

The Hurricane Breeze

SINCE 1900 THE BEST FAMILY WEEKLY NEWSPAPER FOR ALL OF PUTNAM COUNTY AND THE WHOLE WORLD

VOL. 125, NO. 18 THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025

HURRICANE, WEST VIRGINIA

SINGLE COPY \$1.00

Toyota Announces Additional \$88 Million Investment at Buffalo

Building on Toyota's unwavering commitment to reinvesting profits in its U.S. operations, Toyota West Virginia will invest \$88 million to assemble the next generation of hybrid transaxles. This brings the total plant investment to more than \$2.8 billion and reinforces long-term job security to its more than 2,000 team members.

"This investment is another example of Toyota's 'build where we sell' philosophy and further proof of the company's confidence in our team members," said David Rosier, president of Toyota West Virginia. "Their willingness to embrace innovation and champion bold ideas continues to drive us forward, and we're proud to play a pivotal role in providing customers with a variety of drivetrain options."

Scheduled to start production in late 2026, the drivetrain component will help power future North American-assembled Toyota and Lexus models. The hybrid transaxle transfers power seamlessly between the engine, electric motor and wheels. Hybrid electric vehicles are a key component of Toyota's multi-pathway approach to electrification and the new line will support the growing market.

Toyota is deeply invested in the U.S., with nearly 50,000 employees working in 11 plants, including a joint venture with Mazda in Alabama. Since 2018, Toyota has invested \$25 billion in American manufacturing and another \$28.5 billion to support our growing network of domestic suppliers. Over 50 percent of vehicles sold in the U.S. are assembled here

and nearly 80 percent of vehicles we sell in the U.S. are assembled in North America. The West Virginia plant's production supports Toyota's facilities in Kentucky, Indiana, Alabama and Canada.

"I applaud this major investment into our state," West Virginia Governor Patrick Morrisey said. "As the home of Toyota's only North American plant for this complex machinery, West Virginia will continue to prioritize economic development and skilled jobs for our workforce. Thank you to Toyota for their commitment to growing their presence here in the Mountain State."

To celebrate the continued commitment to the Mountain State, Toyota West Virginia is donating \$100,000 to the Marshall Advanced Manufacturing Center at Marshall University to support the center's workforce development program. The goal of this initiative is to broaden recruiting efforts for the school's skills programs and introduce more people to careers in advanced manufacturing.

"This generous contribution from Toyota West Virginia will have a lasting impact on our efforts to create a more dynamic and innovative workforce in advanced manufacturing," said Marshall President Brad D. Smith. "Through this program, we are opening doors for so many to gain critical skills, explore rewarding careers and help shape the future of this industry."

West Virginia State

Continued to Page 3

Buffalo ATV Ride Produces Fun and Restoration Funds



More than one hundred ATVs in Buffalo make ready to embark upon a 64-mile adventure.

(Photo Courtesy of Danette Tucker)

By Betsy Allen

A procession of over one hundred ATVs made their way through the backroads of Putnam and Mason Counties this past Saturday, April 26, on a course which took them over 18 Mile Creek, Morrison Ridge, Riffe Ridge, OK Hill, Jim Ridge, Bowles Ridge, Manilla Ridge, and other paths. The ride lasted around six hours, with a sizeable portion of the time spent socializing and mud running. When the riders returned to Buffalo, they had logged a total of sixty-four miles.

The ATV ride was a fundraiser for the restoration of Buffalo's first firetruck, a 1939 Chevy which the town acquired from Dunbar in the early 1950's. The truck, which was driven by Alby E.

Jeffers, was used until the 1970's. After its retirement, it remained in Buffalo in an unprotected area.

Larry Jeffers, the son of the first driver, wanted to restore the truck in memory of his father. He spoke with the Buffalo Volunteer Fire Department, and was given approval to take the vehicle to his home in Circleville, Ohio, where he would restore it. Having worked for a facility that built ambulances, Larry had experience working on emergency vehicles. Several

of his friends who operate a garage also helped out with the project.

Work on the firetruck has been ongoing for over two years. The vehicle needed extensive repairs, including a new motor, transmission, water pump, carburetor, fuel pump, and more. Parts were sourced from all over the United States, and a lot of the time that has gone into the project has been spent waiting for deliveries to arrive. The restored truck will be a parade vehicle, so its water valves will be

for appearance only. The manual transmission was replaced with an automatic one, which will be easier to use when driving in parades. The truck featured an "In Memory of Alby" plaque upon the side, and the restored truck will list the names of all the fallen firemen from Buffalo.

As the project became more and more expensive, Larry and friends had to reach out for financial aid. Danette Tucker and Misty Legg of Buffalo thought

Continued to Page 5

CAMC Teays Valley Holds Groundbreaking Ceremony for \$45 Million Expansion



The CAMC Teays Valley hospital groundbreaking ceremony was held April 24th.

By Ron Allen

CAMC Teays Valley hospital administrators, hospital staff members, county officials, and community leaders took shovels in hand on Thursday, April 24, for a groundbreaking ceremony for a \$45 million expansion which will add 50,000 square feet to the hospital's current 85,000 square footage.

When construction is completed in late 2026,

the hospital will feature three additional operating rooms, 22 additional private preoperative/postoperative rooms, a state-of-the-art vascular lab, and a total of four endoscopy rooms. The hospital currently has five operating rooms and two endoscopy rooms.

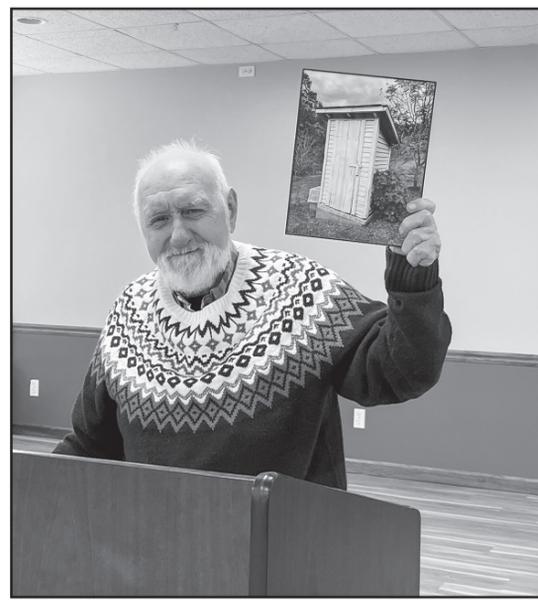
The vascular lab will allow the hospital to offer services that presently require trips to Charleston or Huntington hospitals. Since purchasing the

hospital in 2006, CAMC has made cancer services available in Teays Valley and opened an outpatient facility in Hurricane.

The construction will include convenient parking spaces in front of the new addition.

CAMC Teays Valley administrator Randy Hodges said that the hospital expects to add about 30 employees to its current 330 full-time and 145 part-time employee number.

UVHS Members Share Local History at April Meeting



Ron Allen displays a photo of the WPA outhouse located at his Hurricane Creek Road residence.

By Betsy Allen

The humble outhouse was the topic of the quarterly meeting of the Upper Vandalia Historical Society, which was held on Sunday, April 27, at the Bancroft Mission. Ron Allen discussed the history of two Great Depression era structures constructed by the Works Progress Administration. One outhouse is still in existence at the Breeze headquarters on Hurricane Creek Road. The other once stood behind the old Hurricane Breeze Office on Main Street in Hurricane. He also discussed outhouses he had experienced during his youth in rural Maine.

After the main

presentation was concluded, guests discussed antiques and artifacts they had brought for show and tell, a regular feature of the organization's meetings. Bob Walden of Poca brought two display cases from his collection of ancient Native American arrowheads, as well as a flint arrowhead he made himself. Terry McCallister brought a set of well dowsing rods, which were used to find sources of water where a well might be dug. He also said that the rods could be used to find graves as well.

John Joseph of Liberty displayed and discussed books that have been in his family for more than

one hundred years. The decorative hardcover books told the story of the historic flood of 1913 and the sinking of the Titanic. Illustrated books featuring calamities were the equivalent to today's videos during the era preceding the electronic age.

Joyce Hanna of Winfield discussed her ongoing historical research and various genealogical projects.

The Upper Vandalia Historical Society meets four times a year to discuss Putnam County and local history. Anyone who has an interest in local history and trivia is invited to attend meetings. The next meeting will be held in July.

WEATHER SUMMARY

April 22 -28

	Low	High
April 22		
Hurricane	43°	67°
April 23		
Hurricane	37°	78°
April 24		
Hurricane	38°	81°
April 25*		
Hurricane	56°	68°
April 26*		
Hurricane	40°	60°
April 27		
Hurricane	34°	65°
April 28		
Hurricane	40°	79°

*RAIN
0.4 inch recorded April 25
0.2 inch recorded April 26

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.

MAY 1 - 3

• The Town of Eleanor will be holding their spring yard sales from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MAY 2 - 4

• The Blenko Glass Festival of Glass will be held at Blenko in Milton.

MAY 2 - 3

• The Winfield Baptist Church Annual Yard Sale will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday at the church, located at 12902 Winfield Road.

MAY 2

• There will be a pool tournament from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Buffalo Senior Center.

• The Nitro Antique Car Club will be holding a cruise-in starting at 5 p.m. on Second Street.

• Bancroft Mission will be holding an evening of praise and thanksgiving at 7 p.m. at the Bancroft Park.

• Putnam County Support Center will be holding a resource fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 10822 Winfield Road, Winfield.

• Business Before Business will be held at Gresham Plumbing, 1195 US Route 60, Hurricane. RSVP by calling the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce at 304-757-6510.

SATURDAYS

STARTING MAY 3

• The Putnam County Farmer's Market is open for the season from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the field beside Exxon, across from the Putnam County Library in Teays Valley.

• The County Roads Farmers' Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane.

MAY 3 - 4

• Gritt's Farm in Buffalo will be holding Baby Animal Days featuring baby goat and chick visits, train rides playground attractions, and more. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

THE HURRICANE BREEZE

Entered in the Post Office at Hurricane, W.Va., 25526, as Periodical Class Mail Matter, on October 16, 1900.

PUTNAM COUNTY'S MOST READ NEWSPAPER

Subscription \$22 per year (including tax) in Zip Code 25526 and \$27 for all other Putnam County addresses. West Virginia addresses are \$45 per year. Out of state addresses are \$50 per year.

PUBLISHED WEEKLY AT HURRICANE, W. VA. USPS 254 - 720

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to THE HURRICANE BREEZE, Box 310, Hurricane, WV 25526

ESTABLISHED 1900 978 HURRICANE CREEK ROAD BOX 310 HURRICANE, W. VA. 25526

Phone (304) 562-9881 email address at hurricanebreeze@citynet.net

on Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

MAY 3

• The 2nd Annual Harmony House Renaissance Faire will be held at Harris Riverfront Park in Huntington. Enjoy a day browsing oddities from more than 40 local artisans as you listen to music and watch dozens of performances of horseback archery, combat, belly-dancing, and more! Tickets are \$25 adult, \$10 child.

• The West Virginia Farm Museum, 1458 Fairground Road, Point Pleasant, will be holding an antique tractor pull at 11 a.m.

• Gritt's Farm in Buffalo will be celebrating the birthday of the owner, Bob Gritt, by giving away one free vanilla ice cream cone per guest from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• The Nitro Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Sattes Circle, will be holding their spring bazaar from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• Fish On Bassmasters - WV will be holding an open tournament starting at the Nitro Boat Ramp from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• Poca River Hunting, Fishing, and Recreation Club, 789 Dupont Road, Poca, will be holding a family fun day from 4 to 7 p.m. Fishing tournament, Mother's Day crafts, games, and more.

• There will be a Mother's Day celebration from noon to 2p .m. at the Bancroft Town Park. Free food, gifts, and photo locations.

• The 5th Annual Putnam Career and Technical Center SkillsUSA Car Show will be held from noon to 3 p.m. at the school in Eleanor. Registration is from 10 a.m. to noon.

• Witcher Creek Vintage will be having a spring fundraiser sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Pulse Church, 5368 WV Route 34, Winfield. • There will be a rummage sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• There will be a flea market parking lot sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Valley Vintage, 404B Midland Trail, Hurricane.

• The Main Street Spring Festival will be held in Hurricane from 1 to 5 p.m.

• There will be a barn quilt painting class from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Kelly's Quilts, 450 Foster Road, Hurricane. For more information and to register, call 304-741-5321.

• The Knights of Columbus Hurricane Meal Packing event will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church.

• The Hurricane First Church of God, 3225 East Putnam Avenue, Hurricane, will be holding a yard sale from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

• The Board Room, located behind the Hurricane Walmart, will be hosting Free Comic Book Day during regular business hours.

MAY 4

• The Nitro Alley Cat, Show Cats, and Sophisticats will be holding their dinner theater at the school. First seating - doors open at 12:30 p.m.; second seating at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 at the door.

• John's Cyclery will be holding their monthly mountain bike ride at 2 p.m. at the Ridenour Park in Nitro. Meet up at 2 p.m. at the pump track.

• The Wookie Wobble 5K, presented by the Putnam Aging Program,

Faith, Family, and Community: Statewide Summit Rallies Support for Foster Care System

West Virginia's premier foster care summit returns for its fourth year this spring. The 2025 All In Foster Care Summit will be held Wednesday, May 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at River Ridge Church in Charleston, bringing together child welfare professionals, church leaders, foster/adoptive families, and community advocates for a full day of equipping, educating, and engaging around foster care.

This year's Summit theme, "A Shared Vision for Foster Care," will focus on uniting churches, child welfare professionals, businesses, and community organizations in a collective effort to ensure that every child and family in West Virginia has the support they need to thrive.

"West Virginia has the highest per capita rate of children in foster care in the country," said Greg Clutter, Director, Chestnut Mountain Village. "This Summit is a call to action—empowering everyday people, churches, and organizations to step into the story and provide real solutions for vulnerable children."

The Summit will offer valuable continuing education for professionals and caregivers. Licensed social workers can earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs), and certified West Virginia

will start at 2 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane. Prizes for the three best Star Wars costumes. Registration fees are \$25 before April 21; \$30 April 21 - May 2; \$35 Day of Race. Register at TriStateRacer.com/WookieWobble5K

MAY 5 - 7

• Buffalo Methodist Church, located at 27 High Street, Buffalo, will be holding a revival at 7 p.m. nightly. The theme of the revival is "Ignite the Spark" with guest speaker Rev. Bob Herdman.

MAY 5, 12, 19

• Stop by at Area 34, 971 WV Route 34, Teays Valley, from 9 to 11 a.m. for coffee and a free insurance quote from Brightway Insurance, The Mays Agency.

STARTING MAY 6

• Guyan River Cloggers will be offering a FREE 8-week beginner clogging course at Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, Putnam Avenue, Hurricane, at 5 p.m. Arrive at 4:45 p.m. to complete registration. For more information, go to www.guyanrivercloggers.com

MAY 6

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

• Vandalia Digital and Tandem Innovations will be discussing marketing plans from noon to 1 p.m. for the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce's Lunch and Learn workshop, held at Area 34, 971 WV Route 34, Teays Valley. RSVP by calling 304-757-6510.

MAY 7

• There will be a competitive kickboxing class at 6 p.m. at Quantum Sports Center, 3548 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane. Suitable for all levels.

MAY 8 - 10

• Quilts by Phyllis, 2943 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane, will be hosting Moster's Day Out. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m.

foster parents will receive training certificates for sessions attended (Social Work CEUs sponsored by Mission West Virginia, Inc. provider #490129). These educational opportunities make the Summit an ideal event for those seeking both personal growth and professional development in the child welfare space.

Summit highlights include:

Dynamic Speakers:
• Brian Mavis, Founder of America's Kids Belong
• Jamie Finn, Author and Founder of Foster the Family

• Jason Johnson, National Director at the Christian Alliance for Orphans

Breakout Sessions and Workshops offering hands-on strategies and spiritual insight:

• Envisioning and Designing Foster-Friendly West Virginia Communities

• A Practical Guide to Mobilizing Your Church for Foster Care

• Secondary Trauma & Biblical Self-Care

Collaborative Cohorts and Networking Opportunities for pastors, foster and adoptive parents, social workers, and community advocates.

Event Details:

• Date: Wednesday, May 7

• Time: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM (Coffee & Connection begins at 8:15 AM)

to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Special sales, door prizes, refreshments, and more.

STARTING MAY 8

• Leadership Putnam County, a 9-week course designed to help understand community issues in the county, will be held at Area 34, 971 WV Route 34, Teays Valley. The cost is \$300. RSVP by calling 304-757-6510.

MAY 8

• The Winfield High School Band Boosters will be holding Dessert and a Show at 6 p.m. Choose from a variety of dessert options while enjoying the WHS symphonic band and other ensembles perform. Cost is \$5 at the door.

• The Putnam County Network of Women will meet at 8:15 a.m. at Area 34, 971 WV Route 34, Teays Valley. For more information, call 304-757-6510.

• The Mommy and Mee Jubilee will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at Valley Park Conference center in Hurricane. Bird house painting, stained glass painting, lip oil making, and kids crafts. For more information, call (304) 562-0518.

• There will be a Mommy and Me Jubilee stained glass class from 6 to 8 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane. For tickets, go to https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mommy-me-jubilee-stained-glass-class-tickets-1319093376799

• Zoology Zone Science Center, located at Valley Park in Hurricane, will be holding a student art exhibition from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

MAY 9

• The Putnam County Library is hosting a homeschool field day at 1 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane.

MAY 9 - 10

• There will be a yard sale at the Buffalo Church of God, Route 62 and Church Street, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

As Mother's Day approaches, amidst birthdays and Easter celebrations, I am thankful, once again, for being a Mother. My two miracles have been the best gifts from God... true miracles of birth. I am blessed.

Both my kids want me to live near them. After three years in Indiana, and now four years in Florida, I am torn... I want to live near each of them. It is a difficult decision... family pulls me near. I can't imagine what it would be like to live

• Location: River Ridge Church, Charleston, WV

• Registration Fee: \$25 per person

• Registration Website: <https://cmvww.org/summit>

ABOUT CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN VILLAGE: Chestnut Mountain Village ("The Village"), a ministry of Chestnut Mountain Ranch, is dedicated to creating Christ-centered communities to provide hope and homes for West Virginia's vulnerable kids and families. To do this, the Village guides and equips West Virginia churches to care for vulnerable children and families by providing a proven, step-by-step ministry model that amplifies the Gospel, provides opportunities for spiritual growth, and involves the entire church.

ABOUT CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN RANCH: Chestnut Mountain Ranch ("the Ranch") is a Christ-centered home and school in Morgantown, West Virginia. The Ranch reaches the hearts of young men and restores broken families through a structured, loving community. Located just six miles south of Morgantown on 300 beautiful acres, the Ranch has a vision of restoring hope to children and families by providing a place for family restoration and a safe haven for boys and families in crisis.

Putnam County Food Pantries And Clothing Banks

Christian Community Cupboard

2843 Virginia Avenue Hurricane (304) 562-9373

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

Calvary Baptist Church

3653 Teays Valley Road Hurricane (304) 757-8829

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

Light House Baptist Church

2440 US Route 60 Hurricane 304-562-3900

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

Teays Valley Baptist Church

3926 Teays Valley Road Hurricane (304) 757-9306

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

Salt & Light Food Pantry

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

Food pantry open monthly

The Pulse Church 5368 WV Route 34

without having my nine.

When Mike and I married, after going together so many years, we wanted to start a family. Without the wise Dr. Chambers and the miracle of fertility drugs, we would not have our children (and the wisdom of God). I praise the Lord the day I started working for Dr. Chambers, Mairs, and Stone... I learned so much, and I knew about the drug... no matter what, we wanted children.

We were granted our wishes... two children (one miscarriage)... a boy and a girl. After spending most of my pregnancies in the hospital and/or bedrest... Nathan and Kathy were added to our family. We were the happiest... the Burkes... always together...

As the big day comes... I will celebrate with Florida family... I will celebrate with Indiana family when we are together again... I always make sure to send cards and gifts to my daughter and daughter-in-law... just as my Mother did to me... they are Mothers also. And speaking of my Mother, there was never one who worked as hard as she... I was born before Mother turned sixteen, in that little back bedroom on Virginia Avenue in Hurricane, WV... Dr. Parker was our physician... until I married... he was special... another story indeed.

SO: this woman... blessed with children and grandchildren... blessed with Mother and MAMA Coyner, who helped raise me... blessed more than one can imagine... I have the desires of my heart... my family... I don't own my home; I have an old car... I have little possessions, but I have the best gifts God offers... two children, their spouses, and five grandkids... thank you, Lord, for your BLESSINGS... because the way we were is the way we are... thankful to be Mothers... Happy Mother's Day.

Winfield

(304) 936-1679 Food pantry open from 2 to 4 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month

Buffalo Baptist Church

407 High Street 304-937-3221

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

Five Loaves Two Fish Food Pantry

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

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

Food and More At The Bridge

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

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

Bridge Family Resource Center

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

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



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.

May 1, 1930: Labor leader and child welfare activist Mother Jones celebrated her birthday in Maryland. Jones, who was 100 years old by her count, appeared before newsreel cameras to condemn the Prohibition Act "as a curse upon the nation" that violated her right to have a beer instead of water.

May 2, 1900: State founder Waitman Willey died in Morgantown. He is remembered for the Willey Amendment, which provided for the emancipation of slaves as a precondition for the creation of West Virginia.

May 2, 1925: Flying saucer investigator Gray Barker was born in Riffler, Braxton County. Barker became interested in unidentified flying objects in the 1950s after investigating sightings of the Flatwoods Monster.

May 3, 1843: U.S. Postmaster General William Lyne Wilson

was born in Smithfield, Jefferson County. Wilson joined President Cleveland's cabinet as postmaster general in 1895. The following year, he introduced Rural Free Delivery in Jefferson County, an experiment which was quickly instituted nationwide.

May 3, 1948: The plane of test pilot Howard "Tick" Lilly, a Raleigh County native, crashed on takeoff in California. Lilly was the first of many government test pilots to die in the line of duty. Six weeks earlier, he had become only the fourth person to break the sound barrier.

May 4, 1896: The Children's Home Society of West Virginia was formed by a group of Charleston ministers. Their goal was to place orphaned and neglected children with caring families rather than crowd them into county poorhouses.

May 4, 1865: Minister Adam Clayton Powell Sr. was born a free person of color in Franklin County, Virginia. He lived and worked many of his teenage years in eastern Kanawha County and later became pastor of Harlem's Abyssinian Baptist Church, one of the nation's largest churches.

May 5, 1923: A fire started by welders working on a new swimming pool destroyed most of Luna Park, an amusement park in Charleston. Although Luna's owners announced they would rebuild, the park never reopened.

May 5, 1923: Golfer Bill Campbell was born in Huntington. He won more than 30 championships over a seven-decade career and is considered one of the best amateur players in history.

May 6, 1812: Activist and physician Martin Robison Delany was born in Charles Town. In February 1865, he was commissioned as a major in the U.S. Colored Troops. He was the only Black Civil War officer to be given a field command.

Toyota Announces \$88 Million Investment at Buffalo

Continued from Page 1

Senator Glenn Jefferies, who represents the district where the plant is located, also lauded the announcement.

May 6, 1968: A continuous miner machine at the Gauley Coal & Coke Saxsewell No. 8 mine at Hominy Falls, Nicholas County, cut into an adjacent mine, which was filled with water. The resulting flood drowned four miners and trapped 21 others.

May 7, 1928: The Keith-Albee Theater opened in Huntington. The opening program featured a comedy called "Good Morning, Judge," a newsreel, and five stage acts. But the theater itself, with its elaborate interior, clearly was the star of the evening.

May 7, 1983: The New River Gorge National Park and Preserve began operations when the first visitor center opened near Fayetteville.

"Toyota West Virginia has been a long-standing and valued partner to both the state and Putnam County," Jefferies said. "This announcement regarding the sixth-generation hybrid transaxle is yet another example of Toyota's continued commitment to investing in West Virginia and supporting this plant as a key economic driver. Toyota's success here is a story we proudly share when promoting the state for future economic development opportunities — they continue to set the bar."

Toyota West Virginia assembles both engines and drivetrain components for Toyota's North American operations, and it remains the only Toyota plant in North America to assemble hybrid transaxles.

Military Veterans

"You pay nothing for your Concealed Carry Permit"

Please show proof of your honorable military service to the teller upon completing the application. We accept the following:

- DD214
- VA Medical Card
- Honorable Discharge Document
- Military ID

Thank you for your service, Bobby Eggleton Sheriff, Putnam County

CALLING ALL HISTORY BUFFS



Rooted in rich history, **Stonewall Country** is the beginning of endless discovery. This summer, embark on your own journey through time.

stonewallcountry.com

WEST VIRGINIA **STONEWALL COUNTRY**

almost heaven

Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum



ConvenientCare

Quality, convenient care when you need it quickly

Walk-Ins Welcome. No Appointment Necessary

From colds to sprains, sports physicals to the flu, we're here to meet the urgent care needs of every member of the family

ConvenientCareWV.org

304-562-2011

3109 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane
Located inside Fruth Pharmacy



MAIN STREET SPRING FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 3, 2025

1:00pm - 5:00pm

city of *Hurricane* WEST VIRGINIA

Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



Fresh, Filling Springtime Salads

(Family Features) When the crisp air of spring tickles your face and sunrays splash you with warmth, you know salad season has arrived. With fresh flavors abounding this season, the options are nearly endless – just choose your favorite base, toppings and dressings and you're set with a delicious first course or hearty meal all on its own.

Not every salad requires leafy greens for the base, however. Consider this Greek Beet and Watermelon Rice Salad, a Greek-inspired Jasmine rice dish loaded with fresh, tangy flavors that are sure to please your taste buds. Made with Success Boil-in-Bag Jasmine Rice that cooks up soft and fluffy every time, this recipe offers a hint of floral, sweet flavor to keep you feeling full. In just 10 minutes, you can have sweetly aromatic Jasmine rice that's perfect for your lifestyle needs – it's naturally gluten free, non-GMO Project Verified and free of MSG and preservatives.

Fruit salad may be nothing new, particularly when using fruits like oranges, cherries or grapes, but watermelon may be the fun new spin you need at your next cookout. The pairing of sweet watermelon, tangy feta cheese, refreshing mint, earthy beets, nuts and fluffy rice offers a winning combination. Quick tip: Make sure the rice is fully cooled after cooking to avoid a warm, watery result.

Fresh herbs, tomatoes, corn, basmati rice and a simple vinaigrette make Spring Corn and Rice Salad another delicious seasonal side that's ready in just 15 minutes. Step out of your salad comfort zone with this refreshing solution that makes it easy to add veggies to your diet. When you're drawing up weekly meal plans and tired of relying on traditional lettuce-based salads, consider rice salads as an alternative for enjoying chopped vegetables – plus, hearty rice can help keep you full longer.

Better yet, you can make this rice salad your own by experimenting with the ingredients. Try adding shredded chicken, hard-boiled eggs, fresh mango, ground cumin, fresh grated ginger, grilled corn or any other springtime flavors.

Remember, high quality doesn't have to be high maintenance. Aromatic, premium long-grain Success Boil-in-Bag Basmati Rice is a no measure, no mess option that cooks up perfectly every time. Aside from being naturally gluten free, it's also free of preservatives and MSG and is non-GMO Project Verified. It's no stranger to versatility either – in 10 minutes, you can enjoy basmati rice's subtle, nutty flavor and unique texture alongside other warm-weather favorites.

Find more ways to enjoy spring salad season by visiting SuccessRice.com.

Greek Beet and Watermelon Rice Salad

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 10 minutes

Servings: 4

- 1 bag Success Jasmine Rice
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 cup thinly sliced, cooked golden beets
- 1 cup thinly sliced watermelon
- 1/4 cup feta cheese, crumbled
- 1/4 cup pitted black olives, halved
- 1/4 cup red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon fresh mint, thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons walnuts, toasted and chopped, for garnish

Prepare rice according to package directions. Allow to cool completely.

In medium bowl, whisk oil, lemon juice, salt and pepper.

Add rice to bowl with dressing and stir to combine. Let stand 5 minutes.

Transfer rice to serving platter. Lay beet slices down one side of rice. Lay watermelon slices down opposite side. Top with feta, olives, red onion and mint. Garnish with walnuts.

Tips: Substitute capers for olives, if preferred.

To diminish "raw" flavor of onions, soak in ice water at least 5 minutes before using in recipe.

Use roasted, boiled, steamed or grilled beets.

Spring Corn and Rice Salad

Prep time: 5 minutes

Cook time: 10 minutes

Servings: 4

- 1 bag Success Basmati Rice
- 1 cup frozen corn, thawed
- 2 Roma tomatoes, seeded and diced
- 1/2 cup minced fresh basil
- 1/2 cup diced red onion
- 1/2 cup vinaigrette dressing
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper

Prepare rice according to package directions. Allow to cool completely.

In medium bowl, combine corn, tomatoes, basil, red onions, vinaigrette and green onions. Fold in rice, salt and pepper.

Serve salad at room temperature or chilled.

Fillers Contributors Wanted

The Hurricane Breeze always needs Fillers Page contributors. We would like to print your recipes, inspirational sayings, poems, clean jokes, fun facts, and other submissions.

Please send contributions to The Hurricane Breeze Fillers Page, PO Box 310, Hurricane, WV 25526.

You can also email submissions to breezenews@citynet.net

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane



A friend who understands your tears is much more valuable than a lot of friends who only know your smile.

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

The goal isn't Gucci bags and fancy cars. It's 40 acres and a garden that provides.

If you are happy, you will make others happy.

Inspiration and happiness is in all of us and all we have to do is use it.

Be happy, and have no fear of perfection. No one will ever reach perfection.

How you live your life daily is a testimony of what you believe about God.

Keep an eye out for an opportunity to do better.

Being happy is one of the greatest forms of success.

A smile is a way to show others kindness.

Happiness is a habit. You can make it grow.

How beautiful it is to do nothing, and then rest afterward.

Joy's smile is much closer to tears than laughter. - Victor Hugo

Patience and passage of time do more than strength and fury.

If charity cost nothing, the whole world would be full of philanthropists.

Today is yesterday's pupil.

What I cannot love, I overlook.

Every day grief puts on a new face.

My husband deserves the best and that is why I exist.

Happiness comes easier when you want to learn and get inspired.

The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits.

Be slow in choosing a friend, slower in changing. - Benjamin Franklin

Stress will kill you as fast as a bullet. Find your peace and live there.

A man who fears suffering is already suffering from what he fears.

Measure your growth in grace by your sensitiveness to sin.

There is only one happiness in this life, to love and to be loved.

If you treat others with love, then you too, will be loved.

God's mercy is bigger than any mistake you've ever made.

A kind word to someone in need can be helpful.

Every pet is a chapter in the story of our hearts.

Always take the high road in life.

Health is the best wealth.

When a doggy has chosen you, don't let him down.

Expectations are resentments waiting to happen.

You will inspire some and annoy others. Do it anyway.

My husband will never know how much I love and depend on him.

Don't worry about getting older. You will still do stupid stuff, only slower.

When you tell someone winter is over, it's best not to spring the news to them.

I dreamed all night I was a muffer. I woke up exhausted.

My pet thinks I rescued him. Turns out - he rescued me.

Some people aren't just missing a screw; the whole toolbox is gone.

Only a bully and a coward would hurt an innocent animal.

Not all math puns are bad, just sum of them.

Our prayers are so small for such a big God.

You deserve the same love and effort you give.

Keep your eyes on eternity.

Forgiveness is freedom.

Doggies' great social intelligence means that they probably also have a high capacity for empathy. More than intuiting what we think, doggies may also feel what we feel.

It feels like you may die from a broken heart when you lose a loved one, and the truth is, a part of you does.

Rope puns are just knot funny.

A smile is the prettiest thing you can wear.

It is always in our power to be kind.

Pets can sense our feelings and always know when we need comfort.

Happiness blooms from within when we water it daily with gratitude.

Don't allow other people to hold the key to your peace of mind.

Sometimes your value isn't seen until your absence is felt.

You can usually tell that a man is good if he has a doggie who loves him.

Because Jesus walked such a long, lonely path, utterly alone, we don't have to.

Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. - Mark Twain

You have three choices in life: give up, give in, or give it all you've got.

Only those who care about you can hear you when you're quiet.

Don't burn that Hawaiian pizza. Cook it at Aloha temperature.

How would you respond if someone said, "I don't like you?"

Anticipate the difficult by managing the easy.

Everybody knows not to be messing with mountain folks. They're good people, but can be meaner than a copperhead, wilder than a buck, and crazy like a fox if you get on the wrong side.

When I enter that beautiful city, and the saints all around me appear, I hope that someone will tell me, "It was you who invited me here." - Corrie ten Boom

Always be careful of what you hear about a woman. Rumors either come from a man that can't have her or a woman who can't compete with her.

Your life does not get better by chance; it gets better by change.

Success is not how high you have climbed, but how you make a positive difference to the world.

There's nothing better than watching your doggy enjoy the life you gave him.

The best way to predict the future is to create it.

Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after the other.

Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny.

Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.

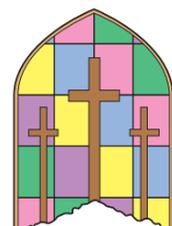
The biggest adventure you can take is to live the life of your dreams.

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second-best time is now.

Sometimes the only thing you need to feel better is the closeness of your doggie.

If you have the chance to make someone happy, just do it.

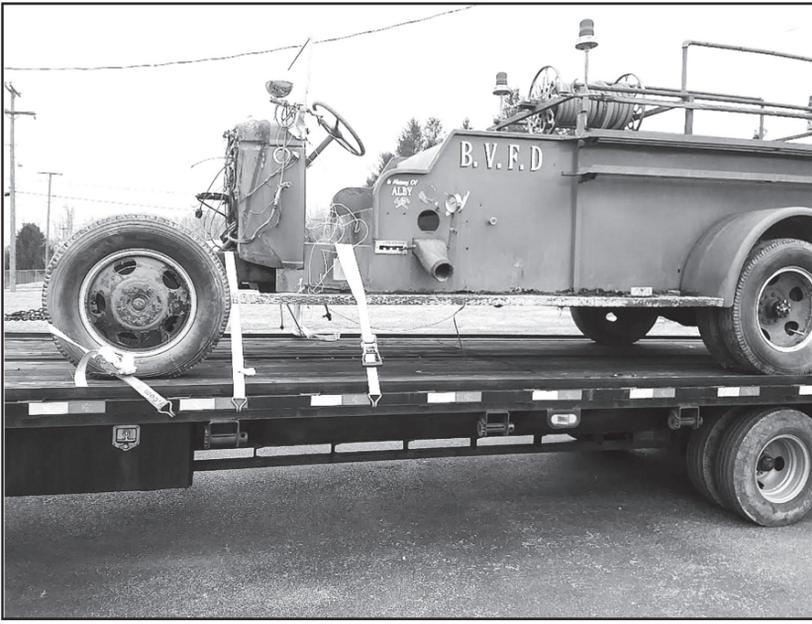
Bible Verse



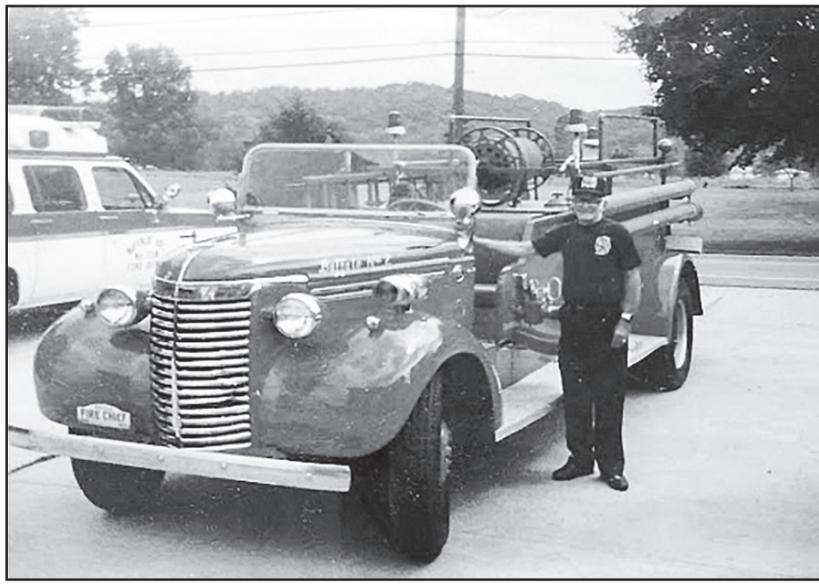
I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.

— Philippians 4:11

Buffalo ATV Ride Produces Fun and Restoration Funds



Buffalo's original firetruck on its way to Circleville. (Photo Courtesy of Larry Jeffers)



A vintage photo of Alby Jeffers standing beside the 1939 Chevy firetruck. (Photo Courtesy of Larry Jeffers)



The ATV parade makes its way on to Route 62 in Buffalo. (Photo by Betsy Allen)



ATV's await their turn to make a run through the mud. (Photo Courtesy of Danette Tucker)



The ride produced a lot of fun in the mud. (Photo Courtesy of Danette Tucker)



The rains of Friday and Saturday morning produced more mud than needed. (Photo Courtesy of Danette Tucker)

Continued from Page 1

to host an ATV ride fundraiser to help meet restoration costs. A total of \$7,333 was raised from last Saturday's ride through donations, concession sales, registration fees, and raffles.

It is hoped that the restoration of the firetruck will be completed in time for its debut at the Buffalo Fourth of July Parade. At

one time, Buffalo had a Fourth of July carnival at the high school, and the truck would be used to take children on rides. Larry says he would like to see a return of that tradition, and is building a bench in the back of the vehicle for people to ride comfortably (passengers originally had to stand up because there was no place to sit).

Larry says that restoring Buffalo's first firetruck is an honor. It was part of

his family for many years. His father Alby was a firefighter, and his brothers helped put out forest fires, even though they were never official members of the Fire Department. Larry served as a firefighter for a year before moving to Circleville.

The truck was last used in 2000 when it was employed to transport

Alby's casket to Raynes Cemetery on Cross Creek Hill. Unfortunately, the truck quit halfway up the

hill and had to be pulled the rest of the way by another vehicle.

The restoration should

make an emergency tow unnecessary during any of Buffalo's future 4th of July parades.

Free Eggs

304-562-9881

The chickens at the Ranch have been working overtime and produced a surplus
Eggs are mostly medium size and light brown in color

Only 2 Weeks Away

CPL Fulks Memorial Race

May 10, 2025

Sign up today and share!



Where is Your Faith?



Photo Credit istockphoto.com/ymno

There's a tale of a fisherman who fell from his boat and implored God to save him. As he bobbed in the water he refused help from several bystanders because he was so sure God was going to save him. He shouted that he didn't need their help as he disappeared beneath the water. Upon entering Heaven he asked, "God, why did you not save me?!" God replied, "But I sent several angels to help you and you refused their help. Where was your faith?" God asked the fisherman a good question. Where is your faith? Do you know where to find it? Visit your house of worship and learn of His promises. He wants to help you live a more peaceful and joyous life.

Weekly Scripture Reading

Hebrews	Hebrews	Hebrews	Hebrews	Psalm	Hebrews	Hebrews
8.1-13	9.1-22	9.23-10.18	10.19-39	80	11.1-22	11.23-40

Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society

©2025 Keister-Williams Newspaper Services, P.O. Box 8187, Charlottesville, VA 22906, www.kwnews.com

BASIC BIBLE

By Ron Allen
304-562-9881

A New Heaven and a New Earth

Revelation 21:1-8

In the text before, John shares with us a picture of the future that shall follow Christ's millennial reign and the great white throne judgment (Rev. 20). There shall be a new heaven and a new earth. The first heaven and the first earth have passed away (v. 1).

The first heaven of which John speaks is the physical heaven which extends further than the eye can see — further than can be seen with the most powerful telescopes that exist or will ever exist. Knowledge of the physical universe has multiplied beyond bounds thought possible in the last one hundred years. Perhaps, the greatest revelation in man's study of God's creation is the realization of how little we understand. We cannot observe that which is beyond the constraints that God has placed upon His creation. John was shown that which is beyond understanding.

There will be no sea in the new heaven and new earth. The lack of a sea means there will be no need of a sea. The sea in the first earth which shall be no more served as a habitat for living things and a depository of the dead (see Rev. 20:13). There shall be no dead in the new heaven and the new earth. The new heaven and new earth is the habitat of life everlasting.

John saw the new Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. John saw the new Jerusalem being delivered from the presence of God to a new location (the new heaven and the new earth). The new Jerusalem radiates the holiness of God. The new Jerusalem shall not be like the old Jerusalem. The old Jerusalem is described in Revelation 11:8. The old Jerusalem was both a spiritual Sodom (a place of rebellion against God) and a spiritual Egypt (a place of enslavement). The old Jerusalem manifested darkness and discord. The new Jerusalem manifests spiritual harmony with God. The new Jerusalem is likened to a bride adorned for her husband.

While John was watching the delivery, he heard a great voice out of heaven say, "Behold the tabernacle of God is with men." This announcement, made using the present tense, is followed by use of the future tense. God shall dwell in the midst of His people. His people shall enjoy a closeness to Him that was unknown in the former heaven and former earth. Men shall know God as their God and He shall be with His people and be their God. There shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor pain; former things are (present tense) passed away (v. 4).

God made all former things (things that we now see) with a plan that there should be pain, sorrow and death. This plan is stated in I Peter 1:19-21. It was God's plan from before the foundation of the world that Christ should suffer pain, sorrow and death. There is no need for a like plan in the new heaven and new earth. Death, sorrow, and pain shall not exist in the new heaven and new earth. These are words spoken by the great voice out of heaven.

In verse 5, John hears the words of a different voice. The voice of He that sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." The maker of all things new instructed John to "Write: for these words are true and faithful." God sits on the throne of God. God is God. God true and faithful. He is the maker of the new heaven and new earth.

The new heaven and new earth is beyond human comprehension. No more death, sorrow, crying, or pain is God's promise and provision for the new heaven and the new earth. God states that His promise is faithful and true and then affixes His signature, Alpha and Omega, to this promise. God uses the title Alpha and Omega in Revelation 1 in regard to the contents of this book. The promise signed at the beginning and at the end signifies the completion of all God's promises to man. It is the last word. After all that will happen has happened and there is no more to happen, this promise is fulfilled. It is the final reality of all reality, eternal realty.

This promise, however, is not made to all men. The promise belongs to them who thirst for water from "the fountain of the water of life" (v. 6). God gives the water of that fountain to all who thirst—no charge.

Verse 7 states that "He that overcometh shall inherit all things." In chapter 2 and 3, John recorded messages directed to each of the seven churches of Asia. Each message held a promise of reward to all who overcometh. Collectively, the seven churches faced every possible challenge to the faith that there is to be had. Individually, the churches faced different challenges. No church was without a test of faith which it was called to overcome. Who is he that overcometh? It is he who has stood fast and donned the armor of salvation. It is he who has clung to the cross while storms have raged around him. The overcomers are those who placed their trust in the Lord God.

To the overcomers is the promise of inheriting all things and of being recognized and being called "my son" by God.

Opposed to the overcomers are the fearful, the unbelieving, the abominable, sorcerers, idolaters, murders, whoremongers, and liars. There is no inheritance promised to this second group. They all shall dwell in the lake of fire which is the second death.

Why has God revealed these things to us? It is His will that every individual should become an overcomer.

Let us be the overcomers which He would have us be. Let us reach out to others, revealing the One who saves men from eternity in the lake of fire. Let us reach out knowing that it His will that none should perish but that all should repent of their unbelief.

GILLISPIE TOWING
MEDIUM & LIGHT DUTY TOWING

Billy Gillispie
gillispieenterprises1@gmail.com

304-562-5978
304-561-5998
Fax: 681-233-3363

Oliver
Fuels & Oils, Inc.

"Petroleum Distributors Since 1950"
6819 MacCorkle Avenue
St. Albans, WV 25177

Phone: (304) 727-5549
Toll Free: 1-877-644-FUEL
Fax: (304) 727-5115
Hours: M-F 7:30-5 / Sat. 9-12

E-mail: oliverfuels@aol.com

Jill Oliver, President

- Gasolines & Diesel Fuels
- K-1 Kerosene
- Industrial Oils & Greases
- Site Tanks & Pumps
- Certified WVDOT-DBE & WBE

Metal Center Recycling

1191 James River Turnpike
Milton, West Virginia

M-F (8 am - 4 pm) Sat. (8 am - 11:30 am)

304-390-5746

BOBS BARBER SHOP
EST - 1968

Nathan

Staff
Bob Arnold
Don Lorrison
Nathan
Robert (Al) Arnold
Phone 562-5707

Mon 9:00 - 5:30
Tue 8:00 - 5:30
Wed 8:00 - 5:30
Thurs 8:00 - 5:30
Fri 8:00 - 5:30
Sat 7:30 - 3:00

H&R BLOCK

168 Midland Trail
Hurricane, WV 25526

304-562-5122

Monday - Friday 9-7 Saturday 9-5
Off Season Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri 10-5

Allen Funeral Home

Jean, Greg and Wesley Allen
Hurricane, West Virginia

TOWN & COUNTRY SUPPLY

NITRO - Open 7 Days

WHY PAY MORE FOR LESS PROPANE?

20lb. OURS 15lb. EXCHANGE

LP Cylinders
Regulators & Hoses
Special Fittings
Home Installations
Commercial Delivery
Knowledgeable Staff

SOUTHERN STATES

WHITT'S FARM SUPPLY
2536 Main Street
HURRICANE, WEST VIRGINIA
Phone 562-5111

pccb
PutnamCountyBank

Member FDIC

www.pcbwv.bank

netranam
COMMUNICATIONS

www.netranom.com

Websites - Networks - Hosting
Phone Systems - Multimedia

2801 Virginia Avenue
Hurricane, WV
304.562.4700

Scott Edwards, Owner
Located in Old Town Hall

HENDERSON INSURANCE, INC.

All Forms of Insurance
SINCE 1949

3275 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane, WV 25526
304-562-9681

HATCHER'S AUTO REPAIR LLC

Light Truck & Auto Repair
2188 Walton Road
CULLODEN, WV 25510
304-743-5867

This Space For Sale

304-562-9881

Obituaries

SIERRA BENTLEY

Sierra Sue Bentley, 83, of Hurricane, went to sleep on April 12th, 2025. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 62 years, Joe Bentley Sr.

She is survived by her 3 loving sons and their wives: Joe (and Peggy) Bentley of Hurricane, Dave (and Andra) Bentley of Pasadena, TX and Steve (and Clarisse) Bentley of Rockwall, TX.

She leaves behind 7 grandchildren: Ashley Megan (and Bobby Watkins) of Hurricane, Brittany Sierra (and Daniel Shutters) of Gretna, VA, Chelsea Delores (and Dallas Lemons) of Friendswood, TX, Mia Delores Spann-Bentley, of Pasadena TX, Madison Brenna Gladu of Pune Maharashtra, India, Dalton Alex (and Lauren Bentley) of Holly Lake Ranch, TX, Skylar Reagan Bentley of Greenville, TX. 6 great grandchildren; Ezra, Max, Isla, Karsyn, Saylor, Ryder & a soon to be 7th. As well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and countless friends.

She was a faithful servant of Jehovah God for 67 years, and an active member of the Winfield Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. She enjoyed telling others about Jehovah God and His promises for the future. She was a beautiful quilter. She loved to make quilts for each of her children and then carried the tradition on to her grandchildren. She loved to garden; always looking forward to hummingbird season. She loved baking bread, her famous pound cake, and peanut butter fudge. She

was industrious, steadfast, and zealous.

Allen Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

A memorial service will be held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses located at 606 King St. Dunbar, WV on May 24th, 2025 at 2 p.m. For those attending in person, carpooling is encouraged due to limited parking. Zoom information will be available for the service. Please contact Ashley Watkins at amwatkins197@gmail.com, or Brittany Shutters at bbentley135@yahoo.com for that information.

MARY MAGDALENE CASTO

In loving memory and honor of Mary Magdalene Casto, 91, of Eleanor, who passed away on April 25, 2025. She was raised in Liberty, daughter of Fleette Ethel Jeffries and Luther Thornton and is also preceded in death by her daughter Denise Lynn Welch and her siblings.

She is survived by her loving husband of 72 years, Estel Glendean Casto; daughter Joy Gail Jones; son-in-law Douglas Allen Jones; and grandson Wade Garrett Welch.

A tribute to the life of Mary Magdalene Casto was held Thursday, May 1, 2025, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Joe Fisher officiating. Burial was in Forest Memorial Park, Milton.

EDWARD ALLEN FISHER
Edward Allen Fisher Jr.,

76, of Hurricane, passed away on April 23, 2025 at home.

He was born on July 8, 1948 to the late Edward A. and Irene Buckalew Fisher. In addition to parents, he was also preceded in death by his first wife, Karen Nicholas Fisher.

Eddie was a retired member of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union #625 Charleston, Masonic Temple Lodge Kanawha # 20 A.F. & A.M., Beni Kedem Shriners and Valley of Charleston Scottish Rite.

He is survived by his wife, Tonya G. Bennett Fisher; sons: Eric Fisher (Amy) of Hurricane, WV and Matthew Fisher (Sarah) of Greensboro, NC; stepson, Chris Lovejoy (Jamie) of Beverly, WV; and grandchildren: Caden Fisher, Evan Fisher, Dylan Fisher and Oaklyn Lovejoy.

Celebration of Eddie's Life was held Sunday, April 27, 2025 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Pastor Charles V. "Sonny" Williams officiating.

JOHN MARK HAGER

John Hager, 60, of Scott Depot, died April 13, 2025. He was a 1983 Hamlin High School graduate, a U.S. Air Force Veteran and a Truck Driver for Pitt Ohio for several years.

Funeral service was Thursday, April 17, 2025 at Koontz Funeral Home, Hamlin. Interment was in Lincoln Memorial Park, Hamlin.

**For Results Try
The Breeze
Want Ads**



West Virginia Statewide Classified Network

Featured in WVPA Newspapers Across West Virginia

HEALTH/MEDICAL

DONT LET THE STAIRS LIMIT YOUR MOBILITY! Discover the ideal solution for anyone who struggles on the stairs, is concerned about a fall or wants to regain access to their entire home. Call AmeriGlide today! 1-844-592-5113

PORTABLE OXYGEN CONCENTRATOR May Be Covered by Medicare! Reclaim independence and mobility with the compact design and long-lasting battery of Inogen One. Free information kit! Call 833-274-3943

DENTAL INSURANCE from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company. Coverage for 400 plus procedures. Real dental insurance - NOT just a discount plan. Do not wait! Call now! Get your FREE Dental Information Kit with all the details! 1-855-405-3412 www.dental50plus.com/press #6258

INTERNET/TV

GET DISH SATELLITE TV + INTERNET! Free Install, Free HD-DVR Upgrade, 80,000 On-Demand Movies, Plus Limited Time Up To \$600 In Gift Cards. Call Today! 1-855-736-4350

CONNECT TO THE BEST WIRELESS HOME INTERNET WITH EARTHLINK. Enjoy speeds from 5G and 4G LTE networks, no contracts, easy installation, and data plans up to 300 GB. Call 844-230-3640

MISCELLANEOUS

SUNSETTER. AMERICA'S NUMBER

ONE AWNING! Instant shade at the touch of a button. Transform your deck or patio into an outdoor oasis. Up to 10-year limited warranty. Call now and SAVE \$350 today! 1-888-485-5756

WE BUY HOUSES FOR CASH AS IS! No repairs. No fuss. Any condition. Easy three step process: Call, get cash offer and get paid. Get your fair cash offer today by calling Liz Buys Houses: 1-866-249-3126

DONATE YOUR CAR, truck, boat, RV and more to support our veterans! Schedule a FAST, FREE vehicle pickup and receive a top tax deduction! Call Veteran Car Donations at 1-888-964-4167 today!

CONSUMER CELLULAR - the same reliable, nationwide coverage as the largest carriers. No long-term contract, no hidden fees and activation is free. All plans feature unlimited talk and text, starting at just \$20/month. For more information, call 1-855-615-6411

ELIMINATE GUTTER CLEANING FOREVER! LeafFilter, the most advanced debris-blocking gutter protection. Schedule a FREE LeafFilter estimate today. 20% off Entire Purchase. Plus 10% Senior & Military Discounts. Call 1-844-295-2840

WE BUY 8,000 CARS A WEEK. Sell your old, busted or junk car with no hoops, haggles or headaches. Sell your car to Peddle. Easy three step process. Instant offer. Free pickup. Fast pay-

ment. Call 1-844-640-0583

PREPARE FOR POWER OUTAGES TODAY with a Generac Home Stand-by Generator. Act now to re-ceive a FREE 5-Year warranty with qualifying purchase. Call 1-844-901-2301 today to schedule a free quote. It's not just a generator. It's a power move.

UP TO \$15,000.00 OF GUARANTEED LIFE INSURANCE! No medical exam or health questions. Cash to help pay funeral and other final expenses. Call Physicians Life Insurance Company - 888-217-5559 or visit www.Life55plus.info/wv

SAFE STEP. NORTH AMERICAS #1 WALK-IN TUB. Comprehensive lifetime warranty. Top-of-the-line installation and service. Now featuring our FREE shower package and \$1600 Off for a limited time! Call today! Financing available. Call Safe Step! 1-844-803-1282

GET A BREAK ON YOUR TAXES! Donate your car, truck, or SUV to assist the blind and visually impaired. Arrange a swift, no-cost vehicle pickup and secure a generous tax credit for 2025. Call Heritage for the Blind Today at 1-855-368-9004 today!

JACUZZI BATH REMODEL can install a new, custom bath or shower in as little as one day. For a limited time, waiving ALL installation costs! (Additional terms apply. Subject to change and vary by dealer. (Offer ends 6/30/25.) Call 1-855-576-4703

Place YOUR statewide ad today
Call the WV Press at (304) 342-1011



Jacuzzi BATH REMODEL

Safety. Style. Stress-Free Installation.

CALL NOW **855.576.4703**

SPECIAL OFFER
Waiving All Installation Costs!

Add'l terms apply. Offer subject to change and vary by dealer. Expires 6/29/25.

ABSOLUTE TRUSTEE
REAL ESTATE AUCTION
MAY 29 AT NOON - LIVE AND ONLINE

PRIME LOCATION RIGHT OFF I-64 EXIT 16A

INDEPENDENT LIVING & MEMORY CARE FACILITY

64,580± SF (4 Connected Buildings) • Zoning = B-1 • 8.073± Acres - New Survey • Recently Renovated • 76 Total Rooms (35 designated for memory care, 41 designated for assisted living) • Fully Equipped Commercial Kitchen (multiple dining areas) • Fitness Center

Auction Held On-site: 203 Interstate Drive Covington, VA 24426

Previews: Wednesday, May 14, May 21 From 1 to 4 PM and May 28 By Appointment

WOLTZ & ASSOCIATES, INC.
800.551.3588 • WOLTZ.COM
5% Buyer's Premium

REAL. BEAUTIFUL.

Let **Summersville Lake Retreat & Lighthouse** be your base camp for adventure. From cozy cabins to on-site boat rentals, a getaway has never come so easy.

summersvillelakeretreat.com

WEST VIRGINIA SUMMERSVILLE
LAKE RETREAT & LIGHTHOUSE

almost heaven

Summersville Lake

Obituaries

Continued from Page 6

ELOISE WYSONG JOHNSTON

Eloise Wynsong Johnston, of Grove city, Ohio, formerly of Eleanor, passed away peacefully in her sleep surrounded by family on Monday, April 21, 2025 at home. She was born in West Hamlin to the late Clarence and Mary Susan Wynsong, and later adopted by her late uncle and aunt Willie and Louvenia McCallister when she was five years old and following her mother's passing. Eloise was a homemaker for most of her life, but then after a few life curveballs hit, she attended Putnam County Technical Center and became a Certified Nursing Assistant, retiring from Teays Valley Nursing Home after 20 years of service.

She was an avid seamstress and loved to crochet and embroider, with those gifts of love showing up in the hands of her daughters or grandchildren. She also loved puzzles, and you could find a jigsaw puzzle always scattered on the kitchen table. She was a fantastic cook and would always be requested by her grands to make her famous macaroni salad, beef roasts, and "fake" cheesecake, no matter the occasion. When she was no longer able to do her hobbies or cook, you would find her watching Walker Texas Ranger and Blue Bloods. Even with her dementia progressively getting worse, those television shows seemed to bring her comfort. But she was most proud of her grandchildren, always attending special events and sporting events to support them when she was physically able.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Franklin D. Johnston; her daughter, Sherri Lea Blankenship, and sister, Rosemary Raines.

Survivors include daughters, Paula (Dave) Compston of Shade, Ohio, Mary (Ralph) Eplin of Grove City, Ohio, Laura (Brian) Casto of Liberty, and stepson, Geoffrey Johnston of Milton; grandchildren, Matthew (Meg) Moore, Emily Moore, Jacob Moore, Timothy Moore, Jesika (Adam) Musselman, Channele Emmanuel, William (December - also

known as Christmas but only to Eloise) Emmanuel, Isaiah Emmanuel, Samuel (Hunter) Savilla, Gabriella (Bill) Kinser, Abbie Casto, and Isabella Savilla; great-grandchildren, Myah Oliver, Avery Musselman, Kylie Musselman, and Landen Kinser; brother, Willie McCallister, Jr. of Charlotte, North Carolina, and her beloved dog, Scooter.

Funeral service was Monday, April 28, 2025, at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor. Burial was in Beech Grove Cemetery, Eleanor.

THELMA MARIE OXLEY

Thelma Marie Robinson Oxley, 76, of Scott Depot, passed away on April 22, 2025. She and Bill are finally reunited again since his death in 2008.

Marie was born on December 5, 1948 to the late Harold Richard and Myrtle Irene Horne Robinson. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her loving husband, Bill Oxley; and sisters: Barbara, Betty and Joyce.

She is survived by her sons: Christopher Oxley (Kelly) and Ryan Oxley (Brooke); grandchildren: Madeline "Maddy", Owen, Stella, Audrey, and Lincoln; sisters: Jeannie, Patricia, and Diana; brothers: Harold "Robby" and his companion, Sharon, and David "Ronnie" and his wife, Dee.

Marie was the fourth child of two unselfish parents, who sacrificed so much to provide a loving home for their children. She attended school in Kanawha and Roane Counties having graduated from Walton High School where she was a cheerleader, class officer and a member of student council.

She had a long career with the federal government, employed at the Social Security Administration for over 40 years. Marie retired in a management position, but held many positions over the years. She was most proud of the time she served as the Area Work Incentives Coordinator, assisting people with disabilities to return to work while providing training and assistance in 30 SSA Offices throughout WV and PA.

She served on several

boards including the Workforce Board, Youth Council, Kanawha County Consortium of Agencies, assisted in writing legislation for Medicaid in WV for people with disabilities, assisted in developing and validating computer programs for working disabled, worked with WVUCED through WVU and local programs for the disabled. She was honored with awards from Goodwill Industries, WV Vocational Rehabilitation, and Association for Persons in Supported Employment as well as a Regional Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner Citation from SSA. She also served as EEO Counselor and was active in the AFGE Union.

After retirement she volunteered at various organizations such as the Hospital Auxiliary at Thomas Memorial Hospital, the Ronald McDonald House where she was named the Volunteer of the Year, St. Francis School of Assisi where she organized a 5k in her husband's memory to raise funds for the school and was a member of the church where she was seen throughout St. Albans at various sporting events that her grandchildren participated in while working in the concession stands.

Marie would tell you her greatest gift and blessing in her life was her marriage to James "Bill" Oxley. They were soulmates, best friends and he truly was the love of her life. She would always say part of that gift and blessing were Bill's two sons from a previous marriage that she considered her own sons: Chris and Ryan. Nothing in her life meant more to her than this family, especially with the added blessings of two daughters-in-law and 5 grandchildren whom she cherished and adored.

She and Bill lived life to the fullest, traveling to new places, beach vacations, especially in Destin, FL, WVU Ballgames, concerts, NASCAR races, family and friends get-togethers, holidays-just a blessed life.

Bill was tragically killed at the Bayer Institute Plant explosion in 2008 and Marie felt a loss that never healed completely. Her

grandchildren were her greatest comfort and joy to fill that void.

Per her request there will be no services.

PASTOR RALPHIE G. RANSON

Pastor Ralphie Glen Ranson, 80, of Liberty, went home to be with the Lord, Monday, April 21, 2025, at home after a long illness.

He preached his first sermon in October 1977 and Pastored Liberty Community Church for more than 40 years and loved nothing more than telling everyone about Jesus. He was very passionate about gardening, fishing, hunting, and time with family. He touched so many and brought hope to the lost and dying world, sowing seeds of Gods word to anyone that would listen.

He is preceded in death by his mother Delthia Irene Ranson, father Glen Wilson Ranson, brother William "Bill" Ranson, and sister Barbara Pringle.

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Edith Smith Ranson, daughter Pamela Ranson Moss and her husband Stephen Kelly Moss, granddaughter MacKenzie Layne Moss, and grandson Stephen Tyler Moss and his wife Erin Burks Moss. He adored all his nieces and nephews and his "adopted" daughter Angel Anderson and her husband Brad.

A tribute to the life of Pastor Ralphie Ranson was held Saturday, April 26, 2025, at Emma Chapel Church with Pastor Jerry Bonnett officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Keith 'Bill' Raynes Keith Louis Raynes, 81, of Eleanor, passed away Sunday, April 27, 2025, at Hubbard Hospice House West at Thomas Memorial Hospital following a short illness. Keith was known by his family and friends as "Bill" or "Billy." He attended Lone Oak Church of God and retired from Constellium Rolled products after 32 years of service. In the 1980's Bill was a member of the Eleanor Archery Club. He was a lifetime member of

the NRA Golden Eagles. Bill had a special talent to fix or repair anything.

He was preceded in death by his parents William L. Raynes and Ruby Shank Raynes. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant son, Baby Boy Raynes; brother, Ronald "Burrhead" Raynes; father-in-law, Dencil Jividen; brother-in-laws, Mike Elliott and Jimmy Black.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Joetta Raynes; son, Todd (Amy) Raynes; daughter, Heather (David) Bailes; son, Brian Raynes; grandchildren, Jessie Raynes, Luke Raynes, Haleigh Bailes, Emma Bailes, Landon Bailes, Bailey Raynes and Hattie Raynes; sister, Ann Elliott; sister-in-law, Truda Black.

DEBORAH JANE SCOTT

Deborah Jane Bird Scott, 69, formerly of Hurricane, passed away on April 23, 2025 at Cedar Ridge Center in Sissonville. She was born to the late Azel W. and Juanita G. Setliff Bird on March 16, 1956 in Hurricane. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Bill Scott; and siblings: David Bird, Hibby Bird, Jerry Bird, Kyle Wayne Bird, Brenda Kay Bates, Kathy Sovine and Becky Gillispie.

Debbie was formerly employed with Walmart.

She is survived by her step daughter, Leslie Scott Brown of Dunbar, step grandchildren: Devon and Amiyah Brown of Dunbar; sister: Connie (Clayton) Stewart of Gallipolis Ferry;

and her brother: Richard "Ricky" (Kimmie) Bird of Ohio.

Graveside service for Debbie was Tuesday April 29, 2025 at Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery, Dunbar.

DAVID PAUL WILCOX

David Paul Wilcox, 68, of Scott Depot, passed away April 24, 2025 at CAMC Memorial Hospital with loving family by his side after a long-fought battle with multiple health conditions.

After graduating from Dunbar High School and IBEW Apprenticeship, he worked for decades as a skilled journeyman electrician.

The eternal handyman and tinkerer, he always lived by the adage "if it's going to get done right you better do it yourself." Fishing and telling a big story were among his favorite past times.

He is preceded in death by his grandmother Louise Smith, father Calvin Wilcox, mother Patricia Wilcox-Minor, sister Teri Hart and niece Tiffany Harris.

He is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Martha, sons David II, and Joshua Kinder, sisters Tina Sirianni and Beverly Hunt (Ed), and nephews Jeffrey Fowler (Brittany) and Angelo Sirianni.

Celebration of David's life was held Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at Tyler Mt. Funeral Home with Rev. Jeff Northcutt officiating. Burial was in Tyler Mt. Memory Gardens, Cross Lanes.

Sturdy Reminder of Depression Days

Editor's Note:
Portions of an article by Irene Ambler in the March 5, 1981 issue of the Breeze were discussed at the April 27 Upper Vandalia Society meeting. The PWA privies in the article were actually WPA outhouses. There was no PWA. The WPA was the Works Progress Administration which was later renamed as Work Projects Administration.

Popular nicknames for the structures include the Roosevelt Outhouse, the Roosevelt Room, the White House, the Relief Office, and the Eleanor. Some, when called by nature, excused themselves by saying they had to visit Miss Perkins, a reference to Frances Perkins, FDR's secretary of Labor. Irene Ambler's article follows.

Sturdy Reminder of Depression Days

By Irene Ambler
This is the eighth week I have reminisced about the Great Depression. I could write about a lot of different phases of that era. I could talk about going creasy green hunting, or entertainment, or the lack of money, or any number of other subjects. However, this week I am going to talk about a great building project during the days of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The project for discussion will be in the field of public sanitation. You guessed it: the project is the building of the PWA privies.

Back during those days there were all kinds of programs going under the heading of alphabetical names, such as the PWA, the WPA. (I have never figured out the difference between PWA and WPA. One meant Public Works Administration and the other meant Works Project Administration, I think.) Well, anyway, the PWA or the WPA offered work for a lot of people during that poverty-stricken time. Many buildings were built – post offices, court houses, dams, public auditoriums and many other structures. Around here, however, the only construction I can think of was on the roads and on the outside privies.

Don't know what we used for privies before that time; but I can tell you, the PWA privy was a pretty nifty little building. The way it worked was like this: you would make application for an outside comfort station, the owner would pay for the materials; and the worker would in very short order complete a snug little haven of rest for anyone who wanted one. As nearly as I can recall, the materials cost about twenty or twenty-five dollars. The base was built of extremely good concrete, the lumber was of the finest, and the door had a wooden latch which would hold firm even in the very strongest wind. I do not remember if the government sent someone around to inspect old privies to declare them sanitary or unsanitary. I do know that we had our own water and sewer system; but my dad thought it was a good program, so he had one built for us anyway. He also had one built behind the Breeze office; and whoever lived here at the farm had one built here also.

You could have one-holers, two-holers, or perhaps three-holers, although I never did see a three-holer. All of ours were the conventional one-holer type, because we never did believe a whole lot in togetherness when we sought the convenience of the outhouse. The one here at the farm is still here, although it looks a mite disheveled. It has an almost new concrete pit

and foundation and stands in all of its glory at the back of the yard for all to see as a reminder of the Great Depression. We do not plan to tear it down; and Dave has been talking for many years of repainting it, buying new screens for the ventilators and fixing it up in mint condition. I wish he would hurry up and do it, because I would like to plant some flowers around it.

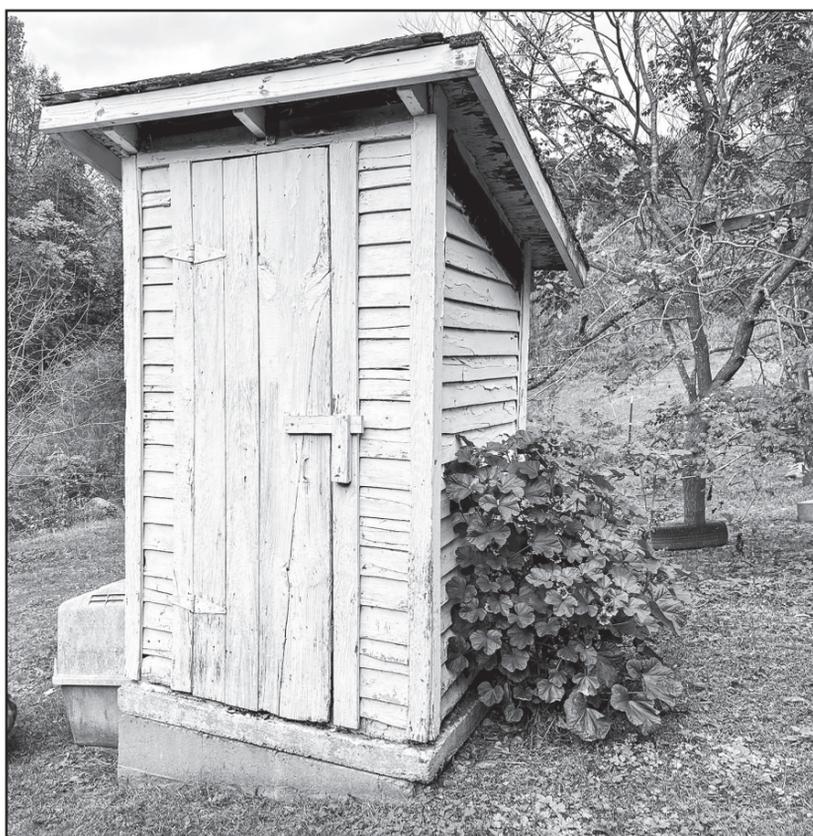
That old structure was the best place in the world for meditating or looking at the stars, or just plain old resting when one was tired. Nearly everyone had a fond nickname for his or her own private privy; but we called ours "Eleanor" in the summertime and "Little America" in the wintertime. Many a quiet, warm night have I sat there, like a queen on a throne, laying the door open, and looking at the deep abyss of space and the millions of stars in the heavens. In wintertime I sat a long time, too, because I was usually so cold I could hardly move to get up. It wasn't so bad to sit down on it after the initial shock, but getting up was pure torture, especially if the temperature was around zero.

Well, nobody was any more proud of the government-built outhouse than my dad. When the structure was completed, a very legal looking card was nailed up on the inside. The card said something to the effect that the toilet was built with government and citizens cooperating in the project and that the building had been inspected and approved as sanitary. At the bottom of the card was printed a replica of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's signature. I do not recall that any dedication ceremonies or housewarmings were held when the buildings were completed.

Many years passed; and the little house out in back of the Breeze office stood there in all its dignity and pride, a perfect example of the ingenuity and technology of man's endeavors – not to mention as a memento of a time which had not been duplicated in American history. We all sort of like the little building because it had such dignity and durability and showed us that we could always manage regardless of how bad ties were. During the years following the Depression two bathrooms had been installed in the Breeze office. This should have been a signal for my dad to have the backhouse removed. But would he have it torn down? No, he would not.

As Hurricane became more and more progressive and as more and more people had their inside plumbing, I suppose the little house in back of the Breeze office became a humiliation and an eyesore to some of the town fathers. Anyway, my dad received many orders to tear down the offending structure; but he held steadfast and ready to fight to preserve the little building. Each and every Halloween the little privy was turned over. Every morning after Halloween my dad hired someone to place it back on its foundation. We tried to get him to get it torn down and removed; but he said it was his and he was going to keep it.

No one ever used the outside toilet; and it was really very clean and shouldn't have offended anyone. After many years (either in the late 1950's or early 1960's) he finally said that he believed he would have it torn down because the foundation block and the concrete



"Eleanor"

floor was cracked and it would be sort of dangerous for anyone to attempt to sit with comfort and safety on the seat. Actually, it sort of, by that time, favored the Leaning Tower of Piza and would give one the feeling of being on a listing ship to go into it.

Well, as I said, he was just about (but not quite) ready to tear it down, when something happened which put all his good resolve right out the window. Two little black-suited gentlemen, carrying attaché cases and wearing little round hats with little red feathers came around with an official-looking paper which didn't ask him to tear it down, but ORDERED him to tear it down. These two drones were from the State Department of Health, who had, no doubt been called in as back-ups by the local Hurricane fathers. Well, I could say that these two men made the dirty stuff hit the fan, but I won't. I will say, however, that my dad handled the situation in such a gleeful and in-command way that I actually felt proud of him and I, too, was ready to fight.

My dad read the paper with the official order and then he looked right straight into the faces of these two bureaucrats and said in a very dignified manner, "I can't tear down that building." One of the men said, "I'd like to know why you can't get rid of it. We're ordering you to tear it down." My dad said, "If I tear down that building, I will have to get permission from the President of the United States." The answer came from the bureaucrats that they couldn't understand what he was talking about; and my dad said, "There's a sign in that toilet which is signed by Franklin Roosevelt and it says that the construction was a joint effort of the federal government and that anyone who defaces the construction will be subject to a fine. Now, you know that I don't want to get myself and you boys in trouble by tearing down that toilet." Well, these two little important-acting fellows were just flabbergasted and as angry as they could be. They felt that they wouldn't be outdone, though, and the next remark coming from one of them was, "Well, we can bring someone in here to tear it down." My dad said, "It is my duty as a citizen to protect the laws of this country and I'm going to do it. The first person who lays a hand on that toilet is going to jail, because I will get out an injunction against him."

The two men stormed out of the office, saying

that they would be back; but we never, to this day, ever heard from them or saw them. Neither did anyone else ever mention the demolition of the little house out behind the Breeze office. The little thing stood there until the following Halloween, at which time the local boys pushed it over again, damaging it so badly that even my dad didn't think it could be repaired. So he had it torn down and hauled away. We hated to see it go.

Honestly, those PWA or WPA privies were a needed commodity and a real convenience for those who had them; and there were many who had them. They were constructed in a good manner, were sanitary and furnished a real need. They also furnished employment for many men who had to feed their families by the very hardest. Wages were based on the number of persons in the employee's family. I never heard of anyone making more than \$37.50 per month, which was the only thing which stood between the family and starvation. A lot of men during those days were proud, self-reliant and independent. They were not looking for hand-outs. They were looking for work in order to support their families in a dignified and respectable manner.

There were commodity stations throughout the country. The Putnam County Commodity Office was located in Winfield. Staples such as beans, flour, sugar, meal, lard, butter and other necessary foods were given to those who really had the need for them. Most of the fathers who had to go to Winfield were not happy that they had to get free food; but they had to pocket their pride and manage as well as they could. One time at Winfield soup bones were being handed out. Long lines would be formed by those who found it necessary to get the commodities. There were not enough soup bones to go around and it came down to the place where two men were waiting and only one more soup bone was available. A furious fight ensued between the two men; and a trial was held, with the charge of assault and battery being lodged against the man who was left out. That is a pitiful situation; but as we know, those were desperate times; and probably both men had hungry children at home. I do not remember how the case was resolved; but I do not believe that either one should have been punished.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

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:

- 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

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

To: Magistrate Court Case
Bruce Wayne Jones No.: 25-M40D-00073
Respondent's Name
3497 Thompson Rd Family
Culloden WV 25510 Court Civil:
Respondent's Address Civil Action
01-074-1979 No.: 25-DV-59
Date of Birth

ORDER OF PUBLICATION (PROTECTIVE ORDER / HEARING DATE)

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

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

It appearing by evidence duly taken in this action that you could not be found in or that you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of the ORDER referenced above, a copy of the Petition and Order may be obtained at the Putnam County Circuit Clerk's office. This PROTECTIVE ORDER will remain in effect until 9-29-2025.

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

Issued this 28th day of April, 2025.
STEPHANIE SMITH/jo
Circuit Clerk
5-1-1tw

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE OF ANCILLARY FILING WITHOUT ANY ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that a foreign will or affidavit without administration of estate has been filed Putnam County Clerk's Office pursuant to the provisions of law as follows:

Decedent: Marilyn Craft Myers
Filed By: Webster Myers, III
6312 Pinehill Road
Columbia, SC 29206

Any person interested person objecting to the filing of the foreign will or Affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this state must file a notice of an objection with the undersigned fiduciary supervisor within 60 days after July 8, 2024 or within 30 days of the service of the notice (filed April 25, 2025), whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred.

Given under my hand this 25th day of April 2025.
Fiduciary Supervisor,
Putnam County
12093 Winfield Road,
Winfield, WV 25213
5-1-2t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

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

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

Estate No.: 5973
Estate Of: Joyce Ann Abbott
Administratrix
Cta: Brenda Abbott-Fowler
134 Abbott Lane
Red House, WV
25168

Estate No.: 5969
Estate Of: Roger Lee Ball, Sr.
Executor: Thomas E. Smith
123 Whistle Creek
Wayne, WV 25570

Estate No.: 6072
Estate Of: Lawrence Leon
Hoptry
Executrix: Erika C. Hadesty
PO Box 451
Gordon, PA 17936

Estate No.: 5967
Estate Of: Ray Russell
Richardson
Executor: Perry W. Richardson
572 Eagle Run Road
Scott Depot, WV
25560

Estate No.: 6062
Estate Of: Thomas James
Cummings, Jr.
Executrix: Candida Ann Reggi
7523 18 Mile Creek
Rd
Buffalo, WV 25033

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 24, 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 24, 2025.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 16th day of April 2025.
Fiduciary Supervisor
Putnam County Commission
10293 Winfield Road,
Winfield, WV 25213
4-24-2t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

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

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

Estate No.: 6079
Estate Of: Glendene Burns
Executrix: Cheryl Brown Smith
501 Valley View Drive
Kenova, WV 25530

Estate No.: 5976
Estate Of: Josephine Louise Cobb Chapman
Alfred E Chapman
PO Box 412
Lesage, WV 25537

Estate No.: 5426
Estate Of: Virginia Maxine Erskine
Executrix: Ida Lynn Dorsey
2927 Riders Creek
PO Box 1083
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6073
Estate Of: Cindy Gail Meadows
Administratrix: Jewell Meadows
2113 21st Street
Nitro, WV 25143

Estate No.: 6080
Estate Of: Willa Jean Carrier "Moran"
Administratrix: Carolyn S Duttine
152 Maplewood Estates
Scott Depot, WV 25560

Estate No.: 6027
Estate Of: Genevieve Rose Persinger
Administratrix: Elizabeth M Goff
5979 Sycamore Rd.
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6065
Estate Of: Debra Lynn Priestley
Administratrix: David P Priestley
249 Short Trail
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5591
Estate Of: Richard K Radcliffe
Co-Executrix: Trisa K Radcliffe
Co-Executrix: Michael R Radcliffe
33 Market St
Hurricane, WV 25526

All persons having claims against the estate(s) of any of the above-named deceased persons whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims with vouchers thereof, legally verified, to the fiduciary of such deceased person as shown above within 60 days of May 1, 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 May 1, 2025.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 23rd day of April 2025.

Fiduciary Supervisor
Putnam County Commission
10293 Winfield Road,
Winfield, WV 25213
5-1-2t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Teays Meadows Neighborhood Assoc., Inc.
151 Teays Mdws
Scott Depot WV 25560, Plaintiff
v. Civil Action No. 25-M40C-00031
Loranza Dow Justice
82 Kara Lane
Scott Depot, WV 25526, Defendant
The object of the above entitled action is to obtain judgment in the amount of: \$983.40 plus all court costs.

And it appearing by an affidavit filed in this action that the Plaintiff has used due diligence to locate the Defendant, it is ordered that She/He do serve upon Putnam Co. Magistrate Court, Jean Luikart, Magistrate, whose address is 12093 Winfield Road, Suite 15, Winfield, WV 25213, an answer or other defense to the complaint this action on or before May 14, 2025, otherwise judgment by default will be taken against Her/ Him at any time thereafter. A copy of said complaint can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.

Entered by Clerk of said Court
DARRY CASTO/lc
Magistrate Court Clerk
4-24-2t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

In Re: Change of Name from Susan Marie Coscro to Susan Marie Rogers

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING

Civil Action No. 25-P-44
Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia

Notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of May, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Judge Phillip Stowers, the Susan Marie Coscro 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 Susan Marie Coscro to Susan Marie Rogers, 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 16th day of April, 2025. Stephanie M. Smith
Putnam County Circuit Clerk
4-24-2t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in it by that certain Deed of Trust dated July 3, 2024, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 1368, at Page 597, Michael W. Davis and Kelly Davis did convey unto Robert H. Skeen, Jr., Trustee, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Pill & Pill, PLLC as Substitute Trustee by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party 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 22, 2025, at 4:47 PM

The following described real estate, with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the Union District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows: All that certain lot, tract or parcel of real estate, situate, lying and being in Union District, Putnam County, West Virginia, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a corner in the middle of the McLean Turnpike where the military line crosses said Turnpike; thence with said turnpike and three lines of Lot No. 2, N. 61-1/4 W. 16 poles; N. 15 E. 11 poles and N. 69-1/2 E. 46 poles to a corner at the forks of the road near Sam Giles; thence with Giles line and along a road toward Buffalo Branch, N. 26-1/4 E. 16 poles; N. 3-1/2 W. 9 poles 10 links; N. 66-3/4 W. 26 poles; N. 41 W. 26 poles, N. 15-1/4 E. 9 poles; N. 28-1/2 W. 14 poles to a stone at the top of the hill and near a large white oak on the southwest side of the road; thence leaving the road, S. 89-1/2 W. 98 poles to a stone pile on a branch; thence down the branch S. 16 W. 29 poles 5 links to a beech on the north side of the branch; thence S. 63-1/2 W. 39 poles, 10 links to a large beech on the north side of the branch near a spring; thence N. 85-1/2 W. 19 poles 15 links to a corner by a sugar tree on the south side of the branch line in line of Courtney's; thence S. 18-1/2 W. 19 poles 21 links to a stone pile, corner to Courtney's land and the military line and with the military line S. 71-1/2 E. 172 poles to the place of beginning, containing 95-1/8 acres, more or less.

There is EXCEPTED and RESERVED from the herein described real estate the following lots, tracts or parcel of real estate which have been conveyed by Homer Criner and Lesta E. Criner, his wife, to wit:

- 1) 5/16 acre, more or less, conveyed to J.G. Tolley and Ella Tolley, his wife, by deed dated March 20, 1963, of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 147 at Page 400.
2) 36 acres, more or less, conveyed unto Carl E. Pitchford and Deanna Faye Pitchford, his wife, by deed dated June 25, 1965, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's office in Deed Book 157 at Page 113.
3) A parcel (no acreage set out) conveyed unto D. Shane Covert and Linda M. Covert, his wife, by deed dated May 6, 1971, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's office in Deed Book 185 at Page 365, a plat of said parcel being attached thereto.
4) 1.64 acres, more or less, conveyed unto Norman C. Arthur and Audrey V. Arthur, his wife, by deed dated December 20, 1973, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's office in Deed Book 202 at Page 32.
5) 20 acres, more or less, conveyed unto Michael S. Criner and Diana R. Criner, his wife, by deed dated June 6, 1979, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 244 at Page 397.
6) 1.8 acre, more or less, conveyed unto Roy E. Summers and Lou Ann Summers, his wife, by deed dated September 14, 1981, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's office in Deed Book 259 at Page 497.
7) 1.7 acres, more or less, conveyed unto Roy E. Summers and Lou Ann Summers, his wife, by deed dated September 11, 1989, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's office in Deed Book 320 at Page 748.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 863 McLane Pike, Red House, WV 25168.

AND BEING the same real estate which was conveyed to Michael W. Davis and Kelly Davis, by Deed dated July 3, 2024, from Michael Stewart Criner and Diana R. Criner, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 1368 at Page 597.

The above-described property will be sold subject to any covenants, restrictions, easements, leases and conditions of record, and subject to any unpaid 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: Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price as a deposit with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
Richard A. Pill, Member

P. O. Box 440, 85 Aikens Center, Martinsburg, WV 25404
Phone (304) 263-4971,
Fax (304) 267-5840,
e-mail: foreclosures@pillwvlaw.com
5-1-3t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

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 September 20, 2021, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Book No. 1304, at Page 62, and modified by Corrective Affidavit recorded on April 18, 2025 in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County in Book 94 at Page 45, Mark N Lines did convey unto Douglas McElwee, 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 Rocket Mortgage, LLC, FKA Quicken Loans, LLC to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse in Winfield, West Virginia, on

June 16, 2025 at 11:30 AM

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 02 - Buffalo District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

That certain lot or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Buffalo-Teays Valley District, Putnam County, West Virginia, to-wit: Beginning at a 5/8 inch diameter steel reinforcing rebar (#5 rebar) set, said #5 rebar being South 07 degrees 57 minutes East 819.88 feet from J. Pamela Adkins, see Deed Book 333, page 573, 33 acres northeast corner and said #5 rebar being in Evergreen Road- Co Rt 20 30 foot wide easterly right-of-way and said #5 rebar being in Dallas Hoy Fellure, see Deed Book, page (Note none on record), westerly line; thence leaving Dallas Hoy Fellure and making a new boundary lines by running through and across Philip Scott and Fontaine Scott, see Deed Book 413, page 576, 45.12 acres parcel for the next thirteen calls South 79 degrees 18 minutes West crossing Evergreen Road- Co Rt 20 116.15 feet to a 5 inch quad elm tree, South 59 degrees 58 minutes West 317.02 feet to a 16 inch poplar, North 44 degrees 41 minutes West 76.59 feet to a #5 rebar set, South 38 degrees 58 minutes West 116.63 feet to a #5 rebar set, South 15 degrees 46 minutes West 51.00 feet to a #5 rebar set. South 21 degrees 49 minutes East 137.51 feet to a #5 rebar set, South 00 degrees 59 minutes West 205.95 feet to a #5 rebar set. South 61 degrees 50 minutes West 172.64 feet to a #5 rebar set, South 23 degrees 48 minutes East 81.57 feet to a rebar set, South 59 degrees 35 minutes East 55.58 feet to a #5 rebar set, North 88 degrees 35 minutes East passing through a #5 rebar at 200.00 feet, at 572.51 feet and in all 772.51 feet to a railroad spike found, said railroad spike being in the here before mentioned Evergreen Road- Co Rt 22 30 foot wide westerly right-of-way and said railroad spike being in Curtis L. Conn, sec Deed in Deed Book 297, page 108, 41.24 acres westerly line; thence running with Curtis L. Conn westerly line North 11 degrees 59 minutes east 268.09 feet crossing Evergreen Road - Co Rt 20 easterly 30 foot wide easterly right-of-way and being Steven Fellure westerly line North 40 degrees 13 minutes West 320.43 feet to a #5 rebar found, said #5 rebar being in Evergreen Road - Co Rt 20 Easterly 30 foot wide right-of-way and said #5 rebar being in Steven Fellure, see deed in Deed Book 449, page 189, 0.693 acre westerly line; thence continuing with Evergreen Road - CO Rt 20 easterly 30 foot wide easterly right-of-way and being Steven Fellure westerly line north 40 degrees 13 minutes west 320.43 feet to a #5 rebar found, said #5 rebar being Steven Fellure northwest corner and said #5 rebar being Dallas Hoy Fellure, see deed in Deed Book, page X (Note none of record) southerly corner, thence leaving Steven Fellure and running with Evergreen Road- Co Rt 2G easterly 30 foot wide easterly right-of-way and being Dallas Hoy Fuller westerly line North 14 degrees 43 minutes West 266.11 feet to the place of beginning, being all of 10.23 acres as shown as Parcel "B" equaling 10.23 acres on that plat entitled "Plat Showing Survey of Three Parcels, Parcel "A" Equaling 20.40 Acres, Parcel "B" Equaling 10.23 Acres, and Parcel "C Equaling 13.07 Acres, Fronting on Evergreen Road- County Route 20 and on Barnett Branch a Tributary of Five and Twenty Mile Creek, Situate in Buffalo- Teays Valley District, Putnam County, West Virginia", and said plat prepared by Michael E. Mayes, P.S., dated July 10, 2006, having a scale one inch equaling 100 feet and said plat recorded in the Putnam County Court's Office in Map Cab. D, at page 302.

This deed is made subject to all right of ways, reservations, exceptions, covenants, and conditions contained to or referred to in prior deeds or other instruments of record affecting or pertaining to the parcel of land hereby conveyed.

Commonly known as: 1911 Evergreen Rd, Fraziers Bottom, WV 25082-6864

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 1911 Evergreen Rd, Fraziers Bottom, WV 25082.

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.

Commonly known as: 1911 Evergreen Rd, Fraziers Bottom, WV 25082-6864

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 1911 Evergreen Rd, Fraziers Bottom, WV 25082.

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.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

TERMS: \$9000.00 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.

SENECA TRUSTEES, INC.
5000 Coombs Farm Drive, Suite 104
Morgantown, WV 26508
(304) 413-0044
(304) 292-2918
Toll free: (888) 534-3132
Reference File No. 90780

5-1-2t



Let Summersville Lake Retreat & Lighthouse be your base camp for adventure. From cozy cabins to on-site boat rentals, a getaway has never come so easy.

summersvillelakeretreat.com



almost heaven
Summersville Lake

Qualified Newspapers

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

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

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

\$49,870,000
IN THE MATTER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, PUBLIC SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2025

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S APPROVAL

At a regular meeting of the Board of Education for the County of Putnam, State of West Virginia, held on August 5, 2024, an order was entered of record authorizing a vote to be taken of legal voters of the County of Putnam at the general election held on November 5, 2024, upon all questions connected with the incurring of debt and issuing bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not more than Forty Nine Million Eight Hundred and Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$49,870,000), and levying taxes to pay the interest on and the principal of said bonds, the proceeds from the sale of such bonds to be used (together with any proceeds from other private or public sources that may be received) for the following school projects:

Table with columns: SCHOOL PROJECT, LOCATION OF PROJECT, ESTIMATED COSTS PER SOURCE (BONDS, SBA, TOTAL). Rows include New Hurricane Middle School, New Football Stadium Bleachers and Press Boxes, and New Athletic Field Lighting for Hurricane High School, etc.

ESTIMATED TOTAL COSTS OF PROJECTS \$49,570,000 \$25,000,000 \$74,570,000

PROPOSED BOND CALL

Table with columns: ESTIMATED TOTAL COSTS OF PROJECTS, ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS TO BE PAID SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY PROCEEDS, ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS TO BE PAID FROM BOND PROCEEDS, Plus: Approximate Costs of Issuing the Bonds to be paid from Bond Proceeds, PROPOSED BOND CALL.

The Board of Education of the County of Putnam pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 13, Article 1, Section 25, of the West Virginia Code of 1931, as amended, has caused to be transmitted to me duly certified copies of all orders, ordinances, proclamations, notices, advertisements, affidavits, resolutions and records of all the proceedings connected with or pertaining to such bond issue, and I have examined the same.

It appears from the records so transmitted to me that with respect to the proposition of incurring debt and issuing bonds, as provided in said order, Sixteen Thousand and Thirty-One (16,031) votes were cast for and Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-One (8,791) votes were cast against the issuance of said bonds, so that Sixty-Four and 58/100 percent (64.58%) of the voters in said election voted in favor of incurring debt and issuing bonds as provided in said order.

As approved by the voters, the issuance of the Bonds was contingent upon the Board's receipt of a commitment of at least \$25,000,000 in grant funds from the School Building Authority of West Virginia or from other funding sources available to the Board in amounts sufficient to undertake and complete the Projects. At its meeting on December 17, 2024, the School Building Authority of West Virginia committed the Board the amount of \$25,000,000 for the construction of a new Hurricane Middle School to be located in Hurricane, West Virginia. Accordingly, such funding contingency has been satisfied and, upon the issuance of the Bonds, the Board will have sufficient funds to undertake and complete the Projects.

In my opinion, there has been substantial compliance with the law relating to the issuance of said bonds, and I, therefore, approve the validity of such Bond Issue pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 13, Article 1, Section 25, of the West Virginia Code of 1931 as amended.

JOHN B. MCCUSKEY
ATTORNEY GENERAL

By: John S. Gray
John S. Gray (WVSB #12892)
Deputy Attorney General
State Capitol Complex, Bldg. 1, Rm E-26
Charleston, WV 25305
(304) 558-2021
John.S.Gray@wvago.gov
April 7, 2025



ERNEST "SPUD" TERRY Nitro, West Virginia 82 Birthday April 26	GREGORY MARTIN 2143 US Route 60 Culloden 76th Birthday May 3
GARY HODGES 6254 Hurricane Creek Road Hurricane 66th Birthday April 30	ALICE TAYLOR 1400 Taylor Street Milton Birthday May 3
LOIS HORN BRIDGEMAN 773 Highlawn Drive Milton 80th Birthday May 1	SUSAN HANDLEY BENNETT 2753 5th Street Hurricane 76th Birthday May 4
COLE TATUM 306 Sansom Avenue Wayne 26th Birthday May 1	PHILLIS FRANKLIN North Carolina Birthday May 4
MIKE RIDDLE Candler, North Carolina Birthday May 1	JERRICHA MORRISON 1230 Georgia Avenue Milton 36th Birthday May 4
RUBEN BEAN P.O. Box 128 Clinton, Tennessee Birthday May 1	WESLEY GEER 2208 Kirby Road - #174 Milton 67th Birthday May 4
PATSY PERKINS 473 Sunnybrook Drive Hurricane Birthday May 1	JUDY SOWARDS 5493 Hurricane Creek Road Hurricane 66th Birthday May 4
SARAH BOSTIC 104 Hope Lane Milton 48th Birthday May 2	MONA ERWIN 5538 Hurricane Creek Road Hurricane 73rd Birthday May 5
TAMILA MAYS WILLIAMS #29 Augusta Lane Hurricane 66th Birthday May 2	ROGER SHAWN ERWIN 5538 Hurricane Creek Road Hurricane 53rd Birthday May 5
MARSHA ARMSTEAD 1123 Turkey Creek Road Hurricane 64th Birthday May 3	NATHAN YOUNG Hurricane 43rd Birthday May 5
DR. JAN HARBOUR Huntington 77th Birthday May 3	JANICE SMITH 2154 Washington Hill Road Hurricane 69th Birthday May 5
EMILY ANN STRICKLIN #32 Sand Hill Court Milton 23rd Birthday May 3	LABERTA STEWART SALAMACHA #12 Bridle Way Hurricane 76th Birthday May 5
MARY CALL Precious Lane Hurricane 74th Birthday May 3	WAYNE TURLEY 208 Riverview Drive St. Albans 76th Birthday May 5
CARSON LONG 6300 Rager Road Groverport, Ohio 17th Birthday May 3	SENECA ANN STOVER

Ian Martin Elected into Phi Kappa Phi

Ian Martin of Hurricane was recently elected to membership into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society, at West Virginia University.

Martin is 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.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Philippines. Its mission is to "cultivate a community that celebrates and advances the love of learning."

About Phi Kappa Phi Founded in 1897, Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Phi Kappa Phi inducts approximately 20,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni annually. The Society has chapters on more than 300 select colleges and universities in the United States, its territories and the Philippines. Membership

Charleston
5th Birthday May 5

DANIEL KEITH JIVIDEN
P.O. Box 744
Poca
32nd Birthday May 6

GARY RAMEY
195 Fudge's Creek Road
Ona
84th Birthday May 6

JORDAN CLARK
St. Albans
28th Birthday May 6

REV. GARY HALE
Scary Creek
Scott Depot
78th Birthday May 6

PAULA JEAN CHAPMAN JOHNSON
Dry Ridge Road
Milton
68th Birthday May 6

COLE DENNISON
Huntington
26th Birthday May 7

GAIL MEES ENOCKS
Salt Rock
Birthday May 7

JON MIDKIFF
Teays
Birthday May 7

BRIAN FOSTER
Hurricane
39th Birthday May 7

JULIE FRAZIER
Frazier's Bottom
23rd Birthday May 7

SANDRA MILLER
Ashland, Kentucky
Birthday May 7

Hurricane Church Of God Yard Sale

The Hurricane First Church of God would like to invite everyone to their springtime church-wide yard sales on Saturdays, May 3 and May 10, beginning at 8 a.m. and continuing until about 1 p.m.

The sale will be held inside the church fellowship building, which is located at the back of the church. The sale will proceed regardless of weather conditions. The sale will feature a large variety of items by the membership and friends, such as household goods, clothing, furniture, two pianos, and miscellaneous items.

The church is located at 3225 East Putnam Ave, one block north of Dollar Tree. Come and visit. You may find just what you've been looking for.

is by invitation only to the top 10 percent of seniors and graduate students and 7.5 percent of juniors. Faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction also qualify. The Society's mission is to "cultivate a community that celebrates and advances the love of learning." For more information, visit www.PhiKappaPhi.org.

Happy Anniversary

Sam and Lisa Craddock of Hurricane will celebrate their thirty-fourth wedding anniversary on May 1.

Robert and Pamela Hallman of 5086 Township Road 313 in Millersburg, Ohio, will celebrate their fifty-first wedding anniversary on May 1.

Dennis and Laura Disney of 813 Glad View Court in La Vergne, Tennessee, will celebrate their forty-first wedding anniversary on May 5.

Doug and Robin Richmond of Hurricane will celebrate their forty-sixth wedding anniversary on May 5.

Gary and Claudia Lovejoy Stowers of Newberry, Florida, will celebrate their fifty-eighth wedding anniversary on May 6.

Bradford and Leslie Ord Deel of Scott Depot will celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on May 6.

David and Sue Smith Hill of 2021 Washington Hill Road in Hurricane will celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on May 6.

Mark and Cari McDowell Reed of Huntington will celebrate their nineteenth wedding anniversary on May 6.

John and Hilda Minano Gillispie of Katy, Texas, will celebrate their ninth wedding anniversary on May 6.

David and Kay Mitchell Edwards of Scott Depot will celebrate their fifty-ninth wedding anniversary on May 6.

Billy and Diana McCarty of Blooming Grove, Texas, will celebrate their fifty-ninth wedding anniversary on May 7.

Free Clogging Course

The Guyan River Cloggers will be offering a FREE 8-week beginner clogging course starting on Tuesday, May 6, at Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, Putnam Avenue, Hurricane.

This is a perfect opportunity for anyone who's ever wanted to try clogging or get back into it! Class will run from 5-6 p.m. Please arrive at 4:45 p.m. to complete registration! For more information, visit www.guyanrivercloggers.com

Buffalo Methodist to Host Revival

Buffalo Methodist Church, located at 27 High Street, Buffalo, will be holding a revival on May 5-7, at 7 p.m. nightly. The theme of the revival is "Ignite the Spark" with guest speaker Rev. Bob Herdman. Special singing nightly. The church is handicapped accessible and everyone is welcome.

Developmental Screening

Putnam County Schools Developmental Screenings will be held on Friday, May 9, at the Teays Valley Baptist Church on Teays Valley Road.

Children ages 2 1/2 to 4 years will be screened for speech/language, hearing, vision, motor skills, social skills, self-help, and cognition.

Please call 304-586-0500 ext. 1166 to schedule an appointment.

Survivors of Suicide Support Group

Just-In-Time survivors of suicide support group will hold a weekly meeting every Wednesday at the Putnam County Library, 4219 WV-34, Hurricane, beginning May 28th from 6-6:45 p.m. For more information, call Cindy at 304-951-8380.

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, or visit animalshelter.putnamcountywv.gov



Mr. Claus is almost 3 years old and 54 pounds of love. He is smart, friendly, and energetic.



Diva is a female domestic shorthair cat. She is 4.6 pounds and is eight years old.

Happy Trails To You

Putnam County Tourism

Adventure is calling! We're excited to introduce Putnam Pathfinder, a brand-new way to explore Putnam County's trails. Simply select the Passport icon on the Visit Putnam, WV app to check in as you hit the trails, and after you've explored several beautiful outdoor spots, you'll earn an exclusive Putnam Pathfinder t-shirt! Let's lace up those hiking boots and start the adventure!

How to become a Putnam Pathfinder:

1. Download the Visit Putnam, WV app

Grab the free app from the App Store or Google Play. (Search "Visit Putnam, WV" — we're the one with all the fun!)

2. Hit the trails and check in

Head out to participating trails across Putnam County. When you're at a trailhead, open the app, select the "Passports" icon, and check in to mark your adventure by the end of May! When you complete the challenge you'll be prompted to fill out the form for your free shirt.

That's it! Explore, check in, and we'll keep track. Rack up your visits and score your official Putnam Pathfinder t-shirt. Happy trails!

Monthly Tire Collection Event

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

The next tire collection event will be held on Saturday, May 3.



The
BREEZE
TO SUBSCRIBE
CALL
562-9881

Or Use The Coupon Below
Mail your New Subscriptions And Renewals To

The Hurricane Breeze
Box 310
Hurricane, West Virginia 25526

___ \$22.00 per year (Zip Code 25526)

___ \$27.00 per year in Putnam County

___ \$45.00 per year in West Virginia

___ \$50.00 per year out of state

___ New ___ Renewal

Enter A Subscription To The Breeze For

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____