

The Hurricane Breeze

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County Commission Hears Animal Shelter Operation Comments

By Ron Allen

A summary of the Putnam County Commission meeting of May 27 might read: 10 minutes of business; followed by 1 hour and 15 minutes of public comment; followed by 10 minutes of executive session.

The business conducted consisted of three items: Approval of the 2024 Delinquent Tax List, Suspension of Operations of the Putnam County Fire Board, and Appointment of the Putnam County Humane Officer. The purpose of the executive session was to conduct an interview. The public comment session allows individuals to address the county commission on items which are not listed on the agenda.

Those addressing the commission expressed concern regarding operation of the Putnam County Animal Shelter and received answers to some of their questions. The commission responded to questions concerning financial records but declined to address personnel decisions.

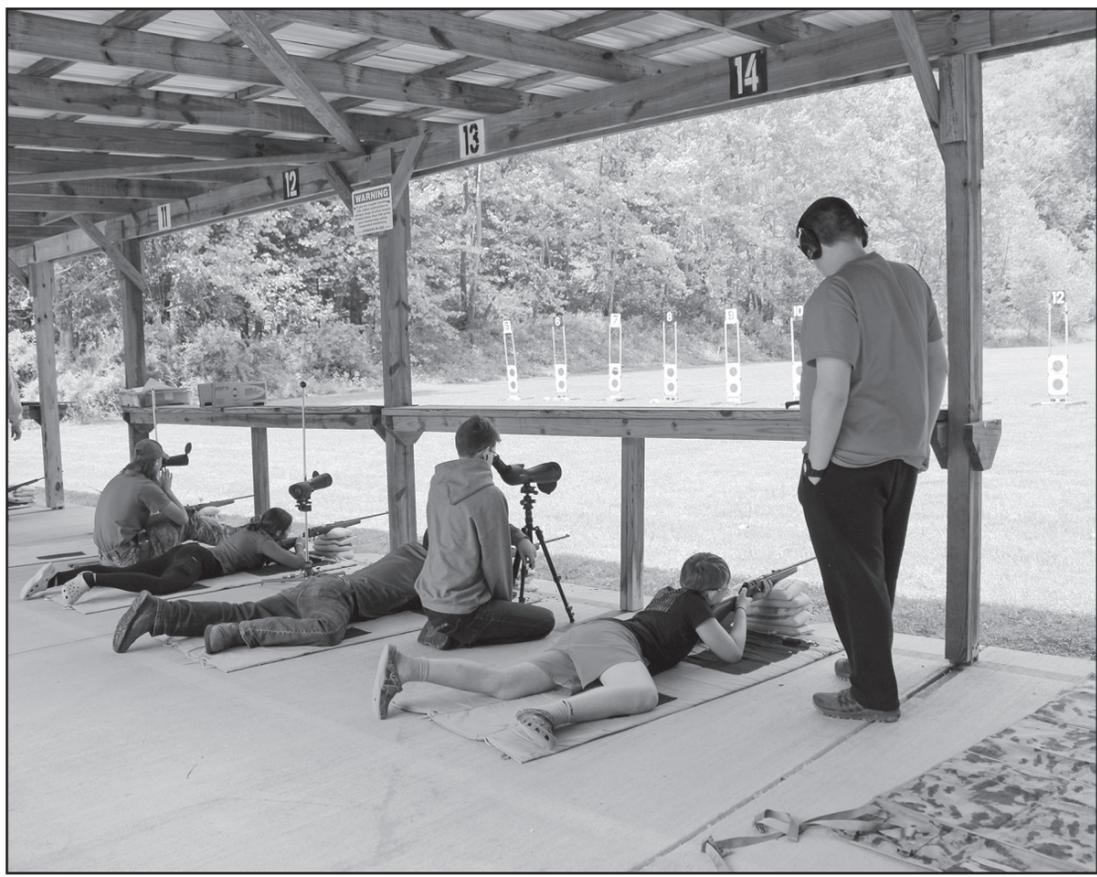
Individuals addressing the commission had presented their concerns and questions to the Animal Shelter Board at the Board's meeting on May 15th without receiving any response.

Comments included criticism of the commission's reliance upon the Kanawha-Charleston Humane Authority to oversee operation of the Putnam shelter. Commissioner Andy Skidmore said that the need to continue to rely upon the KCHA was made necessary by the resignation of directors who had received training and then resigned. The KCHA has served the shelter as the veterinarian of record.

Former Putnam County humane officer Makayla Hilburn leveled accusations of questionable actions relating to animal euthanasia by KCHA.

Comments provided insight into former operations at the shelter. One individual revealed that the freezer at the shelter had served as a depository for dead cats and dogs which had been collected from the roadside.

Putnam County Gun Club Hosts 30th Annual Youth Day



The Gun Club Youth Day produces many first-of-a-lifetime experiences.

By Ron Allen

The Putnam County Gun Club Youth Day is special for many because the day marks the first time in which they handled and used a firearm. Saturday, May 31st was special for approximately 25% of the 11 to 18 year-olds who

participated in the gun club's annual event at the shooting range in Eleanor. B.J. Miller, vice president of the club and acting director for the event, said that close to sixty volunteers made the event happen. This year's event consisted of sling shot, archery, and air rifle activities in addition to 3-position small bore, lever action rifle, speed shooting, and skeet

shooting firearm activities. All participants receive eye and ear protection and undergo safety orientation training before participating in the events. All use of firearms is supervised by certified instructors. Participants also receive free t-shirts and are eligible for door prizes. The free-bees were made possible by event sponsors. This year's sponsors include the

National Rifle Association, West Virginia Department of Natural Resources, Putnam County Bank, E.J. Thompson & Son, Randolph Engineering, Spring Hill Rod & Gun, and West Virginia Bow Hunters. Miller said that this year's event was moved from late summer to the beginning of the summer season in a move to

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PCDA Purchases Warehouse

By Ron Allen

The PCDA closed on the 84,000 square foot warehouse located at 2301 Virginia Avenue in Culloden on Friday, May 23, and announced that the facility was available for lease before the deed was recorded with the Putnam County Clerk's office on Tuesday, May 27.

The property is hardly a stone's throw from the Culloden I-64 Interchange which is scheduled to open in the fall of 2026. The West Virginia Economic Development Authority and Putnam County Bank provided the \$3.5 million necessary for the acquisition.

space for laydown. Tenney said the facility immediately available. "The distribution space is turnkey, somebody could move their goods in tomorrow, its office space is going to be built out according to what the tenant is wanting, but the distribution space is ready to go," she said.

She said it could start being used again by a new tenant as early as tomorrow.

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space is going to be built out according to what the tenant is wanting, but the distribution space is ready to go," Tenney said. The PCDA is receiving interest from distribution industry and site consultants who could potentially lease the warehouse.

She encourages organizations interested in leasing to contact the Putnam County Development Authority directly for more information and a tour of the building.



The Gun Club's western themed "Buffalo Flats" greets visitors to the shooting range.

Hurricane Boy Scout Completes Trail to Eagle Badge



Cameron Kelly and his father DJ stand in front of the bike wash station at Hurricane City Park.

By Betsy Allen

After months of hard work and dedication, Cameron Kelly of Troop 236 was awarded the Eagle Scout Badge in a ceremony held on Monday, June 2, at Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church in Hurricane. The Eagle Scout is the highest advancement rank in Scouting, and involves numerous prerequisites and completion of a community service project. Cameron's

accomplishments over the course of his scouting career were formally recognized in a candle lighting ceremony representing the Trail to Eagle. His accomplishments include serving in multiple leadership positions, receiving numerous awards, and completing 28 merit badges. Members of Marine Corps League Detachment 1474 were present to recognize Cameron's Eagle Scout



Cameron's mother, Jodi, pins the Eagle Scout Badge to his uniform while his father, DJ, looks on.

honor. He was presented the Eagle Badge by his mother, Jodi Kelly. For his Eagle Scout Project, Cameron installed a bike wash station at Hurricane City Park for bikers who frequent the Meeks Mountain Trail system. The station, which is located near the Sprayground, features an elevated platform with an overhead frame for hanging bikes. Cameron worked with the City of Hurricane and Meeks

Mountain Trail Alliance to design the wash station, and coordinated work crews to construct the project. City employees, volunteers from the community, and members of Troop 236 all helped Cameron achieve his project. "I got enormous amounts of support," he says. "I helped me understand the importance of Meek Mountain Trails and what the trails have brought to

the community." Cameron's choice of Eagle Scout Project was inspired by his interest in biking. He is a member of the Huntington Express, part of the National Interscholastic Cycling Association. He recently participated in the East Coast Regionals in Maryland, where he placed 59th out of the 159 individuals competing in his division. "Scouting has played a very important and vital role in my life," Cameron wrote in his mission statement. "From the time that I was in first grade and before (my brother was involved in Scouts as well) I can remember walking into Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church as a Cub Scout and heading into the basement where we held our meetings. I have made some great life-long friends and been on some extremely interesting trips that I will never forget. One of these adventures

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WEATHER SUMMARY			
May 27 - June 2			
	Low	High	
May 27*			
Hurricane	45°	56°	
May 28			
Hurricane	53°	70°	
May 29			
Hurricane	53°	72°	
May 30*			
Hurricane	50°	64°	
May 31			
Hurricane	42°	70°	
June 1			
Hurricane	38°	71°	
June 2			
Hurricane	39°	75°	

*RAIN
0.4 inch recorded May 27
1.2 inch recorded May 30

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.

JUNE 5

- Valley Cakes and Cafe, 2887 Charleston Road, Poca, will be holding trivia Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

JUNE 6 - 7

- The Winfield Watersports Weekend will be held at the Winfield Boat Ramp. Visit winfieldwatersports.com for a full schedule and details.

JUNE 6

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

- The Putnam Pedalers will be holding their summer kickoff from 6 to 8 p.m. with a ride along the river. Meet up at the Eleanor Pool parking lot.

- The Putnam County Main Library will be hosting a Roleplaying Games 101 workshop for children ages 9 and up from 2 to 5 p.m.

- The first Food Truck Friday of the season will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hurricane City Park.

- The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce will be holding Business Before Business from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at NexAir Home Services & Creative Brands International, 149 Dudding Avenue, Hurricane. Register by calling 304-757-6510.

JUNE 7 - 11

- Teays Valley Baptist Church, 3926 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, will be holding their 39th West Virginia Jubilee. For a full schedule, go to <https://www.teaysvalleybaptist.com/wv-jubilee.html>

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JUNE 7 - 8

- The Buffalo Town Wide Yard Sale will be held throughout Buffalo.

JUNE 7

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

- Kenna On Sale: There will be a craft and vendor fair from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Greene Center, 10494 Charleston Road, Kenna.

- The Nitro City-Wide Yard Sale will be held from 8 a.m. to noon.

- The Nitro MiniCon Comics, Toys, and Collectibles Vendor Show will be held at the Nitro High School from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- The Poca River Hunting and Fishing Club, 789 DuPont Road, Poca, will be holding a membership drive for new members starting at 6 p.m.

- The Third Annual Keagan Gross Car Show will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at Poca High School.

- Woman at the Well Ministries will be hosting a "How to Study the Bible Workshop from 9 a.m. to noon at Valley Cakes and Cafe, 2887 Charleston Road, Poca. Register by going to <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/10066595>

- The Town of Bancroft will be holding a community yard sale starting at 8 a.m.

- There will be free sports physicals from 8 a.m. to noon at Vandalia Health CAMC, 3948 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane. Students must bring the sports physical form provided by their school.

SIGNED BY A PARENT/ GUARDIAN to receive a physical.

- There will be a backpack packing day starting at 10 a.m. at Teays Valley Church of the Nazarene, 3937 Teays Valley Road.

- The Community Autism Resources & Education Systems (CARES) Sensory Circus will be held from noon to 4 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane. Featuring a live circus stage show at noon and a sensory walk afterwards.

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

JUNE 9 - 11

- Night Owl Tattoo, 3757 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, will be holding a fundraiser for the Kanawha County Humane Society during operating hours from noon to 7 p.m. Drop off donations of essential items such as food, blankets, and cleaning supplies.

JUNE 9

- There will be a golf fundraiser for the Putnam Career and Technical Center starting at 9 a.m. at Sleepy Hollow Golf Club in Hurricane. For more information or to register, go to <https://putnamcareertech.givebacks.com/store/items/1170813>

JUNE 10

- The Great American Petting Zoo will be coming to the Eleanor Piggly Wigly from noon to 7 p.m.

- The Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley will be holding a Wizard of Oz mystery party at 10 a.m. Ages 8 and up.

JUNE 11 - 14

- The Gambill Amusements Carnival presented by Hurricane Fire & Rescue will be held at Hurricane High School.

Pallottine Foundation Awards Healthy Communities Grants to Local Nonprofits

The Pallottine Foundation of Huntington has awarded 164 nonprofit organizations in the tristate with grants totaling \$2,572,458.91 through its 2025 Healthy Communities Initiative. The annual initiative provides funding awards up to \$40,000 for programs that address health and wellness challenges in the Foundation's 20-county, tristate region.

"The Pallottine Sisters established our Foundation with a vision to help and heal people in the community," said Laura Boone, CEO of the Pallottine Foundation of Huntington. "The level of support we are able to provide this year on their behalf is truly incredible. These funds will enable our partners to continue providing essential services and offer new programs that promote health and serve those in need. We can't wait to see all the positive change that results from this important work."

This year's Healthy Communities recipients include food assistance programs, child advocacy centers, mental and behavioral health programs, health departments, senior centers, family resource and support networks, substance use disorder recovery programs, community centers, and shelters for people experiencing domestic violence or homelessness.

Putnam County based organizations which were awarded grants include:

Community Autism Resources and Education Systems
\$31,500.00

Community Autism Resources and Education Systems (CARES) in Hurricane will host inclusive family events to provide safe, judgment-free spaces for families with autistic children to enjoy fun, accessible activities in community settings. CARES' part-time community coordinator will implement regular inclusive family events and develop new monthly events centered around the interests of teens and tweens. Funding also will enable CARES to contract with a capacity-building consultant to formalize roles and responsibilities within the organization's growing team; implement standard operating procedures; design a project management work plan; and ensure the organization is prepared to apply for and manage federal grants.

FamilyCare Health Centers
\$28,390.00

FamilyCare Health Centers, based in Scott Depot, will use funds to continue the Prescribing Better Health produce prescription program for a second year. The program will provide patients who are diagnosed with chronic diseases and/or experiencing food insecurity with a

JUNE 11 - 13

- Fraziers Bottom Church of God will be holding Vacation Bible School from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. nightly.

JUNE 11

- Marshall Health pediatric dietitian Rachel will provide a short lesson about nutrition along with a sample of a healthy summer snack at 2 p.m. at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley.

\$50 monthly stipend to purchase fresh produce using a Fresh Connect preloaded debit card. Participants also will receive nutrition education from a registered dietitian, nutrition/cooking classes, or access to Rewire Health, an online, innovative culinary medicine software program. Participant health metrics will be evaluated at the beginning and end of the program with the goal of reducing HbA1c, BMI, and cholesterol levels.

Heart and Hand Outreach Ministries
\$15,000.00

Heart and Hand Outreach Ministries will purchase food for its two food pantries located in South Charleston and Winfield. Pantry clients also will participate in a healthy recipe challenge, cooking demonstrations, and nutrition education workshops.

Heartbeat of the Valley
\$5,000.00

Heartbeat of the Valley in Scott Depot will purchase shoes for distribution to Putnam County students through its Heartbeat Shoes Program. It will coordinate with school guidance counselors and families to identify students with financial need, collect sizes, and distribute shoes at the beginning of the school year.

Inspiring Dreams Network
\$15,610.89

Inspiring Dreams Network in Hurricane will engage a consultant to facilitate the development of a comprehensive strategic plan; provide guidance on development strategies for long-term sustainability; and prepare grant proposals on behalf of the organization. The organization also will replace an outdated laptop and purchase a wireless microphone system, speaker system, and other portable equipment for use in presentations and trainings.

Itty Bitty Therapy Horses
\$17,000.00

Itty Bitty Therapy Horses (IBTH) in Scott Depot will expand its Unbridled Through Faith and Giddy Up: Jumping Through Obstacles Together (Giddy Up) equine-assisted programs. Unbridled Through Faith will engage young and adult women with emotional and mental health needs in individualized personal growth exercises aimed at enhancing relationships, self-esteem, and healthy boundaries. The Giddy Up program will offer equine-assisted recreational learning activities for children with anxiety, depression, trauma, neurodivergence, or developmental delays. In addition, IBTH will provide outreach activities at local schools and visits to community organizations and develop its website.

Recovery Point West Virginia
\$27,000.00

Recovery Point West Virginia's Routes to Recovery Program will provide transportation services in Boone, Cabell, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo, Wayne, and western Putnam counties. These services give individuals in recovery access to essential activities, such as obtaining identification at the DMV, accessing Social Security benefits,

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

Graduation Day Tuesday, June 1, 1965. My daughter graduated June 1, 1990, 25 years later, as Valedictorian of Nicholas County High. She attended schools in Ohio until we moved back to WV... as did her brother. He graduated June 2, 1989, as Valedictorian, 25 years to the day Mike graduated June 2, 1964, from Hurricane High... irony of life. I digress.

According to the cards we made in Burke's Hallmark... this one was Remember the Times... Tuesday, June 1, 1965.

BEST MOVIE: The Sound of Music (Saw at the drive in...)

BEST ACTOR: Lee Marvin... never a favorite

BEST ACTRESS: Julie Christie... ditto

TV: Bewitched and Disney

SONGS: My Girl... our fav... I Got You Babe... Downtown... Help...

COSTS: 3 bedroom home was \$16,150

Avg. income: \$6,956.00

New Ford: \$3,498... I got a new 1966 Mustang in 1966

Gas... 1 gallon... .31 cents (Thanks, Umbergers)

Bread... .21 cents

Milk... 1 gallon... \$1.06 (Did not like milk)

Bacon... 1 lb... 81 cents... imagine...

PRESIDENT: Lyndon Johnson with Humphrey as his VP

NEWS: Astronaut Edward White first American to walk in space... White House holds Festival of Arts and Humanities... US troops engage in combat in South Vietnam... 75,000 men

attending job interviews, or enrolling in education and training programs.

Scott Depot Christ Fellowship
\$21,450.00

Scott Depot Christ Fellowship is the fiscal agent for Camp Appalachia. Camp Appalachia in Scott Depot, WV, will provide scholarships for 10 youth to attend Camp Grit and Grace during the summer of 2025. Youth will be recruited from organizations that primarily work with foster children in West Virginia, including the West Virginia Department of Human Services, Mission West Virginia, Necco, and local churches.

The So-Kai Clubhouse Foundation
\$3,500.00

So-Kai Clubhouse Foundation in Scott Depot, WV, will host Care Club support groups for women who are pregnant or who may be at risk for developing postpartum depression. The Care Clubs will provide opportunities for socialization, resource connections, and therapeutic activities through a rotating series of counselor-led groups, exercise classes, and arts activities.

West Virginia Alliance for Creative Health Solutions
\$20,000.00

West Virginia Alliance for Creative Health Solutions will serve as the fiscal agent for this project on behalf of the Appalachian Pulmonary Health Project. The Appalachian Pulmonary Health Project will implement the CATCH My Breath (CMB) evidence-based vaping prevention program for students in grades 5 to 8 in

Super 8 instamatic movie camera... Ocean Spray Cranapple juice

Medicare (Thanks...) Polyester-cotton permanent press shirts... way to go...

NBC aired early evening 30 minute broadcast... top TV shows broadcast in color... leotards for legs... Words: disco, skateboard, do your own thing... Diet Pepsi... Apple Jacks...

Miniskirt and mod look... Mustang new Ford model... and on and on and on...

Just some of the thoughts of 1965 when our class, 60 years ago, graduated from Hurricane High School... Hurricane, WV, Putnam County... the best ever... alumni forever... our class had a party at the bowling alley in Nitro. I had to get up to start a new job at the State House in Employment Security the next morning... I had to catch an early Greyhound bus... then a city bus in Charleston... I left... Mother stayed... she chaperoned... in a way, I always thought it was the grad party she never had... my friends loved her.

Looking back on that day when many of our families did not graduate from high school, let alone college. I was to graduate college from Glenville in 1994 and Marshall U grad school in 2007... the journey started on that little street, in that little high school, in that little town... so long ago because the way we were is the way we are... graduates together 1965... 60 years...

Boone, Cabell, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Mingo, and Putnam counties.

Participating schools will be provided with a cash incentive to use toward health and wellness activities. Teachers who complete training to deliver the CMB program also will receive a cash incentive.

West Virginia University Research Corporation
\$7,250.00

West Virginia University Research Corporation is the fiscal agent for this project. West Virginia University's School of Public Health (WVUPH) will launch the Mind the Bump research project, which will test a prenatal eating behaviors screening tool that identifies eating disorders in pregnant women. The tool will be tested in clinical settings in Boone, Cabell, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo, Wayne, western Putnam counties in West Virginia. WVUPH will recruit clinicians and provide marketing materials with a QR code for participants to take a brief questionnaire. Women who complete the questionnaire will receive a \$10 gift card and be asked to participate in a Zoom interview. Women who complete the interview will be compensated with a \$40 gift card.

Winfield United Methodist Church
\$7,500.00

Winfield United Methodist Church in Winfield, WV, will purchase nonperishable food for its Backpack Buddies Program, which provides weekend food items to approximately 80 children at Winfield Elementary School.

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Hurricane Boy Scout Completes Trail to Eagle Badge

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was a trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico where I completed an 80+ mile backpacking trip with a group of eight other scouts and three

adults. This was truly a once in a lifetime trip, in which I was able to take away some unforgettable memories.”

Cameron is currently in the 11th grade at Hurricane High School. He is enrolled in a Pre-

engineering course at Putnam Career and Technical Center, where he studies physics, chemistry, and statics. He hopes one day to become an engineer. He also does track and won sixth place for pole vault at State.



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.

June 5, 1859: A great frost killed crops in the Preston County fields. The fields were replanted

with hardy buckwheat, which was successful and became a staple crop, celebrated in the annual Buckwheat Festival in Kingwood.

June 5, 1915: Four young people were killed at Rock Springs in Hancock County when the Old Mill ride caught fire.

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Cpl. William B. Fulks Detachment 1474 invites all interested in becoming part of the Marine Corps League to its June 16 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

Putnam County Gun Club Hosts 30th Annual Youth Day



Taking aim at the 3-D Archery station.



Sling shot mastery begins with a first attempt.

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increase turnout over

the 140 participants in participation to 300. The club began The turnout for the shift preparations in February in date fell far short of with a goal of increasing expectations.

Time Festival, Stonewall Jackson Jubilee, state Folk Festival, Mountain State Art & Craft Fair, and Vandalia Gathering.

June 9, 1927: Karl Dewey Myers was named the state's first poet laureate by Governor Howard Mason Gore. Myers held the post for 10 years.

June 6, 1919: Historian Otis Rice was born in Hugheston, Kanawha County. Rice was named West Virginia's first Historian Laureate in 2003.

June 6, 1979: One of the oddest events in West Virginia's history, the "pot plane" crash, occurred on June 6, 1979. An old Douglas DC-6 cargo plane carrying 12 tons of marijuana plummeted over a hillside at Kanawha (now Yeager) Airport in Charleston. Hundreds of bales of marijuana spewed from the plane before it caught fire. Onlookers looted the marijuana, and law enforcement officials struggled for days to dispose of it all.

June 6, 1989: During the Pittston strike, about 60 miners embarked on a four-day march from Logan County to Charleston, retracing the path of the 1921 Armed March on Logan.

June 7, 1899: Congresswoman Elizabeth Kee was born in Radford, Virginia. She became West Virginia's first female member of Congress in 1951.

June 7, 1905: Fiddler David Frank "French Carpenter" was in Clay County. A notable member of a famous musical family, he learned most of his music directly from his father, Tom, "known as a fiddling preacher." He perhaps influenced the great fiddler and fellow Clay Countian Wilson Douglas more so than any other individual.

June 7, 1926: An explosion at a sand mining operation in Morgan County killed six men. Their deaths were the inspiration for the ballad "The Miner's Doom."

June 8, 1893: Entrepreneur Donald F. Duncan was born. Duncan was the founder of the Duncan Yo-Yo Company and the Duncan Parking Meter Corporation.

June 9, 1915: Storyteller and musician Bonnie Starkey (Collins) was born in Doddridge County. In her 50s and 60s, the "Belle of Doddridge County" honed her storytelling skills and became one of the most popular entertainers at events such as the Morris Family Old-

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Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



June

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

June is but a red, red rose reminding
All; be warned
With fragrance sweet, and color
Deep, atop a stem of thorns

The heat has come to warm us, and
We hear the water's call
To float and sail and play upon,
Alone or one with all

The longest day of all will fall,
Midsummer's Day advances
When sprites and tiny forest fairies,
Dance their ritual dances

School is done and time has come,
For sport and for vacation
As family and as friends unite,
Again across the nation

Soon will come another month,
But there's no need to cry
It's just June's little brother,
That we simply call; July

Jokes From Linda

Submitted by Linda
Lavender Armstead



One morning before
the school bus arrived,
Jan told her girls to get
their books and the
things they needed for
school. Alexandria, who
was in the first grade,
disappeared.

When she returned she
had most of her mom's
make-up in her hands.

"What are you doing
with my make-up, asked
Jan?"

Alexandria replied,
"The teacher said we're
having a make up test
today and we better be
prepared."

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

Thought is an infection.
In the case of certain
thoughts, it becomes an
epidemic.

If you think aging turns
us into sweet old ladies,
that would be your first
mistake.

My son said he didn't
understand cloning. I told
him that makes two of us.

My body creaks so
much that my doctor just
wrote me a prescription
for WD - 40.

With age comes
wisdom, patience, and the
right to take an afternoon
nap without guilt.

Kind words can be
short and easy to speak,
but their echoes are truly
endless. - Mother Teresa

When we adopted a
doggy, we thought we
were giving him a second
chance, but really, he gave
us a new purpose.

If we threw our
problems in a pile and
saw everyone else's, we'd
grab ours back.

I could improve my
attitude, but my insurance
doesn't cover those kinds
of meds.

Be grateful that no
matter how many pieces
of cake you eat, your
earrings still fit.

Sometimes I wonder
what happened to the
people who asked me for
directions.

Veggies are a must with
a diet, like zucchini bread,
carrot cake and cushaw
pie.

That moment when
you're worried about the
elderly and realize you are
the elderly.

A doggy is an angel
sent to earth to show us
what unconditional love
means.

I'm retired. I was tired
yesterday, and I'm tired
again today. Re-tired.

Two things change you
in life and you are never
the same - love and grief.

Don't yell - speak to
solve, not to hurt.

Be eccentric now; don't
wait for old age to wear
purple.

I can't prove this, but I
swear I used to be smarter,
funnier, and less tired.

We may not party like
we used to, but if we take
a nap, we can stay up 'til
dark.

When someone shows
you who they are, believe
them the first time. - Maya
Angelou

I'm not old-fashioned;
I'm just from the time
when everything was
better.

Kid can't change his
own oil, but can install a
rear end in a sofa.

Forget your age. If you
have dreams to achieve,
you are still young.

Sometimes, the people
who laugh the most are
hurting the most.

Nature does not
hurry, yet everything is
accomplished.

Disrespect will close



doors that apologies can't
reopen.

Sometimes instead of
trying harder try softer.

"Enemies" has seven
letters, but so does
"friends."

Keep promises - trust is
built at home.

Christianity starts with
repentance.

Don't let the hard days
win.

A house is not a home
without God in it.

When in doubt
choosing colors, choose
purple!

I don't have gray hair. I
have "wisdom highlights."

Sometimes, the most
productive thing you can
do is rest.

Be okay with people
not liking you, most don't
even like themselves.

It's crazy how the days
we took for granted are
the ones we miss the most.

We may not understand
animals speech, but they
understand human
actions.

Some people are like a
raccoon. They have dark
rings around their eyes,
eat junk food, are a bit
chubby, somewhat cute,
possible rabid, and will
fight you for no apparent
reason.

Teenagers, tired of
being harassed by your
stupid parents? Act now!
Move out, get a job, pay
your own bills. Do it while
you still know everything.

The day of the sun is
like the day of a king. It
is a promenade in the
morning, sitting on the
throne at noon, a pageant
in the evening.

Listen to your heart and
trust the direction you are
being pulled. Something
inside you already knows
what to do.

I'm starting to think
I'm built like a cell phone.
Even when I charge
overnight, I'm already
down to 50% by 11 a.m.

Carry binoculars when
hiking so when you make
frequent stops, it looks
like you're appreciating
nature, not fighting for air.

Living with a doggie
is like having a personal
cheerleader who thinks
every day is the best day
ever as long as you're
together.

Before you speak, make
sure that your tongue is
connected to your brain.
Many people are well
educated, but not totally
mannered.

It's been six months
since I joined the gym
and no progress. I'm going
there in person tomorrow
to find out what's really
going on.

Though we travel the
world over to find the
beauty, we must carry it

with us, or we find it not.
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Grown means nothing
to a mother. A child is
a child. They get bigger,
older, but grown? In a
mother's heart, each will
always be her baby.

Maybe all of those stars
in the sky are the porch
lights of our loved ones,
waiting for us to come
home.

Aging is a gift, not a
curse.

True friends are few,
and that's enough.

Your energy is precious
- protect it.

Forgiveness is for your
own healing.

Success means different
things to different people.

Peace is better than
attention.

Time is the real luxury.

Not everyone deserves
a seat at your table.

Health is everything.

Most arguments aren't
worth it.

Silence can be more
powerful than words.

Letting go brings more
freedom than holding on.

It's OK to walk away
from things that drain
you.

Sometimes, doing
nothing is exactly what
you need.

Open your mind before
your mouth.

Even when you trust
someone, keep some
things to yourself.

Do you need a current
license to operate an
electric car?

Middle age is closer
than you think - it's
around 38.

One thing about being
young, you'll grow out
of it.

All of God's work is
done by God's word.

Loyalty is rare if you
find it. Protect it.

Lying has 5 letters, but
so does truth.

I wonder if songbirds
get mad at hummingbirds
for not knowing the
words.

Don't over share.
Privacy is power. People
can't ruin what they don't
know.

Don't take criticism
from someone you
wouldn't take advice from.

People only see the
decisions you made, not
the choices you had.

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A Springtime Twist on Classic Chicken Soup

(Family Features) Chasing away those final cool days in the spring can be done in a cinch: just turn classic chicken noodle soup into a fresh, lemony meal. This Lemon Chicken Orzo Soup calls to mind those classic brothy soups from when you were a kid but with a flavorful spring twist. Serve with fresh cucumber sandwiches for a veggie-forward meal and find more soup inspiration at Culinary.net.

Lemon Chicken Orzo Soup



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

2 carrots
2 celery stalks
3 tablespoons butter
2 cups cooked, chopped chicken
1/3 cup lemon juice
2 teaspoons lemon pepper
6 cups broth
1 cup orzo
1 tablespoon garlic powder
1 tablespoon onion powder
1 tablespoon thyme
1 tablespoon sugar
1 cup heavy cream
salt, to taste
pepper, to taste
cucumber sandwiches, for serving

Chop carrots and celery. In pot, saute with butter.

In bowl, mix chicken with lemon juice and lemon pepper then set aside.

After carrots and celery are tender, add broth and orzo to pot. Then add garlic powder, onion powder, thyme and sugar. Simmer 10 minutes then add chicken and cream; simmer about 5 minutes.

Add salt and pepper, to taste. Serve with cucumber sandwiches.

Bible Verse



The Lord will vindicate
me; your love, Lord,
endures forever— do not
abandon the works of your
hands.

— Psalm 138:8

On Your Mark



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Her toe is on the mark... her eye is on the goal. Whether or not they win their race, every athlete is already a winner, for they are positively facing life's challenges. When we have faith in God, we can face life's challenges... we can prevail over them and emerge intact. Visit your house of worship this week. When your heart and mind are focused on the Creator, you will emerge victorious. You will be able to say, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4:7)

Weekly Scripture Reading

Isaiah	Isaiah	Isaiah	Joel	Joel	Joel	Joel
6.1-13	6.11-11	6.21-12	1.1-20	2.1-17	2.18-32	3.1-21

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Learn from Bad Examples

I Corinthians 9:24-10:13

In the first six chapters of Paul's first epistle to the church at Corinth, the apostle addressed issues which were in need of correction. Beginning with chapter 7, the apostle answers specific questions from individuals within the church. The nature of their questions is revealed through Paul's answers — answers that have been preserved as New Testament scripture for our benefit.

After addressing the authority and responsibilities of church leaders, Paul shifts to individual believers and their responsibilities. Paul uses the imagery of a physical foot race to illustrate the manner in which believers are to pursue spiritual rewards. Spiritual gains do not diminish with the passage of time. The spiritual produces incorruptible rewards (v. 25).

The race which Paul references is long in distance. It is a marathon, not a sprint. Failure to follow the rules of any competition results in disqualification. While one competes against others in a marathon, the opponent which one must defeat, however, is one's self — one's own limitations and weaknesses. Mastery over self requires temperance. It requires self control. Paul considered his ministry to the church at Corinth to be a spiritual reward which he could lose if he were to fail to keep his body under subjection (v. 27). When one preaches self-control and fails to practice self-control, one's preaching becomes ineffective. In verse 27, Paul states that failure to keep his body under subjection would be cause for God to cast him aside.

In chapter 10, Paul directs the Corinthians (and us) to consider that which God caused to fall upon the children of Israel following their exodus from Egypt. Many of the children of Israel were cast aside by God and were not allowed to enter into the promised land (see Numbers 14:11-32). Paul instructed the Corinthians to be cognizant of the fact that every single individual who was denied entrance had been led by the cloud (the visual presence of God) and delivered from Egypt because they passed through the sea on dry ground (the way of deliverance which God made for them). All who perished in the wilderness had partaken of the same spiritual food and drink as them who entered into Canaan with Joshua and Caleb. They drank of the Rock which is Christ — the water of life. Paul uses the example of the children of Israel to illustrate that salvation (being saved from one's sins) does not spare believers from incurring God's displeasure and judgment.

In verse 6, Paul states that the purpose for which the account of Israel's being overthrown in the wilderness is scripture. It is God's intent that we should not do as Israel did. Israel lusted after evil things. One can eat and drink of the Rock which is Christ and be overcome by lust of the flesh (evil things). Being saved from one's sin does not prevent one from sinning. All of Israel was saved from sin (Egypt) when they passed through the sea. The disobedient were punished by God after He saved them. God's barring the disobedient from entering the promised land should not be equated to loss of salvation. Moses was denied entry into Canaan.

God's grace beyond measure saves all who believe. Grace beyond measure did not prevent Israel from being overthrown in the wilderness — being cast aside (v. 5). The failure to trust God after He had saved them was cause for all of age twenty and older to be punished by Him.

As stated earlier, the text before us consist of Paul's answers to specific questions. In verses 7 to 10, Paul addresses questions relating to idolatry, fornication, tempting Christ and murmurings. Again, the Lord's dealings with the indiscretions of the children of Israel reveal that He requires accountability from all whom He has saved.

Paul would have all believers consider Exodus 32 (worship of the golden calf); Numbers 25 (whoredom with the daughters of Moab); Exodus 16:2-3 and Numbers 21:5-6 (speaking against God). In verse 11, the apostle states: "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." Old Testament scripture exists for the benefit of New Testament believers. We cannot do that which God would have us do in the way which He would have us do it without listening to all which the Holy Spirit has spoken in both the New and the Old.

Verse 12 are words of warning — a warning against wrong thinking. Israel of old paid the price of its wrong thinking. New Testament believers can easily fall victim to our own wrong thinkings. We need look to God. Trusting in our own understandings can result in disaster. God, alone, has understanding. Proverbs 3:5 states: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding."

In verse 13, Paul reveals an understanding which God would have all believers embrace and act upon. God is faithful to all that He has said. He has said that He shall not put upon us more than we can bear. God knows us better than we know ourselves. There is a double promise in this verse. First, God promises that we will not be subjected to any temptation which is too great to bear. The promise of a way of escape is in addition to His first promise. The way of escape which He promises is preceded by "also." In the event that we should fail to do that which we are able, He provides us with a way of escape.

Believers can fall and shall fall to temptation if we follow Israel's example. Israel did not trust the God who saved them. Let us trust the Lord. Let us see His love in each other and declare His love to all people in all places.

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KIDS TALK ABOUT GOD

BY CAREY KINSOLVING AND FRIENDS

Why Do People Not Respect God?

"Some people do not respect God because they believe in something else," says Megan, 11. "They believe in two planets crashing together and creating the Earth. Some people also believe in monkeys creating us."

"Monkey see, monkey do" is the way people act when they place their faith blindly in scientists who propose we arrived on planet Earth by chance. The odds are better that your car came together by chance than the incredibly complex human body. Design demands a designer.

Jessica, 12, explains: "Some people don't respect God because they wonder how was God just there. Wake up! How do you think the world and all the planets got here? I just think that not respecting God is silly because just look around you."

Or, as Kyle, 11, says: "People don't respect or believe in something they can't see. So they think there is nothing to respect except themselves. That's why we have the Bible."

The Bible records God's perspective on his creation in Psalm 19:1-2 (NLT): "The heavens tell of the glory of God. The skies display his marvelous craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known."

While Christians marvel at God's majesty in creation, some wonder if they suffer from overactive imaginations, says Meghann, 10: "People don't respect God because they think he's an illusion in Christians' minds. They think he's not real, and we're crazy. But don't listen to them."

Calling someone crazy assumes there's a standard from which the crazy person deviates. If there is no God, there's no rationality behind the universe. Therefore, the universe must be naturally chaotic. In a random universe, who's to say the crazy, irrational person isn't the most oriented to reality?

If there's no God and therefore no rational order behind the universe, we can't expect any connection between the apparent order in our minds and so-called "order" in the external universe. If there's no rational mind or truth behind the universe, any order we see is pure illusion.

Of course, many philosophers and scientists say it's impossible to know absolute truth. "Self-defeating" is the way author and Christian apologist Norman Geisler describes this assertion. A truth statement that says no truth statements can be made undercuts itself, writes Geisler.

If you're going to respect God, get ready to swim upstream, says Jane, 11: "You see people on television and your friends disrespecting God, so you do, too. After you want to stop, you can't because it's sort of a habit already. So if you want to stop, you should ask God to help you. Don't be afraid to let people know you respect God."

The Book of Psalms (NLT) begins with a blessing for "those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with scoffers, but they delight in doing everything the Lord wants."

Ryan, 10, describes scoffers and mockers of God as "wanting to be cool. People think if you don't like God, then you're cool."

A Pharaoh once thought he was cool by refusing to let the people of Israel leave Egypt under the leadership of Moses. Mr. Cool became Mr. Fool as Egyptians suffered through 10 plagues.

Think about this: Respect for God, or the fear of the Lord, is the beginning of true wisdom.

Memorize this truth: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction" (Proverbs 1:7).

Ask this question: If you respect God, does your respect for God affect your behavior?

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Obituaries

ADONNA J. COMBS
Adonna J. Withrow Combs, 91, of Buffalo, passed away Sunday, May 25, 2025 at Teays Valley Center. She was a 1951 graduate of Poca High School. On July 3, 1951 she married Ernest "Sonny" Combs Jr. after he returned home from Korea. He passed away on their 21st wedding anniversary. After her husband's passing, she returned to school and became a licensed CNA and LPN. It was her wish not leave her youngest son alone at night, so she worked at various other jobs until her retirement.

loving, honest, ethical and loyal husband, father, son, brother, uncle, friend, and mentor, but his favorite role was 'Pops' to his six grandchildren.

She was born on July 21, 1933 in Putnam County to the late Floyd Edward Withrow and Opal Beatrice Dunn Withrow. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband Ernest "Sonny" Combs Jr., sons, Ricky A. Combs and Michael W. Combs; grandson, Jason Combs; sisters, Brenda Kay Lett, Virginia "Ginny" Skinner, Betty Jane Lewis and Peggy Jo Roberts.

He was born on June 3, 1943 in a mining camp in Stickney, WV to immigrant parents from southern Italy. His father and both grandfathers were coal miners. After graduating from DuPont High School, he received a scholarship to study Mining Engineering at West Virginia University. He earned a BS in Mining Engineering in 1966, and a MS Degree in Mining Engineering in 1968. He was a registered professional engineer.

Survivors include her sons, Ernest W. "Skip" (Cora) Combs III of Eleanor and Todd E. (Andrea) Combs of Winfield; grandchildren, Cheyne, Mickey, Timmie, Caroline, Carli, April, Jessica and Jed. Adonna is also survived by several brothers, sisters, two great grandchildren and extended family. Her special great grandson, Axel "always had kisses and hugs for her."

Adonna wanted to make special mention of her granddaughters, Caroline and Carli. "The girls have brought a lot of love and laughter to our family." "I love them very much." She also wanted to mention her special ex-daughter in law's Gloria and Donna.

Funeral service was Friday, May 30, 2025 at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastor Scott Casto officiating. Burial was in Buffalo Memorial Park, Buffalo.

He went to work for Eastern Associated Coal Corp. in 1968 and moved through the ranks. He was the youngest superintendent in the company's history. He served as vice president for safety and training for Eastern Coal. During that period, as a result of the improvement achieved at Eastern Coal, he provided expert testimony before the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Underground Mine Safety regarding the development and implementation of effective safety programs and reduction of mine injuries and accidents at the Eastern Coal mines. In 1986, he was appointed vice president of corporate engineering at Eastern Coal.

Certification in 1984. He also served 10 years as president of the Kanawha Valley Mining Institute. KVMI supports the education community and West Virginia by raising and distributing annual scholarships to deserving students each year. In 2019 Jim was inducted into the West Virginia Coal Hall of Fame which recognizes leaders in the coal industry.

After retirement Steve owned and operated Crouch Plumbing Services. He was an avid golfer. A loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother and friend that will be missed by all who knew him.

Jim often mentioned his appreciation for the mentors and friends that guided and encouraged him throughout his career, and he took pride in those individuals whom he mentored in the development of their careers and their contributions to the coal industry, the coal community, West Virginia, and the many lives they touched.

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Coni, sons, Cary Crouch (Tracy), of Teays Valley, Casey Crouch, of Titusville, FL, grandchildren, Carson Crouch, Kendyl Crouch, Stella Crouch, Phoebe Crouch, Hannah Sargent (Robby), and Adam Mooney, (Maddie), and great grandson J.R. Sargent, sister Charlotte Atkinson, and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Michelangelo and Palma Corsaro; sister, Mary Angeles; and brother, Larry Corsaro.

Celebration of Steve's life was held Monday, June 2, 2025 at Tyler Mt. Funeral Home with Celebrant H. R. Whittington presiding. Burial was in Donel C. Kinnard State Veteran's Cemetery, Institute.

JAMES L. CORSARO
A gentle man has passed to his eternal reward. Jim Corsaro passed away at home on May 25, 2025. He lived a life devoted to his family, his God, and to improving the coal industry. He was a

Furthering his career, he accepted the position of vice president of development for Carbon Industries and was appointed president in 1990. The assets of Carbon Industries were purchased by Penn Virginia Operating Co. in 1999 and Jim served as vice president until his retirement in 2012 after 54 years in the coal industry.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Michelangelo and Palma Corsaro; sister, Mary Angeles; and brother, Larry Corsaro.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 56 years, Betty; and sons: Michael (Misty), David (Stephanie) of Hurricane, WV and Matthew (Jia) of Carmel, IN. The lights of his life were his grandchildren who include: Holly, Lauren, Christopher, Zachary, Mia, Haley Corsaro, and Brayden Pauley.

Mass of Christian Burial was on June 6, 2025 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Nitro. Burial was in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Scott Depot.

JAMES HOYT HUNTER
James Hoyt Hunter of Red House, West Virginia, passed away on May 18, 2025, at his family home.

James was born in South Charleston, on February 12, 1957. James attended Poca High School, where he cultivated a passion for popular culture and music, and became an accomplished piano player. He went on to graduate from the University of Kentucky in 1979 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, and the University of Virginia with a Master of Arts degree. James had an extensive freelance writing career, published in the New York Times and Rolling Stone Magazine, among others. He interviewed and wrote pieces on artists as diverse as Bono, Prince, Tim McGraw, Carly Simon, and Alan Jackson.

STEVEN CROUCH
Steven "Steve" Crouch, 78, of Winfield, passed away May 28, 2025 at his residence with his family by his side.

He loved his family and spending time with his grandchildren. He loved to fish when he had the opportunity. He was very helpful to others.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents Charles and Martha Nelson, Clarence and Audra Canterbury, and several uncles. He is survived by his father Kelly G. Nelson of

He served as president of the WV Coal Mining Institute, president of the WV Land and Mineral Owners Association, chairman of Careers in Coal, president of the WV College of Mineral and Energy Resources Alumni Council, and as a member of the WVU Department of Mining Engineering Visiting and Advisory Committee. He was appointed by Gov. Rockefeller to the WV Board of Miner Training, Education, and

LORRI JOHNSON
Lorri Lea Johnson, 65, of Hurricane, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, May 29, 2025, after an extended illness.

Hurricane, and mother Betty June Rice of Foster, WV. Children: Trey (Emily), Bobby, Danny (Jessica), and David. Grandchildren: Shyanne, Kerrigan, Ella, Audralee, Kash, Keegan, Burklee, and Kingsley.

She was a graduate of Milton High School and attended Huntington School of Business. She was preceded in death by her parents Carl and Marie Foster.

Viewing will be from 6 til 8 on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at Cross Lanes Baptist Church and Funeral services will be at 12 p.m., Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at Providence Baptist Church on Rocky Step at with gravesite service to follow.

She is survived by her husband of 40 years Steven W. Johnson and daughter Kaylan Johnson, Brother Stevan Lee Foster of Wayne County and Greg Foster of Branchland and Lonnie "Butch" Foster of Milton. Several nieces nephews and cousins.

ELNORAH GAYLE RIVERS
Elnorah Gayle Rivers, 77, of Scott Depot, passed away Tuesday, May 27, 2025.

Burial was in Mt. Moriah Cemetery.

K. GENE NELSON JR
K. Gene Nelson Jr. went to be with the Lord on Friday, May 30, 2025 after a short illness. He was born to Kelly G. Nelson Sr. and Betty June Rice in Cleveland, OH on September 1, 1967.

Born on January 2, 1948, Elnorah was the daughter of the late Eugene and Juanita Hill. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Eugena Karson.

She loved people, and visiting and spending time with family and friends. She also enjoyed working with her husband at Rivers Mobile Home Movers for over 40 years.

He was a member of Providence Baptist Church and attended Cross Lanes Baptist Church. He graduated from Winfield High School in 1986 and taught at the Charleston School of Beauty Culture. He worked at HealthTeam Critical Care Transport as an EMT in Charleston.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Johnny Rivers of Scott Depot; daughter Kemmeth Rivers of Hurricane; nephew Jonathan Karson of Huntington; her special little buddy, Braxton; her precious Holly Blue; all her cousins who were like brothers and sisters to her; honorary nieces and nephews; and many friends.

He loved his family and spending time with his grandchildren. He loved to fish when he had the opportunity. He was very helpful to others.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents Charles and Martha Nelson, Clarence and Audra Canterbury, and several uncles. He is survived by his father Kelly G. Nelson of

Funeral was Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, Saint Albans. Burial was in Cunningham Memorial Park, Saint Albans.



BECKY EDWARDS Culloden 90th Birthday May 14	Pointexter Road Hurricane Birthday June 7
NOAH FARRAR 574 Fairwood Road Huntington 22nd Birthday June 6	SHELBY FAITH McNEAL Hurricane 7th Birthday June 7
DR EDDIE McELFISH Hurricane Birthday June 6	BARBARA WARNER GEFFS 413 Red Oak Road, Apt. 73 Red Oak, Texas 56th Birthday June 8
KAREN ASHWORTH 4655 5 & 20 Road Frazier's Bottom 71st Birthday June 6	JORDAN COLE Ohio 38th Birthday June 8
DAVID LINCOLNOGGER JR 2259 U S Hwy 60 Culloden 67th Birthday June 6	JOE MEADOWS Route 3, Box 76 Milton 61st Birthday June 8
RUSTY PAULEY 283 Jones Cove Hurricane 62nd Birthday June 6	LYNN McGINNIS Milton 71st Birthday June 8
DAVID YOUNG Sugar Camp Road Winfield 62nd Birthday June 6	ERICA YOUNG Hurricane 44th Birthday June 8
ALLISON DUNMIRE MANGUS Hurricane Birthday June 6	JEFF SAUNDERS 1818 Jerri's Run Road Apple Grove 45th Birthday June 8
TOM GLENN 7319 Reserve Creek Drive Ft. Pierce, Florida 63rd Birthday June 6	JENIFFER BURTON LONDEREE 552 Fairview Drive Huntington Birthday June 8
NORMAN PROUDFOOT 125 Meadow Drive Culloden 76th Birthday June 6	KYMBER MALLOY Wellington, Florida 33rd Birthday June 9
STACIE LYNN ERWIN Eleanor 50th Birthday June 7	LINDSEY BEANE #5 Market Street Hurricane 26th Birthday June 9
TREY WALKER STRICKLIN #32 Sand Hill Court Milton 21st Birthday June 7	SHELLY WARF HUNDEN Avon Park, Florida 47th Birthday June 10
MARK REED Huntington 55th Birthday June 7	CARIE McDOWELL REED Huntington 49th Birthday June 10
MIKE PENCE Columbia, Indiana 66th Birthday June 7	EDDIE BROOKS Bradenton, Florida Birthday June 10
CLAUDIA SOVINE LEADMAN	LYDIA MICHELLE ASHWORTH 4714 5&20 Mile Road Frazier's Bottom

7th Birthday June 10

BETTY SARGENT
Milton
Birthday June 11

CARSYN CHAPMAN
1047 Heck Street
Milton
16th Birthday June 11

MALIA JIVIDEN
109 Coach Place
Hurricane
Birthday June 11

LYNN WOMACK
ROBERTS
Harbour Lane
Hurricane
55th Birthday June 11

SHERLEY SMITH
P.O. Box 655
Waxahachie, Texas
77th Birthday June 12

CLAY SOWARDS
5387 Hurricane Creek Road
Hurricane
69th Birthday June 12

BILLY JOE SMITH
969 Hurricane Creek Road
Hurricane
78th Birthday June 12

ARTHUR SMITH
587 Buffington Acres
Milton
Birthday June 12

ROBERT MAYS, JR.
Siesta Key, Ocala, Florida
76th Birthday June 12

CLIFF FARLEY
Charleston
Birthday June 12

FRED BAILIFF
Frazier's Bottom
Birthday June 12

MARK MEADOWS
Greensville, North Carolina
71st Birthday June 12

Happy Anniversary

Jerry and Teloa Tackett of 7007 W. Wiltshire Lane in Homosassa, Florida, will celebrate their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary on June 6.

Bob and Marilyn Johnson of Hurricane will celebrate their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary on June 6.

Aubrey and May Erwin of 496 Erwin Road in Winfield will celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary on June 7.

Jason and Bev Jividen of Heizer Creek in Poca will celebrate their thirtieth wedding anniversary on June 7.

Jeff and Nancy Davis of Scott Depot will celebrate their fortieth wedding anniversary on June 7.

Mark and Wendy Chapman of Milton will celebrate their twenty-eighth wedding anniversary on June 7.

Jacob and Heather White of Hurricane will celebrate their twenty-eighth wedding anniversary on June 7.

Eric and Jade Ginn of Hurricane will celebrate their twelfth wedding anniversary on June 8.

Rob and Stephanie Clagg of Diamond Street in Hurricane will celebrate their thirtieth wedding anniversary on June 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Watkins of Bryson City, North Carolina, will celebrate their wedding anniversary on June 10.

Glen and Connie Skidmore Carpenter of

Summer Fun is Here!

By Putnam County Tourism

Winfield Watersports Weekend is Back
Join us on Friday June 6, and Saturday June 7 at the Community Center in Winfield for free paddleboard lessons and rentals, races, prizes, and music. This family friendly event helps folks learn to safely paddle and is a ton of fun. Food trucks will be available, along with a rubber duck race (benefitting Backpack Buddies) and a paddle swap organized by Rivers to Ridges Heritage Trail.

For a detailed schedule, visit WinfieldWatersports.com

The Sensory Circus is Coming to Town

This event takes the already beloved Sensory Walk by Community Autism Resources & Education Systems (CARES) and adds the NEW Sensory Circus: This exciting addition kicks off the event with a spectacular Live Circus Stage Show at 12:00 PM—before the Sensory Walk begins!

The event is a fundraiser for CARES and is open to EVERYONE. For tickets, sponsorship info, and a schedule, visit the Sensory Circus page on the CARES site at <https://wvcaresforautism.org/sensory-circus>
School's Out, Pool's In
It's that time of year! Waves of Fun, the Eleanor Park Pool, and the Hurricane City Park Sprayground are open. Pack your sunscreen and have a splash!

Survivors Support Group

Just-In-Time survivors of suicide support group will be holding weekly meetings every Wednesday at the Putnam County Library, 4219 WV Route 34, Hurricane, from 6-6:45 p.m. For more information, call Cindy at 304-951-8380.

Stuart Draft, Virginia, will celebrate their thirty-first wedding anniversary on June 10.

Bill and Leigh Ann Treadway Cutlip of 2640 Virginia Avenue in Hurricane will celebrate their thirty-third wedding anniversary on June 10.

Mark and Sarah Nicholls Drennan of Winfield will celebrate their twenty-second wedding anniversary on June 10.

T C and Amy Sowards of 5361 Hurricane Creek Road in Hurricane will celebrate their ninth wedding anniversary on June 11.

Donnie and Brenda Grant of 91 Whitten Ridge Road in Frazier's Bottom will celebrate their fifty-ninth wedding anniversary on June 11.

Randy Lucas and Laberta Stewart Salamacha of #12 Bridle Way in Hurricane will celebrate their thirty-third wedding anniversary on June 11.

James and Yolanda Campbell of Hurricane will celebrate their twenty-sixth wedding anniversary on June 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Withrow of Huntington will celebrate their eighth wedding anniversary on June 12.

TMK Martial Arts: Hurricane's Hub for Kickboxing and Karate Excellence

Located in Hurricane, TMK Martial Arts stands as a beacon for those seeking rigorous training in competitive kickboxing and traditional Shotokan karate. Under the guidance of Head Coach Rob Fletcher, a seasoned martial artist with over four decades of experience, the gym has cultivated a reputation for excellence in both technique and discipline.

TMK's kickboxing program is comprehensive, encompassing various styles such as K1/Glory, Muay Thai, and Full

Contact. This diverse approach ensures that students are well-versed in multiple combat techniques, preparing them for a range of competitive scenarios. The Shotokan karate classes emphasize traditional forms and philosophies, offering students a balanced martial arts education that honors time-tested practices while incorporating modern training methods.

Beyond physical training, TMK Martial Arts fosters a community where respect, perseverance, and personal growth are paramount. Students of all ages and skill levels find a supportive environment that encourages continuous improvement, both inside and outside the dojo.

For those interested in joining or learning more, Prospective students can reach out via phone at (681) 495-2919 or visit their website at tmkmartialarts.wordpress.com for class schedules and additional information.

In an area that values community and resilience, TMK Martial Arts embodies the spirit of Hurricane, offering a space where individuals can challenge themselves, build confidence, and become part of a dedicated martial arts family.

Game Workshop For Children

Role-playing games (RPGs) are a great way for kids to develop storytelling, vocabulary, and other literacy skills, but it can be intimidating to get started or find a group. Mr. Brett will host a beginner's guide to Role-Playing Games on Friday, June 6 beginning at 2pm at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley. Ages 9+ invited.

Nitro MiniCon This Saturday

Join Third Floor Comics at the 2025 Nitro MiniCon Comics, Toys and Collectibles Vendor Show on Saturday, June 7. The Nitro Minicon will have a new venue this year at the commons area of Nitro High School, 1300 Park Ave. in Nitro. The show starts at 10 a.m. and continues to 5 p.m. Vendors will have a fantastic selection of comics, toys, collectibles and pop art! Admission is free!

The Breeze on Microfilm

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

Putnam County Food Pantries And Clothing Banks

If you know of a church or community organization that should be on this list, contact the Hurricane Breeze at breezenews@citynet.net or 304-562-9881.

Christian Community Cupboard

2843 Virginia Avenue
Hurricane
(304) 562-9373
Food pantry open from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Fridays

Calvary Baptist Church

3653 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane
(304) 757-8829
Food pantry open from 8:30 to 11 a.m. the last Saturday of the month

Light House Baptist Church

2440 US Route 60
Hurricane
304-562-3900
Food pantry on the second Saturday of each month from 9-11 a.m. Church also offers free clothing giveaways on a regular basis.

Teays Valley Baptist Church

3926 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane
(304) 757-9306
Food pantry opens at 9 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month

Salt & Light Food Pantry

Winfield Church of the Nazarene
10822 Winfield Road
(304) 586-2180
Food pantry open monthly

The Pulse Church

5368 WV Route 34

Winfield

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

Buffalo Baptist Church

407 High Street
304-937-3221
Food pantry on the third Friday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m.

Five Loaves Two Fish Food Pantry

Poca United Methodist Church
Silver Street
(304) 755-7341
Food pantry open from 9 a.m. to noon second and fourth Saturday

Food and More At The Bridge

The Bridge Church
279 Dairy Road
Poca
(304) 373-6068
Church offers hot meals, food pantry boxes, and a clothing closet from 5 to 8 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month

Bridge Family Resource Center

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

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



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