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## Toyota in Buffalo Named State's Most Desired Employer

By Ron Allen

Approximately 95% of the emails which the Breeze receives are junk. It is rare when the contents of an email prove to be an item of general interest to Breeze readers and is also news which has not been or will not be widely circulated by other media. I recently received such an email.

The subject line read: *Toyota Motor Manufacturing West Virginia Named West Virginia's Most Coveted Employer, Survey Finds.* Toyota Motor Manufacturing means Buffalo, West Virginia. That Toyota should be the most desirable employer in the entire State of West Virginia is noteworthy. WVU Medicine was named second most coveted.

The email directed me to an article posted at <https://career minds.com/blog/retention-revolution>.

The article stated that money is a draw, but it is not the only thing that makes an employer stand out. Benefits like stellar health insurance, paid time off, or even quirky extras like free snacks can be just as important.

Careerminds, a global outplacement and career development firm, polled 3,023 workers in the U.S. to determine what it takes to be a top rated employer. Toyota was No. 1 in West Virginia because "Toyota in Buffalo offers 16 paid holidays-including weeks in July and at Christmas -strong healthcare, vehicle discounts, and paid technical training through local college partnerships. Since arriving 25 years ago, Toyota has stood out in West Virginia with stable, well-paid jobs and 'amazing benefits.' Its investment in skill development creates career pathways, matching perks at global plants and fostering a supportive

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## Tim Hanna Loses Interim Title

By Ron Allen

Tim Hanna has been executing the duties of County Manager on an interim basis ever since Jeremy Young resigned as Putnam County Manager to take the County Manager's position in Kanawha County in October of last year.

At the March 25, 2025, Putnam County Commission meeting, county commission president Andy Skidmore announced that "interim" was no longer an appropriate term for Hanna. Tim Hanna is now Putnam's County Manager.

Hanna has been an employee of the Putnam County Commission since 2017 when he hired as Project Coordinator for writing grants and managing grant related projects. In 2022, he was promoted to Assistant County Manager.

Hanna is a lifelong Putnam County resident and a 1998 graduate of Poca High School. He earned a BA from Marshall



Tim Hanna

University in 2003. Prior to working for the Putnam County Commission, Hanna worked for the WV Division of Justice and Community Services where he managed statewide grant programs. He then went on to work for the WV Supreme Court of Appeals where he worked to develop and train new Adult and Juvenile Drug Courts for the Division of Probation Services.

Hanna is married to Brooke Hanna. The couple have two daughters, Scarlett Hanna (16) and Lily Hanna (14), who attend Hurricane High School.

## Hummingbird Report



I put two delicatessen hummingbird feeders out on Saturday, April 12th. All day I looked out the windows, anxiously looking to see a hummingbird. No luck.

On Sunday at 11:42, my first one landed at the front feeder. It was a Ruby-redthroat and it sat and ate out of one hole and moved over to another hole and sipped out of it. A couple hours later I saw another bird come and eat but it's back was turned towards me. It may have been the same bird. It really made

itself at home. It sipped and looked up, sipped and looked up. I told the bird, "You don't know it, but I love you!" It was looking for another customer - probably anxious to start fighting. I was thrilled again with the sighting of my first little favorite bird! I hurried to tell George. He could tell by my excitement that I had seen a bird. It's always a big drama-event for me! No one could love feeding and watching the birds as much as I do! I miss calling Mom and Cookie to tell them about my first sighting.

I keep a record of my little birdies. The earliest I've ever seen one here was April 9, 2015.

On April 13, 2019, I had 2 hummingbirds eating at

## Disc Golf Tournament Brings Visitors to County



More than five thousand dollars in prize money was on the line for the professionals competing at Bridge Park.

By Ron Allen

The City of Hurricane was the scene of the Discraft Presents: Putting the Pieces Together Powered by Martin's Peterbilt and the City of Hurricane disc golf tournament on Saturday, April 12th.

The professionals teed off at the Bridge Park course while the amateurs

utilized the Valley Park course. The event was a PDGA B-Tier Event with 148 total participants including 35 pros from 7 states and Canada. PDGA B-Tier events are limited to PDGA members and must be at least 36 holes. The total payout must be at least 100% of entry fees plus an additional \$750

minimum. The pro payout for the event was \$5,628.

Despite the fact that a disc is not a ball and an elevated metal basket is not a hole, disc golf shares terminology with golf and is scored in like manner. Par for the 18 holes at Bridge Park is 59. The top finishing pro was Corey Ellis of Barboursville with

a 36 hole 15 under par and \$950 winnings. Ellis, 2023 Euro Open Champion, beat second place finisher Nate Hecker of Bellefontaine, OH, by one stroke. Hecker won \$640 for his efforts. Top female finisher was Brook Johnson of White Sulphur Springs. Her 17 over par finish earned her

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## Easter Egg Time at Hurricane First Church of the Nazarene



Children enjoy the frantic search for Easter eggs.

By Betsy Allen

A stampede of candy crazed children galloped over the field behind the Hurricane First Church of the Nazarene in search of eggs during the church's annual egg hunt this past Saturday, April 12.

Over 4,000 eggs - a thousand more than last year's event - were scattered over two designated areas, one for children ages 0 - 5 and one for ages 6 and up. Each egg contained a prize of candy, toys, or money. The egg hunt was open to all in the

community. After all the eggs were found and gathered up, children and their families could enjoy roasting hot dogs at a stone fire pit.

one time. That's the only way a person can tell how many they have. Some people count the same bird over and over and report that they have dozens. We all know there aren't that many in the beginning.

## Forrest Burdette Easter Eggs - A 56-Year Tradition



Debbie Kahre, Heather Cortellesi, Melinda Woodell, Pam Gregory, and Belinda Minor mold cherry nut eggs. (Photo courtesy of Forrest Burdette UMC Facebook Page)

By Betsy Allen

Making Easter eggs is a time-honored tradition at Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church

in Hurricane. For the past fifty-six years, the United Methodist Women at the

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There were also games, inflatables, and other amusements.

The Hurricane First Church of the Nazarene will be holding a special Son Rise service on Easter Sunday at Valley Park at 7 a.m. Easter Sunday services will begin at 10:40 a.m. at the church.

### WEATHER SUMMARY

April 8 -14

Low High

April 8 Hurricane 24° 43°

April 9 Hurricane 20° 57°

April 10\* Hurricane 37° 60°

April 11 Hurricane 36° 41°

April 12 Hurricane 30° 52°

April 13 Hurricane 25° 62°

April 14\* Hurricane 40° 80°

\*RAIN

0.1 inch recorded April 10

0.4 inch recorded April 14

## 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.

### NOW - APRIL 19

- Mount Union Church, 19268 Jerry's Run Road, Pliny, will be holding Holy Week Services at 7 p.m. nightly.

### APRIL 17

- Mountain State Flower Farm in Poca will be holding an Easter centerpiece workshop at 6 p.m. To register, go to <https://www.mountainstateflowerfarm.com/shop/easter-centerpiece-workshop-thursday-41725>

- "The Living Last Supper" will be presented Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m., at Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, 2848 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane.

- Tale and Trail, an Easter event for families, will be held from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane. This event is hosted by RidgeKids Teays Valley.

- The Larch Family will be singing at 7 p.m. at Sycamore Missionary Baptist Church, 5832 Sycamore Road, Hurricane.

### APRIL 18

- The Bridge Church, 279 Dairy Road, Poca, will be holding a Good Friday service starting at 6:30 p.m.

- The Chapel, located at 501 Roosevelt Blvd. in the former Eleanor Fruth building, will be having Good Friday services at 7 p.m.

- The Pulse Church, 5368 WV Route 34, Winfield, will be holding Good Friday services at 8 p.m.

- Creekside Church, 488 Charleys Creek Road, Culloden, will be holding a Good Friday Service starting at 6:30 p.m.

- St. Timothy's in the Valley Episcopal Church, 3432 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, will be having Good Friday evening worship at 6:30 p.m.

- Magician and Comedian Joey Stepp will be coming to the Zoology Zone Science Center,

located at Valley Park in Hurricane, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$30. For tickets, go to <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/adult-comedy-night>

### APRIL 19

- The Charleston Vintage Fest will be held from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Beni Kedem Temple, 100 Quarrier St, Charleston.

- Mount Union Church, 19268 Jerry's Run Road, Pliny, will be holding their annual pancake breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt starting at 8:30 a.m.

- There will be a women's clothing swap from 1 to 4 p.m. at Bake My Day, 14 Bank Street, Nitro.

- Oakwood Homes of Nitro will be holding an Easter Egg-Stravaganza starting at 10 a.m. Meet the Easter Bunny; egg hunt at 2 p.m.

- Harvest Chapel, 402 Main Avenue, Nitro, will be holding Pancakes With the Easter Bunny from 10 a.m. to noon.

- The Bridge Church, 279 Dairy Road, Poca, will be hosting Praise Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. Food trucks, inflatables, games, and more.

- Harmons Creek Church of the Nazarene, 710 Harmons Creek, Poca, will be holding brunch at 10 a.m. and an Easter egg hunt at noon.

- The Town of Eleanor Annual Easter Breakfast will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at the town park behind the fire station, and the Town's Easter Egg Hunt will begin at noon behind beside the fire station.

- The play "Peter's Forgiveness" will be performed at 6 p.m. at Bancroft Mission, 5936 Charleston Road, Bancroft.

- The Elk River Boots and Saddle Club Open All Breed Horse Show will start at noon at the Winfield Riding Club. For more information, call (304) 586-4247.

- The Pulse Church will be holding an Easter egg hunt from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Winfield Riding Club.

- There will be an Easter egg hunt at 3 p.m. at Providence Baptist Church, 229 Rocky Step Road, Scott Depot.

- The Bridge Church, 6496 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, will be holding a parking lot sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- The Great Easter Egg Hunt will start at 11 a.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane near the large shelter. There will be crafts and face painting from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- The Fudge Off will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane.

- Cops N Rodders Classic Car Club will be holding a cruise-in from 5 p.m. to dusk at the Putnam County Bank parking lot behind the Hurricane McDonalds.

- There will be a bicycle swap meet from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hurricane City Park.

### APRIL 20

- The First Baptist Church of Nitro, 2200 2nd Avenue, Nitro, will be holding an Easter Cantata at 11 a.m.

- Cross of Grace Lutheran Church will be holding Easter Sunday worship and brunch starting at 9:15 a.m. at 3057 Mount Vernon Road, Scott Depot.

- King's River Minisries, 777 Mallory Lane N, St. Albans, will be having an Easter sermon entitled "Gardens, Graves, and Glory," at 10 a.m.

- The First Baptist Church of Nitro, 2200 2nd

## WV Spring Gobbler Season to Open April 21

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) today announced that turkey hunting will return to West Virginia on April 21 when the spring gobbler season opens across the state.

During the season, which will run for five weeks until May 25, hunters may harvest one bearded bird per day with a season bag limit of two. All hunters 15 and older are required to have a valid West Virginia hunting license, unless they are hunting under resident landowner privileges, and must carry a valid form of identification while hunting. A West Virginia hunting license can be purchased at WWhunt.com.

"Spring gobbler season is a time-honored tradition in West Virginia, offering hunters an exciting challenge and a chance to connect with nature," said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion. "As hunters prepare for their hunts in the coming weeks, we want to urge them to take advantage of the youth season because it's a great opportunity to introduce kids to the joys of hunting and make lasting memories together."

West Virginia's two-day youth spring gobbler season is set to open April 19. During the season, youth hunters ages 8-17 may harvest one bearded bird per day, which counts towards their season bag limit of two. Youth hunters 8-14 must be accompanied by a licensed and unarmed

adult, who must remain close enough to render advice and assistance. Youth hunters 15-17 must comply with all licensing requirements.

Hunters are reminded that hunting turkeys over bait and killing hens without beards is illegal during the spring season. Turkey hunters are encouraged to report any such activity to their local Natural Resource Police Officer or call 911 to report the violation. The West Virginia Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation pays a \$100 reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of anyone killing a turkey illegally.

For more information about the youth and regular spring gobbler seasons, check page 43-44 of the West Virginia Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary, available to download at [WVdnr.gov/hunting-regulations](http://WVdnr.gov/hunting-regulations).

Spring Gobbler Survey Hunters are also encouraged to participate in the WVDNR's spring gobbler survey, which helps wildlife biologists gather information for managing the state's wild turkey population. Hunters are encouraged to complete the survey through the Survey123 mobile or desktop app. Additional information about this year's survey will be emailed to turkey hunters and posted on the WVDNR website once the season starts. To learn more about the survey, visit [WVdnr.gov/surveys](http://WVdnr.gov/surveys)

Avenue, will be holding their Easter Cantata "Amazing Love - How Can It Be?" starting at 11 a.m.

- The Bridge Church, 279 Dairy Road, Poca, will be holding Easter services at 10:45 a.m.

- Bancroft Mission will be having an Easter egg hunt at 2 p.m. at the Bancroft Park.

- Hometown Apostolic Church, 47 2nd Avenue S, Hometown, will be having Easter services at 11 a.m.

- Grace Life Church, 93 Joy Lane, Culloden, will be holding Resurrection Sunday services starting at 10 a.m.

- Open Door Bible Church, 6711 WV Route 34, Culloden, will be holding a Resurrection Egg Hunt at noon. Sunday School starts at 10 a.m.; worship service at 11 a.m.

- First Baptist Church of Hurricane, located on Main Street, will be holding Easter services at 8:50 a.m. (traditional) and 11 a.m. (contemporary). Sunday school classes at 10 a.m. for all ages.

- Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, located on Putnam Avenue, will be having Easter services at 10:30 a.m.

### APRIL 21

- The Nitro Women's Club, 2205 2nd Avenue and 23rd Street, will be holding a self-defense class at 6 p.m. Bring a canned good for the blessing box.

- Rachel from WVU's Putnam County Extension Office will host her first "Chicken Chat" of the season at 4 p.m. at the Eleanor Library.

### APRIL 22

- For Earth Day, the WV Department of Transportation will be teaching about keeping West Virginia clean, including a hands-on activity, at the Eleanor Library at 11 a.m.

- There will be a ribbon cutting at 2 p.m.

for MadeBy Pottery, 2805 Main Street, Hurricane.

### APRIL 23 - 26

- The Nitro Antique Car Club Spring Swap Meet will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday through Friday, and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday at the Winfield Riding Club.

### APRIL 23

- The Buffalo Church of the Nazarene, 25053 Buffalo Road, will be packing backpacks at 6 p.m.

### APRIL 24

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

- The next Business After Hours sponsored by The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce will be hosted by Backpack Buddy at Teays Valley Church of the Nazarene from 5 to 7 p.m. RSVP by calling 304-757-6510.

### APRIL 25

- The Rowseys will be performing at 7 p.m. at Valley View Free Will Baptist Church, 2499 Virginia Avenue, Hurricane.

### APRIL 25 - 26

- There will be a yard sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday at Putnam Aging, 2558 Winfield Road, St. Albans. Proceeds benefit Senior Olympics participant fees.

### APRIL 26

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

- There will be a seed and plant swap from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Poca Library.

- There will be an ATV/Jeep/4Wheeler benefit ride for vintage Buffalo Fire Truck restoration. The ride will start at the Buffalo Boat ramp parking area at 8 a.m. The cost is \$10 per rider.

## The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

*"Long, long ago in a land far away,*

*There came the dawn of the first Easter Day.*

*And each year we see that promise reborn*

*That God gave the world on that first Easter Morn...*

*For in each waking flower and each singing bird,*

*The Promise of Easter is witnessed and heard,*

*And Spring is God's way of speaking to men*

*And renewing the promise of Easter again,*

*For death is a season that man must pass through*

*And, just like the flowers, God wakens him too...*

*So why should we grieve when our loved ones die,*

*For we'll meet them again in a cloudless sky...*

*For Easter is more than a beautiful story,*

*It is the promise of life and Eternal Glory."*

— Helen Steiner Rice

I love Easter. It has been one of my favorite holidays since I was a little girl.

I can "picture" the dresses I wore... new shoes and socks and hats... Later, I remember standing in my Mama Coyner's front yard in a lovely spring light blue coat and tiny heels... it is imprinted on my mind.

When my children were growing up, they dressed up in new clothes for Easter Sunday, a celebration indeed. They were so cute. We would attend church in Ohio before driving to WV to celebrate with our families. Sometimes, we drove in on Saturday night and spent the night. That was seldom because we didn't want to leave the church we were starting and building...

Easter Baskets with candy... oh, I remember

when the kids' bunnies melted in the car while at the grandparents... I went the following day and bought more. My favorite was those yellow fuzzy bunnies... I haven't had those in years... will look for them.

Easter was a favorite, and my hymn of choice has always been "Because He Lives." The choir director chose that one when we were in town because she knew I loved it... I still do. I haven't heard that in a long time. I do watch church online, but...

Spending time with family was important to us on Easter. If we came the night before, we attended with the Burkes at Mount Vernon Baptist... that was fun because we were married in that lovely church. Oh, those days take me back.

Little Nathan and Kathy holding their baskets in the car... maybe a stuffed animal or two... books always in their baskets... as we sped through the traffic to reach WV. (My mother always put books in my baskets when I was growing up.) I, as my children, knew the true meaning of Easter Sunday.

Although I like the music at Easter, I have never been a fan of the cantata... not sure why... just not into drama at church... just kind of old fashioned that way... and this coming from a drama teacher... I digress.

Easter Sunday will bring hope... for families... for this nation... for the world... because the way we were is the way we are... believing in one person to save us all... prayers and Happy Easter 2025.

## Marshall University to Host Aviation Careers Open House at Tri-State Airport

Marshall University Aviation invites aspiring pilots and aviation technicians to its Aviation Careers Open House from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at the Marshall Aviation Hangars at Huntington Tri-State Airport, 1448 Airport Road, Huntington.

This open house event will provide a unique opportunity for prospective students and families to explore Marshall's flight and aviation maintenance technology programs and learn about career pathways in aviation.

## Leon Church Community Outreach

The Leon Bethel Church Community Outreach and Food Pantry is open on Thursdays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 15605 Leon Baden Road, Leon. The pantry has a full range of groceries and freezer items which allows for one full bag per adult.

Variety rummage offers new and used items such as DVD's, VHS tapes, craft items, books, collectibles, clothing, shoes, household items, candles, throws, blankets, diabetic supplies, and medical equipment.

All donated outreach items and food items are welcomed and very much appreciated. For more information, call 304-458-2035.

Attendees will have the chance to engage with faculty, instructors and current students while getting an up-close look at the aircraft and state-of-the-art training equipment used in these dynamic programs. Refreshments will be provided.

Who should attend:

- High school students considering careers in aviation

- Families supporting future pilots or technicians

- Adults interested in transitioning into a high-demand career

Marshall's aviation programs provide students with the skills and training necessary to enter the growing aviation industry. With a strong emphasis on hands-on learning and career readiness, the programs prepare graduates for success in various aviation careers.

Marshall's aviation maintenance program is offered jointly with Mountwest Community and Technical College and is located at the Huntington Tri-State Airport. Marshall's Bill Noe Flight School\* is located at Yeager International Airport in Charleston, West Virginia, and offers satellite locations in Wheeling, Lewisburg and Martinsburg. For more information about Marshall's aviation programs, visit [www.marshall.edu/aviation](http://www.marshall.edu/aviation).

\* The Professional Pilot program is not eligible for Veterans Affairs benefits at this time.

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# Disc Golf Tournament Brings Visitors to County



The picturesque No. 1 green greets visitors to Hurricane Bridge Park.

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\$156. Trevor Harbolt of Elizabethtown, KY, won first place money of \$580 in the MP40 competition. First place finisher in the MP50 division Billy Ray Osborne of Franklin, OH, won \$400.

Amateur winners were: MA1 - Johnny Shaffer of Morgantown,

FA1 - Michaela Moore of Glenville, MA40 - Jared Fredeking of Huntington, MA60 - Michael Corica of Eleanor, MA70 - John Weber of Huntington, MA2 - Austin Mullins of Culloden, FA2 - Kattie Lilly of Charleston, MA3 - Chris Fulks of Huntington, FA3 - Codi Dickerson of Charleston, MA4 - Bryson Hall of West Portsmouth,

OH, and MJ15 - Aaron Doerner of Hurricane.

Money was raised through the event that helps supports the mission of C.A.R.E.S. (Community Autism Resources and Education Systems).

# Hail, Wind and Havoc



Above: The wind from the hail storm on Monday, April 14, blew tin from the barn roof at the Ranch (home of the Breeze). The white on the walk and on the grass is hail stones.

Right: A sampling of the hail stones.

The hail was cause for the Breeze cattle to scurry for cover.



# Toyota in Buffalo Named State's Most Desired Employer

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environment that elevates the region's workforce."

Careerminds said WVU Medicine in Morgantown provides up to \$3,000 yearly tuition reimbursement for nursing, discounted WVU tuition for dependents based on service, ample PTO, and affordable health insurance via its network. As West Virginia's largest employer, it stands out by growing in-state talent to combat shortages. This life-changing support retains dedicated healthcare workers, offering pathways for advancement and family education in a state where college costs can loom large.

Careerminds listed Google - California as #1, nationally, and Coca-Cola - Georgia as #2. Google's and Coca-Cola's ratings are not surprising. They are very well-known brands. I was surprised, however, to discover that the top employer in Ohio was The J.M. Smucker Company. Who would have guessed that?

I was stunned to learn that L.L. Bean was the top rated employer in the State of Maine. I was stunned because my first home

was Freeport, Maine, the home of L.L. Bean. My grandfather, Leonard W. Allen, worked with L.L. Bean (the person and shoemaker) before he developed his famous boot. I was born in Freeport less than 200 yards from Bean's original factory.

Perhaps I should not have been surprised because I knew that the company offers amazing discounts to their employees through a number of my Maine relatives who have boasted of benefits received when employed at L.L. Bean. The L.L. Bean Inc. of today is massive and does not resemble the L.L. Bean Inc. that I knew growing up in Freeport. When I attended Freeport schools, the only visible presence of the company was a sign on Main Street directing visitors to an alley leading to a second-story showroom. The largest employers in Maine during that time were the pulp and paper mills and Bath Iron Works.

My memories of Freeport rival memories held by Buffalo residents who have witnessed Toyota Motor Manufacturing emerge from a sprawling corn field.

# Empty Bowls pottery fundraiser set for May 2

Marshall University's School of Art & Design will host its 22nd annual Empty Bowls pottery sale fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, May 2, at the Pullman Square Gazebo in downtown Huntington.

Bowls created by Marshall art students and other community volunteers will be sold for \$20 each, with proceeds going to the Huntington

Area Foodbank. Each bowl sold can help the foodbank provide 180 meals to those in need.

The longstanding event is part of a class in which Marshall art students learn about art and community involvement. Along with making bowls to sell, students visit the food bank and gain insights about its services.

"I think the Empty

Bowls project is not only a great thing for the community, but also for the emerging artists who get to experience first-hand how art can impact the community, not just emotionally, but physically as well," said Marshall student Addyson Aftanas, who is participating for her second year.

"Empty Bowls merges art with community

activism in a truly positive way," said Frederick Bartolovic, professor of art and ceramics coordinator for Marshall's School of Art & Design. "It teaches students how to sell their work and illustrates the impact art can have on the community. For the community, it offers a chance to support student artists while also assisting those in need. Empty Bowls demonstrates that art can catalyze positive community changes."

The Facing Hunger Foodbank provides nutritious foods — boxed, fresh, canned, frozen and prepared — to about 130,000 individuals each year from 17 counties in the Huntington and Tri-State region. Food comes from restaurants, grocery stores, food distributors, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and farmers, and through food and fund drives and more.

"We are so inspired by the creativity and the compassion of these Marshall University School of Art & Design students and are honored to partner with them for the 22nd Annual Empty Bowls event," said Bettina Hazlett, donor relations officer for the food bank. "By turning art into action, this beloved event is an opportunity for our community to come together and support not only the artists, but also Facing Hunger Foodbank, so that we can continue to provide access to nutritious food for those at the center of our work."

All community members are welcome to attend. For more information about Marshall's School of Art & Design, visit [www.marshall.edu/art](http://www.marshall.edu/art).



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 17, 1827: Outdoorsman William "Squirely Bill" Carpenter was born on the Elk River near the mouth of Laurel Creek. Carpenter guided prominent West Virginians, including Gov. MacCorkle, through the wonders of the Elk Valley.

April 17, 1871: West Virginians approved the Flick Amendment, which allowed former Confederates to vote. The amendment also applied to people who had been formerly enslaved, but they had been enfranchised already by the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

April 18, 1861: At the beginning of the Civil War, retreating U.S. troops set fire to the national armory and arsenal at Harpers Ferry to keep them out of Confederate hands. However, Virginia militia extinguished the flames and sent much of the weapon-making equipment south before destroying the site in June 1861.

April 18, 1912: The Paint Creek-Cabin Creek Strike of 1912-13 began when coal operators rejected the demands of their unionized workers for a wage increase. The strike that followed was one of the most dramatic and bloody conflicts in the early 20th century labor struggles in southern West Virginia known as the Mine Wars.

April 20, 1823: General Jesse Lee Reno was born in Wheeling. He graduated from West Point in 1846, with another cadet from western Virginia, Thomas J. Jackson, later known as

"Stonewall." Reno was the highest-ranking officer from present West Virginia killed in the Civil War.

April 20, 1863: President Lincoln issued a proclamation that in 60 days, West Virginia would become a state. This occasion was marked 100 years later during the state's Centennial celebration with a special ceremonial session of the West Virginia legislature on April 20, 1963, in Wheeling.

April 20, 1909: Fiddler Melvin Wine was born near Burnsville. A favorite of old-time music enthusiasts nationally, he was chosen as a National Heritage Fellow in 1991 by the National Endowment for the Arts, the highest recognition given to a folk artist in the United States.

April 20, 1939: Poet Irene McKinney was born in Belington, Barbour County. Governor Gaston Caperton appointed her

state poet laureate in 1993, and she served in that capacity until her death in 2012.

April 21, 1908: Traditional musician Phoebe Cottrell Parsons was born in Calhoun County. Parsons's traditional clawhammer banjo style, unaccompanied ballad singing, riddles and storytelling have influenced countless numbers of younger musicians.

April 21, 1936: President Franklin Roosevelt established the Jefferson National Forest. The West Virginia portion of this forest includes 18,530 acres in Monroe County.

April 22, 1908: Marshall "Little Sleepy" Glenn was born in Elkins. Glenn coached basketball at West Virginia University from 1934 to 1938 and football from 1937 to 1940. He was inducted into the WVU Sports Hall of Fame in 1992.

April 22, 2003: Activist Judy Bonds, a Raleigh County native, received the Goldman Environmental Prize for her fight against mountaintop removal mining. Her efforts inspired thousands and turned a local issue in West Virginia into a national cause.

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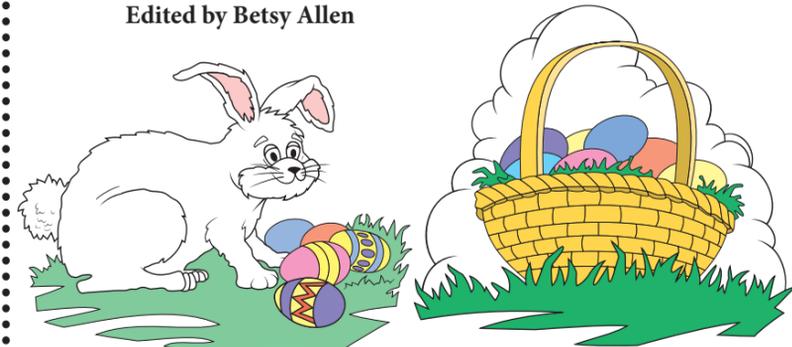
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# Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



## Spring Rains

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

Rainy days are easy  
As they come with every spring  
Watch your window's rivulets  
And wait for what they bring

Buds will stretch until they break  
And sprouts will push through soil  
Soon the world will fill with green  
In deference to their toil

Flowers filling gardens  
With the so many lovely hues  
Crops providing sustenance  
And food for me and you

A little inconvenience  
For extraordinary gain  
Let's stop and thank the Lord above  
For giving us all rain

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## Bring the Family Together With Baked Breakfast Pizzas

(Family Features) If you feel like it's a struggle to get the entire family together for a meal, it might be time to put fun back on the menu. A little creativity and a few favorite ingredients are all it takes to bring back family mealtime and spend precious moments at the table.

These Individual Sweetpotato Breakfast Pizzas are a perfect way to start a weekend morning, offering a delicious invitation to loved ones to join you in the kitchen. Equal parts sweet, savory and nutritious, you can enjoy seeing smiles on their faces while feeling good about what you're serving them.

Providing just the right touch of sweetness are North Carolina Sweetpotatoes, one of the most versatile vegetables in the produce department. They're easy to add to a variety of recipes – even breakfast pizza – to enhance flavor and nutrition. Try them on the stove, baked, microwaved, grilled, slow-cooked or air-fried for quick and easy options that are a breeze in the kitchen.

Spelled as one word to avoid confusion with the white potato (a distinctly different species), sweetpotatoes are rich in vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and fiber, all of which are good for overall health and may help prevent disease. In fact, they're even considered a "diabetes superfood" by the American Diabetes Association. As a natural sweetener, they give recipes that sweet flavor you crave without the added sugar.

Whether they become your favorite oft-used ingredient or you stock up on the abundant veggie, sweetpotatoes also boast a long shelf-life – up to 4 weeks if stored properly in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area away from heat sources – meaning you can buy in bulk without worrying about waste.

Find more ways to cook with sweetpotatoes by visiting ncsweetpotatoes.com.

### Individual Sweetpotato Breakfast Pizzas

Recipe courtesy of the North Carolina Sweetpotato Commission  
Servings: 4

- 4 medium North Carolina sweetpotatoes (about 2 pounds), divided
- 1 tablespoon, plus 1 teaspoon, olive oil, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- kosher salt, to taste
- freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- all-purpose flour, for rolling out dough
- 1 pound whole-wheat pizza dough at room temperature, divided into four equal portions (4 ounces each)
- 1 cup freshly shredded Gouda cheese
- 4 large eggs
- 1/4 cup diced chives

Preheat oven to 400 F. Place 1 pound sweetpotatoes directly on rack and bake until soft, about 1 hour. Remove from oven and let cool 5-10 minutes. Peel and puree flesh until smooth; reserve 1 cup.

Increase oven heat to 450 F. Peel remaining sweetpotatoes and dice into 1/2-inch pieces. Toss 2 cups diced sweetpotatoes with 1 tablespoon olive oil, garlic powder, onion powder, paprika, cayenne and salt and pepper, to taste; place in even layer on baking sheet. Roast until softened but not crisp, 15-20 minutes, stirring halfway. Remove from oven.

Lightly flour clean, flat work surface. Roll each ball of dough out to about 1/4-inch thickness (about 7 inches diameter).

With remaining oil, lightly coat rimless baking sheet. Transfer rolled out dough to baking sheet.

Spread pureed sweetpotato over surface of each dough round, about 1/4 cup each, leaving about 1/2-inch border. Top each with 1/4 cup shredded Gouda. Add 1/2 cup roasted sweetpotato cubes, leaving open space in center of pizzas.

Carefully crack one egg into center of each pizza; bake 15 minutes until crusts are golden brown on bottom, cheese is melted and egg whites are fully set. Carefully remove pizzas from oven.

Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Top each pizza with 1 tablespoon diced chives.



## Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead  
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

I am so in love with the Man who died on the cross in order to save my soul.

They say when you give blood, you save three lives. I know a man who gave his blood, and it was powerful enough to save the whole world.

Happy Easter to my Best Friend and husband of almost 55 years, George Armstead!

When life isn't a bed of roses, remember who wore the thorns.

What did the Easter bunny say after hopping around?  
I'm Egg-hausted.

Two thousand years ago, Jesus ended the debate on which life matters. He died for all.

Jesus healed the one who arrested Him, served the one who betrayed Him, and loved the world who crucified Him.

Jesus didn't say, "I am finished." He said, "It is finished." He was just getting started.

Hands that healed nations stretched out on a tree and took the nails for me.

The cross shows the seriousness of our sin - but it also shows us the immeasurable love of God. - Billy Graham

Have you ever been caught out on a limb? Ask Jesus! He knows better than anyone the cost of hanging on a tree.

Duct tape may patch a lot of things, but three nails fixed everything.

Happy Easter to my precious son, Brad Armstead.

Jesus' first cry tore the silence. His second cry tore the veil. His final cry will tear open the sky.

The Christ of the cradle is now the Christ with the crowns. He is coming soon.

Easter is more than something to dye for.

The key to heaven was hung on a nail.

Only Jesus can build a bridge to heaven with two pieces of wood.

Christ's death certificate became my birth certificate.

Once the glue of the family passes away, Easter isn't the same anymore.

Who could've imagined God hanging on a cross? But he did.

Ponder how valuable your soul must be for Satan to tirelessly pursue it, and the King to lay down His own life for it.

Christ lived the life we could not live and took the punishment we could not take to offer the hope we cannot resist.

A lot of folks believe the finest day for mankind was when a man set foot on the moon. The finest day for mankind was when Jesus stepped out of the tomb.



Who could have imagined the empty tomb? But He rose from the dead.

The Easter egg symbolizes our ability to break out of the harden, protective shell we've surrounded ourselves with that limits our thoughts and beliefs.

The Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf of spring time.

Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal, and new life.

The resurrection gives my life meaning and direction, and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances.

Easter spells out beauty, the rare beauty of new life.

Easter is a time to rejoice, be thankful, be assured that I'm always forgiven so life extends beyond the soil of earth.

Easter is a time of reflection and joy. When we emerge from our cocoon of doubt to fly freely on the wings of Faith.

Easter is a demonstration of God that life is essentially spiritual and timeless.

The cross is the victory, the resurrection is a triumph. The resurrection is the public display of victory, the triumph of the crucified one.

Easter is very important. It's a second choice.

The resurrection gives us hope that what we are facing today is not the end.

Easter is the perfect time to celebrate the love of God and family and to create memories that will last forever.

Easter is a time to come together and share the joys of new beginnings and the promise of a brighter tomorrow.

Why did the Easter bunny cross the road? To prove he wasn't a chicken.

Easter is the only time of year when it's safe to put all your eggs in one basket.

Christ died for me and now I live for Him.

The power of the cross was the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

If you see a rabbit laying little brown eggs, don't eat them. It's not chocolate.

May your Easter be as sweet as chocolate and as bright as spring flowers.

Our old History begins and ends with the cross. Our new history begins with our resurrection.

Easter is a season when we reflect on the suffering, sacrifice, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

If Easter says anything to us today, it says this: you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there.

May your Easter be as colorful as the eggs you find in your basket.

Happy Easter to my wonderful grandchildren, Kelci and Braeden Armstead!

The story of Easter is the story of God's wonderful window of Divine surprise.

God loved the world so much He gave his only son so that we may live.

Easter is coming! Jesus is truly the Lord of Lords and King of Kings.

Easter is a demonstration of God that life is essentially spiritual and timeless.

May your Easter basket be full of joy, happiness, and peace.

Easter spells out beauty, the rare beauty of new life.

He has risen! Have faith in Him and He will always be there for you.

Happy Easter! Share today with your family and friends and reflect on life and love.

The resurrection of our Lord and Savior should be deemed important enough for a day off work.

Do not abandon yourself to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song. - Pope John Paul II

Happy Easter to Ron and Betsy and to my Hurricane Breeze Fillers Readers!

He transformed the tomb into a womb out of which was born life - your life.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.

The resurrection was a life-changing event.

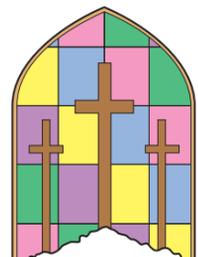
Thank you Jesus for dying on the cross to pay for my sins.

The tomb is empty. The Savior is alive!

He is risen! Celebrate the Savior!

The best thing about old age is that you don't have to make excuses for taking naps.

## Bible Verse



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

— 1 Peter 1:3

# Forrest Burdette Easter Eggs — A 56-Year Tradition



Valerie McMillian decorates the tops of the eggs with candy flowers. (Photo courtesy of Forrest Burdette UMC Facebook Page)



A group of egg makers pose for a photo at the Forrest Burdette UMC Spring Fling craft fair. Shown above, from left to right, are Ruth Blankenship, Judy Kenaston, Julie Conley, Nancy Colella, Becky Brogan, Jo Bess, Linda Gibson, Babrara Karastury, Jane Heitz, Melinda Woodell, Linda Cunningham, Evelyn Gregory, Rita Given, Billie DeLung, Linda Swan, and Katina Haught. (Photo by Betsy Allen)



The United Methodist Women and other volunteers work on making chocolate-covered Easter eggs. (Photo courtesy of Forrest Burdette UMC Facebook Page)



Linda Swan poses beside several tables full of eggs. (Photo courtesy of Forrest Burdette UMC Facebook Page)



Barbara Karastury and Valerie McMillian dip the eggs in chocolate. (Photo courtesy of Forrest Burdette UMC Facebook Page)

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chocolate covered eggs in a variety of flavors for the Easter season. Many people in the congregation and local community have grown up eating these eggs, and have shared their love for the candy creations with their own families.

The very first batch of eggs was “hatched” in 1969. They were made in the kitchen of the late Karen Lily, a very prominent and highly esteemed member of the church. Around 300 eggs were made that first year, but as the years went by, the number increased with demand. In 1970, operations moved to the church kitchen, with more volunteers helping with the project.

This year, a team of around 50 – 60 volunteers helped make 3,200 eggs. While many volunteers are members of Forrest Burdette, others are friends, neighbors, and members of the community. Everyone is welcome to come help out with the project. One volunteer, Evelyn Gregory, is 90 years old, and was a member of the original group of egg makers from 1969.

Volunteers started on the morning of Monday, April 7, and finished on Wednesday, April 9. Everyone has a job to do when it comes to creating the delicious candy



Rev. Joe Kenaston mans the mixer. (Photo Courtesy of Linda Swan)

eggs. The men of the church run the big mixer, while both men and women work at the smaller mixers. Once all the ingredients are blended together, the gooey mixture goes to the volunteers who mold the egg into shape. The eggs are molded, weighed, dipped in chocolate, and then decorated with candy flowers. The now finished eggs are then put into plastic boxes.

The eggs come in peanut butter, cherry nut, maple nut, coconut, and vanilla,

with the peanut butter flavor being the most popular. While the majority of sales were pre-orders, a good number of eggs were sold at the church's annual Spring Fling craft fair, which was held on Saturday, April 12. There are still some eggs available for sale; call the church office at 304-562-5903 for more information.

The money made from egg sales goes to support the United Methodist Women and various projects within the local church, community, and state.



Tim Stanley and Rev. Ellis Conley prep peanut butter for mixing. (Photo Courtesy of Linda Swan)



In the foreground, a seemingly endless number of finished, boxed eggs await happy customers; in the background, molded eggs are yet to be dipped in chocolate. (Photo Courtesy of Linda Swan)

# Easter is Special



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Is Easter still special when the services are over and the eggs have all been found? Will it be special Monday morning? Jesus Christ dies again for each of us every day of the week. When we feel guilty, He is our Redeemer; He forgives us again and again. Sometimes our weaknesses remind us of just how human we are. It is then we can remember that He rises above our humanity; He gave His life on the Cross to save us from ourselves and our sins. Let His goodness and salvation flow from our hearts on Easter and on every day!

### Weekly Scripture Reading

Matthew 21.1-7	Matthew 21.18-26	Matthew 26.1-35	Matthew 26.36-75	Matthew 27.1-36	Matthew 27.27-56	Matthew 27.57-66
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## BASIC BIBLE

By Ron Allen  
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### Jesus Fulfills the Scriptures (Easter) Luke 24:32-49

“Did not our heart burn within us . . . while he opened to us the scriptures?” (v. 32). These are the words of the two disciples who were unknowingly joined by Jesus as they journeyed from Jerusalem to Emmaus. While they walked, Jesus explained all things concerning Himself, the Christ, in the scriptures beginning at Moses and continuing through the Psalms and the prophets (see v. 27).

Only a portion of all things in the scriptures concerning Christ had been fulfilled when Jesus appeared to Cleopas and the other disciple on the road to Emmaus. Jesus was yet to sit where He sits today, at the Father’s right hand (Ps. 110:1, Heb. 1:3). While we do not know the specific scriptures which Jesus opened to them, We know the scriptures which the Holy Spirit has opened to all who believe. Psalm 22 speaks of His crucifixion and Isaiah 53 speaks of His being made an offering for sin and His resurrection.

“And as they spoke . . .” (v. 36). They that spoke would have consisted of the eleven disciples and those gathered with them. Jesus appeared to this gathering immediately after Cleopas and the other disciple reported that Jesus had appeared and opened the scriptures to them.

The apostles had received an earlier report that Jesus had risen — that from the women who found the empty sepulchre. The women reported the words of the two angels who said, “He is not here, but is risen” (v. 6). The apostles had heard but believed not (see v. 11).

The things which are recorded in verse 37 to 42 are there because God wants us to know that the apostles doubted the physical resurrection of Jesus Christ. Their doubt followed two reports and the very appearance of Jesus before them. Seeing, in this instance, was not believing because they saw and heard and did not believe (see v. 41).

Doubt is a reasonable reaction because it is impossible for what happened to have happened. The disciples reacted to what they saw in a reasonable and predictable way.

The Lord showed them His hands and His feet. His nail torn flesh was exposed; they beheld it but still doubted. Jesus then took fish and honeycomb and ate it before them. The Lord does that which is necessary to erase doubt. The Lord cannot use doubters; He uses believers.

The Lord speaks to all who will ever believe. In verse 44, He told the apostles that all things which are written in the law of Moses and in the prophets and in the Psalms concerning Him must be fulfilled. There are numerous passages in both the Psalms and in the books of the prophets concerning Messiah Jesus. The Psalms speak of His being rejected, His crucifixion, His priesthood, and His future reign. Daniel speaks of His sacrificial death. Zechariah prophesies of the future time in which the inhabitants of Jerusalem shall “look upon me whom they have pierced.” Isaiah prophesies of all these things and more. One, however, must search the law of Moses to find that which is spoken directly concerning Jesus. In Deuteronomy 18:15-19, Moses prophesied concerning the Prophet who shall come and do the works of Moses and deliver words to which all men must hearken. Jesus is that Prophet and all men who cast Him aside bring condemnation upon themselves.

Verse 45 states, “Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures.” The Lord God has opened understanding of believers (not doubters). When Jesus went to sit at the right hand of the Father, the Father sent the Comforter to teach us all things (Jn. 14:26). The Comforter teaches: That Christ came according to the scriptures. That Christ suffered according to the scriptures. That Christ rose from the dead according to the scriptures. And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in JESUS’ name to all nations beginning in Jerusalem.

Jesus told the disciples (Believers) that they were witnesses of these things (v. 49). “These things” is ALL which is recorded in the scriptures. The scriptures are true and that ALL that is written must be fulfilled. Believers are recipients of that which the Holy Spirit has revealed. All believers are employed to be witnesses. There is no such thing as an unemployed believer. Not all witnesses are equal. Some believers are more effective witnesses than others. Jesus did not instruct His disciples to go forth and do the best that they could do. He told them to wait until they were endued with power from on high. We know that this promised power came upon the disciples at Pentecost. Believers of today became believers because they heard and believed the message that was delivered by witnesses who were empowered by the Holy Spirit.

The Comforter was sent that we might know that ALL THINGS which are written are true and be witnesses of that truth. Jesus revealed His nail torn flesh and dined with the disciples so that they might know with certainty. Let us be the Spirit-driven witnesses that God intends.

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# Obituaries

**ANNA LAURA MULLINS**  
Anna Laura Alford Mullins, 93, of Hurricane, passed away peacefully April 10, 2025 at home surrounded by family.

She was born February 8, 1932, in Hurricane, to the late Willard W. and Gladys G. Epling Alford. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Norman F. Mullins and brother, W. Marlen Alford.

Anna is survived by her daughter, Lauretta Ghavami and her grandson, Alex Ghavami both of Hurricane.

She was a teacher for Putnam County for many years and was very blessed to have started at 18 and finished at 85 years of age. Anna was an Alumni of Hurricane High School and Marshall University where she held a Master's Degree in Education and Special Education. It was through her many decades of dedication to her career where she found her true passion in life: educating children and preparing them for bright futures. That was exactly what she did. Many, both students and fellow teachers whom she worked with could attest to her expertise. Those who were lucky enough to have been in her classroom can testify to her profound talents, specifically in teaching reading. Francis Courtwright, the principal of Hurricane Elementary, stated that “if Mullins can't teach them to read, no one can.”

In keeping with Anna's wishes, there were no public services. She was laid to rest at Mount Olive Church Cemetery on Buff Creek Road in Hurricane.

**BARBARA F. MULLINS**  
Barbara F. Mitchell Mullins, 78, of Hurricane, passed away Monday, April 7, 2025 at Trinity Health Care of Logan, following a long illness. She was a 1964 graduate of Buffalo High School. Following graduation, she served her country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War era. She then continued her education at West Virginia State University, receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology, and then earned a Master's Degree in Psychology from Marshall University. During her professional career, she worked as a Civil Servant in West Virginia for many years.

Born September 16, 1946, she was the daughter of the late Auvil S. Mitchell and Helen Latsko Mitchell.

She is survived by her son, Jonathan Mullins; her brother, Richard Mitchell of Buffalo; her sister, Cheryl (Thomas) Ewing of Warwick, New York; as well as extended family and friends.

In accordance with her wishes, her body was cremated. Service was held at the Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veteran's Cemetery, Dunbar, with full military honors.

**CHESTER 'FRANK' MYNES**  
Chester Franklin “Frank” Mynes, 87, of Hurricane, passed away on April 13, 2025, in his hometown of Hurricane.

Born on August 10, 1937, Frank was a proud graduate of Hurricane High School, Class

of 1955. He went on to attend the University of Kentucky and later earned his Doctorate in Osteopathic Medicine from Kirksville College, dedicating his life to healing and serving others.

Frank was a longtime and faithful member of Forest Burdette United Methodist Church, where he was an active participant in the Loyal Pioneer Sunday School Class. His faith, compassion, and sense of humor touched many lives.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Hilda Mynes, and five loving children: Karen Mynes Allen (Arizona), Rebecca Robbin (Merel Kimmel, Pennsylvania), Dr. Tim Mynes (Jeanne, Virginia), Dr. Stephanie Marazon (Dr. Christopher Marazon, Ohio), and Tammy Nelson (West Virginia) and sister Donna Mynes Varian. He was the proud grandfather of sixteen grandchildren who brought immense joy to his life.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Chester Franklin Mynes Sr. and Mildred Louise Mynes; his brother, Bayliss Mynes; his sister, Janice Fields Mynes; his daughter, Diana Mynes Allen; and his grandson, Billie Joe “BJ” Nelson.

A man of many passions, Frank loved spending time with his family, working the land through farming and gardening, and sharing laughter through practical jokes—especially with his nieces and nephews, who will remember his playful spirit fondly.

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**Obituaries**

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Frank lived a full life marked by dedication to his family, his faith, and his community. His memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Funeral service was Thursday, April 17, 2025 at the Forest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church. Burial was in Valley View Memorial Park.

**FRED D. NEWMAN**

Fred D. Newman, 80, of Nitro, passed away Friday, April 11, 2025, at home; beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather, joined his parents William and Juanita Kissick Newman and brother William "Bill" Newman in Heaven. Fred was born in Richard, Kentucky, and then the family moved to West Virginia after living in Irvine, Kentucky and Middletown, Ohio. Going to school at Winfield, Fred played football and played in the band. He joined Boy Scouts of America and became an Eagle Scout and after graduating from Winfield High School, he attended West Virginia State College. In 1967 Fred enlisted into the United States Marine Corps Reserve where he served for 7 years.

He was self-employed and sold employee benefits to individuals and small and medium businesses representing insurance groups and companies until his retirement in 2018. Fred was a Baptist and enjoyed life, especially holding his grandbabies.

Fred leaves behind his family that will miss him and remember him often including his wife Mary, son Fred (Rebecca), step-daughters Mary Ann (Todd) and Sara (Steve), eleven grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

A tribute to the life of Fred was held Monday, April 14, 2025, at Haven of Rest Memory Gardens with Pastor David Bess officiating. Burial was in the memory gardens.

**KAREN T. PATTERSON**

Karen T. Patterson, of Hurricane, born October 2nd, 1960, went home to be with her Lord and

Savior on April 1st, 2025. She was a beloved mother, sister, and friend, and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Karen grew up on the west side of Charleston where she attended and graduated from Stonewall Jackson High School. Some of her fondest memories were those spent with friends at Second Ave Center. She was a woman of multiple talents, determined and accomplished all that she set out to do. She worked in the banking industry, as a florist, realtor, and had a passion for working with children. Karen also had a passion for decorating. Karen gave many years of service to CAMC hospital where she ultimately achieved her lifelong dream of becoming a registered nurse.

Karen's life was one marked by kindness, generosity, and an unwavering faith in God. Karen accepted her call to ministry by God and never looked back. She loved serving God and telling others of His Goodness, His Grace and His Mercy. She touched the lives of many through her compassion, dedication, and strong spiritual values. Karen's love for her family was unmatched. Karen loved making memories with her family, she often hosted dinners, planned family events and everyone knew that line dancing was on the menu. Her children and her spouse were her greatest joy in life. Her memory will live on in the hearts of her family and friends who were fortunate to have known her and were loved by her.

Karen was preceded in death by her mother, Ruth E. Mills; father, Rosco Tarver; step-father, Alonzo Shepherd, and three sisters, Linda Mills, Margaret Tarver, and Mildred Tarver.

She leaves to cherish her memory and carry forth her legacy, Reginald Patterson, and her children, Ayanna Wilsher (George), William Hampton (Amber), Christopher Hampton (Danielle), Jonathan Patterson and fur babies Precious and Percy. She also leaves to cherish her memory, six grandsons, eight granddaughters, one great-granddaughter,

thirteen brothers, seven sisters and a host of nieces, nephews, and family.

A service to honor and celebrate Karen's life was held Saturday, April 12th, 2025, at Grace Bible Church, Charleston. Burial was in Mount Union Cemetery in Pliny.

**HOWARD FRANKLIN RUTAN**

Howard Franklin Rutan, 72, of Red House, passed away unexpectedly on April 8, 2025 at home.

Frank was born on April 20, 1952 at his home on Round Knob Road in Red House to the late Howard Woodrum and Betty Jane Starcher Rutan. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his sisters: Margie Oldaker and Nora Runions.

He was a graduate of Buffalo High School Class of 1970. Frank retired from Engines Inc. in Milton, and was an avid woodworker who loved working in the yard and cooking while spending time with his family.

He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Jeannetta Rutan; sons: Patrick (Amanda) of Culloden, Christopher (Tonya) of Buffalo, and Justin (Norvella) of Red House; grandchildren: Shana Rutan, Hunter Rutan, Trevor Rutan, Connor Rutan, Elizabeth Potter and Andrew Potter; great granddaughter, Kinley Campbell; siblings: Norman Rutan, Rita Higginbotham and Leah Rutan Beane; as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

Funeral service for Frank was Saturday, April 12, 2025 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Pastor Jerry Losh and Pastor Alan Bays officiating. Burial was in Valley View Memorial Park, Hurricane.

**ADA FRANCES SANSON**

Ada Frances Sanson, 94, of Eleanor, went home

to be with the Lord on Friday, April 11, 2025.

Frances is a former employee of True Temper with 15 years of service and then served as a caregiver to her parents and her siblings. She attended Red House Bible Church and enjoyed singing and listening to her gospel music. She was an avid Dodgers fan and loved to travel, visiting the Holy Lands twice.

She is preceded in death by her parents John E. and Ada Sanson; siblings Marcella Gibson Craig and Darlene Patton Tyler; and brother John Everette Sanson, Jr.

She is survived by her niece Sandra Reedy and many other nieces and nephews.

A tribute to the life of Ada Frances Sanson was held Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Ron Wolfe officiating. Burial was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens.

**ROBERT VANATER SR.**

Robert Ray Vanater, Sr., 89, of Hurricane, reunited with his loving wife Orma on April 9, 2025.

Robert R. Vanater Sr., born October 22, 1935, in South Charleston, was the son of the late Robert Lee Vanater and Nona Fletcher Vanater. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife Orma Coleman Vanater, son Robert Ray Vanater Jr., sister, Mary Arnold, grandson, Cody Michael Sealey, and great grandson, Oliver Welch.

Robert was married to Orma Coleman Vanater since October 13, 1956. He is survived by 3 sons, Rex Edward Vanater (Jennifer), Roy Coleman Vanater (Eden) and Ryan Arthur Vanater (Tiffany), grandchildren Robert Whitney Vanater, Megan Marie Smith, Brent & Lacey Pickens, Rex Edward Jr, "RJ" (Heather) Vanater, Robinson "Robby" Lee Vanater, Jordan Nicole

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Graveside service was Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at Mt. Vernon Cemetery.

CAMC Teay Valley. He was a graduate of Hurricane High School and a retired Heavy Equipment Operator. He was preceded in death by his wife Bonnie Vance, parents Warren and Macil Vance.

He is survived by his son David Vance; brothers Bill Vance, Jerry Vance; and sister Belinda Moore, Becky Hatcher, and 3 grandchildren, Caleb, Caitlin and Cassidy and a host of family and friends.

**JAMES VANCE**

James David Vance, 66, of Hurricane, passed away Saturday, April 12, 2025 at

He is survived by his son David Vance; brothers Bill Vance, Jerry Vance; and sister Belinda Moore, Becky Hatcher, and 3 grandchildren, Caleb, Caitlin and Cassidy and a host of family and friends.

A graveside funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM on Friday, April 18, 2025, at Vance Family Cemetery.

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, WV Trustee Services, LLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated September 7, 2018, executed by Borrower, Isadora L. McCarty, to Marc J. Slotnick, Esq., the Trustee of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Book 1197, at Page 262. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 43 Cloverleaf St, Winfield, WV 25213. WV Trustee Services, LLC were appointed as Substitute Trustees by APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated February 27, 2025. The borrower defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustees have been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustees will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Putnam County, in Winfield, West Virginia, on the following date:

**25th day of April, 2025 at 12:30 p.m.**

All that certain lot, tract, or parcel of real estate, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Winfield Town District, (previously part of Scott District) Putnam County, West Virginia, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows: Being known and designated as all of Lot Number 4, of Country View Estates Section 1, as shown on a Map entitled "Country View Estates Section 1 Winfield, West Virginia", dated July 27, 1992, as prepared by Roger K. Randolph, P.E. #6426, and duly of record in the Office of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Map Cabinet B, at slide 389. And being the same property conveyed unto Stuart N. Swope from Shirley S. Jividen, by Deed dated May 21, 2008, of record in the aforementioned Clerk's Office in Deed Book 483, at Page 902. This conveyance is SUBJECT TO the restrictive covenants set out in and of

record in the aforesaid Clerks' Office in Miscellaneous Book 38, at page 457, along with any amendments thereto. This conveyance is made SUBJECT TO any and all prior Mineral reservations, rights of ways, easements, reservations, terms, and/or conditions previously set forth and/or reserved in the chain of title.  
**TERMS OF SALE:**

- 1) The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.
- 2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1.
- 3) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.
- 4) The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.
- 5) The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.
- 6) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale..

WV Trustee Services, LLC, Substitute Trustee

BY: Jim Ashley, Limited Signing Officer  
 WV Trustee Services, LLC  
 McGuire Office Center  
 618 Tenth Street, Suite 108  
 Huntington, WV 25701  
 (304) 853-3336  
 jim.ashley@wvtrusteeservices.com  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF WINFIELD PLANNING COMMISSION**

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:

Application, submitted by Stephen Warnick, requesting the rezoning from R-1 Single Family Residential to C-2 High Density Commercial District, Deed Book 628, Pages 501 Parcel A containing .50 acre.

Property is located on the west side of Warnick Semder Dental Office, Winfield, WV 25213.

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, Winfield, WV 25213. The rezoning 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 on this case. Otherwise, they will announce the time, date and place of such a vote.  
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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.  
 4-3-21

**TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE**

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated February 23, 2009, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Document No. 002600420006, in Book No. 894, at Page 199, Bryan F Hager and Maria F Hager did convey unto Tommy J. Dixon, Trustee(s), certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Seneca Trustees, Inc., as Substitute Trustee; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust 2018-RPL2 to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse in Winfield, West Virginia, on

May 19, 2025 at 11:30 AM

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 06 - Hurricane Town District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All that certain property situated in the District of Teays Valley, County of Putnam and State of West Virginia, situate on the waters of Tackett Branch of Hurricane Creek, containing 2.09 acres, more or less being more fully described in a Deed Volume 371 and page 63, Map # 16 and Parcel # 19.2.  
 Tax Map or Parcel ID No.: 16-19.2

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 58 Beaver Drive, 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 in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

TERMS: \$6000.00 in cash and/or certified funds as deposit at the time of sale with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

**FEDERAL TAX LIEN:** In the event that there are Federal Tax Liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.

Pursuant to the Deed of Trust, the Trustee may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated or by posting a notice of the same, and act by agent in the execution of the sale. The parties secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale.

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

SENECA TRUSTEES INC.,  
 SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE,  
 Plaintiff,  
 v. Civil Action No. CC-40-2025-C-9

MISTY RAMELLA,  
 TERRY RAMELLA, JR., and  
 ANY/ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF  
 TERRY RAMELLA, SR.,  
 Defendant(s).

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

The reason for this cause is to obtain the whereabouts of any persons including but not limited to: Misty Ramella, Terry Ramella, Jr., Any/All Unknown Heirs of Terry Ramella, Sr. and any other persons having an interest in the surplus proceeds of a trustee's sale pursuant to a Deed of Trust dated December 8, 2018, executed by Terry Ramella, Sr. and Misty Ramella, for the benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as beneficiary, as nominee for Quicken Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns secured by the property located at 7 Long Street Winfield, Putnam County, West Virginia 25213. This Deed of Trust was recorded on December 20, 2018 in the Clerk's Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County in Book No. 1204, at Page 594.

Upon consideration whereof, this Order of Publication is granted, and is ORDERED that any interested persons do appear here on or before 5/10/2025, which date is no sooner than thirty (30) days after entry of this Order of Publication.

And it is further ORDERED that this Order of Publication be published once a week for two (2) successive weeks in The Hurricane Breeze newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Putnam, West Virginia.

Entered, this 10 day of April, 2025.  
 Stephanie Smith/cs  
 Clerk

I ASK FOR THIS:  
 Lakyn D. Cecil, Esq. (WVSB #14121)  
 Samuel I. White, P.C.  
 5000 Coombs Farm Road, Suite 104  
 Morgantown, WV 26508  
 (0) 304.413.0010 ext. 5303  
 (F) 304.413.0014  
 4-17-21

**Notice of Proposed Settlement of Estates**

To the Creditors, Distributees and Beneficiaries of the within named persons:

I have before me the final settlement of estates of the following persons, which shall be presented to the County Commission of Putnam County, at the Courthouse, in the City of Winfield, on Tuesday the 29th day of April 2025 at 5:00 p.m. for their approval which settlements have been presented to me by the Fiduciary of such estates and which proposed settlements I have approved as indicated below:

Decedent: John Timothy Melton  
 Fiduciary: Matthew J Allen  
 Address: 3382 Heizer Creek Poca, WV 25159

Any persons having an interest in the estate of any such person, may before the County Commission at the time and place hereinabove specified and thereupon protest his interest as they may appear or else may forever thereafter be barred from asserting such interest.  
 Given under my hand this 9th day of April 2025.

Fiduciary Supervisor,  
 Putnam County  
 12093 Winfield Road,  
 Winfield, WV 25213  
 4-17-11

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

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

Estate No.: 6066  
 Estate Of: Ronald M Briscoe  
 Administrator: Donald Pauley  
 921 Joyce Rd  
 Scott Depot, WV  
 25560

Estate No.: 5912  
 Estate Of: Millard R Mitchell  
 Executor: Veetta L Withrow  
 8 Woodclyffe Rd  
 Hurricane WV 25526

Estate No.: 6006  
 Estate Of: Emma Jane Mynes  
 Administrator  
 Cta: Charles Derrick Mynes  
 264 Jessie Lane  
 Milton, WV 25541

Estate No.: 5990  
 Estate Of: Harry Michael Tucker  
 Executor: Lisa Blake  
 105 Oak Tree Lane  
 Nitro, WV 25143

Estate No.: 6056  
 Estate Of: Virginia Vangilder  
 Administratrix: Judith C Davis  
 5473 Hurricane Creek Road  
 Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6058  
 Estate Of: Connie Sue Wilmoth  
 Executor: William Maxwell  
 Wilmoth  
 155 Timms Street  
 Buffalo, WV 25033

Estate No.: 5994  
 Estate Of: Robert Charles Womack  
 Executor: Cheryl Roberts  
 207 E. First Street  
 Culloden, WV 25510

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 17, 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 17, 2025.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 9th day of April 2025.  
 Fiduciary Supervisor  
 Putnam County Commission  
 10293 Winfield Road,  
 Winfield, WV 25213  
 4-17-21

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**NOTICE TO REDEEM**

2022-C-000450 - Putnam County  
 To: L T WASHINGTON C/O BONNIE CRAIG, L T WASHINGTON C/O BONNIE CRAIG, BONNIE CRAIG, BONNIE CRAIG, 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 TEAYS VALLEY MAP 9999 PARCEL 0000 1530 0000**

You will take notice that MAPA LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000450**, located in TEAYS VALLEY District, MIN 47 AC BIG HURRICANE which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of WASHINGTON L T, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of PUTNAM County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 19, 2023. MAPA LLC, requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after June 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such

real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before May 31, 2025 will be as follows:

- Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 32288. \$121.73
- 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 2022-32379. \$47.02
- Additional taxes with interest. \$0.00
- Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$219.30
- Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest. \$709.06
- Additional Statutory Fees with interest. \$450.74
- Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$1,547.85

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

If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in of more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

Given under my hand April 1, 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**  
 4-10-23

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

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

Estate No.: 6018  
 Estate Of: Betty Lee Cunningham  
 Executrix: Virginia Cunningham  
 3545 Calispel Ridge Rd  
 Leon, WvV 25123

Estate No.: 5888  
 Estate Of: Phillip Edward Driggs, Jr.  
 Executor: Jeffrey Driggs  
 8490 Winfield Road  
 Winfield WV 25213

Estate No.: 5752  
 Estate Of: Lee Hamilton Hale  
 Executrix: Judith Ann Hale  
 10494 Winfield Road,  
 Winfield, WV 25213

Estate No.: 5956  
 Estate Of: Deborah J Hatfield  
 Executor: Philip Hatfield  
 150 Leslie Place  
 Scott Depot, WV  
 25560

Estate No.: 5785  
 Estate Of: Doris Kathryn Henley  
 Executrix: Sherrie Hoyt  
 6051 101st Ave N  
 Pinellas Park FL  
 33782

Estate No.: 5977  
 Estate Of: Alva Allen Howard  
 Executrix: Judy Ball Howard  
 116 Southbrooke Drive  
 Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5987  
 Estate Of: Eliza Owen Johnson  
 Administrator: Coalan Johnson  
 1019 Clymers Creek Rd  
 Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5986  
 Estate Of: Sharon L Kessel  
 Administratrix: Teresa Ann Creech  
 26 Sherwood Circle  
 Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6026  
 Estate Of: Kimberly Lyn Maring  
 Administrator  
 Cta: Joey Wade Coulter  
 7 Royal Oak Ct.  
 Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5955  
 Estate Of: Melba Rae Melton  
 Administrator: Hayley Tolley  
 205 Camrose Lane  
 Scott Depot, WV  
 25560

Estate No.: 6030  
 Estate Of: Michael A Stone, Sr.  
 Executor: Chad E. Stone  
 109 Christa Circle  
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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 10, 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 10, 2025.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 2nd day of April 2025.  
 Fiduciary Supervisor  
 Putnam County Commission  
 10293 Winfield Road,  
 Winfield, WV 25213  
 4-10-21

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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON**

CAUSE NO. 24-0904-W-S-PC

WEST VIRGINIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY,  
 THE CITY OF NITRO AND NITRO SANITARY BOARD  
 Joint Petition for consent and approval of acquisition of utility assets.

**NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING**

On November 20, 2024, West Virginia-American Water Company (Company), the City of Nitro (City), and the Nitro Sanitary Board, d/b/a Nitro Regional Wastewater Authority (NRWA) (together with the City, the Seller Parties) filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (Commission) a joint application (Joint Application) for Commission consent and approval of an asset purchase agreement (Agreement) for the sale of the City's sewer distribution system to the Company (Acquisition).

Following the Acquisition, the Seller Parties' sewer distribution assets will be owned and operated by the Company subject to Commission jurisdiction and regulation. From and after the closing of the Acquisition, the Seller Parties' former customers will be customers of the Company. The Agreement provides that the rates and charges to be charged to the Seller Parties' former customers on and after closing of the Acquisition (Closing) will be phased in over a 36-month period to match the Company's statewide base rates as follows:

Effective Date	Phase-In %
At Closing	71% of Company Base Rates
12 Months Post-Closing	77% of Company Base Rates
18 Months Post-Closing	83% of Company Base Rates
24 Months Post-Closing	89% of Company Base Rates
30 Months Post-Closing	94% of Company Base Rates
36 Months Post-Closing	100% of Company Base Rates

Qualified low-income customers will have access to the Company's low-income discounted rates. If the Acquisition is approved, the impact of the phase-in of the present Company rates on the average residential, commercial, industrial, and other public authority customer would be as follows:

Residential Customers — Average Usage of 3,000 Gallons Per Month							
Phase-In to Company Base Rates (%)	Nitro Present Rates (\$)	At Phase-In Present Company Base Rates Including WSIC (\$)	Increase Over Present Rates (\$)	Increase Over Nitro Present Rates (%)	Incremental Increase (\$)	Incremental Increase (%)	
At Close	71%	\$41.04	\$54.62	\$13.58	33%	\$13.58	33%
12 mos. after Closing	77%	\$41.04	\$59.23	\$18.19	44%	\$ 4.62	8%
18 mos. after Closing	83%	\$41.04	\$63.85	\$22.81	56%	\$ 4.62	8%
24 mos. after Closing	89%	\$41.04	\$68.46	\$27.42	67%	\$ 4.62	7%
30 mos. after Closing	94%	\$41.04	\$72.31	\$31.27	76%	\$ 3.85	6%
36 mos. after Closing	100%	\$41.04	\$76.93	\$35.89	87%	\$ 4.62	6%

Commercial Customers — Average Usage of 9,200 Gallons Per Month							
Phase-In to Company Base Rates (%)	Nitro Present Rates (\$)	At Phase-In Present Company Base Rates Including WSIC (\$)	Increase Over Present Rates (\$)	Increase Over Nitro Present Rates (%)	Incremental Increase (\$)	Incremental Increase (%)	
At Close	71%	\$104.82	\$153.22	\$48.40	46%	\$48.40	46%
12 mos. after Closing	77%	\$104.82	\$166.17	\$61.35	59%	\$12.95	8%
18 mos. after Closing	83%	\$104.82	\$179.12	\$74.30	71%	\$12.95	8%
24 mos. after Closing	89%	\$104.82	\$192.07	\$87.25	83%	\$12.95	7%
30 mos. after Closing	94%	\$104.82	\$202.86	\$98.04	94%	\$10.79	6%
36 mos. after Closing	100%	\$104.82	\$215.81	\$110.99	106%	\$12.95	6%

Industrial Customers — Average Usage of 21,500 Gallons Per Month							
Phase-In to Company Base Rates (%)	Nitro Present Rates (\$)	At Phase-In Present Company Base Rates Including WSIC (\$)	Increase Over Present Rates (\$)	Increase Over Nitro Present Rates (%)	Incremental Increase (\$)	Incremental Increase (%)	
At Close	71%	\$220.72	\$348.83	\$128.11	58%	\$128.11	58%
12 mos. after Closing	77%	\$220.72	\$378.31	\$157.59	71%	\$ 29.48	8%
18 mos. after Closing	83%	\$220.72	\$407.79	\$187.07	85%	\$ 29.48	8%
24 mos. after Closing	89%	\$220.72	\$437.27	\$216.55	98%	\$ 29.48	7%
30 mos. after Closing	94%	\$220.72	\$461.84	\$241.12	109%	\$ 24.57	6%
36 mos. after Closing	100%	\$220.72	\$491.32	\$270.60	123%	\$ 29.48	6%

Other Public Authority Customers — Average Usage of 15,500 Gallons Per Month						
Phase-In to Company Base Rates (%)	Nitro Present Rates (\$)	At Phase-In Present Company Base Rates Including WSIC (\$)	Increase Over Present Rates (\$)	Increase Over Nitro Present Rates (%)	Incremental Increase (\$)	Incremental Increase (%)
At Close	71%	\$164.12	\$253.41	\$89.20	54%	\$89.

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**NOTICE TO REDEEM**  
2022-C-000189 - Putnam County  
To: MICHAEL R. HALAD, DONA L.  
HALAD, OCCUPANT, CITY OF  
NITRO, 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 NITRO CORP MAP 1  
PARCEL 0146 0000 0000**

You will take notice that MAPA LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000189**, located in NITRO CORP District, LOT 3714 37TH ST NITRO which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HALAD MICHAEL R ET UX, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of PUTNAM County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 19, 2023. MAPA LLC, requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after June 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before May 31, 2025 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 12940. \$424.73  
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 2022-12963. \$536.00  
Additional taxes with interest. \$0.00 Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$219.30  
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest. \$714.53  
Additional Statutory Fees with interest. \$618.90  
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$2,513.46  
**You may redeem at any time before May 31, 2025, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.**

*If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in or more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.*

Given under my hand April 1, 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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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**

BARBARA PLUMLEY,  
Petitioner,  
CIVIL ACTION NO.: 25-P-3  
v. JUDGE: MARK SORSAIA

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:  
The Plaintiff filed *Verified Petition to Quiet Title to Real Property* in the above-styled action. A copy of the *Verified Petition to Quiet Title to Real Property* may be obtained from the Putnam Circuit Clerk located at the Putnam County Judicial Building, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213.

The object of this action is to quiet title to that certain property located in the Curry District of Putnam County, West Virginia. The property consists of a small tract of land located in the Curry District of Putnam County, West Virginia, adjacent to an eight-acre tract of land, as shown on a Plat dated August 19, 1999, prepared by Donald R Hayes, P.L.S. # 902, and attached to a Deed of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County West Virginia, in Deed Book 405 at page 629

Pursuant to an Affidavit filed by Plaintiff's counsel, the address of the Respondent is unknown.  
Therefore, it is ORDERED that the Respondent must appear and defend within thirty (30) days by serving an answer or other defense to the *Verified Petition to Quiet Title to Real Property* upon Plaintiff's attorney, Lisa M. Moye, whose address is P.O. Box 535, Winfield, West Virginia 25213. Otherwise, judgment by default will be rendered against the Respondent at any time thereafter.

Stephanie Smith/sy  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
4-10-2t

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**LEGAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

**25-P-38**  
Please take notice that LISA LYNN CRITES, will petition the Circuit Court of Putnam County, at the Putnam County Judicial Annex, Winfield, West Virginia, on the 1st day of May, 2025, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., or as soon thereafter as may be heard, to change her name of LISA LYNN CRITES to LISA LYNN HATCHER, pursuant to Chapter 48, Article 5 of the West Virginia Code as amended. Any person who may be injured by the change of name or who knows of any reason why the name should not be changed may present objections to said Court on said date and time.

LISA LYNN CRITES  
By Counsel  
Stephanie Smith/sy  
Clerk of Court  
David L. Hill  
Attorney for Petitioner  
P. O. Box 506  
Hurricane, WV 25526  
4-10-2t

**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT**

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

IN RE:  
Angela Treadway  
v. Case No.: 25-D-7  
Derrick Soram  
Tabitha Guinn

**THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN PETITION FOR GRANDPARENT VISITATION.** It appears by affidavit filed in this action that DERRICK SORAM, whose address is unknown is a party in the above matter. It is hereby ordered that the above party submit an Answer to the Putnam County Circuit Clerk's office whose address is 12093 Winfield Rd, Suite 12, Winfield, WV 25213 within 30 days of this publication.

A copy of said Petition for Grandparent Visitation can be obtained from the Putnam County Circuit Clerk's office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court this 4th day of April, 2025.  
STEPHANIE SMITH/sy  
Circuit Clerk  
4-10-2t

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

In Re: Change of Name from  
Micha Rae Thompson  
to MichaRae Thompson Nicely

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING**  
Civil Action No. 25-P-31  
**Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of April, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Judge Phillip Stowers, Micha Rae Thompson will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia for the entry of an order by said Court, changing her name from Micha Rae Thompson to MichaRae Thompson Nicely, at which time and place any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire.  
You are hereby notified that this matter may be rescheduled without further notice or publication.  
A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the Undersigned Clerk at her office at 12093 Winfield Road, Ste. 12, Winfield, WV 25213.  
ENTERED by the Clerk of said Court this 24th day of March, 2025.  
Stephanie M. Smith  
Putnam County Circuit Clerk  
4-10-2t

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**NOTICE TO REDEEM**

2022-C-000063 - Putnam County  
To: EARL DAVIS, KENNETH DAVIS, ELLIS DAVIS, GLEN DAVIS, DEBBIE DAVIS, DEBBIE DAVIS, KATHY ROBINETTE, EARL DAVIS, EARL DAVIS, EARL DAVIS, PUTNAM COUNTY BOE C/O ATKINS & OGLE LAW OFFICE, PUTNAM COUNTY BOE, RICHARD A. ADKINS, KENNETH DAVIS, CABELL HUNTINGTON HOSPITAL INC., GLEN DAVIS, DALE W. STEAGER, COMMISSIONER WEST VIRGINIA DEPT. OF TAX & 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 CURRY MAP 251  
PARCEL 0032 0015 6001**

You will take notice that MAPA LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000063**, located in CURRY District, 2.45 AC TRACE FORK, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of DAVIS EARL ET AL, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of PUTNAM County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 19, 2023. MAPA LLC, requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after June 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before May 31, 2025 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 4502. \$148.34  
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 2022-4460. \$72.20  
Additional taxes with interest. \$0.00 Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$219.30  
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest. \$951.59  
Additional Statutory Fees with interest. \$482.11  
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$1,873.54  
**You may redeem at any time before May 31, 2025, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.**

*If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in or more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.*

Given under my hand April 1, 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**

Stephanie Smith/sy  
Clerk of Court  
4-10-2t

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**NOTICE TO REDEEM**  
2022-C-000187 - Putnam County  
To: SHEILA LYNN HEROLD,  
OCCUPANT, SHEILA LYNN  
HEROLD, CITY OF NITRO,  
AMANDA HEROLD, JEREMY  
HEROLD, AMANDA HEROLD,  
JEREMY HEROLD, 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 NITRO CORP MAP 1  
PARCEL 0101 0000 0000**

You will take notice that MAPA LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000187**, located in NITRO CORP District, LOT 3918 39TH ST which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HEROLD SHEILA LYNN ET AL, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of PUTNAM County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 19, 2023. MAPA LLC, requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after June 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before May 31, 2025 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 12959. \$513.27  
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 2022-12981. \$630.76  
Additional taxes with interest. \$0.00 Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$178.85  
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest. \$789.15  
Additional Statutory Fees with interest. \$754.96  
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$2,866.99  
**You may redeem at any time before May 31, 2025, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.**

*If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in or more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.*

Given under my hand April 1, 2025  
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Christal G. Perry  
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of PUTNAM County, State of West Virginia  
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Stephanie Smith/sy  
Clerk of Court  
4-10-3t

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**NOTICE TO REDEEM**

2022-C-000388 - Putnam County  
To: LEWIS MOBLEY, ELIZABETH MOBLEY SIMS, PHYLLIS JEAN MOBLEY, PHYLLIS JEAN MOBLEY, LEWIS MOBLEY, ESTATE OF NORMA JEAN MOBLEY, ESTATE OF NORMA JEAN MOBLEY, THOMAS ROGER MOBLEY, WILLIAM FRED MOBLEY, 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 SCOTT MAP 9999  
PARCEL 0000 2220 0000**

You will take notice that MAPA LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2022-C-000388**, located in SCOTT District, LOT 5/16 MIN 55.75 AC MORRIS FORK which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of MOBLEY LEWIS ET AL, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of PUTNAM County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 19, 2023. MAPA LLC, requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after June 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before May 31, 2025 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 24215. \$102.63  
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 2022-24250. \$29.61  
Additional taxes with interest. \$0.00 Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$219.30  
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest. \$802.34  
Additional Statutory Fees with interest. \$829.14  
Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$1,983.02  
**You may redeem at any time before May 31, 2025, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.**

*If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in or more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.*

Given under my hand April 1, 2025  
*Christal G. Perry*  
Christal G. Perry  
4-17-2t

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Christal G. Perry  
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of PUTNAM County, State of West Virginia

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, WV Trustee Services, LLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated January 30, 2013, executed by Borrower(s), S W Raynes aka Samuel W Raynes and Catherine Saralee Raynes, to BB&T Collateral Service Corporation, the Trustee of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Book 1031, at Page 717. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 116 BAILES DR, NITRO, WV 25143. WV Trustee Services, LLC were appointed as Substitute Trustees by APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated February 14, 2025, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 1381, Page 874. The borrower(s) defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustees have been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustees will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Putnam County, in Winfield, West Virginia, on the following date:

**25th day of April, 2025  
at 12:15 p.m.**

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE IN THE CITY OF NITRO, PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, AND BEING IN AREA O OF THE NITRO RESERVATION AND MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIPE IN A LINE OF NITRO HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, SAID IRON PIPE BEING THE NORTHWESTERNLY CORNER OF A LOT NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY C. W. WHITTINGTON, AND BEING SITUATE N. 66 DEG. 15 MIN. W., 90.0 FEET FROM A FENCE POST, THE COMMON CORNER BETWEEN SAID WHITTINGTON, NITRO HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION AND WESTFALL; THENCE RUNNING WITH THE WESTERNLY LINE OF THE SAID WHITTINGTON LOT, DOWN THE HILL, S. 23 DEG. 59 MIN. W., 521.5 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THE NORTHERASTERLY CORNER OF A LOT OWNED BY TONY CRESCIE; THENCE WITH THE NORTHERNLY LINE OF THE SAID CRESCIE LOT, N. 65 DEG. 32 MIN. W., 102.5 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE IN THE EASTERNLY LINE OF THE STREET; THENCE WITH THE SAID LINE OF THE STREET, N. 23 DEG. 45 MIN. E., 98.9 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE CONTINUING WITH THE SAID LINE OF THE STREET, N. 9 DEG. 30 MIN. E., 25.4 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE IN A LINE OF THE SAID NITRO HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION; THENCE WITH THE SAID LINE OF NITRO HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, N. 23 DEG. 45 MIN. E., 393.0 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE CONTINUING WITH THE SAID LINE OF NITRO HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION S. 66 DEG. 15 MIN. E., 110.0 FEET TO THE BEGINNING, AND CONTAINING 1.51 ACRES, SAID PARCEL OF LAND BEING SHOWN ON A MAP THEREOF ENTITLED MAP OF A LOT FOR SAM RAYNES, JR. NITRO POCA DISTRICT-PUTNAM CO. WEST VIRGINIA, DATED MAY 11, 1963, MADE BY N. L. ROSE, REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER, NITRO, WEST VIRGINIA, A COPY OF WHICH MAP IS ATTACHED HERETO, MADE A PART HEREOF AND RECORDED HEREWITH. This being the same property conveyed to SAMUEL W. RAYNES AND CATHERINE S. RAYNES, dated 06/05/1963 and recorded in Book 148, Page 432, in the PUTNAM County Recorders Office.

**TERMS OF SALE:**

- The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.
- The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1.
- The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.
- The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.
- The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.
- The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale.

WV Trustee Services, LLC,  
Substitute Trustee  
BY:  
Jim Ashley, Limited Signing Officer  
WV Trustee Services, LLC  
McGuire Office Center  
618 Tenth Street, Suite 108  
Huntington, WV 25701  
(304) 853-3336  
jim.ashley@wvtrusteeservices.com  
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**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT**

**TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE**  
**20A Carol Dr,  
Hurricane, WV 25526**

In a Deed of Trust dated September 11, 2018, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 1197, at page 699 Brian A. Cook did convey unto Metz law Office, Trustee, certain real property. The beneficial holder of that Deed of Trust has elected to appoint Terra Abstract Trustee West Virginia, Inc. as substitute trustees by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office. Default having occurred under the Deed of Trust and the beneficial holder having instructed the undersigned Trustees to foreclose, this real property will be sold at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse, 12093 Winfield Road, Putnam County Courthouse, Winfield, WV 25213 on:

**June 11, 2025  
At 12:00 PM**

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

ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE, TOGETHER WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND THE APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING, SITUATED IN SCOTT DISTRICT, PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

SITUATE ON CAROL DRIVE (CARROLL DRIVE) AND BEING LOT NO. 20-A OF TEAYS VALLEY ESTATES AS SHOWN UPON A MAP PREPARED BY WILKINSON SURVEYING AND ENGINEERING, INCORPORATED, DATED JULY 16, 1974, AND REVISED JULY 22, 1976, OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, WHICH PROPERTY IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE FRONT COMMON CORNER OF LOTS 20-A AND 20-B ON CARROLL DRIVE AS SHOWN UPON THE MAP HERETOFORE MENTIONED; THENCE RUNNING WITH CARROLL DRIVE, S. 31 DEGREES 25' E. 135.92 FEET TO A STEEL ROD SITUATE AT THE FRONT COMMON CORNER OF SAID LOTS 20-A AND 22; THENCE WITH THE DIVISION LINE OF SAID LOTS S. 52 DEGREES 19' W. 369.42 FEET TO A STEEL ROD, THE REAR COMMON CORNER OF SAID LOTS 22 AND 20-A; THENCE N. 59 DEGREES 57' W. 146.04 FEET TO THE COMMON CORNER OF SAID LOTS 20-A AND 20-B; THENCE WITH THE DIVISION LINE OF SAID LOTS 20-A AND 20-B, N. 59 DEGREES 19' E. 439.63 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.  
MAP NO.: 223K  
PARCEL NO.: 7

The purchaser will take the propThe purchaser will take the property subject to all exceptions, reservations, rights of way, easements, conditions, covenants, restrictions, leases and other servitudes of record, if any, pertaining to said real property.

The purchaser will be responsible for paying any transfer stamp, excise taxes, and recording costs associated with recording the Trustee's Deed into their name.

The purchaser will be responsible for paying any unpaid property taxes owed to the Sheriff of Putnam County prior to or following the sale directly to the Sheriff.

The purchaser will take the property subject to any deed of trust, judgment, lien, and any other encumbrance having priority over the deed of trust referred to herein.

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

The Trustees do not guarantee or represent that the boundaries described above are accurate, are not encroached upon, or that any particular structure located on the property is contained within the described boundaries. The property is therefore sold subject to an accurate survey at purchaser's expense.

The Trustees reserve the right to adjourn the sale, for a time, or from time to time, by announcement at the time and place of sale described above or any adjournment thereof. Such adjournment will be noticed by posting a notice at the front door of the county courthouse or where such notices are traditionally posted at the county courthouse. Such notice will include the date and time when such sale will reconvene.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids for any reason. The Trustees make no representations as to the condition of the property. The property will be sold in "AS IS" condition.

The Trustees make no representations as to whether the property is occupied. The purchaser is responsible for gaining access and possession of the property. Trustees shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

The purchaser may assign its rights prior to the delivery of the trustee's deed by a signed request in writing to the trustee; the assignee of the purchaser shall be bound by all terms and conditions applicable to the purchaser.  
The Trustees will deliver a trustees' deed to the purchaser without any covenant or warranty (express or implied) in the form prescribed by W. Va. Code §38-1-6. The Trustees make no representations and warranties about the title of the real estate to be

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conveyed. If the Trustees are unable to convey insurable or marketable title to purchaser for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit.

**TERMS OF SALE:** Purchaser must bring \$19000 cash in hand at the time of sale as a deposit in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made payable to "Stern & Eisenberg, PC, counsel for Terra Abstract Trustee West Virginia, Inc." Those appearing without their deposit will not be allowed to bid. The balance of the successful purchaser's bid must be proffered in cash within 30 days of the date of the sale. Purchaser shall pay for transfer stamps and recording fees. Additional terms of sale may be announced prior to the sale.

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**TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE**

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated May 5, 2009, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Document No. 002670260012, in Book No. 901, at Page 640 and modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Document No. 003453790008, in Book No. 1041, at Page 876 and modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Document No. 003801980008, in Book No. 1095, at Page 303, and modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Document No. 004257470008, in Book No. 1171, at Page 802 and and modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded in Document No. 004577800009, in Book No. 1208, at Page 649, Steven W Short and Shelley D Short did convey unto Lisa Moye, Trustee(s), certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Seneca Trustees, Inc., as Substitute Trustee; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust F to foreclose thereupon, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse in Winfield, West Virginia, on

May 6, 2025 at 11:30 AM

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 13 - Winfield Town District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Winfield Town District, Putnam County, West Virginia, being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEING known, numbered and designated as all of Lot Number Eighteen (18) of the Riverview Subdivision, as the same is shown upon a map of said Subdivision made by C.B. Holsclaw and John A. Holsclaw, Civil Engineers, and duly of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Map Book 2, at pages 74 and 75.

AND BEING THE SAME property conveyed unto Steven W. Short and Shelley D. Short, husband and wife, by Jerome W. Johnson by Deed dated the 5th day of May, 2009, said Deed to be recorded simultaneously herewith.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 21 Elm Street AKA 139 Elm Street, Winfield, WV 25213.

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.



KYRA RYALLS JOHNSON Route 1, Box 174 Milton Birthday April 18	77th Birthday April 22
CALLIE MORRISON Indian Meadows Ona Birthday April 18	DEBORAH SMITH SAMPLES Hurricane Creek Road Winfield 54th Birthday April 22
RHEA FAITH HAYMAN P.O. Box 422 Syracuse, Ohio 79th Birthday April 19	MARCELLA LINCOLNOGGER 2259 U S Hwy 60 Culloden 61st Birthday April 22
LINDSAY HENDRICKS 3689 Martin Drive Ona Birthday April 19	OLIVIA ELAINE TONEY 425 Buffington Acres Milton 16th Birthday April 22
REV GILBERT SMITH JR 23055 Ashton-Upland Road Milton Birthday April 19	MADISON KATHERINE HAGEE Texas 12th Birthday April 22
ROBIN CALL DAVIS Sugar Camp Road Winfield 59th Birthday April 19	MIKE MULLINS Hurricane 55th Birthday April 23
J B MILLER Ashland, Kentucky Birthday April 19	DR MANUEL MOLINA 217 Brentwood Road Hurricane 66th Birthday April 23
MARSHA HASSIE- KELLEY P.O. Box 1102 Scott Depot Birthday April 20	JERRY WEARS 100 Riverview Road Pliny Birthday April 23
SHIRLEY CHANDLER THOMAN Lexington, North Carolina 76th Birthday April 20	CLAYTON GENE GRANT 3507 35th Street Nitro 81st Birthday April 23
JERRY WELKER Hurricane 79th Birthday April 20	RONNIE ROACH Rocky Step Road Winfield 67th Birthday April 23
EMILY BOWEN 2036 Wilson Street Dunbar 33rd Birthday April 20	SAM CRADDOCK Hurricane 64th Birthday April 23
LISA GAYLE FRANKLIN North Carolina Birthday April 20	LAUREN LINCOLN WHITE 2102 11th Avenue Huntington 39th Birthday April 23
JONATHAN OSTEEEN Houston, Texas 30th Birthday April 20	TARA CHAPMAN 14716 Old Vermillion Drive Huntersville, North Carolina 44th Birthday April 23
JERRY "TINK" DANIELS Winter Haven, Florida	SHEILA ANN FISHER SPAULDING Hurricane 64th Birthday April 23

### Easter Celebrations at Valley Park

Come to Valley Park on Saturday, April 19, for the biggest springtime event to date!

The Great Easter Egg Hunt, presented by Putnam County Parks and the City of Hurricane, will be held at 11 a.m. near the large shelter.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., there will be free face painting and balloon twister presented by Old Colony Realtors; free kids' crafts presented by Hurricane Walmart; and visits with the Easter Bunny presented by Alto Design Mascot Rentals.

The Third Annual Fudge Off will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Valley Park Conference Center. The cost is \$5 for three tasting tickets (comes with one voting token), and \$2 for each additional tasting ticket.

There will also be a Springtime Vendor Event featuring over 30 local vendors to shop.

TAMI HANDLEY  
Hurricane  
Birthday April 24

BAYLEE HUDNALL  
Mt. Olive Road  
Frazier's Bottom  
22nd Birthday April 24

STACIE McCALLISTER  
SHEETS  
Culloden  
52nd Birthday April 24

### Happy Anniversary



David and Glenna Wears Smith of 406 Circle Drive in Hurricane will celebrate their thirty-third wedding anniversary on April 18.

Greg and Kelly Rogers Allen of Hurricane will celebrate their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary on April 18.

Steve and Katie Fellure of Frazier's Bottom will celebrate their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary on April 19.

Dr. John and Becky LaFernier Tussing Simmons of Pierre, South Dakota, will celebrate their sixth wedding anniversary on April 20.

Jared and Courtney Howell of 141 Cow Creek Road in Hurricane will celebrate their thirteenth wedding anniversary on April 20.

Jarrett and Regina Roy Grant of 3605 Poindexter Road in Frazier's Bottom will celebrate their twenty-fourth wedding anniversary on April 21.

Bobby and Jenny Glenn of 4020 Stave Branch Road in Frazier's Bottom will celebrate their second wedding anniversary on April 22.

Henry and Lovetta Burnett III of Bluffton, South Carolina, will celebrate their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary on April 23.

Rev. Dan and Ruth Hofmann of 522 Jones Ridge Road in Gandeeville will celebrate their forty-ninth wedding anniversary on April 24.

### Eleanor Pancake Breakfast and Egg Hunt

The Town of Eleanor Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 19, at Room C of the Fire Department and Shelter #6 at the Town Park (behind Fire Department).

The Easter Egg Hunt, featuring 10,000 candy filled eggs, will start at noon at the Town Park. Ages 5 years old and under will be in the baseball field outfield, and 6 years old and older will be in the baseball field infield. Families with children in each age group can choose a hunt area.

### Phi Kappa Phi Elects New Members

The following students at Marshall University recently were elected to membership into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

Allie Alderman of Winfield

Ann Holloran of Hurricane

Courtney Hessler of Hurricane

James Rader of Scott Depot

Mattison Wilcox of Hurricane

They are among approximately 20,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

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### Regular Events At Putnam Libraries

#### Storytime for Children

Mondays at 10 a.m.: Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.: Eleanor and Poca Branch Libraries

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.: Putnam County Main Library

Thursdays at 10 a.m.: Buffalo and Hurricane Branch Libraries

Thursdays at 6 p.m.: Putnam County Main Library

#### Book Clubs

Buffalo Library Book Club - First Thursday at 5 p.m.

Hurricane Library Book Club - First Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Freedom to Read Book Club - Second Tuesdays, Main Library, 5:30 p.m.

#### Other Clubs

Yarn Spinners - First and third Mondays, Main Library, 5 p.m.

Twisted Stitches - First and fourth Mondays, Buffalo Library, 10 a.m.

Writer's Group - First and second Tuesdays, Main Library, 5 p.m.

LEGO Club: Free Build - Second Tuesday, Hurricane Library, 3 p.m.

Chess Club - Second Wednesday, Main Library, 3 p.m.

### 2025 WVU Bucklew Scholars in running for Foundation Scholarships



Some of the Mountain State's most accomplished and talented students are set to begin their college careers at West Virginia University as the new cohort of Bucklew Scholars.

Zoey Hoffman from Buffalo High School is among 20 high-achieving West Virginia students selected for the WVU Foundation Scholarship, the University's highest academic scholarship.

These exceptional students share a passion for learning and making a positive impact on their communities.

### Seed and Plant Swap

Want more green in your life? Swap plants and seeds with other green thumbs on Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Poca Library. Thanks to Rabbit Ridge Farm in Poca for helping facilitate this exchange, and for bringing additional plants and seeds so that no one goes home empty-handed.

This swap is cash-free, meaning you bring what you can and take what you need. No selling. Everyone is welcome!

### Available Pets at the Putnam County Animal Shelter

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

For more information, call the Putnam County Animal Shelter at 304-586-0249.



Meet the Adorable Duo: Moss and Algae are two sweet and playful sister dogs who are looking for loving foster homes until they are spayed. These gorgeous girls are both approximately 7 months old and weigh around 50 pounds each. They are currently enjoying the comforts of a foster home but are eager to meet potential new foster families! Here's what makes Moss and Algae special:

\* Sisterly Bond: They have a wonderful connection and would thrive in homes that can appreciate their bond, though they can be fostered separately if needed.

\* Playful and Affectionate: At this age, they are full of youthful energy and love to play! They also enjoy cuddles and attention from their humans.

\* Ready to Learn: Being young, they are eager to learn and would benefit from continued socialization and basic training in their foster homes.

\* Temporary Guests: Your commitment would be until they are spayed, after which they will be ready for their forever homes. This is a fantastic way to make a huge difference in their lives without a long-term commitment!



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