

# The Hurricane Breeze

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## Putnam County Commission Addresses Property Tax Issues

By Ron Allen  
The Putnam County Commission meeting of Tuesday, July 29th, was a bit out of the ordinary. WCHS-TV was in attendance. The electronic media does not usually go to the expense of dispatching a reporter to a county commission meeting unless there is a newsworthy item will come before the commission. The meeting agenda listed four items, none of which would warrant television coverage — appointment of humane officers, a budget revision, a small grant for record keeping management, and a change order for the county's fiberoptic project.

The reason for television coverage of the meeting did not become apparent until the public comment period, the very last agenda item. Three individuals addressed the commission concerning increased property taxes.

County residents voted to replace the long-time fire fee with a special fire levy in May of 2024. The levy added 5¢ per \$100 of assessed value to the tax bill of individual home owners and 10¢ per \$100 to the tax bill of business property owners. The real cost of the fire levy became known when property tax bills were mailed in July.

The three who addressed the commission had not anticipated the tax bills which they received. While the fire levy is an additional tax, it is not the only reason for increased tax tickets. Taxes reflect the assessed value of the

property. Property values have steadily increased in Putnam County.

One resident said that his taxes had increased \$1000 in the last two years. Tax records reveal that assessed value of his property has increased by 25% between 2023 and 2025. Commissioner Andy Skidmore said that accuracy checks of the assessed values in the vast majority of cases have found that the numbers are correct.

Another property owner questioned receiving a fire fee billing in February and a tax bill in July that funded fire service. Skidmore said the fire fee billing funded fire service for the fiscal year prior to the year funded by the fire levy.

Sheriff Bobby Eggleton used the commission meeting to recognize the service of long-time employee Cindy Hall who was forced into retirement by the debilitating effects of her cancer treatments. Eggleton also recognized the life-saving actions of Deputy Matthew Wood who applied a tourniquet to a gun-shot victim during an incident on July 17th when he was subject to gunfire.

In other business, the commission appointed Richard Boehm to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Ashley Fisher to the Putnam County Animal Shelter Board.

The next Putnam County Commission meeting will be August 12th. Putnam County Commission

## Porsches' Visit Brings The Exotic to Valley Park



Above: One of several lines of exotic cars on display in the big field at Valley Park on Saturday, August 2nd.

Right: Joel Cost, the organizer of Porsches in the Park, stands beside his 1994 Guards Red Porsche 911 Turbo.



By Betsy Allen  
A plethora of Porsches rolled into Valley Park last Saturday, August 2, for a special exotic car social held in the field near the pond. While participation in the event was by invitation only, the public was invited to attend Porsches in the Park and admire the luxury cars on display.

Over 50 Porsches and other exotic cars were exhibited at Saturday's show. When cars are referred to as "exotic," it means that they are

exclusive vehicles with unique aesthetics, striking features, powerful engines, and cutting-edge technology. They often have limited production numbers, contributing to their rarity.

Porsches in the Park was organized by Joel Cost, a dentist from Barboursville. An exotic car aficionado and proud Porsche owner,

he is a member of the Ohio Valley Region Porsche Club of America.

While Putnam County is home to many cruise-ins and car shows — and even a few brand-specific events — Porsches in the Park was first exotic car show to be held in this area. Cost wants to hold other events in the future, with the goal to bring together the exotic

car community of West Virginia.

"There was a great turnout," Cost said about Porsches in the Park. "It's nice to have events like this in West Virginia."

Cost is looking for participants for future exotic car events. Those interested can email him at [wvexoticcargroup@gmail.com](mailto:wvexoticcargroup@gmail.com)

## Good News for Hurricane Bridges and Bridge Park

By Ron Allen  
Hurricane City Council opened its monthly meeting on August 4 by recognizing the 2025 State Champion High School baseball team. The Hurricane Redskins won the Class AAAA title in June, their fifth state title.

Following recognition and a photo session, council heard updates from department heads. City manager Andy Skidmore had good news concerning three bridges which the city is charged with maintaining. Skidmore reported that State funding will allow the city to address issues at the entrance bridge to City Park, the bridge at Lexington Estates, and the bridge over the CSX on Conner Street.

Skidmore also announced that State

Senator Tarr has obtained funds to construct a bridge which will connect lower Bridge Park (Midland Trail) to upper Bridge Park (Putnam County Bank Sports Complex). The bridge will provide direct emergency access to the Sports Complex from the Hurricane Fire Station. Skidmore stated that the bridge could also serve as a pedestrian route between the two sections of the park. Skidmore said that the Sports Complex is completely booked for 2026 and that he is receiving inquiries about 2027 availability.

Skidmore informed council that water and electricity will be coming to the shelter above the bowl area at Meeks Mountain Trail. The city will install a conduit beneath the CSX tracks at

City Park.

In new business, the council held second readings on ordinances which will bring three parcels of city owned property into corporate limits. Council held the first reading of an ordinance which will allow the annexation of 3.42 acres of privately owned land adjacent to the former Teays Valley Tire property.

In related business, council authorized Mayor Edwards to sign deeds affiliated with the 3.42 acres. The city will purchase a right-of-way which will serve as a shared access to Teays Valley Road for both the Teays Valley Tire and 3.42-acre properties.

Council approved the expenditure of opioid settlement money for a

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## Horse Show Produces Scholarship Funds



Macy Cunningham, 14, competed with her horse Big Booty Judy. A former student from George Washington Middle School, she is now enrolled in Sissonville High School, where she is a member of the FFA. She is pictured with 2025 Miss Putnam County Fair Emma Luikart of Leon and Preteen Miss Putnam County Fair Ella Grant of Southside.

By Betsy Allen  
The 6th Annual Punam County Fair Horse Show was held on Saturday, August 2, at the Winfield Riding Club. The event was open to all ages, with both children and adults completing in forty different classes. Some of the classes included barrel racing, a costume

contest for both riders and horses, and various gaits such as walking and trotting. Around 50 people competed in the show, most of whom came from Putnam and Kanawha Counties.

The horse show is a fundraiser for the Derek Casto Memorial Scholarship for youth in 4-H and Future Farmers of

America. The scholarship provides \$500 to high school seniors and recent graduates for higher education. The money can be used for college or trade school, depending upon which career path an individual wishes to take.

Samaria Cobb, one of the event coordinators,

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The 2025 West Virginia State Champion Class AAAA High School Hurricane Redskins Baseball Team was honored at city council meeting.

WEATHER SUMMARY		
July 29 - August 4		
	Low	High
July 29		
Hurricane	67°	90°
July 30		
Hurricane	68°	93°
July 31		
Hurricane	65°	90°
August 1		
Hurricane	62°	74°
August 2		
Hurricane	59°	78°
August 3		
Hurricane	55°	85°
August 4		
Hurricane	59°	84°

\*RAIN  
None recorded

## 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.

### NOW - AUGUST 9

- The Mason County Fair will be held at the fairgrounds in Point Pleasant.

- Shiloah Independent Church, 117 Shilo Road, Red House, will be hosting What A Mess Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8 p.m. nightly.

### AUGUST 8

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

- There will be an End of Summer Bash Pool Party from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Eleanor Pool.

- DirtBusters will be hosting Business Before Business from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Area 34, 971 State Route 34, Teays Valley. RSVP by calling 304-757-6510.

- There will be a Goodwill Donation Drive Fundraiser for Putnam Clover STEMs at Valley Park in Hurricane. The trailer will be unlocked from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- There will be a baby gator shower from 3 to 6 p.m. at Zoology Zone Science Center at Valley Park in Hurricane.

### AUGUST 9

- There will be a workshop on Wildlife Habitats 101: Bat Houses at 10 a.m. at West Sattes Community Center, 234 Lee Street, Valentine Circle, Nitro.

- There will be a gigantic yard sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Nitro High School.

- Oakwood Homes, 1 Pickens Road, Nitro,

will be holding a Back to School Bash from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free school supplies, face painting, bounce house, and more.

- Coffee With A Twist, 101 Main Avenue, will be holding a back to school bash at 2 p.m. Free backpack giveaway, haircuts, games, and more.

- There will be an Under the Sea Night Swim from 8:30 to 11 p.m. at the Eleanor Park.

- Winfield Nazarene Church, 10822 Winfield Road, will be hosting a men's night featuring cornhole and cookout from 6 to 8 p.m.

- The Bridge Church will be holding Summer Night Concert at 8 p.m. at Camp Appalachia, 30 Mess Hall Road, Scott Depot. The cost is \$10 per person. For tickets go to <https://bridgechurchwv.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/107/responses/new>

- The Davis Family Reunion will be held at the Hurricane City Sprayground from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m.

- Valley Vintage, 404B Midland Trail, Hurricane, will be holding their final closing sale from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- The Hurricane Citywide Yardsale will be held throughout the city from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### AUGUST 10

- John's Cyclery will be holding a mountain bike ride from 2 to 4 pm. at Ridenour Lake in Nitro. The ride starts from the trailhead beside the pump track.

- Nitro Church of God, 1517 15th Street, Nitro, will be offering free back to school kids haircuts and school supplies from 12:30 to 6 p.m.

- The Bridge Church, 279 Dairy Road, Poca, will be holding a young adult worship night starting at 6:30 p.m.

### AUGUST 11

- There will be a ribbon cutting at 8 a.m. at the Human Bean, 27 Valley Pointe, Hurricane.

### AUGUST 12

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

- There will be a ribbon cutting at Sparkle Splash Laundromat, 11624 Winfield Road, Winfield, at 10 a.m.

- There will be a Lunch & Learn with Marshall Health Toxicology at noon at Area 34, 971 State Route 34, Hurricane. Register by calling (304) 757-6510.

### AUGUST 14

- There will be a ladies' board game night from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Winfield Nazarene Church, 10822 Winfield Road.

- Putnam Aging will hold its 2025 Senior Picnic from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane. The theme will be the Groovy 70's.

### AUGUST 15 - 16

- Hillbilly Days Fair will be held at the Lincoln County Memorial Fairgrounds in Hamlin.

- Homestead Days - Eleanor's 90th Anniversary Celebration - will be held in Eleanor.

### AUGUST 15

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

- There will be an Eleanor Community Pool Party starting at 6 p.m. with a 5K, live music, games, and more.

- The Meeks Mountain Trails Slush Fun Run Hike and Bike will start at 6 p.m. Meet up at the big red barn at Hurricane

## The 100th Annual State Fair To Begin Thursday, August 7

The countdown is over—the 100th Annual State Fair of West Virginia is set to begin on Thursday, August 7, and will run through Saturday, August 16, in Lewisburg! Gates open each day at 8 AM with carnival rides open from 11 AM to 11 PM.

This milestone year promises to be one to remember, with 10 full days of carnival rides, live entertainment, agricultural exhibits, delicious fair food, and one-of-a-kind experiences.

"We are beyond excited to welcome guests to this historic year," said Kelly Collins, CEO of the State Fair of West Virginia. "For 100 years, the State Fair has brought West Virginians and visitors together to celebrate agriculture, family fun, and community. This year, we're honoring that legacy while creating new memories for the next generation."

Daily attractions include the Sea Lion Splash Show, Swiftly Swine Pig Racing, Oregon Trail Display, Hot Glass Academy, the Moogician, and the return of Hypnotist Catherine Hickland to the UScellular Free Stage!

The 2025 Concert Series features TPAIN (8/7), Kansas and 38 SPECIAL (8/8), Buckin' B Bull Ride (8/9), Zach Top with Special Guest Cole Goodwin (8/10), Cornell Gunter's Coasters, Drifters, and Platters (8/11), Nate Smith with Special Guest Preston Cooper (8/12), Wyatt Flores with Special Guest Kashus Culpepper (8/13), Lauren Daigle with Special Guest Franni Cash (8/14), Jeff Dunham

(8/15), Miranda Lambert with Special Guest Myles Morgan (8/16).

Keeping true to tradition, the fair has a full 10-day schedule of livestock events, including the WV High School Rodeo, Junior 4-H and FFA livestock shows, horse shows, and the memorable and fan-favorite Draft Horse Pull on Friday, August 15 at 9 AM!

To celebrate the 100th annual event, the State Fair will feature food specials from vendors, special merchandise, and a drone show on Friday, August 15! Fireworks will once again be on both Saturdays!

The gate specials offered throughout the week include a discounted \$10 admission Monday – Thursday, as well as a Dollar Day on Tuesday, August 12 and \$5 admission on Thursday, August 14! Communities in Schools of Greenbrier County – Tools for School Supply Drive will be on Monday, August 11 - bring in 3 school supply items or 2 personal hygiene products and receive a coupon to use that day for \$25 for rides and gate admission. Children ages 10 and under will once again get in free all day, every day.

The State Fair of West Virginia, with a \$16.9 million-dollar statewide economic impact, is a 501 ©3 non-profit corporation committed to the traditions of agriculture, family entertainment, and education. The 100th annual State Fair of West Virginia is a 10-day event scheduled for August 7-16, 2025. For more information, please visit [www.statefairfowv.com](http://www.statefairfowv.com).

## The Human Bean Turns Drink Purchases Into Community Meals

The Human Bean is hosting its 12th Annual Food Drive at locations across the U.S. on Friday, August 8. On this special day, one dollar for every drink sold will be donated to local food pantries and programs.

While many food distribution centers receive donations during the holidays, hunger doesn't know a season. So each year, The Human Bean opts to host a giveback event during the summer months when pantry stocks are generally low and the need is greater.

"Lots of food drives happen over the holidays, but shelves can use additional stocking in the summertime when the need for individuals and families is high," says Janie Page, chief marketing officer of The Human Bean. "We're honored to hold this event each August with our customers and franchise partners to help feed local communities."

On average, one dollar provides three meals for those in need. Last year, The Human Bean locations were able to collectively fund the City Park.

- Poolside Pages will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane. Admission is \$5. Come read or relax for an evening of self care. Adults only.

- The Wagenfolks VW Club will be holding a Bug Out Cruz-In for VW Bugs from 6 p.m. until dark at the Putnam County Bank parking lot behind McDonalds in Hurricane.

equivalent of 202,998 meals. Each participating drive-thru chooses a local food bank to support.

"The Human Bean is such an amazing partner in the Laramie community," shares Sarah Kirkland, Former Deputy Director of Laramie Soup Kitchen in Wyoming. "The funds from this event can provide up to 7,500 meals worth of food costs."

Customers are invited to visit any of The Human Bean locations nationwide on Friday, August 8 to be a part of the fight against hunger. More information about the Annual Food Drive and a drive-thru locator are available at [thehumanbean.com](http://thehumanbean.com)

### Free Ad Space

The Breeze is offering free ads to individuals and organizations. Yard sales, estate sales, home appliances, personal items, etc.

Space is limited. Submission by email is preferred ([breezenews@citynet.net](mailto:breezenews@citynet.net)).

### YARD SALES

There will be a yard sale on Saturday, August 9, at 104 Belle Acres, Scott Depot.

### FOR SALE

Elvis Presley 15 Card Collection. \$50. 304-743-1325.

## The Breeze on Microfilm

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

## The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

Visiting family is the best... my family, here in Florida, live about one half mile behind me. I have been here four plus years, and I have to say the north sounds better and better. The boys are growing up.

I returned to Greenwood/Indy area this month/July. The flight was, of course, delayed... that being said, smooth quick flight, and there I was.

My daughter and I had much business to attend to... another column... we did not get to go to WV, as we did in June. We did not get to visit friends. However, seeing Sophie again was fantastic, and Margaret was home for college break... great time.

Margaret and Sophie were on NYC visiting Katelyn during the first few days of my visit. We made up for lost time when they arrived home. Margaret had been in Prague studying this summer. While she was there, she visited Austria and Italy... and spent some time in Ireland's airport. She will be a junior at Purdue, and she has plans for more overseas studies.

The grand girls are amazing... putting themselves through college... studying abroad... all three of them... only Sophie has a car, and that has just been for a few months... they do without sharing

family vehicle... I am so proud of them.

I love Indiana... love being with family there, and I miss the seasons... Florida is perfect for snowbirds.

This woman is blessed with family. They treat me like royalty and never ask anything of me... I am lucky... God has been good to me.

Tomorrow is my eldest granddaughter's birthday. Twenty six... I remember 5e day I became Nana. She named me, along with her mom. Nana became my title for all five of my grands. I am proud to be Nana.

I remember my sweet wonderful grandmother... Mama Coyner... the mother of my mother. She was a second mother to me... oh, I wish I could see her one more time... memories of those days... no wonder we call them the good old days.

My sweet daughter just had her birthday, and we Celebrated, low key, in Indy. No big parties for any of us... we like it this way. My gift from God. kathyne Kristen Burke Taylor... 7/17/72... WV born and strong...

I am having fun living in Florida... I look forward to moving north in the near future... this will be my 30 something move... easy... easy... easy because the way we were is the way we are... just too young to settle in one place...

## 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](http://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

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# Putnam Educator Finalist for 2026 Teacher of the Year

By Ron Allen

The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) named five finalists for the 2026 West Virginia Teacher of the Year. Finalists are chosen from among 55 county winners who have exhibited dedication to their profession and student success through their commitment to student learning and overall success.

Brooke Davis, an English teacher at Buffalo High School, is among the final five. Davis graduated summa cum laude from West Virginia State University with both a Bachelor of Science in Education and a Master of Education in Instructional Leadership. She is pursuing National Board Certification to strengthen her teaching practice and impact on student learning. Her teaching experience spans multiple settings, including middle school and a career technical education center, where she integrated literacy instruction with real-world, career-oriented content.

As a passionate and dedicated educator, Davis fosters a positive school culture through her roles as Faculty Senate president, student council sponsor and Academic Showdown team coach. She has served two terms on the Local School Improvement Council. In her classroom, she adapts the Building Thinking Classrooms framework, originally developed for mathematics, to meet English language arts standards. This approach emphasizes student



Brooke Davis

collaboration, critical thinking and ownership of learning.

The West Virginia Teacher of the Year program is one of the longest-running teacher-recognition programs in the country. It is designed to honor teachers of excellence and elevate the profession for the impact it has on our state.

The WVDE will honor all School Service Personnel of the Year and Teacher of the Year finalists and name the 2026 winners during a ceremony at the West Virginia Culture Center in Charleston on Tuesday, September 9, 2025.

contemporary.

Aug. 11, 1844: Emanuel Willis Wilson was born at Harpers Ferry. He served as the seventh governor of West Virginia from 1885 to 1890.

Aug. 11, 1910: Funeral director Elizabeth Harden Gilmore was born in Charleston. In 1958, she was an original organizer of West Virginia's first Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) chapter and, on her 48th birthday, began leading demonstrations that desegregated Charleston businesses.

Aug. 11, 1974: Singer Landau Eugene Murphy Jr. was born in Logan. In 2011, he won the nationally televised America's Got Talent competition, performing standards. His win offered him a chance to perform at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas.

Aug. 11, 1994: The Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge became the 500th refuge in the National Wildlife Refuge system. It is one of the largest and most diverse freshwater wetland areas in central and southern Appalachia.

## Hurricane Council

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service which will unlock phones and devices of suspects arrested in drug trafficking. The cost is \$10,000 the first year and \$7,000 in subsequent years.

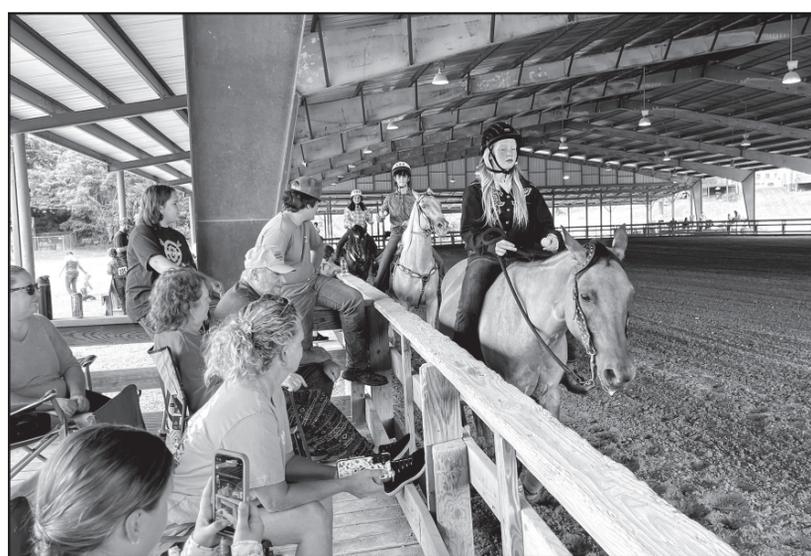
Council also approved a cable franchise agreement with Comcast. The agreement makes a way for Comcast to install fiberoptic cable to potential customers throughout the city. No government funds would be required.

Council responded to a request to waive second

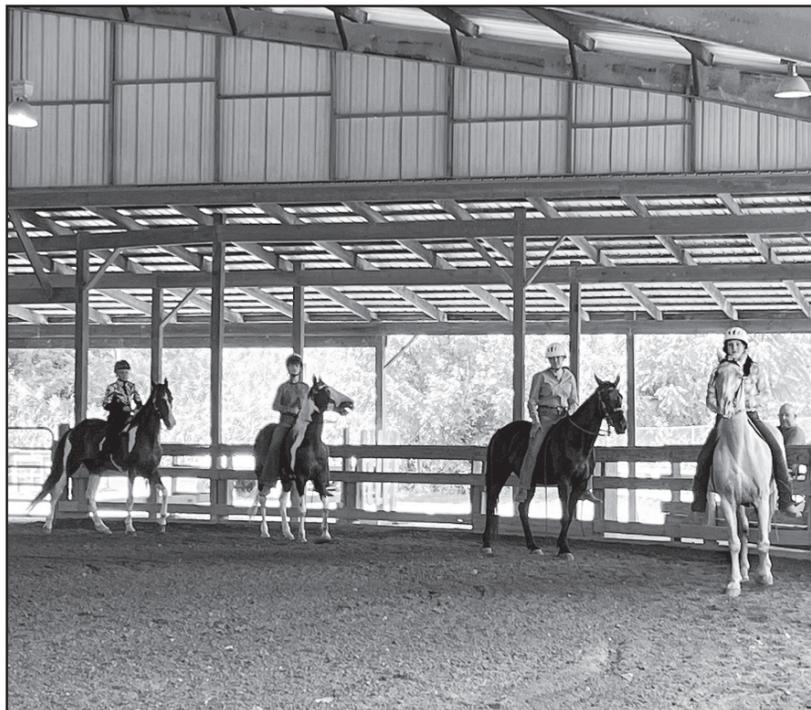
# Putnam County Fair Horse Show Produces Scholarship Funds



Lindsey and Jessie Matheny of Liberty pose with their daughter Georgia, who is sitting atop Beauty, a miniature horse.



Riders carefully balance eggs atop spoons as they ride around the ring in one of the 40 different classes at the show.



Riders rode bareback for one of the competition classes.

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thanks everyone who participated in the show, as

well as the Winfield Riding Club for their facility.

The scholarship was named in honor of Derek Casto, who was a former

president of the Putnam County Fair board. Casto was also very involved in the local horse scene.

### Military Veterans

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Sheriff, Putnam County



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

Aug. 7, 1864: In what became known as the Battle of Moorefield, Union troops under Gen. William W. Averell attacked the headquarters of Gen. Bradley Johnson. The Confederates were routed and fled south into the town; the Union captured 500 men and 400 horses.

Aug. 7, 1877: West Virginia voters chose Charleston as the state capital over Clarksburg and Martinsburg.

Aug. 7, 1893: Parsons became the county seat of Tucker County. Parsons was named for Ward Parsons, a prominent resident and the largest landholder.

Aug. 8, 1915: Businessman Alex Schoenbaum was born in Richmond, Va. After settling in Charleston in 1943, he went into the restaurant business. His restaurants were named Shoney's when Schoenbaum's nickname was selected in an employee contest.

Aug. 9, 1916: A storm front from the northwest dumped nearly six inches of rain in less than five hours on the headwaters of Cabin Creek in eastern Kanawha County; 71 people died, and 900 homes were destroyed in the flood.

Aug. 9, 1927: Matthew Reese was born in Huntington. During the 1960 presidential Democratic primary, he helped organize all 55 counties and recruited thousands of campaign volunteers for John F. Kennedy. JFK's victory forged Reese's national political consulting career, working on more than 450 campaigns.

Aug. 9, 1954: Don Chafin died in Huntington. As sheriff of Logan County, Chafin was a bitter foe of union organizers and, with financial support from coal companies, used his many deputies to keep labor organizers out of the county. He most famously led the anti-union forces at the 1921 Battle of Blair Mountain.

Aug. 10, 1913: Sam Shaw was the beloved third-generation editor of the Moundsville Daily Echo from 1951 until his death in 1995. His letters home during World War II earned him the Ernie Pyle Award. He was also a tinkerer, long-distance runner, hiker, musician, photographer, linguist, and bird watcher.

Aug. 10, 1920: General Frank Kendall "Pete" Everest Jr. was born in Fairmont. Everest was a military aviator and a pioneer in U.S. rocket plane flying. In 1956, he flew the X-2 at Mach 3, exceeding 1,900 miles per hour and breaking the record of Chuck Yeager, his rival and close

Cpl. William B. Fulks Detachment 1474 invites all interested in becoming part of the Marine Corps League to its August 18 meeting at Hurricane City Hall at 3255 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, at 1800 hours.

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

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



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# Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



## Makeup Or No Makeup?

By Velma Kitchens of Culloden

Most of us ladies use some type of makeup, but really do we need it? Before my husband and I dated, he told his brother, my now brother-in-law, that I wore too much makeup. Well, I cut back on my makeup and we began dating. I didn't cut back because of what he said, but because it was the truth! I had so much makeup on it was hard to see my face. Haa. I did wear blue eyeshadow, but I did wear to much and it was thick. I stopped wearing eyeshadow. What was I thinking, girls?

Most of us and you younger ladies do not need makeup. Use some good facial cream mornings and evenings and you will be fine. A little mascara is OK, and as we get older, our eyebrow pencil can be our friend if we use it correctly. For the love, please don't use black eyebrow pencil. Looks so fake, which it is. Our eyebrows should match our hair color. As we age, some of us don't mind the gray, but some of us want to color, which is OK too, but not black; go a little

bit of warm brown.

I am no expert but I know too much makeup when I see it. Use lipstick to brighten up your face. A little bit of lipstick can do wonders when we use no makeup. And, by the way, just because someone else is doing it, doesn't mean we have to look like clowns. I used to color my hair, and when it grew out, I looked like a skunk when the roots grew out. My friend told me to use root touch up, which I did and eventually it blended in. Hair coloring is not cheap when a professional does it, and I do suggest you have someone who knows what they are doing to color your hair.

Gray is a sign you have wisdom and lived on this earth a long time. We all need to be natural, but I think I may hold off for a few more years. Takes less time to get ready when we don't use makeup. Try going a week without makeup; just use your lipstick, mascara and eyebrow pencil. I bet no one will notice, and please don't wear eye shadow. Did I already say that?

## Jokes From

Linda

Submitted by Linda Lavender Armstead



Where do astronauts leave their spaceships?  
At parking meteors.

Why is a football stadium always cold?  
It has lots of fans.

Where do most horses live?  
In neighhh-borhoods.

What's a private investigator's favorite shoe?  
Sneak-ers.

What was the first animal in space?  
The cow that jumped over the moon.

What does a laptop love to snack on?  
Computer chips.

What did the nose say to the finger?  
Quit picking on me.

What has one head, one foot, and four legs?  
A bed.

Why do couples go to the gym?

Because they want their relationship to work out.

Why can't you borrow money from leprechauns?  
Because they're a little short.

## Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead  
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

If you don't plan on keeping the doggy its whole life, then do not get the doggy.

How can you use what you already have to make a difference in the world around you?

The old ones are still the best. Old jeans, old friends, old songs, old movies, and old times.

The toilet paper wrapping says 100% recycled. Let's all take a moment to think about this.

Our bodies are speaking to us all the time, and if we pay attention, we hear the gratitude they hold.

Even the strongest hands lose their grip, the greatest of minds can become cloudy, and the biggest of hearts can break.

Doggies are furry children who will never ask for money, a car, or a phone, and always glad to see you.

I don't care how old I am. As soon as I'm in a store and I see a "try me" button on the toy, I press it.

One of the most important things you can do on this earth is to let people know they are not alone.

Your Heavenly Father knows your heart, and because He does, He has a place reserved just for you.

Crossing things off my to-do-list. I didn't do them, I just don't want them on my list anymore.

Leadership is practiced not so much in words as in attitude and in actions.

I tripped on a box of Kleenex. I'm OK. Turns out it was just tissue damage.

A new doggy never replaces an old doggy. It merely expands the heart.

At the touch of love, everyone becomes a poet.

There is no snooze button on a cat who wants breakfast.

The most important person to keep your promises to, is yourself.

The power of prayer is in the One who hears it, not the one who makes it.

Doggies are a gift for the soul. Caring for them teaches how to truly love.

People who feel the need to control others, don't have control over themselves.

Be who you are. Because you never know who would love the person you hide.

Sometimes it's not the people who change; it's the mask that falls off.

You don't have to have it all figured out to move forward.

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

It's hard to let you go



when my heart still wants to hold on.

My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.

Sometimes all you need is a good quote.

Hard times will always reveal true friends.

There is no R.I.P. without Jesus Christ.

Ignorance is the night of the mind, but a night without moon and star.

Nothing hurts more than loving someone who became a memory way too soon.

Love doesn't make the world go 'round; love is what makes the ride worthwhile.

I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have. - Thomas Jefferson

My Peepaw Fisher told me that he wouldn't live to see it, but I would be taxed to death. If he were still living...

The right doors won't open for you until you're the version of yourself that's supposed to walk through them.

I don't walk with God, I can't keep up with Him. He walks with me, and He waits for me every time I fall behind.

Let there be silence in your mind. Let there be warmth in your heart. Let there be peace in your soul.

If you catch me staring at the sky, just know I've got people up there I wasn't ready to lose.

Don't forget, while you're busy doubting yourself, someone else is admiring your strength.

Love is like a river, always changing, but always finding you again somewhere down the river.

Linger too long in the stench of your hurt, and you'll smell like the toxin you despise.

You will see the most unconditional and pure form of love by looking at your mother.

Keep your eyes on the stars, and your feet on the ground. - Theodore Roosevelt

My son - my little boy yesterday, my friend today, and my sunshine forever.

Love is the magician that pulls man out of his own hat.

A grandma's love never fades, never breaks, and never ends.

A friend is someone who loves you when you forget to love yourself.

Be careful who you trust; some people have

more faces than you can imagine.

Never iron a four-leaf, because you never want to press your luck.

Cousins are so important. Cousins share a love that lasts forever.

It's okay to not be okay; some days are just harder than others.

Using a clock as a belt buckle would be a waste of time.

Do something today that your future-self will thank you.

Don't be afraid of love again; not everyone is like your ex.

A quiet mind is able to hear intuition over fear.

Life begins at the end of your comfort zone.

It is the power of the mind to be unconquerable.

Appreciate good people. They are hard to come by.

The best things in life aren't things.

Spend time with yourself, fix yourself, and most importantly love yourself.

Always wear nice pajamas to bed; you never know who you'll meet in your dreams.

Time and tide wait for no man, but time always stands still for a woman of 30. - Robert Frost

Blessed is the person who is too busy to worry in the daylight and too sleepy to worry at night.

Being a parent means loving your children more than you've ever loved yourself.

Saying goodbye to a pet is hard. But the love they gave is priceless and worth every tear.

Christianity will survive without America, but America will not survive without Christianity.

If you don't come from a good family, make sure a good family comes from you. End generational curses.

Manipulating a child to hate their father or mother is one of the most despicable things anyone can do.

The new generation does not like working. You could give them a job sleeping and they would wake up and quit.

I'm beginning to think that for some, the wheels on their bus do not go round and round.

## 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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## Make Summer Pop With A Super Snack

(Family Features) When it comes to summer snacking, it's hard to top the combination of favorite seasonal flavors.

You can enjoy both the sweetness of freeze-dried strawberries and popped popcorn, a whole grain that's 100% unprocessed with no additives, hidden ingredients or GMOs, in this three-ingredient Strawberries and Cream Popcorn recipe.

Just drizzle white chocolate over popped popcorn then sprinkle with ground freeze-dried strawberries for a perfectly delicious way to meld all your favorite flavors of summer into one easy, convenient snack. Find more summer snacking solutions by visiting Popcorn.org.

### Strawberries and Cream Popcorn



Recipe courtesy of The Popcorn Board  
Servings: 4-6

1/4 cup freeze-dried strawberries  
6 cups popped popcorn  
1 cup white chocolate chips, melted

In small food processor or spice grinder, pulse freeze-dried strawberries until finely ground. Place popped popcorn in large bowl. Drizzle melted chocolate over top; toss until well coated. Sprinkle evenly with ground freeze-dried strawberries; toss until well coated.

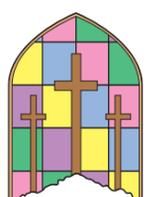
Scrape onto large parchment paper-lined baking sheet, spreading into even layer.

Let stand at room temperature 30-60 minutes, or until chocolate is set and hardened. To serve, break into pieces.

Tips: To melt chocolate, place chocolate chips in heatproof bowl set over saucepan of barely simmering water, stirring 3-5 minutes, or until smooth.

To melt chocolate in microwave, place chocolate chips in microwave-safe bowl or measuring cup. Microwave on medium, stirring every 30 seconds, for 1-2 minutes, or until smooth and melted.

## Bible Verse



Anyone who withholds kindness from a friend forsakes the fear of the Almighty.

— Job 6:14

## Putnam Property Transfers

The following property transfers were recorded by the Putnam County Clerk between June 13, 2025 and July 2, 2025:

Robert Hauser and Dinah K. Houser Revocable Trust to Timothy and Sherry Bailey - Two Lots, Poca District for \$283,000.00.

Larry and Mona Wandling to Constance White - Lot, Bend at Meadow Valley, Teays Valley District for \$470,000.00.

AJ Investments LLC to Ashley and Michaela Arthur - Lot, Eleanor District for \$170,000.00.

Ronald Higginbotham to Graves West Virginia Properties LLC - Parcel, Eleanor District for \$110,000.00.

Delores Johnson to Anthony and Stephanie Hackney - Two Parcels, Scott District for \$280,000.00.

Matthew Sigman and Genella Meadows to John and Deborah Snedegar - Two Parcels, Poca District

for \$51,000.00.

Carl Hostler to Lexie Pauley and David Makin - Lot, Cobblestone Subdivision, Scott District for \$780,000.00.

Disposal Service Incorporated to Appalachian Power Company - Parcel, Curry District for \$6,788.00.

Daniel Davis and Adam Davis to Brian and Constance Breck - Lot, Teays Valley District for \$15,000.00.

John Hensley and Teresa Conley to Michael and Charlotte Simpson - Two Lots, Winfield District for \$277,000.00.

Jefferson and Camilla Ebert to Casey and Kelly Hager - Tract, Scott District for \$960,000.00.

Doris Maynard to Jason McKown and Lori Urmetz - Parcel, Curry District for \$17,000.00.

Terra Abstract Trustee West Virginia Inc to LoanDepot.com LLC - Lot, New London Commons, Scott District

for \$272,640.00.

DHB LLC to Charles and Angela Warner - Lot, Alexanders Place, Teays Valley District for \$404,900.00.

R&G Better Homes LLC to Sam Corp Development Inc - Lot, Eleanor District for \$35,000.00.

Gregory Mithcell to Arnett MooMaw and Lurhesa Walls - Two Lots, Brierwood Estates, Scott District for \$350,000.00.

Harold Barr and Regina Turley to Harold and Angela Barr - Two Parcels, Hanshaw Addition, Poca Town District for \$44,500.00.

Larry Whittington to David Powell - Lot, Cross Creek Village, Buffalo District for \$14,000.00.

Danier and Tammy Williams to Lucas Holstine - Lot, Ken Lake Estates, Scott District for \$235,000.00.

WV Trustee Services LLC and Isadora McCarty to JAJO LLC - Lot, Country View Estates, Winfield District for \$150,000.00.

Joseph and Wanda Ramsey to Zachary Flenner and Ryan Wolf -

Parcel, Curry District for \$229,900.00.

Nathan and Christina Turley to Daniel Hanks - Lot, Preston Place, Hurricane District for \$346,000.00.

Cynthia Bowen to Kaleb Simmons - Two Lots, High School Addition, Hurricane District for \$200,000.00.

Jamie and Davide Kinder to Jonathan and Sarah Phoenix - Two Parcels, Sunrise Acres, Scott District for \$258,000.00.

Steven and Judith King to Marisa Toth and Mary Toth - Two Parcels, Union District for \$230,000.00.

David Brown and Christina Harris to AM Investments LLC - Lot, Springlea Hills, Scott District for \$98,000.00.

Amber Cales and ALC Revocable Trust to Matthew and Elizabeth Odell - 4.44 Acres, Teays Valley District for \$1,047,500.00.

John Wilson to Jonathan Lawhon - Two Tracts, Buffalo District for \$230,000.00.

Jeffrey Odell to ANNIE Turley - Lot, Heritage Place, Scott District for

\$105,000.00.

Bradley and Kelly Atkins to Charles and Amber Newman - Lot, Northwoods South, Eleanor District for \$399,900.00.

Cameron and Summer Burdette to Michael Martin and Jessica Selby - Lot, Harbourland Estates, Hurricane District for \$172,000.00.

Dwane Bush to Jodi Wright - Two Lots, Hurricane Heights, Curry District for \$164,000.00.

Anthony Walker to James and Suzan Jackson - Lot, Glen Oaks, Scott District for \$429,000.00.

Tyler and Ashley Cobb to Jonathan Giles - Two Lots, Pleasant Valley Estates, Buffalo District for \$192,000.00.

John and Cheryl Deanthony to Paul Phillips - Lot, Sun Valley Estates, Scott District for \$348,000.00.

Vicki Carpenter to Cameron Whittington - Lot, Alpine Acres Subdivision, Buffalo District for \$35,000.00.

Thor Real Estates LLC

to JPS Junk Pickup Services LLC - Parcel, Scott District for \$12,000.00.

Sandra Sayre to Donald and Dianna Crusan - Lot, Pine Creek Subdivision, Curry District for \$480,000.00.

Mary Burks and Steven Davis to Olson Boiler HVAC Services LLC - Parcel, Curry District for \$50,000.00.

Barbara Comstock to William and Christina Seanze - Parcel, Teays Valley District for \$229,000.00.

Barbara Comstock to William and Christinas Seanze - Parcel, Teays Valley District for \$25,000.00.

Walter Hayslett to Allen Bell Properties 2 LLC - Two Lots, Putnam Business Park, Teays Valley District for \$3,000,000.00.

Karin Losh French to Jacob Losh - Lot, Westland Estates, Winfield District for \$249,600.00.

Bruce Johnston to Sandra Joslin and Amber Joslin - Parcel, Poca District for \$40,000.00.

Matthew and Kathryn West to Travis and Sarah Knowles - Parcel, Poca Town District for \$240,000.00.

Nathan and Danielle Cook to Thomas and Teresa Clark - Lot, Raines Estates, Hurricane District for \$255,000.00.

Ronnie Hainor and Catherine Schoolcraft to Jeffrey and Cathrine Schoolcraft - Lot, Westland Estates, Scott District for \$125,000.00.

Meghan Karcher to Laura Anderson - Lot, Henderson Subdivision, Hurricane District for \$254,000.00.

Jason and Leslie Helper to Randall Scarberry - Lot, Poca District for \$168,000.00.

Justin Burke to Russ Bowen and Lisa Roat - Parcel, Nitro District for \$13,000.00.

Holly Shawver to Mason Foster and Savanah Doub - Parcel, Teays Valley District for \$213,000.00.

William Seanze to Faith Craddock - Lot, Lynnhurst Addition, Hurricane District for \$195,000.00.

John Wilson to Josh and Sarah Smithson - Two Tracts, Buffalo District for \$48,000.00.

Aubry Bennett to Mason Prickett and Abigail Gillispie - Parcel, Hurricane District for \$265,000.00.

David Makin to Bradley and Kelley Atkins - Lot, Moss Creek, Hurricane District for \$519,000.00.

Gloria Bush to Travis and Amanda Springer - Lot, Meadow Brook Subdivision, Teays Valley District for \$483,900.00.

Hometown Builders LLC to Lucy Smithson and Sarah Greenfield - Lot, Poca Subdivision, Poca District for \$370,000.00.

## Now Open: Get a Taste of The Human Bean in Hurricane



The Human Bean drive-thru at 27 Valley Pointe in Hurricane (beside Wendy's) opened Monday, July 28. Visitors received a first taste of the drive-thru's signature offerings, including specialty-grade coffee, real-fruit smoothies, whole-leaf teas, clean caffeine-powered Bright® Energy, and good eats to-go.

Local owners Mike and Bettie Chapman, who own two other locations of the drive-thru coffee franchise in Huntington, West

Virginia and Ashland, Kentucky, say the location in Hurricane will offer premium products and exceptional customer service — served with a signature chocolate-covered espresso bean on top.

“The bean on top is a little thank you for driving through, because The Human Bean believes in making even the smallest of exchanges memorable, kind, and sincere,” says Mike Chapman. “The company really operates as

a family, and we're happy to take care of our own 'human beans' here in Hurricane.”

The 26 year-old coffee franchise has found a recipe for success by mixing cheerful baristas with sustainably-sourced coffee and innovative beverage blends. The new Hurricane location, while independently-owned, will take part in company-wide givebacks including Coffee for a Cure day in October — The Human Bean's biggest and longest-

running giveback day of the year. Customers will be able to support these efforts simply by enjoying their favorite beverages and bites on special days.

Menu favorites include the company's signature Snowy® Mocha, Java Chip Granita, and proprietary Bright Energy drink made with natural caffeine sourced from green coffee beans. Guests will also find seasonal and specialty drinks on the menu throughout the year, as well as countless ways to

customize drinks to their liking.

Customers are invited to get a taste of what The Human Bean in Hurricane has to offer from 6am-9pm everyday, and can prepare for their visit by finding the drink menu and downloading the Rewards App online. Customers are also invited to join The Human Bean in Hurricane for their Grand Opening in a few weeks' time, with details to be announced on Facebook and Instagram.

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### Weekly Scripture Reading

Ephesians	Ephesians	Ephesians	Philippians	Philippians	Philippians	Philippians
4.17-32	5.1-20	6.10-24	1.1-30	2.1-30	3.1-21	4.1-23

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## BASIC BIBLE

By Ron Allen  
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### Live in Light of the Gospel

Colossians 4:1-6

After addressing the church at Colossae concerning doctrinal errors, Paul shifts to the subject of proper Christian conduct and then to prayer and to the manner in which the gospel of Christ should be communicated to them who are without knowledge.

"Masters, give . . ." (v. 1). Beginning with verse 18 of chapter 3, Paul issues advice to three different pairings — wives and husbands, children and fathers, and servants and masters. The listing order is the same for each pair — the first party is followed by a second party to which the first is subject. In each instance, the first party is charged to be subservient and the second party is directed to act toward the first party in a manner which is pleasing to God. The pairings might be described as a two-way street. The subservient and the authoritative, while traveling in different lanes, both are required to obey God's traffic rules.

Paul wrote this instruction while under the influence of the Holy Spirit. The relationship that God would have the subservient and the authoritative exhibit is to be a picture of the relationship between earthly masters and Himself. The subservient/authoritative relationship on earth is to be as it is in heaven.

All believers are subservient to the Master in heaven. As servants are expected to execute the commands of earthly masters, believers are expected to execute the commands of our heavenly Master. Knowing our heavenly Master to be fair and just, we are to be fair and just. We are to do as He does. Our actions are to be reflections of Him and His will.

Paul's instruction to continue in prayer (v. 2) is directed toward to all believers — both the master and the servant. Paul directed the Colossians to continue in prayer and to watch in the same with thanksgiving. There are different ways in which one can watch for a prayer to be answered. One can lift up a prayer and simply watch for an answer. One can lift up a prayer and watch hoping that God will hear and answer. One can lift up a prayer and watch believing that God will hear and answer. One cannot lift up a prayer and watch with thanksgiving unless one is thankful for the answer which God will supply. God has given us cause to be confident that He will supply a most wonderful answer. It shall be an answer draped in love — a love so great that He spared not His only begotten Son such that whosoever would believe in Him should not perish but have eternal life. One cannot watch with thanksgiving if one is uncertain of the love which God has made known to both the master and the servant. One cannot pray as Paul directs unless the Comforter has revealed the love of the Father to him.

In verse 3, Paul urges the Colossians to pray "also for us." There are two prayers, different but linked. The first prayer is that God would open a door of opportunity for him (Paul) and others with him to declare the gospel (the mystery of Christ). The second is that he (Paul) would make the gospel known as he ought.

It is God's will that none should perish, but that all should come to repentance (II Pet. 3:9b). Both prayers are in full accordance with God's stated will. The opening of the door is a precondition to receiving the gospel. One cannot hear that which is not said. The second prayer, that the gospel be communicated as it ought be, is a request for empowerment to deliver the gospel message in a successful manner. These are prayers which Paul would have lifted up time and time again on his own behalf during his journeys. Paul's request for supportive prayer is more than a general instruction. His request reveals his unstated prayer that all believers unite in obedience to the Lord's command to evangelize.

"Walk in wisdom toward them that are without . . ." (v. 5). Believers are to do more than to pray that the lost (those who are without) shall hear the gospel message. We are called to be influencers of them who are without. We are to walk in wisdom, redeeming the time. To walk in wisdom toward unbelievers requires one to be mindful of them who look upon Christianity from the outside, of them who regard believers to be strange. One shoe does not fit every foot. Those on the outside looking upon believers possess varying degrees of understanding. Their understanding of God's grace is small. The only grace that some know is that which they see in us. One redeems the time by making the most of every opportunity. Believers are to be a light, revealing God's love and grace. Our speech (v. 6) is our daily walk. It is what those on the outside see.

Our speech is to be characterized by grace seasoned with salt. To be seasoned with salt is to be seasoned with goodness. While the salt that seasons speech is not physical, it bears characteristics of goodness like physical salt. Physical salt is good. It enhances the taste of food and enables food to be preserved for prolonged times. The salt which seasons speech produces a pleasant reception (taste) and long-lasting benefits.

God, in His grace, has given us a Comforter to teach us and to guide us in all our ways. The source of the salt which is to be used for seasoning our speech is of the Holy Spirit. It is by and through the Spirit that we are empowered to answer every man as we ought. To pray and do as God directs we (both master and servant) must let the Holy Spirit which is within show us and direct us in making His love known to others.



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## KIDS TALK ABOUT GOD

BY CAREY KINSOLVING AND FRIENDS

### How Does God Protect Us From Danger? (Psalm 23:5)

"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over" (Psalm 23:5).

As I sit down to write, there's a table before me with many interpretations of this well-known Bible verse. One of my favorite attempts to unravel this Scripture comes from Elizabeth, age 8: "Be kind to your enemies, and I'll make you a king."

King David treated his enemies with kindness and became a king. But I think he had something else in mind when he wrote this psalm.

"God prepares a life with enemies in it for us," says Jessica, 9. Well, this also has possibilities. David was an unknown shepherd boy until he heard Goliath taunt the armies of Israel. Certainly, the Lord can use enemies to test us and to teach us how to trust him. As David said when facing Goliath, "The battle is the Lord's."

"The enemy is around you, and God can help you," says Scott, 10.

Some experts believe the scene shifts to the banquet table of the king; however, I'm going to stick with the shepherd and his sheep. The summer grazing ranges in the high mountains are known as mesas. In Spanish, the word for such a place is "mesa," which means "table."

The picture here is fit for a postcard: sheep grazing in a luxurious pasture on a high mountain plain. Before the sheep arrive, the shepherd has removed poisonous weeds, killed venomous snakes and driven away lurking predators.

Now, we come to the oil as in "You anoint my head with oil." Bethany, 7, has the right idea when she says, "When he puts oil on our heads, he blesses us." Adrianna, 8, is also on track: "God anoints our head with the Holy Spirit." Both are true in the lives of God's people.

But in the context of sheep peacefully grazing on a high mountain plain, there's a fly in the ointment. Except here it's more than a figure of speech.

The nose fly can harass sheep literally to death. They deposit their eggs in the damp mucous membranes of the sheep's nose. The eggs hatch to form worms, which make their way into the sheep's head. For relief from the severe inflammation, sheep will beat their heads against rocks and trees.

At the first sign of these pesky flies, the alert shepherd will apply a special ointment to the heads of his sheep so they can continue to graze peacefully.

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**Obituaries**

**MARSHA BLACK**  
Marsha Lee Keefer Black, (82), of Teays Valley, left us to be with our Lord and Savior on July 31, 2025 at Genesis Healthcare. Marsha was the daughter of Leroy Keefer and Inez Billups Keefer. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Gary Keefer (81) of Tennessee, and her little brother (Dwight D. Keefer; 6 months). Surviving is her sister, Sharon Horton Wood of North Carolina, her nephew, Jason Horton of North Carolina, her uncle and aunt, Ed and Carol Billups of Texas, as well as Gary's two sons, Gary Keefer and Greg Keefer. Graveside service was Thursday, August 7, 2025 at Valley View Memorial Park Cemetery with Reverend Rick Carey of Impact Ministry Center officiating.

calling was coaching baseball. His love for the sport shows in Colton every time he steps onto the field. Although, near the end he was not a coach, he was Colton's biggest fan. In addition to his father, Jason was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Lacy and Virginia Childers Blackburn and his maternal grandparents, Willard and Lou Coleman Baker. Left to cherish Jason's memory in addition to his mother and son are: His stepfather, Rich Herbst; his co-parent and Colton's mother, Marilyn Lusher; one brother, Michael (Jackie) Blackburn of Conroe, Texas; three sisters, Stephanie Cron of Conroe, Texas; Leigh Ann (Chuck) Ray of Williamson; and Terri (Paul) Mills of Hardy; two nephews, Matthew Mills of Huntington and J.T. (Una) Mills of Bloomington, Indiana; two nieces, Charlotte Blackburn and Genevieve Blackburn, both of Conroe, Texas; and a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins. Funeral service was Friday, August 1, 2025 at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home, Poca, with Shane Lockard officiating. Interment was in Mt. View Memory Gardens, Huddy, Kentucky.

and Dylan Bates; sisters, Linda (John) Sword of DuPont City, and Sharon O'Daniels of Charleston; cousins, Marilynne Perrine, Judy Hodge and Alice Collins, all of Charleston and Philip Keyser of Winfield. Funeral services was Monday, August 4, 2025, at Stevens & Grass Funeral Home, Malden, with Pastor Richard Thompson officiating. Burial was in Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens, Cross Lanes.

**OATIS BRAXTON COBB, JR.**  
With calloused hands and a heart filled with loving memories, Oatis Braxton Cobb, Jr., 73, of Buffalo, passed away at his home of 45 years. Born February 7, 1952, to Gladys Rae Coon and Oatis Braxton Cobb, Sr., he is survived by his wife of 48 years, Cathy Lynn (Martin) Cobb, his daughter Katrina Renea Harmon (Joe), his grandchildren Tyler Cobb, Hannah Cobb and Nathaniel Harmon, and his sister Sharon Kay Cobb Keen. His heavenly homecoming reunited him with his son Nathan Matthew Cobb, his siblings James Robert, "Dotti" and Debbie, and many other cherished family and friends. As a young boy, Oatis and his brother proudly served community neighbors with a bicycle newspaper route covering Hometown and Bancroft homes. He cherished the memory of being chosen by Charleston Newspapers to attend the Indy 500 for his hard work. A 1970 graduate of Poca High School, he sacrificed and worked after school and summer breaks to make a little needed money rather than playing sports. After high school, he balanced work while taking night welding classes. He was short the tuition payment, but his instructor paid it forward for him to finish. He was a proud blue-collar member of Pipefitters Local #625 and traveled with union brothers until shifting to the Institute Plant jobsite in 1988, and his "930 crew" buddies, in order to stay home and raise his children. A family historian, he proudly tracked his ancestry back to the first settler, Henry Cobb of Kent, England. He traveled to Barnstable,

Massachusetts several times where he was honored by the historical society when he placed a monument outlining our family heritage and the significant influence ancestry had within the town. He honored his father's WW2- USS Alderamin military service with several trips to DC and a contribution of a memorial plaque in the US Naval Museum. Dozens of family Christmas pictures and home videos include him joyfully playing Santa Claus to suspecting nieces, nephews, church family and friends, and cheerily ringing his loud Christmas bell for all to hear. Funeral service was Monday, August 4th, 2025 at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastor Joe Rogers, Pastor Joe Scarberry, and Pastor Fred Sparks officiating. Burial was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House.

**DANNY LEE DEAL, SR.**  
Danny Lee Deal, 74, of Poca, passed away peacefully at CAMC Memorial following a short illness. Danny found joy in the simple pleasures of life. He loved feeding the birds and spending quiet moments on the porch, especially watching his son mow the grass—moments that brought him great comfort and peace. He was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Leonard and Kathleen Deal; his sons, Shawn Allen Deal and Jonathan Matthew Deal; and his brother, Ray Deal. Danny is survived by his loving wife of 35 years Josephine Faye Deal, son, Danny Lee Deal, Jr.; sister, Kathleen Hughes; and brothers, Paul Deal, Charles Deal, and Eugene Deal. He also leaves behind a host of other cherished family members and friends. Graveside service was Saturday, August 2, 2025 at New Antioch Cemetery, Red House, officiated by Pastor George Webb.

**JASON ADAM BLACKBURN**  
Jason Adam Blackburn, 45, of Bancroft, formerly of Hardy, Kentucky, was called up to the big leagues in heaven on July 28, 2025, following a lingering illness. He was born December 17, 1979, in South Williamson, Kentucky, the son of Anna Blackburn Herbst of Hardy and the late Jimmy Dean Blackburn. He was a 1996 graduate of Belfry High School, attended Southern West Virginia Community & Technical College, and was employed as a purchasing manager for Total Distribution Inc.'s Nitro, West Virginia location. He was saved and baptized into membership at the Hardy Church of Christ at an early age. To know Jason, you either loved him or hated him - there was no in between. He was a straight shooter and always spoke his opinion. Jason did many things in life, but the one thing he got absolutely correct was being a loving dad to his son, Colton Dean Blackburn. He took on that role on Feb. 2, 2011, and that has been the absolute best title he has ever been given - Dad. During his time on Earth, Jason played other roles as well. He was a son, brother, nephew, cousin, grandson, friend, husband, and coal miner, but his

**MARY MARIE (ROSE) BURDETTE**  
Mary Marie (Rose) Burdette, 78, of Winfield, passed away Thursday, July 31, 2025, at Hubbard Hospice House, Charleston. Marie was born in Charleston on December 26, 1946, to the late Raymond and Mary Katherine Nunley Rose. She was a 1964 graduate of DuPont High School; she was a loving wife, mother and grandma; and attended Bible Center Church, South Charleston. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Freda Johnson. Marie is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, Skip Burdette; daughter, Donna (Scott) Tittle of Teays Valley; son, Matthew (Lori) Burdette of Cross Lanes; grandchildren, Brendon Tittle of Milton, Allyssa Tittle and Brayden Tittle both of Teays Valley, Mason and Morgan Burdette of Cross Lanes; great-grandchildren, Levi

and his brother proudly served community neighbors with a bicycle newspaper route covering Hometown and Bancroft homes. He cherished the memory of being chosen by Charleston Newspapers to attend the Indy 500 for his hard work. A 1970 graduate of Poca High School, he sacrificed and worked after school and summer breaks to make a little needed money rather than playing sports. After high school, he balanced work while taking night welding classes. He was short the tuition payment, but his instructor paid it forward for him to finish. He was a proud blue-collar member of Pipefitters Local #625 and traveled with union brothers until shifting to the Institute Plant jobsite in 1988, and his "930 crew" buddies, in order to stay home and raise his children. A family historian, he proudly tracked his ancestry back to the first settler, Henry Cobb of Kent, England. He traveled to Barnstable,

another 10 years. He was a member of Poca United Methodist Church where he held various offices and was a certified Lay Speaker and conducted many funerals for families that did not have a pastor. Jim loved the history of Putnam County and one of his prized possessions was an arrowhead that was found locally. Jim was responsible for getting the Putnam County Courthouse on the national register and spearheaded the saving of the Hoge House. He was a former member of the Putnam County Historic landmark committee. A member of the Reed Organ

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went into the U.S Army Signal Corp and was stationed in Germany, where he obtained the rank of Sgt. before he was discharged. After the service he went to work at Goodrich Gulf, known as the rubber plant for 10 years. Then he worked at OK Trucking for 10 years and Schwerman Trucking Co where he was a terminal Manager. Jim found his purpose in life helping other people when they were suffering loss. He went to work at Gatens Funeral Home & Gatens Harding Funeral home for 20 years before retiring. Then, he went to work at Chapman Funeral Home returning for

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NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

To maintain necessary clearances for safe and reliable electric service, Appalachian Power Company plans to manage vegetation along the Apple Grove-Ashton portion of its 12kV distribution system in Cabell, Mason and Putnam County, WV. On or about August 11, 2025, a helicopter will begin trimming trees away from power lines. A ground crew will follow up to remove tree trimmings from streams, roads and maintained areas. In unmaintained or undeveloped areas, trimmings will remain on site to minimize soil disturbance and to promote biodegradation.

Rights-of-way in this area expected to be all or partially involved in the program are: Jerry's Run Rd., Guyan Creek Rd., Hannan Trace Rd., Dunlavy Ridge Rd., Black Oak Rd., White Pine Dr., Riverview Rd., Sisson Rd.

Company representatives will be present at the time of the aerial saw work. Specifics regarding your property may be discussed at that time. If you are a nonresident property owner and have questions regarding our right-of-way maintenance, they may be directed to:

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

Teresa Chapman 4274 Sycamore Road Culloden WV 25510, Plaintiff v. Civil Action No. 25-M40C-00381 Makayla Hilburn 4323 Sycamore Road Culloden WV 25510, Defendant

The object of the above entitled action is to gain possession of Real Property located at 4323 Sycamore Road, Culloden WV 25510. 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: 4323 Sycamore Road, Culloden WV 25510, it is ordered that She 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 August 20, 2025, otherwise judgment by default will be taken against She 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/yc Magistrate Court Clerk 7-31-2t

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned by deed of trust dated the 5th day of December, 2016, signed by Blake A. Warden and Victoria L. Warden, to Dru A. Shope, Trustee, which said deed of trust is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 1147, at page 627, and Golden & Amos, PLLC, Trustee having been requested so to do by the Secured Creditor, and default having been made under the terms and conditions of said deed of trust, and the provisions in said deed of trust concerning acceleration having been complied with by the Secured Creditor and present holder of the note, said Trustee will sell at public auction at 10:30 o'clock a.m. on the

13TH DAY OF AUGUST 2025

at the front doors of the Courthouse in Putnam County in Winfield, West Virginia the following described real estate:

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Hurricane Town District, Putnam County, West Virginia, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Lot 710, Preston's Place, Section Three of the B.A. McClure Subdivision, City of Hurricane, Putnam County, West Virginia.

Beginning at a pin on corner of Lots 708, 710 and on right of way line of Emerald Drive; thence running with Lot 708, S. 60° 06' 44" W. 104.73 feet to a pin on corner of Lots 708, 710 and on line of Lot 728; thence running with Lot 728, N. 31° 02' 38" W. 62.01 feet to a pin on corner of Lots 710, 712 and on line of Lot 726; Thence running with Lot 712, N. 60° 06' 44" E. 105.98 feet to a pin on right of way line of Emerald Drive; thence running with Emerald Drive, S. 29° 53' 16" E. 62.00 feet to the beginning containing 0.15 acre.

It is the intention of this notice to sell the secured property by proper description as was intended to be transferred and conveyed in the aforesaid deed of trust.

The above-described real estate is reported to have a mailing address of:

710 Emerald Dr., Hurricane, WV 25526.

TERMS OF SALE: Cash in hand on day of sale or within 30 days of date of sale upon terms to be agreed upon between Trustee and successful bidder, time being of the essence; payment for unpaid real estate taxes to be assumed by the purchaser. The Trustee does not warrant title or fitness to this property; it is being purchased as is; this is a buyer beware sale and any buyer is advised to retain counsel before the sale. If there is any part of the process of sale which is found to be objectionable, the Trustee reserves the right to cancel the sale. No purchaser should take possession or make improvements in the premises until the Trustee deed is delivered or recorded. A third-party purchaser at sale will be required to pay the purchase price plus all recording and transfer fees. Trustee at sale is under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person

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occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

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.

The party(ies) secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale. If the purchaser at sale is unable to complete the terms of purchase within 30 days, the Trustee reserves the right to transfer the property to the next highest bidder.

Any sale hereunder may be adjourned from time to time without any notice other than oral proclamation at the time and place appointed for this sale or by posting of a notice of same. Should the Trustee not appear at the time appointed for the sale and there is no notice posted of a continuance please contact the office of the Trustee to make further inquiry. Any sale may be conducted or adjourned by the designated agent or attorney of the Trustee. The undersigned is fully vested with the authority to sell said property as Trustee by instrument of record. Some Trustee sales may be conducted by a servicer required Auction Company. In that event, the auctioneer will be acting under an "Auction Services Agreement."

Should any party have any inquires, objections to the sale or protests regarding the sale, or requests regarding the sale, please notify the trustee below by one of the means of communications set forth below.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in it by that certain Deed of Trust dated April 1, 2021, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 1282, at Page 880, Dena L. Duncan did convey unto David G. Palmer, Trustee, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Pill & Pill, PLLC as Substitute Trustee by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse, in Winfield, West Virginia, on

August 14, 2025, at 4:45 PM

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

All of that certain parcel or tract of land, together with any buildings or improvements thereon, rights and rights of way incidental thereto, and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Scott District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a set 5/8" pin on the Teays Valley Road Co. Rt. 33 right of way and on the corner of William C. and Kathleen A. Ellis property; thence running with the Teays Valley Road right of way with a curve to the right having a radius of 382.30 feet and a chord of N 51 41'18" E 77.23 feet to a set 5/8" pin; thence severing the James E. O'Connor, Jr. property two calls, S 36 20'5 8" E 80.20 feet to a set 5/8" pin; thence running S 51 11'05" W 84.74 feet to a set 5/8" pin on the William C. & Kathleen A. Ellis property; thence running with the William C. and Kathleen A. Ellis property N 31 15'27" W 81.55 feet to the beginning containing 0.15 acre as shown on that plat titled, "Map showing 0.15 acre tract property of James E. O'Connor (should be O'Connor), Jr., DB 572, P-759, TM 214, P/O Par. 77.2, Scott District-Putnam County, West Virginia," dated January 25, 2019, prepared by Calhoun Engineering & Surveying, Scott Depot, WV, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's office in Plat Book F at page 64.

Being the same real estate conveyed to James E. Conner from James E. O'Connor, by Deed dated September 24, 2019, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission, Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 581, Page 678.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 7554 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, WV 25560.

AND BEING the same real estate which was conveyed to Daniel L. Smith, by Deed dated July 30, 2012, from Nancy Carol Casto and Jaime P. Rogers, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 518, at Page 645.

The above-described property will be sold subject to any covenants, restrictions, easements, leases and conditions of record, and subject to any unpaid real estate taxes.

The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

TERMS: Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price as a deposit with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

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Richard A. Pill, Member P. O. Box 440, 85 Aikens Center, Martinsburg, WV 25404 Phone (304) 263-4971, Fax (304) 267-5840, e-mail: foreclosures@pillwvlaw.com 7-24-3t

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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

To: Magistrate Court Case No.: 25-M40D-00127 Amanda Dawn Ramsey Petitioner's Name 1277 Charleston Rd Family Court Poca WV 25159 Petitioner's Address Civil Action 9-26-1993 No.: 25-DV-102 Date of Birth

ORDER OF PUBLICATION (PROTECTIVE ORDER / HEARING DATE)

1. The object of this suit is to obtain protection. 2. The object of this publication by Class I legal advertisement is to notify Respondent of the PROTECTIVE ORDER prohibiting the above-named 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 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 12-22-2025.

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 July, 2025. STEPHANIE SMITH/jo Circuit Clerk 8-7-1tw

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NOTICE OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE'S SALE

Notice is hereby given, by virtue of the authority vested in the undersigned Successor Trustees, Eric M. Johnson and L. Elizabeth King, by that certain Deed of Trust made by Travis M. Raynes and Kirstin Raynes, dated February 15, 2022, and recorded March 2, 2022, in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia in Trust Deed Book 1316, at page 398, the said Successor Trustees acting by virtue of that certain Appointment of Successor Trustee dated June 9, 2025, and recorded June 23, 2025, in the aforesaid Clerk's office in Trust Deed Book 1388, at page 940, and default having been made in the payment of the Note secured by the aforesaid Deed of Trust, and having been requested in writing by the owner and holder of the Note, will offer for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Putnam County, West Virginia, on Friday, August 22, 2025, at 12:00 p.m., all that certain lot, piece, or parcel of real property, together with improvements thereon, situate in the Town of Buffalo District, Putnam County, West Virginia, being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

All that certain lot or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the Town of Buffalo, Buffalo District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and being LOT NO. EIGHT (8) OF SANDSTONE, as shown and designated on that certain plat drafted July 30, 1991 made by Wilkinson Surveying and Engineering, Inc., entitled "SANDSTONE Developed by: Lewis W. Dooley in the Town of Buffalo Situated on the Waters of Cross Creek Town of Buffalo District, Putnam County, W.V.," of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia in Plat Cabinet B, Slide 319.

Subject to those certain restrictive covenants contained in that certain deed dated November 1, 2021, duly of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 601, at page 796.

Map No.: 2 Parcel No.: 95.0038

Upon available information, the property has a current address of Land on Flintstone Circle in Buffalo, WV 25033.

TERMS OF SALE: The Premises will be sold "AS IS, WHERE IS," in its present condition and with all faults and defects, if any. The property will be conveyed by deed with no covenants of warranty of title. The property shall be sold subject to all liens not discharged by the sale, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, incinerator, sanitary and sewer charges and liens with priority to the Deed of Trust pursuant to which this sale is being conducted. The property shall be sold 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. 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 stamps to be affixed to the deed). The Successor Trustees and Peoples Federal Credit Union shall not be responsible for the removal of any person or personal property from the Premises. The property will be sold to the highest bidder, who shall be obligated to pay an initial deposit to the Trustees at the time of sale in the minimum amount of 10% of the bid amount, and the remaining balance shall be paid to the Trustees on or within 20 days of the date of the auction. Pursuant to the Deed of Trust, the Successor Trustees may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated and act by agent in the execution of the sale. The parties secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the Premises at such sale. Dated: July 18, 2025

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

In Re: Change of Name from Ashley Elizabeth Dawson to Aschleigh Quinzel Gainsborough

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING

Civil Action No. 25-P-81 Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of August, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Judge Phillip Stowers, Ashley Elizabeth Dawson 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 Ashley Elizabeth Dawson to Aschleigh Quinzel Gainsborough, 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 29th day of July, 2025. Stephanie M. Smith/hcn Putnam County Circuit Clerk 8-7-2t

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in it by that certain Deed of Trust dated July 30, 2012, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 1012, at Page 686, Daniel L. Smith did convey unto Richard A. Pill, Esq., Trustee, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Pill & Pill, PLLC as Substitute Trustee by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse, in Winfield, West Virginia, on

August 14, 2025, at 4:41 PM

The following described real estate, with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the Poca 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 on the waters of Lemburger Creek, Pocatalico District, Putnam County, West Virginia, being Lot No. 38 (Thirty Eight) of Area "U" Subdivision, known as the Chilton 11.16 acre tract of land, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

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At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of Box 53 Rt. 1, Poca, WV 25159. We have reason to believe that the property has a current postal address of 144 Limeberger Creek Road, Poca, WV 25159.

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TERMS: Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price as a deposit with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee Richard A. Pill, Member P. O. Box 440, 85 Aikens Center, Martinsburg, WV 25404 Phone (304) 263-4971, Fax (304) 267-5840, e-mail: foreclosures@pillwvlaw.com 7-24-3t

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13TH DAY OF AUGUST 2025

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All that certain lot, tract, or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Curry District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and being Lot One Hundred Thirty Seven (137), Section Three (3), Kingswood Park, as shown on a plat of same made G.L. Greybill, Licensed Land Surveyor, dated February, 1976, which map is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia in Map Book 6, at page 2.

It is the intention of this notice to sell the secured property by proper description as was intended to be transferred and conveyed in the aforesaid deed of trust.

The above described real estate is reported to have a mailing address of:

25 Apple Blossum Ln, Culloden, WV 25510 aka 25 Apple Blossum Ln, Culloden, WV 25510

TERMS OF SALE: Cash in hand on day of sale or within 30 days of date of sale upon terms to be agreed upon between Trustee and successful bidder, time being of the essence; payment for unpaid real estate taxes to be assumed by the purchaser. The Trustee does not warrant title or fitness to this property; it is being purchased as is; this is a

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Trustee at sale is under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

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.

The party(ies) secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale. If the purchaser at sale is unable to complete the terms of purchase within 30 days, the Trustee reserves the right to transfer the property to the next highest bidder.

Any sale hereunder may be adjourned from time to time without any notice other than oral proclamation at the time and place appointed for this sale or by posting of a notice of same. Should the Trustee not appear at the time appointed for the sale and there is no notice posted of a continuance please contact the office of the Trustee to make further inquiry. Any sale may be conducted or adjourned by the designated agent or attorney of the Trustee. The undersigned is fully vested with the authority to sell said property as Trustee by instrument of record. Some Trustee sales may be conducted by a servicer required Auction Company. In that event, the auctioneer will be acting under an "Auction Services Agreement."

Should any party have any inquires, objections to the sale or protests regarding the sale, or requests regarding the sale, please notify the trustee below by one of the means of communications set forth below.

GOLDEN & AMOS, PLLC, TRUSTEE 543 Fifth Street, P.O. Box 81 Parkersburg, WV 26102 Telephone (304) 485 3851 Fax (304) 485-0261 E-mail: timamos@goldenamos.com Our business hours are 8 :30 AM – 5 :00 PM on weekdays – not including holidays 7-31-2t

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NOTICE TOWN OF ELEANOR

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Eleanor, West Virginia, a municipality, will hold a public meeting before the final vote on a proposed ordinance, the object of which is the increase of sewer rates for customers of the sewer system operated by the Town of Eleanor. The title of such ordinance is "Ordinance Amending Section 929.04 'Connection to Public Sewers' of the Codified Ordinances of the Town of Eleanor, West Virginia."

The Town of Eleanor is proposing the following rates, fees and/or charges:

- (1) APPLICABILITY OF RATES Applicable within the entire territory served. (2) AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE Available for general domestic, commercial, and industrial service. (3) SEWER SERVICE RATES

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Request for Bid
Teays Valley Volunteer Fire Department

Re: Type 1 Ambulance for Teays Valley Volunteer Fire Department Bid # 25-001

Date: August 28, 2025

Bid Opening: Bid packets must be received on or before August 28, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at the Teays Valley Volunteer Fire Department, 62 Scott Depot, Scott Depot, WV 25560.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS: PLEASE USE THIS FORM AS THE COVER SHEET FOR YOUR BID

Bids must be received in a sealed envelope with the date, time, and bid number referenced on the outside of the envelope.

Bid must specify F.O.B. Delivery Point, unless otherwise indicated. All bids should be signed by the responsible party indicating all facts of the bid the total amount of the bid.

The Teays Valley Volunteer Fire Department reserves the right to accept or reject any part or in whole any bid submitted, whichever is in the best interest of the Teays Valley Volunteer Fire Department.

ITEM: Type 1 Ambulance

SPECIFICATIONS: Teays Valley Volunteer Fire Department

Primary Contact Person: Cody Smoot, Fire Chief
Secondary Contact Person: Joey Putterbaugh, Deputy Fire Chief
Teays Valley Volunteer Fire Department
62 Scott Depot Rd.
P.O. BOX 57
Scott Depot, WV 25560
Voice: (304) 757-7075
Fax: (304) 757-7717

BID OPENING: (2) copies of bids must be received in a sealed envelope, with the date and time of the bid opening on the outside of the envelope, on or before Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at the Teays Valley Volunteer Fire Department, 62 Scott Depot, Scott Depot, WV 25560.

SPECIFICATIONS: The following specifications are intended to describe the Type 1 Ambulance design necessary for daily EMS operations of the TVFD. The final pricing will include appropriate packaging and shipping of the purchased equipment for the Teays Valley Volunteer Fire Department.

All specifications are minimum requirements.

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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.: 5822
Estate Of: Donald Ray Gillispie
Administrator
dbn: Robert Eggleton, Sheriff
12093 Winfield Road
Winfield, WV 25213

Estate No.: 6137
Estate Of: Linda M. Baier
Executrix: Kimberly M. Wine
34 Spruce Lane
Poca, WV 25159

Estate No.: 6175
Estate Of: Sandra Ann Joyce
Co-Executrix: Victoria Ann Martin
307 Plantation Drive
Hurricane, WV 25526

Co-Executrix: Timothy Joyce
1156 Champion School Rd
Belleville, WV 26133

Estate No.: 6184
Estate Of: James Albert Call
Executrix: Albert Eugene Call
4009 Big Spings Ridge Rd
Friendsville, TN 37737

Estate No.: 6193
Estate Of: William Barry Martin
Executrix: Amy Michelle Roberts
404 Castle Vale Road
Irmo, SC 29063

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 August 7, 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).

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 August 7, 2025.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 31st day of July 2025.
Fiduciary Supervisor
Putnam County Commission
10293 Winfield Road,
Winfield, WV 25213

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

Teresa Chapman
4274 Sycamore Road
Culloden WV 25510, Plaintiff
v. Civil Action No. 25-M40C-00381
Makayla Hilburn
4323 Sycamore Road
Culloden WV 25510, Defendant

The object of the above entitled action is to gain possession of Real Property located at 4323 Sycamore Road, Culloden WV 25510. 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: 4323 Sycamore Road, Culloden WV 25510, it is ordered that She 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 August 27, 2025, otherwise judgment by default will be taken against She at any time thereafter.

Entered by Clerk of said Court Putnam Magistrate Court.
DARRY CASTO/yc
Magistrate Court Clerk
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Estate No.: 6160
Estate Of: William David Foster
Executrix: Judy Whittington
PO Box 556
Eleanor, WV 25070

Estate No.: 6177
Estate Of: Nora F. Lovejoy
Executrix: Tandy R. Boggess
545 Sisson Rd.
Fraziers Bottom, WV 25082

Estate No.: 6099
Estate Of: Rodney Whitten
Linville
Executrix: Brian E. Linville
1122 Hickory Mills Drive
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6105
Estate Of: Thelma Marie Oxley
Executrix: Patricia Robinson
1625 Amanda Drive
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6180
Estate Of: Virginia L. Rock
Administratrix: Elaine Brady
720 Lower Donnelly Rd
Kanawha City, WV 25304

Estate No.: 5924
Estate Of: Elizabeth Ann Thorn
Executrix: Timothy Taylor
427 Scott Depot Rd
Scott Depot, WV 25560

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 23rd day of July 2025.
Fiduciary Supervisor
Putnam County Commission
10293 Winfield Road,
Winfield, WV 25213

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Tariff Form No. 8-C
PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION
(Tariff Rule No. 30-C)

NOTICE is hereby given that Union Oil & Gas, Inc., a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA an application containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing natural gas service to 6,800 customers in the Counties of Cabell, Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2025, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will produce an increase of approximately \$1,096,000 annually in revenue, an increase of 17.5%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be decreased as follows:

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A complete copy of the tariff, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers or their agents at 85 Ferry Street, Winfield, WV 25213. A copy of the tariff is also available for public inspection at the offices of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, WV 25301.

The Rule 30C procedure is designed to provide a procedure for changing rates charged to customers by natural gas distribution utilities based exclusively on the costs of purchased gas. Consequently, protest should be limited to the reasonableness of such costs and the method by which they are calculated. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within twenty-five (25) days following the date of this publication, unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate adjustments and to participate in future proceedings. Request to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention. All protests and intervention should be addressed to Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323.

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Notice of Public Hearing

The Putnam County Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 6:30 pm in room 221 of the Putnam County Courthouse, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV to conduct regular business and hold the following public hearing:

Mr. Craig Cook has requested a zoning variance to allow a five-foot front setback instead of the required 20' front setback along Elm Dr. to construct a single-family residence at 123 Sunnybrook Dr, Hurricane (Tax Map 221C, Parcel 109). The property is zoned 'R-1' Single Family Residential.

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At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 105 Eastwood Acres, Nitro, WV 25143.

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Obituaries

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Society where he collected, restored and repaired many pump organs in the area and even as far as Florida and Cincinnati, OH. A member of the Vandalia Historical Society, former member of the Putnam County Historic Commission, he also volunteered at the five loaves and two fishes food bank. He was a member of Winfield Post 187 American Legion, he liked to travel and fish and go to the beach with his grand kids.

He was preceded in death by his Mother Beulah Hines, Foster Parents Ted and Pearl Rhodes, twin infant daughters, his Son David Barry Hines and his Wife JoAnn Greene Hines.

He is survived by his daughter Tondra Valenzi and husband Rich of Manassas VA, Grandchildren Jimmy Valenzi & Andrea Valenzi of Manassas VA

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

Wesbano Bank, Inc
61 Fourteenth Street
Wheeling WV 26003, Plaintiff
v. Civil Action No. 25-M40C-00127
Nathan A Dillard
4283 Fishers Ridge Road
Liberty, WV 25124, Defendant

The object of the above entitled action is to obtain judgment in the amount of: \$5,844.07 plus all court costs.

And it appearing by an affidavit filed in this action that the Plaintiff has used due diligence to locate the Defendant, it is ordered that She/He do serve upon Putnam Co. Magistrate Court, Jean Luikart, Magistrate, whose address is 12093 Winfield Road, Suite 15, Winfield, WV 25213, an answer or other defense to the complaint this action on or before August 27, 2025, otherwise judgment by default will be taken against Her/Him at any time thereafter. A copy of said complaint can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.

Entered by Clerk of said Court Putnam County.
DARRY CASTO/yc
Magistrate Court Clerk
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Tariff Form No. 8-C
(Tariff Rule 14.2 et seq. (Historical Rule 30-C))
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• 501 56th Street SE, Charleston, West Virginia 25304.

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A memorial

Celebration of Jim's life was held Friday, August 1, 2025, at Cooke Funeral Home, Nitro, with Pastor Delbert Hawley officiating.

HELEN KAYSER

Helen Marie Kayser, 88, of Milton, passed away August 3, 2025. Daughter of the late Virgil and Edith Miller Mitchell, she is survived by her husband Hallie Kayser and son Ricky Ray Kayser both of Milton, her extended family consisted of sister, Louise Fizer and her children Peggy and Daniel, Fay Toppings and her children Harold, Shelia, Sharon, Paul and Johnnie, her brother, Okie Ray Mitchell and his children Lorrie and Casey.

She was a member of the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church on Dry Ridge in Milton.

Funeral service was Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at Allen Funeral Home with Rev. Mark Hesson officiating. Burial was in Sycamore Cemetery.

SEBASTIAN KANE MARTINEZ

Sebastian Kane Martinez, age 3, of Poca, passed away unexpectedly on July 27, 2025.

Sebastian brought joy to everyone around him with his bright spirit and deep curiosity. A child who found happiness in the little things, he was full of energy, intelligence, and wonder. His days were filled with play, laughter, and a spark that touched the hearts of many in his short but meaningful life.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents and is lovingly survived by his

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mother, Crislynn Rollins (Cody), and father, Kane Martinez (Tracy); a brother and sister both expected soon; grandparents Laura and Sidney Rollins, and Christopher Calvin; and uncles Taylor King and Migel Martinez.

A celebration of life for Sebastian was held Friday, August 1, 2025, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home with Pastor Matt Davis officiating. Burial was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens in Red House.

NICHOLAS THEODORE

Nicholas Theodore, 88, of Hurricane, passed away on July 18, 2025. Born on December 23, 1936, in Fallowfield Township, of Washington County, PA, he was the son John Tividor and Anna Ondich.

Nicholas dedicated over 30 years of his life to the United States Marine Corps, exemplifying unwavering commitment and service. To enhance his skills, he completed Special Warfare School and Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical (NBC) Identification, Detection, and Decontamination courses. He was a member of the Marine Corps Shooting Team and earned the Expert Pistol Badge (15th Award). Nicholas served three tours in the Vietnam War, earning the distinguished honor of receiving two Bronze Star Medals with Valor. Beyond active duty, he remained deeply connected to the military community as a proud member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), American Legion, Marine Corps Association, and Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, where he continued to honor and preserve the Marine Corps' legacy while fostering camaraderie among veterans.

He is survived by his children, Lisa A. Theodore of Hurricane, Nicholas Theodore Jr., and wife Gail of Cincinnati, OH, and Rodney D. Hardesty and wife Nida of Greenville, SC; several grandchildren; a special brother in law and sister in law, Sheridan Green and wife Carol and Ellanorah Mayle and husband Vince Genco; special nieces and nephews, Lynn Sewell and husband Spencer, John Tividor, Karen Brown and husband Jim, and Ruthie Lucas; along with a host of other nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Elizabeth (Green) Theodore.

Funeral service was Thursday, July 24, 2025, at the Fredlock & Fenner Funeral Homes, P.A. with Pastor Barbara Rexroad officiating. Interment was in the Tasker Family Cemetery.

BERMAN LLOYD WALLACE

Berman "Lloyd" Wallace



VICE PRESIDENT J D VANCE 41st Birthday August 2	60th Birthday August 8
KAREN LANHAM Buffalo Birthday August 7	JIM CANTERBURY Dunbar Birthday August 8
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MICHAEL LEMLEY 1575 3rd Street Milton 48th Birthday August 7	RUSTY CASTO Nitro Birthday August 8
SAM CHAPMAN Huntington Birthday August 7	BECKY CAIN 713 - 7th Avenue St. Albans 51st Birthday August 8
LISA CANTERBURY SMITH Nitro 62nd Birthday August 7	DR. CLINT SLOAN 369 Wood Drive Hurricane 76th Birthday August 9
DANNY TAYLOR 1092 Cow Creek Road Hurricane Birthday August 7	KIM BLACK Culloden Birthday August 9
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HOBERT CHAPMAN Box 404 Whitten Ridge Road Frazier's Bottom 39th Birthday August 8	SHANE HUDSON Hurricane 30th Birthday August 10
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50th Birthday August 10

JIM HINCHMAN  
2704 McComas Road  
Barboursville  
Birthday August 10

SHERRIE KANE  
North Myrtle Beach  
South Carolina  
Birthday August 10

SAMMY RUNION  
53 Mourning Dove Lane  
Ona  
Birthday August 10

ROCKY BO ARMSTEAD  
155 Walmott Drive  
Huntington  
5th Birthday August 11

JASON DANIEL BLACK  
Ohio  
30th Birthday August 11

DALLAS YOUNG  
1923 US Route 60  
Culloden  
75th Birthday August 11

ROGER PERKINS  
473 Sunnybrook Drive  
Hurricane  
78th Birthday August 11

JOHN DANFORD  
Glenwood  
83rd Birthday August 11

TIMOTHY DUNLAP  
107 Laurel Crossing  
Huntington  
Birthday August 11

DANNY RAY  
FERGUSON  
5065 Hughes Branch  
Road  
Huntington  
Birthday August 11

STEVE SMITH  
2154 Washington Hill  
Road  
Hurricane  
47th Birthday August 11

AMY NASH  
3504 Wellington Drive  
Hurricane  
Birthday August 11

JAY HARVEY  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
46th Birthday August 12

JEFFREY LYKINS  
5678 5&20 Road  
Frazier's Bottom  
36th Birthday August 12

BRIANA HAGA  
1769 Butcher Road  
Pt. Pleasant  
20th Birthday August 12

KYLE NEAL  
Salt Rock  
36th Birthday August 12

JIM ROLLINS  
2045 Whitten Ridge Road  
Milton  
Birthday August 12

RUTH GRANT  
KOONTZ  
1915 Martin Lane  
Culloden  
76th Birthday August 12

CLARENCE "CC"  
WALKUP  
1929 Blackstone Circle  
Naples, Florida  
62nd Birthday August 12

GREG ROWSEY  
Ona  
Birthday August 12

CONNIE DANFORD  
Glenwood  
80th Birthday August 13

LARRY FOSTER JR  
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Birthday August 13

BETTY DOSS  
4123 Teays Valley Road  
Scott Depot  
Birthday August 13

JOSHUA RYAN BARTON  
#5 Maple Lane  
Scott Depot  
35th Birthday August 13

DARRELL SMITH  
Huntington  
81st Birthday August 13

**Baby Gator Shower**

Come help Zoology Zone Science Center welcome their new baby alligator to the Zoo! There will be a meet and greet on Friday, August 8, at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.!

The Zoo will be open to the public all day, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. There will be cupcakes and activities. If you bring a donation for Lily's Place in Huntington, you will get a free admission to the Zoo all Day!

**Church of God Yard Sale**

Hurricane First Church of God, located on East Lynn Street behind Dollar Tree, will be participating in Hurricane's Citywide Yard Sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 8.

**Democrat**

**Women to Meet**

The Putnam County Democratic Women's Club will be meeting at noon on Saturday, August 16, at the Holiday Inn Express, 941 Route 34, Hurricane. The menu will be a variety of sliders fruit tray, pasta salad and cookies, iced tea, water, and coffee. The cost is \$15. RSVP by August 9 by calling (304) 543-2115 or emailing karensprouse7@outlook.com

*Happy Anniversary*

Rondle and Janice Smith of 2154 Washington Hill Road in Hurricane will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on August 8.

Andrew and Ashley Neville Sager of Gallipolis, Ohio, will celebrate their tenth wedding anniversary on August 8.

Mike and Diane Riddle of Candler, North Carolina, will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on August 9.

Allen and Penny Skidmore of Winfield will celebrate their fortieth wedding anniversary on August 10.

Gary and Karen Jividen of 392 Railroad Avenue in Buffalo will celebrate their forty-fifth wedding anniversary on August 11.

Roger and Patsy Perkins of 473 Sunnybrook Drive in Hurricane will celebrate their fourteenth wedding anniversary on August 11.

Tim and Anna Armstead of Elkview will celebrate their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary on August 12.

Danny and Drema Pauley of 2345 Cherry Street in Hurricane will celebrate their forty-second wedding anniversary on August 13.

Courtney and Autumn Tusing of 438 Cow Creek Road in Hurricane will celebrate their thirteenth wedding anniversary on August 13.

Joey and Tracee Hinkle of Bartow Drive in Barboursville will celebrate their wedding anniversary on August 13.

David and Marla Racer of 1030 West Mud River Road in Milton will celebrate their thirty-second wedding anniversary on August 14.

**Winfield Band Car Show**

The Winfield Band will be hosting its Inaugural Car Show at the High School parking lot on Saturday, August 16. There will be live music from the band throughout the event. There will be door prizes for participants along with Dash plaques. Entry fee will be \$15.00 and registration will start at 8 a.m.

There will be a 50/50 and raffle baskets during the event. Food, drink, and baked goods will be for sale. All proceeds will support the Band Boosters in purchasing new uniforms for the upcoming season.

Awards will start at 2:30 p.m. Top 50 and Specialty Trophies selected by the Band sections.

The parking lot is not shaded, so there will be a limited number of spots with tents to rent for the day.

For questions or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Anthony Smith at 304 543 9961.

**Books and Bites**

Got an empty feeling in the pit of your stomach after summer reading has ended? Bob Evans in Teays Valley is here to fill the hole!

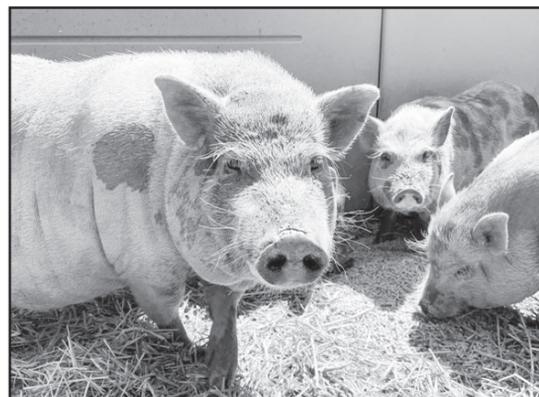
This August, the Putnam County Library is teaming up with Bob Evans to give kids a bite to eat when they read books. Kids can earn a free meal just by reading. Ask your librarian how.

**Under the Sea Night Swim**

The Eleanor Pool will be holding an Under the Sea night swim event on Saturday, August 9, from 8:30 to 11 p.m. The event will feature special guest DJ Bu. Advance tickets are \$8; tickets at the door are \$10. Season pass holders get in free. Cotton candy is \$2, along with regular concession.

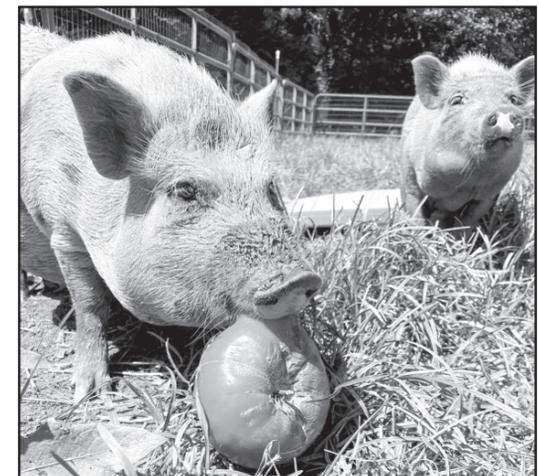
**Available Pets at the Putnam County Animal Shelter**

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



These five mini pot-bellied piggies are looking for their perfect forever home! They're sassy, snack-loving, and full of personality. Plus, they're super social and the shelter would love to see them adopted together as a little piggy family!

Their adoption fee for all 5 is just \$50—that's less than \$10 a pig for a lifetime of joy (and squeals)! These cuties are strictly for PETS ONLY—no bacon here! Just belly rubs, muddy snouts, and happy oinks.





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