

# The Hurricane Breeze

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## PCDA Announces Woodworth Farm Construction Plans

In January of this year, it was announced that Stonewall Capital would be partnering with a national builder to construct 600 homes in Putnam County — four hundred-plus in Hurricane on the Woodworth Farm and close to two homes in Fraziers Bottom.

On Thursday, August 21, the Putnam County Development Authority revealed details of that which will take place in Hurricane. Ward Communities has been selected as the national builder and will construct Woodworth Farms, a community consisting of single-family homes, townhomes and single-level living villas. The website for Ward Communities lists quick move-in homes in Maryland and Pennsylvania with starting at lows ranging from \$352,990 to \$579,990. The price range for Woodworth Farms is projected to be between \$300,000 and \$400,000.

In collaboration with Ward Communities, the Putnam County Development Authority is hosting 56 a Residential

Contractor Connect Event on October 10, 2025, at the Putnam Career & Technical Center. This speed networking event aims to connect local trade contractors and construction suppliers with Ward Communities. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage in a speed-networking style one-on-one discussion with Ward Communities. This initiative is designed to help local contractors participate in these projects. To register for the event, visit [pcda.org](http://pcda.org).

The PCDA is encouraging subcontractors and suppliers to sign up for the event. Ward Communities desires to make contacts in the following areas:

Cabinets – Suppliers and Installers, Carpenters – Framing/Trim, Concrete – Slabs/Foundation, Construction Cleaners, Drywall, Electricians, Erosion Control, Excavating & Hauling, Floor & Roof Truss/Panels, Flooring Suppliers & Labor, Garage Door Installation & Sales, HVAC, Insulation, Interior Painters, Material/Lumber Suppliers, Masonry –

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## WV Cupcake Festival Makes 11th Appearance at Valley Park



Cupcake Festival queens led a line dance during last Thursday's Night Market.

By Betsy Allen

The West Virginia Cupcake Festival returned to Valley Park this weekend for its eleventh year of offering sweet treats to the community. With the addition of the August Night Market into the festival lineup, the West Virginia Cupcake Festival has gone from a one-day event to a three-day affair which runs from Thursday through Saturday. The

festival was created to raise money for local children's charities through event fees and sponsorships. The Make a Wish Foundation was the charity chosen to benefit from this year's festival, and a check for \$5,000 was donated to the organization.

The Cupcake Festival features a wide variety of events and activities, from musical entertainment by local bands, a cruise-

in/car show, games and crafts for children, and numerous local arts and crafts vendors.

A new event this year was a cupcake pan slinging contest in the baseball field beside the conference center. Participants had to fling a cupcake pan as far as they could across the field, with the distances being measured by a referee. While there were many impressive throws,

Justin Williams, the park director, threw his cupcake pan an amazing 128 feet and 3 inches.

What could be a cupcake festival without a cupcake eating contest? Ron Foreman of Maysel, West Virginia, was this year's winner.

The Pupcake and Friends Pageant this year was dedicated to the memory of Kelsey Post. Continued to Page 5

## Eleanor Residents to See 50% Increase in Sewer Rate

By Ron Allen

The Eleanor Town Council voted to increase the town's sewer rates at its August 21st meeting. The rate increase will generate approximately \$158,352 annually in additional revenue. The increase will become effective on October 6th.

A legal notice concerning the rate increase in this issue of the Breeze states that customers with 3,100 gallons per month water usage will see their monthly bill increase by \$10.38. A quick calculation

reveals that customers currently paying \$20.76 will be paying \$31.14 in December.

While a 50% is a large increase, \$31.14 for 3,100 gallons water usage compares favorably with the cost of sewer service provided by other Putnam County utilities. Cost of sewer service is on the rise countywide.

The Hurricane City Council approved an ordinance increasing sewer rates to customers earlier this year. Hurricane utility customers now pay \$44.62 for 3,100 gallon usage and will be paying

10% more in 2026. Putnam PSD customers pay sewer bills of \$42.75 for 3,100 gallon usage. Customers of Winfield's sewer service pay the most (\$54.40 per 3,100 gallon usage). Winfield sewer rates are likely to increase by 10% before the end of 2025.

The West Virginia Public Service Commission will approve Eleanor's 50% rate increase without review unless a petition signed by 25% of the town's residents requests a review. A review by the PSC may or may not result in a lower rate increase.

## HFD Purchases Nitro Ladder Truck



Station 80 NFD's Ladder 861 on its way to Hurricane.

By Ron Allen

News that the Nitro Fire Department had sold its 75-foot ladder truck to the City of Hurricane was reported by POWK. News of the purchase was puzzling to many because the subject of a ladder truck need has not been a subject of discussion

at recent Hurricane city council meetings.

The unexpected purchase was made possible because Hurricane Fire & Rescue had money in an account reserved for equipment purchase — enough to meet the \$47,000 fair market value of NFD's 1997

ladder truck. Upon learning that the truck would be put up for auction, Hurricane Fire Chief Paul Niedbalski made a fair market offer and Nitro accepted it.

Niedbalski said that the 75-foot ladder will allow HFD to fight fires more effectively. "With the extra 10 feet, we can get closer

## HurriCon Coming to Valley Park

By Betsy Allen

A new pop culture convention is coming to Putnam County next weekend: HurriCon. Set for Saturday, September 6, and Sunday, September 7, HurriCon will be held at Valley Park Conference Center in Hurricane. The convention will feature special guests from popular television shows, live entertainment, e-sports tournaments, board games, cosplay contests, vendors, and more.

HurriCon is more than just an event for fans of pop culture; it is a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. "As a cancer survivor, supporting the American Cancer Society's mission here in West Virginia is deeply personal to me," explains HurriCon organizer Chris Francis. "HurriCon grew out of that passion — an event by geeks, for geeks, that also brings our community together to make a difference. We've designed it so the entire family can come and find something for everyone to enjoy."

"This year, we're filling every corner of Valley Park," Francis continues. "Inside, the vendor hall will showcase unique collectibles, talented artists, and local authors, alongside celebrity guests from Star Trek: The Next Generation, The Office, and Resident Alien. Fans can enjoy esports tournaments, speedrun showcases, and a vibrant community of cosplayers bringing their A-game all

to a blaze and better able to target it. The truck has features that will allow us to do all that we presently do in a more effective manner," he said. The truck is expected to be ready for a public unveiling soon.

weekend. Step outside, and the experience keeps going — a full lineup of food trucks, two stages of live entertainment, medieval combat and lightsaber performance groups, and multiple video gaming trailers will make the park buzz with activity from the parking lot to the indoor conference hall. HurriCon is our way of giving back — celebrating the things we love while raising funds for life-saving research and support programs."

Special guests include Jennifer Nash and Marcus Nash from Star Trek: The Next Generation. Marcus is also premiering his newest film, Bigfoot Je T'aime, at the Nitro Regal Cinema as part of the event. Robert Ray Shaffer, who played Bob Vance from Vance Refrigeration on The Office, and Meredith Garretson from Resident Alien will also be making appearances at the conference. Daniel Boyd, the West Virginia filmmaker known for classics like Chillers and Invasion of the Space Preachers, will be a special guest as well. Special guests will be available throughout the weekend for selfies, autographs, professional photo ops, and panel discussions, giving fans a chance to connect with them in multiple ways.

"We've got a packed schedule of events and activities both days, so there's really something for everyone," says Francis. "Outside, we'll have two lightsaber performance groups — the Outer Rim Praxeum and the Imperial Legion — doing combat demonstrations, interactive trainings, sessions, and even a tournament between their two groups. Fans of tabletop gaming will

love what we've lined up: J.P. Gotrokkitis is offering free miniature painting sessions, Three Rivers Gaming will be leading Dungeons & Dragons learn to play campaigns for all ages, and Blue Falcon Boardgaming is bringing a library of free-to-play board games for attendees to dive into.

"On the tech side, Optimum and the Army National Guard are rolling in video gaming trailers loaded with titles for everyone to enjoy. The Eastern Kentucky Ghostbusters will be suited up and ready for photo ops with their proton packs and gear, while the Barony of Blackstone Mountain, part of West Virginia's SCA chapter, will showcase their medieval combat skills. We'll also be hosting two full days of esports tournaments across a wide variety of games, plus a Sunday performance by magician Joey Stepp. And of course, you can meet exhibitors like the GeekZip Podcast, Temporal Orbit Films, the WV Browncoats, local authors, and many more."

Ticket prices are \$10 for a single adult day pass, and \$15 for an adult weekend. Continued to Page 3

### WEATHER SUMMARY

August 19 - 25

Low High

August 19

Hurricane 60° 90°

August 20

Hurricane 66° 87°

August 21

Hurricane 60° 76°

August 22

Hurricane 60° 78°

August 23

Hurricane 60° 86°

August 24

Hurricane 62° 86°

August 25

Hurricane 52° 78°

\*RAIN  
None recorded

## Community Calendar

If you want your event listed in the Community Calendar, write to the Hurricane Breeze at PO Box 310, Hurricane, West Virginia 25526, or phone 304-562-9881. If you have email, send it to breezenews@citynet.net and mark your subject line "Community Calendar." There is no charge for posting an event in the calendar.

### NOW THROUGH THE END OF OCTOBER

- The Putnam County Farmer's Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the field beside Exxon, across from the Putnam County Library in Teays Valley.
- The County Roads Farmers' Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane.

### 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 - 31

- Rally in the Valley, an ultimate hybrid sports competition, will be held at Valley Park in Hurricane. For more information, go to <https://pr.fit/event/rally2025>

### AUGUST 29

- First Missionary Baptist Church, 3050 Church Street, Culloden, will be holding their first Back to School Youth Rally at 6:30 p.m.

- 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 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.

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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.

- The Elk River Boots and Saddle Club will be holding their August horse show starting at 1 p.m. at the Winfield Riding Club.

### AUGUST 31

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

- Wade Chapel Church, 4490 McLane Pike, Red House, will have a 5th Sunday Evening Service, beginning at 7 p.m. Special Singing by the Buffalo Methodist Church.

### SEPTEMBER 4

- Cub Scout Pack 236 will be holding a recruiting event from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, 2848 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane.

### SEPTEMBER 6

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

- The Buffalo High School Music Boosters will be hosting benefit bingo at the school. Doors open at 4; games begin at 5 p.m. Price is \$35 at the door.

- There will be a side-by-side ride in honor of Austin Mayo; meet at Caleb's Bar and Grill, Route 62, Buffalo, at 11 a.m. to register. The cost is \$10 per person. There will be a spaghetti dinner afterwards.

- Boomtown Day will be held in Nitro. There will be food vendors and musical performances at the Living Memorial Park.

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

- There will be a tire collection from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. beside Payne's Produce in Winfield.

- Master Gardener Kathy Talley will be at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley at 11 a.m. to discuss jams and jellies.

- Jay Humphreys Trio will be holding their 20th Anniversary Celebration at 6 p.m. at the Teays Valley Church of the Nazarene, 3937 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane. Featuring special guest Chosen Road.

- The Hurricane 100k Trail Run and Relay will start at 6 a.m. at Meeks Mountain Trails at Hurricane City Park. For more information, go to <https://ultrasignup.com/register.aspx?did=120622>

- There will be an immersive nature hike with Andy McKee at noon at Meeks Mountain Trails. Meet up at the big red barn at Hurricane City Park.

### SEPTEMBER 8

- Wines for Humanity Wine Tasting fundraiser for Chemical Valley Roller Derby will start at 6 p.m. at Social Event Space, 2833 Main Street, Hurricane. Tickets are \$25. For more information, go to <https://www.calmunity.love/event-details/wines-for-humanity>

### SEPTEMBER 9

- There will be a Lunch and Learn with FreshAir at noon at Area 34, 971 WV State Route 34, Teays Valley. RSVP by calling 304-757-6510.

## A Little Good Goes A Long Way: Give Blood With Red Cross And PEANUTS®

The American Red Cross asks donors to give blood now to help maintain a healthy blood supply. Donors of all blood types, especially those with types O positive and B negative blood, are urged to make an appointment to keep lifesaving blood products ready the moment patients need them.

People coming together to care for one another is the humanitarian spirit shared by the Red Cross community and fans of PEANUTS. And this month, the Red Cross and PEANUTS are once again joining forces to remind people that a little good goes a long way. In celebration of the 75th anniversary of PEANUTS, those who come to give blood Aug. 29-Sept. 21, 2025, will get an exclusive Red Cross x PEANUTS mystery bag with one of four special T-shirt designs, while they last.

Each design is iconic, and donors won't know which one they'll get until they open the bag. Additionally, there will be a number of golden tickets randomly in the mystery bags hidden throughout the country. Donors who find a golden ticket when they open their bag will have the chance to redeem it through an online form for all four T-shirts! See [RedCrossBlood.org/Peanuts](https://RedCrossBlood.org/Peanuts) for details.

Routines are changing, and schedules are filling up before fall, which could keep people from coming out to help save lives. In addition, the threat of severe weather and hurricanes remains strong in late summer. As we near National Preparedness Month, it's important to note the significant disruption

## WVDEP's Roadsides in Bloom Calendar Submission Deadline Approaching

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) is seeking submissions for the 23rd Annual "Roadsides in Bloom" calendar contest.

Sponsored by the WVDEP's Adopt-A-Highway program, this free calendar features photos of wildflowers growing naturally along West Virginia roadways. The deadline for entries is Friday, September 19, 2025.

Submissions must meet the following qualifications:

- Photographs must be taken in West Virginia.
- Photos must be submitted in landscape orientation. To meet print

### Free Ad Space

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

Submissions must be received by noon on Monday for publication on Thursday. With the exception of upcoming yard/estate sale notices, a new submission is required each week.

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

### FOR SALE

For Sale: CKC registered Siberian Husky female puppies, piebald pattern, \$1,000. Born and raised indoors. Current age is 4 weeks. Call 304-886-8874.

weather can cause all year long. Between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025, weather canceled about 1,500 blood drives, causing more than 40,000 blood donations to go uncollected. Making and keeping donation appointments where it's safe to do so can help patients when and wherever they need it most.

Be a friend to patients in need. To donate blood, simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) or use the Blood Donor App.

quality standards, photos must have a resolution of 300 pixels per inch (ppi) or higher. Low-resolution images may be inadequate and not considered.

- Wildflowers must be growing along a road, and the road must be prominently visible in the frame.

- Entries must be in electronic format and submitted to [dep.aah@wv.gov](mailto:dep.aah@wv.gov).

- Please provide your name, address, phone number, e-mail address and a short description of the most prominent flower depicted. Include the location and county of where the photo was taken. Photos submitted will become property of the WVDEP.

- You may submit up to three photos. However, only one winning photo will be selected from a photographer's entry.

Twelve winners will be selected to represent the months of the year. A grand-prize winner will be chosen to appear on the calendar cover.

Co-sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Transportation and the WVDEP, the Adopt-A-Highway program was established in the late 1980s to improve the quality of the environment by encouraging public involvement in the elimination of highway litter. Adopt-A-Highway volunteers remove over 200,000 pounds of litter from state roadways every year.

## The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

School starts this week in Indiana... July... starts soon in Florida... then WV...

Katelyn has finished college and works for a publisher in NYC.

Sophie finished college and works in Indiana.

Margaret will be a junior in college.

Aidan will be in 8th grade at the gifted middle school.

Nicholas will be in fifth grade at the gifted elementary.

All good students... they get that from their parents and brilliant Grandpa Burke.

I wish I lived in WV. I wish I could continue to teach there... at least sub... I quit too soon...

Thank you:

Mrs. Pauley, my sweet first grade angel of a teacher... we loved you forever.

Miss Irwin... our second grade patient teacher... you encouraged our learning.

Mrs. Ruth Ellis... fourth and sixth... thank you for bringing books from home to me... when I finished those at school... thank you for being there for us... all of your life... kind... thank you for loving my hats... for your friendship...

Mrs. Davis... fifth grade... gracious and kind... thank you for the stories you read to us everyday... you believed in read aloud before it was a thing...

Mrs. Sterling... junior high... thank you for teaching us to diagram sentences... I actually used it in college in the 90's... I did great thanks to you. Thank you for your friendship when I moved back to WV.

Thank you Mrs. Shanklin for letting me check out a book each day in Speech class... you were so sweet.

Mrs. Chapman... we

## 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.



Johnny Cash is a 55 pound mixed breed male dog. He is believed to be around 3 years old.



Mother dog with thirteen puppies.

# Supreme Court Mourns Loss of Justice Tim Armstead

The Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia today mourns the loss of Justice Tim Armstead, who died Tuesday, Aug. 26, following a brief hospitalization. He was 60.

“Tim Armstead is a sterling example of the best of West Virginia,” said Chief Justice William R. “Bill” Wooton. “In an all-to-short life his public service accomplishments are legendary. He served 20 years in the House of Delegates and was selected by his colleagues to lead that institution as its Speaker. And he served seven years as a Justice of our Supreme Court, including two years as Chief Justice. His abilities, talents and character were recognized by his colleagues, his neighbors, and his fellow West Virginians. Tim was elected to the House of Delegates ten different times and was twice elected statewide to the Supreme Court of Appeals. Throughout a lengthy period of public service Tim Armstead never lost an election.

“His public service accomplishments pale in comparison to other areas of his life,” Chief Justice Wooton said. “He was a natural leader, who always led by example. Tim was thoughtful, highly intelligent, an extremely hard worker, and in every decision was guided by Christian principles. Without his ever saying anything, each of his Supreme Court colleagues looked to Tim’s example on thorny ethical issues. Likewise, his knowledge of state finances has been an invaluable resource to the West Virginia judicial system.

“Tim was a marvelous

husband, father, grandfather, brother, neighbor, and colleague. And he was the nicest, most down-to-earth, unassuming person you could ever hope to meet,” Chief Justice Wooton said. “Everyone who knew Tim Armstead considered him a friend. His passing is a tragedy for the Supreme Court, but our loss is nothing compared to the loss suffered by his beloved wife Anna, his daughter Katie and his two adored grandchildren. They have our deepest sympathy.”

“Tim lived a life marked by integrity, servant leadership and unwavering faith, and his service on the Court reflected those values,” said Justice C. Haley Bunn. “He was appointed at a pivotal moment in the Court’s history and dedicated himself to restoring the public’s confidence in the judiciary and treating every person with dignity and grace. He viewed his role as a justice not as a position of power, but as a sacred responsibility to serve others. His legacy of faithful public service will endure for generations. We grieve this profound loss of our colleague and friend, but we also give thanks for a life so well-lived.”

“With profound sadness we mourn the loss of Tim Armstead,” said Justice Charles S. Trump IV. “He leaves a legacy of dedicated and selfless service to the citizens of West Virginia. As Speaker of the West Virginia House of Delegates and as Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals, Tim Armstead’s work reflected his great integrity and love for West Virginia and her people. His leadership will be sorely missed here at the

Court. Our condolences and prayers remain with his family.”

“As a recent addition to the Court, I was looking forward to working with Justice Armstead,” said Justice-appointed Tom Ewing. “In my limited interactions with him, I found him to be kind and a true gentleman. He was a man of faith, conviction, and integrity and the embodiment of public service. He will be greatly missed on the Court. I offer my prayers and condolences to his wife and family.”

Justice Armstead was appointed to the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia by Gov. Jim Justice and took office September 25, 2018. He was elected November 6, 2018, to retain the seat until the end of the term that ended December 31, 2020, and was re-elected on June 9, 2020, to a 12-year term that began January 1, 2021. He served as the Court’s chief justice in 2020 and 2024.

Born Feb. 26, 1965, in Charleston, Justice Armstead was a graduate of Braxton County High School, the University of Charleston and West Virginia University College of Law. He was a Knight of the Golden Horseshoe and a Judith A. Herdon Fellowship intern with the West Virginia Legislature.

Justice Armstead began his public service career as a press intern for Gov. Arch Moore from 1985 to 1988. He later worked as a law clerk for U.S. District Judge David A. Faber from 1991 to 1994 and as Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff of Gov. Cecil Underwood from 1997 to 1998. He served on the Governor’s Cabinet on Children and Families during the administration of Gov. Underwood and on the Board of the Elk River Community Council.

In September 1998, Gov. Underwood appointed Armstead to the House of Delegates to fill the seat vacated by the death of Delegate Dick Henderson. Armstead was then elected to the seat that November. In 2006, he became Minority Leader of the Republican caucus of the House of Delegates – succeeding former delegate and current Justice Charles S. Trump IV in that role – and in 2015 became Speaker of the House, a position he held until he resigned to seek a seat on the Supreme Court.

Throughout his public service, Armstead sought to strengthen transparency and ethical practices across government. That included sponsorship of a series of reforms to the state’s Ethics Act while in the Legislature. During his tenure as chief justice last year, he appointed an eight-member advisory committee to propose revisions to the Code of Judicial Conduct. That committee will bring its recommendations to the

full Supreme Court for review later this year.

A fiscal conservative, Armstead consistently sought to control spending and more efficiently manage how government agencies spent public funds.

“Our new Supreme Court has worked hard to ensure that the judiciary’s budget sets the right priorities and spends the taxpayers’ hard-earned money more efficiently,” then-Chief Justice Armstead said when presenting the Supreme Court’s budget in 2020 – a budget that was \$4 million less than prior years’ budgets.

Justice Armstead also worked to retain and recruit attorneys to provide guardian ad litem services in child abuse and neglect cases – an area of critical need across the state. During his tenure as chief justice in 2024, he worked with officials at the West Virginia University College of Law, the State Bar, Public Defender Services and other agencies on ways to encourage law students and attorneys to serve as guardians ad litem.

A resident of Elkview, Justice Armstead also worked tirelessly to advocate for his community during his time in public service. Following the devastating flood in that region in 2016, as Speaker of the House he sponsored the creation of the Legislature’s Joint Legislative Committee on Flooding to investigate and propose reforms to mitigate flood damage and improve disaster response. As chief justice, he also took the Supreme Court’s Legal Advancement for West Virginia Students (LAWS) program to the new Herbert Hoover High School in March 2024.

Justice Armstead is survived by his wife, Anna, their daughter, Katie and her husband Aaron Ferrari, a grandson and granddaughter.

## HurriCon Coming

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pass. VIP tickets are \$60, and include an hour of early access on both days, premium seating for panels and events, a HurriCon 2025 t-shirt (sizes S-XL only), and other perks. Teen admission costs \$7 for a single day, and \$10 for weekend tickets. Children under 10 get in free. To purchase tickets and find out more information about convention events and special guests, go to <http://hurriconwv.com>

To keep up to date with the latest convention news, vendor spotlights, and more, go to the HurriCon Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/hurriconwv>

## Woodworth Farm Construction

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Brick/Block, Landscaping & Sod, Plumbing, Roofers, Sediment Control Site Maintenance, Siding, Stair Manufacturer, and Survey Engineers.

“The team at Ward Communities is energized to begin building new homes in Putnam County! With over 40 years of experience in Maryland and Pennsylvania, we are eager to introduce our innovative and sustainable designs, built to the highest standards with top-tier materials and the expertise of the most skilled tradespeople. Our mission has always been to ensure

a confident and satisfying experience for every homeowner through clear communication, expert design assistance, and a personalized approach. As we expand into West Virginia, we remain dedicated to building lasting relationships and creating exceptional homes in Putnam County,” said Earl Robinson, president of Ward Communities.

Infrastructure for Woodworth Farms is being funded by a \$5 million infrastructure grant. Infrastructure construction is expected to begin this fall and is not linked to the Residential Contractor Connect Event.

## Buffalo All Horse Parade, Sept. 20

Buffalo All Horse Parade and Live Auction is set for Saturday, September 20 at Buffalo Gazebo Park, Rt 62 Buffalo.

5k Walk/Run will start at 8am. Pre-register or show up at the day of the event, \$15 - t-shirts for the first 50 to register. Contact Mary Raynes, coordinator 304-546-0763. Sponsored by CAMC-TV Vandalia Health

Horse Parade will start at 12 noon. All horses, mules, ponies; under saddle, teams, carts and wagons, or leading are welcome to parade thru the town of Buffalo. An entry fee per unit will 100% be a donation to HospiceCare of WV.

NEW this Year - Ridgetop Grass (bluegrass band) will be live at the Gazebo Park from 12:30 - 2:00 pm, (FREE ADMISSION), Sponsored

by Larry Dawson “We Buy Cars”.

Amish Fry Pies and Popcorn, T-shirts, as well as other activities will be taking place on the grounds throughout the day

Amish Food stand will start serving meals at 1pm. The meal will include Wedding Chicken, mashed potatoes, noodles, dessert and drink; all proceeds to HospiceCare of WV.

2:00 pm the Live Auction will start. There will be a variety of items and services to bid on. The proceeds from this event will be donated to HospiceCare of WV.

NEW This Year - Catfish Tournament - 3pm to Midnight, at the Buffalo Boat Dock. Contact Adam Scott for more information 304-767-1348

If any questions call Bill Whittington 304-268-0269

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**NOTICE OF TESTING**  
The Putnam County Sheriff’s Office is testing for probationary deputy sheriff on September 27th, 2025, at 9:00 AM at the sheriff’s office located at 236 Courthouse Dr., Winfield, WV. The test will include a physical agility test and a written exam. Please call the sheriff’s office at 304-586-0256 for any questions.

**Real Estate Auction**  
Wednesday, September 10th at 5:00PM  
Registration & Inspection Begin at 4:00PM

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Winfield WV 25213

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**Developable Land**  
**Barn/Storage Building**  
**3+/- Acres Mostly Cleared and Flat**  
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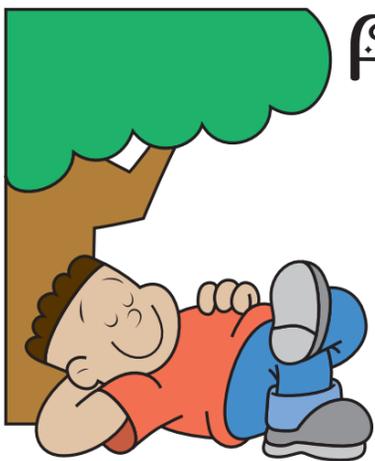
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# Fillers Page

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## Fruity Fuel for School

*Keep students energized and engaged with sweet watermelon snacks*

(Family Features) School days bring excitement for students with classroom fun, exploration of new subjects, time with friends and extracurricular activities like sports and clubs. They also mean hectic schedules for families, especially parents looking to keep nutrition top of mind in spite of jam-packed weeknight calendars.

Help your kiddos stay energized for each school day (including those dreaded homework hours) with nutritious snacks that prioritize hydration. As a satisfying sweet treat thanks to its taste and nutritional value, watermelon provides a year-round solution to rehydrate as part of simple, kid-friendly meals and snacks.

Sweet watermelon, salty cottage cheese and pops of berries make this Watermelon Berry Fruit Salad with Cottage Cheese hard to top after a long day in the classroom. A sprinkle of fresh mint is a perfect final addition to this after-school treat.

Or for an easy, fast, no-mess meal that can be prepared for homework sessions or taken as a lunchbox treat, look no further than Watermelon Kebabs. Just cube watermelon, turkey breast and cheddar cheese and thread on coffee stirrers or beverage straws then share with your loved ones while tackling dinner and prepping for the next day of learning.

Any way you slice it, watermelon is a nutrient-dense food you can feel confident stocking in your kitchen and feeding to your family. It provides 21 grams (8% of the recommended daily value) of natural carbohydrates and is especially energizing when paired with protein like cottage cheese or turkey for a balanced snack.

Plus, with just 80 calories in two cups, it's a high-volume food that can fill you up at mealtime. Once you've enjoyed the delicious watermelon flesh, make sure to avoid waste by using the rind in recipes like stir fries or salads, or encourage little ones to get creative with watermelon rind crafts to let their creativity shine.

Find more school year snacks and meals by visiting [Watermelon.org](http://Watermelon.org).

### Watermelon Berry Fruit Salad with Cottage Cheese

Recipe courtesy of the National Watermelon Promotion Board

Watermelon  
 1 package raspberries  
 1 package strawberries  
 1 package blueberries  
 1 package blackberries  
 1 container cottage cheese  
 1 bunch mint leaves  
 honey, to taste (optional)

Cut watermelon with star-shaped cookie cutter or into cubes.

In large bowl, mix watermelon with raspberries, strawberries, blueberries and blackberries. Add dollops of cream cheese on top of fruit.

Garnish with mint leaves and drizzle with honey, to taste, if desired, prior to serving.



### Watermelon Kebabs

Recipe courtesy of the National Watermelon Promotion Board  
 Servings: 6

18 seedless watermelon cubes (1/2 inch each)  
 6 cubes smoked turkey breast  
 6 cubes cheddar cheese  
 6 coffee stirrers or beverage straws

Thread cubed watermelon, cubed turkey and cubed cheese on stirrers or straws.



## Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead  
 Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

I miss the days when my parents were still living.

Woman addicted to brake fluid suddenly stops.

Forget getting beauty sleep, I want skinny sleep.

Is a zebra really 25 times larger than an A bra?

I'm doing my part to become more energy efficient, I'm being lazy today.

I was up all night wondering where the sun went, then it dawned on me.

Abundance is a state of mind within you. If you just look at "lack," the lack increases in life.

Poets utter great and wise things which they do not themselves understand. - Plato

Pasteurize: what is just too far to see.

This is a wonderful day. I've never seen this one before.

Never has I ever spread a rumor I knew wasn't true.

Looks like the cannibal late for dinner got the cold shoulder.

The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.

Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.

To the ones who look at me from the sky, I miss you more than you would ever know.

Philosophy and religion may reform, but only the Bible can transform.

Never give up. A little progress each day adds up to big results.

He who conquers himself is the mightiest warrior.

The urge to bake bread, hits you when you yeast expect it.

Be an 'encourager', the world has plenty of critics already.

Laughter is the happiest word in the English language.

Happiness is you and harmony working together.

Not everyone will like you, and that's okay.

Thank you to all the people in my life who truly care about me, I love you!

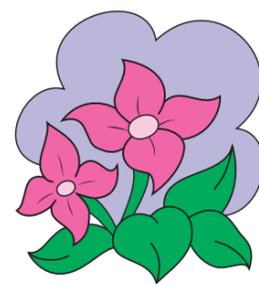
The older I get, the more I appreciate how I was raised, and who I was raised by.

You can't get mad at people who suck the life out of you if you keep giving them the straw.

The best of people are those who worry about the impact of their words on the hearts of others.

Be thankful for the true friends you have because they are few and far between.

People measure your waist size or wallet. Not God. He examines hearts.



Sometimes you have to give false information, to find out who the leak is.

People who abuse innocent animals are not worthy to be called humans.

A man sent his hearing-aid in for repairs 3 weeks ago; he hasn't heard anything since.

No matter how rough life gets, the cross still stands. Grace still flows, and God still reigns.

Faith is that which is woven of conviction and set with the sharp mordant of experience.

If you think one person can't make a difference, ask the doggie who got a second chance.

Doctors' offices are like: show up 15 minutes early so the doctor can see you 45 minutes late.

I never see what has been done; I only see what remains to be done.

Love is when all the glitter falls off, but you can still see the person sparkle.

I've grilled the chicken for two hours and it still won't say why it crossed the road.

To love and be loved is to feel the sun from both sides.

To the thief that stole our cooking utensils, you're a real whisk taker.

He who steals a little steals with the same wish as he who steals much, but with less power.

Funny my spouse never complained before I had hearing aids.

Blood is inherited and virtue is acquired.

A gem is not polished without rubbing, nor a man perfected without trials.

The human heart, at whatever age, opens to the heart that opens in return.

Truth may ring out like a bell, but it's seldom ever tolled.

Love is beyond sight, touch, smell, taste and sound.

Wake a sleeping wolf and it'll become aware wolf.

What is copper nitrate? Overtime for the sheriff's office.

If you believe everything you read, better not read.

We bought a boat but couldn't think of any boat names, canoe?

Ninety percent of leadership is the ability to communicate something people want.

Make a habit of two things: to help; or at least to do no harm.

Think you've got problems; try being a math book.

Anyone can catch your eye, but it takes someone special to catch your heart.

The two guys hanging out above the window - that would be Curt and Rod.

Nothing that is worth knowing can be taught. Oscar Wilde

Some are red, some are blue, if in between, you'd be marooned.

Give away all you like, but keep your bills and your temper.

Forgiveness is the giving, and so the receiving of life.

So you're 80 and considering a tattoo? How about your name and address?

Always write angry letters to your enemies. Never mail them.

For good nurture and education implant good constitutions.

I hoped my spouse would wake up with a smile but I couldn't find a Sharpie.

One of the tests of leadership is the ability to recognize a problem before it becomes an emergency.

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Some days I have no idea what I'm doing out of bed.

He who begins many things finishes but few.

An instant sight may save a thousand words.

When was the last time you took a leap of faith?

At my age, I'm not sure if it's the floorboards creaking or my bones.

Struggling to get your wife's attention? Just sit down and look comfortable.

Be a motivator. Never let them see you sweat and never let them steal your smile.

The less people you chill with, the less problems you deal with.

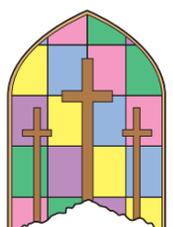
The trick to being smart to knowing when to play dumb.

I wonder how many calories are burned by jumping to conclusions.

If a bag is not resealable then it contains one serving.

Work hard in silence, let your success be the noise.

## Bible Verse



Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

— 1 John 4:11

# WV Cupcake Festival Makes 11th Appearance at Valley Park



Bethany Adkins of the Putnam County Library read books to children during the festival.



Molly the cat won Most Handsome/Prettiest Cat in the Pupcake Pageant. Molly's owner is Brittany Sayre.



Brittany Sayre instructs her dog Mattie Rose to do a trick. Mattie Rose was the Second Runner Up.



West Virginia Cupcake Festival Royalty pose for a photograph. Front Row: Sawyer Brown, Jaysa Snodgrass, Eden Jones. Back Row: Haley Hillen, Ally Harper, Mattie Vandale, Eliza Adkins and Reese Roush.



Hemp, a dog owned by Danielle Godwin, is presented with the First Runner Up award.



Mattie Vandale and Eliza Adkins compete in the Power Wheels car race.



Lily Kate McCoy flings a cupcake pan in a new contest at the festival.



Ron Foreman of Maysel, West Virginia, was the winner of this year's cupcake eating contest.

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Durst, and sponsored by her family and friends. Durst, a veterinary technician, passed away in 2024 from breast cancer at the age of 33.

The Grand Champion winner of the Pupcake Pageant was Ember, a German shepherd owned by Sandy Lake of Hurricane. Ember also won Best Trick.

The West Virginia Cupcake Festival is known for its cupcake competitions, which feature the talents of both professional and amateur

bakers from all over the state.

The winner of the 2025 Vendor Competition Cupcake Master Award was Taraific Treats, owned by Tara Hensley of Ravenswood. The winning cupcake was molasses spiced cupcake with apple and pumpkin filling and molasses buttercream frosting. The molasses used in the cupcake was produced in West Virginia. Taraific Treats also won vendor awards in 2019 and 2021.

The Queen's Choice First Place Award went to Christy's Cupcake

Creations of Cross Lanes for their cookie batter cupcake; Second Place went to Rolling in the Dough of Scott Depot for their caramel frappe and cookies and cream cupcakes; and Third Place went to Batter's Up of Nitro for their tiger's blood cupcake.

Jessica McKown of Orma, West Virginia, won the Best Tasting and Best Decorated Cupcakes in the Amateur Cupcake Competition.

The organizers of the West Virginia Cupcake Festival look forward to next year's big event.

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### Weekly Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-18	2 Timothy 2:1-26	2 Timothy 3:1-9	2 Timothy 3:10-4:8	Titus 1:1-16	Titus 2:1-15	Titus 3:1-15
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## BASIC BIBLE

By Ron Allen  
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### Be Ready

I Thessalonians 5:1-11

"But of the times and the seasons . . ." (v. 1). The times and seasons are those of the last days. The events of the last days were made known to Old Testament believers by God through His prophets.

The happenings of the last days were known to the Thessalonians because they possessed knowledge of the scriptures. They knew the words which God spoke through Moses. They knew that failure to hearken to the words of the promised Prophet (Deut. 18:18-19) would be rewarded by God's righteous wrath. Upon hearing Paul expound upon the scriptures, a significant number of Jews at Thessalonica received the revelation that Jesus was the Messiah, the Prophet like Moses. They knew that Jesus was "my righteous servant" (Isa. 53:10) who died for the sins of many and arose from the dead. They knew that Jesus was the son of David who would rule over all nations from Jerusalem upon His return. They knew God's word would be fulfilled. Jesus' return would bring a day of judgment.

Believers of today can read Matthew 24 and attain a quick understanding of the times and seasons of which Paul wrote. We, like the believing Thessalonians, know all scripture is of God and all shall be fulfilled.

"For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night" (v. 2). The day of the Lord is a day of judgment. God's judgments are sudden and unexpected. Unbelieving men were caught by surprise and perished in the flood in the days of Noah. At Babel, God confounded the language of men without warning (Gen. 11:1-9). God's judgment against Egypt was quick and sudden (Ex. 12:30). God's judgments are as a thief in the night because they fall upon them who are asleep (unsuspecting). The believers at Thessalonica knew the scriptures. They knew that Paul spoke words of truth. Jesus said His return would be sudden and unexpected (Matthew 24:37-39).

"For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape" (v. 3). The "they" are them who are in darkness (see v. 4, 7). In the last days, false assurances of peace and safety shall be rewarded with sudden destruction. Jesus warned all that have the ears to hear that there shall be a number within the structure of the church who will be unprepared for His return (see Matt. 7:21-23 and Rev. 3:15-16).

In verse 4, Paul assured the believers at Thessalonica that they need not fear sudden destruction because they were "all the children of light, and the children of the day" (v. 5). In writing to the church at Ephesus, Paul said: "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light" (Eph. 5:8). To be a child of light, one must be born of Him who is the light of the world (Jn. 8:12). Children of light have been born of the Spirit and indwelt by the Holy Spirit. Evidence of the second birth is found in a walk which testifies of the Light. The walk of children of the day was much evident among believers at Thessalonica.

One is either a child of the day or a child of the night. Children of the night are not and will not be ready for Christ's return. Jesus used the parable of the ten virgins (Matt. 25:1-13) to illustrate that some (half?) of those who professed to be waiting for His return would be in darkness and unprepared. The foolish virgins were not children of the day. Children of the day do not sleep.

In verse 7, Paul makes it known that it is nighttime all the time for those who are in darkness. The sun may be high in the sky and their physical eyes wide open but the spiritual eyes of the children of darkness are closed. They cannot see because they are impaired (drunken). When physically drunken, one experiences a distorted view of reality. The spiritually drunken are in darkness and blind drunk to the wrath to come or possess a false sense of security because they are impaired.

Children of the day (all who have been born of the Spirit) are to be sober (v. 8). Sobriety is characterized by appropriate behavior. It is appropriate that believers put on the breastplate of faith and love and the helmet of the hope of salvation. Breastplates and helmets are worn for protection. We (believers) are protected from God's righteous wrath when we use the gifts of faith, love, and salvation which He has given to us. It is appropriate that we use His gifts.

Believers are to use God's gifts in the manner in which He intends because of what He has done. God has appointed us to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ (v. 9). Believers are not appointed to be recipients of God's wrath. Deuteronomy 18:19 states: "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him." Believers hearken to the words of Jesus, the promised Prophet, who said: "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak . . . as the Father said unto me, so I speak" (Jn. 12:48-50).

Let us love one another and tell others of the Father's love as Jesus has said. Let us, the children of light, not hide the gift of light which we have been given. Let us do such that we shall be ready.

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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 2 of 2)

"If Jesus came with me to school, I would respect him and everyone else, too. I would not hit, would not call people names, and I would not or push," says Michael, age 6.

We have a tendency to act one way around some people and put our best foot forward around others. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40) Oops!

We live in a time when God indwells his people. Living in light of this kingdom reality should elevate relationships with Christians to a different sphere. It should also have a sobering effect on the way Christians treat non-Christians. God created all people in his image, even atheists. We should be courteous and show respect to all, especially to those with whom we disagree.

"I would tell Jesus about my life and what's hard for me at home and at school," says Joe, 9. "I would be very excited if he was here with me. I would feel like there could be no reason to fear him at all because it would be so good with him.

"It would be a dream come true. "Thank you, Lord. Thank you, I would say. I would travel around the world telling others about Jesus and make more Christians in the world. That would be great!"

Thank you, Joe, for sharing your unbridled joy in the Lord. God wants all his children to live free in anticipation of seeing him. True confidence in life comes from being rightly related to God. Living apart from God breeds fear because we're limited to our own resources.

Jesus appeared to scared disciples on Easter morning in a resurrection body and said, "Peace to you." The Scripture records, "But they were terrified and frightened,

and supposed they had seen a spirit." (Luke 24:37)

When Jesus challenged them to examine his body and opened their understanding of the Old Testament concerning himself, faith began to replace fear.

When Christians live by faith, they stop worrying about what people think about them and start telling others about Jesus. The Apostle John wrote, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear because fear involves torment." (I John 4:18)

"If Jesus came to school with me, I would let him sit next to me," says Kelly, 9. "I would listen to him to see if he had an idea to grow closer to God. When the time would come to say goodbye, I would pray he would come back again. When I would come home, I would hope to see him just sitting there on my bed waiting just for me."

Kelly, thanks for this wonderful image of Jesus sitting on your bed waiting for you to come home from school. It brings to mind someone who sat on Easter morning. After an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and rolled back the stone of Jesus' tomb, the Scripture records that he sat on it. (Matthew 28:2)

Because an angel sat on a stone and announced Jesus' resurrection, we can sit, stand and walk with him wherever he leads us.

Think about this: If you're a Christian, Jesus is in you and with you wherever you go.

Memorize this truth: "I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)

Ask this question: Do you have a sense of God's presence at school, work, home or wherever you go?

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**Obituaries**

**LYNDA ALLEN**  
Lynda Gay Allen (Fizer), 80, of Hurricane, passed away peacefully August 23, 2025. Lynda enjoyed word search puzzles, coloring, drawing, reading the Bible and daily devotional books. She also enjoyed talking to family and friends.

Lynda was preceded in death by her parents, Dana and Martha (Sergent) Fizer. Brothers, Jim, Gene, Leonard, Dave, and Larry Fizer. Grandparents, James & Jenny (Curry) Fizer and Homer & Lucy (Salmons) Sergent.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Warren Ray Allen Sr.; daughter, DeAnna Hatfield (Dennis); son, Junior Allen (Christie); grandchildren, Jennifer Starkey (Al), Lynda McKendree (Chad), Emily Brisco (Isaiah) and Dennis Hatfield II (Jessica), 8 great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren; sisters, Phyllis Rice, Bertie Fizer, Joyce Howerton, Christina Byrd (Ted) and Beverly Jones; brothers, Darrell Fizer (Doris), Curtis Fizer, Randell Fizer (Donna), Randy Fizer (Delores). Many nieces, nephews, special friend Mary Bird and family.

Graveside service was Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at Sycamore Cemetery with Pastor David Vickers officiating.

**REBA S. ASBURY**

Reba S. Asbury, of Red House, passed away on Thursday, August 21, 2025 on her 97th birthday at Hubbard Hospice House. She was a 1946 graduate of Pocahontas High School and a lifelong homemaker. She formerly attended the Red House U.B. Church. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting and embroidery.

Born August 21, 1928, she was the daughter of the late Dale Kerwood and Vernie Kerwood Dotson. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her grandmother that raised her, Callie Shank; brother, Russell Kerwood; sister, Ruth Hickman.

Survivors include her loving husband of 78 years, Charles R. Asbury; son, Charlie (Linda) Asbury of Red House; grandchildren, Eric (Paula) Asbury

and Chad Asbury; great grandchildren, Natalie (Eric) Craig, Blake Asbury (Ashley) and Jacob Shamblin; great great grandchildren, Landon, Holley and Adalynn.

Funeral service was Monday, August 25, 2025 at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastor Woody Willard officiating. Entombment was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House.

**CAROLYN SUE BAILEY**

Carolyn Sue Bailey, of Red House, entered into Heaven to be gathered with her people on Sunday, August 24, 2025, at the age of 78. She passed peacefully surrounded by her loving and devoted family. Days before her beloved husband entered Glory, she assured him that she would soon follow and so she did 161 days later.

Sue was a born-again Christian. She loved serving and worshipping her Savior and reading His Word. She was a devoted and loving wife to her husband Jackie. They adored each other and enjoyed a God-centered marriage for 59 years. Sue embraced motherhood and excelled in her role as Mom. She corrected, encouraged, entertained, guided, protected and loved fiercely. She was a teacher of Jesus and keeper of secrets (except from Dad). In her final days, she expressed to her children that she loved them more than life itself.

For those of us blessed to call her mom, grandma, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, you know what a God-loving, kind, generous, caring, sweet, spunky person she was. She will be sorely missed by all who loved her.

Born July 4, 1947, she was the cherished wife of the late Jackie Ray Bailey; beloved daughter of the late Homer K. and Lesta E. Criner; treasured daughter-in-law to the late Beechie L. and Ida W. Bailey; sister-in-law to the late Harold Lee "Leroy" (Linda) Bailey; sister to the late James (Mary) Criner, Tony Criner, Mary (Mack) Boggess, Agatha Curry and Beth Barnett.

Left to cherish precious moments and celebrate her life are her son Randy "Butch" (Debbie) Bailey

of Eleanor; daughters, Jeanette (Shannon) Jeffers of Eleanor, Rebecca (Anthony) Miller of Pocahontas and Pauline (Donovan) Beaver of St. Albans; brothers Dayton (Barb) Criner, Keith (Julie) Criner, Ronnie (Dinah) Criner, Tommy (Teresa) Criner, Mike (Diane) Criner; sisters Delores Barnes, Ruth (Brycil) Barnett, Nagene (Mike) Cable and Pixie Legg; brothers-in-law Arnold (Mary) Bailey and Belvin Barnett; grandchildren Brandon Bailey, Derek Bailey, Chelsea McBrayer, Elizabeth Bailey, Hannah Jeffers, Eathan Jeffers, Nathan Jeffers and Shawn Miller; great grandchildren, Connor, Ella, Tyler, Haley, Aubree, Hattie, Rory, Jovie, Piper and Scarlet; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral service was Thursday, August 28, 2025, at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastor Ray Parsons officiating. Entombment was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House.

**ETHEL M. GIBSON**

Ethel M. (Hoffman) Gibson, 86, of Eleanor, passed away Monday, August 25, 2025. She was a member of New Vision Church of God in Eleanor.

Born October 10, 1938, she was the daughter of the late Jesse R. Hoffman and Macel Campbell Hoffman. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include her husband of 65 years, Ronald Gibson; daughters, Teresa (Mike) Lilly of Buffalo and Rhonda Gibson of Eleanor; granddaughter, Christa (Dicky) Henline of Culloden; great grandchildren, Jameson Henline and Alessa Henline.

Funeral service will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, August 29, 2025, at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastor Denny Lambert officiating. Entombment

will follow in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

**GARY LEE HIGGINBOTHAM**

Gary Lee Higginbotham, 81, of Buffalo, passed away Sunday, August 17, 2025. He was a 1965 graduate of Buffalo High School, and a United States Army Veteran. Gary retired as a Chief Engineer from AEP River Division. He was a member of Kanawha Valley Lodge No. 36 A.F. & A.M. in Buffalo.

Born September 29, 1944, he was the son of the late George Ezra and Alma Buck Higginbotham. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Anna "Cricket" Workman; a brother, Charles Higginbotham; as well as other extended family.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Mariwana J. Higginbotham; his sons, Joseph Ezra "Jody" Higginbotham, Daniel Boone "Boonie" Higginbotham, and Gary Lee (Sam) Higginbotham; a daughter, Cynthia (Michael) Beckett; 13 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren.

In accordance with his wishes, his body was cremated. There are no services planned for the public at this time.

**BERNARD DEAN LEGG**

Bernard Dean Legg, 62, of Fraziers Bottom, passed away on August 20, 2025 at CAMC Teays Valley surrounded by family after fighting a long health battle.

Dean was born to Kenny and Linda Akers Legg on May 10, 1963. He was preceded in death by his brother, Anthony Legg.

He loved to hunt and spend time with his family, especially his grandchildren, as well as his numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he is also survived

by his wife, Mona Stocks Legg; sons: Dean Legg and Albert (Latosha) Legg of Winfield; stepchildren: Daniel Sovine and Elizabeth Sovine both of Winfield; grandchildren: Cambrie, Aubrie, Liam, Ava, Levi and River; sister: Anita (Steve) Fowler of Apple Grove; brothers: Darrell Legg of Fraziers Bottom, Tim (Paula) Legg and Brian (Shanna) Legg both of Winfield; a special cousin, Shane Akers of Fraziers Bottom; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, and other loving family members.

Funeral service for Dean was Saturday, August 23, 2025 at Chapman Funeral Home, Winfield. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery in Fraziers Bottom.

**MARGARET ANN MILLER**

Margaret Ann Miller, 80, of Buffalo, passed away Thursday, August 21, 2025 at Hubbard Hospice House. She was a Christian and loved to read books.

Born June 23, 1945 in Buffalo, she was the daughter of the late Charles Franklin Harris and Margaret Marie Harris. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Charles "Pete" Harris; nephew, Charles "Petey" Harris; brother-in-law, Jimmy Young.

Survivors include her son, Kenneth D. Stover (Robin) of Liberty; daughter Melissa D. Henry (Daniel) of Leon; sisters, Mary (Arnold) Bailey of Red House and Cora Young of Red House; grandchildren, Eden (Cody) Birchfield, Shayli Henry, William Henry, Shelbi Henry, Ashley

Stover, Hunter Dillon, Morgan Dillon and Madison Dillon; niece, Amanda (Danny) Watson; nephews, Jimmy Young Jr. and Doug Young; great nieces and nephews, Bailey Jocie, Dillon, Macie and Nick. Margaret is also survived by 3 great grandchildren, extended family and friends.

Graveside service was Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at Buffalo Memorial Park, Buffalo, with Pastor Darren Persinger officiating.

**TERESA MOORE**

Teresa Moore, resident of Fraziers Bottom, a devoted family woman and respected member of her community, passed away at the age of 63, leaving behind a legacy of love and service.

Teresa is preceded in death by parents Judy and Freddie Seals. She is survived by her loving daughter, Katlynn Westfall, and her husband Tim; her son, Daniel Moore and Hanna Hunt; and her cherished granddaughters, Dawsyn, Parker, and Paisley; sister Patty Lunsford; nephew, Justin and Maria and children.

Teresa's family was her greatest joy, and she dedicated herself to their well-being and happiness. Her military service as a Chief Master Sergeant in the Air National Guard demonstrated her bravery, discipline, and commitment to serving others.

In her professional life, Teresa was a certified residential appraiser, known for her attention to detail and expertise in her field. She also worked with the WV State Police as a start to her career path.

## Putnam Property Transfers

The following property transfers were recorded by the Putnam County Clerk between July 22, 2025, and August 22, 2025:

WV State Auditor and Robbe Willaims to H3 LLC - 1/4 Int Min, Teays Valley District for \$176.23.

WV State Auditor and Robbe Willaims to H3 LLC - 1/4 Int 88.60 AC Min, Teays Valley District for \$1,000.00. WV State Auditor and Robbe Willaims to H3 LLC - 1/4 of 116 AC, Teays Valley District for 183.75.

WV State Auditor and Robbe Willaims to H3 LLC - 1/4 Int Min 6.55 AC, Teays Valley District for \$175.09.

WV State Auditor and Robbe Willaims to H3 LLC - 1/4 Int Min 12 AC, Teays Valley District for \$175.09.

WV State Auditor and Robbe Willaims to H3 LLC - 1/4 Int Min 54 AC, Teays Valley District for \$182.60.

WV State Auditor and Robbe Willaims to H3 LLC - 1/4 Int Min 17 Acres, Teays Valley District for \$175.09.

WV State Auditor and Robbe Willaims to H3 LLC - 1/4 Int Min 83 Ac, Teays Valley District for \$190.68.

WV State Auditor and Francis Onestinghel to Elemental Resources - 0.3333% Int 78/80 Und Int 630. AC Coal 659 AC Oil & Gas, Union District for \$175.09.

WV State Auditor and Geroge S. Laidley Trust to Elemental Resources - 12.5% Int 78/80 Und Int 630.98 AC Coal 659 AC Oil & Gas, Union District for \$303.89.

WV State Auditor and Danny Casto to H3 LLC - 1/2 of Min 1/8 of 1/2 of 115 AC 18 Mile Creek, Union District for \$175.09.

WV State Auditor and Bonnie Cabell to H3 LLC - 1/5 of 1/3 Int of 1/2 Oil & Gas 74 AC, Union District for \$175.09.

WV State Auditor and Paulina Kelly to Elemental Resources - 1/9 of 388.25 Ac Min, Union District for \$214.36.

WV State Auditor and Ohio Masonic Home to Elemental Resources - 2107/2400 Int Min 850.67 AC, Scott District for \$248.44.

Seneca Trustees Inc and Mark Lines to D&B WV Property Holdings Inc - 10.23 Acres, Buffalo District for \$141,798.00.

Midway Land Company Inc to Johnson & Tarr Land Company LLC - Two Tracts, Hurricane District for \$4,000,000.00.

Donald Williams to Lisa Thompson - Parcel, Union District for \$65,000.00.

Anthony Rausa to David and Felicia Lewis - Lot, Hidden Valley Estates, Scott District for \$529,000.00.

Matthew Kidd and Ashley Thomas to Gerard Bielinski - Lot, Teays Meadow Subdivision, Scott District for \$210,000.00.

La Valdosta Properties LLC to Mark Sanders - Parcel, Nitro District for \$20,000.00.

C R Development LLC to Hayes Brothers Construction LLC - Lot, Castlknock Ridge, Scott District for \$35,000.00.

Lucretia Pickens to Robert and Kathryn White - Two Parcels, Buffalo District for \$50,000.00.

Scott Linville to Tri Conty Development LLC - Lot, Union District for \$65,000.00.

LoanDepot.com LLC to Tyler and Courtney Thornton - Parcel, Poca District for \$30,000.00.

MAJO LLC to Steven Lively - Lot, Ranch Lake Estates, Scott District for \$2,200.00.

Stephen Richardson to Michel and Megan Hilliard - Two Tracts, Poca District for \$357,000.00.

Timothy Stowers to Rayquan and Kayla Pack - Parcel, Hurricane Heights, Curry District for

\$185,000.00.

Leslie Von Berg to Jonathan Vickers - Two Lots, High School Addition, Hurricane District for \$285,000.00.

Richard Simms to Clifford and Amber Shamblin - Parcel, Scott District for \$335,000.00.

Joshua Smith to John and Emily McLeod - Lot, Alexis Estates, Hurricane District for \$265,000.00.

Julie Criag Cooley to Corey Alford and Hannah Lambert - Parcel, Curry District for \$280,015.00.

Donna Sanders to Tyler and Mindy London - Parcel, Scott District for \$260,000.00.

Jared Carlson to Larry Wilt - Lot, Country Villas, Scott District for \$449,999.00.

Lynn Weimer Coen to Charles and Susan Bailey - Lot, Maple Heights Addition, Hurricane District for \$167,350.00.

Jeffrey and Susan McLane to Brody and Tabitha Bowling - 2.403 Acres, Poca District for \$265,000.00.

Sheila Saunders to Tracey and Carla Coleman - Lot, Rumer Station Subdivision, Buffalo District for \$332,500.00.

Megan Perkins to Westley Quinn - Lot, Lake Washington, Curry District for \$108,000.00.

Kay Davis Workman to Jason Gray - Lot, Shawnee Estates, Scott District for \$200,000.00.

Jeffrey and Tauletha Chaffin to Joshua and Erin Copley - Lot, Thistle Woods Subdivision, Scott District for \$350,000.00.

Donna Thaxton to Teays Construction LLC - Two Parcels, Hurricane District for \$485,000.00.

Beth Hass to Adrienne Mays Kingston - Lot, Wedgewood Glen Subdivision, Hurricane District for \$485,000.00.

Philip and Casey Steptoe to Jessica Santrock - Lot, McClure Estates, Hurricane District for \$284,500.00.

Brenda Ginn and Verda Myers to Corey Mynes - Parcel, Curry District for \$154,000.00.

Samuel Weeks to Aubrey Chandler - Parcel, Glass Addition, Poca District for \$140,000.00.

Michael and Crystal Cantrell to Bradley and Rachel Sheets - Lot, Brierwood Estates, Scott District for \$187,900.00.

Bennet and Heather Moore to Thomas and Linsey Reynolds - Lot, The Highlands, Scott District for \$449,900.00.

Austin Brown to Robert Light - Parcel, Teays Valley District for \$279,300.00.

Rossana Dalessio and Lisa Dalessio to Christopher and Brittany Wilson - Lot, Rosehill Acres, Scott District for \$649,000.00.

Drema Sue Ramella to Larry and Vickie Bayes - Lot, Gables of Teays Valley, Scott District for \$320,000.00.

Chase and Hannah Bowling to Jennifer Brown - Lot, Corbly Addition, Hurricane District for \$205,000.00.

Whittington Family Trust to Sheila Saunders - Lot, Wynfield Trace, Winfield District for \$271,000.00.

Thomas Clayton Frazier Living Trust and Kyle Frazier to Holly and Virginia Lewis - Parcel, Teays Valley District for \$115,000.00.

Patricia Robinson and Thelma Oxley to Harry and Janet Vanclief - Lot, Rosehill Acres, Scott District for \$394,000.00.

Catherine Hamilton to Joshua and Margaret Smith - Lot, Woods & Irons East, Scott District for \$529,900.00.

Hager Home LLC to Zachary Adkins - Parcel, Teays Valley District for \$150,000.00.

Marcie Stevens Reed

to Vincent McCord - Lot, Knights Court, Scott District for \$358,000.00.

WV Land Holding LLC to Deborah Smith - Lot, Sunnybrook Estates, Teays Valley District for \$51,000.00.

William Casto and Alan Nicholason - Lot, Poca Subdivision, Poca District for \$200,000.00.

William and Nancy Howes to BLG Real Estate Company Inc - Parcel, Hurricane District for \$717,000.00.

Panaro Contracting LLC to David and Brandy Tracy - Parcel, Teays Valley District for \$550,000.00.

Samuel and Barbara Holdren to Andrew and Heather Clark - Two Parcels, Knollview Estates, Hurricane District for \$162,000.00.

Daniel and Chelsea Beverly to Dreama Ramella - Parcel, Putnam Gardens, Scott District for \$310,000.00.

Deborah Vance to Carrie Robertson - Two Parcels, Curry District for \$115,000.00.

Randall and Gloria Johnson to Nicholas and Cassia Duncan - Lot, Crystal Springs, Scott District for \$539,750.00.

David and Sarah Felton to April Ferreebe - Lot, Cobblestone Subdivision, Scott District for \$650,000.00.

Kristen Haught Spurgeon to Adam and Carol Sponaugle - Lot, Tyler Valley Subdivision, Scott District for \$419,000.00.

Joshua Bowers to Steve and Savanna Cooper - 11.243 Acres, Union District for \$386,500.00.

TRB Construction LLC to Adam OiDonnell - Lot, Fiddlers Green, Teays Valley District for \$439,000.00.

Dwayne Cline to Gary Namey - Lot, Waters Edge Subdivision, Winfield District for \$660,000.00.

James and Susan Lanham to Craig and Kristen Haught - Parcel, Maplewood Estates, Scott District for \$421,000.00.

Jim and Teresa Ranck to Shawn and Sarah Lane - Lot, Castlknock Ridge, Scott District for \$550,000.00.

Rebecca Mobley Harless to Orlando Aldana - Lot, Rosewood Point, Teays Valley District for \$379,000.00.

VHR Developers LLC to TD One LLC - Parcel, Scott District for \$320,000.00.

Cardenas APM LLC to Kenneth and Christina Fly - Lot, High School Addition, Hurricane District for \$14,000.00.

Linda Ingraham to Roller Coaster Resources LLC - Parcel, Poca District for \$6,000.00.

TNS Properties LLC to Donald and Carolyn Bryan - Partial Lot, Red House Farms, Eleanor District for \$5,000.00.

Off Grid Acres LLC to Thomas Baisden - 5.81 Acres, Poca District for \$20,000.00.

WV Auditor Delinquent Land and Geraldine Hodges to William and Deana Miller - Parcel, Curry District for \$2,000.00.

Raymond and Marilyn Boyles to Nancy Farris - Parcel, Buffalo District for \$105,000.00.

Jared and Lindsey Chapman to William Annie - Lot, Sleepy Hollow Township, Teays Valley District for \$475,000.00.

John and Marie Dailey to Rayburn and Amy Stacy - Two Lots, Bancroft District for \$10,000.00.

Marion and Dianna Lusk to Robert and Sherry Willard - Lot, Silver Valley Estates, Poca District for \$230,000.00.

Tomothy Lyons to Michael and Lorna McComas - 2 Acres, Poca District for \$15,000.00.

Doris Moor and Margaret Ball to Robert

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### DREAMA L. MUCK

Dreama L. Muck 80, of St. Albans, formerly of Heizer Creek, Poca, passed away Saturday, August 23, 2025.

Dreama was born and raised in Nitro, and was a proud graduate of Nitro High School. She dedicated her life to her family as a homemaker and was a woman of faith, previously attending Lett Creek Community Church.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Donnie Muck; her son, Matthew Muck; her parents, Roscoe and Dimie Nichols; and her sisters, Sylvia (Frank) Spaulding and Ruth Casdorph.

Dreama is survived by her nephews, Allen (Lynn) Spaulding and Jason Spaulding, who will forever cherish her memory.

A tribute to the life of Dreama as held Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House, with Pastor Delbert Hawley officiating. Burial was in the memory gardens.

### JOSEPH 'JOE' MICHAEL MUTO

Joseph Michael "Joe" Muto, 89, died on August 23, 2025 at Thomas Memorial Hospital in South Charleston.

He was born in Fairmont on March 19, 1936, the second child of the late Frank Pasquale Muto and Louise Mainella Muto. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his brother, Domenick Muto.

He lived in Fairmont until 2008, when he and his wife moved to Scott Depot to be near their sons and some of their grandchildren.

He completed his

and Sherry Lilly - 93 Acres, Scott District for \$160,000.00.

Amanda Ward to Jacob and Kennedy Lindroth - Lot, Timberlake Acres, Scott District for \$155,000.00.

WV State Auditor and Michael Holstein to WVTK LLC - Parcel, Buffalo District for \$383.88.

WV State Auditor and James Creighton to Gold Enterprises LLC - Lot, Forest Park, Poca District for \$202.79.

WV State Auditor and Peoples Federal Credit Union to Gold Enterprises LLC - Lot, Forest Park, Poca District for \$459.26.

L o a n D e p o t . c o m LLC to AM Investments LLC - Lot, New London Commons, Scott District for \$275,000.00.

Randy and Debra Bailey to Christian and Tina Hill - Lot, Emerald Fields, Union District for \$570,000.00.

Kieth and Sidney Ball to Wildfire Investments LLC - Parcel, Buffalo District for \$30,000.00.

John and Julia Green to Andrew and Brittany Pennington - Lot, Saunders Addition, Nitro District for \$154,900.00.

Erin Jackson to Timothy and Linda Thompson - Lot, Henderson Subdivision, Hurricane District for \$281,500.00.

Brooke Young Laughlin to David and Kaitlin Belousov - Lot, Poplar Hills Subdivision, Scott District for \$260,000.00.

David and Hollie Lovejoy to Brandon Wiggins - Two Parcels, Lake Washington, Curry District for \$269,900.00.

Sean Mullens and Michaele Wilson to Green Valley Properties Inc - Lot, Hurricane Estates, Hurricane District for \$85,000.00.

Estate of Mary Grace Ellis and Mary Ellis to Travis Mollohan - Lot,

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public school education at Fairmont Senior High School in 1954. In 1958, he graduated from Fairmont State College (now University) with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education with a major in Mathematics and Science. He later received a Master of Arts Degree in Counseling and Guidance from West Virginia University.

Prior to graduating from Fairmont State in his last semester of college, Joe was hired by the Marion County Board of Education to fill an emergency teaching position in Science courses at Barrackville High School. He immediately loved teaching and the high school students. He also taught mathematics at Fairmont Junior High School and Fairmont Senior High School. He then served as Guidance Counselor at Fairmont Senior until his retirement in 1988. He also served as the freshmen basketball coach and the varsity tennis team coach for several years.

Joe was a natural athlete, having played both basketball and football at Fairmont Senior High. After taking an elective class in tennis to the late Deacon Duvall at Fairmont State, Joe learned the game quickly and earned the number one spot on the college's varsity tennis team. He gained a great love of tennis and was responsible through the Marion County Playground Association for teaching tennis during the summers to hundreds of Marion County students at the clay courts at Twelfth Street.

While teaching mathematics, Joe met another math teacher, the love of his life, Anne Virginia Drane of Piedmont, also a Fairmont State graduate. They were

Asbury Manor, Poca District for \$156,590.00.

DHB LLC to Roger and Tonya King - Lot, Alexanders Place, Teays Valley District for \$465,850.00.

Henry and Barbara Allbritton to Robert Sydenstricker and Ashley Rinehart - Lot, Allbritton Way, Scott District for \$50,000.00.

Logan Moody to Lorina Lies - Lot, Carriage Pointe, Scott District for \$155,000.00.

David and Brandy Tracy to DHB LLC - Lot, Alexanders Place, Teays Valley District for \$66,000.00.

Diana Williamson to Edward and Barbara Dawson - Lot, Cobblestone Subdivision, Scott District for \$74,000.00.

Douglas Davis to Teays Construction LLC - Two Lots, Lake Washington, Curry District for \$15,000.00.

Richard Kerley to Joshua and Miranda Russell - Lot, Scott District for \$255,000.00.

Gordon and Kelly Mowen to William Daly - Lot, Stone Gate Subdivision, Scott District for \$505,000.00.

Jonathan and Cara Whitt to James and Natalie Honeycutt - Lot, Elite Heights, Curry District for \$355,000.00.

Tori Lewsader to Cameron Haynes - Lot, Nitro District for \$118,000.00.

PP&J Structures and General Contracting LLC to Nicholas Mooney and Amy Jackson - Lot, Residences at Jordan Place, Scott District for \$285,000.00.

Shane Hudson to Evan and Emily Griffin - Two Tracts, Buffalo District for \$140,000.00.

Joey Warner to James and Jessica Glass - Parcel, Bancroft District for

blessed with five children: Jennifer Muto of Fairmont, Mary Beth (Mike) Briskey, of Annapolis, MD, Dr. Joseph Michael Muto of Hurricane, Wendy Gilpin of Morgantown, and Dr. Frank (Dr. Deidre Naylor) Muto of South Charleston. Their children blessed them with ten grandchildren: R.J. Yanero (Rachel), Alex Briskey, Matthew Briskey, Nick Muto, Joseph Muto, Gianna Muto, Anna Gilpin (David) Buch, Julia Gilpin, and twins: Anthony Muto and Christopher Muto. In addition to his wife, children, and grandchildren, Joe is also survived by his sister, Lois (Bill) Laughlin as well as several cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial Service for Joe was conducted Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at Ascension Catholic Church in Hurricane, with Fr. Shaji Thomas officiating.

### JIMMY RAY NELSON

Jimmy Ray Nelson, 55, of Scott Depot, passed away unexpectedly August 21, 2025.

Born in Charleston, on October 18, 1969, he was the son of the late Gloria and Jimmy J. Nelson.

Jimmypspent his free time outdoors; camping, fishing, and shooting guns. He loved his family, especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his loving wife of 23 years, Tina; step-daughter, Ashley Foster (Aaron Moody) of Ripley; grandchildren: Braxton Hancock-Nelson, Gavin and Arabella Foster; best friend, Phil Faulkner; and his loving furry companions: Rip Wheeler, Daisy Mae, Axel, Tux and Luna the Cat.

A private family gathering will be held at a later date.

\$17,000.00.

Robert Light to Zachery Skaggs - Lot, Englewood Estates, Curry District for \$208,451.00.

Christian and Tina Hill to David and Nikki Hamm - Lot, Pendleton Woods Subdivision, Hurricane District for \$549,000.00.

Dennis Gibson to Glenn Trent - 5.0 Acres, Teays Valley District for \$310,000.00.

TMM Enterprises to David Carradine and Aryanna Oyola - Lot, Teays Point Subdivision, Scott District for \$129,500.00.

Corey and Samantha Harshbarger to Michael and Heather McKneely - Lot, Longstreet Subdivision, Winfield District for \$325,000.00.

CMH Homes Inc to Katie Murphy - Lot, Meadowbrook Estates, Hurricane District for \$165,000.00.

James Duckworth to Mrugesh Desai and Vijay Patel - Lot, Jones Village, Scott District for \$933,333.34.

Olivia McCormack to Alyssa Whittington - Lot, Hickory Hills Subdivision, Scott District for \$287,500.00.

Rochelle Brock to Michael Sears and Dara Ours - Lot, Rumer Station Subdivision, Buffalo District for \$400,000.00.

WV State Auditor and Otis Harrison to Gold Enterprises LLC - Parcel, Poca District for \$328.87.

Joseph Ashley to Triple \* Holdings LLC - Lot, Country View Estates, Winfield District for \$160,000.00.

Nathanael and Amanda Webb to Chelsie Farmer - Two Parcels, Scott District for \$216,000.00.

Kelly Wilmoth to Shawn and Stephanie Parks - Lot, Longview Subdivision, Scott District for \$520,000.00.

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

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

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NOTICE TO REDEEM

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.

DISTRICT POCA MAP 167 PARCEL 0021 0000 0000

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 LH, 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 Please return this letter and payment to the West Virginia State Auditor's Office, County Collections Division 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Building 1, Room W-114, Charleston, West Virginia, 25305. Questions please call 1-888-509-6568 8-21-3t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
In Re: Change of Name from Thomas Preston Carpenter to Thomas Preston Keeling

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING
Civil Action No. 25-P-88
Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia

Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of September, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Judge Phillip Stowers, Thomas Preston Carpenter will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia for the entry of an order by said Court, changing his name from Thomas Preston Carpenter to Thomas Preston Keeling, 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 7th day of August, 2025. Stephanie M. Smith Putnam County Circuit Clerk 8-28-2t

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.

Civil Action No. 25-A-32 Judge Phillip M. Stowers
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 6, 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 20th day of August 2025. STEPHANIE SMITH/slg Circuit Court Clerk

Prepared by: Shawn D. Bayliss, WVSB #6863 Bayliss Law Offices 3728 Teays Valley Road Hurricane, West Virginia 25526 (304) 562-7810 baylisslawoffices@gmail.com Counsel for Petitioner 8-28-2t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

State of West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water and Waste Management

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE, 601 57TH STREET SE, CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25304-2345 TELEPHONE: (304) 926-0440.

Application for coverage under the General West Virginia National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Water Pollution Control Permit No. WV0111457

Public Notice No.: BS-079-2025 Public Notice Date: August 28, 2025

Paper: The Hurricane Breeze

The following has applied for coverage under the General WV/ NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit No. WV0111457 for this facility or activity:

Appl. No.: WVG612870

Applicant: LEXYCON, LLC 17 PLANT ROAD, PAR INDUSTRIAL PARK NITRO, WV 25143

Location: NITRO, PUTNAM COUNTY

Latitude: 38:25:43 Longitude: 81:50:33

Receiving Stream: Kanawha River

Activity: To discharge water entirely composed of stormwater associated with industrial activities - Outlets No. 001, 002, 003, 004 and 005. This facilities registration renewal adds outlet 005 to permit coverage and will be covered under Sector W.

Business conducted: Chemical blending facility that produces and distributes chemicals for various applications, primarily in the mineral extraction industry.

Implementation: N/A.

On the basis of review of the application, the "Water Pollution Control Act (Chapter 22, Article 11-8(a)), and the "West Virginia Legislative Rules," the State of West Virginia will act on the above application.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the site registration permit application and may request a public hearing by addressing such to the Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management within 30 days of the date of the public notice. Such comments or requests should be emailed to billy.t.shirley@wv.gov or addressed to:

Director, Division of Water and Waste Management, DEP ATTN: Billy Shirley, Permitting Section 601 57th Street SE Charleston, WV 25304-2345

The public comment period begins August 28, 2025 and ends September 27, 2025.

Comments received within this period will be considered prior to acting on the permit application. Correspondence should include the name, address and the telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever a finding is made, on the basis of requests, that there is a significant degree of public interest on issues relevant to the site registration permit application and this facility's coverage under the General Permit. Interested persons may contact the Public Information Office to obtain further information.

The application may be inspected, by appointment, at the Division of Water and Waste Management Public Information Office, at 601 57th Street, Charleston, WV, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on business days. Copies of the application and the General Permit and Fact Sheet may be obtained from the Division at a nominal cost. 8-28-1t

LEGAL NOTICE

THE PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION will hold a public auction to dispose of surplus real property. The auction will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., at the School Board Office located at 77 Courthouse Drive, Winfield, WV. Bidding will begin at \$24,000.00. Terms of Sale: Cash in hand on the day of sale from the highest responsible bidder. The parcel of surplus real property is briefly described as: Part of Parcel 10 (0.33 Acres) situate in the northern property line of the West Teays Elementary School property, Teays Valley District, Putnam County, West Virginia. The Putnam County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Sale will be made, as is, without warranty, subject to all unpaid taxes and special assessments, if any, and also subject to any agreements, conditions, covenants, easements, exceptions, reservations and restrictions, as may be found in the chain of title, which may affect said property. Also, all liability for hazards associated with the premises, if any, are to be assumed by the purchaser. For more information, please contact Scott Coyner at 304-586-0500, extension 1115. 8-28-2t

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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, Black. Please email dturley@putnamwv.org to receive the complete required specs. 8-21-2t

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

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

Notice of Proposed Settlement of Estates

To the Creditors, Distributees and Beneficiaries of the within named persons:

I have before me the final settlement of estates of the following persons, which shall be presented to the County Commission of Putnam County, at the Courthouse, in the City of Winfield, on Tuesday the 9th day of September 2025 at 9:00 a.m. for their approval which settlements have been presented to me by the Fiduciary of such estates and which proposed settlements I have approved as indicated below:

Decedent: Connie Sue Wilmoth

Fiduciary: William Maxwell Wilmoth, Executor

Address: 155 Timms St. Buffalo, WV 25033

Any persons having an interest in the estate of any such person, may before the County Commission at the time and place hereinabove specified and thereupon protest his interest as they may appear or else may forever thereafter be barred from asserting such interest. Given under my than this 21ST day of August, 2025, Fiduciary Supervisor, Putnam County 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213 8-28-1t

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated November 28, 2022, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Book No. 1337, at Page 1, Lucas Scholl did convey unto Seneca Trustees Inc., Trustee(s), certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Trustee having been instructed by MidFirst Bank to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse in Winfield, West Virginia, on October 6, 2025 at 11:30 AM

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Curry District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows: Parcel One: BEGINNING at an iron pin in the southerly right of way line of Oak Drive, corner to Lot 18, Sunset Heights; thence running with the line of Lot 18, S. 50° 00' 00" W., 197.74 feet to a 5/8" iron pin in the line of Lot 13, Sunset Heights; thence leaving the line of Lot 18 and running S. 39° 55' 00" E., 44.77 feet to a 5/8" pin; thence running S. 56° 05' 10" E., 36.68 feet to a 5/8" pin; thence running N. 50° 00' 00" E., 187.59 feet to a pin in the line of Oak Drive; thence running with the line of Oak Drive N. 40° 00' 00" W., 80.00 feet to the place of beginning, containing 0.36 acre, more or less, and being more particularly shown and designated as Revised Lot 19 upon that certain map entitled, "Map Showing Revised Lots 19 and 20 PropertyMark, LLC, DB 461, P - 791 Sunset Heights West Addition Curry District - Putnam County West Virginia", dated March 28, 2006, prepared by Jimmy D. Calhoun, PE 4782, a copy of which is attached to that certain deed of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 468, at page 539.

Parcel Two: BEGINNING at a pin on corner of Lots 19, 20 and on line of Oak Avenue; thence running with Oak Avenue, S. 40° 00' 00" E. 30.00 feet to a pin (found) at intersection of Oak Avenue and Beech Street; thence running with Beech Street, N. 61° 20' 00" E. 20.00 feet to a pipe (found) on common corner of Lots 20 and 21; thence running with Lot 21, S. 18° 38' 00" E. 199.30 feet to a pin on line of Erskine Osborne (Lot 37 Bryn Mawr Addition); thence running with Osborne, S. 61° 19' 30" W. 98.39 feet to a pipe (found) on common corner of Lot 20, Osborne and Gerald Meinke properties; thence running with Meinke, N. 33° 16' 00" W. 43.40 feet to a pin; thence N. 56° 22' 00" W. 164.00 feet to a pin on corner of Lots 20, 19 and on line of William Holstein property; thence running with Lot 19, N. 50° 00' 00" E. 190.53 feet to the beginning, containing 0.72 acres, more or less, and being more particularly shown and designated as Revised Lot 20 upon that certain map entitled, "Map Showing Revised Lots 19 and 20 PropertyMark, LLC, DB 461, P - 791 Sunset Heights West Addition Curry District - Putnam County, West Virginia", dated March 28, 2006, prepared by Jimmy D. Calhoun, PE. 4782. a copy of said map being duly of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia in Deed Book 468 at page 541. Map No.: 230A Parcel No.: 85 AND 86

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 223 Oak Dr, Hurricane, WV 25526.

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 Morgantown, WV 26508 (304) 413-0044 (304) 292-2918 Toll free: (888) 534-3132 Reference File No. 93679 8-28-2t

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To the Creditors and Beneficiaries of the following deceased persons estates: I have before me the estates of the deceased persons and the accounts of the fiduciaries of their respective estates as listed below:

Estate No.: 6213 Estate Of: Lana M Call Administratrix: Ida Dorsey P.O. Box 1083 Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6190 Estate Of: Gaynor Mae Ray Chandler Co-Executrix: Renee C. Gorrell 118 Washington Circle Hurricane, WV 25526

Co-Executrix: Robyn C. Davis 13 Lake Chadasa Drive Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6194 Estate Of: Gary H. Chapman Administratrix: Kathy Anderson 1268 Kellys Creek Rd Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6200 Estate Of: Douglas Edwin Grant, Sr. Executor: Clifford Grant 276 Sugar Camp Rd Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6156 Estate Of: Stephen Joseph Hatten Administratrix: Sharon B. Hatten 2242 Main Drive St. Albans, WV 25177

Estate No.: 6074 Estate Of: William Darrel Hayes Executrix: Laura Kathryn Hayes 10080 Teays Valley Rd Scott Depot, WV 25560

Estate No.: 6134 Estate Of: Joseph Monroe Holley Executor: Mark M. Holley 2872 Cow Creek Rd Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6216 Estate Of: Joyce Ann Holley Executor: Mark M. Holley 2872 Cow Creek Rd Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6204 Estate Of: James Hoyt Hunter Administratrix: Jill H. Pullen 6408 Brownlee Drive Nashville, TN 37205

Estate No.: 6162 Estate Of: Clayton Richard Lovejoy Executor: Jon Christian Lovejoy 90 Water Street Beverly, WV 26253

Estate No.: 6111 Estate Of: Isadora Lyn McCarty Administratrix: Lonnie L. McCarty 1625 7 Mile Ridge Rd Apple Grove, WV 25502

Estate No.: 6083 Estate Of: Ruby Evelyn Smith Administrator: James B. Atkins 105 River Vista Drive Buffalo, WV 25033

Estate No.: 6191 Estate Of: Patricia Ann Thacker Administratrix: Sherry L. Long 60 Whittail Drive Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6163 Estate Of: Hershel E. Thomas Executrix: Kriste A. Tolbert 843 Barbara St. Barboursville, WV 25504

Estate No.: 6169 Estate Of: James David Vance Administratrix: Rebecca M. Wilks 2813 Pinehurst Lane Huntington, WV 25704

Estate No.: 6182 Estate Of: Frances Kay White Executrix: Melissa Gail Burns 5 Maple Lane Scott Depot, WV 25560

Estate No.: 6174 Estate Of: Susan Ann Wilkinson Administrator: Jackson Wilkinson 3414 W 2nd Ave

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Tariff Form No. 12 (Tariff Rule 23.1 et seq.)

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES BY NON-LRR MUNI UTILITY

NOTICE is hereby given that the Town of Eleanor public utility, has adopted by ordinance on August 21, 2025, a tariff containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing sewer service to 993 customers at Eleanor, Camelot, Northwoods, and Summit Point in the County of Putnam.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective October 6, 2025, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will produce approximately \$158,352 annually in additional revenue, an increase of 50%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Residential (3,100 gallons), Commercial (3,500 gallons), Industrial (20,000 gallons), Resale (25,000 gallons), Other. Rows show \$ INCREASE and INCREASE %.

Resale customers of N/A (name of utility) include N/A (list all resale customers by name).

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. The Commission shall review and approve or modify the increased rates only upon the filing of a petition within thirty (30) days of the adoption of the ordinance changing said rates or charges, by:

(1) Any customer aggrieved by the changed rates or charges who presents to the Commission a petition signed by not less than twenty-five percent of the customers served by such municipally operated public utility; or

(2) Any customer who is served by a municipally operated natural gas public utility and who resides outside the corporate limits and who is affected by the change in said rates or charges and who presents to the Commission a petition alleging discrimination between customers within and without the municipal boundaries. Said petition shall be accompanied by evidence of discrimination; or

(3) Any customer or group of customers of a municipally operated natural gas utility who are affected by said change in rates who reside within the municipal boundaries and who present a petition to the Commission alleging discrimination between said customer or group of customers and other customers of the municipal utility. Said petition shall be accompanied by evidence of discrimination.

All petitions should be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, 201 Brooks Street, P. O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the utility to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the following office of the utility:

Eleanor Town Hall, 401 Roosevelt Blvd, Eleanor, West Virginia 25070

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. 8-28-2t

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Belle, WV 25015 Estate No.: 6117 Estate Of: Nancy A. Williamson Executrix: Victoria Lynn Hastings 121 Waterside Circle Winfield, WV 25213

All persons having claims against the estate(s) of any of the above-named deceased persons whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims with vouchers thereof, legally verified, to the fiduciary of such deceased person as shown above within 60 days of August 28, 2025, or, if not, to exhibit the same at the office of the undersigned Fiduciary Supervisor at the address shown below by said date; otherwise any or all such claims may by law be excluded from all benefits of said estate(s). No claims against the estate shall be accepted by the fiduciary supervisor after said date. All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear either before the above-named fiduciary by the date first shown above, or thereafter before the undersigned fiduciary supervisor by the date last shown above to examine said claims and otherwise protect their respective interests.

All persons seeking to impeach or establish a will must file a complaint pursuant to W. Va. Code. Any person objecting to the representative's qualifications, venue or jurisdiction must file a complaint within 60 days of August 28, 2025.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 20th day of August 2025. Fiduciary Supervisor Putnam County Commission 10293 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213 8-28-2t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: The Marriage and Child of: Brandy Gene Morgan Petitioner

Civil Action No. 16-D-286 v. Judge Richard C. Witt

Joshua E. Morgan Respondent

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of the above-entitled action is Petition for Modification of Parenting Plan. It is appearing that the whereabouts of Petitioner, Brandy Gene Morgan, is unknown to the Respondent, but her last known whereabouts were in Cabell County, West Virginia.

It appearing to the Court that the Petitioner is a proper subject to the Modification of Parenting Plan, it is therefore ORDERED and DECREED that the matter shall be brought for hearing before the Honorable Richard C. Witt, of the Family Court of Putnam County, Putnam County Courthouse, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, West Virginia 25213 at 3:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard on the 25th day of September, 2025, at which time the Petitioner and any witnesses shall be examined under oath.

A copy of said Petition may be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at this Office located at the Putnam County Courthouse, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, West Virginia 25213.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court on the 22nd day of August, 2025. STEPHANIE SMITH/Jo Clerk of the Court 8-28-2t

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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. 8-21-2t



BETTY ARMSTEAD 155 Walmott Drive Huntington 2nd Birthday August 26	RUTH CHAPMAN 219 Johnston Drive Belmont, North Carolina 10th Birthday August 31
DONNA CRAIG Buffalo Birthday August 29	JAMES (RED) JARVIS Route 2, Box 185-D Ona 66th Birthday September 1
JEANNIE GIVENS 302 Huntington Avenue Charleston 73rd Birthday August 29	DORIS NEAL #44 McKenzie Court Milton 91st Birthday September 1
JANIE GIVENS 302 Huntington Avenue Charleston 73rd Birthday August 29	LEONARD MORRISON 2310 Joy Lane Culloden 90th Birthday September 1
ELMER PETERS P.O. Box 43 Winifrede 88th Birthday August 29	JEFF BLACK Culloden 63rd Birthday September 1
TIM KEELING #52 Revere Road Hurricane 59th Birthday August 29	RODNEY HUDSON #21 Ballard Road Charleston 56th Birthday September 1
TOMMY WARF Avon Park, Florida Birthday August 29	JACKI BLACK FRAZIER Barboursville 45th Birthday September 1
MICHAEL WRAY 524 Erwin Road Winfield Birthday August 29	DR JOSH DRAKE Charlottesville, Virginia 44th Birthday September 1
LEANNE CALL Cow Creek Road Hurricane 46th Birthday August 29	KENNIE BASS Charleston Birthday September 1
DARRELL BLACK 4662 Hurricane Creek Road Hurricane 69th Birthday August 30	BRYAN CLAY 866 Timberwood Lane, Lot 423 Milton 76th Birthday September 1
STELLA WEARS 5293 Evergreen Road Pliny 79th Birthday August 31	VALERIA HARRAH 5559 5&20 Mile Road Frazier's Bottom 23rd Birthday September 2
JEFF HODGES Foster Road Hurricane Birthday August 31	STEPHANIE RILEY Huntington 52nd Birthday September 2
MIKE BOWMAN Mount Juliet, Tennessee 58th Birthday August 31	DAVID CRAW Teays Valley 49th Birthday September 2
REGIS HALE 412 Abney Street St. Albans 77th Birthday August 31	KELLI SMITH CARROLL 783 Washington Hill Road Hurricane 48th Birthday September 3
SCOTT PIERSON Milton Birthday August 31	COLLIN MAYNARD Columbia, South Carolina 29th Birthday September 3
	NANCY SKIDMORE

**Boomtown Days**

Nitro's annual Boomtown Days celebration will be held Saturday, September 6. The parade starts at 10 a.m. The Nitro Antique Car Club will be holding a car show, and there will be food and craft vendors and live music at the Nitro Living Memorial Park on 21st Street. Out of Eden, a tribute to the Eagles, will be performing.

**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 Trio 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.

**Bags and Basket Bingo**

The annual Buffalo High School Music Department Bags and Basket Bingo will be held on Saturday, September 6. The price at the door is \$35. This includes 20 regular games. There will be additional boards for sale at the door. There will also be 10 special games at \$2 per game board. Doors open at 4 p.m. Bingo starts at 5 p.m. Concessions will be available.

**Geneology Workshop**

Local history and genealogy buffs and amateurs meet up to discuss their findings, help one another, and explore library resources from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley on Monday, September 15.

TAYLOR  
Derwood, Maryland  
68th Birthday September 3

DICK HARSHBARGER  
1249 Rock Camp Road  
Milton  
Birthday September 3

MERRY EDWARDS  
BROWNING  
Gallatin, Tennessee  
54th Birthday September 3

LINDA MILLER  
GILLISPIE  
5&20 Mile Road  
Frazier's Bottom  
77th Birthday September 3

J W CHAPMAN  
202 Oakbridge  
Hurricane  
14th Birthday September 3

BERNICE JOHNSON  
#20 Poplar Hills  
Hurricane  
Birthday September 3

PAMELA GALE LEWIS  
Beckley  
70th Birthday September 4

DARRELL RAY YOUNG  
1033 Washington Hill  
Road  
Hurricane  
46th Birthday September 4

REV JIMMY PERRY  
257 Twp 1212  
Proctorville, Ohio  
60th Birthday September 4

STEVE FARROW  
Culloden  
Birthday September 4

BUSTER SOVINE  
Charleston  
Birthday September 4

DAVID "SHICO RICO"  
WITHROW  
Clendenin  
75th Birthday September 4

**Barn Quilt**

**Painting Class**

Fall is coming! Decorate your home with a Barn Quilt!

Barn Quilts are not just for barns anymore! Perfect for houses, porches, fences, barns, mailboxes and inside. You do not have to be a quilter to paint a Barn Quilt! There will be a barn quilt painting class from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 20, at Kelly's Quilts, located at 450 Foster Road, off Hurricane Creek Road in Hurricane. Depending on the design you pick, you may finish earlier.

There are 185+ paint colors to choose from. All supplies will be provided for classroom use to paint your Barn Quilt. Cost depends on what you choose to paint. Choose from 24x24, 36x36, welcome signs, or ladder quilts. Your board will be sanded, primed and your design drawn on and ready for you to start painting. You pick your design, and as long as it can be drawn, you can paint it!

You will be painting on aluminum which will not deteriorate like wood, and is much easier to paint on and to hang. Wear old clothes or bring an apron. Bring your drinks for the day. Refrigerator, microwave and Keurig available.

There will be a pot luck lunch, so bring something good to eat! Everything else will be supplied for you! Check out the class pictures on the Facebook page Sew Blessed Barn Quilts.

Payment expected in advance to reserve your spot. Pay by Venmo, PayPal, Cash App or check by mail. If interested, call 304-741-5321 or email

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This event is non refundable; alternate arrangements can be made.

*Happy Anniversary*

Jeremy and Trista Nott of Putnam Avenue in Hurricane will celebrate their twentieth wedding anniversary on August 27.

Rev. Jimmy and Parr Perry of 257 Twp 1212 in Proctorville, Ohio, will celebrate their thirty-seventh wedding anniversary on August 27.

Thomas and Patty Robinson of Hamlin will celebrate their twenty-seventh wedding anniversary on August 29.

Rev. Stan and Barbara Maynard of Greensboro, North Carolina, will celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary on August 29.

Wayne and Brenda Massie of 4261 Stave Branch Road in Frazier's Bottom will celebrate their forty-fifth wedding anniversary on August 29.

William and Donna Young Holley of 7650 Gay Road in Gay will celebrate their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary on August 29.

Jeff and Jackie Saunders of 1818 Jerri's Run Road in Apple Grove will celebrate their seventeenth wedding anniversary on August 30.

Jay and Sarah Russell Chapman of 446 Knotgrass Drive in Fort Mill, South Carolina, will celebrate their twenty-first

**Hurricane Hundred 100k Trail**

**Race and Relay**

The Hurricane Hundred 100k Trail Race and Relay, sponsored by the City of Hurricane and the Dumont Tri County YMCA, will be held on Saturday, September 6, starting at 6 a.m. with an 1 hour time limit and midnight cutoff. The trail race is 62 glorious miles on the Meeks Mountain Trails at Hurricane City Park. There will be a total prize purse of \$10,000; \$2,500 for first place male and female; \$1,500 for second place male and female; and \$1,000 for third place male and female. Top all-male, all-female and coed teams will receive hand-crafted awards for the relay.

The race command center, crew pit, and team hangout will be in the back of the bowl at the shelter. The race is 100% single track mountain running on 10.3-mile loops. Solo runners will see their crew between each of the 6 laps. This event is the heartiest of runners only. Run the 100k solo or as a three-person team doing 20+ miles each. Crew, family, and spectators are welcome to hangout and support their runners. There's a playground nearby and loads of open trails for hiking, biking,

running, and exploring. For solo runners, pacers are permitted for the last two loops.

All runners receive a zip up sweatshirt jacket with male and female sizes available, finisher's award, and a tote with swag from sponsors. All 100k solo finishers, within the 18-hour time limit, will receive a Hurricane 100k belt buckle.

This is a Trail Sisters approved race and offers an equal opportunity for female runners with female specific swag, equal podium spots and prize money, menstrual products at aid stations, and equal space at the starting line.

Registration for the 100k is \$160 until September 2nd. Registration per team for the relay is \$110 until September 2nd. Each team member will register themselves. Registration is limited to 150 runners. All active military, veterans, first responders, and family members get a 15% discount on their race registration by using code "service" at checkout.

For more information and to sign up, go to <https://www.meeksmountaintrails.org/hurricanehundred>

**MMTA Nature Hike for the Hurricane Hundred K**

It's family fun during the Hurricane Hundred K on Saturday, September 6! Come join Andy McKee as he takes you on a nature hike through Meeks Mountain to learn all about how to interact with nature. This is a hands-on, immersive experience that will be sure to invoke a love of all things outdoors.

Andy McKee is the owner and executive director of The Reptile House and Rescue. They are located in Valley Park at the Zoology Zone

Center to Hurricane.

Their primary goal is to foster wildlife and environmental conservation through education while providing families with a unique opportunity to bond over the wonders of science.

This is an amazing and interactive learning experience that is great for all ages, so come out for an amazingly fun nature hike! Please keep in mind that this is a nature hike, and participants will be walking approximately 2 miles on one of Meeks Mountain Trails.

Meet at the Big Red Barn at the Hurricane City Park, then walk back to the Meeks shelter and take one of the many beautiful trails to learn about nature. The event begins at noon, so arrive a couple minutes early.

To sign up for this free event, go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/WV/Hurricane/MMTANatureHike> with Andy McKee



wedding anniversary on August 30.

Shawn and Jessi Coleman of 28585 Ashton-Upland Road in Milton will celebrate their wedding anniversary on August 31.

Scott and Sherri Thompson Adams of Hurricane Creek Road in Winfield will celebrate their twenty-fourth wedding anniversary on August 31.

Rev. Jasper and Carrie Cline Black of Indianapolis, Indiana, will celebrate their twenty-first wedding anniversary on September 1.

Emmett and Louise Brammer of 7403 Catherine Street in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, will celebrate their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary on September 3.

Gary Douglas and Penny Young of 579 Rocky Step Road in Winfield will celebrate their forty-ninth wedding anniversary on September 4.

Todd and Sherry Hodges Buchla of Atlanta, Georgia, will celebrate their twenty-sixth wedding anniversary on September 4.

**Jams and Jellies Demonstration**

Master Gardener Kathy Talley will be at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley to teach gardeners how to preserve the best of the season with jams and jellies made with the last fruits of summer! Watch the demonstration and taste a sample on Saturday, September 6, at 11 a.m.

**Monthly Tire Collection Event**

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

Limit 10 tires per Putnam resident. Personal passenger tires only. For more information about this program, call 681-235-3276.



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