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HURRICANE CITY COUNCIL NEWS Council Honors HHS Tennis and Track Teams, Moves to Annex 3 Tracts

By Ron Allen
The Hurricane City Council met on Monday, July 7, to conduct regular business and to recognize the Class AAA State Champion Hurricane High School Boys Tennis Team, individual event winners at the State Tennis Championships and at the State Track Meet, and Tennis coach Andy Ball, WVSSAC Coach of the Year.

Coach Ball has coached the tennis team at Hurricane High School from its beginnings, about fifty years ago. "This is the best [team] in the history of the school and in the history of the State," Ball stated. Hurricane has won numerous tennis championships and the defending 2024 State Champion. Ball added that no team in the state has ever dominated competition as this year's team did.

The team was led by Class AAA Boys Singles State Champion Jacob Smolder and Doubles State Champions Kellen Pauley and Smolder.

The Hurricane High School Boys Track Team fell short of winning the Class AAA title but won five State Championship events. Ty Steorts won both the 3200

Meter and 1600 Meter Runs. Ethan Chill was Shot Put champion. Jaiden Smith was the 110 Meter Hurdle champion. HHS Shuttle Hurdle Relay team of Zach Turner, Jaiden Smith, Sean Legros and Max Tidd captured first place honors.

In the regular business session, council heard updates from Hurricane Fire Chief Paul Niedbalski, Police Chief Mike Mullins and City Manager Andy Skidmore. Chief Niedbalski reported that the fire department responded to 932 calls in the first half of 2025, almost 100 calls more than in the same period during 2024.

Police Chief Mullins reported seizure of a vehicle used in an intent-to-deliver drug arrest. The HPD recorded 22 arrests which were charged to the State and 6 City arrests. The department seized 485.3 gram of marijuana and one gram of Fentanyl during June.

In new business, council held the first readings of ordinances which will bring three tracts into city limits. The tracts are 0.75 acres beside the Hurricane Water Plant at the reservoir, the 18.91

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Hurricane 4th of July Parade Meets Expectations and More



The Beni Kedem Shrine Oriental Band added a fitting taste of grandeur to the Hurricane 4th of July Parade. (Turn to Pages 4 and 5 for photos of both the Buffalo and Hurricane parades.)

By Ron Allen

City of Hurricane Marketing & Development Director Amanda Ramey expressed concern on June 18 because only twenty-some parties had answered her call to register for the city's annual 4th of July Parade. Ramey is charged with organizing

Hurricane's Independence Day Celebration.

Her concerns were for naught as last-minute registrations caused entry numbers to surge. Parade participation numbers were 15 to 20 percent greater than in 2024.

Even numbered year parades tend to be larger than odd numbered years

because they are election years and are cause for political office seekers to turn up in abundance. Two 2026 candidates made their intentions known by scattering candy for children at this year's parade.

One feature missing from this year's parade was horses. There were none.

More than making up for the absence of horses was beauty queen pageant winners. Pageant winners turned out en masse.

Parade viewers were treated to the appearance of the Beni Kedem Shrine Oriental Band. It has been many years since the Shrine has been part of Hurricane's 4th of July.

Farley's Hot Dog Eating Contest Winners

By Ron Allen

First place winner was Logan Beabout. He downed 15 hot dogs in 5 minutes to take home \$500. Last year, Logan took third place money after defeating two others in a two-dog eat off. Second Place winner with 13 hot dogs and \$250 in prize money was Chris Justice.

Third Place winner, Robbie Hunter, ate 12 hot dogs in five minutes but did not get to claim the \$100 prize until he finished off two more buns and weiners before two other 12-dog eaters.



Contestants had to consume as many hot dogs and buns as possible in 5 minutes.



Mayor Scott Edwards presented Ty Steorts with Certificates of Recognition for his victories in both the 3200 Meter and 1600 Meter Runs.

Interview with Big Ugly Bill

By Ron Allen

While many local residents know of Big Ugly Creek in Lincoln County, very few are familiar with Bill of Big Ugly Creek. Although Bill is known as Beautiful Bill in most circles, some refer to him as Big Ugly Bill.

In recent weeks, national media has splashed attention upon the one and only Beautiful Bill of Big Ugly with headline-grabbing attention. One media outlet reported that a United States Senator declared the one Beautiful Bill to be "One Big Ugly Bill."

Breeze reporter Ron Allen journeyed to Big Ugly Creek on July 6 to learn Bill's reaction to recent headlines.

Question: How have you, the one Beautiful Bill, been affected by national headlines?

Answer: Don't like it. I am Beautiful Bill. I do not like being called Big Beautiful Bill. My Uncle



Big Ugly Bill

Moe is big. He weighs 375 pounds. I weigh half of that. I wish that U.S. Senator would get things straight. I am Beautiful Bill of Big Ugly. I am beautiful. I do not like being called Big Ugly Bill.

I would be okay with him calling me Big Ugly Bill the Beautiful but that is not what he said. He

flat out called me one Big Ugly Bill and I don't like it.

Question: Would you object if the senator were to address you as Beautiful Big Ugly Bill?

Answer: Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. If the senator were to behold me, I am certain that he would call me



The Family Wealth Group supplied this cooling station for all who chose to take in festivities at the Putnam County Bank Sports Complex following the parade.

Family Wealth Group, Putnam County Bank and Best Virginia Heating and Cooling were the major sponsors which made the give-a-ways of cotton candy, sno cones, ice cream and watermelon possible.

Beautiful Bill. The senator can't do that because he has never come to Big Ugly Creek to see me. Big Ugly Creek is my home. It would be fitting for him to come to Big Ugly and call me Beautiful Big Ugly Bill because he could see for himself. I would not like it if he were to call me

Other free features included inflatables, put put golf, balloon twisting, magic show, inflatables, petting zoo, concert by REWIND THE WALKMAN, and the fireworks

Big Beautiful Bill because I am not big. I only weigh half of what Uncle Moe weighs.

Question: Aren't you arguing semantics?

Answer: Semantics! Schematics! She mat it! It don't matter. He said what he said!

End of Interview.

WEATHER SUMMARY July 1 - 7

	Low	High
July 1*		
Hurricane	68°	83°
July 2		
Hurricane	63°	85°
July 3		
Hurricane	61°	90°
July 4		
Hurricane	64°	92°
July 5		
Hurricane	63°	92°
July 6		
Hurricane	63°	89°
July 7		
Hurricane	67°	92°

*RAIN
1.3 inch recorded July 1

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://cchhw.myanswers.com/wonder-junction/register>

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

JULY 11

- Coffee With A Twist, 101 Main Avenue, Nitro, will be hosting Little Listeners at 10 a.m. This event for toddlers and preschoolers features storytime, singing, and a simple craft.

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

- Fitness Friday: Fairytale Fitness will be held at 10 a.m. at the Winfield Riding Club.

JULY 12

- Gritt's Farm, 864 Gritt Road, Buffalo, will be holding their Low Country Boil from 5

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to 9 p.m. To purchase tickets go to <https://brushfire.com/grittsfarm/lowcountryboil/606896>

- There will be a fundraiser to support Baby Dawson, who was diagnosed with infantile GM1 gangliosidosis, from noon to 2 p.m. at Brookse's Bar and Grill, 13184 Winfield Road, Winfield.

- Battleground Professional Wrestling will be coming to Lee's Studio of Dance, 8325 Winfield Road, Winfield, at 7 p.m. Sets are \$20. For more information, call 304-437-2860.

- The Winfield High School Band Boosters will be holding a car wash at AutoZone in Teays Valley from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- The Macholah Ballet, 6422 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, will be holding an adult/teen "Soul Sweat" drop in dance fitness class at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10.

- There will be bingo at Valley Park in Hurricane, with doors opening at 3:30 p.m. and games beginning at 5 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at <https://304tix.com/events/valley-park-bingo-7-12-2025>

JULY 13 - 17

- Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, 2848 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane, will be holding Road Trip Vacation Bible School.

JULY 14 - 17

- Winfield United Methodist Church, 20 Radwin Drive, will be holding True North Alaskan Adventure Vacation Bible School from 5:30 to 8 p.m. nightly.

- There will be an overnight camp for elementary age students at at Camp Appalachia in Scott Depot. For more information, go to <https://www.campappalachia.org/resident-camps>

JULY 15, 29

There will be a Family Drive-In Movie Night at the Nitro High School.

JULY 15

- Poca Library will be hosting Feel the Wheels at 10 a.m. See a school bus, bucket truck, fire truck, garbage truck, and more.

JULY 16

- There will be rock painting at 11 a.m. at the Nitro Library.

- There will be a Bluey Day at the Eleanor Library from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Photo ops, games, and more.

- The film "The Color Purple" (PG-13) will be presented at 5 p.m. at the Poca Library. The historical drama follows the life of Celie, an African American woman growing up in the American South in the early 1900's.

JULY 17

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

- Business After Hours sponsored by the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce will be hosted by Triad Engineering as part of their 50 Year Anniversary Celebration. This event will take place at the Valley Park Conference Center. To RSVP, call 304-757-6510.

JULY 18

- The Nitro Fishing Tournament will be held at Ridenour Lake. Registration starts at 4:30 p.m. and the event lasts all night.

- River Bottoms to Ridgelines - Native Regimens for Wildlife workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- There will be a Family Drive-In Movie Night at the Nitro High School.

Almost Heaven Swings Unveiled In Ripley and Charles Fork Lake

The West Virginia Department of Tourism has announced the addition of two new Almost Heaven swings – one in Jackson County at Cedar Lakes Conference Center and the other in Roane County at Charles Fork Lake.

There are now 43 Almost Heaven photo-op swings available throughout the state, making it easy for travelers to snag a picture-perfect photo during their summer travels. Travelers are encouraged to share their photos on social media using #AlmostHeaven.

"There continues to be an outpouring of interest and excitement in our locally-crafted Almost Heaven swings," said West Virginia Department of Tourism Secretary Chelsea Ruby. "West Virginia is home to the most beautiful landscapes, and I invite travelers to experience a screen-free summer in Almost Heaven. It's not too late to plan your mountain escape!"

New Swing Locations

Cedar Lakes Conference Center – Head to the peaceful lakeside of Cedar Lakes Conference Center in Ripley to find a new Almost Heaven Swing perched near the chapel. To get there, turn onto FFA Drive and park in one of the nearby lots for easy access to this relaxing site.

Charles Fork Lake – This Almost Heaven swing boasts a stunning view of Charles Fork Lake nestled in the town of Spencer in Roane County. Visitors can park in the lot just off Charles Fork Road and follow the gentle slope leading to the swing overlooking the scenic lake below.

Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Vouchers Available

Vouchers for the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) are available to eligible seniors across the state through their county senior services. The SFMNP is a federally funded initiative that provides low-income seniors with access to fresh, locally grown fruits, vegetables, herbs, and honey from authorized farmers' markets and roadside stands.

Vouchers are valid through October 31, 2025, and support both senior nutrition and local agriculture. Seniors must receive vouchers in the county where they reside, but they may redeem them at any participating market statewide.

"The SFMNP supports two vital needs—

p.m. at the Toyota Motor Manufacturing Biodiversity Trail Picnic Shelter in Buffalo. To RSVP, call 681-451-0458.

- Fitness Friday: Escape into nature at the Toyota Biodiversity Trail just outside of the Toyota Manufacturing Plant in Buffalo at 10 a.m.

- The Hurricane Hundred K Twilight Trainer and Tailgate will start at 8 p.m. at Meeks Mountain Trails. Meet up at the red barn at Hurricane City Park.

- There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive from noon to 5:00 p.m. at Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, Putnam Avenue, Hurricane.

Complete List of Almost Heaven Swings

Babcock State Park
Blackwater Falls State Park
Blennerhassett Island Historical State Park
Bluestone State Park
Big Ditch Lake
Buffalo Mountain Trail System
Cacapon Resort State Park
Camp Pioneer
Canaan Valley Resort State Park
Cedar Lakes
Charles Fork Lake
Charleston
Chief Logan State Park
Coopers Rock State Forest
Drawdy Falls
Droop Mountain Battlefield State Park
East River Mountain Overlook
Gassaway Depot
Grand Vue Park
Lake Stephens
Lost River State Park
Mason-Dixon Historical Park
Miracle Mountain Wilderness Park
Oglebay Park Resort
Philippi Covered Bridge
Pipestem Resort State Park
Rail Explorers Depot Resort at Glade Springs
Rockhouse Trail System
Rotary Park
Snowshoe Mountain
Sportsman's Park in Wirt County
Stonewall Resort State Park
Summersville Lake State Park
Tamarack Marketplace
Tater Hill Overlook
Tomlinson Run State Park
Tu-Endie-Wei State Park
Tygart Lake State Park
Valley Falls State Park
Valley Park
West Virginia State Capitol
Wheeling Heritage Port

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

I am watching the tribute to Squire Parsons. When I learned he died, I was so sad. Anyone who knows me at all knows he is my favorite. As the singers sing his songs, one thought came to mind... "Dorsey should be singing that one." Dorsey makes the words come alive, and I could listen to him forever.

Squire was at WVIT when Mike was there. Squire had connections to schools in WV where he grew up and taught. Churches there... connections...

Whenever Squire Parsons was singing, I wanted to be there. From churches in Putnam County and surrounding areas to Gospel Singing Conventions at Louisville or Pigeon Forge. Oh my goodness. I have his CD from 2000 in my car... I listen... I weep... I love his songs. My favorite is Master of the Sea and no one, except Squire, sings it better than Dorsey Johnson. Thank you, Dorsey for sharing your gift.

I am sad. I repeat myself. I am truly sad. Squire Parsons was a year or so younger than I. He was too young. He

is gone too soon. A life well lived... an amazing singer and songwriter... he shared his gift with the world.

There is no other popular singer who can match this man... in my opinion. They have called him a gentle giant. He truly was. After our conversations, I often walked away wondering if he even realized how great he was. Humble, kind and a true WV at heart.

I will watch this tribute over again. I will listen to the words said about Squire Parsons. That being said... there are truly no words to describe this man. I will miss his concerts. I know he retired, but I kept hoping and praying he would be well enough to sing again.

Thank you Squire Parsons. Thank you for sharing your gifts... thank you for the hours of comfort your music has brought to me and others... thank you for living the life you have... thank you. Beulah Land is better for you being there because the way we were is the way we are... looking forward... to my readers, listen to his music. It is on YouTube.

United Way of Central West Virginia Celebrates 20th Annual Day of Caring

United Way of Central West Virginia proudly announces the 20th Annual Day of Caring, set for Wednesday, September 17, 2025. This milestone marks two decades of dedicated volunteer service across Central West Virginia—and what is believed to be the largest single day of volunteerism in our region.

Each year, hundreds of volunteers from businesses, civic groups, and the community roll up their sleeves to complete vital service projects that strengthen local nonprofits and improve neighborhoods across Boone, Braxton, Clay, Kanawha, Logan, and Putnam counties.

"For 20 years, Day of Caring has shown what's possible when people come together for the good of their neighbors," said Margaret O'Neal, President of United Way of Central West Virginia. "This isn't just about checking off a to-do list—it's about building relationships, strengthening our communities, and reminding one another that United is the Way."

Now Accepting Project Applications

Nonprofits and community-based organizations are encouraged to register projects ranging from painting and landscaping to organizing and small repairs. Volunteers will be matched to meaningful projects that align with your mission and needs.

Project Submission Deadline: August 6, 2025
Why Submit a Project?

Connect with hardworking, committed volunteers

Build valuable community relationships
Take part in the region's largest volunteer event

Celebrate 20 years of local impact and service

Signature Virtual Project: "20 Years of CAN"

Food Drive

In honor of this

milestone year, United Way is launching the "20 Years of CAN" virtual food drive to support local food pantries. Individuals, teams, and organizations are invited to donate non-perishable items or host their own collection events.

Call for Stories

Has Day of Caring impacted your organization, team, or life personally? Help us honor this special anniversary by sharing your stories and photos. Submit them by email to be featured in upcoming celebration materials.

Key Dates

August 6, 2025 – Project registration closes

August 13, 2025 – Volunteer registration closes

September 17, 2025 – 20th Annual Day of Caring

Contact & Registration For Projects:

Katharina Fritzler – Community Investment Director
304 340 3521 | kfritzler@unitedwaycwv.org

For Volunteers/Teams:

Visit www.unitedwaycwv.org/day-of-caring

Neighbors Feeding Neighbors

Neighbors Feeding Neighbors is a non-profit food program hosted by St. Timothy's in-the-Valley Episcopal Church, located at 3434 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane. They serve free, no-obligation meals to anyone in the community every Monday at 5:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy a home-cooked meal!

Union PSD Water Meetings

Putnam Union PSD water meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Route 34 Fire Department in Red House.

Putnam County Fair Schedule

Friday
 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM - Registration of all 4-H & Open class Exhibits at the Putnam County Extension Office
 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Register all Project Exhibits, Agricultural and Home Arts Exhibits (Exhibit Hall)
 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Register All Livestock Exhibits (except rabbits) at Livestock barn.
 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Register all Market and Open Rabbit Exhibits at Rabbit Hutch
 6:00 PM - 2025 Fair Officially Opens
 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM - Ron & Debi's Petting Zoo
 6:30 PM - 11:00 PM - Gambill Amusement Carnival Open
 7:00 PM BINGO (Entertainment Tent)
 7:00 PM - Mandatory Meeting for all Food Vendors at 4- H Food Booth
 7:30 PM - Mandatory Meeting for all Livestock Exhibitors and Parents at Show/Sale Arena
 8:00 PM - Non-Friction (Main Stage)
 11:00 PM - Fair Closes

Saturday
 11:00 AM - Gates Open
 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM - Ron & Debi's Petting Zoo
 11:30 AM - Kids pageant ages newborn-24 months (Entertainment Tent) (Check in at 11:00 AM)
 1:00 PM-11:00 PM - Gambill Amusement Carnival Open (Closed from 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM for dinner)
 1:30 PM - Kids pageant ages 25 mos.- 10 yrs (Entertainment Tent) (Check in at 1:00 PM)
 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Exhibit Hall Open
 3:30 PM- Great Lakes Timber Show
 5:00 PM - American Farm Pullers Association Truck and Tractor Pulls (Motorized Events Complex) (Registration 4:00 PM)
 6:30 PM- Great Lakes Timber Show (Midway)
 6:00 PM - Pet Show Sponsored by Pooch's Resort (Show/Sale Arena) (Registration at 5:30 PM)
 8:00 PM- Coronation of the 2025 Miss Putnam County Fair Queen (Amphitheater)
 8:30 PM - Austin Williams (Amphitheater)
 9:30 PM- Great Lakes Timber Show (Midway)
 11:00 PM- Fair Closes

Sunday
 10:00 AM - Cowboy Church (Show/Sale Arena)
 11:00 AM - Gates Open
 11:00 AM - 9:30 PM - Ron and Debi's Petting Zoo

12:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Complex)
 Exhibit Hall Open
 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Gambill Amusement Carnival Open
 1:00 PM & 3:00 PM - Appalachian Lads & Lassies (Entertainment Tent)(2 Shows)
 1:00 PM - Eggs/Poultry Project Judging (Show/Sale Arena)
 2:00 PM & 4:00 PM - Guyan River Cloggers (2 Shows)
 3:00 PM - Youth and Open Pet Rabbit Show Market Rabbit Show (Show/Sale Arena)
 Showmanship to Follow
 3:30 PM- Great Lakes Timber Show
 4:00 PM - Kid's Kid Goat/Lamb Show (Show/Sale Arena)
 5:00 PM - Meat Goats Show (Show/Sale Arena) Showmanship to follow.
 6:00 PM - Great Lakes Timber Show
 6:30 PM - Ewe & Me Show, immediately followed by Market Lambs (Show/Sale Arena) Showmanship to Follow.
 7:00 PM - Mason Adkins (Entertainment Tent)
 9:00 PM - Market Hog Showmanship Practice (Show/Sale Arena)
 9:30 PM - Fair Closes

Monday
 4:00 PM - Gates Open
 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Exhibit Hall Open
 4:00 PM - 11:00 PM - Ron & Debi's Petting Zoo
 6:00 PM & 9:00 PM - Great Lakes Timber Show
 6:00 PM - Demolition Derby Registration Opens (Motorized Events Complex)
 6:30 PM - 11:00 PM - Gambill Amusement Carnival Open
 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM - Karaoke (Entertainment Tent)
 8:00 PM - Market Hog Show (Show/Sale Arena)
 8:00 PM - Demolition Derby Sponsored by Mike Kirtley Insurance (Motorized Events Complex)
 11:00 PM - Fair Closes

Tuesday
 9:00 AM - Market Hog Showmanship (Show/Sale Arena)
 4:00 PM - Gates Open
 4:00 PM-9:00 PM - Exhibit Hall Open
 4:00 PM - 11:00 PM - Ron & Debi's Petting Zoo
 6:00 PM & 9:00 PM - Great Lakes Timber Show
 6:30 PM - 11:00 PM - Gambill Amusement Carnival Open
 6:30 PM - Market Steer Show (Show/Sale Arena) Showmanship to Follow
 6:00 PM - Wrestling (Entertainment Tent)
 7:30 PM - SEBRA Bulls and Barrels Rodeo (Motorized Events

Wednesday
 4:00 PM - Gates Open
 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Exhibit Hall Open
 4:00 PM - 11:00 PM - Ron & Debi's Petting Zoo
 5:00 PM & 9:00 PM - Great Lakes Timber Show
 6:00 PM- Kids Kar Extravaganza Sponsored by DQ Eleanor (Motorized Track Complex)
 6:30 PM - 11:00 PM - Gambill Amusement Carnival Open
 6:30 PM - Heifer Show; Feeder Calves Show (Show/Sale Arena)
 Showmanship to Follow
 Combined classes
 7:00 PM - Wrestling (Entertainment Tent)
 9:00 PM - Master Showmanship Practice (Show/Sale arena)
 11:00 PM - Fair Closes

Thursday
 4:00 PM - Gates Open
 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Exhibit Hall Open
 4:00 PM - 11:00 PM - Ron & Debi's Petting Zoo
 5:00 PM & 9:00 PM - Great Lakes Timber Show
 6:00 PM - Jr. & Sr. Master Showmanship Jr., Old Timers Show will follow (Show/Sale Arena)
 6:00 PM- Lawn Mower Registration
 6:30 PM - 11:00 PM - Gambill Amusement Carnival Open
 6:00 PM- Inheritance Gospel Night Sponsored by Solid Rock Investigations (Entertainment Tent)
 8:00 PM - Lawn Mower Races Sponsored by Haven of Rest Memorial Gardens (Motorized Events Complex)
 11:00 PM - Fair Closes

Friday
 2:00 PM - Track Gate Only Opens
 2:30 - 6:00 PM - Motocross Registration
 4:00 PM - Gates Open
 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Exhibit Hall Open
 4:00 PM - 11:00 PM - Ron & Debi's Petting Zoo
 5:00 PM - Putnam County Fair Annual Livestock Auction (Show/Sale Arena) (Registration at 4:00 PM)
 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 9:00 PM - Great Lakes Timber Show
 6:30 PM - 11:00 PM - Gambill Amusement Carnival Open
 7:00 PM - REDEFYNED (Entertainment Tent)
 8:00 PM - Motocross Races Sponsored by Lovejoy Racing (Motorized Events Complex) (Riders Meeting at 6:10 PM) (Practice at 6:30 PM)
 11:00 PM - Fair Closes

Saturday
 8:00 AM- Track Gate Opens
 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM - 4-Wheel Drive Mud Run Registration (Motorized Events Complex)
 10:00 AM - Fair Opens
 10:00 AM - 11:30 PM - Ron & Debi's Petting Zoo
 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Exhibit Hall Open
 12:00 PM - Hot Dog Eating Contest (Entertainment Tent)
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 7:00 PM - YEE HA-HA! Comedy Show Featuring "Cornbread" Kenny Lee Robinson (Entertainment Tent)
 8:30 PM- Dalton Dover (Amphitheater)
 9:30 PM - 11:30 PM - Exhibit Hall projects released.

10:00 PM - FIREWORKS
 Sponsored by Putnam County Bank
 11:30 PM - 2025 Fair Closes

Sunday
 All chairpersons are responsible for clean-up and winterizing of their areas.
 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM - Animals MUST be removed from the fairgrounds. (Stalls must be cleaned out by 11:00 AM)
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acres which makes up the bowl area of Meeks Mountain Trails, and 30.20 acres adjacent to the City's Water Tank opposite from the Fire Station on Midland trail. All three tracts are owned by the city but are presently outside of city boundaries.

Council also approved a request from Teays Holdings to rezone the 2813 and 2815 Virginia Avenue to B-2. The property was the site of the old Hurricane City Hall and has been used for business purposes since being acquired by Teays Holdings more than a decade ago.

Council approved the title transfer of a city-owned lot of 1/2 acre adjacent to U.S. Foods on Virginia Avenue to the Hurricane Development Authority. The ownership transfer allows the Development Authority to negotiate sale of the property with interested parties. Mayor Edwards said that U.S. Foods has expressed interest in the property and has need for additional parking.

The next council meeting will be Monday, August 4, at 6:30 p.m.

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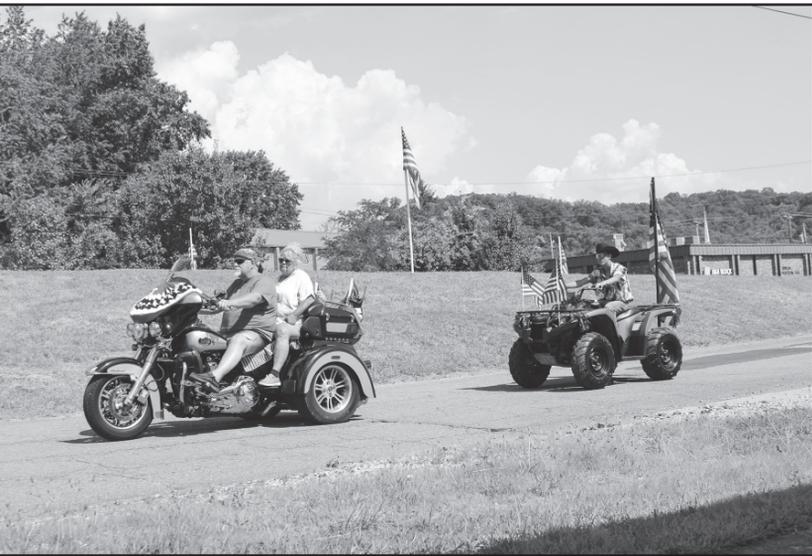
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Do you ever wonder if God hears your requests? In our world, faster is better – we expect instant responses. But God's way does not always conform to our desires; He has His own timetable. "With the Lord a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years is like a day." (2 Peter 3.8) We must go about our daily life, trusting in God and His Word, for answers to our prayers may come in ways we do not understand. Learn more about God's way as you worship this week.

Weekly Scripture Reading

2 Cor.	Exodus	Exodus	Exodus	Numbers	Numbers	Psalm
2.5-17	2.11-25	3.1-22	5.22-6.13	20.1-13	21.1-20	32

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Affection for Things Above Colossians 3:1-17

The actions of believers do not always match that which we profess to believe. Paul addresses the disconnect between belief and action in his epistle to the Colossians.

"If ye then be risen with Christ . . ." (v. 1). There is no "if" in believing. Believers are risen in Christ. Realizing and accepting the fact that Christ suffered physical death for us links us to His resurrection. His death and resurrection cannot be separated. When one accepts His sacrificial death, one dies with Christ and one is made alive because He is risen. We are risen with Him because the Father sees the righteousness of the Son — a righteousness sufficient for all who believe and all who shall ever believe.

The Son sits at the right hand of the Father (Ps. 110:1). Because the Son is above, we should seek those things which are above — things supplied by God the Father. There is a disconnect between belief and action when believers do not seek things which are above.

While Paul penned this epistle with the needs of the church at Colossae in mind, he addresses believers in every era and in every setting because believers fail to seek that which God supplies — supplies in abundance. We set our affections upon earthly things and not upon things above.

In verse 5, Paul instructs believers to put body parts which are home to sins of the flesh to death. This is not an instruction to harm one's flesh; it is an instruction to put sin to death. Because we are dead with Christ, we are to exercise control over our bodies and desires. If we allow fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence and idolatry to be manifested in our lives, we do not show that we are joined to Him in death. We show that we are joined with Him by putting off anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communications and lies (v. 8).

We are to set our affections upon things above—things which have standing with God. Things above do not tarnish or diminish with time. Things above have an eternal quality which things of this world lack. We are to put off the old man (v. 9) and put on the new man (v. 10). Putting off and putting on involves a change of appearance. We change appearance when we change clothes. The clothes of the old man are to be totally discarded. The clothes of the new man sparkle because they reveal things above. They are clothes which reveal Christ. There is one covering for all (v. 11). There is no division in Christ.

In verse 12, Paul describes the clothes of the elect and urges us to appear as the elect are. We are to clothe ourselves in bowels of mercies (Christlike inward affections), kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, and long-suffering. We are to forebear and forgive one another. We are to exhibit Christ one to another (v. 13). Above and beyond these things we are to exhibit charity (the active love of God). Again, we are to put on the new man. The new man reveals the things which God has done.

In being risen with Christ, we are made new by belief which God counts as righteousness. The disconnect between belief and action disappears when we put on the new man.

The new man is everything that God intended man to be. The Apostle lists divisions of men, but there is no division in Christ. Everyone is the same and all can experience the relationship with God that He intends. All is made possible by Christ because we are joined to Christ in a new life.

Being what God intends us to be means letting the peace of God rule our hearts. God's ruling peace is to characterize the church (one body to which all are called). Verse 15 ends with "be ye thankful." Thanklessness is manifest in taking things for granted. We are not to take God's blessings for granted. We should thank God for all things, big and small. We should thank Him for correction. The new man is a thankful man.

In verse 16, Paul admonishes us to let the word of Christ dwell in us richly in all wisdom. We show that we are joined to Christ by letting His word dwell in us. When His word dwells in us, we have cause for rejoicing — cause for singing and praising God. We are, singularly and collectively, containers too small to hold the word of Christ. We are to spill His word upon others and each other. His word is to flow from us in teaching, in psalms and hymns and in spiritual songs. Letting His word dwell in us is to be both internal and external. When His peace rules, we show that we are joined with Him by doing all things in His name and by giving thanks to God the Father by Him.

Let us realize the fullness of what Christ has done. Reaching out to others as Christ has reached out to us is proof of that realization. Let us both walk and talk. Let there be no disconnect.



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KIDS TALK ABOUT GOD

BY CAREY KINSOLVING AND FRIENDS

Can I Trust the Lord to Supply My Needs? (Psalm 23:1)?

Psalm 23 is one of the most beloved Scriptures in the entire Bible. Its simple, yet profound truths have provided comfort to millions for three millennia. My friends have plenty of ideas about what King David meant when he wrote, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

"Every time you go to the store, you don't have to ask for everything," says Meredith, 6. Or as Haleigh, 9, says: "He will supply every need. I should realize that there is a big difference between my needs and wants."

Sheep receive comfort from hearing their shepherd's voice because they know he will lead them to green pastures to meet their needs. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who calls his sheep by name and sacrifices his life for them (John 10). God's people should expect to hear God's voice when they meditate upon Scripture and follow the Good Shepherd with a whole heart.

"A shepherd sings to his sheep," says Katlin, 10.

The Psalms were originally sung. It's easy to imagine David the shepherd boy singing Psalm 23 as he plucked his harp in the midst of his flock under the stars of the Judean hill country.

"I think it means we are his sheep, and we don't know anything," adds Olivia, 8.

Of all livestock, sheep require the most care. Without a shepherd, sheep are easy prey for predators. Sheep that fall down with a full coat of wool are said to be "cast." They can't even stand up on their own without help from their shepherd.

OK, sheep are dumb. But that's only half the story. The prophet Isaiah wrote: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way" (Isaiah 53:6).

Not only are we dumb like sheep; we've

taken a wrong path. But the Good Shepherd has made provision, says Nicole, 10: "He will lead you to make right choices. He will never leave you nor forsake you. He keeps you away from danger, and he loves you so much he gave his life for you. If we believe in him, we will go to a place where there are no deaths, no sicknesses and no sin."

The prophet Isaiah also wrote, "And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6).

"A shepherd will protect his sheep," says Sara, 9. "It's just like having kids wander off."

We're good at wandering off on our own trails. After denying the Lord Jesus our times, the Apostle Peter was "cast" or knocked off his feet by doubt, self-pity and guilt.

Three times, the Good Shepherd asked Peter, "Do you love me?" Three times, Peter affirmed his love for the Lord. Twice, the Lord replied, "Feed my sheep," and once, he said, "Shepherd my sheep" (John 21:15-17).

The Lord knows how to restore us to fellowship with him and useful service to others when we're cast down and depressed over real or imagined failures. Those who stay close to the shepherd will experience his protection and provision.

The following variation of Psalm 23:1 from an anonymous 6-year-old might help the next time failure knocks you down: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall want him."

Think about this: Nothing in this life can meet our needs and wants like fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Memorize this truth: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want" (Psalm 23:1).

Ask this question: Are you looking to the Lord to meet your needs and fulfill your desires?

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MELVIA LOUISE ROOPER

Melvia L. Rooper, 84, of Hurricane, went to be with the Lord on July 1, 2025.

She was born to the late William and June Carroll on April 5, 1941 in Olive Hill, KY. In addition to her parents, Melvia was also preceded in death by her previous husband, Albert Laird Coyner and several siblings.

She was a hard worker, never met a stranger and worked for many years with Putnam County EMS as a Dispatcher. She loved the Lord, tending to her flowers, and enjoyed spending every chance she got with her family.

Melvia is survived by her beloved children: David Coyner, Pamela McCallister (Michael), Bobby Coyner (Mary), and Christine Roberts (Lafe); 19 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren; and her brother, Johnny Carroll (Jeannie).

A family graveside service will be Saturday, July 12, 2025, at Mount Vernon Cemetery, Hurricane, with Pastor Robert Osborne officiating.

THOMAS PAUL SCHMADER, III

Thomas Paul "Tom" Schmader, III, 73, of Eleanor, passed away Saturday, July 5, 2025 at his home, surrounded by his family. He was a graduate of George Washington High School, and attended Morris Harvey College. At the age of 20, he purchased his first rental property, and continued buying, selling and renting properties throughout his lifetime. He retired after 35 years as an owner and manager of a wholesale magazine distribution business. Tom loved the Town of Eleanor, and was a past Eleanor Town Council Member, and was the current Building Inspector. He volunteered many hours to the town he loved over the years.

Born June 26, 1952, in Charleston, he was the son of the late Thomas P. Schmader, II and Alice Smith Schmader.

He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Neda K. Schmader; his sons, Thomas Paul (Staci) Schmader, IV of Eleanor, and Brandon Paul (Angee) Schmader of Scott Depot; grandchildren, Landyn Schmader, who lovingly knew his grandpa by the nickname "Cake"; and Mattie, Cayson, and Quentin Schmader, who lovingly knew him as "Gramps"; a brother, Steve Schmader of Boise, Idaho; as well as several beloved nieces and nephews.

In accordance with his wishes, his body was cremated. A Memorial Service was held Thursday, July 10, 2025 at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastor John Hudson officiating.

AUBREY LYNN SHELTON

Aubrey Lynn Shelton, 48 years old, from Hurricane, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 after a sudden illness.

She is survived by her mother, Dreama Ann Fain; daughter, Isabella Rose Fazio (Chase Vance); sister, Ashley Searls (Stephen); niece, Lilly Searls; aunt, Judy Lewis (Uncle David); uncle, David Bishop; step uncle, Gary Fain, and step aunt, Shawna Fain Foster.

She had a large extended family including cousins, lifelong friends, and church family. Aubrey was of Pentecostal faith and grew up attending First Assembly of God Church in St Albans, now known as King's River Worship Center.

Aubrey came full circle in life....she was funny, kind, compassionate, and had a great love for animals. Her compassion extended beyond this life and she will live on through the three lives she was able to save through organ donation. Although her last years were challenging due to the effects of Myasthenia Gravis, a relentless autoimmune disease, she remained an incredible force in our family always providing humor, support, and love beyond measure. Aubrey was taken away too soon and our hearts are broken....but we stand on

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God's promise of eternal life where there will be no more tears, no more goodbyes, no more pain, and no more judgement. Reunion day is coming and until then heaven just got a little sweeter. A service to celebrate her life will follow at a later date.

JAMES SOVINE

James R. Sovine, affectionately known as "Coach," passed away peacefully on July 5, 2025, at the age of 91. He lived in Hurricane, West Virginia, with his devoted wife, Ruth Anne. A proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps, James went on to serve his community as a teacher and longtime football coach, impacting countless lives with his leadership, dedication, and heart. His passion for mentoring young people and his commitment to excellence left a lasting legacy both on and off the field.

Coach was an avid

outdoorsman who loved hunting, fishing, and tying his own flies for bait. He found joy in nature and cherished the time he spent doing what he loved.

He was preceded in death by his son, William "Rusty" Sovine.

He is survived by his loving wife Ruth Anne; his daughter Anita Stewart and her husband John of New Jersey; stepsons Jimmy Armstrong, Robbie Armstrong, and Jeff Daniels and his wife Jessica; stepdaughter Amy Overton and her husband Allen; and grandchildren Sean, Brittany and her husband Lord, Ian, and Jady, his great grandchildren Reza and Dara.

In accordance with his wishes, Coach Sovine was cremated. A celebration of his life was held on Thursday, July 10th, 2025, at Allen Funeral Home in Hurricane.

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Obituaries

RANDALL BARRETT

Randall H. Barrett, 85, of Hurricane, died peacefully July 7, 2025 at St. Marys Hospital after a long illness.

Randall was Born March 12, 1940 to the late Herman and Virginia Cummings Barrett in Hurricane. He was also preceded in death by his sister Donna Taylor and grandson Kevin Caleb Barrett.

Randall is survived by his wife Tassa Wanna Gibson Barrett and his sons Randy (Judy) of Winfield and Kevin (Chris) of South Charleston. 4 Grandchildren and 7 Great-Grandchildren.

He was a 1958 graduate of Hurricane High and retired from Asbestos local 80. He attended Hurricane First Baptist Church. Randall loved being outside hunting and enjoying his farm.

Funeral service will be Friday, July 11, 2025 at 11 a.m. at Allen Funeral Home in Hurricane with Alan Bays officiating. Burial will be held at Mt. Moriah Cemetery.

Visitation with family and friend will be Thursday July 10, 2025 from 6-8 pm at the funeral home.

DELBERT RAY CHILDERS

Delbert Ray Childers, 85, of Scott Depot, went Home to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, July 5, 2025, at home surrounded by his loving family after a short illness.

Born October 1, 1939, Delbert was one of four children born to the late Chester S. and Leona Bias Childers, of Winfield. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Glenna Coburn Childers, of 56 years, his daughter, Michelle Allen, his great-granddaughter, Addison Michelle Hazlett, his sister, Mildred Lowe, and his brothers, Hobert and Virgil Childers.

Delbert was a 1957 graduate of Winfield High School. In the early 1960's he served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era for two years and retired from the Carbide Institute Plant with over 40 years of service. After retirement, he worked at Lowe's in Nitro for almost 20 years. He was a member of Judson Baptist Church.

Delbert was devout Christian, husband, father, grandfather and

great-grandfather. Left to cherish his memory are his son, Stephen (Michelle) of Winfield; his daughter, Mia Huffman of Hurricane; his grandchildren: Ashley Hazlett (Shannon) of Scott Depot, David and Devin Childers of Winfield; and great-grandson, Grayson Hazlett of Scott Depot.

A service celebrating the life of Delbert was held Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at Judson Baptist Church, Winfield, with Rev. Bobby Goldsburg and Pastor Sam Gasaway officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

ROY LEE HIVELY

Roy Lee Hively, 56, of Poca, passed away Tuesday, July 1, 2025.

Roy was a laborer and attended Kingdom Life Fellowship Church. He enjoyed fishing and riding the back roads with his son Travis, but his life was Annette, Travis, and Jesus.

He is preceded in death by his parents Clarence and Helen Hively; brother Mike; and sisters Debbie, Millie, and Lucille.

He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Annette Sue Hively; son Travis Hively; brothers Bub and Glen; and sisters Sugar, Helen, and Sylvia.

A tribute to the life of Roy was held Saturday, July 5, 2025 at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Kevin E. Witcher officiating.

BRENDA JOYCE MCCLANAHAN

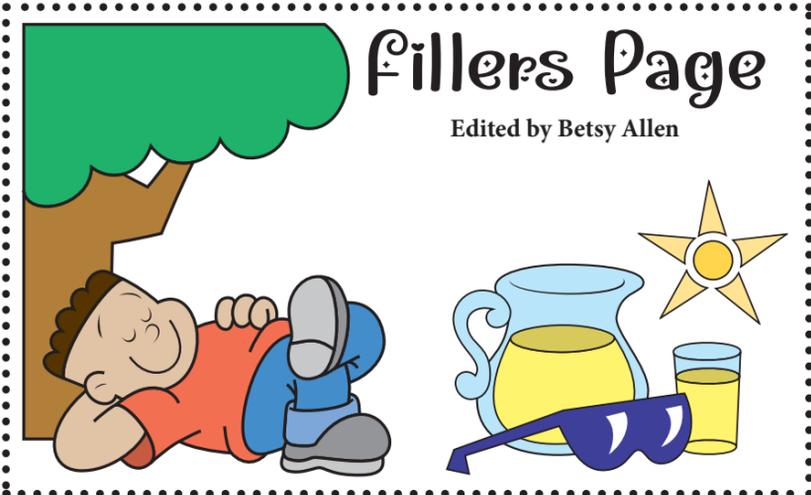
Brenda Joyce McClanahan, 82, of Poca, passed away Sunday, June 29, 2025, at home.

Brenda was a homemaker and a 1961 graduate of Poca High School.

She is preceded in death by her son Jesse McClanahan, parents Homer Lester and Rosetta Pearl Lovejoy, and sisters Mary Wilson and Mildred Cunningham.

Brenda is survived by her husband of 64 years, Bob McClanahan; son Bobby McClanahan; three grandsons Terry, Dylan, and Caleb; one great granddaughter; and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Friday, July 11, 2025 at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home.



Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen

Grace

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

At suppertimes when we sat down
To eat our evening meal
We stopped and gave some thanks to God
To sort of seal the deal

We called it saying Grace
I never gave it much thought
Why thank God for all this food
My Dad went out and bought

Through the years I realized
What Grace was all about
It's when you see good will
And acts of kindness standing out

So keep a watchful lookout
Sometimes Grace is hard to find
It's in some people's hearts
And lives in other people's minds

Grace is fine at suppertime
For those who want to give it
But Grace is most exemplified
By those who choose to live it

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Sorghum is non-GMO, gluten-free and a source of 13 essential nutrients. Sorghum can be enjoyed as whole and pearled grain, flour or popped like popcorn, making it a versatile ingredient you can incorporate into meal-planning. It's perfect for breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks.

Adding a new twist to mealtime can be a cinch. With sorghum, it's easy to achieve flavorful meals that have protein, fiber and other nutrients. Simply use your stove, a slow cooker, rice cooker or oven to prepare sorghum and replace the grain in your favorite recipes. Or discover a new favorite like this Sorghum BLT Salad.

For a quick and healthy snack, grab a handful of Popped Sorghum and feel good about eating between meals. You can purchase popped sorghum or prepare it yourself using one of many simple methods. A delicious alternative to popcorn, popped sorghum is quickly becoming a favorite snack option.

To discover more recipe inspiration and find easy ways to add sorghum to your family's favorite dishes, visit SorghumCheckoff.com.

Sorghum BLT Salad

Recipe courtesy of United Sorghum Checkoff Program

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes

Servings: 4-6

Dressing:

2/3 cup mayonnaise

1/4 cup milk

1 teaspoon garlic powder

1/4 teaspoon freshly cracked pepper

salt, to taste

Salad:

1 pound bacon

3 cups cooked whole-grain sorghum

1 head romaine lettuce, rinsed, dried and shredded

1-2 cups mixed greens, torn into 1-inch pieces

1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved

1/4 cup fresh parsley, coarsely chopped

4 green onions, thinly sliced

salt, to taste

pepper, to taste

Parmesan or goat cheese (optional)

To make dressing: Blend mayonnaise, milk, garlic powder and pepper until smooth and creamy. Season with salt, to taste. Refrigerate until ready to use.

To make salad: In large, deep skillet over medium-high heat, fry bacon. Turn frequently until evenly browned. Drain on paper towel and crumble.

In large bowl, combine sorghum, lettuce, mixed greens, tomatoes, parsley, green onions and bacon. Season with salt and pepper, to taste, and toss with dressing. Top with Parmesan or goat cheese, if desired, and serve.

Popped Sorghum

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Prep time: 1-2 minutes

Cook time: 4-6 minutes

Servings: 2

2 teaspoons oil of choice (optional)

1/2 cup whole-grain sorghum

salt or seasoning of choice

Heat stainless steel pot with tight-fitting lid over medium heat. Add oil, if desired. When hot, add whole-grain sorghum and cover with lid. Shake pot often to prevent burning. When there are more than 10 seconds between pops, remove from heat. Sprinkle lightly with salt or seasonings of choice.

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

No one plays the victim better than the one who caused the damage.

Opportunity does not waste time with those who are unprepared.

We had an amazing playroom growing up - it was called outside.

I lift weights on the weekends because the rest are weekdays.

Try being a rainbow when friends are caught in a storm.

Whoever dies without Christ will never rest in peace.

Gratefulness is not a feeling, it's a practice.

When creating women, God made a promise to men that good and obedient wives will be found in all corners of the world. Then he laughed and made the earth round.

An adult doggy told a puppy, "They give you a lot of treats while they're training you, so play dumb for as long as you can."

One of the most terrifying moments in life is when the toilet paper is gone, followed up by the toilet refusing to flush at someone else's house.

A broken drum makes a gift you just can't beat.

Trusting a doggy just feels safer than trusting most people.

A big house is nice, but a happy home is what matters most.

There are three stages in life: youth, middle age, and "You're looking good."

Once you carry your own water, you will learn the value of every drop.

You know you're getting old(er) when you have more doctors than friends.

We should count our blessings, but we should also make our blessings count.

When a person doesn't have gratitude, something is missing in his or her humanity.

The Bible will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from the Bible.

Sometimes the best ideas come when you're just daydreaming.

The art of communication is the language of leadership.

When people disrespect you, confront them immediately.

Invest in yourself and focus on making yourself happy.

Love makes your soul crawl out from its hiding place.

He who does not thank for little will not thank for much.

You don't need to have the right words. Just being there is more than enough.



To my fillers readers: In case no one has told you lately, you are beautiful, amazing and loved.

I walk through familiar places, hoping for a glimpse of what used to be.

Even when one sees your effort you're still doing your best.

Some friendships don't need many words, just a little space, and a lot of heart.

Healing isn't loud. Sometimes, it's just breathing through another day.

It's so hot outside when I opened the door I thought I was checking on cornbread.

Having one child make you a parent; having two, you are a referee. - David Frost

You never know how much one kind act can mean, especially on a heavy day.

The pledge of allegiance was a mandatory part of my day when I grew up.

You know you're getting old when you clean to the music that you used to party to.

Real generosity towards the future lies in giving all to the present.

It's still a good day to try, even if your umbrella is a little broken.

One thing I hate more than a liar is a liar who thinks I'm dumb.

Having your phone on silent is all fun and games until you can't find it.

Sleeping next to someone you love makes you fall asleep faster. It reduces depression and helps you live longer - until they start to snore.

I'll never be okay with donut shops cutting a hole in my doughnut, then charging me separately for the same hole they rob me of.

Family is always having someone you can count on.

The best way to cheer yourself up is trying to cheer somebody else up.

Life itself has no meaning, life is an opportunity to create a meaning.

Confidence isn't "they'll like me," it's "I'll be fine if they don't."

Jesus is the only light that can get you out of the darkness.

You can't buy happiness, but you can buy ice cream.

Life is like a roller coaster, so hold on tight.

Giving to others can bring you joy.

Do an anonymous selfless act once a week.

Appreciate those who have a positive attitude.

Wake up each day and try to make a difference.

I think I will skip dinner and go straight to dessert.

Situation will teach you the real meaning of life.

To care for others is an honorable quality.

It's easy to smile; give it a try.

If we really want to boldly send millionaires where no millionaires have gone before, we should just send them to the tax office.

I'm not sure what my goal weight is, but it's somewhere around being able to clip my toenails and breathing at the same time.

We wanted to be adults so bad. Now look at us, stressed, broke, tired, and excited when laundry is done.

Abounding sin is the terror of the world, but abounding grace is the hope of mankind.

As you get older three things happen. The first is your memory goes, and I can't remember the other two.

Did you know if you garden naked your neighbors will build a privacy fence at no cost to you?

Nothing refreshes my memory of what I need at the grocery store like coming home from the grocery store.

I'm so sick of ugly. I'm not talking about physical looks. I'm talking about ugly hearts, ugly souls, and ugly actions.

Being a woman is hard. You always want to buy something, slap someone, lose weight, and eat something sweet.

I don't know about you, but I have thought about running away more as an adult than I ever did as a kid.

Don't wear headphones while vacuuming. I just finished the who house before realizing the vacuum wasn't plugged in.

Some hold onto memories so tight because memories are the only things that don't change when everybody else does.

Bible Verse



No one lights a lamp and hides it in a clay jar or puts it under a bed. Instead, they put it on a stand, so that those who come in can see the light.
— Luke 8:16

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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:

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Administratrix: Brian Brafford
17 Platinum Drive
Chesapeake, OH 45619

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Administratrix: Campbell
Scott E Campbell
156 New Haven Drive
Buffalo, WV 25033

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4756 Grandview
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155 Lillian Drive
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526 16th Street
Dunbar, WV 25064

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191 Wood Station
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15 Hazel Circle
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3902 McLane Pike
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101 Jaguar Lane
Scott Depot, WV 25560

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1650 Evergreen Rd
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In Re: Change of Name from Michaela Jean Milam to Michaela Jean Mitchell

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING

Civil Action No. 25-P-72
Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia

Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of July, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Judge Phillip Stowers, Michaela Jean Milam will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia for the entry of an order by said Court, changing her name from Michaela Jean Milam to Michaela Jean Mitchell, at which time and place any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire.

You are hereby notified that this matter may be rescheduled without further notice or publication.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office at 12093 Winfield Road, Ste. 12, Winfield, WV 25213.

ENTERED by the Clerk of said Court this 11th day of June, 2025.
Stephanie M. Smith/hcn
Putnam County Circuit Clerk
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All persons having claims against the estate(s) of any of the above-named deceased persons whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims with vouchers thereof, legally verified, to the fiduciary of such deceased person as shown above within 60 days of 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

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
7-10-2t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

To: Magistrate Court Case No. 25-M40D-00125

Darius Ozwan Ball

Respondent's Name
125 Griffin Drive Family
Charleston WV 25312 Court Civil:
Respondent's Address Civil Action
1-26-1993 No.: 25-DV-100

Date of Birth
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 07-29-2025. The Respondent may appeal this Protective Order pursuant to W. Va. Code § 48-27-510, within 10 days of the date of the order was entered.



JOHNNY CARPENTER Turkey Creek Road Hurricane 58th Birthday July 3	Birthday July 13
HAVEN RAY SOVINE 2115 Crooked Creek Road Scott Depot 19th Birthday July 6	NORMAN PAUL SPENCE Box 35 Bias Fork Road West Hamlin 36th Birthday July 13
KIERA MANCHESTER Jones Cove Hurricane 23rd Birthday July 6	GARY SMITH, JR. 19 Washington Hill Road Hurricane 57th Birthday July 13
SUSIE BALL ORDERS 353 Baker Lane Charleston 92nd Birthday July 11	DANNY MOORE Winfield 47th Birthday July 13
BREANNA LYNN ROBERTS 187 Elva Drive Hurricane 24th Birthday July 11	TERRY WELLS 575 Deerfield Drive Winfield 78th Birthday July 14
CATHY QUALLS FRALEY 183 Pine Ridge Road Scott Depot 70th Birthday July 11	SHIRLEY HENSON KIDD Columbus, Ohio 85th Birthday July 14
KIM PHILLIPS 152 Hidden Valley Estates Scott Depot 52nd Birthday July 11	CONNIE WILLIAMS 913 Rear Little Fudge Creek Road Barboursville 72nd Birthday July 14
DONNA HIGGINBOTHAM 1549 Spring Branch Road Leon 84th Birthday July 11	JACKIE LEE ROSE SR 2662 2nd Street Hurricane 79th Birthday July 14
GERI DILLON LAPELLE Huntington 42nd Birthday July 12	JEFFREY KING North Carolina 54th Birthday July 14
BETTY BIAS 230 Railroad Avenue Branchland 81st Birthday July 12	GREG BIRD 638 Sleepy Hollow Road Hurricane 55th Birthday July 14
GARY EGGLETON 15 Barbara Circle Scott Depot 76th Birthday July 12	TITUS AARON ASHWORTH 4714 5&20 Mile Road Frazier's Bottom 10th Birthday July 14
TIM MESSINGER 340 Fall Creek Branchland 58th Birthday July 12	COOKIE LEADMON 2017 Trace Creek Road Hurricane 19th Birthday July 15
CHARLENE ARMSTEAD 1047 Charley's Creek Road Culloden 52nd Birthday July 13	GAVIN DUNCAN St. Albans 18th Birthday July 15
DAVID CORNELL Route 2, Box 120-A Milton	BEVERLY LEMLEY 1307 3rd Street Milton 67th Birthday July 15
	DR. CHELSEA PAULEY MANNON 122 Countryside Estates Scott Depot

Harold Thomas Enrolled at Hiram College

Harold Thomas of Bancroft has been accepted to Hiram College as a member of the class of 2029. Students will join the Terrier family this fall as they begin classes at Hiram.

About Hiram College: Founded in 1850, Hiram College continues today as one of the nation's most respected liberal arts institutions. Located in Ohio's Western Reserve, Hiram has long been committed to educational excellence, helping students develop a 21st-century skill set and mindset that will allow them to thrive in their personal lives, at a time when societal changes are constant and complex. The College's New Liberal Arts prepares students to answer tough questions, solve complex problems, and communicate their ideas through a broad, interdisciplinary curriculum.

Hiram enrolls approximately 1,000 students in its traditional program and about 200 adult learners in its Weekend College and Professional and Graduate Studies programs. For more information, please visit www.hiram.edu.

Emma Allman Named to President's List

Emma Allman, of Hurricane was named to the Mississippi State University spring 2025 President's List.

Students on the President's List achieved a 3.80 or better grade-point average, based on a 4.0 scale, while completing at least 12 semester hours of coursework with no incomplete grades or grades lower than a C.

About Mississippi State University

Mississippi State University is a national STEM-focused, doctoral degree-granting, land-grant university offering a wide range of educational experiences for learning and growth to a diverse student body of more than 23,000 students.

Blood Drive at Forrest Burdette Next Friday

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, July 18, from noon to 5 p.m. at Forrest Burdette Fellowship Hall, Putnam Avenue, Hurricane.

Register at: RedCrossBlood.org and enter HURRICANECOM.

If you have questions, call 304-545-0096.

Happy Anniversary

Scott and Darcie Augeri of Sleepy Creek Road, Hurricane, celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary on July 4.

Greg and Stacy Losh of Culloden will celebrate their sixteenth wedding anniversary on July 11.

Brandon and Candy Scarberry of John's Creek Road in Milton

37th Birthday July 15

D W "PEACHY" ARTHUR
1355 Hereford Road
Hurricane
Birthday July 15

JAMES FAULKNER
Picture Rocks, Arizona
83rd Birthday July 15

PATTY MILBEE SHIRKEY
Flatwoods, Kentucky
76th Birthday July 16

KENNETH ROOPER
390 Teays Lane
Hurricane
80th Birthday July 16

EDDIE RUSHBROOK
Scott Depot
75th Birthday July 16

JACK McLANE Eleanor
Birthday July 16

HANNAH HAGE CHILDERS
Hurricane
41st Birthday July 16

SHIRLEY SHEPPARD
1733 2nd Street
Milton
70th Birthday July 17

SUMMER DAWN PAYNE-BOLTON
Milton
25th Birthday July 17

GORDON LEGG
2844 Virginia Avenue
Hurricane
78th Birthday July 17

ANNETTE DAVIS LUNSFORD
1110 Church Street
Milton
89th Birthday July 17

ZIGGY SHEETS
Culloden
5th Birthday July 17

will celebrate their ninth wedding anniversary on July 11.

Michael and Lisa Spurlock Tincher of Hurricane will celebrate their twenty-ninth wedding anniversary on July 11.

Edward (Buddy) and Gayle Chapman of 5201 5&20 Road in Frazier's Bottom will celebrate their fifty-first wedding anniversary on July 12.

Danny and Sue Hudnall of 78 Chapman Drive in Milton will celebrate their wedding anniversary on July 12.

Greg and Angela Sovine Bird of 193 SW Atlas Drive in Fort White, Florida, will celebrate their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary on July 13.

Mitchell and Jennifer Day Farrar of 574 Fairwood Road in Huntington will celebrate their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary on July 14.

Darren Rodney and Lora Vance of 4217 Lon Bledsoe Road in Milton will celebrate their fifteenth wedding anniversary on July 14.

Rev. John and Elaine Hathaway of 1360 Hillview Drive in Milton will celebrate their wedding anniversary on July 15.

Michael and Angel Qualls Willis of Yates Crossing in Milton will celebrate their nineteenth wedding anniversary on July 15.

Dan and Kathy Burdette Cornell of Key West, Florida, will celebrate their twenty-ninth wedding anniversary on July 15.

Lonnie Womack of Hurricane will celebrate their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary on July 16.

David and Melissa Koontz Erwin of Hurricane will celebrate their thirty-third wedding anniversary on July 17.

Buffalo Church Of God Hosting Road Trip VBS

The Buffalo Church of God, will host VBS "ROAD TRIP" July 28 - August 1, from 6:30 - 8:45 p.m. nightly. Age groups toddlers through middle school will enjoy Bible lessons (On the road with God), crafts, puppets, music, delicious road trip food, games each night; with Inflatables, hot dogs, ice cream truck on Friday night.

The church is located at Route 62 and Church Street, Buffalo.

Everyone Welcome.

Fraziers Bottom Methodist VBS

Fraziers Bottom Methodist will have a three day Bible School from July 28-30 beginning at 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. The theme of this year's VBS is "Christmas In July." Kids middle school and under will enjoy Bible stories, singing, crafts, snacks and games.

The church is located just off Rt. 817 at 1 Church Lane, Fraziers Bottom. Everyone is welcome. Check out the church's Facebook Page for more information.

Feel the Wheels At Poca Library

Cool vehicles of all kinds are parking at the Poca Library to explore and experience. See a school bus, bucket truck, fire truck, garbage truck, and more in the middle school parking lot behind the Poca Library on Tuesday, July 15, at 10 a.m.

Bluey Day at Eleanor Library

The Eleanor Library will be holding Bluey Day on Wednesday, July 16. There will be activities, photo ops, and games like Keepy Uppy from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Available Pets at the Putnam County Animal Shelter

These are some of the many pets up for adoption at the Putnam County Animal Shelter. By the time that this issue of the Hurricane Breeze is published, these animals may have already been adopted and found forever homes. However, there are many pets at the shelter that still need homes. For more information, call the Putnam County Animal Shelter at 304-586-0249, or visit animalshelter.putnamcountywv.gov



Una is a female domestic shorthair cat, estimated to be around 5 years old.



Daisy is a ten-year-old mixed breed female dog.



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