

The Hurricane Breeze

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Putnam Math and Reading Assessments Tops Statewide

By Ron Allen

The West Virginia Department of Education released the 2025 student assessment results for all schools on Wednesday, August 13th. Statewide, there were slight gains in overall proficiency with increases over last year's numbers in English language arts (ELA) (45% to 48%), Math (36% to 38%), and Science (29% to 30%). Early learners made the most significant gains in reading. The report showed progress in ELA with a 6% gain in third grade proficiency, and a 7% decrease in those who did not meet the standard compared to last year's assessment.

The DOE website reported proficiencies in Math, Reading, and Science for every county. Putnam exceeded statewide proficiencies in Math, 56% to 38%; Reading, 62% to 48%; and Science, 41% to 30%.

Putnam's Math and Reading proficiencies were tops statewide. Putnam's Science proficiency of 41% was exceeded by Monongalia County's 48% proficiency. Monongalia's science proficiency produced the highest average proficiencies in Math, Reading and

Science of 53.4%. Putnam average for the three areas of instruction was second statewide with an average of 53.2%.

Student assessments for individual schools within Putnam varied widely. West Teays Elementary registered the highest proficiencies among the county's elementary schools with 81.3% best in Math, 80.1% best in Reading, and 59.4% second best in Science. Scott Teays Elementary was first in Science with a 63.1% proficiency.

Winfield registered the best middle school proficiencies in Math and Reading and the poorest in Science. Winfield was 62.4% proficient in Math and 64.5% proficient in Reading. Poca Middle achieved the highest Science proficiency with 43.7%, followed by Hurricane Middle with 42.7%. WMS Science proficiencies was 32.2%. GWMS Science was 38.2%.

Winfield High School registered the highest proficiencies in all three academic areas. Winfield's proficiencies were 42.4% in Math, 75.1% in Reading and 47.7% in Science.

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Town of Eleanor Celebrates Its Ninety Years of History



Dancers' Choice Square Dance Club teaches Mayor Cam Clendenin and anniversary volunteers how to dance.

By Betsy Allen

The Town of Eleanor celebrated ninety years of community this past weekend, August 15 and 16.

The weekend kicked off with an evening swim party at the Eleanor Pool on Friday. The Eleanor Pool has been operating since 1970, providing locals with a place to cool off and have fun in the summer months. The facility features two diving boards, a slide, and a kiddie pool for small children.

Saturday was an action-packed day in Eleanor. The

morning started with a History Alive! presentation about the history of music in Appalachian culture as told through the fictitious life of Minnie Reed (portrayed by actress and historian Mary Dailey). The presentation was held at the Eleanor Library.

Visitors took tours of the Eleanor Town Hall throughout the morning and afternoon and learn about the structure's rich history. The Homestead Room was converted into an art gallery featuring the work of local artists and artisans. The theme of the art competition was the Town of Eleanor - participants had to create pieces inspired by the town. Both adults and children could compete in the art show, with divisions based on grade levels for the children, and preferred medium for adult amateur

and professional entries.

Winners of the art show included: Mixed Media - Kirk Collins (1st and 2nd) and Berna Darby (3rd); Watercolor - Berna Darby (1st) and Lavania Harrison (2nd); Pastel - Kirk Collins (1st and 2nd); Acrylic - Lavania Harrison (1st and 2nd); Oil - Tammy Tucker (1st), Haley Nutter (2nd), and Tonya Dolin (3rd); Pencil - Kirk Collins (1st and 2nd) and Tonya Dolin (3rd). Student winners included Penelope May for Grades K-4, and Hadley Wiseman for Grades 5-8. Quilt block squares were created by Brody Hescht, Sutton Hescht, Hilda Blankenship, Jasmine Shae Jodon, Iris Criner, and Every Hill.

Three artists with strong ties to Eleanor had featured exhibits in the Homestead Room. These included paintings of outdoor life

by Pat Cross; wood bowls crafted by John DesMeules from fallen trees in the Eleanor Park; and fine glass paperweights and figurines by Tamarack artist Keith McClanahan.

Cross, an award-winning painter, showcased a collection of her paintings which had been inspired by life in Eleanor. Her painting "Dairy Queen Sunday" depicted a family riding bicycles - with the littlest one riding a tricycle - to get treats at the popular restaurant. "Mountain Bikers Rock" depicted bikers riding on the trails located at the Eleanor Park and Fairgrounds, and "Stepping Stone" captured a magical scene of a woman wading in Buffalo Creek, a stream which runs through the park. "Our Bird Sanctuary" Continued to Page 3

INVESTMENT OF THIRTY YEARS THREATENED

Transmission Line Route Change



Bill Hatcher displays a notice informing him that unnamed contractors will be visiting his property at an unannounced hour at some future time.

By Ron Allen

The news that Appalachian Power's rebuild of the Bancroft-Milton transmission line would not affect the Meeks Mountain Trails was good news to the ears of many. It was good news to many because many had donated endless hours to build the 30-plus miles of trails. The many would not see their investment of time and labor erased.

Bill Hatcher was not one the many. The new transmission line route will bisect a bit more than 20 acres of Hatcher's property. The easement which will allow Appalachian to construct the line on the property includes ingress and egress rights. For a land owner, an easement means a permanent loss of land use. Hatcher has firsthand experience with Appalachian easement rights because a 765-kv line easement separates the

affected 20-plus acres from acreage upon which he has raised cattle for more than thirty years. The experience has been unpleasant and resulted in financial losses for which Hatcher received no compensation.

Hatcher fears that the new transmission line and easement will be far more unpleasant. "I cannot build on the land; I lose the timber; I cannot graze cattle on it. A contractor, clearing the right of way, destroyed the grass beneath the existing line. That was this summer. If the company had waited until fall, the loss would have been small," Hatcher said. In previous years, grazing has been impossible because of herbicide use.

Following the derecho of 2012, the company sent in contractors who cut the timber in a deep hollow below the transmission line. The timber, unlike trees growing near the lines, was not affected by the

pulsating fields produced by high voltage. Hatcher did not discover the fallen timber until days after the deed. The timber was lost. Appalachian refused to listen to his complaint, stating that he needed to talk to the contractor.

Appalachian's use of contractors should require the company to be responsible for losses. Appalachian has refused to compensate Hatcher for past contractor-caused damage incurred to a farm road and to a farm pond while making ingress to the right-of-way.

A helicopter trimming operation of the line resulted in a heavy limb falling upon a cow. The blow injured the cow, causing her to abort on the spot. The injury ended the cow's calf-producing years.

Hatcher believes that Appalachian should be required to do that which is right and fair. "Easements

Toyota To Provide Childcare

Toyota is adding four, all-new childcare centers across its manufacturing footprint. New centers will serve parents at Toyota West Virginia and at plants in North Carolina, Mississippi, and Alabama. Parents at Toyota's Kentucky and Indiana plants are currently served by childcare centers.

The Toyota West Virginia center in Buffalo will open by or before 2027 to provide care for up to 240 children over two shifts.

All centers will introduce an age-

are not right and fair. I cannot use the land but must pay the taxes on it. A power line right-of-way is an open invitation to unauthorized 4-wheelers. Easements exempt Appalachian from liability. The land owner is not exempt. Being right and fair would require Appalachian to buy the acreage which I cannot use. If they own the land, they own the liability and must pay the taxes," Hatcher stated.

Hatcher fears that loss of the land use will eventually force him to abandon farming. Active farms enjoy a tax break. His taxes would virtually double overnight if he were to shutdown his cattle operation.

Hatcher has thirty years of time and labor invested - thirty years which may be destroyed by an easement.

based curriculum for children six-weeks to five-years, promoting learning through motor development, as well as physical, cognitive and social-emotional growth. They will be equipped with a commercial kitchen, STEM room, movement matters space and an outdoor playground.

Each of the new childcare centers is being developed in collaboration with third party, high-quality childcare providers and will align with plant production schedules, helping to ensure that team members can balance work and family responsibilities.

"At Toyota, we know it is paramount for working parents to have access to quality childcare, and manufacturing is not always a nine-to-five job," said Denita Neville, vice president of Toyota's Corporate Shared Services. "Offering childcare motivates and empowers our team members, makes our industry more inclusive and helps our smallest learners of today become our biggest leaders of tomorrow."

Toyota has offered onsite, 24-hour-a-day care at its largest global site, in Georgetown, Ky., since 1993. The facility provides around-the-clock care for more than 270 children and has welcomed thousands of team members' children since its opening.

Toyota Indiana opened its childcare center in 2003 and is undergoing an expansion that will be completed in September 2025. With the addition, the facility will accommodate up to 366 children over two shifts.

"As a working mom, it's been such a relief to have childcare that supports my work schedule," said Patricia Pastrana Arroyo, a group leader at Toyota Indiana. "The early education program is exceptional. The teachers are nurturing, attentive and genuinely caring toward each child. They keep parents informed with daily reports, pictures and updates, which helps me feel connected to my son even when I'm not

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WEATHER SUMMARY

August 12 - 18

Low High

August 12

Hurricane 65° 92°

August 13*

Hurricane 66° 88°

August 14*

Hurricane 62° 88°

August 15

Hurricane 62° 91°

August 16

Hurricane 64° 91°

August 17

Hurricane 65° 92°

August 18

Hurricane 63° 86°

*RAIN

0.6 inch recorded Aug. 13

0.2 inch recorded Aug. 14

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.

AUGUST 21 - 23

- The Appalachian Trainer Face Off, an event bringing together horse trainers from around the country to compete and showcasing adoptable horses, will be held at the Winfield Riding Club. For more information, go to <https://www.appalachiantrainerfaceoff.com>
- The 2025 West Virginia Cupcake Festival will be held at Valley Park in Hurricane. For a schedule of events, go to <https://wvcupcakefestival.com>

AUGUST 21

- The monthly Night Market - featuring vendors, food trucks, and local bands - will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane. This month's theme will be 90's Night.

AUGUST 22 - 23

- Lighthouse Baptist Church, 2440 US Route 60, Hurricane, will be holding a clothing giveaway from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

AUGUST 22

- Horseshoe Heaven on Smith Farm, 121 Banjo Lane, Scott Depot, will be holding Preschool Camp for ages 2-5 from 10 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$75 per camper. For more information, call (304) 421-5733.
- Game Grove, located in Putnam Village Shopping Center in Teays Valley, will be holding a board game night from 6

to 10:30 p.m.

AUGUST 23

- Maximum Velocity Wrestling will be holding Saturday Night Nitro WV III with Cutting Edge Athletics at 3 McJunkin Road, Nitro. Doors open at 6 p.m.; bell time at 7 p.m. Admission is \$10.
- Code 3 Health and Fitness, 236 Airgas Lane, Poca will be hosting Strongman Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants must be 17 or older to train.
- The West Virginia Comics, Buy, Sell and Trade Comic and Toy Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Social Event Space, 2833 Main Street, Hurricane.
- Word of Light Community Church, 23 Young Lane, Hurricane, will be holding a Ladies' Day: You Grow Girl from 1 to 4 p.m. Bring a snack or dessert to share.
- Charleston Association of the Deaf will be holding their 77th Annual Picnic from noon to 9 p.m. at Hurricane City Park. Meet at the Red Barn for a day of socialization, good food and games. The cost is \$25 for adults; \$10 for ages 12-17; and \$5 for ages 11-6.
- There will be a community sing at 6 p.m. at Hurricane Nazarene Church, located on Route 60.

AUGUST 24

- There will be a Foraging for Mushrooms 101 walk at 4 p.m. at Ridenour Park in Nitro.
- Mount Vernon Baptist Church, 2150 Mount Vernon Road, Hurricane, will be holding Reach Out Sunday starting at 11 a.m.

AUGUST 25

- Coffee With A Twist, 101 Main Avenue, Nitro, will be holding a Back to School Prayer Night at 6 p.m.

AUGUST 26

- Coffee With A Twist, 101 Main Avenue, Nitro, will be hosting First Sips of Fall, featuring pumpkin spice lattes, maple, and cinnamon drinks.
- There will be an International Overdose Awareness Day Proclamation at 5 p.m. during the Putnam County Commission meeting at the Winfield Courthouse.
- The Hurricane Civic Chorus will be holding their open house at 7 p.m. at Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, 2848 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane.

AUGUST 27

- Summer Nights and Open Mics will be held at Nitro Living Memorial Park, Second Avenue and 21st Street. There will be a pop-up market in addition to an open mic event for musicians, poets, and comedians. Stage opens at 7 p.m.

AUGUST 28

- Moms Connect of Hurricane at River Ridge Church will be holding an open house at 10 a.m. at River Ridge, 1 Saturn Way, Hurricane. Moms with children ages 0-5 welcome.

AUGUST 29

- American Pro Wrestling Debuts at the Teays Valley VFW Post #9097, 3836 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

AUGUST 30

- Buffalo Church of the Nazarene, 25053 Buffalo Road, will be holding a men's prayer breakfast at 8 a.m.
- Peoples Federal Credit Union in Nitro will be holding a free community shred day

HurriCon Pop Culture Event Set For First Weekend in September

HurriCon, Putnam County's largest Pop Culture Convention, will be making its debut on Saturday, September 6 from (10am - 7pm) and Sunday, September 7 (10am - 6pm) at Valley Park Conference Center in Hurricane.

Dive into E-Sports tournaments, board games, cosplay contests, live entertainment, vendors, special guests, and more - all while supporting the American Cancer Society.

Ticket prices range between \$10-25 for a single adult day pass, and \$15-30 for an adult weekend pass. VIP tickets are \$60. Teen admission costs range between \$7-22 for a single day, and \$10-25 for weekend tickets. Children under 10 get in free, but advance tickets which include a t-shirt can be purchased for \$15 online.

Purchase your tickets



in advance to enjoy exclusive early bird discounts on admission, t-shirts, and more. Not only will you save money and secure your spot - you'll also be making a difference, as 100% of ticket sales go directly to the American Cancer Society, funding critical research and support services. Advance ticket sales end this Sunday, August 24, at midnight.

For more information about HurriCon and a list of activities, go to <https://e.givesmart.com/events/HYM/>

To keep up with the latest convention updates, go to <https://www.facebook.com/hurriconwv>

WVDNR to Conduct Nighttime Deer Surveys Across State

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) recently announced that biologists will conduct spotlight surveys across the state in August and September to monitor white-tailed deer populations.

These nighttime surveys are a critical part of the agency's deer management plan and help wildlife managers estimate local deer numbers, track population trends and make informed decisions about future hunting seasons and habitat conservation efforts.

This year's surveys will take place from Aug.

18-29 and Sept. 15-26, and start 30 minutes after sunset. During the survey period, WVDNR staff will drive predetermined routes along county roads, using spotlights to count deer.

During the survey period, residents may notice marked WVDNR vehicles using spotlights at night along these routes. All surveys are conducted safely and responsibly, with precautions in place to limit disturbance to landowners and wildlife.

For more information about the surveys or local survey routes, contact your WVDNR district office.

Neighbors Feeding Neighbors

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

Developmental Screening

Putnam County Schools Developmental Screenings will be held on Wednesday, August 27, at the Teays Valley Baptist Church on Teays Valley Road. Children ages 2 1/2 to 4 years will be screened for speech/language, hearing, vision, motor skills, social skills, self-help, and cognition.

Please call 304-586-0500 ext. 1133 to schedule an appointment.

from 9 a.m. to noon.

- There will be a women's clothing swap from 1 to 4 p.m. at Bake My Day, 14 Bank Street, Nitro. Bring 10 items of new or gently used women's clothing and trade for something else.
- The Town of Bancroft will hold their annual town picnic from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- The Putnam County Animal Shelter, 12908 Charleston Road, Red House, will be holding a Sizzle and Sunshine Picnic from 2 to 6 p.m. Food, fun, games, and more.

AUGUST 31

There will be Labor Day fireworks starting at 9:30 p.m. at the St. Albans Roadside Park.

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

Blogs... I started reading online blogs a few years ago. Recipes... book reviews... travel... the trouble with the blogs in this country is that they have become so political. I could not believe the public bashing of our former president... and these bloggers professed to be Christians. I was astounded. I did not want to read political rants. When they started this NOT nice habit, I deleted them from my iPad. Gone in a second...

At this time, I continue to read a couple in the U.K. And one in Ireland... there is one or two I read in this country. I wonder why bloggers believe they have to be so negative... I have to wonder why they believe only one denomination is correct... only one political party worth anything... I have no answers.

I am happy if the blogger writes about a favorite book. I read hundreds every year online, free from Netgalley. They send me books to review... my daughter receives the

Annual Bancroft Town Picnic

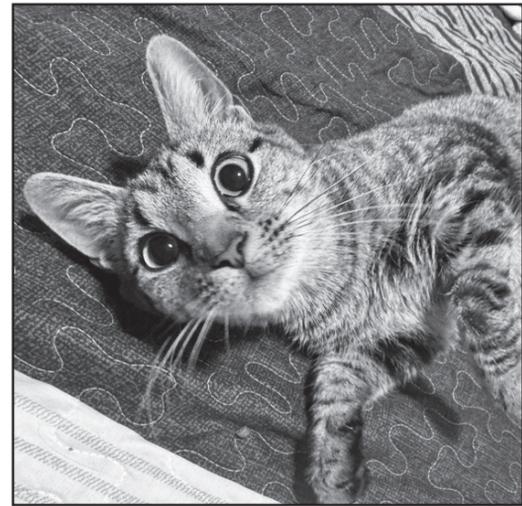
Celebrate the best of small town life at Bancroft's Annual Town Picnic on Saturday, August 30. Enjoy grilled lunch, delicious Huskey's ice cream, music by Jay the DJ, along with games, door prizes, and local history memorabilia. Festivities from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. with lunch anticipated to be served around noon.

The residents of Bancroft take pride in their town and being great neighbors so put it on your calendar to share the good times with them!

Available Pets at the Putnam County Animal Shelter

This one 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, this animal may have already been adopted and found a forever home. 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.



Prego is a female brown and black shorthair tabby. She is estimated to be around a year to two years of age.



Lashae is a female large mixed breed dog. She is estimated to be around 6 years of age, and weighs 69.2 pounds.

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Town of Eleanor Celebrates

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and “Blue Heron Pit Stop” both showed the natural wonders of the bird sanctuary located on the Eleanor side of the Winfield Locks and Dam.

In addition to learning about the history of the Eleanor Town Hall and viewing the work of local artists, those attending the celebration could play bingo at the Eleanor Fire Department, or support the George Washington Elementary School music program through the Third Annual School Music Vendor Fair.

The evening’s entertainment included a performance by the North Putnam Community Band, a demonstration by Dancers’ Choice Square

Dance Club, and live music by Not Quite Paradise.

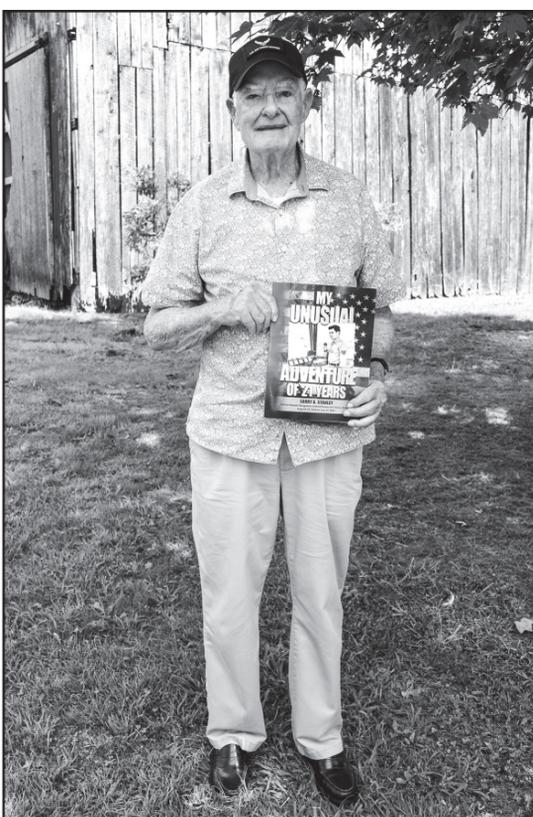
One of three homestead communities built in West Virginia by the Roosevelt administration, the Town of Eleanor was established in 1934, with the first families moving into the community the following year. These homestead communities were meant to provide farmers and industrial workers who had been affected by the Great Depression with jobs, low-cost homes, and plots of land for sustenance farming. A total of 150 dwellings were built in the community of Red House Farms – later renamed Eleanor in honor of Eleanor Roosevelt, who made five trips to visit the project – along with a factory, canning plant,

greenhouse, workshops, school, and free medical clinic. For entertainment, there were clubs for men and women, 4-H for children, sports teams, a harmonica band, parties, and square dances.

The Red House, a large two and a half story brick structure which was built around 1840, became the Eleanor Town Hall in 2001. Prior to the Civil War, the Red House was the home of Joseph Ruffner, one of the area’s first settlers. During the Great Depression, the Red House served as the homestead administration building. Today, the structure houses the town government, police department, and the Homestead Room, which can be rented out for events.

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We Love Hearing from Our Readers



Larry Stanley poses with a copy of his memoirs during his recent visit to the Ranch. “My Unusual Adventure of 21 Years” is available on Amazon.com.

Hello Ron,

I really enjoyed your recent article about Coal River. It brought back many fond memories.

When I was growing up in Hurricane, I had an aunt and uncle who lived on Strawberry Road near the river.

I was home on leave from the Air Force in July 1951 (I was stationed in California), and I decided to visit my relatives. I asked a friend to go along to meet my cousin Carolyn, as they were about the same age. I planned to “fix him up” with her. I never dreamed I would meet my future wife that day. Jenny Harper was a good friend of my cousin.

The four of us spent most of that afternoon swimming at the Lower

Falls area. I was able to see my new friend several times before I had to go back to the West Coast.

We started writing to each other, usually every week.

I was able to come home again in November of that year and Jenny and I spent more time together. We committed to be boyfriend and girlfriend. I still have the small gold watch I gave her that Christmas.

We were married in July 1952 in Point Pleasant by her foster father, the Rev. William C. Bowie.

Our marriage lasted for 64 years and 10 months, before her untimely loss (a tragic car wreck).

We moved with the Air Force thirteen times after our first home in San Rafael, California. This included overseas tours in France

Toyota Childcare

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there.”

All sites will go through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) accreditation process which establishes standards for quality childcare programs.

Beyond onsite childcare centers, Toyota also offers benefits through Bright Horizons. Their services help employees find ongoing childcare, make plans for known and unexpected gaps, or arrange temporary care for family members.

and the Philippines. We settled in Ohio in 1965 and built our home there.

We raised four children, all good citizens and great patriots. We also helped raise five of our grandsons and had much influence over the raising of the other three grandsons.

PS: My cousin and my friend never saw each other after that one day, figures.

Larry Stanley
Hurricane High School
Class of 1948

Putnam Student Proficiencies

Putnam Elementary Schools

	Math	Reading	Science
Buffalo			
Exceeds	22.1	15.1	0.0
Meets	32.6	32.6	16.7
Partly	26.4	32.6	50.0
Misses	18.6	19.8	33.3
Confidence			
Exceeds	31.2	16.7	15.4
Meets	43.8	50.0	15.4
Partly	20.8	31.2	69.2
Misses	4.2	2.1	0.0
Conner Street			
Exceeds	28.4	16.9	9.1
Meets	27.7	34.5	29.1
Partly	25.7	32.4	38.2
Misses	18.2	16.2	23.4
Eastbrook			
Exceeds	36.6	30.9	11.4
Meets	26.8	22.8	20.0
Partly	27.6	32.5	57.1
Misses	8.93	18.75	2.94
George Washington			
Exceeds	35.1	28.7	14.3
Meets	19.2	26.6	39.3
Partly	33.0	33.0	39.3
Misses	12.8	11.7	7.1

West Teays

Exceeds	60.7	50.2	36.2
Meets	20.6	29.7	23.2
Partly	14.2	15.1	34.8
Misses	4.6	5.0	5.8
Winfield			
Exceeds	44.8	33.0	16.3
Meets	23.4	33.0	26.7
Partly	16.3	20.1	41.9
Misses	15.5	13.8	15.1
Mountain View			
Exceeds	30.9	28.9	10.8
Meets	24.0	27.0	21.5
Partly	28.9	28.4	47.7
Misses	16.2	15.7	20.0

Putnam Middle Schools

	Math	Reading	Science
George Washington			
Exceeds	23.7	20.2	17.3
Meets	21.9	35.7	20.9
Partly	33.4	27.4	39.1
Misses	20.9	16.6	22.7
Hurricane Middle			
Exceeds	37.4	27.0	16.9
Meets	17.9	33.8	25.7
Partly	26.0	24.8	35.6
Misses	19.7	14.4	19.9

Hometown

Exceeds	44.4	37.0
Meets	18.5	40.7
Partly	18.5	3.7
Misses	18.5	18.5

Hurricane Town

Exceeds	45.9	35.2	13.5
Meets	25.4	29.5	46.0
Partly	17.2	24.6	32.4
Misses	11.5	10.7	8.1

Lakeside

Exceeds	23.5	23.5	5.4
Meets	34.1	35.3	35.1
Partly	34.1	27.1	46.0
Misses	8.2	14.1	13.5

Poca

Exceeds	28.2	19.7	12.1
Meets	29.9	32.5	18.2
Partly	28.2	32.5	45.4
Misses	13.7	15.4	24.2

Rock Branch

Exceeds	48.0	44.6	5.3
Meets	16.0	21.6	36.8
Partly	26.7	28.4	52.6
Misses	9.3	5.4	5.3

Scott Teays

Exceeds	57.7	37.9	20.4
Meets	20.9	33.2	42.9
Partly	13.2	20.3	26.5
Misses	8.2	8.2	10.2

Poca Middle

Exceeds	29.3	19.9	13.8
Meets	18.0	35.7	29.9
Partly	29.7	30.8	39.1
Misses	22.9	13.5	17.2

Winfield Middle

Exceeds	38.8	28.0	9.4
Meets	23.6	36.5	22.8
Partly	22.3	23.3	42.8
Misses	15.4	12.2	25.0

Putnam High Schools

	Math	Reading	Science
Buffalo			
Exceeds	4.6	16.3	9.3
Meets	15.1	36.0	19.8
Partly	40.7	30.2	38.4
Misses	39.5	17.4	32.6
Hurricane			
Exceeds	22.9	25.7	21.2
Meets	17.6	48.6	24.9
Partly	40.0	12.6	32.6
Misses	19.6	13.1	21.2
Poca			
Exceeds	2.4	12.2	3.7
Meets	8.5	39.0	20.7
Partly	40.2	22.0	35.4
Misses	48.8	26.8	40.2
Winfield			
Exceeds	18.6	32.6	20.2
Meets	23.8	42.5	27.5
Partly	34.7	14.0	35.2
Misses	22.8	10.9	17.1



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.

Aug. 21, 1861: Confederate troops under General John B. Floyd crossed the Gauley River at Carnifex Ferry, Nicholas County, and began to entrench their position.

It was the beginning of what became known as the Battle of Keslers Cross Lanes.

Aug. 21, 1915: Singer Ann Baker was born in Pennsylvania. She later operated a popular Charleston nightclub, The Shalamar, and became known as “Charleston’s First Lady of Jazz.”

Aug. 22, 1872: Following the Constitutional Convention of 1872, the West Virginia electorate ratified a new state constitution by a vote of 42,344 to 37,777. In the same election, voters rejected a controversial convention proposition that would have prohibited Black citizens from holding public office.

Aug. 22, 1874: John Kee, the patriarch of a powerful political family, was born in Glenville. He relocated to Bluefield in 1910 and was first elected to Congress in 1932, eventually chairing the House Foreign Affairs Committee. After his death in 1951, his widow,

Elizabeth, filled his seat (1951-65), followed by their son James (1965-73).

Aug. 23, 1949: John Chambers was born in Cleveland but spent much of his formative years in Ravenswood and Charleston. He is best known as the former CEO and chairman of the Cisco Systems technology company.

Aug. 23, 1965: Sylvia Mathews Burwell was born in Hinton. She was U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (2014-17) under President Obama before serving as American University’s first woman president (2017-24).

Aug. 23, 1970: The Mormon Church established its first “stake,” or congregation, in West Virginia. The stake was organized in Charleston with a membership of nearly 4,000 people.

Aug. 24, 1918: Louis Bennett Jr. died of injuries sustained when his plane was shot down by German anti-aircraft fire. Bennett, with 12 combat kills, was West Virginia’s only World War I fighter ace.

Aug. 24, 1947: Joe Manchin III was born in Fairmont. He served in both houses of the legislature and as secretary of state before becoming the 34th governor in 2005. In 2010, he ran successfully for the late Robert C. Byrd’s U.S. Senate seat and

stepped down as governor. He retired from the Senate in 2025.

August 25, 1903: Soprano Susanne Fisher was born in Sutton. Fisher was the first West Virginian to sing at the Metropolitan Opera.

Aug. 25, 1921: Miners began to arrive at Blair Mountain near the border of Logan and Boone counties. Sheriff Don Chafin, a hated symbol of anti-unionism in southern West Virginia, met them with a combined force of deputies, mine guards, civilian volunteers and others.

Aug. 25, 2000: The Robert C. Byrd Green Bank Telescope was dedicated. It is the world’s largest fully steerable radio telescope.

Aug. 26, 1863: Union and Confederate forces collided in what became known as the Battle of White Sulphur Springs. The next morning, with ammunition nearly depleted, Union General William Averell retreated to his base without accomplishing any of his objectives.

Aug. 26, 1918: Mathematician Katherine Johnson was born in White Sulphur Springs. For 33 years, Johnson worked for NASA, making calculations for manned space flights, including the Apollo 11 moon landing. In 2015, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Aug. 27, 1902: Mary McClain was born Mary Smith in Huntington. McClain was a blues legend who performed at Carnegie Hall, the White House, the Apollo Theatre, and the Cotton Club.



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Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



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Four Everyday Ways to Keep Your Brain Sharp

(Family Features) Staying in shape goes beyond physical fitness – keeping your brain health top of mind is crucial for your overall well-being, too. To sharpen your mind, consider these everyday ways for prioritizing brain health.

Stimulate Your Mind

While “exercising” typically refers to running, walking or biking, remember you can give your brain a workout as well. Provide a boost for your brain with easy and enjoyable activities like reading, puzzles, math games like sudoku or artistic challenges such as drawing or crafting.

Eat Healthy Foods

Establishing a strong foundation for brain health can start in the kitchen by preparing healthy foods. Adding whole grains, fish, legumes, healthy fats and fruits and vegetables, including grapes and leafy greens, can encourage better brain wellness.

Research suggests grapes help maintain a healthy brain. UCLA researchers, in a human study of elderly subjects with mild cognitive decline, found consuming 2 1/4 cups of grapes every day preserved healthy metabolic activity in regions of the brain associated with early-stage Alzheimer’s disease.

This Walnut Sunflower-Crusted Salmon with Honey-Lemon Grapes is a flavor-packed way to add California grapes to the menu while simultaneously supporting brain and heart health. Salmon, rich in omega-3s, is topped with a crunchy walnut-sunflower seed crust for a savory, nutty bite. Pair with juicy grapes and onions marinated in honey and lemon for a burst of sweetness and tang to balance the rich salmon in this nutritious meal.

Prioritize Mental Health

Reducing anxiety may be easier said than done, but it starts with healthy everyday habits. Practice mindfulness by meditating or simply turning off distractions like social media. Get outside for fresh air or find a hobby you enjoy. Join a support group, reach out to loved ones and, if you feel you’re experiencing negative mental health systems, talk with a mental health professional.

Exercise Regularly

Physical activities that increase your heart rate also increase blood flow to the brain and throughout your body. It doesn’t have to be rigorous or strenuous – go for a walk around the neighborhood, dance in the living room, tend to your garden or enjoy a bike ride when the weather cooperates. Remember to replenish your energy and hydration – California grapes are an easy way to deliver both.

Find more information on the connection between grapes and heart health, and discover more nutritious recipes, by visiting GrapesfromCalifornia.com.

Walnut Sunflower-Crusted Salmon with Honey-Lemon Grapes

Servings: 4

Honey-Lemon Marinated Grapes:

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon fresh basil
- 1/4 teaspoon sea salt
- freshly ground pepper, to taste
- 3 cups halved red Grapes from California
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced red onion
- 1 small handful arugula

Salmon:

- 3/4 cup walnuts, chopped
- 2 tablespoons roasted, unsalted sunflower seeds
- 2 teaspoons honey
- 2 teaspoons spicy brown or Dijon mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon sea salt
- 4 salmon fillets (6 ounces each)

Heat oven to 350 F and line baking sheet with parchment paper or lightly oiled foil.

To make honey-lemon marinated grapes: In medium bowl, whisk oil, lemon juice, honey, basil, salt and pepper, to taste. Stir in grapes, onion and arugula; set aside.

To prepare salmon: In small bowl, stir walnuts, sunflower seeds, honey, mustard and salt until thick paste forms.

Place salmon on prepared baking sheet, skin side down, and press equal amounts walnut mixture over surface of each. Bake 20 minutes, or until salmon flakes easily with fork.

Set salmon on plates; using slotted spoon, spoon marinated grape and onion mixture over salmon and around plates.

Nutritional information per serving: 640 calories; 39 g protein; 31 g carbohydrates; 41 g fat (58% calories from fat); 7 g saturated fat (10% calories from saturated fat); 95 mg cholesterol; 390 mg sodium; 3 g fiber.



Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.

Be kind; we are all hurting and healing in silence.

Every level of your life will require a new you.

Be a little kinder than you have to be.

I'm not someone you find twice.

Everything is better in purple!

We rise by lifting others.

Nothing hurts worse than seeing your favorite person slowly losing interest in you.

Someone once said my fillers are wisdom in small capsules..

Use your smile to change the world but don't let the world change your smile.

Make a compliment to someone and notice how it affects their happiness.

Start your day by saying positive things to yourself - words that lift you up.

What I am looking for is not out there, it is in me. - Helen Keller

Learn as if you will live forever. Live like you will die tomorrow.

Stay humble. Work hard in silence, let success make the noise.

Keep smiling. Because of your smile, you make life more beautiful.

What you have many can have. But what you are no one can be. So, don't lose the spark that makes you, You!

Pull the string, and it will follow wherever you wish. Push it, and it will go nowhere at all. - Dwight D. Eisenhower

I will never understand how people be lying, knowing they're lying, knowing you know they're lying and still lie.

When a husband helps his wife in the home, it's not because she rules it. It's because marriage is a team.

I will always keep talking about you, You deserve to be remembered, Dad.

When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.

If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.

I am hiding from exercise - I am in the fitness protection program.

Never look down on anyone. Only God sits that high.

Some people wish it would happen, others make it happen.

The measure of intelligence is the ability to change. - Albert Einstein

No wise man ever wished to be younger. - Jonathan Swift

You can't trust doggies to watch your food.



No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.

Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.

If you're going to rise, you might as well shine.

Contentment is an embracing of the providence of God.

The Self is the center of the whole creation.

Love is beyond reflection.

Take the time to really listen to those you love. Hear not only with your ears, but also with your heart.

A big thank you to the people in my life who make me smile, support me, and bring me joy.

If you find yourself constantly trying to prove your worth to someone, you have already forgotten your value.

Take any job until you get your dream job. Pride doesn't pay bills.

It's wrong to tax a working person to their breaking point and give it to someone who can work but refuses to.

When I was younger, I always thought adults were dramatic when they said, "If it ain't one thing it's another," but now as an adult myself, I can confirm, "If it isn't one thing, it's another."

God gives each one of us unique gifts, abilities, and passions. How well we use those qualities to have an impact on the world around us determines how "successful" we really are.

You've got to get up every morning with determination if you're going to go to bed with satisfaction.

I woke up this morning, determined to drink less, eat right and exercise. But that was four hours ago when I was younger and full of hope.

Eggs are fantastic for a diet. If you don't like the taste, just add cocoa, flour, sugar, butter, baking powder and bake at 325 for 30 minutes.

It's not our job to toughen our children up to face a cruel and heartless world. It's our job to raise children who will make the world a little less cruel and heartless.

A pleasure a day keeps stress away.

All empty souls tend to extreme opinion.

We are always the same age inside.

Don't worry about what people say behind your back, they are the people who are finding faults in your life instead of fixing the faults in their

own life.

One doesn't discover new lands without consenting to lose sight of the shore for a very long time.

Your sense of faith is nourished each time you invest in something for which no particular result is found.

Never mistake motion for action. - Ernest Hemmingway

True love begins when nothing is looked for in return.

There is love enough in this world for everybody, if people will just look.

A person starts to live when he can live outside himself. - Albert Einstein

Bad news goes about in clogs, good news in stocking feet.

I like not only to be loved, but to be told that I am loved.

The beginning of atonement is the sense of its necessity.

A contented mind is a continual feast.

One rotten apple will spoil the whole barrel.

The best armor is to keep out of range.

He who does not venture has no luck.

Diligence is the mother of good luck.

Ever seen someone steer a 40-foot vehicle, manage 50 kids, and stay calm? That's a school bus driver.

The fact that my entire body cracks like a glowstick whenever I move and yet refuses to actually glow is very disappointing.

The color purple embodies the balance of red's passion and blue's tranquility, creating a color that is both bold and serene.

Try committing an anonymous act of kindness, doing something you've been afraid to do, or loving generosity.

Picky people pick Peter Pan Peanut Butter, 'tis the peanut butter picky people pick.

An affectionate deposition not only makes the mind more peaceful and calm, but it affects our body in a positive way, too.

A society that ignores its elders is one generation away from forgetting who it is.

I'm not fat. I'm just too short for my weight.

Bible Verse



I, I am he who comforts you; why then are you afraid of a mere mortal who must die, a human being who fades like grass? — Isaiah 51:12

A Message from the Mayor...



We've had some awesome things going on in Hurricane this summer! We hosted our always popular annual Independence Day Celebration at the new Putnam County Bank Sports Complex at Hurricane Bridge Park for the first time ever! We also had our Food Truck Friday event series at Hurricane City Park again this year. But, unbelievably, we already find ourselves at the beginning of a brand-new school year as Putnam County Schools students return to the classrooms this week. Please have patience and show some grace for all the back-to-school traffic and early morning busyness that every new school year brings. Watch for buses and stop when you see a stopped bus so we can keep everyone safe! While we still have several more weeks of the meteorological summer, now is the time I think we all naturally look toward the fall. And, as you know, the City of Hurricane has lots of fall fun on the horizon! More about that is below. I'm excited to share it with all of you, and I hope to see all of you out and about the next few months.

School Resource Officers for the 2025-2026 Year

As you know, we've had dedicated School Resource Officers (SRO) for many years in Hurricane schools. Toward the end of last school year, we added a third officer to this group with Patrolman Brady Burton assigned to our elementary schools. Officer Burton's energy and enthusiasm quickly made him a favorite of many elementary students and teachers alike! He will continue rotating to each of our elementary schools this year. Thankfully, Corporal Mike Simpson will continue in his role as the Hurricane High School SRO and Sergeant Philip Armentrout will continue at Hurricane Middle School. Now that we have a third officer dedicated to the elementary schools, Sgt. Armentrout is focusing all his time at HMS, which is much needed. Day shift officers, along with Chief Mike Mullins and Major Steve Lusher, will also visit the schools throughout the year during special events and just randomly popping in. I hope you will agree how important it is to show appreciation for all our officers' commitment to the students in Hurricane! I think we have the best in the state – maybe even the whole country! As always, we will do as much as possible to protect and watch over the kids this school year. If you have any questions about the SRO program, please contact Hurricane Police Chief Mike Mullins at 304-562-9911 or me directly at 304-419-0022.



Upcoming Events

There are lots of awesome events scheduled for the rest of 2025! Our annual Hurricane Harvest Festival will be on Saturday, September 20th from 1:00 – 6:00pm at Hurricane City Park. Please spread the word and don't miss out on kicking the fall season off with us! In addition to FREE admission, cotton candy, apple cider, t-shirts, inflatables and games, there will be dozens of vendors who will be selling art, crafts, jewelry, trinkets, soaps, seasonal decorations and more! Plus, we will have our annual Pumpkin Pie Eating Contest, some old-fashioned games and free live music by an awesome local bluegrass band called Southridge!

After the Hurricane Harvest Festival, we will be looking forward to all things Halloween! First up will be our Pumpkin Carving Extravaganza on Saturday, October 25 from 3-6pm at the Putnam County Bank Sports Complex at Hurricane Bridge Park! We'll have 500 free pumpkins to give away plus carving tools. Prizes will be awarded to the judges' favorite pumpkin in each of 4 age categories (including adults!). The fun doesn't stop there, though. Join us even if you don't want to carve a pumpkin because we'll also have free hot chocolate, live entertainment and even an inflatable costume race. It's a fun day at the new park for everyone! Following that, we'll kick off what we're calling our Haunted Hurricane Bridge Park event. We're expanding on all the haunted fun from last year's Main Street Trick or Treat and moving it to Hurricane Bridge Park. It'll happen on October 25th from 6-9pm and then also on October 30th and 31st from 6-9pm. Traditional citywide trick or treat will be Friday, October 31st from 6-8pm.

Stay Connected

The City has a great presence on Facebook and Instagram, so please be sure to follow us for all the latest and most up-to-date information and announcements! If you aren't on social media, our website can be found at www.hurricanewv.com.

Finally, I always want to say THANK YOU to our awesome City Council. They are: Recorder Linda Gibson, Michael Black, CD Caldwell, Marshall Ginn, Gerry Spears and Ryan Wheeler – along with City Staff, Hurricane Police Department, Hurricane Fire & Rescue and all of you for the support and assistance in making Hurricane a great place to live, work and play. If you ever have questions or suggestions, feel free to call me on my cell at 304-419-0022 or email me at sedwards@hurricanewv.com.

THANK YOU!

Scott Edwards, Mayor

The Best Things in Life



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We are the richest country in the world; we build houses for three that can sleep ten; we warm up our cars in the winter without leaving the living room; our car trunk opens with the push of a button, ready to receive our purchases. The list of conveniences is endless; there is little we cannot buy. Then why are so many of us depressed and unfulfilled? We cannot buy peace of mind. Without the spiritual lift that faith in God brings we try to numb our fears with worldly things – and it doesn't work. Your Heavenly Father waits in His House to give you peace of mind. Won't you worship this week?

Weekly Scripture Reading

2 Thess.	1 Timothy					
3.1-18	1.1-20	2.1-15	3.1-16	4.1-16	5.1-25	6.3-21

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BASIC BIBLE

By Ron Allen
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Be Vigilant

I Peter 2:11-12, 3:13-17, 4:7-11, 5:8-10

"Dearly beloved . . ." The beloved whom Peter addresses were believers dwelling in the northern portion of Asia Minor. In preceding verses, Peter declared this audience to be a chosen generation which, in former times, was not a people. This description fits Gentile believers who were natives of the area. In the verse before us, Peter beseeches these believers to act as strangers and pilgrims. Strangers and pilgrims act differently from native peoples because they are different. All believers are temporary residents of planet Earth and are called to be different from the inhabitants of the planet by abstaining from the fleshly lusts.

Behavior is the manner in which one's being is expressed. Behavior of the flesh testifies of man's physical nature while behavior of the soul reveals that which is spiritual.

In verse 12, Peter directs us (believers) to have honest conversation when interacting with Gentiles (non-believers). An honest conversation reveals the truth. Believers know the Truth and are directed to reveal Him to all who do not know Him. Our conversation is to reveal Christ who came, not to condemn, but to save the condemned. We are called to reveal the righteousness which God has given us, the righteousness of the Son. Honest conversation shall result in Gentiles (non-believers) glorifying God in the day of visitation — the day in which God is revealed to them. It is the day in which they shall pass from death unto life by believing (Jn. 5:24).

Prior to the day of visitation, honest conversation is cause for non-believers to speak evil of us. Peter addresses the manner in which we are to respond to these evil-speakers in chapter 3. "And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?" (v. 13). The question is rhetorical. The ones who would harm the followers of good are those who speak against the followers of good.

In verse 14, Peter tells us (the followers of good) to do the unnatural thing. The Apostle directs us to be happy. We are not to be fearful and troubled, the natural thing. We are to do the unnatural; we are to sanctify God in our hearts. We are to focus upon God and upon doing as He directs. We are happy when doing His will is the desire of our heart. It is His will that we have a ready answer to all who ask why we have hope when we should be fearful and troubled.

In verse 17, Peter addresses suffering and God's will. Our suffering may be the will of God. If so, our suffering serves Him who so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. It is better to suffer for love than to suffer for disobedience (evil doing).

Peter's instruction has focused upon behavior toward non-believers. It is instruction issued to all believers because Christ has commanded us to declare the Father's love to all peoples. Having directed believers to be different by refraining from fleshly lusts and to have a ready answer and to be happy in suffering, Peter points us to Christ and to His sufferings and to His presence with God at the Father's right hand (3:18 - 4:6). Beginning with verse 7 of chapter 4, Peter issues a second set of instructions which addresses the behavior of believers toward each other.

In consideration of that which Christ has done, we are to be sober, to watch unto prayer, to have fervent charity among ourselves, to use hospitality without grudging, and to be good stewards of God's gifts of grace. Obedience to this second set of instructions demands that we love one another as Christ loves us.

To be sober is to be serious, sensible, and solemn. Sobriety is characterized by appropriate behavior. The manner in which we choose to honor God is to be far more serious and solemn than the manner in which we honor one another.

To watch unto prayer is to watch and to pray. Watching involves waiting — waiting for the Lord to do as He has said. The trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed (I Cor. 15:52). While we wait, we are to pray — pray, knowing that God would have all men come to repentance (II Pet. 3:9).

To have fervent charity among ourselves is to give, give, and give more without thought of recompense. Giving and giving more blinds us from seeing the failings (sin) in each other. We see only Christ in each other.

To use hospitality without grudging means to keep the tongue in check when making accommodations for others. God's purposes are not served when we voice wrong-thinking.

To be a good steward of the many gifts of grace which God bestows, one must use them to glorify God who gave His Son for us.

Believers of today are not different from the believers who were scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia to whom Peter wrote. We are surrounded by individuals who do not know the love of God — do not know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Peter's closing instruction to them in northern Asia Minor is for our ears also.

We are to be vigilant because we have an adversary. Satan cannot undo the perfection which is in Christ but he can, like a roaring lion, seek to destroy and devour. It was Peter's prayer for them and for us that the God of all grace, who has called us unto His eternal glory by Christ, shall give us strength and peace (I Pet. 5:10).

The Holy Spirit moved Peter to write these things because the Lord God wants us to have strength and peace. The roaring lion flees from strength and peace. Let us do as the Lord desires. Let us be vigilant such that others see His strength and peace in us.

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KIDS TALK ABOUT GOD

BY CAREY KINSOLVING AND FRIENDS

If Jesus Came With You to School, What Would You Do? (Part 1 of 2)

"I would ask him for all the answers. I would buy him lunch," says Bobby, age 7.

Yes, it would be nice to not study and have the answers to those pesky tests. Then, there's the other trial that takes the fun out of school — homework.

"I would tell Jesus about the 1,000 pages we have to read," says Eric, 9. "I would tell him about my homework Mrs. Wright gave me."

Eric, do you think Jesus would decrease your reading or homework? Don't count on it. This might be hard for you to believe, but most teachers have the best interests of their students in mind.

When Jesus walked on the Earth, his homework was heaven's work. He always listened to his Father's voice and obeyed perfectly. Because of his obedience in dying on the cross, our disobedience doesn't have to keep us out of heaven.

Ellyn, 9, has another plan for dealing with school: "I would ask Jesus to get my brother out of school, get on a cloud and fly us home."

I wonder if the Lord could arrange a cloud-ride home about two minutes before a final exam. What teacher could argue with being whisked away on a cloud?

"If Jesus came to my school, I think I would show him how I can do the monkey bars," says Lauren, 7. "I would ask him to swing me. I would also ask him what heaven is like."

Some of us can't imagine Jesus taking time to swing a child on a playground. It seems so ordinary. We like the stories of Jesus walking on the water, feeding 5,000 people or healing a man born blind. If we always look for Jesus in the miraculous, we'll miss him in the ordinary details of life.

I remember a front-page story in a south Texas newspaper of a woman who saw the image of Jesus in a tortilla. She made a little shrine in her house, and people lined up to see it.

What could be more ordinary than asking for a drink of water? Jesus asked for a drink, and a revival broke out in a Samaritan town (John 4). A woman drank of the living water and told others the Messiah had come. As the Samaritan woman who came to draw water from the well discovered, Jesus offers living water (eternal life) to all who drink (believe in him).

"If Jesus was right here at school, I would jump up and down, and give him a big hug," says Caroline, 6, "because I want to make Jesus smile, and I would bow down to him in respect."

Our lives would be radically transformed if we lived to make Jesus smile. Eliminating thoughts, words and actions that make Jesus weep would start us toward this lofty goal.

Think about this: Forget about your rights. If God gave us our rights as people who have sinned against him, we would have no hope of spending eternity with him. Every day, our hearts should be jumping for joy with gratitude and bowing down before God with reverence for his grace and mercy to us.

Memorize this truth: "Now to him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Ask this question: When is the last time you made Jesus smile?

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Obituaries

ZELDA BARRETT

Zelda Marie Pate Barrett, 74, of Hurricane, passed away peacefully at the Hubbard Hospice House in Charleston on August 16, 2025 from complications associated with Alzheimer's disease.

Born in South Charleston, Zelda was the youngest daughter of the late Floyd and Mae Pate. She was also preceded in death by her beloved husband, Donald "Donnie" Barrett of Hurricane, and brothers Harland, Marcel, Kenneth, and Dana Glen.

Zelda was a 1969 honor graduate of Hurricane High School. After high school, Zelda faithfully served her nation in the forensic identification division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C. In 1972, she married the love of her life, Donald "Donnie" Barrett of Hurricane. Together, they shared 15 wonderful years of marriage before Donnie passed away in 1987. Zelda then reentered the workforce and later retired from US Food Service in Hurricane.

Zelda was a loving sister to her best friend/older sister, Sue Plumley. She was the cherished mother of George Barrett (Mendy) of Hurricane. She was the proud grandmother of Ethan Barrett (Hannah) of Monroeville, PA and Emma Barrett (Aaron Parker) of Hurricane. She was also blessed with several nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews with specific affection for her niece, Charlotte Plumley Caldwell.

She was a longtime member of Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church. Zelda enjoyed volunteering at church gatherings where she served faithfully and selflessly.

Visitation will be held at Allen Funeral Home on Saturday, August 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., followed by funeral service and entombment at Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church at 1:00 p.m.

WILLIAM 'BOB' HARRIS

William Robert "Bob" Harris, Jr., 73, of Winfield, passed away on August 14, 2025 at home surrounded by his family.

He was born April 1, 1952 to the late Elizabeth

and William Harris Sr. in South Charleston. In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his step-son, Brian Whiteside, and sister, Linda Harris.

He had a kind, generous thoughtful soul and loved his family, especially the grandchildren. He also loved to garden, cook, and was very creative in the kitchen.

Bob is survived by his loving wife, Terry; step-children: Joshua Martin of Charleston, Elizabeth Foley (Owen) of Hull, MA, and Elizabeth Toney (Billy) of Hurricane; 6 grandchildren; brothers: John Harris (Marcia) and Kenneth Harris, both of Scott Depot; and special nephews: Larry, Tim and Dusty Harris.

A Memorial Service for Bob will be 5:00 pm Sunday, August 24, 2025, at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Pastor Joshua Sowards officiating.

AUDREY HARVEY

Audrey Fay Harvey, 84, of Culloden, passed away August 15, 2025. She was born in Man to the late Edgar and Sylvia Lawrence. She enjoyed gardening and tending to her flowers, cooking, and loved spending time with her family and dogs.

She was preceded in death by husband Herman "Sonny" Harvey; brothers, Freddie, Edgar Jr., William "Jackie", Michael and Jerry Dale Lawrence; sisters, Mary Joann White, Madeline Gallo, Bonnie Harden, Donna Marie Lawrence.

She is survived by her daughter, Rhonda Peyton, Granddaughter, Tiffany Spry, Brothers Jesse Lawrence, Tommy Lawrence, Jimmy Lawrence, Billy Lawrence; Sister, Priscilla Lawrence and a host of family and friends.

Visitation was held Sunday, August 17, 2025, at Allen Funeral Home. Burial was in Valley View Memorial Park.

MARY ANN LACY

Mary Ann Lacy, 55, of Poca, passed away on August 16, 2025, at the Hubbard Hospice House.

She was born January 2, 1970, in Hampton, VA, to the late George Edward and Ruby Ann Berbohm. She was also preceded in death by her son, Warren

Allen Lacy, Jr.

Mary Ann was a graduate of Winfield High School. She enjoyed shopping, going out to eat, and taking adventures with her kids. Above all, she was a loving and devoted mother who will be remembered for her generous heart and the joy she brought to her family.

She is survived by her daughter, Chelsea (Jordan) Williams; two sisters; one brother; and a host of nieces and nephews.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

TONY SETLIFF

Tony Frank Setliff Sr., 69, of Hurricane, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, after an extended illness. He retired from the City of Hurricane and was a graduate of Hurricane High School, class of 1974; a member of Hurricane Bible Church and loved hunting, fishing, farming, and spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents Frank and Ola Mae Setliff, and a several siblings

He is survived by his wife Donna Setliff, and children, Tony Setliff Jr (Mary), Kala Ronk (Clifford), David Setliff, Grandchildren, Josie and Sue Ellen Ronk and Chelsea Grace Setliff. great

Putnam County Marriages

The following marriages were recorded by the Putnam County Clerk during the month of July:

- Stephen Charles Cyrus to Tessa Dawn Griffith
- Gregory James Mitchell to Erin Lynn Jackson
- George Michael Deal to Dana Lee Gillispie-Plants
- Clay Matthew Ellis to McKenzie Joe Allen
- Noah Adams Cope to Rachel Eden Talbert
- Steven Michael Smith to Taylor Rae Burns
- Michael Thomas Smith to Jamey Brett McKenna
- Timothy Ray Pauley to Donna Mae Parsons
- Nicholas Benjamin Gunter to Jacey Taylor Fulks
- Aaron James Beam Jr. to Alayna Nichole Pennington
- Christopher Wayne Workman to Makayla Brooke ross
- Zachary Carl Vandam to Andrea Shea Harris
- Samuel Ray Dawson to Cheyanna Storm Robinson

niece Sierra Johnson that he was like a pawpaw to and several other nieces and nephews and several pets.

Tony always said Old Men take a walk and go to a Happy Place.

Funeral service was Sunday, August 17, 2025, at Allen Funeral Home with Pastor Steve Sowards officiating.

WAYNE TUCKER

Wayne Tucker, 65, of Hurricane, went to the Lord on August 13, 2025. The son of the late Elmer and Willma Tucker.

He was employed for 30 years at Cummings Collection and retired from the John Henson Center. Wayne enjoyed playing poker, Hunting, fishing and playing with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Donna Tucker and his children, Brenda, Annetta, Rosanna, Chris, Anthony, Jake, Casey and Darrell; 24 Grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren; Brothers, William and Steve and Sisters Sheila and Faye.

Funeral service was Saturday, August 16, 2025, at Allen Funeral Home with Pastor Chris Venoy officiating. Burial was in Peach Ridge Community Cemetery.

- Carys Faith Hunter to Rachel Savana Skeens
- Dakota Matthew rider to Sara Loraine Ashworth
- Benjamin Theodore Porterfield III to Julie Jane Henning
- Anthony John Nelson to Lucia Rachel Cook
- Conner Robert Thompson to Bethany Leigh Robbins
- Benjamin Lee Hatfield to Allison Jane Clark
- Caden Allen Johnson to Morgan Ilene Tyler
- Tyce Christian Allen to Ashley Nicole Gabhart
- Robert Evan Bell to Kristen Paige Shaffer
- Ian Zachary Donohoe to Amber Michelle Null
- Evan Markus Chandler to Tiarra Danielle Thornton
- Joshua Randall Hoover to Gabrielle Elizabeth Joyce
- Luke Edwin Tilka to Alyssa Nicole Peyton

Marriage Licenses were issued to the following individuals during July which marriages were

- recorded as of July 31, 2025:
- Richard Samuel Nelson to Paula Gayle Dickens
- Kelvin Garrett Eaton to Jessica Christine Duncan
- Charles David Fizer Jr. to Garnett Marie Stickler
- Chase Adams Keffer to Alisha Mae Humphreys
- Zachary Ryan Sowards to Sabrina Jean Bush
- Colton Nathaniel Carter to Ashley Elizabeth Hackett
- Todd James Bryant to Caren Renee Walker
- Alexander Clayton Moss to Ashley Ryan Moore
- Keith William Farmer to Wendy Dawn Davis
- Leslie Hunter Phares to Katie Alexis Frye
- Dakota Lee Arthur to Marisa Teresa Budlong
- Eddie Johnson to Wanda Jane Henderson
- Justin Taylor Reed to Annilyn Sue Noah
- Tyler Ray Powell to Hannah Nicole Pauley
- Daven Nicholas Wall to Hannah Victoria Grace Brumfield
- Terry Grant Shofner to Janet Lynn McCoy
- Jacob Tyler Christopher Paxton to Katelyn Elizabeth Cottrill
- Matthew Houston Lovejoy to Franky Angela Sacco
- Joel Kevin Arthur to Tracy June Thornsbery
- Joshua Ray Waldron to Lina Carmela Racer

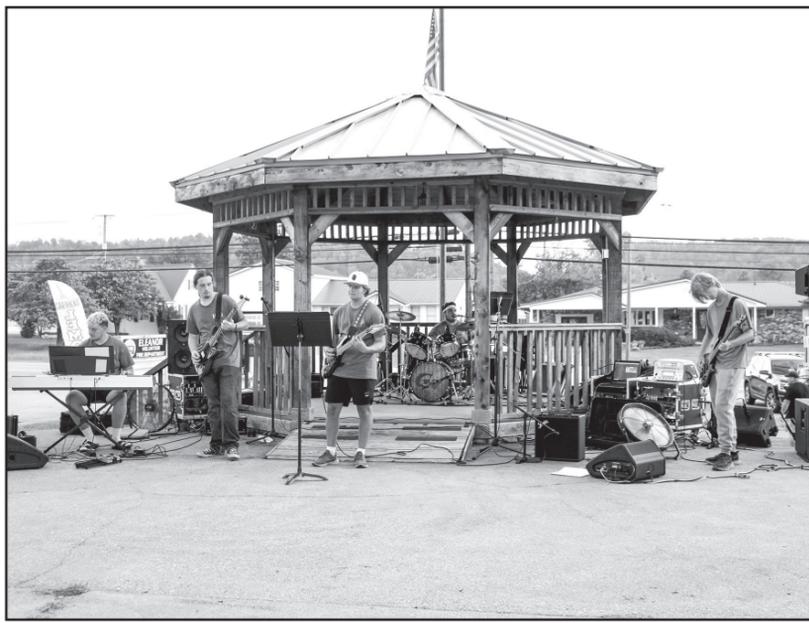
Town of Eleanor Celebration



Inflatable slides, trampolines, and obstacle courses provided entertainment for the children.



Eleanor-based artist Pat Cross stands in front of a display of her paintings, which include "Dairy Queen Sunday," "Mountain Bikers Rock," "Stepping Stone," "Our Bird Sanctuary," and "Blue Heron Pit Stop." All of the paintings depict areas in and around Eleanor.



Not Quite Paradise, a band made up of local teenagers, was the last act of the day on Saturday.



During the town's anniversary celebrations, people could take tours of the town hall. Shown above are Katy Wissler, Bethany Wissler, tour guide Jessie Buckner, and Percilla Bailey, all from the Eleanor area.



The rooms in the upstairs of Eleanor's Town Hall are decorated with donated furniture. Above the fireplace is a portrait of Franklin D. Roosevelt.



The North Putnam Community Band performed during Eleanor's anniversary celebration.



Anniversary volunteers pose for a photo before serving hot dogs to the public. Shown above, from left to right, are Karen Sprouse, Edie Lattimore, Ivin Lee, and Sharon Bowles.



The Homestead Room of the town hall was converted into an art gallery featuring the work of local artists.



This upstairs room in the Eleanor Town Hall has been decorated to resemble a dining area. Above the mantle are pictures of Eleanor Roosevelt.



This room features a large weaving loom and a unique chair made from cow horns.

WVSU to Offer Bachelor's Degree in Cybersecurity

West Virginia State University (WVSU) has received final approval to offer a four-year bachelor's degree in cybersecurity, expanding its academic offerings in one of the nation's fastest-growing fields.

Previously, cybersecurity has been offered as a minor within the computer science department.

"Today marks a historic milestone for West Virginia State University as we have secured all approvals to launch a four-year degree in the vital and rapidly expanding field of cybersecurity," said WVSU President Eicke S. Cage. "The demand for highly skilled cybersecurity professionals has never been greater, and this program positions our students to not only meet that demand but to lead in protecting the digital infrastructure that drives our economy and safeguards our future."

The cybersecurity program at WVSU has been in a period of tremendous growth in recent years.

Last spring, the university opened the WVSU Cybersecurity Clinic, which was made possible in part with \$1 million in grant funding and wraparound support from Google's Cybersecurity Clinics Fund. The clinic, the first of its kind in West Virginia, trained 18 students and provided free cybersecurity assessments to 27 organizations.

The WVSU Cybersecurity Clinic followed the establishment of the WVSU Cybersecurity Innovation Center (CIC) in 2023. The center was made possible in part by a \$764,792 grant from the Kanawha County Commission. The United States Department of Education also contributed \$2.5 million to the establishment of the center to work in collaboration with Marshall University on cybersecurity for critical infrastructure.

"The Cybersecurity Innovation Center at WVSU also provides free cybersecurity evaluations for small businesses, non-profit organizations, and critical infrastructure," said Dr. Ali Al-Sinayyid, director of the WVSU Cybersecurity Innovation Center. "In the spring of 2025 alone, the CIC delivered these services to 27 local organizations across West Virginia, providing our students with valuable real world

Premium Reduction Proposed for Workers' Comp

The cost decrease is projected to save West Virginia employers \$20 million

Governor Patrick Morrisey has announced that the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI), West Virginia's rating and statistical agent, has filed a proposed workers' compensation loss cost decrease of 13.5% effective January 1, 2026. This premium reduction results in a projected \$20 million in savings for West Virginia employers.

Since the workers' compensation program was privatized in 2006, the West Virginia market has experienced approximately \$501 million in premium savings. This latest filing represents the 21st consecutive year of loss cost decreases and accounts for a cumulative 84.9% reduction from pre-reform workers' compensation levels.

experience, while also supporting the needs of the local business community."

The CIC features a state-of-the-art learning laboratory, providing an immersive and hands-on experience for students in defending critical public infrastructure. Students in the cybersecurity program gain valuable practical skills that prepare them to address real-world challenges in the field of cybersecurity.

In addition to its general cybersecurity program, WVSU is the only university in West Virginia to offer an Agricultural Cybersecurity option, joining a select group of institutions nationwide that prepare a workforce to protect this critical sector of the economy. Cybersecurity in agriculture is increasingly vital as the industry relies more on digital technologies for precision farming, food production and distribution.

According to the World Economic Forum's 2024 Global Risks Report, cyber insecurity remains one of the top 10 global risks over the next 10 years. Currently, there are more than 500,000 cybersecurity jobs available in the U.S., and demand for cyber professionals is projected to grow 32% by 2033.

For more information contact WVSU Cybersecurity Center Director Dr. Ali Al-Sinayyid at ali.alsinayyid@wvstateu.edu or (304) 766-3391.

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2024-C-000171 - Putnam County To: FRANKIE LEE GARRETT, DUANE JUDE GARRETT, JEAN MARIE GARRETT, RENEE ROSA GARRETT, ASHLEY NICOLE GARRETT, AMBER ROSE GARRETT, WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, PIONEER WEST VIRGINIA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

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You will take notice that WILLIAM DRUE SIGMAN, the purchaser of the following real estate, Cert. No. 2024-C-000171, located in POCA District, 2.62 AC & 52 AC LHF, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of GARRETT FRANKIE ET AL, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of PUTNAM County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 18, 2025. WILLIAM DRUE SIGMAN, requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after February 1, 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before January 31, 2026 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2023 - 14756.	\$1,721.00
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number \$0.00	
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest for tax year 2024-14866.	\$1,407.07
Additional taxes with interest. \$0.00 Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$210.80
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$863.93
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$4,202.80

You may redeem at any time before January 31, 2026, by paying the above total less any unearned interest. If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above. Given under my hand August 13, 2025
Christal G. Perry
Christal G. Perry
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of PUTNAM County, State of West Virginia
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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, James W. Lane, Jr. and L. Elizabeth King, by that certain Credit Line Deed of Trust made by Brian K. Legg and Shanna E. Baxter, dated April 19, 2016, and recorded April 27, 2016, in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia in Trust Deed Book 1126, at page 779, the said Successor Trustees acting by virtue of that certain Appointment of Successor Trustee dated January 15, 2025, and recorded February 7, 2025, in the aforesaid Clerk's office in Trust Deed Book 1381, at page 204, 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 Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 12:00 p.m., all that certain lot, piece, or parcel of real property, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, described as follows: ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE TOGETHER WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND THE APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING, SITUATE IN TEAYS VALLEY DISTRICT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEING ALL OF LOT 8 OF MANOR WAY, A SUBDIVISION, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN UPON THE MAP OF SAME DATED NOVEMBER 5, 2004, ENTITLED, "FINAL LAYOUT SECTION ONE MANOR WAY SUBDIVISION" PREPARED BY ROGER K. RANDOLPH, PLS #1346, RECORDED IN MAP CABINET D, SLIDE 178.

AND BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED UNTO BRIAN KENNETH LEGG AND SHANNA E. BAXTER, AS JOINT TENANTS WITH THE RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP, AND NOT AS TENANTS IN, BY DEED DATED MARCH 23, 2015 AND RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDERS IN PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA IN THE DEED BOOK 540 AND PAGE 135.

THE SAID PARTY OF THE FIRST PART FURTHER GRANTS AND CONVEYS UNTO THE SAID PARTY OF THE SECOND PART, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE NON-EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE THAT CERTAIN STREET, AS SHOW AND DESIGNATED UPON THE AFORESAID MAP FOR THE PURPOSE OF INGRESS AND EGRESS TO AND FROM THE PROPERTY HEREIN CONVEYED AND HURRICANE CREEK ROAD.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL COVENANTS, RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS AND RESERVATIONS WHICH MAY BE A MATTER OF RECORD IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE AFORESAID AND RUNNING WITH THE LAND, INCLUDING THE SUBDIVISION RESTRICTIONS FOR MANOR WAY.

SUBJECT TO ALL EXISTING RESERVATIONS, RESTRICTIONS, AND EASEMENTS CREATED IN PRIOR DEEDS IN THE CHAIN OF TITLE TO THE PROPERTY HEREBY CONVEYED AND SUBJECT FURTHER TO THE LIEN OF THE 2015 REAL ESTATE TAXES WHICH SHALL BE PRORATED BETWEEN THE PARTIES HERETO, THE SAID PARTY OF THE FIRST PART COVENANTS TO AND WITH THE SAID PARTIES OF THE SECOND PART, THAT THE PROPERTY HEREIN CONVEYED IS FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL LIENS AND ENCUMBRANCES, AND HE WILL WARRANT GENERALLY THE TITLE TO THE PROPERTY HEREIN CONVEYED.

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 Star USA 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 30, 2025

L. ELIZABETH KING

Eric M. Johnson, Esq.
L. Elizabeth King, Esq.
Successor Trustees
200 Capitol Street
Charleston, WV 25301
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HURRICANE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Hurricane Municipal Planning Commission will have a Public Hearing on Friday, September 5, 2025 at 3:00 pm at the Hurricane Municipal Building: 3255 Teays Valley Road. On the agenda of this hearing will be to review a request from Robert T. Meeks requesting that the City of Hurricane rezone a parcel on Orchard Street beside Hurricane City Park to B-2.

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HURRICANE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Hurricane Municipal Planning Commission will have a Public Hearing on Friday, September 5, 2025 at 3:00 pm at the Hurricane Municipal Building: 3255 Teays Valley Road. The agenda of this hearing will be to review a request from H&H Associates, LLC - requesting that the City of Hurricane rezone the property located at 2828 Virginia Avenue to R-2 for the purpose of a multi-family dwelling.

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

To: Magistrate Court Case
Cameron No.: 25-M40D-00144
Michael Whittington
Respondent's Name Family
245 Whittbury Lane Court
Red House WV 25168
Respondent's Address Civil Action
3-21-2003 No.: 25-DV-116
Date of Birth

ORDER OF PUBLICATION (PROTECTIVE ORDER / HEARING DATE)

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

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

It appearing by evidence duly taken in this action that you could not be found in or that you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of the ORDER referenced above, a copy of the Petition and Order may be obtained at the Putnam County Circuit Clerk's office. This PROTECTIVE ORDER will remain in effect until 10-6-2025.

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 15th day of August, 2025.

STEPHANIE SMITH/jo
Circuit Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

The County Commission of Putnam County will be accepting sealed bids for a 2025 Chevy Tahoe 4WD Special Service Vehicle, Summit White. Please email mwhite@putnamwv.org to receive the complete required specs. Please send bids to Mikyle White, 100 Emergency Lane, Winfield, WV 25213, or mwhite@putnamwv.org by Friday, September 5th, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. The vehicle must be available for immediate delivery upon the bid being awarded.

The Putnam County Commission reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.

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WV Department of Environmental Protection
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601 57th Street, S.E.
Charleston, WV 25304
Telephone: (304) 926-0495

Public Notice No. Section 401-MN-25-001
Public Notice Date: August 18, 2025 - August 22, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

PROPOSED 401 CERTIFICATIONS FOR US ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS ACTIVITIES FOR DISCHARGES OF DREDGED AND FILL MATERIAL INTO WATERS OF THE U.S.

Pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act and WV Legislative Rule 47CSR5A, the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) is accepting public comments prior to issuing a 401 certification for the US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) proposed Regional General Permit (RGP) and Letter of Permission (LOP) procedures for discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the US (WOTUS) for activities associated with the construction, maintenance, and operation of energy and energy resource-related projects in West Virginia. WVDEP will consider the proposed RGP and LOP's impact on water resources, fish, and wildlife, recreation, critical habitats, wetlands and other natural resources. On June 4, 2025, the USACE Huntington and Pittsburgh Districts published in the Federal Register its respective permit applications LRH-2025-00287 (RGP) and LRH-2025-00151 (LOP). The public can view draft 401 Certification special and standard conditions at:

<https://dep.wv.gov/www/programs/pages/401certification.aspx>

Written comments are due by September 23, 2025, and may be mailed or emailed to:

Department of Environmental Protection
Attn: WVDEP 401 Certification Program
601 57th St., S.E.
Charleston, WV 25304
(304) 926-0499, extension 41114
Fax: (304) 926-0463
E-mail: WQScments@wv.gov

Correspondence should include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues being raised. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever a finding is made, based on requests, that there is a significant degree of public interest in issues relevant to the 401 Certification. Interested people may contact WQScments@wv.gov to obtain further information.

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: PETITION OF TED ANTHONY ZACHWIEJA, III, and MEGAN BREANNE ZACHWIJA FOR THE ADOPTION OF ONE MALE CHILD, OWEN CHRISTOPHER MALCOMB, and FOR the CHANGE OF CHILD'S NAME TO OWEN CHRISTOPHER ZACHWIEJA.

v. Civil Action No. 25-A-32
Judge Phillip M. Stowers

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of the above-entitled action is the Step-Parent Petition Adoption of the subject minor child.

The Respondent/father, Trey Isaac Malcomb, previously resided at 1400 Highland Drive, Apt 710, St. Albans, West Virginia 25177: an address from which he was previously evicted.

Further appearing by affidavit filed in this action, the whereabouts of the Respondent/father, Trey Isaac Malcomb, is unknown to the Petitioners.

It is hereby ORDERED that the birth father, Trey Isaac Malcomb, appear and serve upon the Petitioners' attorney, Shawn D. Bayliss, Bayliss Law Offices, 3728 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, West Virginia 25526, an Answer or other defense to the Petition of Adoption filed in this action on or before September 30, 2025, otherwise, judgment by default may be taken against him at any time thereafter.

A copy of said Petition may be obtained from the undersigned Clerk of the Putnam County, West Virginia Family Court at this office located at 12093 Winfield Road, Suite 12, Winfield, West Virginia 25213.

Entered by the said Court (or, by the clerk of said Court) on the 12th day of August 2025.

STEPHANIE SMITH/sg
Circuit Court Clerk

Prepared by:
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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

In Re: Change of Name from Braylee Jade Warren to Braylee Jade Francisco

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING

Civil Action No. 25-P-92
Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia

Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of September, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Judge Phillip Stowers, Courtney Blackshire will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia for the entry of an order by said Court, changing her child's name from Braylee Jade Warren to Braylee Jade Francisco, 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 15th day of August, 2025.

Stephanie M. Smith
Putnam County Circuit Clerk

8-21-2t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

LEGAL NOTICE

The County Commission of Putnam County will be accepting sealed bids for a 2025 Chevy Tahoe 4WD Special Service Vehicle, Black. Please email dturley@putnamwv.org to receive the complete required specs.

Please send bids to Dave Turley, 100 Emergency Lane, Winfield, WV 25213, or dturley@putnamwv.org by Friday, September 5th, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. The vehicle must be available for immediate delivery upon the bid being awarded.

The Putnam County Commission reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.

8-21-2t

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

In Re: Change of Name from Sarah June Whittington to Sarah Whittington Johnston

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING

Civil Action No. 25-P-85
Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of September, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Judge Phillip Stowers, Sarah June Whittington 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 Sarah June Whittington to Sarah Whittington Johnston, 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 5th day of August, 2025.

Stephanie M. Smith
Putnam County Circuit Clerk

8-21-2t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated June 10, 2024, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Book No. 1366, at Page 142, Joshua Glen Pack and Ashley Dawn Pack did convey unto Chris Eller, Trustee(s), certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Seneca Trustees, Inc., as Substitute Trustee; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by Gateway First Bank, a division of Gateway Mortgage Group to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse in Winfield, West Virginia, on

September 25, 2025 at 12:00 PM

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 10 - Scott District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All of that certain lot, tract or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate on the Waters of Coon Creek, Scott District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and being all of Lot #6 of Ashton Woods Subdivision, and shown on that certain map titled, "ASHTON WOODS SUBDIVISION SECTION 1 SCOTT DISTRICT PUTNAM COUNTY WEST VIRGINIA", dated March 3, 1999, a copy of which is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Plat Cabinet C, Slide 631.

The Grantors do further GRANT and CONVEY unto the Grantees, their successors and assigns in title, the right to use in common with others having the same right, that certain forty (40) foot right of way easement designated as Heather Court on the above-referenced map, for the purpose of ingress and egress to and from the property herein conveyed and Scott Lane.

The property conveyed is made subject to the terms of the following instruments: "Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions, Reservations and Easements For Ashton Woods Scott District, Putnam County, West Virginia", dated June 1, 1998, of record in the Clerk's Office in Miscellaneous Book 48, at Page 280; First Amendment to Covenants and Restrictions of record in Miscellaneous Book 49, at Page 397; and Second Amendment to Covenants and Restrictions of record in Miscellaneous Book 49, at Page 608.

LSOT: Deed Book 425, Page 576, dated January 23, 2002.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 106 Heather Ct, Scott Depot, WV 25560-8813.

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

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

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

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

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

SENECA TRUSTEES, INC.
5000 Coombs Farm Drive, Suite 104
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Reference File No. 91688

8-14-2t



ANTHONY JOHNSON
Hurricane
39th Birthday August 20

WENTLING
Upper Sandusky, Ohio
79th Birthday August 21

ROBERT RIDGEWAY
1005 Lawrence Street
Milton
Birthday August 20

BETH MEADOWS
WILLIAMSON
29 Greenhouse Lane
Milton
Birthday August 21

J T ROWSEY
#3 Stephen Court
Culloden
43rd Birthday August 20

TERESA GARNES
CRINER
Red House
Birthday August 21

SARA HOLLEY
ASHWORTH
4714 5 & 20 Road
Frazier's Bottom
Birthday August 20

DONNA JONES
1804 Pennsylvania Avenue
Charleston
80th Birthday August 22

RANDY BLACK
Milton
Birthday August 20

DILLON SCOTT
ALFORD
Charleston
24th Birthday August 22

RANDY BLACK
Milton
Birthday August 20

KAREN PAULEY
283 Jones Cove
Hurricane
55th Birthday August 22

KENNETH JAMES
ROBERSON
313 Scenic Drive
St. Albans
65th Birthday August 21

JOEY FAULKNER
1074 Sugar Camp Road
Winfield
20th Birthday August 22

JOHNNY JIVIDEN
Chatsworth, Georgia
79th Birthday August 21

CLIFTON CLARK
Teays Lane
Hurricane
Birthday August 22

DENNIS BIRD
2609 Sycamore Creek
Road
Culloden
Birthday August 21

JENNY HOLLEY
2872 Cow Creek Road
Hurricane
37th Birthday August 22

ROGER ERWIN
5538 Hurricane Creek
Road
Hurricane
76th Birthday August 21

GERRY SPEARS
Hurricane
80th Birthday August 22

LYNDSEY NEWLIN
#30 Red Oak Drive
Culloden
Birthday August 21

GEORGE MORRIS
525 Albert Way
Petaluma, California
82nd Birthday August 23

SARAH JARVIS
Route 2, Box 185-D
Ona
33rd Birthday August 21

DALTON JAMES GETER
New Bern, North Carolina
25th Birthday August 23

JOSHUA JACKSON
1217 Glenwood Street
Milton
Birthday August 21

BEV WILKES
112 Lafayette Drive
Hurricane
83rd Birthday August 23

RICKEY REYNOLDS
1903 Pine Grove Drive
Culloden
59th Birthday August 21

XYLPHIA BEAVER
2253 Hurricane Creek
Road
Hurricane
81st Birthday August 23

CAROL KING-BENNER

DYLAN SPRADLING
536 22nd Street

Dunbar
Birthday August 23

NANCY STAATS
P.O. Box 182
Culloden
Birthday August 23

MICHELLE BUTCHER
PLUMLEY
Huntington
51st Birthday August 24

JONATHAN SAWRIE
#3 Sawrie Road
Greenbrier, Arkansas
59th Birthday August 24

TRAVIS HOBBS
202 Country Roads
Poca
44th Birthday August 24

JOSHUA PAUL
CHAPMAN
Frazier's Bottom
37th Birthday August 24

SENATOR JOE
MANCHIN
78th Birthday August 24

JOYCE ERWIN WRAY
524 Erwin Road
Winfield
51st Birthday August 24

TERESA ERWIN BALL
Culloden
Birthday August 24

LISA AKERS
3301 Mt. Union Road
Frazier's Bottom
59th Birthday August 24

NOLAN OLIVER QUEEN
Winfield
8th Birthday August 24

AMY JO MEES SKAGGS
Milton
53rd Birthday August 24

JASON AKERS
Frazier's Bottom
45th Birthday August 25

BRUCE CASTO
11320 Sugar Loaf Court
Jacksonville, Florida
76th Birthday August 25

SHERRY HAMMICKS
MCALLISTER
#21 Washington Hill Road
Hurricane
52nd Birthday August 25

DARYL LENE ADKINS
BROWN
#9 Woodhaven Drive
Huntington
70th Birthday August 25

JOCELYN "JJ" GRACE
Red House
16th Birthday August 25

KATE SHEETS
Huntington
14th Birthday August 26

JENNIFER NEAL
109 Pond Branch Road
Southside
Birthday August 26

MINDY BONENE
Huntington
Birthday August 26

JOSHLYN GRACE
JACKSON
1217 Glenwood Street
Milton
14th Birthday August 26

WANDA CHANDLER-
WIREMAN
Lima, Ohio
74th Birthday August 26

PALMER HAZELETT
St. Augustine, Florida
4th Birthday August 26

ERIC BLACKSHIRE
Hurricane
58th Birthday August 26

ANDREA JACKSON
#35 Timothy Lane
Milton
27th Birthday August 27

ANNA BOLING
111 Elite Heights
Hurricane
74th Birthday August 27

NANCY DAVIS
Scott Depot
60th Birthday August 27

JONATHAN FOSTER
Happy Drive

West Virginia Cupcake Festival Returns This Weekend

The West Virginia Cupcake Festival will be held on August 21, 22, and 23 at Valley Park in Hurricane. This year marks eleven years that the festival has been able to provide for children's charities in the area.

Schedule of Events Thursday, August 21

6:00 pm - Festival/
Night Market opens

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm -
Courtyard Vendors and
Food Trucks

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- Scott Honaker (main
stage)

7:00 pm - Line Dancing
(in front of main stage)

9:00 pm - Festival/
Night Market closes
Friday, August 22

**Kids' Night at the WV
Cupcake Festival**
4:00 pm - Festival
Opens

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm -
Cupcake Cruise In/Car
Show (main parking lot)

4:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- Cupcake and Craft
Vendors - (inside
conference center)

4:00 pm - 9:00 pm -
Food Trucks

4:00 pm - 9:00 pm -
Photography, Art and
Coloring Contest Exhibit
(conference room foyer)

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm -
Story Time with Putnam
County Library (patio)

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- Kids Carnival Games
(courtyard)

5:30 pm - Pupcake and
Friends Check-In (near
main stage)

6:00 pm - Pupcake and
Friends Pageant (in front
of main stage)

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm -
The Balloon "Guy" (patio)

6:45 pm - Registration
for Power Wheels Races
(grass area at the end of
the conference center)

7:00 pm - Power
Wheels Races (grass
area at the end of the
conference center)

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm -
Exiles (main stage)

Culloden
40th Birthday August 27

YORK McCORMICK
St. Albans
76th Birthday August 27

ASHLEY HODGES
HUMPHREY
57 Crandall Drive
Culloden
31st Birthday August 27

SHERRY PERRINE
LONG
1074 Springdale Road
Hurricane
Birthday August 27

RILEY JADE
CARPENTER
Willow Spring, North
Carolina
6th Birthday August 27

CHRISTOPHER
ASHWORTH
4714 5&20 Road
Frazier's Bottom
51st Birthday August 28

DAVID RACER
1561 West Mud River
Road
Milton
79th Birthday August 28

STEPHANIE
MEADOWS-CHILDERS
Huntington
39th Birthday August 28

STACEY GILLISPIE
ELLIS
#56 Twp Road 342
Proctorville, Ohio
47th Birthday August 28

TIERA HOBBS
21549 Winfield Road
Frazier's Bottom
Birthday August 28

GARY ISNER
Bills Creek Road
Scott Depot
83rd Birthday August 28

8:00 pm - Vendor
Cupcake Competition
(conference center stage)

9:00 pm - Festival
Closes

Saturday, August 23
7:00 am - Check-in/
Registration for Cupcake
Chase 5K (at the large
shelter)

8:00 am - Cupcake
Chase 5K Run (at the large
shelter)

11:00 am - Cupcake
Festival Opens

11:00 am - Opening
Ceremonies and
Introduction of the 2025
WV Cupcake Festival
Queens

11:00 am - 8:00 pm
- Cupcake, Food and
Craft Vendors (inside
conference center and
courtyard)

11:00 am - 8:00 pm
- Art, Coloring and
Photography Contests
Exhibit (conference center
foyer)

11:30 am - 12:30 pm
- Performances by local
dance studios (main stage)

12:30 pm - 1:15 pm -
Karaoke with the Queens
(main stage)

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm -
Kids Crafts (patio)

1:00 pm - Registration
for Cupcake Eating
Contest (near main stage)

1:30 pm - Cupcake
Eating Contest (in front
of main stage)

2:00 pm - Cupcake Pan
Slingshot Contest (baseball
field closest to the wave
pool)

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm -
Check-in for Amateur
Cupcake Competition
(conference center stage)

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- Mason Adkins (main
stage)

3:30 pm - Judging of
the Amateur Cupcake
Competition (conference
center stage)

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm -

Fifth Sunday Gospel Sing

The Hurricane First Church of God, 3225 East Putnam Avenue, will be holding a Fifth Sunday Gospel Sing on August 31 at 6 p.m.

Special guest singers include Jim Edens from North Charleston Heaven's Call from Kenna. There will also be some of the local church talent as well.

There will be snacks and refreshments after the service. Everyone is welcome.

Hurricane Civic Chorus Open House

Do you like to sing?

The Hurricane Civic Chorus invites music lovers from all over the area to join them for the fall season. Beginning with an Open House on Tuesday, August 26, the HCC will meet every Tuesday from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Forrest Burdette Memorial UMC (2848 Putnam Avenue in Hurricane). Men and women 15 years old and older are welcome to attend. Directed by Dr. Ilse Long, the HCC sings a wide variety of music, welcomes all singers without requiring auditions, and performs two to three concerts a year.

For more information, contact hurricanecivicchorus@gmail.com or check them out on Facebook and Instagram!

Fleetwoods Heart (main stage)

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm -
Mike Buck (main stage)

8:00 pm - WV Cupcake
Festival Closes

Happy Anniversary

✿ John and Jane Ann Reed of Hurricane celebrated their fifty-third wedding anniversary on August 19.

✿ Brian and Pamela Day Hudson of #5 Summit Drive in Scott Depot will celebrate their thirty-sixth wedding anniversary on August 21.

✿ Rev. Gerry and Melanie White of Charleston will celebrate their thirty-eighth wedding anniversary on August 22.

✿ Cody Allen and Melissa Jo Taylor of Hurricane will celebrate their tenth wedding anniversary on August 22.

✿ CD & Joyce Young of 6994 Hurricane Creek Road in Winfield will celebrate their fifty-third wedding anniversary on August 23.

✿ Daniel and Deidra Plybon Simmons of Huntington will celebrate their seventeenth wedding anniversary on August 23.

✿ Matt and Eva Ball of 120 Deer Run Road in Huntington will celebrate their nineteenth wedding anniversary on August 24.

✿ Leslie and Sherry Perrine Long of 1074 Springdale Road in Hurricane will celebrate their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary on August 24.

✿ Jacob and Megan Parks Smith of 309 Washington Hill Road, Hurricane, will celebrate their first wedding anniversary on August 24.

✿ Steve and Anna Grant Robinson of Huntington will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on August 25.

✿ Gary and Teresa Foster Bills of 445 Kane Street in Milton will celebrate their forty-seventh wedding anniversary on August 25.

✿ Anthony and Ashley Setliff of 3583 5&20 Mile Road in Frazier's Bottom will celebrate their wedding anniversary on August 25.

✿ Rev. Troy and Susie Nicely of 1833 Sunset View in Milton will celebrate their forty-second wedding anniversary on August 25.

✿ Mr. and Mrs. Rob Macko of Springfield, Missouri, will celebrate their twenty-fourth wedding anniversary on August 25.

✿ John and Phyllis Young of Athens, Ohio, will celebrate their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary on August 25.

✿ John and Teresa White of 1036 Kelly's Creek Road in Hurricane will celebrate their fifty-eighth wedding anniversary on August 26.

✿ Jim and Carolyn Harvey of 880 Lpswitch Street, The Villages, in Florida will celebrate their forty-seventh wedding anniversary on August 26.

✿ Joe Mike and Peggy Henderson of 78 Twp 1255 in Proctorville, Ohio, will celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary on August 26.

✿ Greg and Johnna Ellis Damron of Catlettsburg, Kentucky, will celebrate their eleventh wedding anniversary on August 27.

✿ Lowell and Sue Carrico of 105 Alma Avenue in South Point, Ohio, will celebrate their sixty-fourth wedding anniversary on August 27.

✿ Rev. Michael and Beverly Lemley of 1575 3rd Street in Milton will celebrate their forty-ninth wedding anniversary on August 27.



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