance with the West Virginia sanitation laws and regulations, and no outdoor toilets shall be permitted in any event.
- A water drain line at least eight (8) inches in diameter shall be installed by the grantees in the drainage ditch of the abutting street at the intersection thereof with each driveway leading to the premises. Said drain shall extend for a sufficient length beyond the width of any driveway to prevent clogging and shall be not less than twenty feet long in any event. It shall be the duty of the owner of said premises to keep said drain line under said driveway free and open to repair and replace same when necessary. Said drain shall be installed prior to the entry on the premises of bulldozers, trucks, heavy equipment and other vehicles for construction purposes.
- No sign or other advertising media shall be displayed on the premises and grantor or any owner in said subdivision may remove same in person or by agent without process of law.

This conveyance is further made subject to a present lease on said property for oil and gas between the parties of the first and Webster Myers, which oil and gas leases is dated August 14, 1951, and of record in said Clerk's office in Lease Book 45, page 201.

Saving and excepting the outconveyance of 0.4643 acres, more or less, of record in Deed Book 334, Page 662.

This conveyance is made subject to any and all covenants, restrictions, easements and reservations which may be a matter of record in the Clerk's office aforesaid and running with the land.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 111 Southwest St, Hurricane, WV 25526. The referenced real estate will be conveyed with no covenants of warranty, and subject to all covenants, restrictions, easements, rights of way and reservations which may be a matter of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or visible upon the ground, all prior liens and encumbrances, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, incinerator, sanitary and sewer charges. The purchasers at the sale shall be responsible for paying the recording costs and also the tax on the privilege of transferring real property (the cost of the tax stamp to be affixed to the deed). The purchasers shall be responsible for payment of all real estate taxes.

The subject property will be sold

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<b>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</b>					
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>					
County Commission	\$ 732,786	-			
County Clerk	977,882	-			
Circuit Clerk	613,194	-			
Sheriff - Treasurer	732,753	-			
Prosecuting Attorney	1,335,017	-			
Assessor	568,887	-			
Statewide Computer Network	90,000	-			
Fiduciary Supervisor	176,649	-			
Agricultural Agent	70,560	-			
Elections - County Clerk	410,202	-			
Magistrate Court	1,000	-			
Circuit Court	14,000	-			
Civil Service	1,100	-			
Courthouse	1,249,162	-			
Other Buildings	1,843,134	-			
Data Processing	228,000	-			
Regional Development Authority	18,301	-			
Economic Development	5,000	-			
Industrial Development	215,000	-			
Public Works Department	659,578	-			
Rehabilitation of Property	50,000	-			
Planning & Zoning	469,867	-			
Litigation Reserve	50,000	-			
County Clerk Operations	19,308	-			
Contingencies - Not to Exceed 10% of Budget	400,000	-			
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>10,976,380</b>	<b>-</b>			
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>					
Sheriff - Law Enforcement	4,649,273	-			
Sheriff - Service of Process	122,319	-			
Regional Jail	1,200,000	-			
Home Confinement	276,266	-			
Emergency Services	384,291	-			
Communications Center	1,904,933	-			
Fire Department	1,525,990	-			
Fire Coordinator	259,387	-			
Ambulance Authority	5,108,932	-			
Dog Warden/Humane Society	875,976	-			
Central Garage	167,211	-			
Courthouse Security	601,042	-			
Community Based Corrections Program	180,000	-			
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>17,246,620</b>	<b>-</b>			
<b>HEALTH AND SANITATION</b>					
Local Health Department	50,000	-			
Mental Health	6,400	-			
Water	185,000	102,000			
<b>TOTAL HEALTH AND SANITATION</b>	<b>241,400</b>	<b>102,000</b>			
<b>CULTURE AND RECREATION</b>					
Parks & Recreation	385,000	-			
4-H Camp	12,000	-			
Fair Associations/Festivals	10,000	-			
Library	320,000	-			
<b>TOTAL CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>	<b>727,000</b>	<b>-</b>			
<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>					
Sheriff-Law Enforcement	250,000	-			
Ambulance	65,000	-			
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>315,000</b>	<b>-</b>			
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 29,506,400</b>	<b>\$ 102,000</b>			

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<b>MUNICIPALITY OF HURRICANE, WEST VIRGINIA</b>					
<b>REGULAR CURRENT EXPENSE LEVY</b>					
<b>FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026</b>					
Certificate of Valuation					
	Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied		
Class I					
Personal Property	\$ -	12.50	\$ -		
Public Utilities	-	-	-		
Total Class I	-	-	-		
Class II					
Real Estate	257,008,020	25.00	642,520		
Personal Property	145,416	-	364		
Total Class II	257,153,436	-	642,884		
Class IV					
Real Estate	76,632,330	50.00	383,162		
Personal Property	53,004,970	-	265,025		
Public Utilities	37,126,711	-	185,634		
Total Class IV	166,764,011	-	833,162		
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 423,917,447		\$ 1,476,705		
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes		5.00%	73,835		
Less Tax Discounts		2.00%	28,057		

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<b>FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026</b>	
<b>LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT</b>	
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA	
MUNICIPALITY OF BUFFALO, WEST VIRGINIA	
In accordance with Code § 11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:	
The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:	
<b>REVENUE SOURCE</b>	
Unassigned Fund Balance	450,000
Property Taxes - Current Expense	91,756
Gas & Oil Severance Tax	4,000
Excise Tax on Utilities	60,000
Business and Occupation Tax	100,000
Fines, Fees & Court Costs	1,500
Licenses	500
Franchise Fees	1,000
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	15,000
Rents, Royalties and Concessions	10,000
Gaming Income	12,000
Interest Earned on Investments	150
Video Lottery (LVL)	500
Miscellaneous Revenues	2,500
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)</b>	<b>\$ 748,906</b>

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<b>COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND</b>	
<b>REVENUE SOURCE</b>	
Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 1,500
Coal Severance Tax	4,000
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)</b>	<b>\$ 5,500</b>

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<b>ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES</b>	
Mayor's Office	12,300
City Council	9,050
Recorder's Office	8,725
City Attorney	5,000
Engineering	5,000
Rehabilitation of Property	15,000
Regional Development Authority	500
City Hall	114,631
Other Buildings	15,000
Contingencies	50,000
Police Department	86,800
Police Special Duty	34,000
Street & Highways	78,600
Street Lights	16,000
Signs & Signals	5,800
Parks & Recreation	107,500
Fair Associations/Festivals	15,000
Library	5,000
Beautification Programs	15,000
Capital Projects - General Government	150,000
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 748,906</b>

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MUNICIPALITY OF BUFFALO, WEST VIRGINIA	
Regular Current Expense Levy	
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026	
Certificate of Valuation	
Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100
Taxes Levied	
Class I	
Personal Property	\$ -
Public Utilities	-
Total Class I	-
Class II	
Real Estate	20,022,300
Personal Property	386,446
Total Class II	20,408,746

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT	
Class IV	
Real Estate	4,948,740
Personal Property	3,604,275
Public Utilities	1,356,244
Total Class IV	9,909,259
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 30,318,005
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes	5.00% 5,028
Less Tax Discounts	2.00% 1,911
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable)	0
Total Projected Property Tax Collection	93,629
Less Assessor's Valuation Fund (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)	2.00% 1,873
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes	\$ 91,756
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA	
COUNTY OF PUTNAM	
MUNICIPALITY OF BUFFALO	

I, Ashley M Craig, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of the orders made and entered by the council of said municipality on the 26th day of March 2025.

Ashley Craig  
Recorder  
4-3-2t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT	
<b>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF WINFIELD PLANNING COMMISSION</b>	
The Winfield Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 PM, on Monday, May 5, 2025 at City Hall at 12448 Winfield Road, Winfield, West Virginia, to consider the following:	
2024-2025-23 Pre Subdivision Application of L.O.T. Investments LLC requesting permission to subdivide 3.996 acres to create 14 lots. Property is zoned R1 Single Family Residential and is located at 241 Winfield Avenue, Winfield, WV 25213.	2024-2025-22 Pre Subdivision Application of First Avenue Properties LLC requesting permission to subdivide 2.919 acres to create 15 lots. Property is zoned R1 Single Family Residential and is located at the intersection of Winfield Avenue and Long Street, Winfield, WV 25213.
Tax Map 184 Parcel 54.1, Deed Book 625; Page No 313	Tax Map 184 Parcels 33 & 34, Deed Book 625; Page No 223
Interested parties are invited to attend this hearing and express their opinion with respect thereto, or submit their opinion in writing, to City of Winfield, P.O. Box 596, 12448 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213. The file is available for your inspection at City Hall, or if you have any questions, you may call the staff at (304) 586-2122 during normal office hours. Time permitting, after the hearing the Commission will vote. Otherwise, they will announce the time, date and place of such a vote. Anyone wishing a transcript of this hearing should provide the necessary equipment and personnel for such.	Interested parties are invited to attend this hearing and express their opinion with respect thereto, or submit their opinion in writing, to City of Winfield, P.O. Box 596, 12448 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213. The file is available for your inspection at City Hall, or if you have any questions, you may call the staff at (304) 586-2122 during normal office hours. Time permitting, after the hearing the Commission will vote. Otherwise, they will announce the time, date and place of such a vote. Anyone wishing a transcript of this hearing should provide the necessary equipment and personnel for such.
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**EASTER SUNDAY IS APRIL 27TH**

# Obituaries

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**MICHELLE DAWN YOUNG**  
Michelle Dawn Young, 43, of Red House, passed away on Sunday, March 23, 2025 at Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington KY, after fighting a 4 year long health battle.

She was born on July 17, 1981 to Marilyn Sue Young and the late William M. Young. In addition to her father, she was also preceded in death by her brother, Dustin Young; her maternal grandparents: Orpha and Betty Witt; paternal grandparents: William and Maggie Young. Michelle is survived by her daughter, Mackenzie J. Jordan; mother, Marilyn Sue Young and her special partner, Jeremy Barnett; aunts and uncles: Rick (Sheryl) Witt, Mike (Linda) Young, Phillip (Teresa) Young and Jeff (Stella) Young; as well as other family members.

A Celebration of Michelle's Life was held Sunday, March 30, 2025 at Chapman Funeral Home, Winfield.

**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT**

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

To: Magistrate Court Case No.: 25-M40D-00042  
Billy Ray Rose  
Respondent's Name  
695 Teays Hollow Rd  
Hurrucane WV 25526  
Address  
1-6-1975  
Date of Birth

Family Court Civil Action No.: 25-DV-36

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

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

**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:**

It appearing by evidence duly taken in this action that you could not be found in or that you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of the ORDER referenced above, a copy of the Petition and Order may be obtained at the Putnam County Circuit Clerk's office. This PROTECTIVE ORDER will remain in effect until 8-25-2025.

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

Issued this 31st day of March, 2025.  
STEPHANIE SMITH/jp  
Circuit Clerk  
4-3-1tw

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# Call for Vendors!

## MAIN STREET SPRING FESTIVAL

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





SQUIRE PARSONS, JR.  
P.O. Box 279  
Leicester, North Carolina  
77th Birthday April 4

JAMES RAINES  
Route 2, Box 268  
#14 Camelot Drive  
Red House  
62nd Birthday April 6

VIRGIL PARSONS  
358 Walgrove Road  
Elkview  
83rd Birthday April 4

REV GERRY WHITE  
Charleston  
62nd Birthday April 6

DR ARTHUR STANLEY  
MAYNARD  
Greensboro, North  
Carolina  
83rd Birthday April 4

ISRAEL DAVID "IZZY"  
DILLARD  
Nepal  
10th Birthday April 6

APRIL JACKSON  
#35 Timothy Lane  
Milton  
60th Birthday April 4

BETTY THOMPSON  
BURKE  
190 McDevitt Road  
Beaver Falls,  
Pennsylvania  
75th Birthday April 6

SHAWN GUE  
Spencer  
Birthday April 4

JIMMY GRANT  
Huntington  
28th Birthday April 6

LOUISE ROMINE  
BRAMMER  
7403 Catherine Street  
Murfreesboro, Tennessee  
85th Birthday April 4

CARL "TONY"  
RAMELLA JR  
Ohio  
77th Birthday April 7

ROGER JOHNSON  
21 Damon Avenue  
Milton  
Birthday April 4

DAVID LEE  
LINCOLNOGGER  
Hephzibah, Georgia  
40th Birthday April 7

RONNIE HOOVER  
867 Saunders Hollow  
Road  
Barboursville  
Birthday April 4

EMMA LEE  
MORRISON  
2310 Joy Lane  
Culloden  
84th Birthday April 7

SHELLY BROOKS  
#5 Sun Watch  
Barboursville  
48th Birthday April 4

KENT CARPER  
500 Tracy Way  
Charleston  
73rd Birthday April 7

MADDOX FRAZIER  
AKERS  
Frazier's Bottom  
5th Birthday April 4

KATHY CARRICO  
105 Alma Avenue  
South Point, Ohio  
50th Birthday April 8

DARLENE GIBSON  
BAILEY  
Lesage  
73rd Birthday April 5

BARBARA ANN DAVIS  
ROOPER  
244 Teays Lane  
Hurricane  
75th Birthday April 8

SUSAN HENSON  
THOMPSON  
403 Edgewood Road  
Hurricane  
76th Birthday April 5

NOLAN SCOTT  
DUNCAN  
206 Geronimo Drive  
St. Albans  
21st Birthday April 8

LAURA SUE BIAS  
46 MacKenzie Court  
Milton  
77th Birthday April 5

CLARENCE  
WOODWORTH  
56 6th Street  
Culloden  
78th Birthday April 8

DEREK JEFFREY NEAL  
Milton  
27th Birthday April 6

JOHN SCHNEIDER

### Easter Egg Hunt In Frazier's Bottom

Frazier's Bottom Methodist Church, located at 1 Church Drive, Fraizer's Bottom, will have an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 13, at 1:30pm. Lot's of refreshments, prizes, and fun for all the children. For complete details, check out the church Facebook Page. Everyone Welcome.

### Buffalo Methodist To Host Easter Egg Hunt

Buffalo Methodist Church, located at 27 High St., Buffalo, in the Historic Square, will have an Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday, April 9, at 6 p.m.

There will be pizza, snacks, drinks, and prizes for the kids. Check out the Church's Facebook page for details.

Mt. Kisco, New York  
65th Birthday April 8

VIOLET SMITH  
200 Chickasaw Court  
Ashland, Kentucky  
90th Birthday April 9

MARY BLACK HARPER  
Scott Depot  
72nd Birthday April 9

GLENN BECKETT  
2851 Buff Creek  
Hurricane  
76th Birthday April 9

GENE YOUNG  
2062 Woodard Street  
Culloden  
94th Birthday April 9

ANTHONY QUEEN  
Winfield  
21st Birthday April 9

ROY GIBSON  
44 Sawmill Road  
Culloden  
74th Birthday April 9

ZALINA WOODARD  
6423 Hurricane Creek  
Road  
Hurricane  
81st Birthday April 9

ROSALIE RAINES  
Route 2, Box 268  
Red House  
24th Birthday April 10

KIM ORDERS LEWIS  
2039 Parkwood Road  
Charleston  
64th Birthday April 10

AIDEN CARLSON  
#15 Poplar Hill  
Hurricane  
17th Birthday April 10

ANDREA MARIE  
YOUNG CAMPBELL  
Florida  
40th Birthday April 10

NONDRA WRAY  
SHARF  
Hurricane  
76th Birthday April 10

REV RONNIE BROWN  
505 5 & 20 Mile Road  
Frazier's Bottom  
78th Birthday April 10

MARCIA WALKER  
GUE  
510 Old Hickory Blvd.,  
Apt. 601  
Nashville, Tennessee  
50th Birthday April 10

JASMINE LOFTON  
Lexington, Kentucky  
Birthday April 10

BLAIRE AKERS  
Frazier's Bottom  
11th Birthday April 10

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Frazier's Bottom  
11th Birthday April 10

BRENNNA SELENE  
COLLARD  
Morgantown  
8th Birthday April 10

### Vintage Fire Truck Restoration Fundraiser

There will be an ATV/Jeep/4Wheeler benefit ride to benefit the restoration of a vintage Buffalo Fire Truck on Saturday, April 26. Registration will start at the Buffalo Boat ramp parking area at 8 a.m. and will have a mapped out route that brings you right back where you started. There will be food sales starting at 8 a.m. until sell out; items include sausage biscuits, peperoni rolls, hot dogs, baked goods, and drinks. The ride starts at noon. The cost is \$10 per rider.

All funds donated will go towards the restoration of the 1939 General Built Co Fire truck that served as the Town of Buffalo Volunteer Fire Department's first ever fire truck. All labor work has been donated but the cost of parts and paint need to be fundraised!

Upon completion, the fire truck will be used as a restored piece of town history and driven in annual parades.

Parking is also available behind the Buffalo Fire Station, as well as overflow parking at the OLD Buffalo High School Parking lot. There will be plenty of room to haul them in!

### Lego Club at Hurricane Library

The Putnam County Library is building a Lego Club and wants you to help them! On Tuesday, April 8, at 3 p.m., the library is sharing their collection of Lego blocks with you to construct something for display at the Hurricane Library. You choose what you build this time, and you can suggest what the next challenge theme should be. The Hurricane Library can't wait to help you build something amazing!

### Happy Anniversary

Rev. Joel Scott and Rev. Victoria Iloff Osteen of Houston, Texas, will celebrate their thirty-eighth wedding anniversary on April 4.

Bob and Susan Jividen Higginbotham of 132 Margaret Street in Poca will celebrate their seventeenth wedding anniversary on April 4.

Randy and Sherrie Gillispie Setliff of Culloden will celebrate their thirty-eighth wedding anniversary on April 4.

Mike and Debbie Kessler Sparks of 2601 Larwood Drive in Charleston will celebrate their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary on April 4.

Buddy and Dawn Synder Franklin of Spanish Fort, Alabama, will celebrate their fourteenth wedding anniversary on April 4.

Dallas and Sue Young of 1923 US Highway 60 in Culloden will celebrate their eighteenth wedding anniversary on April 5.

George W. and Laura Bush of Texas will celebrate their forty-seventh wedding anniversary on April 5.

Gene and Charlotte Young of 2062 Woodard Street in Culloden will celebrate their seventeenth wedding anniversary on

### Happy Birthday



Barbara Ann Rooper of Teays Lane will be celebrating her 75th Birthday on April 8th!

### Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) is pleased to announce the return of the West Virginia Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP).

The SFMNP is designed to help low-income senior citizens access fresh, local fruit and vegetables. Seniors sign up for the vouchers at their county-level senior center. Applications will be available after June 1st.

Farmers wishing to participate in the program should note that applications are currently available and due no later than APRIL 15th, 2025. Information and applications can be found at Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program: West Virginia Department of Agriculture (wv.gov).

For more information, contact SeniorFarmersMarket@wvda.us or Amanda Kittel at akittel@wvda.us or 304-558-2210.

### Salad Greens Workshop

Spring has sprung and so have the salad greens! Come to the Putnam County Main Library on Saturday, April 5 at 10 a.m., and try different recipes.

April 5.

Mike and Pamela McCallister of Hurricane will celebrate their forty-sixth wedding anniversary on April 5.

Scott and Connie Henderson of 2621 Montana Avenue in Hurricane will celebrate their wedding anniversary on April 6.

Alan and Johanna Trent of Asheboro, North Carolina, will celebrate their fortieth wedding anniversary on April 6.

Rusty and Karen Pauley of 283 Jones Cove in Hurricane will celebrate their twenty-fourth wedding anniversary on April 7.

Chuck and Leigh McCreery of 219 Woody Oak Drive in Milton will celebrate their wedding anniversary on April 10.

Jeff and Anna Smith of 2763 Washington Blvd. in Huntington will celebrate their forty-fifth wedding anniversary on April 10.

Daniel Keith and Miranda Jividen of Poca will celebrate their fourth wedding anniversary on April 10.

Jarrod and Hanna Hage Childers of Hurricane will celebrate their twelfth wedding anniversary on April 10.

### Forrest Burdette UMC Easter Egg Orders

The Forrest Burdette United Methodist Women are taking orders for decorated candy Easter Eggs. Each spring since 1969, this group of women have hand crafted half pound candy eggs in flavors of coconut, cherry nut, maple nut, vanilla and the most popular, peanut butter. They are dipped in either milk chocolate or dark chocolate then decorated with a pretty flower.

These delicious eggs can be purchased for \$5.00 at the Spring Fling at Forrest Burdette from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 12. The event will feature vendors with a wide variety of merchandise. Lunch will be available with hotdogs, barbecue and drinks as well as many baked goodies.

Advance orders may be placed by calling the church at 304-562-5903 or by email to office@forrestburdette.com

The church is located at 2848 Virginia Avenue in Hurricane.

### Buffalo Holy Week Services

Buffalo Churches will hold their annual Holy Week Services April 13-16. The services will be held at Faith Christian Fellowship, April 13 at 6 p.m.; Buffalo Methodist April 14 at 7 p.m., Buffalo Historical Square Church, April 15 at 7 p.m., and Buffalo Church of God, April 16 at 7 p.m.

Check out the Buffalo Community Churches Facebook Page for complete details.

### Free Dump Days

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

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



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