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County Commission Leases Harvey Creek Communications Tower

By Ron Allen
The agenda for the June 24th meeting of the Putnam County Commission listed only two items, "Assignment and Assumption Agreement" and "Site Lease Agreement." Both items involved a single parcel of real estate which is the home of a 180-foot communications tower on Harvey Creek in southern Putnam County near Hamlin.

After considering comments from County Attorney Larry Frye, the commission voted to assume the lease held by American Messaging Services LLC on the tower property and then voted to enter into a site lease agreement with owners Brian and Nancy Eplin.

Frye said that Putnam County 911 Director Mikyle White informed him that the tower would allow improved service to an area where service was spotty. White said that the tower could allow the county to bring fiber optic service to the area. White inspected the tower and determined that it has a 40-year service life and could be a source of income from private sector users.

The cost to the county is \$3,600 per year. A check for that amount was presented to the Eplins following the commission's approval.

In other business, the commission re-appointed Amy Jo Blevins to the PC Solid Waste Authority Board, Eric Embree to the PC Civil Service Board, Cindy Farley to the PC Health Department Board, Mark Stoll as the PC Citizens Representative to the Regional Intergovernmental Council, Maggie Parsons to the PC Convention and Visitors Bureau, Alexandra Pfof to the PC Convention and Visitors Bureau, Thomas Keefer to the 911 Advisory Board, Sergeant T.W. Tippet to the 911 Advisory Board, and Sheriff Bobby Eggleton to the 911 Advisory Board.

The commission made new appointments of Dave Turley to the 911 Advisory Board and Justin Williams to the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

During public comment following regular business, Teresa Edwards Sperandio presented a \$40 donation to the Animal Shelter's 501 c(3). Sperandio had

Blowing Bubbles for Kid's Night at Valley Park Night Market



Chris Francis of Element 304 Printing and Miniatures uses his bubble gun to create showers of bubbles for visitors.

By Allen
Children were encouraged to dress up like pirates or princesses during Kids Night at Valley Park's Night Market on Thursday, June 26. Local

character performers and pageant queens were present at the event as well, giving out candy and treats, as well as posing for photographs.

Other fun activities for children included balloon animal creations, face painting, and a costume contest.

For the adults, there were plenty of local arts and crafts vendors to



Due to storm damage to the park's portable stage, Southern Draw Band performed in front of the conference center instead.

Storm Damages Trees and Stage at Valley Park



This tree in the section of the park near the I-64 rest area was destroyed by the high winds.

By Betsy Allen
On Wednesday, June 25, a fierce storm rolled through Teays Valley in the early evening. While more western parts of Hurricane only received light showers, the heavy rains and powerful winds

caused havoc at Valley Park. The tempest did not produce measurable rainfall in areas as close as two miles from the park. Several trees in the wooded areas of the park were knocked over, and maintenance crews had to cut down the fallen trees and clean up scattered branches and

other debris. The storm also damaged the park's portable stage which is used for events. The stage was not available for the Night Market entertainers on Thursday evening, and the band had to perform in the area beside the conference center.

Putnam Places High at Mountain State Senior Olympics



Ann Riffie poses with the 2nd Place Women's trophy and her 13 ribbons.

By Ron Allen
During the week of June 10-13, 2025, six Putnam seniors represented Putnam County in the Mountain State Senior Olympics in Mineral County. Aging and Family Services of Mineral County has been holding this event for over 20 years. This

year, Team Putnam collectively brought back 30 awards as well as a 2nd Place trophy award, to Ann Riffie (90 years old) as she acquired the 2nd most awards of all the women present.

Ann Riffie, serving as MVP for the Hometown Senior Center placed in 13 events and won

the 2nd Place Women's trophy as noted above. Mike Daniels of Kanawha County but serving as our MVP for John Henson Center placed in 8 events. Karen Johnson (OAA Director) placed in six events. Darrel Perry serving as MVP for Buffalo placed in four

WEATHER SUMMARY		
June 24 - 30		
	Low	High
June 24		
Hurricane	66°	95°
June 25		
Hurricane	67°	95°
June 26*		
Hurricane	67°	93°
June 27		
Hurricane	66°	93°
June 28		
Hurricane	67°	89°
June 29*		
Hurricane	68°	89°
June 23		
Hurricane	66°	90°

*RAIN
0.3 inch recorded June 26
0.2 inch recorded June 29

Governor Patrick Morrisey Announces New Purple Alert Program

Governor Patrick Morrisey announced Tuesday, July 1st, the launch of the state's new Purple Alert system through the West Virginia Department of Homeland Security and State Police. Governor Morrisey invites media outlets and the general public to participate in the new alert system designed to help locate missing individuals with cognitive impairments

more efficiently. "Purple Alerts empower local law enforcement to respond quickly when individuals with cognitive impairments go missing," said Governor Patrick Morrisey. "This new alert system will strengthen community safety through clear coordination and swift action."

"This initiative is a critical step toward protecting some of our

most vulnerable citizens," said Doug Buffington, Acting Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Homeland Security. "With the launch of the new program, we invite members of the media and all West Virginians to participate in sharing these alerts and helping ensure safe return of missing persons."

A Purple Alert is activated by the State Police when there is a

missing person report for a person with a cognitive impairment and there is a belief that the person is in danger, that the person's location is unknown and that the person is unable to return home on their own. Once a Purple Alert is activated, the West Virginia State Police will issue a press release with a detailed description of the missing person and the circumstances. Alerts may also be shared via social

media and outlets. The Purple Alert Program will be in addition to the state's other alert programs, such as the Amber Alerts, which are utilized to notify the public about missing and abducted children who are believed to be in imminent danger. For more information, contact the West Virginia State Police at 304-746-2100 or online at www.wvsp.gov.

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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.

WEDNESDAYS IN JULY

- Community Church, 212 Dudding Avenue, Hurricane, will be holding Wonder Junction Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8:30 p.m. nightly. To register, go to <https://cchwv.myanswers.com/wonder-junction/register>

JULY 4 - 6

- The Poca River Hunting, Fishing, and Recreation Club, located at 789 Dupont Road, Poca, will be open to the public.

JULY 4

- The Town of Buffalo will be holding their annual Fourth of July Celebration. Registration for 5K at 7 a.m.; parade at 1 p.m.; entertainment from 2 to 9:30 p.m.; fireworks at 10 p.m.

- The Buffalo High School Band 4th of July Car Show will be held at the school from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Red, White, Kaboom will start at 5:30 p.m. at Teays Valley Church of God, 185 Connection Point, Scott Depot. Food, fun, fireworks, and family.

- John's Cyclery will be holding a 4th of July bike ride starting at River Ridge Church, 1 Saturn Way, Hurricane. There will be two routes: the length of Hurricane Creek Road, or Hurricane Creek Road to Route 817 to the Winfield Locks and Dam and then back to River Ridge. For more information, call (304) 727-2180.

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- The City of Hurricane Independence Day Celebration will be held at the Putnam County Bank Sports Complex at Hurricane Bridge Park from 5 to 10 p.m. Parade at 4 p.m. Midland Trail to Main Street.

JULY 5

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

JULY 6

- Blind Date with a Book: Swap and Brunch will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at Social Event Space, 2833 Main Street, Hurricane. Participants must bring one wrapped book to swap. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children. Register by going to <https://www.simpletix.com/e/blind-date-with-a-book-brunch-and-swap-tickets-216991>

- The Meeks Mountain Bike Hoedown will start at noon at Hurricane City Park. For more information and to register, go to <https://www.bikereg.com/meeks-mountain-mtb-hoedown>

JULY 7

- Butterfly in the Sky Reading Rainbow Dance Camp for ages 4-7 will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at the Macholah Ballet, 6422 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot. The cost per child is \$100. To register, create an account at <https://dancestudio-pro.com/online/themacholahballet>

JULY 8

- Learn about Itty Bitty Therapy Horses at 10 a.m. at the Eleanor Library.

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

JULY 7 - 11

- The First Baptist Church of Nitro, 2200 2nd Avenue, Nitro, will be holding Vacation Bible School from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. nightly.

JULY 9 - 11

- High School Musical Jazz Dance Camp for ages 10-14 will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at the Macholah Ballet, 6422 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot. To register, create an account at <https://dancestudio-pro.com/online/themacholahballet>

JULY 9

- Zoology Zone will be at the Nitro Library at 1:30 p.m.

- Horseshoe Heaven on Smith Farm, 121 Banjo Lane, Scott Depot, will be holding a preschool camp from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$75. For more information, call (304) 421-5733.

- Tri-State LifeCare will host a hiring event from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at 3860 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane. Caregivers, CNAs, LPNs and RNs are currently being hired. Those interested may apply online at tristatelifecare.org/careers or text JOIN JOBS to 1-304-996-0126.

JULY 10

- The Macholah Ballet, 6422 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, will be holding an adult/teen "90's Night" jazz class at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10.

JULY 11 - 19

- The Putnam County Fair will be held at the Eleanor Fairgrounds.

JULY 11 - 13

- The International Retro Computer Expo will be held at Social Event Space, 2833 Main Street, Hurricane. Tickets are \$10-40. For more information, go to ircexpo.net

W. Va. Archives and History Showcases New Quilt Exhibit

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH) and West Virginia Archives and History is proud to present "Piecing Together Community," a vibrant new exhibition which opened on June 17, 2025, in the Archives and History Reading Room at the Culture Center, State Capitol Complex. The exhibit celebrates the powerful role quilting plays in building, preserving, and honoring community. Quilts tell stories, and this summer, they're telling ours. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Quilts have always been more than just fabric and thread. They are social documents. They carry the fingerprints of families, neighborhoods, and movements. This exhibit invites visitors to experience quilts not only as art, but as acts of connection.

Ranging from historical artifacts to contemporary creations, "Piecing Together Community" showcases quilts as vessels of collective

memory, healing, and hope. The exhibition features interviews and photographs of local artists and community groups, as well as materials from past Quilt Shows held at the West Virginia Culture Center and patterns from various sources.

Exhibition highlights include:

- Interviews
- Photos
- Quilt Show booklets
- Quilt patterns

"Piecing Together Community" is on display until Sept. 22, 2025 at the Archives and History Reading Room, and is available during The Culture Center's operating hours, Tuesday - Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Visitors can also view the department's annual Quilt and Wall Hanging Juried Exhibition, located in the Culture Center's Great Hall. This exhibition is in its 44th year and features contemporary quilts made by West Virginia quilters from across the state. The exhibit will be on display until Sept. 13, 2025.

WVDNR Police Announce July 4 Sober Boating Safety Checks

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) announced today that Natural Resources Police officers will participate in Operation Dry Water, a national awareness and enforcement campaign to prevent alcohol- and drug-related incidents, injuries and fatalities during the Fourth of July weekend.

The campaign, which runs July 4-6, is coordinated nationally by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and is produced under a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the U.S. Coast Guard. During the weekend, WVDNR Police officers will patrol West Virginia's lakes, rivers and reservoirs looking for boaters whose blood alcohol concentration (BAC) meets or exceeds the legal limit of 0.08.

"We want everyone to have a great time on the water, but safety has to come first," said WVDNR Police Capt. Warren Goodson. "Boating under the influence puts everyone at risk. If you plan to drink, plan ahead and designate a sober operator."

Alcohol use remains the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating incidents, according to the U.S. Coast Guard. Impairment on the water is often intensified by sun, wind, vibration and wave motion, which can quickly affect judgment, vision and balance.

Operating a boat with a BAC of 0.08 or higher is illegal under both state and federal law. BUI penalties in West Virginia may include fines, jail time, boat impoundment and the loss of boating or driving privileges.

Since the launch of Operation Dry Water in 2009, law enforcement officers have interacted with more than 3 million boaters and removed more than 7,400 impaired operators from U.S. waterways. In 2024 alone, officers from 485 agencies made 584 BUI arrests and more than 43,000

citations or warnings.

The WVDNR is also reminding boaters to:

- Check safety equipment before launching, including navigation lights and horns.

- Wear a life jacket. In 2023, 87% of drowning victims in recreational boating accidents were not wearing one.

- Avoid swimming near docks or boats connected to shore power to reduce the risk of electric shock drowning.

Boaters born after Dec. 31, 1986, must complete a NASBLA-approved boating safety education course before operating a motorboat or personal watercraft on West Virginia waters. To learn more, visit WVDnr.gov/boater-education. For more information about Operation Dry Water, visit operationdrywater.org.

Putnam Library Regular Events: July Edition

Children's Storytime
Wednesdays at 10 a.m.: Valley Park in Hurricane

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

Other Children's Events
Baby Show Choir - Mondays at Winfield Town Park at 10 a.m.
Morning Movie - Saturdays at Putnam County Main Library at 10 a.m.

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

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

Other Clubs
Yarn Spinners - First and third Mondays, Main Library, 5 p.m.
Twisted Stitches - First and fourth Mondays, Buffalo Library, 10 a.m.

Writer's Group - First and third Tuesdays, Main Library, 5 p.m.
LEGO Club - Second Tuesday, Hurricane Library, 3 p.m.

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

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

Hold tight to the sounds of the music of living

Happy songs from the laughter of the children at play

Hold my hand as we run

Through the sweet fragrant meadows

Making memories of what was today

We have this moment to hold in our hands

And to touch as it slips

Through our fingers like sand

Yesterday's gone

And tomorrow may never come

But we have this moment today

Tender words

Gentle touch and a good cup of coffee

And someone who loves me

And wants me to stay

Hold them near while they're here, oh

And don't wait for tomorrow

To look back and wish for this day

Source: *Musixmatch*
Songwriters: *Gloria Gaither / William J. Gaither*
We Have This Moment,
Today lyrics © *Hanna Street Music*

This song represents the time my friends, daughter, and Mike, and I had in WV.

Making memories... yesterday is already

gone. We do not know if tomorrow will come. We take the time out of our lives to see friends and remember. If we become too busy for that, we are too busy for living.

We have this moment. Pizza Hut or Bob Evans... Wendy's or Dollar Tree... a smile... a hug... a kind word... taking time to listen... laughter... those we love who love us...

We hold each other near because if we do not, we might look back one day and wish we had. I tell my family and friends I love them. Mother and I said those words every time we spoke or were together. I adore my kids and grands. I adore my special friends.

Tender words... not harsh... not criticizing... caring and kindness...

It was difficult for me saying goodbye to my sweet WV friends. I have no clue when we will meet again... I cannot live in WV, so far from my kids.

In the meantime, I will visit my daughter and family in Indiana. We will fly to Florida... family there... and one day soon, I hope, I will hold my WV friends near because the way we were is the way we are... forever and a day... Hey, you wonderful friends, I will miss you. Thank you for the good times... thanks for the memories... until we meet again...

Putnam County Food Pantries And Clothing Banks

Christian Community Cupboard

2843 Virginia Avenue Hurricane
(304) 562-9373

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

Calvary Baptist Church

3653 Teays Valley Road Hurricane
(304) 757-8829

Call for food pantry hours.

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

Call for food pantry hours.

Heartbeat of the Valley 28 Mission Way Scott Depot
(681) 235-2097

heartbeatofthevalley.com

Organization offers food pantry, community programs, and special events; call or go to webpage for more information.

Good Shepherd Baptist Church

162 Tiger Lane Scott Depot
(304) 757-7621

Call for food pantry hours.

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

Eleanor Presbyterian Church

647 Eleanor Circle Eleanor

Food pantry open second and third Tuesday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; every fourth Thursday from 4 - 6 p.m.

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

Heizer Creek Community Church

6580 Heizer Creek Road Poca

Food pantry on the third Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. - noon.

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

Kid's Night at Night Market



Lisa Ashley, Sierra McCallister, and John Watts dressed up as pirates for the Pirates and Princesses event at the Night Market.

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enjoy, as well as a variety of food truck selections.

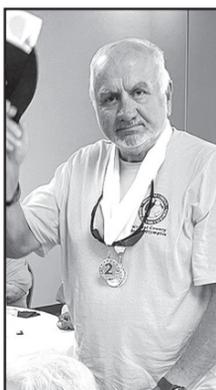
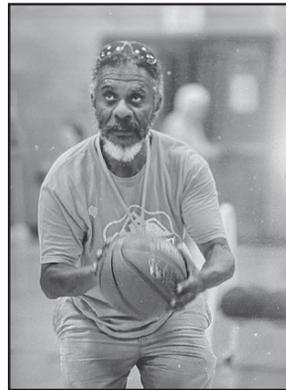
Mild sprinkles caused momentary disruptions to the event, but the weather was nothing like the storm

which hit Teays Valley the previous day. Wednesday's storm caused wind damage throughout the park, with the portable stage being one of the casualties. Due to this, Southern Draw Band, the featured musical

group for the evening, had to perform from beneath the pergola of the conference center.

The next Night Market will be held on Thursday, July 24, and will feature a luau theme.

Putnam Places High at Mountain State Senior Olympics



Putnam Aging MVP s compete in senior olympic games.

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events with his wife Laura Perry also present and participating. Lonnie Jones of Cabell County also represented Putnam and placed in three events.

Other things that occur during the week of olympic festivities are a talent show, BINGO, card playing, outings, senior center games and eating. The town and businesses

of Keyser sponsor this event and provided two very lavish meals as well as a pizza party with a dance. The 4-day event ended with a bowling tournament prior to the awards banquet. The cost for the 4 days has traditionally been under \$200 total.

All seniors 55 and older are welcome to join Putnam Aging Program

for this annual event. We provide transportation and three MVP awards a year. To qualify for the MVP awards, plan to join us for the Putnam County Senior Games which will be held in Putnam County on September 25, 2025. For more details, contact Karen Johnson at Putnam Aging Program 304-755-2385.

WVDNR Seeks Input on State Wildlife Action Plan

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) announced on July 1st that it will hold a series of open house meetings in July to gather public input on the State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP), which is currently under review.

The SWAP guides the WVDNR's efforts to manage and conserve West Virginia's diverse wildlife and natural habitats. Members of the public are encouraged to attend a meeting and share their thoughts on how the WVDNR can better protect the state's natural resources.

"These open house meetings are a chance for West Virginians to take an active role in conservation," said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion. "Public input is vital to our work, and hearing directly from our residents helps us shape programs that reflect the values and needs of West Virginia."

Open houses will be held from 6-8 p.m. at the following locations:

July 16 - Morgantown, West Virginia University, Percival Hall Main Lobby

July 17 - Martinsburg, James Rumsey Vocational and Technical School

July 30 - Alum Creek, Claudia L. Workman Wildlife Education Center

Members of the public are encouraged to complete a brief online survey and share their ideas for programs, opportunities and resources they believe the WVDNR should offer. Those who are able to attend a meeting will also have the opportunity to learn more about the SWAP, how it influences wildlife management decisions and how they can get involved. Light refreshments will be provided at each meeting.

To learn more about SWAP and access the online survey, visit WVDnr.gov/state-wildlife-action-plan.



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.

July 3, 1863: At Gettysburg, Union troops in the 1st West Virginia Cavalry took part in a fruitless charge against Confederate infantrymen during the waning moments of that historic battle.

July 4, 1882: The steamboats Scioto and John Lomas collided on the Ohio River as they were returning from holiday

excursions. The Scioto sank almost instantly, and 70 people drowned.

July 4, 1918: Poet Muriel Miller Dressler was born in Kanawha County. Her poem "Appalachia," published in 1970, was her signature piece.

July 4, 1928: West Virginia dedicated its first state park—Droop Mountain Battlefield. Droop Mountain was one of the most important Civil War battles fought on West Virginia soil.

July 4, 1938: Musician Bill Withers Jr. was born into a miner's family of 13 children in Slab Fork, Raleigh County. In 1971,

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Sheriff, Putnam County

he released his first album, Just As I Am, including his first Grammy-winning song, "Ain't No Sunshine." In 2015 he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

July 5, 1896: Cartoonist Kendall Vintroux was born at Fraziers Bottom. He began his career with the Charleston Gazette when he submitted a cartoon about the town of Poca's first paved road. Many of his drawings are now in the collection of the University of Charleston.

July 5, 1923: Football coach John McKay was born in Everettville, Monongalia County. He became the winningest coach at the University of Southern California (USC) and later the first head coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, of the National Football League.

July 6, 1848: Historian Virgil A. Lewis was born in Mason County. In 1905, Governor Dawson appointed Lewis as the first director of the Bureau of Archives and History.

July 6, 1883: Judge "R. D." Bailey was born at Baileysville, Wyoming County. Bailey came into wide prominence as the judge of the Matewan Massacre trial in 1921.

July 7, 1928: The Madonna of the Trail monument was dedicated

in Wheeling. It is one of 12 such statues erected along the National Road to honor America's pioneering women.

July 8, 1924: Rock 'n' roll pioneer Johnnie Johnson was born in Fairmont. Johnson collaborated with Chuck Berry on songs such as "Roll Over, Beethoven." Berry's hit "Johnny B. Goode" was supposedly written as a tribute to Johnson.

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PUTNAM COUNTY HIRING EVENT

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**July 9
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**3860 Teays Valley Rd
Hurricane, WV 25526**

Join us for open interviews for
Caregivers, Aides, LPN, RN

Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



Hocking Hills State Park

By Velma Kitchens of Culloden

While I have slowed down some on my adventures which cause me much pain and muscle aches after, I did want to see Hocking Hills State Park. I have never been but wanted to go. I am planning to go to some places that I have never been this summer — after it cools down somewhat. Temperatures in the 90's are just too hot for me even in the shade.

The three of us, friends Diane and Jill, went a few weeks ago when the weather was perfect for an outing. We started thinking we would be there in little less than two hours but we had some side adventures. We got turned around but thankfully I had a map. We weren't really lost because we knew where we were. Ha ha . I am not used to getting lost, but then again I didn't have the directions and I wasn't driving. Sorry, friend, I won't name you.

I always take a map with me no matter where I go if I have not been before. I was asking a parent if their children knew how to use a map and of course some do but other just trust the GPS — oh no!!! Don't forget the woman and her two teenage daughters who were stranded in death valley — they did survive, but it was a miracle.

Anyway, I saw so much of the back roads in Ohio and it was beautiful. Most of the roofs are red on houses and barns. We did see a lot of God's creation

and had a wonderful day. We finally reached our destination and we walked down steps, up steps, though a tunnel, more steps, up and down. I'm glad I walk every time I can because those steps were not easy. We had each other to help as we stepped down on the rock steps which were covered with dirt and each one was slippery.

We made it to the falls and the water and the scenery is so beautiful. There are places to stop and rest, although I was surprised we didn't have to stop but a few times. We didn't go on any walking trails as we were a little tired after the walk up and down all the steps. We did see a copperhead on the side of a cliff which we had to pass. On one side was a rock wall on the other the cliff. We made it by the snake.

The coolness of the rocks and water was so refreshing. If you ever get a chance, go and take a hike if you are physically able. Go down to the water falls again if able to walk up and down lots of rock steps. We did go into the lodge and there are displays regarding the first people who lived in the area and a display of arrowheads and other educational displays. We did not get to go see the cabins, but I am sure they are nice. This summer go somewhere you have never been before in our area. Go out and have an adventure!!!

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.

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Double the Flavor with This Summer Favorite

(Family Features) Take an all-American creation up a notch this summer by doubling the burger fun with this fan-favorite version.

These All-American Double Bacon and Cheddar Smash Burgers, created by Wonder in partnership with The McLemore Boys, give you an opportunity to fire up the grill, gather the family and savor the flavor of a summer favorite. Pro tip: For an even bigger punch, chop half the bacon before cooking it and add to the patty mixture.

Discover more ways to enhance grilled summer favorites by visiting WonderBread.com/recipes.

All-American Double Bacon and Cheddar Smash Burgers

Recipe courtesy of The McLemore Boys on behalf of Wonder

Servings: 4

- 4 Wonder Classic Hamburger Buns
- 2 pounds angus beef
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 1 tablespoon McLemore Boys Sweet Rub
- 1/4 cup sweet barbecue sauce
- 8 slices cheddar cheese
- 1 pound bacon, halved lengthwise
- mayonnaise
- 1 large tomato, sliced
- 1 head lettuce
- kosher salt
- black pepper

Heat griddle to high heat.

Toast buns on griddle until golden brown. Set aside.

In large bowl, combine ground beef, eggs and sweet rub; mix evenly. Form meat mixture into eight 4-ounce balls.

Place balls on griddle and smash with spatula. Cook 5 minutes, flip and brush with barbecue sauce. Cook 5 minutes, or until burgers reach medium doneness. Place cheese slices on burgers for last 2 minutes to melt.

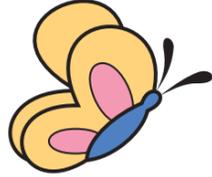
Assemble bacon in 3-by-3 weave. Cook alongside burgers to desired crispiness.

To build burgers, spread buns with mayo, add first burger then mini bacon weave, second burger, tomato, lettuce and sprinkle of salt and black pepper. Crown it with top bun and gently press.

Jokes From

Linda

Submitted by Linda Lavender Armstead



Roy walked into his boss's office and said, "Sir, I've got three companies after me, and I'd like to ask for a raise."

After haggling for a few minutes, his boss agreed. He asked Roy which companies are after you?

Roy replied, "The electric company, the water company and the gas company."

Why did Thomas get fired from the calendar factory?

He took a day off.

Gary: "Do you have any New Year's resolutions?"

Larry: "My New Year's resolutions seem to go in one year and out the other."

Married life can be frustrating. In the first year of marriage, the man speaks, and the woman listens. In the second year, the woman speaks, and the man listens. In the third year, they both speak and the neighbors listen.

A man leaves home, takes three left turns, and is on his way back home when he sees two men in masks waiting on him. Who are they?

The catcher and the umpire.

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

Doing good for others means doing good for yourself.

Keep positive when hardships come your way.

Music can be a magnet in our memories.

A friend is one to treasure.

Hurt people, hurt people.

No one is more loyal than your parents.

You using a clock as a belt buckle would be a waist of time.

We honor and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

No need to light a night-light on a light night like tonight.

We may never know their names, but we know what the soldiers stood for.

Lesser leather never weathered wetter weather better.

Teachers are not on summer break; they are in recovery mode.

Do it because it's in your heart, not because you want something in return.

Freedom didn't come wrapped in a bow - it came draped in a flag and paid for in sacrifice.

Let your Bible be the tuning fork for your soul, the melody for your day, and the source of your songs.

You know you're getting older when in preparation for a big sneeze you cross your legs and hope for the best.

Instead of finding a new form of social media, we should all go back to bonfires, tailgate parties, and porch sitting.

Ask the Lord to make your life a glory to Him, a menace to the devil, a strength to your church, and a witness to the world.

Getting old is weird because you're still that same enthusiastic kid, but trapped in a crumbling ruin of a body.

Support the country you live in or live in the country you support

It may not be a lack of love, but lack of friendship that makes unhappy marriages.

I'm creepy, leaky and even squeaky. That darn getting old is really sneaky.

Your fingers have fingertips but your toes don't have toetips. Yet, you can tiptoe, but not tipfinger.

Everybody that's riding with you ain't riding for you. Let the gas run out and see who helps you push.

Would you rather be chronically under-dressed or overdressed?

Home is where you can say anything you want



because nobody listens to you anyway.

I would rather walk with a friend in the dark, then alone in the light. - Helen Keller

Imagine an imaginary menagerie manager managing an imaginary menagerie.

I started jogging today. I didn't want to, but the ice cream truck didn't stop.

I smile and I act like nothing is wrong. It's called dealing with life and staying strong.

If you don't hear from me, it's because I don't hear from you. It works both ways.

It's crazy how no one in this world is perfect, yet everyone is so judgmental.

Take every chance in your life, because some things only happen once.

God wants not only your whole heart; he wants your heart whole.

Whoever is careless with truth in small matters cannot be trusted in important affairs. - Albert Einstein

I had a thought, but then I had another thought, they ricocheted off each other, and now I can't find either of them anymore.

You don't get to decide someone's grief. Sometimes losing a pet can be just as hard as losing a person.

People who take naps are the real heroes. It takes courage to wake up twice in one day.

If you hurt innocent animals, you are no longer worthy to be called human. You are a monster.

There is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter, and good humor. - Charles Dickens

Life is short, time is fast. No replay, no rewind. So enjoy every moment as it comes.

We have no idea what tomorrow will bring, but today is overflowing with potential.

No amount of time can erase the memory of a good doggy.

Study God's Word for the purpose of discovering God's will.

When your past calls, don't answer. It has nothing new to say.

Every step, no matter how small, still moves you forward.

Sometimes animals can be more loyal than humans.

Some people lie so much they start to believe.

As death leaves us, so judgment will find us.

The earth has music for those who listen.

My parents spanked me as a child. As a result, I now suffer from a psychological condition known as "respect for others."

There's power in your tongue. Stop talking about how tired, broke, and depressed you are. Speak on how grateful you are.

If running on a treadmill was the only way to charge our cell phones, we would be the healthiest people on the planet.

I used to spend so much time wondering if I was doing it right. Now I know that I'm just doing my best, and that's enough.

When you asked me what I am doing today and I say "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I'm doing nothing.

A mother is the only person who falls in love with you before you're born and never stops loving you, no matter what.

Turn your attention away from what people did to you and to what Jesus did for you. You'll spend less time in the spite house and more in the grace house.

I decided my body is not a temple; it's a haunted house. It's slowly falling apart, makes noises, and contains the spirit of an old lady who's always mad at something.

America, the donkey and elephant won't help. We must turn back to the lamb.

Kids go where there is excitement; they stay where there is love.

Cooking for two hours just to eat for 15 minutes is one of the biggest scams.

Pets may be just part of your world, but for them, you are their whole world.

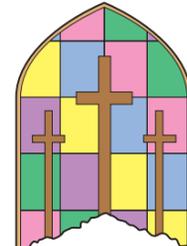
Children really brighten up a household. They never turn the lights off.

Folks are usually about as happy as they make their minds up to be. - Abraham Lincoln

We are meant to build each other together, not to tear each other apart.

Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning.

Bible Verse



For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

— John 3:17

Obituaries

KATHERINE 'KITTY' ABSTEN

Katherine "Kitty" Slate Absten, 82, of Crown Hill, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday June 26th, 2025, following complications of a fall. She was a 1960 graduate of Poca High School and retired from Tudors Biscuit World in Eleanor.

Born September 3rd, 1942, she was the daughter of the late Lee Andrew and Minnie Slate. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Edward D. Absten ("Dennie," "Slim"); grandson, Josh Absten; great-granddaughter, Emmi Rose Absten; sisters, Edith Waugh, Louise Barile, Linda Fabien, Virginia Mae McBrayer, Wanda Woodrum, and brothers, Lee "Bubby" Slate, Jennings Slate, and Virgil Slate.

She is survived by her children, Edward L. (Teresa) Absten of Eleanor, Darry (Lee) Casto of Bancroft and Timothy (Cheri) Absten of Red House; grandchildren, Harlan (Nichole) Casto, Tressa Chapman, Meagan Absten Lewis, Adam (Ashley) Absten and Amber Absten; great-grandchildren, Kayden, Liam, Lilly, Adelyn, Ava, Jayce, Sutton, and Reid; sisters, Dimple Casto and Faye Thornton. Kitty is also survived by several nieces, nephews, a host of family and friends.

Funeral service was Sunday, June 29, 2025, at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor with Pastor Rick Legg officiating. Entombment was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House.

GAYNOR MAE RAY CHANDLER

On June 27, 2025, at the age of 92, Gaynor Mae Ray Chandler traded her Earthly Home for her Eternal One, built by Chuck Chandler, no doubt. She lived boldly, loved fiercely, and made sure no one left her presence without a warm hug and at least one good laugh.

Born on February 27, 1933, in Huntington, WV, Gaynor lived life with both feet planted firmly in her faith and her heart wide open to everyone she met. A devoted Christian woman with a quick wit, a beautiful smile, and a zest for life, she never met a stranger. She was sure that everybody "just loved her," and she was usually right about that!

She married the love of her life, Charles Ray Chandler, and together they shared 50 years of marriage filled with love, service, communities of faith, travel, and endless adventures. Raised in Barboursville, WV, she graduated as valedictorian of Barboursville High School's Class of 1951. After high school, she worked as secretary to the vice president of Columbia Gas but later chose to leave her career to raise her daughters.

She attended Bridge Church and loved being pastored by her grandson, Matt, for the past few years. Though her eyesight and hearing began to fail her, and she couldn't always hear what Matt was saying, she still told everyone how great a preacher he was. She loved to sing in the choir and attend Sunday school. Her faith was truly her anchor, but she didn't just talk about Jesus, she lived Him out in every act of kindness, every word of encouragement, every prayer, and every delicious meal she served for her family, friends, or anyone in need.

She is survived by her daughters: Renee Chandler

and Robyn Davis (Jack); her five beloved grandsons: Evan Young (Brooke), Matt Davis (Eliza), Jared Davis (Brooke), Ethan Young (Isaiah), and Bryan Davis (Kristin); and her eleven great-grandchildren: Sophia Young, Ava Young, Marley Young, Hallie Davis, Sydney Davis, Everly Young, Olivia Davis, Eleanor Davis, Cooper Davis, Landon Davis, and Vivienne Davis. She is also remembered by a large extended family of cousins, church friends, neighbors, YMCA buddies, and anyone who ever had the privilege of sitting at her kitchen table.

She was preceded in death by her husband and best friend, Charles Ray Chandler; her mother, Glesnor Bunn Ray; her father, Garland Ray; and brother, Glenn Ray.

A Celebration of Gaynor's Extraordinary Life was Wednesday, July 2, 2025 at Bridge Church, Scott Depot, officiated by Pastor Matt Davis.

MILDRED ANN FERRELL

Mildred Ann Casto Ferrell of Nitro was born June 3, 1943, and died June 26, 2025.

She was the daughter of the late Arden and Pearl (Painter) Casto of Given. She is preceded in death by her brothers Burton of Red House, Roger of Red House, and Wendell of Given; granddaughter Farrah Harrison, sister-in-law Beverley Casto, and husband Charlie Ferrell.

She is survived by her brother Allen (Kathy) Casto of Given; children Vicki Dodd of Nitro, Dana Casto of Ripley, and Stacy Casto of Hometown; ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Mildred worked at Monsanto/Flexus for 20 years, as a caregiver, and at Tudors and Gino's Warehouse. She graduated in 1960 from Ripley High School and was a member of Poca Baptist Church.

A tribute to the life of Mildred was Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Tom Moore officiating. Burial was in Emma Chapel Cemetery.

OKEY FIZER

Okey Daniel Fizer — or as most folks knew him, Danny or Big Fuzzy — passed away on June 28, 2025, at the age of 61, after a long fight with his health. He was from Hurricane, West Virginia, and if you knew Danny, you knew he loved being outdoors. Whether it was riding four-wheelers, hitting the dirt trails, hunting, or fishing, that's where he was happiest.

Danny had one of the biggest hearts around. He'd give you the shirt off his back — even if it was the only one he had. That's just who he was.

He's now reunited with his parents, Gene and Louise Fizer, and his son, Daniel Fizer, who went before him. Left to cherish his memories are his life partner, Denise Leavitt; his daughters Cathy (Robert) Fizer and Brittany (Michael) Quentrell; his bonus kids Chasity and Dakota (Laura) Leavitt; and his sister Peggy (Mike) Maynard. He's also survived by his bonus brother, David Cremeans, a bunch of grandchildren, several aunts and uncles, and his faithful Pit Lab, Gunner who was always right by his side.

Graveside service to celebrate Danny's life was held Thursday, July 3, 2025, at Sycamore Cemetery.

JERRY L. GRIFFITH

Jerry L. Griffith, age 82, passed away on June 17, 2025, at his home in Manassas, VA. He was born on March 27, 1943, in Charleston to the late Alma Marie Phillips and Clarence Griffith.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 61 years, Anna Marie Griffith; Siblings: Nancy Cox of Florida, Bill & Grace Ore of Clendenin, Dwight & Jane Griffith of Philadelphia, PA; Children: Cheryl & Mark Croyle of Fredericksburg, Ed & Lisa Griffith of Chesapeake, VA and Jerry & Michelle Griffith of Orlando, Florida; Grandchildren: Jessica & Guy, Matthew & Amanda, Edward & Kortney, Allison, Olivia, Anne Marie, & Emma, Joshua & Alyssa, Easton & Max; as well as three great grandchildren and Numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, & friends.

Jerry was a Catholic gentleman who lived his faith, loved his family and was fiercely proud of them, and enjoyed many sports throughout his life. He was a member of All Saints Catholic Church in Manassas, Virginia and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Jerry leaves behind his siblings: Nancy Cox of Florida, Bill and Grace Ore of WV and Dwight and Jane of Philadelphia, PA. He had six children, after his own had married, fourteen grandchildren including spouses, three great-grandchildren, numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. The word "in-law" was not in his vocabulary as he treated everyone like family. Jerry enjoyed the many birthdays, graduations, weddings, holidays, and concerts that he attended with his family. In April, he traveled to Disney World to watch Emma's high school orchestra perform there. In May, Jerry Brian and Easton surprised him with third row seats to see his favorite band AC/DC.

Jerry was a devoted father and invested his time not only in his children, but the children of Hurricane. When asked why he did this, despite his own son being first string, Jerry replied "in high school, I was third string on a two-string team". In 1973, he and Anna Marie created the Hurricane Baseball League where each child played the entire game. No one sat on the bench and no child was turned away due to financial limitations. His selflessness created an impact upon his children who also volunteered in the organization.

In 1984, Jerry transferred with AT&T from Charleston to Oakton, VA. Despite the distance, Jerry flew home every Friday, with roses for Anna Marie, to record Ed's Hurricane High School football games. He continued to make the trek back and forth until June of 1986, when the family moved to Manassas, Virginia. While the distance from family was difficult, the move provided opportunities that were impactful. Cheryl graduated and met her husband, Mark. Ed graduated and met his wife, Lisa. Jerry Brian became an entrepreneur and met his wife, Michelle.

With a growing family, Jerry was determined to build a home with enough space for everyone to visit. In 1991, the home was complete, and Jerry's dream became a reality. He poured his heart and sweat into its completion. After retiring from AT&T, Jerry worked for Comtek Telecommunications in Chantilly, VA. When the

company downsized, he had one dream left of owning a business. As Phenix Salon Suites sold franchises, Jerry persuaded Anna Marie to purchase a franchise in Ocala, Florida and later another location in West Hills, California.

Jerry was a remarkable man who lived his faith each and every day. As a parishioner of All Saints Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus, he treated everyone with kindness and worked each week to raise funds to benefit others. Jerry faithfully prepared tickets for twice-weekly bingo games and enjoyed spending time with his "Bingo family".

Throughout his time on earth, Jerry worked to create a unique family where love, hard work, and thinking of others was the gold standard. His parents, actually in-laws, O.C. and Anna Ore, were influential in teaching him that family and faith were invaluable. Their support of yearly Myrtle Beach vacations demonstrated to Jerry that family time was precious. When the Ore's passed, Jerry recognized that it was his turn to provide vacations for his children. Whether it was Disney World or a week in Duck, NC, the children and grandchildren gathered to enjoy the company of their grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Family dinners, conversations, and bingo games were the highlights that we have as treasured memories. Our family treasures the many years and experiences that we had with Jerry.

MARLENE HARRAH

Edith Marlene Harrah, 91, of Conway, SC, and formerly of Teays Valley, went Home to be with her Lord on June 19, 2025.

She was born on January 31, 1934, to the late Kenneth "Joe" and Maude E. "Jimmy" Moses Ashworth in Charleston. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband, The Rev. Dr. Jerry "J.D." Harrah; infant daughter, Rebecca Lynn; infant grandson, Bryant Gregory; and a sister, Karen Scragg.

Marlene is survived by her children: Dr. Gregory Harrah (Mary) of Scott Depot, Nancy Salkeld (David) of Cary, NC, and Dr. Jason Harrah (Lauren) of Conway, SC; grandchildren: Arrow Salkeld (Helen), Benjamin Salkeld (Molly Dedmond), William Nettles, Sophia Harrah and Kathryn Harrah; brother, David Ashworth (Diane); brother-in-law: Charles Harrah (Peggy); and sister-in-law, Dianne Harrah; as well as a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

She was formerly a secretary of the Presbytery of West Virginia, where she played a critical role in supporting Bluestone Conference Center in Hinton. She spent countless hours helping to coordinate events at the retreat including annual Summer Camp. She was a true and fervent follower of Christ and genuinely lived her faith. She served as church secretary, was a constant presence in the choir, taught Sunday school, was an instrumental voice in the realization of Teays Manor while at TVPC, volunteered and served on the session at Kuhn Memorial Presbyterian Church.

After her faith, family was the cornerstone of her life, both immediate and extended. She embraced her role as mother and was an enduring presence in her children's lives. She was a kind and loving

sister to her two siblings and equally loved their extended families. A special relationship was reserved for her grandchildren, to whom she witnessed grace and overwhelming love.

She loved music. Few knew that she had the opportunity as a young woman to sing professionally with a traveling gospel group, choosing instead to attend college and then start a family. She was active in Red Hats, enjoyed travel and shared her husband's love of the beach. Following the death of her husband she moved to Conway and established a new life. She embraced the offerings of her retirement community, serving on the welcoming committee, attending numerous social gatherings, regularly playing cards and Scrabble at the club house, and developed a cadre of close-knit friends with whom she socialized, shared luncheons, and played weekly Canasta.

The most remarkable thing about her was the impression she left upon all those she met. She quietly blessed everyone she met, leaving their lives better having known her. She will be terribly missed by family and friends.

Funeral Service for Marlene was Saturday, June 28, 2025 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with her children officiating. Burial was in Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens, Cross Lanes.

THOMAS JOE HARRIS

Thomas Joe Harris, 67, of Buffalo, passed away Sunday, June 29, 2025 at the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House in Huntington following a long illness. He was a former employee of Putnam County Schools, having worked in the bus garage, and a truck driver. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and spending time in the outdoors.

Born November 22, 1957, he was the son of the late Ernest and Dicie Harris. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Norman Harris; granddaughter, Jordan Harris Barber; niece, Amanda Skeens; and nephew, Robert Harrison.

He is survived by his son, Joey (Krystle) Harris of Buffalo; daughters, Misty (Mary) Barber of Buffalo, and Marlee Bailey of Poca; grandchildren, Bradley Harris, Nathan Harris, Kelsey Barber, Thomas Holdren, and Kash Chapman; sister, Judy Harrison of Nitro; nephews, Stanley Harrison and Richard Harrison; nieces, Joy (Chris) Randolph and Janella Slate. Thomas is also survived by several great-nieces and great-nephews, extended family and friends.

In accordance with his wishes, his body was cremated. A Memorial Gathering of family and friends will be held at 1:00 P.M., Saturday, July 5, 2025 at the Buffalo Church of God Fellowship Center.

PATRICIA KEENEY

Patricia Dawn Keeney, lovingly known as Patti, passed away Friday June 27th, 2025. She was born December 20th, 1965 to Shirlee Lively and Woodrow Wheeler. Patti was a life long resident of Hurricane and a graduate of the 1984 Hurricane High school Class.

She was preceded in death by her husband Charles Keeney and her mother Shirlee Lively. Patti was a loving woman who dedicated a good portion of her life to caring for those around her. An avid

green thumb, she could always be found working away at her flowers, Lilies and African Violets a particular favorite. Patti was also an animal lover who deeply cherished her beloved dog Beau. Patti is survived by her three daughters Makinzie, Niccole, and Erin Keeney, her Father Woody Wheeler and Bonus Mother Beverly Wheeler, her five grandchildren, her dog Beau, and ample extended family and friends.

A loving mother, grandmother, and friend, Patti will be missed by all.

Funeral service was Wednesday, July 2, 2025 at Allen Funeral Home, Hurricane. Burial was in White Chapel Mem Park, Barboursville.

NORA FAYE LOVEJOY

Nora Faye Lovejoy, 82, of Hometown, went Home to be with the Lord on June 26, 2025.

Nora Faye was a wonderful wife, mom, and mama Nora who was totally devoted to loving and taking care of her family. She was a member of Hometown Independent Church and was active as a counselor at church camp, a Sunday school teacher, and a choir member, that truly had a "servant's heart" who loved her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

She was preceded in death by parents "Skillet" and Faye Hackett, her loving husband of 62 years Sharon Lovejoy, her sister Sharon Gibson and her husband "Cooney" Gibson.

Left behind to cherish her memory are her son Charles "Chuck" Lovejoy and his wife Nicole of Hometown, her daughter Tandy Boggess and husband David of Fraziers Bottom, her grandchildren Colt and Michael Boggess, Jesse and Jordon Lovejoy, her great-grandchildren Graycee Boggess and Evan Boggess, her brother "C B" Hackett and his wife Karen, and a host of other family members and church family.

A Celebration of Nora Faye's life was held on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at Hometown Independent Church in Hometown with Pastor Darren Persinger and Pastor Joe Scarberry officiating. Burial was in Showen Cemetery, Bancroft.

CHRISTOPHER LEE MACK

Christopher Lee Mack, 71, of Red House, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, June 27, 2025.

Christopher Mack is retired from Bayer Crop Science with 31 years of service and was a 50-year member of the Pipefitters Local # 625. He was a member of Lone Oak Church of God Mission, enjoyed working on cars and tractors, but especially enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife Melody Mack; parents Eddie and Betty Mack; sister Barbara Baldwin; and best buddy Bill Casto.

He is survived by his two daughters Lisa and husband Ben Harrison and Amy and husband Tony Crago; three sisters Karen and husband Rick Beller, Patty and husband Rob Beller, and Laura Mack; and his five precious grandchildren Karlie, Drew, Skylar, Raegen, and Logan.

A tribute to the life of Christopher Mack was held Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Ray Parsons officiating. Burial was in Center Point Cemetery, Liberty.

FREEDOM



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Consider, on this Fourth of July, how important every American is to the future of our country and our world. We understand that our faith in God and acceptance of His guidance have made our nation strong. We were founded on faith and freedom. Each family that worships passes God's strength to generations! Join together with family and friends at your house of worship this week and celebrate God's gift of freedom.

Weekly Scripture Reading

Ezekiel	Ezekiel	Matthew	Luke	Luke	Luke	John
39.1-29	43.1-17	18.21-35	17.1-10	18.1-14	19.1-10	8.1-11

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Affection for Christ's Church

Philippians 2:1-13

Paul lifts up a challenge to the Philippians with the words, "If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, ...any comfort of love, ...any fellowship of the Spirit, ...any bowels and mercies." It is self evident to all who are second born that consolation, comfort, fellowship and mercy are all found in Christ. (The Greek word, *splagchnon* (translated as bowels) in verse 1, means inward affection.) Since these are found in Christ, Paul asks that the Philippians fill his joy by being likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, and being of one mind. Paul's joy is filled when others emulate Christ.

The like mind that the Apostle urges the Philippians to be of is that of Christ and is characterized by a lowliness of mind which is evidenced in the esteeming others to be more deserving than oneself.

In verse 4, Paul appeals to the Philippians to look to the needs of others before looking to one's own needs. In effect, he calls upon believers to act as their brother's keeper.

Esteeming others above self and placing other's needs before one's own is an unnatural thing. It is contrary to the nature of men. Paul's appeal stands in stark contrast to the counsel given by secular humanists of the present day. Secularists stress the necessity of filling one's own needs first. Secular humanists claim that it is only possible to satisfy the needs of others when one has first met his own needs. This view is correct, if and only if, one's need is the saving grace of Jesus Christ. If one is without Jesus Christ, His consolation, His comfort, His fellowship, His deep affection and His mercies, the secular humanists are correct. Knowing Christ as Lord and Savior is a need which must be fulfilled before one can satisfy the needs of others. Without Christ, one cannot do that which Paul urges.

The Apostle does not suggest that the Philippians proceed without Christ. In verse 5, he says, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."

Jesus put your need and my need before His own. He willingly laid down His life as payment for our iniquities and the iniquities of others. He esteemed lost sinners to be worthy of His death upon the cross.

Jesus did not save me, you or anyone else from the consequences of sin by human power. Jesus did the unnatural thing. He placed Himself in a position where He could not do one thing for anyone of His own human power. He humbled Himself to the cross, giving up His life's blood. Because He was obedient unto death on the cross, God the Father counted His death as payment for me, you and all others who have called upon His name, believing.

The Apostle calls for the Philippians (and all other Christians) to have the mind which is in Christ. The mind in Christ which the Philippians (and believers of today) are called to have is the mind of one equal with God, the mind of one who willingly took the role of the servant in a body of flesh. This is the mind that does the unnatural thing. It is the mind that esteems the needs of others more than one's own needs. To have the mind of Christ, one must willingly assume the role of the lowly servant. The lowly servant puts others before himself. When we put others before ourselves, the unnatural love of the Father is seen in us.

Paul instructs the Philippians to work out their own salvation (v. 12). This instruction follows a description of what God the Father did in response to Jesus' submitting Himself to the cross. God the Father exalted Christ above all others. The lowly servant was exalted above all —including those for whom He gave Himself. The implication is clear: God will abundantly reward those who place the needs of others before their own. God the Father is a rewarder of them who do His will.

Secular humanists caution men to put their own needs first so that they might benefit others out their abundance. Paul speaks with the knowledge of God. God gives abundance to them who put the needs of others first. It is the mind of Christ within believers that moves them to do God's will and to do that which is pleasing.

In verse 11, the apostle states that every tongue shall confess Jesus Christ as Lord to the glory of God. One praises God by exhibiting the mind which is in Christ. Believers are to glorify God by being His testimony.

The challenge is before men today as it was before the Philippians. Let us willingly assume the role of the lowly servant that we might praise God. Let us be of the mind that is in Christ —submitting ourselves for His glory.

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What is Freedom?

"In some places without freedom, girls aren't allowed to go to school," says Haley, age 8. "The only people I can think of who would like that are the boys! Boys in our class torture us!"

One time I asked a girl about the same age as Haley why God created boys. "So you could pester them. I love pestering boys," she replied with a gleam in her eye that could only come from being truly skilled at her craft.

While women who can't attend school probably feel enslaved, others, like Erin, 6, define freedom as "being out of school on weekends and holidays."

If Caroline, 5, had her way, teachers could take a permanent holiday because she defines freedom as "playing all the time and eating what you want."

I wonder how long someone could survive on pizza, ice cream and chocolate cake?

When America's founding fathers signed the Declaration of Independence, they proclaimed that certain rights were inalienable. In other words, they believed these God-given rights superseded all government decrees. These non-negotiable rights include life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

"It's something when George Washington and his men fought for you to be able to do what you want," says Spencer, 7. "Like if someone told you to go to a certain church, you don't have to go."

Many Christian colonists came to America to escape religious persecution. Some kept running after they arrived. Roger Williams, a Baptist minister, fled Massachusetts in the dead of winter and settled Rhode Island. The state constitution he established provided a haven for all religious dissenters and a model for the framers of the U.S. Constitution.

The idea of inalienable rights given by God permeates the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. The framers realized that a relationship with God is a matter of the conscience and heart, which no laws can coerce.

"Freedom is having the right of speech," says Laiton, 9. Yes, Laiton, the First Amendment to the Constitution guarantees the right to free speech, the right to assemble and freedom from the control of a state religion.

When Jewish rulers forbade the apostles Peter and John to speak or teach in the name of Jesus, Peter and John said: "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:19-20).

"God tries to give everyone a big life of freedom," says Cody, 7. "We have freedom because God is the Holy One. God gave his only begotten Son to die on the cross."

Jesus submitted to unjust charges, beatings and crucifixion to bear our sins. After three days in the grave, he broke death's grip forever for himself and for all who believe in him.

Living in a free country means very little if you're enslaved by substance abuse, lust, jealousy, anger, bitterness or guilt. Actually, the wonderful political freedoms we have in America are like a dim shadow compared to the true freedom Jesus offers.

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DAVID EUGENE MEADOWS

David Eugene Meadows, 55, of Hurricane, passed away on June 18, 2025. David was born on August 29, 1969 to Judy Marilyn Cowan Meadows and the late Denville Eugene Meadows.

In addition to his mother, David is survived by his daughters: Hannah and Christopher White of Poca, and Haylee and Oliver Lopez of St. Albans; grandchildren: Grayson and Leila White and Niko and Mateo Lopez; as well as cousins: Connie Smith and Lisa Elkins both of Hurricane.

A Graveside Memorial Service for David will be planned in the future at Peach Ridge Cemetery in Hurricane.

DOROTHY FAYE SAUNDERS

Dorothy Faye Saunders, 63, passed away June 23, 2025, with her daughter by her side in her Winfield home following a short illness.

Dorothy retired from Gritts Midway Greenhouse after 26 years and took pride in raising her grandbaby, Gracie.

She was a loving and forgiving mother, an idolized grandmother and a special friend to many. Her sarcasm and humor could fill any room with laughter. Her wisdom and strength go unmatched, and her beautiful spirit will never fade away.

Preceded in death by her parents Donald Moore and Maxine Flowers, her big (little sister) Mary Casto, and her husband Jack Saunders, her forever love.

She is survived by her children Brandi Saunders, Buffalo, Joe (Alma) Saunders, Milton, and the light of her life Grace Saunders, Winfield. Also 8 grandchildren, she loved deeply one brother and 3 sisters.

A casual service will be held at 2:00 on Sunday, July 6th, at Hometown Independent Mission, Hometown, for family and friends to celebrate the life of our mother, Dorothy Saunders.

JOYCE ANN SLATER

Joyce Ann Slater, 78, of Sissonville, formerly of Poca, passed away

peacefully on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, with her family by her side.

Joyce was born in Plymouth, on May 11, 1947, to the late Jack and Wilma McClanahan. She is a 1965 graduate of Poca High School and was a member of the Poca High School Alumni Association. Joyce was a hairdresser for over

57 years and was very active in her community, but her greatest joy was spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents and siblings Jackie Ray McClanahan, Bubby McClanahan, and Sherry Rummell.

Joyce is survived by her husband of 57 years, Gary Slater; two daughters Gara (Kevin) Martin and Sherry (Michael)

Bragg; brother Danny (Tammy) McClanahan; eight grandchildren Slater Jarrell, Lexie Summers, Promise Bragg, Honesty Bragg, Christian Perez, Chance Bragg, Hannah Duncan, and Emilee Martin; and two great grandchildren Ella Just and Callum Duncan.

A tribute to the life of Joyce Ann Slater was held Sunday, June 29, 2025 at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor

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HERSHEL THOMAS

Hershel Thomas, born in 1938, in Huntington, to the late Emery and Idilla Dorothy Thomas, passed away peacefully June 24, 2025. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, whose legacy will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

Hershel was preceded in death by his cherished wife, Rosalie Thomas, and his daughter, Teresa Thomasson. He is survived by his daughter, Kriste Tolbert (Alan), son Eric Thomas (Laura), and his grandchildren: Abbie, Allie, AJ, Collin, Erica, Sierra Brooke, Kyle, Jessica, and Madison. He was also a proud great-grandfather to Warren, Asher, and Jackson, whom he lovingly called "Popcorn." Sister-in-laws: Veda Freeman (Doral), Sue Bennett (Harold), and Sharon Cart (Bob).

A proud veteran, Hershel served in the U.S. Army, where he dedicated himself to his country. Throughout his life, he was a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church of Hurricane, where he was an active participant in his community. Hershel's contributions to Hurricane extended beyond his personal relationships. He served on the Hurricane City Building Commission for over 10 years, helping shape the development of the town he loved.

In his personal life, Hershel had many passions. He was a master wood carver, creating

intricate works of art with his hands. His knife-making skills were equally remarkable, and he took pride in crafting each piece with care and precision. An avid golfer, Hershel found joy in the game and in the time spent on the course with friends and family.

Hershel's warmth, kindness, and dedication to his family and community will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. His legacy of love, craftsmanship, and service will live on in the generations he leaves behind.

A private Funeral service will be held at Allen Funeral Home and entombment will be in Valley View Memorial Park.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, WV Trustee Services, LLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated March 24, 2022, executed by Borrower(s), Patrick F Rutan, to Gray Furbee, the Trustee of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Book 1319, at Page 106. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 115 Crandall Dr, Culloden, WV 25510. WV Trustee Services, LLC were appointed as Substitute Trustees by APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated May 6, 2025, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 1386, Page 574. The borrower(s) defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustees have been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustees will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Putnam County, in Winfield, West Virginia, on the following date:

22nd day of July, 2025 at 12:30 p.m.

The following described real estate:

All of that certain lot or parcel of land together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging situate in Curry District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and designated as Lot No. Fifty-One (51) upon that certain Map entitled, "Map showing Lots 30 through 58, Home Builders Estates, in the Town of Culloden, Curry District, Putnam County, West Virginia, April 12, 1971, Scale 1" = 50," made by N.L. Rose, Reg. Prof. Engineer, Nitro, West Virginia, a copy of which is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, said Lot being more particularly described upon a certain Map dated May 15, 1978, made by Edward Ben Converse, L.L.S., and of record in said Clerk's office in Trust Deed Book 162, at Page 446 and 447.

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

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TERMS OF SALE:

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- The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1.
- The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.
- The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.
- The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.
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Respondent's Address
8-2-1999
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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 11-17-2025.

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

Issued this 30th day of June, 2025.
STEPHANIE SMITH/jo
Circuit Clerk 7-3-17w

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, WV Trustee Services, LLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated November 30, 2018, executed by Borrower(s), John Wayne Stewart II and Emily S Stewart, to Chris Eller, the Trustee of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Book 1203, at Page 58. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 51 Cambridge Dr, Culloden, WV 25510. WV Trustee Services, LLC were appointed as Substitute Trustees by APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated November 15, 2023, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 1356, Page 131. The borrower(s) defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustees have been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustees will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Putnam County, in Winfield, West Virginia, on the following date:

22nd day of July, 2025 at 12:45 p.m.

All that certain lot or parcel of real estate together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Curry District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and being all of LOT FIFTY-FIVE (55), PLAT 1, SECTION II, IMPERIAL SUBDIVISION, more particularly shown and designated upon that certain map of record in Map Book 7, at page 4. LSOT:

Deed Book 467, Page 431, dated July 17, 2006, Office of the Clerk of the County Commission, Putnam County, West Virginia.

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

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, WV Trustee Services, LLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated September 22, 2003, executed by Borrower(s), David E Lake and Sandra R Lake, to Bart Demeter, the Trustee of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Book 817, at Page 990. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 303 Harbor Ln n/k/a 307 Harbour Lane, Hurricane, WV 25526. WV Trustee Services, LLC were appointed as Substitute Trustees by APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated March 2, 2023, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 1341, Page 415. The borrower(s) defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustees have been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustees will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Putnam County, in Winfield, West Virginia, on the following date:

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ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN PUTNAM COUNTY, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 382, PAGE 375, ID# MAP/PARCEL 230C/351, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 166, PLAT 3, HURRICANE HEIGHTS ADDITION, FILED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 37 BY FEE SIMPLE DEED FROM TEDDY JOE BAILEY AND LORA D. BAILEY, HUSBAND AND WIFE, TO SANDRA R. CRINER N/K/A SANDRA R. LAKE, AS SET FORTH IN BOOK 382 PAGE 375 DATED 05/23/1997 AND RECORDED 05/27/1997, PUTNAM COUNTY RECORDS, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA.

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- The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.
- The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale..

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

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

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

July 15, 2025 at 12:30 PM

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

All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Winfield Town District, Putnam County, West Virginia, being more particularly bounded and described as follows:
BEING known, numbered and designated as all of Lot Number Eighteen (18) of the Riverview Subdivision, as the same is shown upon a map of said Subdivision made by C.B. Holsclaw and John A. Holsclaw, Civil Engineers, and duly of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

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If approved, the impact on an average monthly bill by customer category would be:

	(\$) INCREASE/(DECREASE)	(%) INCREASE/(DECREASE)
Residential	\$5.31	3.03%
Commercial	\$15.05	3.31%
Industrial	\$13,400.15	4.77%
Special Contract ¹	\$40,054.10	6.88%
Other	\$0.45	1.98%

¹ Excludes Special Contract customers who are billed standard tariff rates.

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive an increase or decrease greater or less than stated here. 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 (increases or decreases) 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 Commission.

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APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and WHEELING POWER COMPANY.

County, West Virginia, in Map Book 2, at pages 74 and 75.

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

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

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

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: \$9000.00 in cash and/or certified funds as deposit at the time of sale with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

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

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

SENECA TRUSTEES, INC.
5000 Coombs Farm Drive, Suite 104
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Reference File No. 36636

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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.: 6054
Estate Of: Ralph O'Dell Bowling
Administratrix: Brittany McHenry
704 Clendenin Creek Road
Liberty, WV 25124

Estate No.: 6039
Estate Of: Corine Brafford
Administratrix: Brian Brafford
17 Platinum Drive
Chesapeake, OH 45619

Estate No.: 6055
Estate Of: Stephen Chilton Campbell
Administratrix: Scott E Campbell
156 New Haven Drive
Buffalo, WV 25033

Estate No.: 6155
Estate Of: Lois Marie Conley
Administratrix: Melissa E Conley
1397 Sycamore Ridge Rd
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6142
Estate Of: Joseph Albert Durbin
Administratrix: Deborah J Durbin
4756 Grandview Ridge Road
Buffalo, WV 25143

Estate No.: 6042
Estate Of: Paul Curtis Fike
Administratrix: Felicia McVay
155 Lillian Drive
Oak Grove, KY 42262

Estate No.: 6064
Estate Of: Martha J Hanson
Administratrix: Gary Michal Spangler
526 16th Street
Dunbar, WV 25064

Estate No.: 6053
Estate Of: Jesse Johannes James Hicks
Executor: Herbert F Harris
191 Wood Station
Buffalo, WV 25033

Estate No.: 6070
Estate Of: Roger Lee Horn
Administratrix: Hunter Horn
301 Oakbridge Drive
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6069
Estate Of: Dolores Jean Johnson
Executrix: "Jeanne" Jeane M Jones
15 Hazel Circle
Winfield, WV 25213

Estate No.: 6057
Estate Of: Bryne Allen Jordan
Administratrix: Mackenzie Jordan
3902 McLane Pike
Red House, WV 25168

Estate No.: 6158
Estate Of: Betty Leah Joyce
Executrix: Jodi L Stover
101 Jaguar Lane
Scott Depot, WV 25560

Estate No.: 6140
Estate Of: Jerry Wayne McGrew
Executrix: Melissa D Zuspan
1650 Evergreen Rd
Fraziers Bottom, WV 25082

Estate No.: 6159
Estate Of: David Wade Myers
Administratrix: Andrea M Myers
320 Birch Street
St. Albans, WV 25177

Estate No.: 6045
Estate Of: Paul Oral Oxley
Executrix: Keith Paul Oxley
97 Manor Drive
Mineral Wells, WV

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26150
Estate No.: 6150
Estate Of: Jill Esther Petry
Administratrix: Alyssa B Petry
5619 Flanders Ave
North Charleston, SC 29406

Esate No.: 6048
Estate Of: Mark Dale Porter
Executrix: Kimberly Shawn Jackson

15 Marina Park
Hurricane, WV 25526
Estate No.: 6128
Estate Of: Earl Ritz, Jr
Administratrix: Cynthia Robusto
24 Brookgreen Dr
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6126
Estate Of: Evelyn Jeannette Ritz
Executrix: Cynthia Robusto
24 Brookgreen Drive
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6052
Estate Of: George Robert Schneider
Co Executrix: Christine L Shaffer
5 Magnolia Lane
Hurricane, WV 25526
Co-Executrix: Calvin R Schneider
125 McCallister Ave
Kentfield, CA 94904

Estate No.: 6061
Estate Of: Mildred V Slack
Administratrix: Paula K Bartoletti
427 Airshaft Rd
Rices Landing, PA 15357

Estate No.: 6078
Estate Of: David Michel Smith
Executrix: John M Smith
100 Riddle Way
Scott Depot, WV 25560

Estate No.: 6129
Estate Of: Joanne Neumeyer
Sovine
Administratrix: Michael J Bell
81 Mill Street Ste 300
Gahanna, OH 43230

Estate No.: 6035
Estate Of: Larry Alfred Whittington, Sr.
Administratrix: Elizabeth D Brown
215 Evas Walk
Pounding Mill, VA 24637

Estate No.: 6118
Estate Of: David Paul Wilcox
Executrix: Martha L Wilcox
217 Maplewood Estates
Scott Depot, WV 25560

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 July 3, 2025, or, if not, to exhibit the same at the office of the undersigned Fiduciary Supervisor at the address shown below by said date; otherwise any or all such claims may by law be excluded from all benefits of said estate(s). No claims against the estate shall be accepted by the fiduciary supervisor after said date. All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear either before the above-named fiduciary by the date first shown above, or thereafter before the undersigned fiduciary supervisor by the date last shown above to examine said claims and otherwise protect their respective interests.

All persons seeking to impeach or establish a will must file a complaint pursuant to W. Va. Code. Any person objecting to the representative's qualifications, venue or jurisdiction must file a complaint within 60 days

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of July 3, 2025.
Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 24TH day of June 2025.
Fiduciary Supervisor
Putnam County Commission
10293 Winfield Road,
Winfield, WV 25213

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
To: Magistrate Court Case No.: 25-M40D-00049
Jesse Neal Harp c/o ASH
Name: Family Court Civil Action No.: 25-DV-42

ORDER OF PUBLICATION (PROTECTIVE ORDER / HEARING DATE)

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

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

It appearing by evidence duly taken in this action that you could not be found in or that you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of the ORDER referenced above, a copy of the Petition and Order may be obtained at the Putnam County Circuit Clerk's office. This PROTECTIVE ORDER will remain in effect until 11-3-2025.

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

Issued this 25th day of June, 2025.
STEPHANIE SMITH/jo
Circuit Clerk

7-3-1tw

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

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

Mullins Properties LLC
1972 Harvey Creek
Hamlin WV 25523, Plaintiff
v. Civil Action No. 25-M40C-00242
Earin Kerwood & Ashley Kerwood
11 Elana Dr
Hurricane WV 25526, Defendant

The object of the above entitled action is to gain possession of Real Property located at 11 Elana Dr Hurricane WV 25526. The address above is the last known address for the Defendant.
And it appearing by an affidavit filed in this action that the Plaintiff has used due diligence to locate the Defendant and to gain possession of property located at: 11 Elana Dr Hurricane WV 25526, it is ordered that He do serve upon Putnam Co. Magistrate Court Sarah Weaver, magistrate, whose address is 12093 Winfield Road, Suite 15, Winfield, WV 25213, an answer or other defense to the complaint this action on or before July 23, 2025, otherwise judgment by default will be taken against She/He at any time thereafter. A copy of said complaint can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.

Entered by Clerk of said Court Putnam Magistrate Court.
DARRY CASTO
Magistrate Court Clerk

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WVU President's and Dean's List

The following students were named to the President's List at West Virginia University for the 2025 spring semester. Students must have a 4.0 Grade Point Average with a minimum of 12 hours of class.

For the spring of 2025, students from Putnam County who attained the President's List are:

Buffalo: Nora Boggess, Kaylee Coleman, Malachi Webb.

Culloden: Paige Bradley, Olivia Haught.

Hurricane: Kyle Becker, Alfred Biju, Taylor Blake, Cody Burton, Yimin Cai, Sadie Cain, Emily Cecil, Jackson Clark, Riley Coulter, Daniel Curtis, Sarah Daughterty, Isabela Davis, Leila Davis, Preston DeWitt, Emsley Farley, Sydney Fleece, Jacob Ford, Joshua Ford, Miah Green, Emma Gress, Chase Hager, Audrey Hall, Isabella Hart, Emily Howell, Jay Huff, Aiden Jackson, Carter Leadmon, Brody Lester, Presley Lucas, Carly Mann, Ian Martin, Tracy Martin, Dylan Miller, Morgan Miller, Alyssa Mize, Madeline Moore, Scott Nichols, Alexander Olivero, Matthew Olivero, Madeline Perry, Seth

Phillips, Emma Plymale, Brynna Price, Nick Price, James Robie, Erin Signorelli, Olivia Stewart, Tanner Sutphin, Caitlynn Szul, Ada Thompson.

Poca: Luke Withrow.

Red House: Chloe Hale.

Scott Depot: Isaac

Arthur, Carmen Bartilson, Peyton Bielinski, Tammy Cote, Tanner Laughery, Asa Lyvers, Savannah Maynard, Kendyl Powell, William Smith, Alexandria Stevens, Kyndall Thomas.

Winfield: Sophia Carr, Bhavana

Dakshinamoorthy, Grant Fisher, Nathan Frederick, Wyatt Moore, Lakin Patton, Gretchen Pauley, Benjamin Seabolt, Tyler Weiford, Nathan Williams.

The following students were named to the Dean's List at West Virginia University for the 2025 spring semester. Students must have a grade point average of 3.3 or above with 12 hours of classes to be named to the Dean's List.

For the spring of 2025, students from Putnam County who attained the Dean's List are:

Culloden: Lilian Haught

Eleanor: Jenna Ferrell,

Chase Savilla
Hurricane: Peyton Allen, Landen Bach, Alexandra Barnett, Jayson Barnett, Caitlin Bissell, Rachel Campbell, Allison Carpenter, Holly Cline, William Corley, Triston Criswell, Kaiden Donley, Caylan Dunlap, Isabella Fuentes, Kaitlyn Gooch, Shayla Hall, Domenick Hoh, Terri Howard, Kara Meadows, Dylan Meffert, Colin Montgomery, Bryce Moore, Emma OiDell, Emilee Patterson, Garrett Racer, Bryson Rigney, Kristen Shaffer, Keileigh Simpson, Jason Strickland, Peyton Strickland, Reece Sutphin, Bradley Sutton, Kyra Szul, Allyssa Tittle, Lillian Tolliver, Brogan Ward, Logan Westfall, Brayden Whittington, Caden Williams.

Red House: Alyssa

Scott Depot: Karson

Bastug, Jacob Bock, Xavier Hensley, Marla Hopkins, Quincy Miller, Emma Pendleberry, Rucker Smith, Madison Starcher, Magnolia Toler.

Winfield: Madison

Conley, Ian Cottrell, Brady-Allen Davidson, Dillon Johnson, Dylan Kuhl, Yesinia Silva, Ashlynn Traylor.

Marshall University 2025 Spring Semester Graduates

The following Putnam County students received degrees from Marshall University at the 2025 spring graduation ceremonies:

Buffalo: Megan Nicole Slaubaugh (Regents Bachelor of Arts).

Fraziers Bottom: James A. Chaffin (Bachelor of Science), Mikayla Rae Shobe (Associate in Nursing).

Hurricane: Tyce Christian Allen (Bachelor of Business Admin), Sean Hunter Armstrong (Bachelor of Science), Katelynn Rylee Atwell (Bachelor of Arts), Kyra Marie Baber (Master of Sci Engineering), Sydnee Jade Bell (Bachelor of Science Nursing), Carson Sophia Bird (Bachelor of Business Admin), Jaymee Raye Johnston Bishop (Bachelor of Arts), Brian Gavin Brillhart (Bachelor of Science), Samantha Rose Cain (Bachelor of Science Nursing), Sandra Marie Clay (Master of Science), Nic Brett Clutters (Education Specialist Degree), Isabella Frances Cortellesi (Bachelor of Arts), Kory L. Daniels (Bachelor of Science), Sarah Catherine Davis (Bachelor of Arts), Kierstyn Elizabeth Doss (Bachelor of Science), Katheryn Mary Drey (Bachelor of Science Nursing), Baret C. Dudding (Bachelor of Sci Civil Engin), Amy Grace Fisher (Bachelor of Science Nursing), Ashley Nicole Gabhart (Bachelor of Arts), Lillian Claire Hager (Bachelor of Science), Hailey Sonia Hagerman (Bachelor of Business Admin), Kyle Randolph Hagerman (Bachelor of Science), Michael Patrick Harvey (Bachelor of Business Admin), Jennifer Renee Hill, Ann M. Holloran (Master of Arts), Robert Theodore Jividen (Bachelor of Science), Bradley Matthew Johnson (Bachelor of Business Admin), Madisyn Jane Johnson (Bachelor of Science), Emily Jewell Johnston (Bachelor of Science), Jacob Alexander Kidd (Bachelor of Business Admin), Silas Thornton King (Bachelor of Arts), Sarah Dawn Kinser, Alexander M. Lambert (Master of Science), Alexander Lee (Bachelor of Science Nursing), Kaitlynn Nichole Linville (Bachelor of Science), Dylan Charles Lucas (Doctor of Physical

Theapy), KrisAnna Joy Parsons (Bachelor of Sci Civil Engin), Miranda Annette Pate, Quarrier Phillips (Bachelor of Arts), Francis Rideout (Doctor of Physical Theapy), Phillip Andrew Riedel (Bachelor of Business Admin), Jonathan Joseph Rigney (Bachelor of Sci Elec Engineering), Claire Nicole Roberts (Regents Bachelor of Arts), Logan Danielle Robinette (Associate in Nursing), Lindsey Desirae Saxton (Bachelor of Science), Shanda N. Settle (Master of Arts), Paige Lynn Sexton (Bachelor of Science), Ariel C. Strong (Bachelor of Science Nursing), Craig Allen Swick (Bachelor of Arts), Benjamin Jordan Thompson (Doctor of Medicine), Emily Grace Thompson (Bachelor of Arts), Makayla Victoria Vaughn (Bachelor of Business Admin), Hannah Elizabeth Via (Bachelor of Arts), Megan Kaye Vineyard (Master of Science Nursing), Heather D. Waggoner (Bachelor of Science Nursing), Anna Michele Watson (Bachelor of Science Nursing), Miranda Lane Weeks (Bachelor of Arts), Kennedy McCray Wheeler (Bachelor of Science), Jayce Edwards Wright (Bachelor of Sci Civil Engin), Ethan Michael Young (Bachelor of Science).

Liberty: Hannah Elizabeth Smalley (Bachelor of Science), Nikki Elizabeth Spradling (Bachelor of Arts).

Poca: Cheyenne Raylee Ash (Bachelor of Science), Joel Patrick Gardner (Regents Bachelor of Arts), Jonathan Paul Garlow (Bachelor of Business Admin), Sydney Rose Garrison (Bachelor of Arts), Nikki Dawn James (Master of Arts), Allison Marie King (Bachelor of Science), Muna Lentison (Bachelor of Science), Ethan Skylar Miller, Chase Anthony Morris (Bachelor of Arts), Christian Allen Perez, Hannah Grace Peters (Bachelor of Arts), Allyson Delanie Sexton (Bachelor of Arts), Haley Marie Shue (Bachelor of Science), Shane Hunter Summers (Regents Bachelor of Arts), Jade Alyse-Hawley Watts.

Red House: Cameron Sean Barnett (Bachelor of Business Admin), Jackson Scott England (Bachelor of Business Admin), Deanna Keeling (Certificate Program), Allen Lee

Parsons (Bachelor of Science), Noah John Rittinger (Bachelor of Arts).

Scott Depot: Delaney

Renee Corlis (Associate in Nursing), Stephen Jacob Durham (Doctor of Physical Theapy), Eden M. Ellis (Bachelor of Science), Cailen Lea Ferrell-Brumfield (Bachelor of Business Admin), Cooper Lanier Fowlkes (Bachelor of Science), Ava Lynn Hall (Bachelor of Science), Justin S. Hall (Bachelor of Sci Civil Engin), Haley Ann Jarrett (Bachelor of Science Nursing), Ivy Marie Keen (Bachelor of Science Nursing), Kelsey Lea Kinda, Emma Nichole Leary (Bachelor of Arts), Jacob Hunter Losh (Bachelor of Business Admin), Jaron Keebler Mata (Master of Science), Thomas B. Morris (Bachelor of Arts), Megan Elizabeth Nagy (Regents Bachelor of Arts), Jenna Elise Nguyen (Bachelor of Science Nursing), Jonathan Powell (Bachelor of Science Nursing), Luke Andrew Skidmore (Bachelor of Science), Andrew Lee Smith (Bachelor of Science), Colton Eric Spradling, Emilie Paige Williams (Bachelor of Arts), Hunter Wymer (Bachelor of Arts).

Winfield: Sydnee

Kaye Adkins (Bachelor of Science), Clinton B. Arnold (Doctor of Business Admin), Joseph Garrett Beller (Bachelor of Business Admin), Clarisa Abigail Brunty (Master of Arts), Luke Harrison Evers (Bachelor of Sci Mech Engineer), Jacob Robert Foy (Bachelor of Arts), Colin D. French (Bachelor of Business Admin), Alyssa Rose Hudson (Bachelor of Business Admin), Tyler J. Knight (Associate in Nursing), Ashlea Faye Krasnansky (Bachelor of Science), Tessaigh Brooke Morton (Associate in Nursing), Brooke S. Mullins (Bachelor of Fine Arts), Annalyse Makenzie Perry (Master of Science in Nursing), Emily Hazel Redford (Bachelor of Business Admin), Nathanael Shane Ridenour (Bachelor of Science), Ashton Marie Rodabaugh (Bachelor of Science Nursing), Olivia Nicole Walker (Associate in Nursing), Jonathan D. Warner (Bachelor of Science), Alexander Jackson Woodrum (Bachelor of Arts).

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

Appalachian Power plans to maintain a portion of its power line rights-of-way in West Virginia through the aerial application of registered herbicides. Weather permitting, the program will begin on or about June 1, 2025.

Questions about the program or information about sensitive areas near the power lines listed below, such as springs, wells, streams, lakes, ponds, orchards, crop areas, gardens, pastures, meadows, year-round dwellings, public recreation areas and Christmas tree farms, may be directed to the company by calling toll-free 1-800-642-3622. Maps showing the location of rights-of-way to be maintained are available for review upon request.

Right-of-way maintenance agreements between Appalachian Power and landowners are available to landowners who prefer to accept responsibility for clearing the right-of-way crossing their property instead of the company's aerial application of herbicides. The agreement compensates the landowner by an amount equivalent to the cost of aerial herbicide application, provided the work meets Appalachian Power's specifications. Landowners desiring to enter right-of-way maintenance agreements with Appalachian Power should call the toll-free number above.

Herbicides to be used have been extensively tested and are registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the West Virginia Department of Agriculture. They are imazapyr, metsulfuron methyl, fosamine, triclopyr, aminocyclopyrachlor and aminopyralid. All applications are performed by certified applicators.

Rights-of-way involved in the program are:

PUTNAM COUNTY

Culloden-Gavin 765Kv - A transmission line, 42 miles long, on steel structures beginning at the Culloden Station on James River Turnpike near Culloden. The line runs north, passing the mid-points of Hurricane, Buffalo, Leon and Letart and ending at the Ohio River, along Ohio River Road near Point Pleasant.

Culloden Loop 765kV - A transmission line on steel structures beginning one mile south of the Culloden Station on James River Turnpike in Culloden, running north into the Culloden Station. The line then splits and runs south approximately one mile and ends near Ball Creek.

Bancroft-Nitro 69kV - A transmission line, eight miles long, on wood poles beginning at the Bancroft Station near Route 817 south of Winfield. The line runs south, passing the mid-point of Poca and ending at the Nitro Station off Route 25 in Nitro.

Amos-Sissonville 345kV - A transmission line on steel structures, beginning at the John Amos Plant, running southwest into Kanawha County, crossing Harmons Creek Road, State Route 7, Frogs Creek Road, Derricks Creek Road and Haines Branch Road, and ending near Sissonville Drive.

Lanham Extension 138kV - A transmission line on steel structures, beginning in Putnam County at the Sisson Tap 139kV, running southeast into Kanawha County, turning west and ending at Lanham Station in Lanham.

Sisson Tap Line 139kV - A transmission line on wood structures, beginning at a tap off the Amos-Sporm 138kV line near Poca, running northeast across the Pocatalico River and turning east at the Lanham Extension 138kV tap. The line then continues running northeast, crossing Kellys Creek Road and Interstate 77 and ending at the Sisson Station in Sissonville.

Amos-Baker 765kV - A transmission line on steel structures beginning at the John Amos Plant, running south and passing the midpoints of Hurricane, Salt Rock and Wayne, and ending at the Big Sandy River Crossing near Fort Gay.

Amos-North Proctorville 765kV - A transmission line on steel structures beginning at the John Amos Plant, running northwest and ending at a structure near the John Amos Plant.





JOHN CHILDERS
493 Fudges Creek Road
Ona
68th Birthday June 26

PHYLLIS TAYLOR
BAILIFF
Frazier's Bottom
71st Birthday July 6

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Branchland
31st Birthday July 1

ALICESON MARIE
LINCOLNOGGER
Lenoir City, Tennessee
10th Birthday July 6

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Milton
25th Birthday July 4

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195 Fudge's Creek Road
Ona

CHARLES COYNER
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Hurricane
81st Birthday July 4

ANITA MITCHELL
COOPER
2040 Springdale Road
Hurricane
54th Birthday July 7

DR. SHAILINI SINGH
Newark, New Jersey
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Hurricane
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Dover, Tennessee
Birthday July 4

RANDALL HARRIS
Poca
37th Birthday July 5

SUMMER BARACH
Florida
26th Birthday July 7

KERASTINE BARNETT
19 North Slope
Milton
Birthday July 5

CHAD HUMPHREY
57 Crandall Drive
Culloden
Birthday July 7

PATTY BIRD
JOHNSON WOOD
804 Rider's Creek Road
Hurricane
76th Birthday July 5

JAY GARRIGAN
3420 Bernard Street
Charlotte, North Carolina
55th Birthday July 7

FORMER PRESIDENT
GEORGE WALKER
BUSH
Texas
79th Birthday July 6

JESSE CHANDLER
Kelly's Creek
Hurricane
22nd Birthday July 7

SHERRY GILLISPIE
SETLIFF
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Culloden
57th Birthday July 6

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Avon Park, Florida
20th Birthday July 8

DR. CHERYL COOK
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Ashland, Kentucky
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5011 5&20 Mile Road
Frazier's Bottom
Birthday July 8

SHANNON DAVIS
787 Cow Creek Road
Hurricane
52nd Birthday July 6

BLENDA CONN
1107 Charley's Creek
Road
Culloden
80th Birthday July 8

AMANDA PACK
Barboursville
Birthday July 6

GREG LeMASTER
20819 Montana Bend
Road
Cypress, Texas
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Animal Shelter Needs Supplies

The Putnam County Animal Shelter is in need of supplies. There are currently several kittens battling panleukopenia, a serious and highly contagious virus. Because of this, the shelter is using disposable items to keep everything as clean and safe as possible.

Panleuk Kitty Supplies Needed:

- Paper bowls
- Aluminum trays (for disposable litter boxes)
- Puppy pads
- Wet kitten food (pate preferred)

With over 200 animals currently in the shelter, there is a need for other supplies as well.

Fairytale Fitness

Being a fairytale character is harder than it looks! To curtsy like a princess, lunge like a knight, or run like the gingerbread man uses some serious muscle. Test your strength with Fairytale Fitness at the Winfield Riding Club on Friday, July 11, at 10 a.m.

The event will be held in the shade and restrooms are available.

Sponsored by the Putnam County Library.

Monthly Tire Collection Event

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

For more information, call 681-235-3276.

Birthday July 8

BOB GIBSON
22 Derby Hill Road
Hurricane
66th Birthday July 8

HERBERT SKILES
Clover Drive
Charleston
94th Birthday July 9

BLAKE MICHAEL LACY
Huntington
24th Birthday July 9

REV. JOHN SMITH
3926 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane
74th Birthday July 9

JENNIFER CLARK
Nitro
30th Birthday July 9

MAXIMUS EDWARD
ASHWORTH
4714 5 & 20 Mile Road
Frazier's Bottom
12th Birthday July 9

JERRY MEADOWS
Sugar Camp Road
Winfield
58th Birthday July 9

CHANCE GETER
Englewood, Florida
12th Birthday July 10

MARLENE FETTY
2737 Collis Avenue
Huntington
Birthday July 10

DERRICK TYLER
ERWIN
5538 Hurricane Creek
Road
Hurricane
22nd Birthday July 10

RYAN AKERS
Frazier's Bottom
46th Birthday July 10

SADIE MAY FRAZIER
Frazier's Bottom
13th Birthday July 10

TOMMY JOE SOWARDS
Hurricane
75th Birthday July 10

Shelter - Wide
Donations Needed:

- Dry kitten food
- Wet dog food
- Peanut butter
- Blankets (new or gently used)
- Laundry detergent (unscented if possible)
- Disinfectant sprays and cleaners
- Mop-safe floor cleaning supplies

The Putnam County Animal Shelter is open from noon to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and noon to 4 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Tri-State LifeCare Hiring Event

Tri-State LifeCare will host a hiring event on Wednesday, July 9, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at 3860 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane. Caregivers, CNAs, LPNs and RNs are currently being hired. Those interested may apply online at tristatelifecare.org/careers or text JOIN JOBS to 1-304-996-0126.

For more information on Tri-State LifeCare, visit tristatelifecare.org

Valley Park Bingo

Beat the heat and come for an evening of fun and prizes on Tuesday, July 12, at Valley Park in Hurricane. This is a fundraiser hosted by the WV Cupcake Festival to raise money for Putnam County Parks - Valley Park, the venue for the WV Cupcake Festival held each year at the end of August.

Games start at 5:00 p.m. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. Tickets price: \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door (pending availability). Additional books will be available - \$10 Daubers - \$3 Raffles, 50/50 and tips will be sold. Concessions will be available. Seating will be assigned to ensure large parties can sit together. Limited seating - ticket holders only will have seats. Must be 18 years or older to participate in bingo per the WV state law. Tickets are non-refundable unless the event itself is canceled.

For more information and to purchase tickets, go to <https://304tix.com/events/valley-park-bingo-7-12-2025>

Happy Anniversary

Ronnie and Dianah Criner of Buffalo will celebrate their fifty-first wedding anniversary on July 5.

Bruce and Libby Dunlap of 3824 N Crede Drive in Charleston will celebrate their fifty-second wedding anniversary on July 6.

Dr. Tony and Annie Erwin of Hurricane will celebrate their twenty-third wedding anniversary on July 6.

Alan and Bobbi Young of Cow Creek Road in Hurricane will celebrate their thirty-fourth wedding anniversary on July 6.

Marty Stewart and Connie Smith of Hendersonville, Tennessee, will celebrate their twenty-eighth wedding anniversary on July 8.

Charles and Linda Brannen of 4385 Bowman Hill Road in Huntington will celebrate their forty-eighth wedding anniversary on July 9.

Happy Birthday



Elizabeth (Jeannie) Bayless was born on July 4, 1955. In this photo, she is sitting out in the yard in her doll chair, after her mom had rolled her hair on metal rollers. She was about three years old in this picture. She's retired from nursing and lives in Daytona Beach Florida. She will be 70 years old on July 4.

Lots of Love From Your Mom,
Geraldine Bayless

Putnam County Students Named to Ohio Dean's List

Following the completion of each semester, Ohio University recognizes the academic achievements of its students by publishing the President's, Dean's and Provost's Lists.

The Dean's List recognizes undergraduate students who complete a particular semester with a GPA between 3.5 and 3.999 with a minimum of 12 credit hours attempted for letter grades that are used to calculate GPA.

In spring semester 2025, approximately 6,700 Ohio University undergraduate students qualified for the Dean's List. A complete listing is available online.

Hurricane

Treyson Ambrose
Jc Casto
Cassidy Clark
Jackson Simpkins
Payton Simpkins
Katelynn Vest

Poca

Heather Kerekes

Scott Depot

Natalie Akers

Anna White

Winfield

Darah Bowers
Emma Cox
Carson-David Schoen

The Provost's List recognition is shared with high-achieving, part-time undergraduate students who exemplify academic success. Qualifying students must possess a 3.5 or greater GPA and between 6 and 11.99 credit hours attempted for letter grades that are used to calculate GPA.

In spring semester 2025, approximately

2,180 of Ohio University's part-time undergraduate students qualified for the Provost's List. A complete listing is available online.

Amanda Beckett of Hurricane

Mandy Blackburn of Hurricane

Rhianna Smith of Hurricane

Chelsey Jordan of Red House

Ohio University strives to be the best student-centered, transformative learning community in America, where students realize their promise, faculty advance knowledge, staff achieve excellence and alumni become global leaders.

Local Residents

Graduate From Grove City College

The following residents were among 485 who received degrees from Grove City College on May 10.

Ella Lyle of Hurricane earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Molecular Biology.

Jackson Yates of Hurricane earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science.

Grove City College (gcc.edu) is a highly distinctive, nationally ranked comprehensive Christian liberal arts college that equips students to pursue their unique callings through a Christ-centered, academically excellent, and affordable learning and living experience.

Albertswheeler On Ohio Dominican Dean's List

Jazmyn Albertswheeler of Scott Depot has been named to Ohio Dominican University's 2025 Spring Semester Dean's List. In order to make the Dean's List, full-time undergraduate students must achieve a 3.5 GPA or better after completing a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Ohio Dominican University is a comprehensive, four-year, private, liberal arts and master's institution, founded in 1911 in the Catholic and Dominican tradition by the Dominican Sisters of Peace. The University has approximately 1,209 students and offers undergraduate degrees in 42 majors and nine graduate degree programs. At ODU, students connect their passion with a purpose.

Michael Vo Named To Georgia State Dean's List

Michael Vo of Winfield was named to the Spring 2025 Dean's List at Georgia State University.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, degree-seeking students must have earned a GPA of at least 3.5 for a minimum of nine semester hours of academic credit taken at Georgia State during the fall or spring term with no incompletes for the semester. Eligible students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 for all classes taken at Georgia State.

Georgia State University, one of the largest, most innovative multi-campus public research universities, transforms the lives of students, advances the frontiers of knowledge and strengthens the workforce of the future.