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## Valley Park to Host RFTW Biker Stopover

By Ron Allen  
Valley Park in Hurricane will be the Day 8 stopover for about three hundred Run For The Wall bikers on Wednesday, May 21.  
The Wall is the wall which stretches almost 500 feet at the Vietnam Memorial in Washington DC and is inscribed with the names of service members who were classified as dead, missing, or prisoner during the course of the conflict.  
The bikers are on a mission that began in 1989 "To promote healing among ALL veterans and their families and friends, to call for an accounting of all Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action (POW/MIA), to honor the memory of those Killed in Action (KIA) from all wars, and to support our military personnel all over the world."  
RFTW was discontinued in 2020 and 2021 because of Covid. Last year, the Day 8 stopover was in Nitro. Valley Park last hosted RFTW in 2023. The

RFTW bikers departed from Ontario, California, on May 14th and made an overnight stop in Williams, Arizona. Overnight stops are scheduled for Gallup, NM; Eagle Nest, NM; Limon, CO; Junction City, KS; Wentzville, MO; and Corydon, IN, prior to stopping in Hurricane.  
Their Day 8 2025 will begin at 7:30 a.m. EDT in Corydon, Indiana. The bikers are scheduled to pull off I-64 in Hurricane at 5:15 p.m.  
Hurricane Mayor Scott Edwards is calling for all who possibly can to come out and greet the bikers. "We are thrilled to host Run for the Wall again this year in Hurricane! I encourage everyone to come out and line the sidewalks between the I-64 exit all the way up to Valley Park. This is the day to pull out your flags to wave and wear patriotic colors. Let's show these riders our wonderful Hurricane hospitality — and, especially, how much we appreciate their service," Edwards said.  
The RFTW bikers will depart from Hurricane on

## Cpl. Fulks Memorial Trail Race — Running and Remembering



More than one hundred 5K, 5K Ruck, and 10K runners bolt through the starting gate at Meeks Mountain Trails on Saturday, May 10th.

By Ron Allen  
The Cpl. Fulks Memorial Trail Race is an annual event on the Thursday (Day 9), stopover in Lewisburg, and arrive in Washington DC on May 23 (Day 10).

winding Meeks Mountain Trails at Hurricane City Park. The race commemorates Marine Corps Cpl. William B. Fulks who died May 18, 2006 from wounds and burns

suffered while conducting combat operations in Anbar province, Iraq. The race serves as a fundraiser for the William B. Fulks Marine Corps League Detachment 1474

scholarship fund and its effort to address the needs of veterans and their families.  
More than one hundred individuals participated in  
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## Hurricane Council Recognizes Police Officer of the Year

By Ron Allen  
The first order of business at the monthly meeting of Hurricane City Council on May 5th included a first-time event — recognition of the Police Officer of the Year.  
Mayor Scott Edwards said that the City of Hurricane will honor one officer in future years at a council meeting. To be considered for the award, an officer must possess the following: Exemplary Service, Professionalism, Proactive, Integrity, and Community Engagement.  
Officer Payton Carr was selected as Hurricane's first Police Officer of the Year. Carr was commended for his willingness to accept assignments which required many hours of extended duty.  
The meeting agenda was light with updates from city officials being most noteworthy.  
HPD Chief Mike Mullins reported the seizure of a vehicle in association with an arrest involving drug possession. Mullins reported 30 arrests which were charged to the State and 10 city arrests. Seven of the ten arrests



Hurricane Police Chief Mike Mullins (right) presents Officer Payton Carr with the Officer of the Year Award for 2024.

## Hurricane First Baptist Holds Ground Breaking for New Addition



Pastor Jeff Davenport gives a message to the congregation. (Photo by Betsy Allen)

By Betsy Allen  
The First Baptist Church of Hurricane is expanding — new addition will reach out to visitors and address needs of the disabled.

On Sunday, May 4, a ground breaking ceremony was held for the new welcome center and ADA mobility upgrade which will be added to the church

over the following months. After opening remarks by Pastor Jeff Davenport, a prayer of dedication by Pastor Jerry Losh, and  
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## Cicada Brood XIV Emerges, Will Be Heard



This cicada is clinging to the Arkansas Black apple tree at Ranch (Breeze headquarters) on Hurricane Creek Road.  
Mother Nature kept several hours shedding her promise when the Brood XIV cicada nymphs on Hurricane Creek came out of hiding after spending the last 17 years underground where the brood has fed on tree roots. Brood XIV spend

## Country Roads Farmers Market Opens



The Country Roads Farmers Market opened on Saturday, May 10, at Valley Park in Hurricane. The market is open each Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. until the end of October.  
The market offers seasonal produce, meat, eggs, artisan works and home-produced baked goods, jams, jellies, soaps,

herbs and more — all produced in the local area. Offerings for May 10th included herbs, eggs, Swiss chard, lettuce, pepper onions, bok choy, pepperoni rolls, oatmeal cream pies, peanut butter cookies, and white bread.  
Plants for home gardeners included elderberry, raspberry, blackberry,

gooseberry, blueberry, asparagus, horse radish, rhubarb, strawberry, celery, kale, kohlrabi, chard, okra, cauliflower, brussels sprouts, watermelon, zucchini, yellow squash, cucumber, tomato, and pepper plants.  
Opening day vendors included Crago Country Farm, Dunlap Ridge Crafts, Grammy's Garden Goodies, and Hunts Farm.

WEATHER SUMMARY		
May 6 - 12		
	Low	High
May 6	Hurricane 45°	64°
May 7	Hurricane 46°	75°
May 8	Hurricane 48°	73°
May 9	Hurricane 38°	64°
May 10	Hurricane 34°	72°
May 11	Hurricane 38°	81°
May 12*	Hurricane 52°	66°

\*RAIN  
0.1 inch recorded May 12

# Community Calendar

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

## NOW THROUGH THE END OF OCTOBER

- The Putnam County Farmer's Market will be held 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 16

- There will be a community gathering starting at 5 p.m. at Mitchell's Grove, Hometown Park, on Route 62. Ryan Mobley will be performing.
- The Putnam County Senior Prom (for Senior Citizens) will be held from 4-7 p.m. at the Hometown Senior Center, located at 40 1st Street N, Hometown. This year, the prom will be themed "Enchanted Forest." Music by the Wildwood Players.
- The Pulse Church, 5368 WV Route 34, Winfield, will be holding Come Let Us Adore Him, a night of worship, starting at 6:30 p.m.
- Christ Community Church, 733 Rocky Step Road, Scott Depot, will be holding Wonder Junction Jamboree for children and families from 6 to 8 p.m. Carnival games, bounce house, activities, and more.
- There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 12:00—5:00 p.m. at Forrest Burdette Fellowship Hall, Putnam Avenue, Hurricane. Register at RedCrossBlood.org and enter HURRICANECOM.
- The Wagenfolks VW Club will be holding a Bug Out Cruz-In for VW Bugs from 6 p.m. until dark at the Putnam County Bank parking lot behind McDonalds in Hurricane.

### MAY 17

- Historical Square Community Church, 20058 Buffalo Road, will

be holding their annual craft event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- There will be a spring fling at the St. Albans Roadside Park on Route 60 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Music, food, kids' activities.

- Food Preservation 101 Series Part 3: Jams & Jellies with Kathy Talley will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at the Nitro Community Center, 245 Lee Street, off Valentine Circle. For more information, call 304-776-5256 ext. 101.

- Bake My Day, 14 Bank Street, Nitro, will be holding a beginner crochet class from 1 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person. Sign up by calling (304) 651-2584.

- The Putnam County Democratic Women's Club Executive Board & the Club's Activities Committee will be holding "Desserts & Democracy" - their annual membership drive - from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Eleanor Town Hall, 401 Roosevelt Blvd, Eleanor. RSVP by emailing karensprouse7@outlook.com

- The Putnam County Pedalers youth mountain bike club will be holding a Try It Out Day from 10 a.m. to noon. Meet at the Eleanor Pool parking lot for registration.

- Valley Outdoors, 3034 Mount Vernon Road, Hurricane, will be holding a concealed carry class from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information and to sign up, call (304) 760-0457.

- The Hurricane High School Class of 1982 will be holding a get together starting at 1 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane, Shelter 2. Dinner will be at 5 p.m.

### MAY 19

- The Winfield High School Symphonic Band will be performing at 7 p.m. at the Buffalo High School auditorium.

- There will be a blood drive at the First Baptist Church of Eleanor, 901 Roosevelt Blvd. from 1:30 to 6 p.m. Register by calling 1-800-733-2767.

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

### MAY 20 - JUNE 24

- There will be a tai chi class at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays at the John Henson Senior Center, Putnam Avenue, Hurricane. Call 304-562-9451 to register for this free class.

### MAY 20

- The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce will be holding Business After Hours from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Putnam County Bank, 300 Hurricane Creek Road, Hurricane. RSVP by calling 304-757-6510.

- The Hurricane Civic Chorus will offer its spring concert, "Sing You the Stars," at 7:30 p.m., at Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, 2848 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane.

### MAY 21

- The 2025 Run for the Wall will start at 5 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane.

- The Meeks Mountain Trails Wild Edibles and Medicinal Plant Walk will start at 5:30 p.m. at the big red barn at Hurricane City Park. Sign up by going to <https://runsignup.com/Race/WV/Hurricane/MMTAWildEdiblesandMushroomWalk>

### MAY 22

- The Putnam County Fair Board will meet at 7 p.m. in the upstairs room of the Eleanor Fire Department (entrance is in the back, up the ramp).
- The monthly Night

## Walk With Us: For Youth in Foster Care During National Foster Care Month

Every child deserves a safe, loving home. Yet today in West Virginia, nearly 6,000 children and teens are in foster care, waiting for stability, connection, and hope.

Each May, during National Foster Care Month, we pause to recognize the important role that foster families, child welfare professionals, volunteers, and advocates play in the lives of these young people. It's also a time to raise awareness of the urgent need for more individuals and families willing to provide safe, nurturing homes. This month is about celebrating resilience, lifting the voices of those with lived experience, and inspiring action to ensure that every child has a place to belong.

This May, Mission WV invites the community to stand together for youth in foster care by joining the Walk With Me...For Youth in Foster Care event at GoMart Ballpark in Charleston, WV, on Saturday, May 17th.

Walk With Me is more than a celebration — it's a movement. It's a moment to honor the courage of children in foster care, to celebrate the families who stand beside them, and to call others into the work of making a difference. It's a day filled with hope, laughter, and community connection.

Families attending will enjoy a morning of free, family-friendly activities, including inflatables, face painting, balloon twisting, caricature drawings, a 360-photo booth, appearances by Disney characters and therapy ponies, mini golf, sweet treats, and more! Beyond the festivities, it's a visible

show of support — a chance for youth in foster care to see that their community believes in them.

"Each year, Walk With Me gives our families a place to belong, to be understood, and to celebrate together," says Rachel Kinder, Program Director at Mission WV. "It's about connection — for the kids, for the parents, and for all of us who believe that every child deserves a safe, loving family."

Registration and T-shirt pickup begin at 9:00 AM, with the walk and activities starting at 10:00 AM. Registration is \$10 for the public. Foster, adoptive, and relative/kinship families are invited to attend free of charge, but registration is still required. To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/WALK2025>.

If you have ever considered becoming a foster parent to a child or teen, now is the time. If you would like to learn more and receive information about foster care and/or adoption, please contact Mission WV at 1-866-CALL-MWV, email [fosteradopt@missionwv.org](mailto:fosteradopt@missionwv.org) or visit [www.missionwv.org](http://www.missionwv.org).

### About Mission West Virginia

Mission West Virginia is leading a statewide effort to promote positive futures for all kids in West Virginia. We work alongside families as they navigate West Virginia's foster care system and provide evidence-based life skills education to help teens envision and create positive futures. As a result of our work putting kids first in collaboration with social services, school districts, private foster

## The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

I repeat the saying, "I wish I had known you sooner, so I could have loved you longer." This is something I use often, especially with my children and grandchildren. I am not sure where I first heard this, but it is an important statement. I can't explain how much I love my NINE... they are my miracles... I also wish they could have known the girl, Brenda from Hurricane, and the boy, Mike... when we were teenagers... oh, my... my kids would not have believed... and my grandchildren would not either. When they see some old pictures from high school, they chuckle... "Is that YOU, Nana?" "Is that Grandpa?" They are so cute.

The other day, I was looking for something online when this picture came up... it was of Garry Handley when he was in the military. In the background, there was a picture of Sandy Bird... his girlfriend... later, his wife. I am not sure why that picture was involved in what I was researching... but there it was. I have known Sandy most of my life, and I have known Garry almost as long. Sandy and I were in the same grade in school, and Garry was one year behind us. A sweet boy and girl... grew into a sweet man and sweet woman... married... living where I have always wanted to live forever... I haven't seen them in a few years, but I bet they have

care agencies and other nonprofits, the future looks brighter for West Virginia.

not changed... memories... My family does not use social media, except for my daughter's book sites... so I have no clue why I saw that picture...when I did... I thought, "That looks like Garry Handley..." It was... hard to tell who we might see online...

I wish I could take the boys down the streets of Hurricane the way I did the girls... I lived on Virginia Avenue (Cow Creek some of the time)... Sandy lived in a house not far from me... Becky Turner was close... Jane Ellen Henderson... Barbara Cottrell... Becky Foster lived in a subdivision off Rt. 60... Barbara Byrnside out Clymer's Creek... Linda Searls out Rt. 34... Beverly Higgins in Taylor Addition, behind the school... John Casey up the valley, along with Vess Hendricks... Karol Clark was near... Jimmy Sampson... Sonny Qualls was on lower Virginia Avenue, past my house... we met when we were six... on the bus... we all lived pretty close together... June Lee Handley was near the school... so many good friends... such good times... and most of our social life, early on, centered around First Baptist Church...

That picture brought back memories that are never far from my mind... those days of growing up... riding bikes... taking walks... talking on the phone... not worrying about how we would get anywhere... what would those children think of Uber and Cell phones? We would have been astonished... What would those kids have thought of what is going on in our country today? We were kind and gentle and caring... we wanted the best for our friends... we never had bad thoughts... we just were... if someone had told us that we could microwave our food in minutes... well... we would have laughed... so many changes... and we go on... we have hope... we pray diligently because the way we were is always the way we are... thankful for the past... enjoying the present... not worrying about the future...that is how we should live..."Just give me one day at a time, Lord... that's all I'm asking of you..." Let's just live our lives the way we always have and let others live theirs...

## WVDNR Police to Launch Safe Boating Week Patrols

To help promote National Safe Boating Week, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) in partnership with its Law Enforcement Section, is reminding boaters to prepare for summer adventures on the water by brushing up on boating safety skills.

National Safe Boating Week, observed May 17–23, marks the start of the summer boating season and promotes the Safe Boating Campaign, a global initiative funded by the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund and administered by the U.S. Coast Guard. The campaign encourages boaters to prioritize safety every time they're on the water.

"We want everyone to enjoy our beautiful lakes and rivers, but that means wearing life jackets, staying sober and knowing the rules," said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion. "Boating regulations aren't just tips — they're responsibilities that help keep every boater safe."

Natural Resources Police will be increasing patrols during National Safe Boating Week, which includes the Memorial Day weekend, to enforce boating under the influence laws and ensure compliance with life jacket regulations.

One of the most common issues Natural Resources Police encounter

during the boating season is compliance with the state's life jacket laws. Under West Virginia law, every person aboard a boat must have a properly sized U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket that is readily accessible and in good condition. Children under 13 must wear a life jacket while the boat is underway, unless they are below deck or in an enclosed cabin.

"There are a lot of myths about life jackets, but the reality is they save lives — but only when worn," said Natural Resources Police Captain Warren Goodson, who oversees the WVDNR's Boating Education Program.

According to the U.S. Coast Guard, drowning is the reported cause of death in nearly 80% of recreational boating fatalities, and 87% of those victims were not wearing life jackets.

West Virginia law also requires anyone born on or after Dec. 31, 1986, to complete a boater education course approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators before operating a motorboat. To learn more about boating rules and laws, safe boating practices and the WVDNR's boater education program, visit [WVDnr.gov/boating](http://WVDnr.gov/boating)

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# Cpl. Fulks Memorial Trail Race — Running and Remembering



Members of Boy Scout Troop 236 post The Colors during opening ceremonies of the annual Cpl. Fulks Memorial Trail Race.



First to finish were 5K males — Andrew Bailey, Ethan Saunders, and Vincent Gibson.



The one hundred-plus 5K, 5K Ruck, and 10K runners begin to stretch out following the start of race.

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the 9 a.m. Saturday, May 10th event which featured 5K, 10K, and 5K Ruck races. Andrew Bailey of

South Charleston was the first 5K finisher with a time of 20:36.8. Samuel Keeney of Rainelle took first in the 10K with a time of 44:30.3. The 5K Ruck

winner was William Blake of Scott Depot with a time of 33:16.9.

The top male and female winners in each of the three races received trophies produced by

Bear Wood Company of Hurricane. Receiving trophies were: 5K males — Andrew Bailey, Ethan Saunders, and Vincent Gibson; 5K females — Laura Bradley, Kellie Blake,

and Ella Doerner; 10K males — Samuel Keeney with a time of 44:30.3, Caleb Stillwell with a time of 48:07.0, Enzo Lewis with a time of 48:20.8; 10K females — Morgan

Gray, Geneve Bashon, and Nicole Michaelis; 5K Ruck males — William Blake, Adam King, and Michael Renfro; 5K Ruck females — Chelsea King and Amy Riffie.



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

May 15, 1880: The state's first telephone exchange was placed in service in Wheeling with about 25 subscribers.

May 15, 1886: Minnie Buckingham Harper was born in Winfield. She was the first Black woman to serve as a member of a state legislative body in the United States. She was appointed by Governor Howard Gore on January 10, 1928, to

fill the unexpired term of her husband, E. Howard Harper.

May 15, 1893: Albert Sidney "Sid" Hatfield, controversial police chief of Matewan and martyred hero to union coal miners, was born near Matewan, on the Kentucky side of Tug Fork.

May 15, 1953: George Brett, the Hall of Fame third baseman for the Kansas City Royals, was born in Glen Dale in Marshall County. Along with Hank Aaron, Willie Mays, Stan Musial, and Miguel Cabrera, he is one of only five players in Major League history to accumulate 3,000 hits,

300 home runs and a .300 career batting average.

May 16, 1778: About 300 Wyandot and Mingo Indians attacked Fort Randolph at Point Pleasant. Unable to take the fort, they proceeded up the Kanawha River toward other settlements.

May 16, 1815: Politician Alexander Boteler was born in Shepherdstown. He served in both the U.S. and Confederate congresses, was a key adviser to "Stonewall" Jackson, and co-founded what is now Shepherd University.

May 16, 1925: Author Henry William Hoffman was born in Charleston. His first novel, *The Trumpet Unblown*, was based on his time as a medic during World War II. His short stories earned him the O. Henry Award and inclusion in *Best American Short Stories*.

May 16, 1928: Minister Robert Graetz Jr. was born in Clarksburg. He helped organize the Montgomery bus boycott and was the only White minister in the highly segregated Alabama city to support the boycott publicly.

May 17, 1773: Lawyer and western Virginia political leader Philip Doddridge was born in Pennsylvania. The namesake of Doddridge County, he later served in Congress and, according to Daniel Webster, "was the only man I ever feared to meet in debate."

May 17, 1854: A violent windstorm swept up the Ohio River and severely damaged the Wheeling Suspension Bridge.

May 17, 1862: The Battle of Pigeon Roost took place in Princeton during the Civil War. Union soldiers were noisily approaching Princeton from the southeast, unaware that the Confederates were lying in ambush. The attack left an estimated 18 federal troops killed and 38 wounded.

May 18, 1955: While pitching for the Chicago Cubs, Monongah native Sam Jones became the first Black pitcher in Major League Baseball history to toss a no-hitter.

May 18, 1987: Science

communicator, writer, and TV host Emily Calandrelli was born in Morgantown. Since graduating from WVU and MIT, she's hosted her own science children's show and been a regular on Bill Nye's program. In 2024, she became the 100th woman in history to venture into space.

May 18, 2012: Ice Mountain in Hampshire County was named a National Natural Landmark by the U.S. Department of the Interior at a ceremony to mark the 50th anniversary of the program.

May 19, 1920: Ten people were killed in a shootout sometimes referred to as the Matewan Massacre. The episode started when Baldwin-Felts detectives came to Matewan to evict striking miners and their families from their homes. Police Chief Sid Hatfield tried to stop the evictions as being unauthorized by law, and the gunfight broke out.

May 20, 1949: Nick Joe Rahall II was born in Beckley. When Rahall first entered Congress in 1977, he was its youngest member. He served until 2015.

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were for shoplifting.

Hurricane Fire Chief Paul Niedbalski told council that he is hopeful that evaluation of his department will qualify Hurricane for lower insurance rates. Niedbalski said savings of \$50 or more may be possible.

City Manager Andy Skidmore stated that revenue generation from Bridge Park ball field rentals and concession sales is doing well. The

fields rent for \$3,000 per weekend. Concession sales were \$8,000 during April. The revenue is reserved for payment of loans which financed construction of the multi-million dollar facility.

Marketing Director Amanda Ramey announced that Hurricane will host several hundred Run For The Wall motorcyclists on the evening of May 21st.

The next Hurricane City Council meeting will be June 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

## Putnam County Senior Prom Date - Friday, May 16

Putnam County Senior Prom (for Senior Citizens) will be held on Friday May 16, 2025 from 4-7 PM at the Hometown Senior Center, located at 40 1st Street N in Hometown.

This year, the prom will be themed "Enchanted Forest". The Wildwood Players will be providing the music. Entertainment and finger foods will be served. This is a formal

event if you wish to dress up.

Everyone welcome! Please come out to join us for dancing, pictures, music, food and fellowship.

If you have any questions or would like to let us know you plan to come, please call Putnam Aging Program at 304-755-2385 and ask for Karen Johnson.



Cpl. William B. Fulks Detachment 1474 invites all interested in becoming part of the Marine Corps League to its May 19 meeting at Hurricane City Hall at 3255 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, at 1800 hours.

The Marine Corps League provides an avenue by which members may express loyalty to one another and reach out in support to the families of those Marines who never got to come home. Through numbers the League works to protect the benefits of all veterans.

One can join at any detachment meeting by filling out and signing a MCL membership application, showing character of service with a copy of discharge papers (DD-214), and pay the annual membership dues of \$30.00



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# Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



## 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



## Tackle Your Family's Hunger With a Touch of Heat

(Family Features) It's easy to get into a recipe rut when every day feels the same – work, kids' activities, social events and bedtime routines make it tough to experiment in the kitchen. If your family's meals are growing boring, all you need is a touch of heat to bring new life to the menu.

Add a delicious blend of savory, sweet and a hint of spice to mealtime with Minute Hot Honey Chicken Seasoned Rice Cups, which are ready to serve fast for busy families. Packed with flavor, they complement main courses, snacks and sides without the hassle.

With just the right balance of heat and honey, they add delicious sizzle and mouthwatering flavor to recipes like Hot Honey Chicken Meatball Subs. Perfectly toasted hoagie rolls are packed with spicy, sweet chicken meatballs and smothered in melted provolone for a tough-to-top taste. Ready in 35 minutes, the subs offer a blend of convenience and gourmet flavor, making this meal an unbeatable choice at dinner time.

Sandwiches deliver an easy way to make mealtime customizable so all your loved ones are satisfied. Try topping your subs with coleslaw for a crunchy, creamy texture or pickled vegetables for an added touch of tanginess to complement the sweet, rich meatballs. For fans of spice, turn up the heat with extra hot sauce.

Solve afternoon hunger pangs with these Hot Honey Chicken Rice Crackers and Ranch Dip, loaded with the sweet heat of hot honey chicken and baked to crispy perfection. This inventive snack is uniquely crunchy and flavorful, blending fiery sweetness with savory chicken flavor as a convenient way to shake up snack time.

For the adventurous types, these homemade crackers pair with more than just ranch. Engage your taste buds further with these suggestions:

- Spicy cheese dip: Add a little extra kick with cheese dip that's spiced up with jalapenos or chili flakes.
- Cucumber dill yogurt: A perfect match for the sweet heat of hot honey chicken with its refreshing, cooling effect.
- Barbecue sauce: Smoky and slightly sweet, it pairs well with the honey in the crackers.
- Garlic aioli: Rich and garlicky, this dip brings a robust flavor contrast to the table.

Discover more ways to shake up mealtimes by visiting MinuteRice.com.

### Hot Honey Chicken Meatball Subs

Prep time: 5 minutes

Cook time: 30 minutes

Servings: 4

- 1 Minute Hot Honey Chicken Seasoned Rice Cup
- 1 pound ground chicken
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)
- 1/4 cup breadcrumbs
- 4 hoagie rolls
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 4 slices provolone cheese
- garlic sauce, for garnish

Preheat oven to 375 F. Heat rice according to package directions.

In large bowl, mix rice; chicken; salt; cayenne, if desired; and breadcrumbs.

Use cookie scoop or hand roll chicken mixture into balls. Place on aluminum foil-lined sheet tray, leaving small space between each ball. Bake 25 minutes, flipping meatballs halfway through.

Slice hoagies in half, lengthwise. Remove some bread from middle to make room for meatballs. Butter inside of each hoagie and place on sheet tray.

Once meatballs are cooked through, turn broiler on high and place buttered hoagies in oven. Cook 1 minute, or until butter is melted and hoagie has browned.

Remove hoagies from oven, place 3-4 meatballs inside (depending on size) and cover with slice of cheese. Broil on high 30 seconds to melt cheese.

Drizzle garlic sauce on top.

Tip: Garlic sauce can be substituted with topping of choice.

### Hot Honey Chicken Rice Crackers and Ranch Dip

Prep time: 5 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes

Servings: 2

- 1 Minute Hot Honey Chicken Seasoned Rice Cup
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 packet ranch dip seasoning

Preheat oven to 400 F. Heat rice according to package directions.

Lay rice on parchment paper. Place another sheet of parchment paper on top. Use rolling pin to roll out rice into thin layer.

Bake 20 minutes.

In medium bowl, mix sour cream and ranch seasoning.

Once crackers are cooked, cut into squares while still hot. Allow to cool.

Serve crackers with ranch dip.

Tip: Ranch dip can be substituted with hummus or any flavored dip.

## Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead  
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

God made the cat to give man the pleasure of stroking a tiger.

Don't limit your challenges. Challenge your limits.

Think of someone who has made a difference in your life and thank them. Call, write or visit to show your appreciation. It's never too late to express gratitude.

If you could dream it, you can do it.

You are enough just as you are.

You and I fight with toothpicks, but God comes with battering rams and cannons. So give your strongholds to Him, and He will break them down.

No amount of regret changes the past, no amount of anxiety changes the future, but any amount of grateful joy changes the present.

Some people are mean and bitter because they had a rough childhood. Some people are kind and caring for the same reason.

When my parents passed away, my world crumbled. They left physically, but my heart has never been whole again.

A pet's love is pure, and it's loyalty is unbreakable.

To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow.

It's better to get hurt by the truth than comforted with a lie.

Doggy giving birth by the side of the road will be cited for littering.

In one heartbeat, it could all be taken away. Always be grateful.

If you're 80 and considering a tattoo, how about your name and address?

Stop expecting loyalty from people who can't even give you honesty.

I was up all night wondering where the sun went, then it dawned on me.

Before you knew you needed adopted, God already filed the papers.

You can cut all the flowers but you can't keep Spring from coming.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

The gospel is only good news if it gets there in time.

Is there anything God cannot do? Yes. He cannot lie.

My doggy lost his right eye; he still has one left.

The energy of the mind is the essence of life.

No judgment from doggies when you're older or unwell; only unconditional love. Let's mirror that compassion back to them.

Before spring becomes beautiful, it is ugly, nothing but mud and muck, but in that muddy mess, the conditions for rebirth are being created.



There are only two days in the year that nothing can be done. One is called yesterday and the other is called tomorrow, so today is the right day to love, believe, do and mostly live.

Sometimes the smallest step in the right direction ends up being the biggest step of your life. Tiptoe, if you must, but take a step.

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much. It just takes a while to recall something from so much information.

Some people will come back in your life after they get disappointed by people they thought were better than you.

The Bible is to God what a surgical glove is to the surgeon. He reaches through them to touch deep within you.

A short psychic broke out of jail, small medium at large.

Be silent if your words can betray someone's trust.

Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.

My favorite childhood memory is having energy.

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

The man who fell into the upholstery machine Monday is now fully recovered.

What people hate in you is missing in them.

We bought a boat but couldn't think of any names. Canoe?

Never assume that loud is strong and quiet is weak.

I don't rise with the sun, I rise with the call of the bladder.

I'm totally lacking the zip-a-dee part of my doo-dah day.

Think you've got problems, try being a math book.

The only impossible journey is the one you never begin.

Nacho Cheese: what doesn't belong to you.

Be silent in the heat of anger.

I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples. - Mother Teresa

When you fully trust someone without doubt, you finally get one of two results: a person for life or a lesson for life.

Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first. - Mark Twain

A lot of people have gone further than they thought they could

because someone else thought they could.

Success is a personal standard, reaching for the highest that is in us, becoming all that we can be.

Don't ignore the effort of a person who tries to keep in touch. It's not all the time someone cares.

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

I think there should be an American flag in every classroom in the United States.

Don't let negative or toxic people rent space in your head. Raise the rent and kick them out.

I don't always go that extra mile, but when I do, it's because I missed my exit.

Sometimes you have to keep your good news to yourself. Everybody is not genuinely happy for you.

Spend time with those you love. One of these days you will say either, "I wish I had," or "I'm glad I did."

If you hate me, hate me alone. Don't be out there, lying about me, trying to recruit people to hate me with you.

Local butcher box to meat grinder: He's okay, just got a little behind in his work.

Never underestimate the power of a sloppy kiss and a wet nose on a bad day from a doggie.

The Scriptures were not given to increase our knowledge but to change our lives.

Sometimes, you just have to play the role of a fool to fool the fool who thinks they are fooling you.

From your current perspective, what wisdom would you offer to your younger self?

A strong person does not seek revenge; they move on and let karma do all the dirty work.

I hoped my spouse would wake up with a smile, but I couldn't find a sharpie.

Life is so ironic. It takes sadness to know what happiness is, noise to appreciate silence and absence to value presence.

Take care of your parents, just as they took care of you.

Allow yourself to be proud of yourself and all the progress you've made, especially the progress that no one else has seen.

## Bible Verse



By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. — Psalm 42:8

# Hurricane First Baptist Holds Ground Breaking for New Addition



A current view of the back part of First Baptist Church, where the new welcome center will be. (Photo Courtesy of First Baptist Church)



A conceptual image of the new welcome center. (Photo Courtesy of First Baptist Church)

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Comments by Mayor Scott Edwards, members of the church administration and congregation came forward to dig in the dirt and participate in the ceremonial breaking of ground. To preserve the event for historical memory, members of the congregation posed for a massive group photograph, and drone footage was taken throughout the ceremony.

Like many churches, First Baptist Church has expanded over the years. Since the church is located on a gently rolling hill, expansions have followed the lay of the land, resulting in a large, sprawling facility. Unfortunately, not all of the expansions were constructed with wheelchair accessibility in mind, resulting in wheelchair users having to take a circuitous route through the church, or unable to access certain areas altogether. The new ADA mobility upgrade is meant to address these

issues and make First Baptist accessible to all.

In addition to mobility upgrades throughout the church, a new welcome center will be built onto the rear of the building. The welcome center will feature a covered canopy for passenger loading and unloading, and an elevator which will reach every level of the facility, including the youth areas on the third floor. The new building will also include a café, a library, a lobby with scenic views of the surrounding area, and expanded storage facilities.

"This welcome center and ADA upgrades will be more than just a building. It will be a doorway to connection, a doorway to compassion, a doorway to community," said Pastor Jeff Davenport. "A place where first time guests can find their footing, a place where church members, and family, and people from our community can find support, and it is where that all of us can take our next step in our spiritual journey."



An overhead view of the groundbreaking ceremony at First Baptist Church. (Photo by Tim Sovine)

## Putnam Property Transfers

The following property transfers were recorded by the Putnam County Clerk between April 11, 2025, and May 2, 2025:

Derek and Andrea Mercure to James Doehring - Lot, Scarlet Hills Subdivision, Poca District for \$327,500.00.

Richard and Carmen Crout to David and Shannon Carpenter - Two Lots, Woodridge Estates, Teays Valley District for \$24,500.00.

K Harris Realty LLC to Cathy Queen - Lot, Fairview Subdivision, Teays Valley District for \$289,500.00.

Daniel Cook to Hunter Edge - Unit, Residences at Paulis Place, Scott District for \$245,000.00.

Raynes & Sons Excavation LLC to Michael and Melissa Gray - Parcel, Union District for \$35,000.00.

Mullins Properties LLC to David Goff - Lot, Scott District for \$10,000.00.

Kristi Williams to Silver Legacy LLC - Two Lots, South Winfield, Scott District for \$114,000.00.

Paul and Myra Simmons to Michael Lively - Parcel, Scott District for \$130,000.00.

Larry Leadmon to Rhonda Graley - Parcel, Teays Valley District for \$10,000.00.

Phillip Burks and Kimberly Rymer to Jeffrey and Kaitlyn Wright - Parcel, Teays Valley District for \$110,000.00.

Larry Leadmon to Reginald and Connie Smith - Parcel, Teays Valley District for \$10,000.00.

Seneca Trustees Inc and Cateret Title LLC to Par Mar Properties LLC - Lot, Sandstone Subdivision, Buffalo Town District for \$85,000.00.

Freddie Johnson to Kendra Fitzpatrick - Parcel, Curry District for \$30,000.00.

Frank Cox Jones Trust and Bessemer Trust Company to Entertainment Royalty Organization LP - Undivided interest minerals in two parcels, Buffalo District and Poca District for \$4,310.00.

and Shelley Waitner - Lot, Wedgewood Glen Subdivision, Hurricane District for \$430,000.00.

Teresita Sta Ana to Clark and Tammy Bradford Bolland - Lot, Stone Gate Subdivision, Scott District for \$770,000.00.

JPMorgan Chase Bank and Carrington Mortgage Services LLC to James and June Kester - Parcel, Curry District for \$89,900.00.

No Boundry LLC to Ramsey Enterprises LLC - Lot, Nitro District for \$2,500.00.

WV State Auditor and WV Auditor Delinquent Land to CATO Energy LLC - Teays Valley District for \$345.05.

WV Auditor Delinquent Land and WV State Auditor to Nitro Land Reuse Authority - Nitro District for \$176.97. WV Auditor Delinquent Land and WV State Auditor to Hardy County Holdings - Parcel, Union District for \$2,000.00.

B&N Investment Solutions LLC to Logan Hill - Parcel, Poca District for \$222,500.00.

Daniel Short to Jerry and Brittany Lavender - Lot, Marina Park, Scott District for \$4,000.00.

AM Investments LLC to Gregory Searls - Two Lots, Saunders Addition, Poca District for \$91,880.00.

William Gardner to Town of Poca - Parcel, Poca Town District for \$200.00.

Quinelen Torman Pauley to Caleb Willard and Marian Kraxberger - Lot, Corbly Addition, Hurricane District for \$60,000.00.

Jeff Slider and Angela Cohouty to Parsons Brothers Property Group LLC - Two Lots, Buffalo District for \$31,000.00.

Kenneth Lyons and James Lyons to James and Rachel Lyons - Parcel, Curry District for \$48,000.00.

215 Hurricane WV LLC to Genovia of Monaco LLC - Two Tracts, Hurricane District for \$2,100,000.00.

John and Carolyn Priestley to Scott and Cassandra Pauley - Two Parcels, Curry District for \$60,000.00.



After the groundbreaking ceremony was over, the congregation posed for a group photo. (Photo Courtesy of First Baptist Church)

John and Carolyn Priestley to Robert Summers - Parcel, Hurricane District for \$55,000.00.

James Thompson to Heather Shaw - Unit, Putnam Avenue Town Homes, Hurricane District for \$195,000.00.

Harold and Cynthia Sexton to Dustin and Patricia White - Parcel, Teays Valley District for \$6,000.00.

Kathryn Fowler to James and Jaime Hanshaw - Tract, Eleanor District for \$5,000.00.

Timothy McDade to William Fritz and Jaclyn McLaughlin - Two Parcels, Union District for \$41,683.00.

Marion Sovine to Sovine Rentals LLC - Lot, Imperial Estates, Curry District for \$12,285.17.

Mountain State Throws Club LLC to Florence Rich - Two Lots, Midway Addition, Poca District for \$10,000.00.

WV Auditor Delinquent Land and WV State Auditor to Lora Bailey - Two Lots, Hurricane Heights, Curry District for \$1,600.00.

WV Auditor Delinquent Land and WV State Auditor to Mapa LLC - Parcel, Curry District for \$600.00.

WV Auditor Delinquent Land and WV State Auditor to Mapa LLC - Parcel, Curry District for \$500.00.

WV Auditor Delinquent Land and WV State Auditor to Mapa LLC - Parcel, Poca District for \$4,200.00.

Brenda Gibson and Kathryn Westfall to Kathryn Westfall - Lot, Poca District for \$87,500.00.

Savannah Davis to SD Holdings - Lot, Marina Park, Scott District for \$3,000.00.

Flatwater Management LLC to Appalachian Power Company - Parcel, Poca District for \$50,000.00.



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### The River of Life

Revelation 22:1-9

The closing chapter of Revelation reveals the last of the future which God made known to John. In the text before us the glory of the new Jerusalem was shown to him. The one hosting John's tour of the city is one of the seven angels who earlier poured out the vials of God's judgment.

"And he shewed me a pure river of water of life . . ." (v. 1). Words produce mental images. A river produces an image of flowing water. The flowing water in this instance is not of physical water. The water is spiritual. It is the free water of which Isaiah prophesied (Isa. 55:1) and it is the water which Jesus offered to the woman at the well in Samaria (Jn. 4:13-14).

The picture before us, a river of pure water proceeding from the throne of God, is very similar to that which was shown to Ezekiel (Ezek. 47). The river which Ezekiel saw is different in that it flowed outward from the temple. In both Revelation and in Ezekiel, the river carries life-giving water. The river in John's vision does not flow from the temple because there is no temple in the new Jerusalem. The Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of the new Jerusalem (Rev. 21:22). Ezekiel determined that the water flowed from the right side of the altar of sacrifice. John had an unobstructed view of the water's source. John saw water issuing from the throne of God and of the Lamb. There is a single source of the water of life. The water is totally dependent upon God and upon the Lamb — dependent both the Father and the Son, both the provider of the sacrifice and the sacrifice. The river of water of life is an everlasting flow from the throne of God in the new Jerusalem.

The tree of life is in the midst of the street of the new Jerusalem and upon the banks of the river. Readers of God's word are first introduced to the tree of life in Genesis 3:22, we learn that eating of this tree produces eternal life. The tree of life described here (v. 2) provides for life in the new Jerusalem in an abundant manner. The tree produces fruit of twelve different varieties on a monthly cycle. The tree of life provides more than food; its leaves are used for healing. While it is not apparent just what type of healing should occur in the new Jerusalem, it is a certainty that the tree of life shall enhance the quality of life of the nations which shall walk in the light of the new Jerusalem (Rev. 21:24).

In verse 3, John is told that there will be no more curse. The ground from which God fashioned man became cursed because of Adam's disobedience (Gen. 3:17). The curse has served all men as a reminder of our own disobedience. The curse shall be no more because all things are made new (Rev. 21:5). There shall be no more disobedience. The separation of men from God is ended. We are told that His servants shall serve Him and shall see his face (I Cor. 13:12). God promises a blessing upon all who read the words of this prophecy, hear the words of this prophecy, and keep the things which are written (Rev 1:3). The full realization of the promised blessing is found in serving Him.

In verse 6 the angel said, "These sayings are faithful and true." All things recorded in the book of Revelation shall happen and happen in the manner that they are recorded. The angel is the messenger of God who spoke to the holy prophets — the same God who spoke to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; the same God who gave David the words of Psalm 22; the same God who told Isaiah that the Messiah would be rejected and would suffer for our iniquities; the same God who told Daniel that the Messiah would be cut off after sixty-nine weeks of years. This is the God who states that the things recorded in Revelation are faithful and true.

There is an urgency to God's final message to men. "Behold, I come quickly" (v. 7). These same words were directed to the church at Philadelphia (Rev. 3:11), the church which Christ commended for its evangelism. The Lord spoke these words to the church because it is His desire they not lose the crown which is reserved for them. It is His desire that all men be found ready when He comes quickly. The blessing promised in Revelation 1:3 is contingent upon hearing this prophecy and doing that which the Lord has said. God would have all churches receive that which is reserved for the church at Philadelphia. To those who overcome, He has promised to write upon them His name and the name of the new Jerusalem (3:12). The righteous must act while the ears of men are still open and their hearts can receive the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Verse 9 is an instant replay of 19:10 in which John is admonished for misdirecting his worship. The stated purpose of the book of Revelation is for men to hear and correct their ways (continue in their ways in the instance of the church at Philadelphia). What part does John's falling before the feet of an angel work toward attaining the blessings that God would bestow?

Keeping the words of this prophecy requires one to continue to direct his worship to God, and God alone. The promise of blessing belongs to all who correct their ways and direct their worship to Him alone. John's worship was misdirected. John bowed to an angel (a created being who described himself as "thy fellow servant.") Inappropriate worship (all worship not focused solely upon God and the Lamb of God) is cause for one to forfeit crowns which the Lord has for them who love Him.

For centuries, Revelation was an unread book. Men could not relate to images of a one world government and worldwide destruction. The prophecy of this book is not sealed. The blessed are they who do His commandments.

Not all who hear the words of this prophecy shall act upon it as God has directed. God has placed His word before us and instructed us to act upon it and be blessed. Only those who act upon His word, shall be ready because He has said: "Behold, I come quickly."

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# Obituaries

**GARY K. ASBURY**

Gary Keith Asbury Sr., 87, of Hurricane, passed away on May 10, 2025 at Hubbard Hospice House West in South Charleston.

He was born on September 22, 1937 to the late Sebert M. and Oreda M. Cook Asbury in Widen. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his sister, Joan Asbury.

Gary was a retired Chemist from Union Carbide, a member of St. Andrews United Methodist Church in St. Albans and also served as a Past Master at Dunbar Lodge #159 A.F. & A.M.

Gary is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Barbara June Amick Asbury; daughter, Donna Meador (Marc) of Bruceton Mills; son, Keith Asbury DDS (Cheryl) of Buffalo; 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Funeral service was Thursday, May 15, 2025, at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Rev. Ed Grant officiating. Burial was in Valley View Memorial Park, Hurricane.

**DORIS JEAN CARNEY**

Doris Jean Carney, 79, of Poca, passed away Saturday, May 10, 2025.

Born September 6, 1946, her first love was dancing, she became the best Jitterbug dancer in Pittsburgh. She loved her bowling leagues. She also loved roller skating. Doris was really great at cooking, baking and making jellies and jams. She was also an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan.

Doris was a devoted

member of "The Rebekah's", a worldwide women's service organization. She served as President twice 2010-2011 and 2016-2017, she also served as president of the State of WV LAPM. Doris also served as Chaplin of International LAPM. Doris also received The Decoration of Chivalry.

Doris was preceded in death by her Brother, Mother and Grandmother.

Left behind to cherish her memory are her loving husband of 37 years Marion "Mike" Carney, her children Kelli Fikisz (Chris), Carl Klauscher Jr. (Valerie), Valerie West (Delbert), Stepchildren Melissa Johnson (David), Michael Carney and Sister Dawn, along with many loving Grandchildren and Great Grand Children.

A Celebration of Life Service was held Thursday May 15, 2025, at Cooke Funeral Home, Nitro, with Monsignor Frederick Annie officiating. Entombment was in Haven of Rest Memorial Gardens, Red House.

**MARSHA DAVIS**

Marsha Ann Gilfilen Davis, 71, of Hurricane, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 after a long illness. She was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Janice Lou Hodges Gilfilen; son, Larry Michael Dailey, and brother, Joe Gilfilen.

She is survived by her husband John Davis, daughter, Stephenie Freeman and (Matthew), son, Scott Davis (Georgie), Stepchildren

Christy Germany, Tessa Davis, John Davis Jr., 19 grandchildren, several great grandchildren, sisters, Brenda Gilfilen Ginn (Marshall) of Hurricane, Verda Gilfilen Myers of WI and Carla Gilfilen Flynn (Jerry) of Eleanor and brothers Brett Gilfilen of Hurricane and Rex Gilfilen of New Haven, Aunt Linda Hodges Porreca of OH, many nieces and nephews and friends that will miss her.

Funeral service was Friday, May 9, 2025 at Allen Funeral Home with Pastor John Bailey officiating. Burial was in Valley View Memorial Park.

**JAMES 'MICK' MICHAEL HAGER**

James Michael "Mick" Hager, 68, of Leland, NC, formerly of Scott Depot, passed away peacefully on May 3, 2025, at SECU Hospice House of Brunswick, NC.

Born on September 20, 1956, in Gallipolis, Ohio, Mick was the son of James G. Hager and the late Barbara Anne Hager. A 1974 graduate of St. Albans High School, Mick went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Cincinnati in 1978. An accomplished tennis athlete, he was ranked 2nd in the state of West Virginia in tennis and played for the University of Cincinnati. He also shared his love for the game as a tennis instructor.

Mick began his professional career with Great American Insurance in Cincinnati before becoming a third-

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generation State Farm agent in West Virginia. He served clients in Eleanor for five years before moving into leadership roles as an Agency Manager and Agency Field Executive for ten years. He eventually took over his father's agency in St. Albans, continuing the family legacy and serving his community as a dedicated State Farm agent until his retirement, after 22 successful years.

An avid golfer and active community member, Mick was a long-time member of Sleepy Hollow Golf Club in Hurricane, where he served on the Board of Directors. After relocating to North Carolina, he became a member of Cape Fear National Golf Club in Brunswick Forest.

Mick is survived by his devoted wife, Shirley; his children: Mike, AJ, and Wes Hager; his stepdaughter, Bridgette Jviden; seven grandchildren: Lily, Elise, Joey, Jack, Josh, Drew, Naomi; and step-grandchild, Dominic. He is also survived by his father, Jim Hager; sisters: Laurie Miller (Richard) and Deb Forney; and a wide circle of extended family and cherished friends.

Mick will be remembered for his warmth, his love of sports, his dedication to his family and career, and the deep friendships he cultivated throughout his life.

Funeral Service for Mick will be 1:00pm Saturday, May 17, 2025, at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane. Burial will follow in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans. Friends may visit the family from 6:00pm until 7:30pm Friday, May 16, 2025, and an hour prior to the service on Saturday at the funeral home.

**WILFREDO MOLANO**

Wilfredo N. Molano, age 82, passed away on April 28, 2025, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Born on November 17, 1942, in Lingayen, Pangasinan, Philippines, he is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years Helen of Infanta and Lingayen, Pangasinan, his loving daughter Jennifer, and his son-in-law Matthew.

Wilfredo was preceded in death by his parents, Jose and Maria Purification

Molano, brothers Jaime (Alegria), Rodolfo (Consuelo), Arnold (Marita), and Edward Molano, sister Florangel Molano-Malubag, sister-in-law Ester Viray, and brother-in-law Efrén Viray. Wilfredo also will be forever in the hearts of his sisters-in-law, Gloria Viray and Josephine Rosario, brothers-in-law Cesar (Florence), Leonidas, Vicente (Keri) and Florante (Frida) Viray and their families, as well as his innumerable nieces, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews, godchildren, and extended family.

After receiving his medical degree at Far Eastern University in Manila, Philippines, Wilfredo came to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to further his medical studies. He served as a solo general medical practitioner for 37 years in West Virginia with clinics in Hurricane, Hamlin and Sissonville, and he concluded his career as the medical director of the Huntington Treatment Center.

His many accomplishments included becoming Chief of Staff at Putnam General Hospital (now Charleston Area Medical Center Teays Valley Hospital) and leading a medical mission to the province of Pangasinan in the Philippines as president of the Tri-State Filipino-American Association of West Virginia, Ohio, and Kentucky. His legacy lives through the kindness that he cared for his patients, the generosity towards those whom he loved, his dedication to his family and friends, and his service to the community - all of which were driven by his steadfast Catholic faith. He was devoted to the Infant Jesus Santo Nino and enjoyed adventures traveling to Catholic sites across the world with his wife, including Lourdes, Assisi, Fatima, and many others, even traveling from Rome to Prague by train.

He loved singing, dancing, and watching college and professional sports, including football, basketball, hockey, golf, tennis, and wrestling.

Services were held on Tuesday, May 13, at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Cincinnati, OH. Burial to be in Perris Valley Cemetery, Perris,

California.

**GLORIA RUMBAUGH**

Gloria "Louise" (Yoder) Rumbaugh, 90, of Hurricane, passed away at home on May 7, 2025 after a short illness.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Thomas along with brothers Leon and Paul, sisters - Madolyn, Lora Mae and Joyce.

She is survived by her children, son Andy (Wilda) of Jonesboro, TN, daughter Sandy (Mark) Smith of Hurricane; grandchildren Alex and Jacob Rumbaugh of Nashville, TN, Trevor and Audrey Smith both of Hurricane; one sister Mary Catherine Fisher of Florida.

Louise was a homemaker and a devout Christian.

A graveside service will be held May 29, 2025, at 1 p.m., at Mount Olive Baptist Church cemetery.

**CHARLES 'JUP' TUCKER**

Charles Richard (Jup) Tucker, 80, of Statesville, NC, passed away into the arms of his Lord and Savior, on Saturday, May 10, 2025, at Atrium Health Carolinas Medical Center, in Charlotte, NC, surrounded by his family. He was a 1962 graduate of Point Pleasant High School and an operator at Goodyear Chemical Plant in Apple Grove where he retired in 1998.

Charles was born on December 8, 1944, in Grimm's Landing, a son to the late Harold R and Mary K Tucker. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his siblings Diane Tucker Thomas and Noland Tucker.

Charles is survived by the love of his life and wife of 60 years, Brenda Frazier Tucker; son and daughter-in-law, Chuck and Denina Tucker, of Millersport, OH; daughter, Martha Ross, of Seabrook Island, SC; daughter and son-in-law, Paige and Randy Stump, of Statesville, NC; son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Jennifer

Tucker, of Melbourne, FL; grandchildren, Ashley, Ryan, Andrew, Halle, Alex, Travis, Trevor, Dalton, Sydney and Reagan; 5 great-grandchildren, Jayden, Kennedy, Layla, Baker and Liam; brother and sister-in-law, Eddy and Terri Tucker; sister and brother-in-law, Mary "Sis" and Leo Buck; sister, Kathy Tucker Wise; and sister-in-law, Linda Tucker, in addition to several nieces and nephews.

Charles's life will be remembered at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, May 17, 2025, at Raynes Funeral Home-Eleanor. Burial will follow in Tucker Cemetery in Grimms Landing. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

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**WVSU Extension Service to Host Community Development and Urban Programming Listening Session**

West Virginia State University (WVSU) Extension Service will host a stakeholder listening session focused on the agency's urban extension programming efforts Thursday, May 30, at 6 p.m. at the WVSU Center in Charleston. The session aims to gather community feedback as the organization looks to expand its programming initiatives throughout the region.

"Stakeholder input is essential as we refine and develop our programming portfolio,"

said Kaysha Jackson, director of urban and non-traditional programming with WVSU Extension Service. "We encourage leaders, changemakers, and community voices to attend and be part of the conversation as we shape the future of our communities."

WVSU Extension Service's urban program area is committed to improving the viability, energy and economic sustainability of communities in West Virginia. Focus areas include community development, regional

and local economic development, and small business development and revitalization. Current initiatives include downtown revitalization, historic preservation, green projects, community gardens, small business development and support, financial sustainability, non-profit development, economic analysis, disaster preparedness and tourism. Refreshments will be provided at the listening session.

The WVSU Center is located at 107 Capitol Street in Charleston.

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# Public Service Commission: Customers Can't Be Forced Into Electronic Payments

Customers, even those with an email address or text on file with a utility, should not be forced into paying their utility bills electronically, the Public Service Commission of West Virginia ruled Tuesday.

"Paperless billings should be an 'opt in' choice for utility customers in West Virginia," the Commission wrote in an order involving West Virginia-American Water Co. (WVAWC)

"The company is encouraged to increase its efforts to promote customer participation in paperless billing," the

Commission noted. "The company should consider incentivizing enrollment in paperless billing by offering a fair discount to customers who enroll in paperless billing."

This issue was part of a petition filed by the company on June 7, 2024, to modify water and sewer rates.

The company proposed at that time automatic enrollment of customers in WVAWC's paperless billing program if the customer had an email or text on file or had registered for the company's online MyWater portal.

Staff resisted the proposal, saying the change would be burdensome to seniors and customers who lack reliable internet service.

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#### NOTICE

In compliance with Section 4, Article 5, Chapter 18 of the West Virginia Code, the Putnam County Board of Education hereby gives notice that a copy of the 2025-2026 budget document will be available for inspection at the County Board of Education office in Winfield, West Virginia, during normal work hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at our website www.putnamschools.com, or by emailing finance.putnam@k12.wv.us and that a public hearing will be held on the budget May 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Education office in Winfield.

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Tariff Form No. 8  
(Tariff Rule 10.1.a et seq.)

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES WITH PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATES

NOTICE is hereby given that Hope Gas, Inc. (the "Company"), a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, a tariff containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing natural gas service to all of its customers at various locations in the Counties of Barbour, Boone, Braxton, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monongalia, Nicholas, Pleasants, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood and Wyoming.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective May 30, 2025, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will produce approximately \$79.6 million annually in additional revenue, an increase of 40.95%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

- Section A – Hope Gas, Inc. ("Hope") Customers
- Section B – Former Peoples Gas WV LLC ("Peoples") Customers
- Section C – Former Southern Public Service Company ("Southern") Customers
- Section D – Former Standard/Bazze Gas Company ("Standard") Customers
- Section E – Former Consumers Gas Utility ("Consumers") Customers
- Section F – Production Gathering and Aggregation Service ("PGAS")

#### Section A

##### HOPE GAS, INC. – PROPOSED

TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$		%	
	INCREASE/ INCREASE/	(DECREASE) (DECREASE)	INCREASE/ INCREASE/	(DECREASE) (DECREASE)
Residential Sales (Rate Class RS)	\$21.10		25.41%	
Small Commercial Sales (Rate Class SGS) 1/	\$64.99		24.63%	
Small Commercial Sales previously LCI-D Sales 2/	(\$1,195.70)		(19.22%)	
Small Commercial Transport (Rate Class SGS) 1/	\$415.28		36.74%	
Small Commercial Transport previously LCI-D Transport 2/	(\$269.35)		(5.84%)	
Large Commercial Sales (Rate Class LGS) 3/	\$1,127.74		12.64%	
Large Commercial Sales previously LCI-D Sales 4/	\$767.02		6.10%	
Large Commercial Transport (Rate Class LGS) 3/	\$2,511.25		28.94%	
Large Commercial Transport previously LCI-D Transport 4/	\$2,421.87		38.69%	
Emergency Shelter Sales (Class ES)	\$26.34		23.12%	
Industrial Sales – Distribution (Rate Class LCI-D) 5/	\$2,626.72		5.65%	
Industrial Transport – Distribution (Rate Class LCI-D) 5/	\$4,158.97		19.27%	
Industrial Transport – Direct Service (Rate Class LCI- DS) 6/	\$469.31		16.81%	
Resale Sales (Rate Class WS)	\$2,452.46		12.36%	
Daily Balancing for Transport	\$0		0%	

#### Section B

##### FORMER PEOPLES GAS WV – PROPOSED

TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$		%	
	INCREASE/ INCREASE/	(DECREASE) (DECREASE)	INCREASE/ INCREASE/	(DECREASE) (DECREASE)
General Service – Residential Sales	\$27.17		35.42%	
General Service – Commercial Sales – SGS 1/	\$51.71		21.15%	
General Service – SGS Sales previously Industrial Sales 7/	\$1,160.80		48.95%	
Commercial Service – Transport – SGS 1/	\$864.14		58.90%	
General Service – SGS Transport previously Industrial Transport 2/	\$1,721.25		221.71%	
General Service – Commercial Sales – LGS 3/ 7/	(\$3,805.84)		(29.01%)	
General Service – LGS Sales previously Industrial Sales 4/	(\$433.18)		(6.06%)	
General Service – LGS Transport previously Industrial Transport 7/	\$2,514.88		60.23%	
Industrial Service – Sales and Transport 8/	N/A		N/A	
Daily Balancing (Swing) for Transport	\$17.79		16.60%	

#### Section C

##### FORMER SOUTHERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY – PROPOSED

TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$		%	
	INCREASE/ INCREASE/	(DECREASE) (DECREASE)	INCREASE/ INCREASE/	(DECREASE) (DECREASE)
General Service – Residential Sales	\$33.74		60.77%	
General Service – Commercial Sales – SGS 1/	\$79.04		52.00%	
General Service – Commercial Sales – LGS 4/ 7/	(\$2,707.36)		(15.25%)	

#### Section D

##### FORMER STANDARD/BAZZLE GAS COMPANY – PROPOSED

TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$		%	
	INCREASE/ INCREASE/	(DECREASE) (DECREASE)	INCREASE/ INCREASE/	(DECREASE) (DECREASE)
General Domestic – Residential Sales	\$28.46		40.39%	
Commercial Service – Sales – SGS 1/	\$62.29		41.07%	

#### Section E

##### FORMER CONSUMERS GAS UTILITY COMPANY – PROPOSED

TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$		%	
	INCREASE/ INCREASE/	(DECREASE) (DECREASE)	INCREASE/ INCREASE/	(DECREASE) (DECREASE)
General Domestic – Residential Sales	\$22.25		33.61%	
Commercial Service – Sales – SGS 1/	\$44.52		26.61%	
Commercial Service – Sales – LGS 4/ 7/	(\$3,493.14)		(23.65%)	

#### Section F

##### PRODUCTION GATHERING AND AGGREGATION SERVICE ("PGAS") – PROPOSED

TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$		%	
	INCREASE/ INCREASE/	(DECREASE) (DECREASE)	INCREASE/ INCREASE/	(DECREASE) (DECREASE)
Dominion Gathering System ("DGP")				
0 - 50 Daily Dt per Meter	\$546.80		340.69%	
51 - 100 Daily Dt per Meter	\$222.59		45.92%	
101 - 150 Daily Dt per Meter	(\$98.41)		(12.21%)	
151 - 250 Daily Dt per Meter	(\$579.91)		(45.05%)	
251 - 400 Daily Dt per Meter	(\$1,382.41)		(66.15%)	
Equitrans, L.P. Gathering System ("Equitrans")				
0 - 50 Daily Dt per Meter	\$294.80		71.47%	
51 - 100 Daily Dt per Meter	(\$538.45)		(43.22%)	
101 - 150 Daily Dt per Meter	(\$1,363.45)		(65.84%)	
151 - 250 Daily Dt per Meter	(\$2,600.95)		(78.62%)	
251 - 400 Daily Dt per Meter	(\$4,663.45)		(86.83%)	
Retention DGP (Increase in Retention Percentage)			136.68%	
Retention Equitrans (Increase in Retention Percentage)			249.79%	

- 1/ Small General Service Sales & Transport – 0 to 10,000 Mcf Annually
- 2/ Former Industrial Sales & Transport customers with Annual Usage 0 to 10,000 Mcf
- 3/ Large General Service Sales & Transport – 10,001 to 60,000 Mcf Annually
- 4/ Former Industrial Sales & Transport customers with Annual Usage 10,001 to 60,000 Mcf
- 5/ Industrial Sales & Transport – Distribution – Over 60,000 Mcf Annually
- 6/ Industrial Sales & Transport – Direct Service – Over 60,000 Mcf Annually
- 7/ Former Peoples, Southern, Standard, and Consumers Commercial Sales & Transport customers with Annual Usage 10,001 Mcf to 60,000 Mcf
- 8/ Former Peoples Industrial Sales and Transport customers do not meet the usage requirements of 60,001 Mcf or greater

Resale customers of the Company include Cardinal Natural Gas Company – Northern Division (Lumberport-Shinnston), Cardinal Natural Gas Company – Southern Division, Cardinal Natural Gas Company – Northern Division (Blacksville) and Mountaineer Gas Company.

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated classes. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increase or decrease) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase or decrease in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. (If a hearing is conducted, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or petition to intervene prior to May 30, 2025. If the Commission suspends the effective date, the Commission may establish a final deadline for intervention. Failure to timely protest or intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases or to participate in future proceedings. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention. All interventions may be mailed and addressed to The Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P. O. Box 812, 201 Brooks St., Charleston, West Virginia 25323, or may be hand-delivered. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website (www.psc.state.wv.us) using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary at the same address as above.

A complete copy of this tariff, as well as a representative of the Company, to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at any of the following offices of the Company: 781 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 100, Morgantown, West Virginia.

A copy of this tariff is also available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia, 26505.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWN OF BUFFALO SEWER RATE ORDINANCE

A public hearing will be held on June 2, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. on the following ordinance. Any person interested may appear before the Town Council of the Town of Buffalo (the "Town") at the Town Hall, 153 Franklin Street, Buffalo, West Virginia, and present any comment or protest thereto. Following such public hearing, Town Council shall take such action as it shall deem proper. The proposed sewer rate ordinance may be inspected by the public at the Office of the Recorder in the Town Hall, 153 Franklin Street, Buffalo, West Virginia during regular office hours.

#### SCHEDULE 1

#### APPLICABILITY

Applicable within entire territory served.

#### AVAILABILITY

Available for domestic, commercial, non-contract industrial (except unusual industrial waste) and resale sewer service.

#### RATES

First	2,000	gallons used per month	\$13.20 per 1,000 gallons
Next	3,000	gallons used per month	\$9.24 per 1,000 gallons
Next	45,000	gallons used per month	\$6.60 per 1,000 gallons
All Over	50,000	gallons used per month	\$3.96 per 1,000 gallons

#### MINIMUM CHARGE (Customers with metered water supply)

Each customer shall pay a minimum charge of \$26.40 per month. (Equivalent to 2,000 gallons of water usage)

#### FLAT-RATE CHARGE (Customers with non-metered water supply)

Each customer shall pay a minimum charge of \$49.50 per month. (Equivalent to 4,500 gallons of water usage)

#### BULK TREATMENT RATE

Wastewater treated for resale customers will be billed at the rate of \$3.96 per 1,000 gallons as measure by a flow meter.

#### DELAYED PAYMENT PENALTY

The above schedule is net. On all current usage billings not paid in full when due ten percent (10%) will be added to the net current amount unpaid. This delayed payment penalty is not interest and is to be collected only once for each bill where it is appropriate.

#### SEWER SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGE

The following charges are to be made whenever the utility installs a new tap to serve an applicant:

A tap fee of \$100.00 will be charged to customers applying for service before construction is completed adjacent to the customer's premises in connection with a certificate proceeding before the Commission. This pre-construction tap fee will be invalid after the completion of construction adjacent to the applicant's premises that is associated with a certificate proceeding.

A tap fee of \$350.00, or the actual cost of the connection (solely determined by the Utility), whichever is greater, will be charged to all customers who apply for service outside of a certificate proceeding before the Commission for each new tap to the system.

#### RETURNED CHECK CHARGE

A service charge of \$25.00 will be imposed upon any customer whose check for payment of charges is returned by the bank for any reason.

#### DISCONNECT CHARGE/RECONNECT CHARGE/ADMINISTRATIVE FEE

Water service will not be restored until all past due water bills have been paid in full and all accrued penalties plus a disconnection charge of \$25.00 have been paid.

There shall be a \$25.00 reconnection charge paid prior to restoration of water service which has been previously disconnected for any reason.

In the event that Town staff or agents collect money at the customer's residence in order to stop disconnection, an administrative fee of \$25.00 shall be paid in addition to other charges to prevent disconnection.

#### INCREMENTAL COSTS

\$6.00 per 1,000 gallons shall be charged for usage if the leak is eligible under the (i) Public Service Commission's rules for leaks on the customer's side of the meter, and (ii) the utility's leak adjustment policy.

#### SECURITY DEPOSIT

Not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) or two-twelfths (2/12) of the average annual usage of the applicant's specific customer class, whichever is greater.

#### EFT, CREDIT CARD, ACH AND DROP BOX PAYMENTS

A service charge will be imposed on EFT, Credit Card, ACH or Drop Box payments. The amount shall be equal to the actual charges to the Utility from the financial institution for processing payment.

#### SCHEDULE 2

#### SURCHARGE FORMULA TO BE APPLIED IN CASES WHERE SURFACE DRAINAGE IS CONNECTED TO THE TOWN'S SANITARY SYSTEM

#### APPLICABILITY

Whenever the Town has discovered that a customer's roof drain, downspouts, storm sewer, or other similar facilities conducting surface water has been connected to the Town's sewer system and such customer has failed to take appropriate action within thirty (30) days of receipt of a demand by the Town, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Public Service Commission to eliminate such connection, a surcharge will be imposed upon the customer calculated on the basis of the following formula:

$$S = A \times R \times .0006233 \times C$$

- S = The surcharge in dollars.
- A = The area under roof and/or the area of any other water collection surface connected to the sanitary sewer, in square feet.
- R = The measured monthly rainfall, in inches.
- .0006233 = A conversion factor to change inches of rain x square feet of surface to thousands of gallons of water.
- C = The Town's approved rate per thousand gallons of metered water usage.

The Town shall not impose the surcharge unless and until the customer has been notified by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by hand delivery, that it has been established by smoke testing, dye testing, or on-site inspection that rain or other surface water is being introduced into the sanitary sewer system at the customer's location, and that the customer has not acted within thirty (30) days from receipt of such notice to divert the water from the sanitary sewer system.

Said surcharge shall be calculated and imposed for each month that said condition continues to exist. Failure to pay the surcharge and/or correct the situation shall give rise to the possible termination of water service in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Public Service Commission of West Virginia.

#### SCHEDULE 3

#### SURCHARGE FORMULA FOR A CUSTOMER PRODUCING UNUSUAL WASTE

The charge for the treatment of unusual waste will be calculated on the basis of the following formula:

$$Ci = VoVi + BoBi + SoSi$$

- Ci = Charge to unusual users per year.
- Vo = Average unit cost of transport and treatment chargeable to volume, in dollars per gallon.
- Vi = Volume of wastewater from unusual users in gallons per year.
- Bo = Average unit cost of treatment, chargeable to Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) in dollars per pound.
- Bi = Weight of BOD from unusual users in pounds per year.
- So = Average unit cost of treatment (including sludge treatment) chargeable to total solids in dollars per pound.
- Si = Weight of total solids from unusual users in pounds per year.

When an unusual user is to be served, a preliminary study of its wastes, and the cost of transport and treatment thereof, will be made. Waste containing materials which, in the judgment of the Town, should not be introduced into the sewer system, need not be handled by it. The results of this preliminary study will be used to determine the feasibility of the proposed sewer service and the charge therefore, based upon the formula set out above.

Thereafter, unusual sewage service will be monitored on a regular basis and at the conclusion of each fiscal year, based on the investigation aforesaid and audit of the Town's records, new cost figures will be calculated for use in the above formula. The cost of establishing the monitoring facilities shall be paid by the unusual user. Based on these audited figures, additional billings covering the past fiscal year will be made for payment by each unusual user, or refund given by the Town, as the case may be. Such audited figures will then be used for the preliminary billing for the next fiscal year, at the end of which an adjustment will be made as aforesaid.

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### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

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

To: Magistrate Court Case  
Fred Michael No.: 24-M40D-00103  
Frye  
Respondent's Name  
1811 Roxalana Rd Family  
Dunbar WV 25064 Court Civil:  
Respondent's Address Civil Action  
05-15-1983 No.: 24-DV-77  
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 5-27-2025.

A Final Hearing is scheduled for the 27th day of May, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. before the Putnam County Family Court.

Issued this 7th day of May, 2025.  
STEPHANIE SMITH/jo  
Circuit Clerk

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### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

#### ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: ROBIN CAROLL SPRIGGS, a protected person  
Case No.: CC-40-2025-G-19

The object of the above-styled action is to determine whether a guardian and/or conservator should be appointed for the alleged protected person. It appearing by the filed Petition in this action that petitioner is without knowledge as to the existence or whereabouts of the alleged protected person's son, James Clifford Spriggs II. A hearing is to be held on Monday, June 9, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at the Putnam County Judicial Building, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213.

A copy of the Petition for the Appointment of a Guardian/Conservator can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at his office.

Entered by Clerk of said Court on this 29th day of April, 2025.

STEPHANIE SMITH, Clerk  
Circuit Court of Putnam County  
By: sy  
Deputy

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### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

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

BURKE & HERBERT BANK & TRUST COMPANY, a Virginia corporation, successor by merger to SUMMIT COMMUNITY BANK, Plaintiff,  
v.  
LARRY W. COLE, Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION NO. CC-40-2025-C-27  
JUDGE MARK SORSAIA

#### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

TO: LARRY W. COLE

There is now pending in the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia, in the above-styled civil action Plaintiff, Burke & Herbert Bank & Trust Company, a Virginia corporation, successor by merger to Summit Community Bank ("Plaintiff"), to serve Defendant, Larry W. Cole, by publication. The object of the above-styled civil action is to permit Plaintiff to recover indebtedness due and owing from Defendant to Plaintiff on a certain line of credit issued on or around June 11, 2008.

It appearing by the Affidavit filed in this action that Plaintiff has attempted to obtain service of the Summons and Complaint upon Defendant through a private process server, and that Plaintiff has used due diligence pursuant to Rule 4(e)(1)(C) of the West Virginia Rules of Civil Procedure to ascertain the address or whereabouts of Defendant; it is therefore ORDERED that LARRY W. COLE appear and serve upon Zachary J. Rosencrance and Kendra M. Amick, Bowles Rice LLP, counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 600 Quarrier Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301, a response or other defense to the Complaint filed in this civil action within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice in a Class II legal advertisement pursuant to West Virginia Code § 56-3-24. Otherwise, the Court may render judgment of default against Defendant at any time thereafter, thereby granting the relief requested by Plaintiff in its Complaint.

Pursuant to West Virginia Code § 56-3-24 and § 59-3-2, a Class II legal advertisement shall be published once a week for two successive weeks in a qualified newspaper in the publication area.

A copy of said Complaint can be obtained from the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia, 3389 Winfield Rd., Winfield, WV 25213.

Plaintiff's Motion to Serve Defendant by Publication filed by Zachary Rosencrance was GRANTED by the Court on the 30th day of April 2025.

Prepared and submitted by:  
Zachary J. Rosencrance (WVSB #13040)  
Kendra M. Amick (WVSB #14431)  
BOWLES RICE LLP  
600 Quarrier Street  
Charleston, West Virginia 25301

**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

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by the virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, Pill & Pill, PLLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated November 20, 2007, executed by the Borrowers, David M. Harper and Diana L. Harper, to Janet Phillips, the Trustee, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Book 851, at Page 908. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 136 Meadow Drive, Scott Depot, WV 25560. Pill & Pill, PLLC was appointed as Substitute Trustee by a SUBSTITUTION OF TRUSTEE dated October 23, 2024, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 1376, at Page 396. The Borrowers defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustee has been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustee 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:

May 22, 2025, at 4:45 p.m.

ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM AND STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED: ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT, TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, TOGETHER WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND THE APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING, SITUATED IN SCOTT DISTRICT, PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, AND BEING ALK OF LOT NO. 799, SECTION FIVE A (5-A) RANCH LAKE ESTATES, AS SAID LOT IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED UPON THAT CERTAIN MAP ENTITLED RANCH LAKE ESTATES, SECTION FIVE A (5-A) SCOTT DISTRICT, PUTNAM COUNTY, W. VA., DEVELOPED BY WEST VIRGINIA LAND CORPORATION, SCALE: 1 INCH EQUALS 100 FEET JULY, 1969, SAID MAP PREPARED BY W.C. FULLER, REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, SAID MAP BEING DULY OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, IN MAP BOOK 4 AT PAGE 106.

BEGINNING AT AN IRON PINE IN THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF MEADOWS DRIVE AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE ORIGINAL EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PLEASANT DRIVE; THENCE WITH THE FOLLOWING TWO COURSES AND DISTANCES WHICH SEVERS PLEASANT DRIVE S 86 DEG 01 MIN 38 SEC W. 12.24 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE N 28 DEG 10 MIN 50 SEC W. 199.32 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE WITH THE ORIGINAL PLEASANT DRIVE RIGHT OF WAY LINE S 31 DEG 50 MIN 00 SEC E 183.41 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 990.63 SQUARE FEET MORE OR LESS AND MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON A MAP PREPARED BY CONVERSE SURVEYING DATED JANUARY 23, 2004, A COPY OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CLERK IN DEED BOOK 445, AT PAGE 504. MAP 204G PARCEL NO. 176. BEING THE SAME FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY CONVEYED BY QUIT CLAIM DEED FROM WALTER MORTGAGE SERVICING, INC., A CORPORATION EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, BY JOE KELLY, VICE PRESIDENT TO DAVID M. HARPER AND DIANA L. HARPER HUSBAND AND WIFE, DATED 01/24/2006 RECORDED ON 03/13/2006 IN BOOK 463, PAGE 532 IN PUTNAM COUNTY RECORDS, STATE OF WV.

**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 § 11-2-1.
- The Beneficiary and/or 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 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.
- The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the sale of sale, with ten percent (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at stake,

Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee  
BY:  
Jonathan L. Wertman, Esq.  
Pill & Pill, PLLC  
85 Aikens Center, Edwin Miller Blvd.  
P.O. Box 440  
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**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT**

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

IN RE: Civil Action No. 24-D-70  
The Marriage of:  
Jeanette Forbesl  
Petitioner  
and  
Gary Lee Farley Jr.  
Respondent

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

**THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE. THIS IS A PUBLICATION BY CLASS II LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT.**

To the Above-Named Respondent:  
It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that Gary Lee Farley Jr. is a non-resident of the State of West

Virginia or has an unknown address. It is hereby ordered that Gary Lee Farley Jr. serve upon Putnam County Circuit Clerk's Office, whose address is 12093 Winfield Road, Ste. 12, Winfield, West Virginia, an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition For Divorce filed in this action on or before June 8, 2025. If you fail to Answer the Petition For Divorce, a judgment may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's Office.  
Entered by the Clerk of said Court, May 8, 2025.  
STEPHANIE SMITH/s  
Clerk of the Court

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

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

Estate No.:	6071
Estate Of:	Jewel Imogene Beaver
Executrix:	Milia Dotson 5064 High Hill Road Cambridge, OH 43725
Estate No.:	6090
Estate Of:	Robert Dent Crockett
Administrator:	Robert D. Crockett PO Box 699 Eleanor, WV 25070
Estate No.:	6060
Estate Of:	Brenda M Epling
Administratrix:	Sherri Epling

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Tariff Form No. 8

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES WEST VIRGINIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY**

Notice is hereby given that WEST VIRGINIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA a tariff containing a requested increase in rates, tolls, and charges for furnishing water service to approximately 172,000 customers in Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Cabell, Clay, Fayette, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mercer, Morgan, Putnam, Raleigh, Roane, Summers, Wayne, and Webster Counties, and a tariff containing a requested increase in rates, tolls, and charges for furnishing wastewater service to approximately 1,800 customers in Boone, Fayette, Jefferson, and Morgan Counties.

The water tariff filing will also directly or indirectly affect those customers of the following public service districts, regional development authorities, municipalities, or other governmental subdivisions who, under agreements approved by the Public Service Commission, are charged water rates that are in whole or in part based on the rates of the Company:

- Boone County Public Service District
- Cumberland Public Service District
- Flatwoods Canoe-Run Public Service District
- Jumping Branch-Nimitz Public Service District
- Kanawha County Regional Development Authority
- Lashmeet Public Service District
- Lewis County Economic Development Authority
- New Haven Public Service District
- Oakvale Road Public Service District
- Putnam County Building Commission
- Salt Rock Public Service District
- Webster County Economic Development Authority

Some of the customers receiving service from these entities under Operation and Maintenance Agreements with the Company also pay a surcharge in addition to the metered water rates. These surcharge amounts were approved by the Public Service Commission in prior cases, and those surcharges will not increase or otherwise be affected by this filing.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective March 1, 2026 unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission. The proposed increases include an allocation of the wastewater revenue requirement to the water revenue requirement to support the same percentage increase in rates for both water and wastewater customers. On a total basis, the Company proposes \$46,376,033 in additional annual net water revenues over present rate revenues, or an overall increase in revenues of approximately 22.0 percent, and \$1,453,680 annually in additional net wastewater revenues over present rate revenues, for an overall increase in revenues of approximately 25.8 percent. The \$46,376,033 increase in annual net water revenues consists of an increase in base rates of \$58,935,579 in annual revenue and a decrease in the Company's Distribution System Improvement Charge ("DSIC") of \$12,559,546 in annual revenue. The \$1,453,680 increase in annual net wastewater revenues consists of an increase in base rates of \$1,595,142 in annual revenue and a decrease in the Company's Wastewater System Improvement Charge ("WSIC") of \$141,462 in annual revenue.

The Company proposes implementing the increase in two steps: the first step under Addendum Period 1 with rates effective March 1, 2026, and the second step under Addendum Period 2 with rates effective March 1, 2027. The step 1 increase for water service in Addendum Period 1 is \$31,816,550, or approximately 15.1 percent over present rate revenues, net of DSIC and inclusive of the wastewater to water allocation. The step 2 increase for water service in Addendum Period 2 is \$14,559,483, or approximately 5.7 percent over Addendum Period 2 going level revenues, net of DSIC and inclusive of the wastewater to water allocation. The step 1 increase for wastewater service in Addendum Period 1 is \$767,720, or approximately 13.6 percent over present rate revenues, net of WSIC and inclusive of the wastewater to water allocation. The step 2 increase for wastewater service in Addendum Period 2 is \$685,960, or approximately 10.8 percent over Addendum Period 2 going level revenues, net of WSIC and inclusive of the wastewater to water allocation.

The Company is further proposing a Universal Affordability Discount Tariff for water and wastewater service that includes multiple tiers of discounts based on different levels of household income stated as multiples of Federal Poverty Level ("FPL"). The driving principle behind the Company's proposed Universal Affordability Discount Tariff is to provide all participating customers discounts such that the expected bill for basic water or wastewater service will be no more than 3% of their annual household income.

The proposed tariff discounts are as follows:

Universal Affordability Discount Tariff	(%) Discount
0%-50% Federal Poverty Level	60%
50%-100% Federal Poverty Level	40%
100%-150% Federal Poverty Level	30%
150%-200% Federal Poverty Level	15%

The following schedules show the change from rates currently in effect based on representative levels of consumption and the monthly dollar and percentage changes including the wastewater to water allocation and the impact of its proposed new Universal Affordability Discount Tariffs. The modification of any of these components will impact these schedules. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

**WATER BASE RATES**

AVERAGE CUSTOMER CLASS	Addendum 1 Step 1		Addendum 2 Step 2	
	Effective 3/1/2026	Effective 3/1/2027	Effective 3/1/2026	Effective 3/1/2027
Residential (5/8" meter; minimum bill 1,500 gal)	\$ 6.45	14.42%	\$ 3.04	5.61%
Residential (5/8" meter; 3,000 gal)	10.74	14.42%	5.06	5.60%
Commercial (1" meter; 17,000 gal)	60.14	14.43%	28.29	5.60%
Industrial (4" meter; 690,000 gal)	1,479.07	14.43%	695.83	5.60%
Other Public Authority (1" meter; 38,000 gal)	112.39	14.43%	52.87	5.60%
Sale for Resale (4" meter; 5,840,000 gal)	8,940.35	14.43%	4,206.11	5.60%

The water rate increases shown above will incorporate the rate impact of the cumulative investment under the Company's DSIC program that was (or is projected to be) placed into service between March 1, 2024 and December 31, 2025. As a result, the Company proposes to reduce the DSIC component of its rates relating to that investment when the new base rates go into effect.

The Company's contract sale for resale customers include Bluefield Valley Water Works Company, Lavalette PSD, Flatwoods Canoe Run PSD, Aqua Ohio Water, Jane Lew PSD, Lincoln PSD, and the City of Hurricane.

**WATER BASE RATES**

AVERAGE CUSTOMER CLASS	Addendum 1 Step 1		Addendum 2 Step 2	
	Effective 3/1/2026	Effective 3/1/2027	Effective 3/1/2026	Effective 3/1/2027
Residential (5/8" meter; minimum bill 2,500 gal)	\$ 6.65	10.12%	\$ 4.29	5.60%
Residential (5/8" meter; 3,000 gal)	7.78	10.12%	5.02	5.60%
Commercial (1" meter; 17,000 gal)	39.52	10.12%	25.50	5.60%
Other Public Authority (1" meter; 38,000 gal)	87.12	10.12%	56.23	5.60%

The wastewater increases shown above will incorporate the rate impact of the cumulative investment under the Company's WSIC program that was (or is projected to be) placed into service between March 1, 2024 and December 31, 2025. As a result, the Company proposes to reduce the WSIC component of its rates relating to that investment when the new base rates go into effect.

The rate increases shown above are based on averages for customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increase or decrease) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. If a hearing is conducted, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing. A complete copy of the Company's tariff proposals and a representative of the Company to provide information concerning this tariff are available to all customers, prospective customers or their agents at the following offices:

West Virginia-American Water  
Central Division  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Charleston, WV 25302

West Virginia-American Water  
Western Division  
4002 Ohio River Road  
Huntington, WV 25702

West Virginia-American Water  
Southern Division  
12 Mile Road @ Route 460  
Princeton, West Virginia 24740

West Virginia-American Water  
Northern Division  
1243 U.S. Highway 19 South  
Weston, West Virginia 26452

West Virginia-American Water  
Eastern Division  
150 East Burr Boulevard  
Kearneysville, WV 25430

Copies of the tariffs have also been delivered to representatives of the aforementioned public service districts and entities for public inspection at their respective offices.

Copies of the tariffs are also available for public inspection at the Offices of the Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301.

Anyone desiring to intervene and act as a party in either of these cases should file on or before August 3, 2025 a Petition to Intervene complying with the Commission rules on intervention in the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 150 C.S.R. 1, unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Anyone desiring to protest should file a written protest as soon as possible, although protests will be accepted by the Commission through the pendency of this proceeding. All written protests should briefly state the reason for the protest. All protests and Petitions to Intervene should clearly state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

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56 Willa Rose Drive  
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5997  
Estate Of: Jessica Ann Henderson  
Administratrix: Beverly S. Sovine  
2717 Fairlawn Ave #70  
Dunbar, WV 25064

Estate No.: 6081  
Estate Of: Darel Winford Michael  
Executrix: Harvey D Peyton  
2801 First Avenue  
Nitro, WV 25143

Estate No.: 6097  
Estate Of: Susan Elise Miller  
Executrix: Jason S Miller  
4 Par Road  
Liberty, NY 12754

Estate No.: 5996  
Estate Of: Laura Ellen Pauley  
Administratrix: Karrie Sowders  
112 Rolling Acres  
Winfield, WV 25313

Estate No.: 6063  
Estate Of: Dennis William Rollins  
Executrix: Lora D Turner  
64 Private Drive 305  
Chesapeake, OH 45619

Estate No.: 6087  
Estate Of: Thomas Clark Rynnion  
Administratrix: Andrea D Rynnion  
202 Rolling Meadows  
Scott Depot, WV 25560

Estate No.: 6088  
Estate Of: Ada Frances Sanson  
Executrix: Sandra Mae Reedy  
552 Manilla Creek Road  
Poca, WV 25159

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 15, 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(s). 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 15, 2025.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 5th day of May 2025.

Fiduciary Supervisor  
Putnam County Commission  
10293 Winfield Road,  
Winfield, WV 25213

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**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT**

FOR WVDEP LISTSERV  
**West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water and Waste Management**  
REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING WATER QUALITY STANDARDS, 47 CSR 02  
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PROGRAM, 47 CSR 10  
UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL, 47 CSR 13  
**Virtual Public Hearing Set for Monday, June 16, 2025, at 6:00 PM.**

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's (WVDEP) Division of Water and Waste Management (DWWM) will conduct a virtual public hearing on changes to Legislative Rules: Requirements Governing Water Quality Standards (47 CSR 02), National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program (47 CSR 10), and Underground Injection Control (47 CSR 13), as directed by the House Bill 2233.

The amendments are based on the WV Legislature House Bill 2233 ([https://www.wvlegislature.gov/Bill\\_Text\\_HTML/2025\\_SESSIONS/RS/ Bills/hb2233%20sub1%20enr.pdf](https://www.wvlegislature.gov/Bill_Text_HTML/2025_SESSIONS/RS/ Bills/hb2233%20sub1%20enr.pdf))

To read the rules in entirety, go to: <https://apps.sos.wv.gov/adlaw/csr/rule.aspx?rule=47-02>  
<https://apps.sos.wv.gov/adlaw/csr/rule.aspx?rule=47-10>  
<https://apps.sos.wv.gov/adlaw/csr/rule.aspx?rule=47-13>

The virtual public hearing will be conducted via the video call link provided below.  
Virtual Public Hearing: DWWM 2025 Legislative Rules on Monday, June 16 : 6:00 PM  
Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/sho-toeo-aof>  
Or dial: (US) +1 219-213-6293 PIN: 326 891 5787

In addition to the most recent changes to 47 CSR 02, WVDEP intends to seek U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approval for hardness based dissolved aluminum criteria as approved by the legislature in 2016. The agency will also accept written comments up to 10 days from the conclusion of the hearing (June 26, 2025), in addition to oral comments provided at the public hearing. Please contact the following individuals for any additional information regarding this public notice.

Written comments on 47 CSR 02 may be mailed or emailed to the following address:  
**Dawn Newell**  
DWWM - WV Department of Environmental Protection  
601 57th St. S.E., Charleston, WV 25304  
[dawn.a.newell@wv.gov](mailto:dawn.a.newell@wv.gov)

Written comments on 47 CSR 10 and 47 CSR 13 may be mailed or emailed to the following address:  
**Yogesh Patel**  
DWWM - WV Department of Environmental Protection  
601 57th St. S.E., Charleston, WV 25304  
[yogesh.p.patel@wv.gov](mailto:yogesh.p.patel@wv.gov)

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| DAWN NICELY<br>ANDERSON<br>1751 Cow Creek Road<br>Hurricane<br>Birthday May 16          | KAY MITCHELL<br>EDWARDS<br>Scott Depot<br>Birthday May 17                        |
| DAVID SHEETS<br>146 Timberlake Circle<br>Scott Depot<br>Birthday May 16                 | WILLIAM HOLLEY<br>Box 21<br>Gay<br>76th Birthday May 18                          |
| PARR PERRY<br>#47 Township Road<br>Proctorville, Ohio<br>62nd Birthday May 16           | SHARON BAYS<br>MARTIN<br>2229 Circle Drive<br>Milton<br>77th Birthday May 18     |
| McKENZIE DAWN<br>BLACK<br>2767 Whitten Ridge<br>Road<br>Milton<br>19th Birthday May 16  | MARTIN GIBSON<br>1983 Poindexter Road<br>Hurricane<br>66th Birthday May 18       |
| JOSEPH BRYON<br>BLACK<br>2767 Whitten Ridge<br>Road<br>Milton<br>19th Birthday May 16   | JANET CLARK<br>P.O. Box 400<br>Ona<br>Birthday May 18                            |
| WOODROW<br>"WOODY" LEWIS<br>Huntington<br>Birthday May 16                               | SYDNEY SMITH<br>P.O. Box 1013<br>Milton<br>Birthday May 18                       |
| SUE LOVEJOY<br>Hurricane<br>75th Birthday May 16  | CARTER TOWNE<br>Florida<br>Birthday May 18                                       |
| ERIN ELIZABETH<br>CHAPMAN<br>107 Green Drive<br>Hurricane<br>7th Birthday May 16        | DREW LACY HAYES<br>Windwood Road<br>Hurricane<br>10th Birthday May 18            |
| CALEM AKERS<br>Frazier's Bottom<br>22nd Birthday May 16                                 | JENNIFER KAVE<br>5010 Rosecrest Drive<br>Hurricane<br>Birthday May 18            |
| COOKIE<br>HARSHBARGER<br>1251 Rock Camp Road<br>Milton<br>Birthday May 17               | COLTON BURPO<br>Imperial, Nebraska<br>26th Birthday May 19                       |
| WILLIAM "BUB"<br>ROBINSON<br>5&20 Mile Road<br>Frazier's Bottom<br>43rd Birthday May 17 | RHONDA BUCK<br>Culloden<br>61st Birthday May 19                                  |
| SAMANTHA LINVILLE<br>P.O. Box 511<br>Culloden<br>30th Birthday May 17                   | DONNA AMMOSCATO<br>ELSWICK<br>Hurricane<br>61st Birthday May 19                  |
| ROY GRANT<br>3605 Poindexter Road<br>Frazier's Bottom<br>Birthday May 17                | TORY McCALLISTER<br>21 Washington Hill Road<br>Hurricane<br>26th Birthday May 19 |
|   | TRISTEN CLARK<br>Teays Lane<br>Hurricane<br>11th Birthday May 19                 |
|   | HERMAN BECKETT<br>Milton<br>81st Birthday May 19                                 |

### Tai Chi Classes At John Henson Senior Center

The Arthritis Foundation Tai Chi Program is an ancient practice proven to reduce pain and improve your mental and physical well being. The Arthritis Foundaiton Tai Chi Program, developed by Dr. Paul Lam, uses gentle Sun-style Tai Chi routines that are safe, easy to learn, and suitable for every fitness level.

Tai Chi will help you reduce stress, increase balanace and flexibility, feel relaxed, and improve your overall mind, body, and spirit. The

### Mitchell's Grove Community Gathering

There will be a community gathering on Friday, May 16, at Mitchell's Grove (formerly known as the Hometown Park), starting at 5 p.m. There will be musical performances by Ryan Mobley, as well as free food and entertainment.

John Henson Senior Center, 2800 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane, will be offering free tai chi lessons on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. from May 20 through June 24. Classes are one hour each. Call 304-562-9451 to register.

### Putnam Democratic Women to Hold Annual Membership Drive

The Putnam County Democratic Women's Club Executive Board and the Club's Activities Committee cordially invite all Members of the Putnam Co. Democratic Women's Club (PCDWC), the Democrat Club of Putnam County, the Putnam Co. Executive Committee, the surrounding county Democrat Clubs, and

the general public to join them for Desserts & Democracy - the theme of this year's PCDWC's annual membership drive. Desserts & Democracy will be held on Saturday, May 17, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Eleanor Town Hall, 401 Roosevelt Blvd., Eleanor.

Desserts and beverages will be provided, and guest speakers will discuss the latest political environment and developments. Topics include Standing Strong, Holding the Line, and Preserving the Constitution and Democracy. Several speakers will be in attendance to share their thoughts on the state of the nation and political environment.

For more information and to RSVP, please e-mail Karen Sprouse at karensprouse7@outlook.com

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| BILL MELTON<br>Culloden<br>62nd Birthday May 19  | ERIC FRAZIER<br>Barboursville<br>46th Birthday May 20                            |
| EMILEE HODGES<br>#1 Grandview Drive<br>Milton<br>88th Birthday May 20                        | MISTY HOBBS<br>202 Country Roads<br>Poca<br>Birthday May 20                      |
| CHARLES ERWIN<br>Woodland Forest<br>Winfield<br>81st Birthday May 20                         | ROY LEE JOHNSON<br>Jenny Lynn Lane<br>Huntington<br>77th Birthday May 21         |
| ROGER FERRELL<br>Tacketts Branch Road<br>Hurricane<br>73rd Birthday May 21                   | DAN COTRILL JR<br>252 Southshore Lane<br>Dallas, Georgia<br>51st Birthday May 21 |
| MARGARET<br>SOWARDS JEFFERSON<br>P.O. Box 688<br>West Hamlin<br>76th Birthday May 21         | COOKIE RANSON<br>Box 20-A State Route<br>Poca<br>83rd Birthday May 21            |
| SCOTT PATRICK<br>KEELY<br>1726 Pell Street<br>Cincinnati, Ohio<br>64th Birthday May 21       | ANGELA SMITH<br>BROCK<br>Milton<br>53rd Birthday May 21                          |
| ANGELA "SALLY"<br>COTTRELL<br>Russell Court<br>Culloden<br>49th Birthday May 22              | DIANA FLORA<br>ADKINS<br>Frazier's Bottom<br>Birthday May 21                     |
| NIKKI SOWARDS<br>BREWER<br>4015 Hurricane Creek<br>Road<br>Hurricane<br>43rd Birthday May 22 | JUDIE KILBURN<br>1834 Sunset View<br>Milton<br>Birthday May 22                   |

### Poca Native Among Fairmont State Forensic Science Students Presenting Research at AAFS Annual Conference



Back row from left to right: Kaitlyn Bolin, Chelsie Blake, Dariana Adkins, Katie Long, and McKenzie Lamm. Front row from left to right: Maeghan Fisher, Ryley Martin, and Jessica Cotta.

Eight forensic science students from Fairmont State University recently attended the 2025 American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) Annual Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. This premier event draws leading forensic professionals, researchers, and students from across the nation. The conference, held earlier this year, provided an invaluable platform for students to present their work, engage with experts, and explore diverse career pathways within the field of forensic science.

Amongst the student attendees were Kaitlyn Bolin of Poca, McKenzie Lamm of Stonewood, Katie Long of Yawkey, Dariana Adkins of Hamlin, Chelsie Blake of West Hamlin, Ryley Martin of Braxton, Jessica Cotta of Martinsburg, and Maeghan Fisher of New Cumberland.

Attending the AAFS conference marked a significant milestone for students in Fairmont State's growing forensic science program. The group was accompanied by Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator of Forensic Science Kristy Henson. Henson reflected on the importance of the experience, stating, "I believe that attending scientific conferences provides students with invaluable real-world experience and critical networking opportunities. It reinforces their identity as emerging professionals and demonstrates how their education at Fairmont State equips them for successful careers."

### Happy Anniversary

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| Chad and Jennifer Akers of Frazier's Bottom will celebrate their tenth wedding anniversary on May 9.                              | wedding anniversary on May 19.  |
| Ronald and Melissa Call of 2492 Sugar Camp Road in Winfield will celebrate their eighth wedding anniversary on May 15.            | Larry and Chrissy Foster of 5011 5&20 Mile Road in Frazier's Bottom will celebrate their wedding anniversary on May 19.                         |
| Jake and Alison Smith Edwards of Knoxville, Tennessee, will celebrate their first wedding anniversary on May 15.                  | Skip and Barb Setliff Smith of 4357 5&20 Mile Road in Frazier's Bottom will celebrate their fifteenth wedding anniversary on May 19.            |
| Sam and Wanda Chandler Wireman of Lima, Ohio, will celebrate their forty-fourth wedding anniversary on May 16.                    | Clarence "Bub" and Pama Hively of Box 101 Boogum Tree Lane in Frazier's Bottom will celebrate their thirty-third wedding anniversary on May 20. |
| Dennis and Martha Morgan Cooper of Fuquay Marina, North Carolina, will celebrate their thirtieth wedding anniversary on May 17.   | Randy and Tammy Riddle Fox of Candler, North Carolina, will celebrate their thirty-seventh wedding anniversary on May 21.                       |
| Rusty and Ronda Akers of 100 Hickory Heights in Scott Depot will celebrate their thirty-second wedding anniversary on May 15.     | Tom and Sherry Hammicks McCallister of 19 Washington Hill Road in Hurricane will celebrate their thirty-first wedding anniversary on May 21.    |
| Eddie and Bonny Rushbrook of 210 Cedar Drive in Scott Depot will celebrate their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary on May 15.      | Rev. Tim and Becky Reynolds Gilfilen of 2927 Main Street in Hurricane will celebrate their thirty-third wedding anniversary on May 22.          |
| Mike and Jennfer Brooks Jones of 204 Red Deer Apts. in Hurricane will celebrate their twenty-first wedding anniversary on May 15. | Norman and Julie Hinkle of Milton will celebrate their thirty-eighth wedding anniversary on May 22.   |
| Jonathan and Lauren White of 2102 11th Avenue in Huntington will celebrate their eighteenth                                       |   |



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