

The Hurricane Breeze

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PUTNAM COUNTY COMMISSION NEWS

Commission Approves Funding Prosecutor's Move to Digital Sharing

By Ron Allen
In the first listed item of business at the Putnam County Commission meeting of September 9, the commission approved a \$150,000 request from the Prosecutor's Office to enter into a 70-month agreement with Axon Justice Premier Plus. Nancy Bellomy, Chief of Staff for the Prosecutor's Office stated that Axon's digital management system would allow for efficient handling of digital information. The Prosecutor is required to share digital information which is stored on numerous devices. The Axon system will allow information to be edited and distributed according to the specific need. The \$150,000 expenditure will be funded by Opioid Settlement money which the county is scheduled to receive.

In another money related action, the commission approved the purchase of vehicles for Putnam County Fire Service and Putnam County 911. The two vehicles could not be obtained through the State because General Motors has placed all public safety vehicles on national

allotment. Only three GM dealers in the entire nation can supply public safety grade vehicles. One bid of \$57,706 for each vehicle. The agencies had budgeted for a slightly higher cost.

The commission voted to table a decision which would make INdigital the supplier for the 911 Call Handling Equipment and Network Upgrade. The projected cost was \$861,518 over a 5-year period with \$343,640 coming in the first year. The commission has an October deadline to enter into an agreement. Commission president Andy Skidmore directed County Attorney Larry Frye and County Manager Tim Hanna to review INdigital's pricing to ensure compliance to GSA standards.

In other business, the commission appointed Thor Meeks to serve on the Putnam Public Service District Board. PSD members are charged with setting strategic direction, ensuring financial oversight and legal compliance, approving budgets and policies, selecting and evaluating district management, and ensuring the integrity of

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Putnam's Annual Homecoming Tradition Now 96 Years Old



The Winfield High School Marching Band has been part of Putnam's county-wide homecoming festivities for many many years. Turn to Page 5 for more homecoming festivity photos.

By Ron Allen
Putnam County Homecoming began in 1929 with a community ox roast which quickly expanded to include a parade and the selection of Miss Putnam County. The parade and selection of Miss Putnam County continue to be highlights of the observance.

Attendees on Saturday were treated to the music of One Foot, Branson

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Scenery Transformation Unfolding At the Eustace Thacker Place



Roger Goldizen was contracted to clear the 6.6-acre tract which old timers remember as the Eustace Thacker Place.

By Ron Allen
The eyes of many have been upon the Eustace Thacker Place in Hurricane this last week because the land is being cleared. Very few know the property by that name. It has been nearly three-quarters of a century since Thacker dwelt there and tended a garden on the spot. Most identify the property as the unnamed woods between the entrance to Walmart and Joe Leadmon's Meat Market on Hurricane Creek Road. The wooded area now being cleared consists of 6.6 acres of Thacker's original 10.8-acre tract.

The property ceased being the Eustace Thacker Place when Ethel Thacker (Eustace's widow) sold the 10.8-acre farm to Huntington entrepreneur R. O. Robertson, Jr., in July of 1972 for \$55,000. Robertson promptly built a structure on the site of the Thacker residence which served as home to A. B.

Dick, an office machine company, between 1973 and 1983 when the name was changed to Quorum Corporation. In 1996, Quorum became IKON. In 2002, Robertson sold the 2 acres upon which the office building sat to Cross of Grace Lutheran Church for \$675,000.

In 1984, Robertson sold 2 acres to the rear of the office building to Harvey Ghiz. The remaining 6-plus acres was wooded and remained in Robertson's hands until he sold the property to Buffalo FPE in 2023 for \$150,000. Buffalo FPE purchased the 2 acres fronting Hurricane Creek Road from Cross of Grace Lutheran Church for \$850,000 in 2021. Buffalo FPE now holds title to all of the original Thacker property except for the 2 acres owned by Ghiz.

Who is Buffalo FPE? Buffalo FPE purchased the Courts Motors property at the Hurricane I-64 Interchange from Cecil

Courts in 2016 and has paid the real estate taxes on the property since 2016. The Courts property is home to Walker Chrysler Dodge. The West Virginia Secretary of State's web page lists Buffalo FPE as a limited liability company which was organized by Joe R. Pyle of Mount Morris, Pennsylvania. Pyle is the owner of Joe R. Pyle Auction and Realty Service.

On Monday, September 8, Roger Goldizen applied to the City of Hurricane for a permit to clear brush from the property in an operation which would involve disturbance of the ground. Goldizen began clearing the land upon obtaining the permit.

Since the property, in its entirety, is located within city limits, any future development will require additional permits from the City of Hurricane. As of Tuesday, September 16, City officials have not been advised of future plans for the property.



Left to right: Marley Waugh (Miss Winfield), Sarah Landers (Miss Putnam County 2025), Sydne Alexander (Miss Putnam County 2024), Faith Taylor (Miss Hurricane), and Katherine LeRose (Miss Poca).

James E. Marshall American Legion Post #187 Remembers 9/11



Members of James E. Marshall Post 187 execute the first of three volleys in remembrance of the lives lost on September 11, 2001.

By Ron Allen

American Legion James E. Marshall Post 187 Winfield conducted its annual "Remembering 9/11" memorial on September 11, at the front steps of the Putnam County Courthouse in Winfield.

Remembrance of the horrific attack which destroyed the World Trade Center 24 years ago is an annual event for the Post because images of the attack were etched upon the minds of all who watched the collapse of the two towers.

Legionnaire Kennedy Bright described the events of that day and recalled the thoughts that raced through his head. When he learned that a plane had

crashed into the first Trade Center Tower, he knew it was an act of war. Unlike the infamous attack upon Pearl Harbor in 1941, the enemy was unknown. It was an evil act fueled by hatred of the American way of life.

In his presentation, Bright relived the precise moments of each crash as the day unfolded. His descriptions were punctuated by the striking the bell mounted above the old courthouse door. The somber ring captured in part that which all patriotic Americans felt in their hearts when they witnessed the first and then the second plane crash into the twin towers.

The ceremony commenced with prayer by Chaplain David Bell

and the singing of the National Anthem by Margie Stockton. The observance closed with the firing of three volleys from seven rifles and the playing of Taps.

WEATHER SUMMARY

September 9 - 15

	Low	High
September 9		
Hurricane	45°	76°
September 10		
Hurricane	41°	80°
September 11		
Hurricane	48°	80°
September 12		
Hurricane	45°	84°
September 13		
Hurricane	48°	85°
September 14		
Hurricane	54°	87°
September 8		
Hurricane	54°	85°

*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 - NOVEMBER 1

- Fear on the Farm, 8325 Winfield Road, Winfield, is open for the season on Fridays and Saturdays from 7 p.m. to midnight. For more information, call 681-203-3683.

NOW THROUGH THE END OF OCTOBER

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

NOW - SEPTEMBER 20

- The Nitro Antique Car Club Fall Swap Meet will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday through Friday, and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday at the Winfield Riding Club.

SEPTEMBER 19

- WVSU is offering a free AgriBusiness Workshop at Eleanor Library from 10 a.m. - noon.
- Game Grove, located in Putnam Village Shopping Center in Teays Valley, will be holding a board game night from 6 to 10:30 p.m.
- There will be a Back to School Bash High School Homeschool Dance from 6 to 9 p.m. at The Garage, 3057 Mt. Vernon Road, Hurricane. The cost is \$20 per person. For more information, email theresakoon@gmail.com
- The Wagenfolks VW Club will be holding a Bug Out Cruz-In for VW Bugs from 6 p.m. until dark at the Putnam County Bank parking lot behind McDonalds in Hurricane.

SEPTEMBER 20 - 21

- The Mothman Festival will be held in Point Pleasant. For more information, go to <https://www.mothmanfestival.com>

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SEPTEMBER 20

- Huntington Old Time Music and Dance will hold their first dance of the season from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 520 11th Street, Huntington.
- The Chesapeake and Ohio Historical Society will be holding their Train Day Festival from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the St. Albans Depot, 400 4th Avenue, St. Albans.
- The All Horse Parade and Auction will be held in Buffalo; parade at noon, auction at 2 p.m.
- There will be purse bingo to benefit the Nitro Showcats Show Choir at the high school - doors open at 3 p.m.; games start at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$30 at the door.
- Bake My Day, 14 Bank Street, Nitro, will be holding a women's clothing swap from 1 to 4 p.m. Bring gently used clothing and trade them for something else.
- Creekside Church, 488 Charleys Creek Road Culloden, will be holding Casting Hope, A Night of Worship and Testimony, from 5 to 10 p.m. Fishers of Men will be performing.
- The Hurricane Harvest Festival will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. at Hurricane City Park.
- Cops N Rodders Classic Car Club will be holding a cruise-in from 5 p.m. to dusk at the Putnam County Bank parking lot behind the Hurricane McDonalds.

SEPTEMBER 21

- There will be a U Pick Fundraiser for Gavin Strong, who has neuroblastoma, from noon to 3 p.m. at Given Flower Company, 224 Pleasant Valley Road, Given.
- Hurricane First Church of the Nazarene will be holding an all church picnic starting at 2 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane.
- Creekside Church, 488 Charleys Creek Road Culloden, will be holding Back to Church Sunday starting at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome.
- Community Church, 212 Dudding Avenue, hurricane, will be holding a tailgate themed dinner and showing the movie "Jesus Revolution" at 5 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 23

- There will be flu shots at the Eleanor Library from 10 to 11 a.m.
- There will be a free line dancing class at 7:30 p.m. at Brookse's Bar and Grill, 13184 Winfield Road, Winfield.

SEPTEMBER 24

- Summer Nights and Open Mics will be held at Nitro Living Memorial Park, Second Avenue and 21st Street. There will be a pop-up market in addition to an open mic event for musicians, poets, and comedians. Stage opens at 7 p.m.
- There will be flu shots at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley from 10 to 11 a.m.
- Overcome your fear of snakes with the Zoology Zone at 9 a.m. at the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce, Area 34, 971 WV Route 34, Teays Valley.

SEPTEMBER 25

- There will be flu shots at the Buffalo Library from 10 to 11 a.m.
- V a n d a l i a Backgammon Club will be holding weekly backgammon games from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Putnam Moose Lodge, located in Putnam Village Shopping Center. Open to the public.
- The Putnam County

Putnam County Joins Save A Life Day With Naloxone Giveaway

After ranking highest in overdose rates for years, West Virginia recently reported a 42% decline in overdose fatalities during 2024. A grassroots initiative, Save A Life Day, may have contributed to this decline. Now, West Virginians have invited the entire country to be part of this life-saving anti-stigma movement.

On September 25, 2025, all 50 states will be hosting free naloxone events for Save a Life Day for the first time - with over 500 events already covering the map. A list of participating states and counties can be found at www.soarwv.org/save.

Bridge Church, 6496 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, will be the site for a naloxone giveaway in Putnam County. All attendees will receive one naloxone kit, an in-person training, and information about local resources.

"Putnam County has not been excluded from the overdose epidemic. There are folks here who need our support and love. If we approach drug use with compassion and evidence-based strategies, we can combat fatal overdoses and make real change," stated Tasha Withrow, of Project Mayday.

Across the country, organizers plan to distribute over 100,000 naloxone doses throughout the day. Each location is powered by local volunteers who have attended training to be able to participate. There are about five volunteers for this year's event in Putnam County.

People who use drugs, their family members and friends, community members, and anyone who wants to be prepared to save a life are welcome to get trained on September 25, 2025. The training takes just 5-10 minutes, and people can show

Chamber of Commerce will be holding Business After Hours from 5 to 7 p.m. at Pioneer Appalachia Credit Union, 3746 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane. RSVP by calling 304-757-6510.

- There will be a homeschool science class featuring the WV DEP at 10 a.m. at the red barn at Hurricane City Park.
- Murder and Merriment Misfits will be presenting a fundraiser for Kenzie and Claire Bass from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church, 2848 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane. Tickets are \$40 for single and \$75 for a couple. For tickets, call 304-691-0524.
- The Putnam County Senior Games will be held from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the John Henson Senior Center, Putnam Avenue, Hurricane. To register, call 304-755-2385.
- Putnam County Save A Life Day - a free Naloxone giveaway - will be held from noon to 6 p.m. at Bridge Church, 6496 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot.
- The monthly Night Market - featuring vendors, food trucks, and local bands - will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane. This month's theme will be Paws & Claws Night.

SEPTEMBER 26

- Horseshoe Heaven on Smith Farm, 121 Banjo Lane, Scott Depot, will be hosting a women's camp from 5 to 8 p.m. For more information, call (304) 421-5733.

up anytime from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Project Mayday is serving as the lead contact for Save a Life Day in Putnam County.

Naloxone, more well-known by one of its brand names, Narcan, is an easy-to-use nasal spray that works to reverse opioid overdoses. Since it was approved by the FDA over 50 years ago, this formerly prescription-only medication became an over-the-counter medication in 2023.

That same year, overdose fatality rates began to drop nationwide. By 2024, the CDC reported an almost 27% decline in fatalities across the nation. Although many factors contributed, naloxone access is a key piece of the puzzle.

"The work that Save A Life Day organizers do every day: harm reduction, prevention, substance use treatment, recovery, housing, mutual aid, community outreach, and healthcare... These are all integral pieces of the puzzle too. Save a Life Day is about celebrating where the real change happens every other day of the year," said Caroline Wilson, Save A Life Day Coordinator for the nonprofit SOAR, WV.

Since 2021, SOAR, WV has been coordinating this event, growing it from a two-county pilot in West Virginia, to a fully national day of action in 2025. "It feels special, and extra meaningful that Save a Life Day started right here in the heart of the nation's overdose crisis, and continues to be tended by it. People who've faced so much loss have a drive for giving back that can't be measured," noted Joe Solomon, SOAR WV's Co-Director. "Wherever you are—if you've been touched by this crisis: you've got vital information to share."

More than just a one-day event, Save A Life Day promotes year-round low-barrier naloxone access by providing tools that communities can use year-round. This year, 55 free naloxone vending boxes, sponsored by CareSource, are currently being shipped to Save a Life Day organizers across the country. Most are destined for high-traffic outdoor locations where people will be able to access the antidote for free, 24/7. "Whether the numbers go up or down, we are going to keep pushing for widespread naloxone access until we get to overdose zero," said Sarah Stone, SOAR's other Co-Director.

Thanks to additional sponsors, each participating county will also be shipped several

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).

FOR SALE

For Sale: CKK registered Siberian Husky female puppies, piebald pattern, \$1,000. Born and raised indoors. Current age is 8 weeks. Call 304-886-8874.

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

Autumn is on the way... that means a new school year and football games... My first columns, written for The Gazette in 1999, centered on those topics and my moving back HOME after so many years. After a few years, I started writing for The Hurricane Breeze, which has been easy. Betsy and her father take care of everything. (I know they miss Cookie as we all do.)

Yes, some of the columns bore some of the readers, although they are too kind to tell me. I receive positive comments, and if others don't agree, so be it. At my age... After twenty years (with some years stopping), I just don't mind what others think... I just write what comes to me and what others suggest.

My favorite topics are family and friends... Hurricane, WV, Putnam County... Books... teaching... growing up in a small town... traveling... although my traveling days are minimal now... My daughter and I have some trips planned.

Right now, the Burkes are in Maine... some of the Taylors are in California... Kathy and I love traveling together, and we are going to go to Myrtle Beach next year... one of my favorites... with Allegiant, we can fly cheaply... can't wait. We also want to visit some of Laura Ingalls Wilder's homes... (Little House on the Prairie books)... NYC to see Katelyn... New England... we will see.

This summer Margaret studied in Prague... visited Italy and Austria. Sophie and Katelyn went to Amsterdam this year... Last year, Katelyn went to France and England again... and Iceland. She studied in Italy and Greece and England... visited Ireland and other places... Sophie studied in Italy and visited also... they are world travelers. Although Kathy wants me to do the same with her, my trips to England are in the past. Alas...

We are also going to

West Virginia Symphony Orchestra Announces Opening Night

The West Virginia Symphony Orchestra (WVSO) begins its 2025-26 season: Hear the Whole Story with Music Director Maurice Cohn with *Opening Night!* on Sept. 20 at the Clay Center

emergency naloxone wall boxes, which can be placed on any wall, like an AED or first aid kit. The West Virginia Drug Intervention Institute will also be sending ONEbox™ emergency opioid overdose reversal kits to Save a Life Day Organizers.

Challenging stigma and changing hearts and minds is also a major mission of the day, according to Stone. "Save a Life Day is about building trust, having real conversations, and showing up for each other. If one life is saved, all the effort is worth it," she shares. Most Save A Life Day events are powered by dozens of volunteers who care deeply about this issue: people in recovery, people who have lost loved ones, and others who have seen the impact in their communities.

go to WV as often as we can as Mike is not well. I want to see my friends... I would like to see my eye doctor, Mark Brown... my dentist, Dr. Kendrick, and my family doctor, Dr. Smith... I hope I can get appointments... they are the best...

When I was growing up, I never dreamed that I would visit 46 states and other countries... that my children would live all over this country... that my grands would visit faraway lands... my goodness, I can imagine what Mother would say... her favorite places were first, Myrtle Beach, and later, Florida... well, I agree with the first.

This is a hodgepodge column... what comes to me... I want to put down on the page. I am thankful for The Hurricane Breeze supporting my writing for so many years... the best newspaper ever... the best caretakers of a newspaper... the Allens...

I am thankful for my readers. When I decide to quit, they encourage me to continue. They, like yours truly, are aging and do not remember if I repeat... thanks to them, my faithful friends...

Is it because we grew up in a small town where everyone knew each other? Is it because we did not ask for much... expect much? Is it because we are thankful that we have our family and friends? Why do we stay in touch? Why do we KEEP our friends? I am sure there are those who went to school with us who never see another classmate. That is okay. There are some of us who just care about each other so much... I am thankful for them... I am thankful they read this column... I am always caring about them because the way we were is the way we are... readers... writers... family and friends. Thank you to my readers... thank you for taking the time to open the newspaper and read my column... thank you for your comments... thank you for being the reason I write.

in Charleston.

The 2025-26 season's theme of Hear the Whole Story is evident in the programming of the concerts this season, including *Opening Night!* Music Director Maurice Cohn leads the WVSO through a musical evening that kicks off our season's long celebration of musical stories.

The concert begins with French composer Augusta Holmès' *La nuit et l'amour (The Night of Love)*, followed by Brahms' *Double Concerto* featuring not one, but two guests artists: Stephen Waarts, violin and Hayoung Choi, cello. *Opening Night!* concludes with Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade*, which conveys the adventures of the legend of One Thousand and One Nights (Arabian Nights). A pre-concert talk begins the evening's concert experience at 6:30 p.m. on the Clay Center stage. The pre-concert talk is free and open to all ticket holders.

Concert tickets start at \$14 and are available at wvsymphony.org or by calling 304-561-3570.

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district operations. The commission approved a 5-year PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) agreement with Valley Pointe Apartments, LLC. The agreement removes 304 at Valley Pointe from the tax books for five years, during which Valley Pointe will pay the PCDA an annual \$1,000 management fee and a payment to the county of an amount equal to 70% of the real estate taxes that would have been charged. 304 at Valley Pointe is the \$110 million development which is located to the rear of Wendy's on Teays Valley Road in Hurricane.

The commission also approved the request of the City of Hurricane to annex five parcels into its corporate limits. Four of the five parcels consisted of acreage which the City owned. The 3.42-acre parcel on Teays Valley Road adjacent to the old Teays Valley Tire location which is now part of the

City of Hurricane was annexed at the request of property owners, Prep, LLC (Chad Prather), and Safique Ahmed. The annexations add 200 acres to Hurricane city limits. The largest tract is the 144 acres in Rooper Hollow that serves as a back up reservoir for the Hurricane water utility.

The county commission next meets on September 30th.

Putnam Homecoming

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Tolliver, Amos Steel, and the Weekend Warriors. Sunday brought the Martin Luther King Chorus to Winfield.

The 2025 homecoming culminated with the selection of and crowning of Miss Putnam County. Sarah Landers, representing Buffalo High School, was name Miss Putnam County 2025.

New Tram at Pipestem State Park Enhances Zipline Experience



Adventure seekers heading to Pipestem Resort State Park can now enjoy an even smoother, more scenic finish to their zipline experience with the grand opening of a brand-new tramway at the park.

The new tram, replacing the park's long-standing original tramway, is designed specifically with zipliners in mind. After an adrenaline-pumping ride through the treetops and across the stunning Bluestone Gorge, zipline guests will now be transported back to the canyon rim via a modern, comfortable tram car that offers sweeping views of

the gorge below.

"This tram elevates the overall zipline experience," said Michael Buechler, CEO of Pipestem Adventures. "Not only does it serve a critical role in returning guests from the bottom of the gorge, it also gives them one final, unforgettable look at the beauty they just soared through."

Pipestem's zipline course is among the most thrilling in the region, with multiple lines that cross the river three times and drop deep into the gorge. The addition of the tram makes the experience more accessible and seamless,

while enhancing the scenic value with one final breathtaking ride.

The previous tram, a favorite for decades, was retired after years of service. Its replacement blends modern reliability with timeless views — including panoramic glimpses of the Bluestone River, dramatic cliffs, and lush Appalachian Forest.

The tram will operate daily for zipline guests and will also be open to all park visitors interested in taking in the views from above. The zipline at Pipestem is open until the end of October — allowing guests to enjoy the fall weather

and the autumn leaves.

Reservations for Pipestem Peaks Zipline Tours are now available by calling 1-833-WV-Parks (1-833-987-2757) or visiting wvstateparks.com or using the link wvstateparks.com/things-to-do/aerial-tours/pipestem-peaks/. Reservations are required to secure preferred tour times. Learn more about weight and age restrictions for the zipline at www.pipestemadventures.com. For details on tram operations contact the Pipestem Resort State Park office at (304) 466-1800.



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

Sept. 18, 1947: Historian and journalist Minnie Kendall Lowther died. Born in Ritchie County, she was one of the first West Virginia women to become a newspaper editor.

Sept. 19, 1862: The two-day Battle of Shepherdstown opened with an artillery exchange between Union and Confederate troops. Following the Battle of Antietam, it ended Robert E. Lee's Maryland Campaign and helped convince Abraham Lincoln to issue his preliminary Emancipation Proclamation.

Sept. 19, 1892: William "Bill" Blizzard was born in Cabin Creek, Kanawha County. Blizzard became one of West Virginia's most influential and controversial labor leaders of the 20th century.

Sept. 20, 1910: Dorothy Johnson Vaughan was born in Kansas City but moved at a young age to Morgantown, where she was valedictorian of Beechurst High School. Like fellow West Virginian Katherine Johnson, Vaughan became a mathematician and computer expert for NASA and made key contributions to the U.S. space program.

Sept. 20, 1914: Ken Hechler was born on Long Island, New York. Hechler served 18 years in the U.S. Congress and four terms as West Virginia's secretary of state.

Sept. 21, 1895: Samuel Ivan Taylor was born in Mercer County. Taylor was the first member of the West Virginia state police. He was part of the force that faced off against union miners during the 1921 Battle of Blair Mountain in Logan County.

Sept. 21, 1921: Musician Rex Parker was born in Maplewood, Fayette County. He performed on radio stations WCHS in Charleston and WJLS in Beckley. In 1941, he married Eleanor Niera, and they performed on radio and TV as Rex and

Eleanor Parker until his death in 1999.

Sept. 21, 1937: The West Virginia Conservation Commission acquired 6,705 acres in Kanawha County to create Kanawha State Forest. Redevelopment of the land, which had been heavily mined and timbered, began the next year by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Sept. 21, 1970: Filming began in Moundsville on the movie *Fools' Parade*, based on the novel by Davis Grubb. The filming concluded one month later when Grubb came to Moundsville for a dinner, accompanied by his dog, making the \$750 round trip from New York City in a taxi.

Sept. 22, 1856: Albert Blakeslee "A. B." White was born in Cleveland, Ohio. He was West Virginia's 11th governor, serving from 1901 to 1905. He was the fourth person to serve as governor from Wood County, his adopted home.

Sept. 22, 1893: Elizabeth Simpson Drewry was born in Virginia but soon moved to Elkhorn, McDowell County. In 1950, she became the first Black woman elected to the legislature. In 1956, she introduced a constitutional amendment that would allow women to serve on juries in West Virginia.

Sept. 22, 1894: Louis Bennett Jr. was born in Weston. Bennett was West Virginia's only World War I flying ace. With 12 combat kills, including three aircraft and nine balloons, Bennett placed himself ninth on the roster of aces. This record was accomplished in just 10 days after assignment to his combat unit.

Sept. 22, 1970: The "Brinkley Bridge" in Wayne County collapsed under the weight of an overloaded truck. The bridge was named for newscaster David Brinkley who had filmed a 1960 news report about the poor condition of the span.

Sept. 22, 1975: Charleston native Sara Jane Moore failed in her attempt to assassinate President Gerald Ford in San Francisco. She later served prison time at the Federal Penitentiary for Women in Alderson.

President Brad D. Smith and First Lady Alys Smith Give \$50 Million to Marshall University

Marshall University has announced a historic \$50 million gift from President Brad D. Smith and First Lady Alys Smith to advance Marshall For All, a groundbreaking program designed to eliminate student debt.

The milestone gift is the largest bestowed to the university, and is the largest personal contribution made by a sitting university president to their own institution.

"We are honored to support Marshall University and the Marshall For All program with this gift," the Smiths said. "Our 'why' is simple: to level the playing field in West Virginia and Appalachia. We hope this

Sept. 23, 1922: Five men were struck and killed at the Glen Rogers mine in Wyoming County when equipment fell during the construction of a deep shaft.

Sept. 23, 1923: Folk artist Herman Hayes was born in Elkview. His woodcarvings were displayed in Washington and New York City, and he twice won the top award in the West Virginia Juried Exhibition.

Sept. 23, 1938: The Mingo Oak was cut down after succumbing to the fumes of a burning coal refuse pile. The Mingo Oak, which stood near the Logan-Mingo county line, was more than 500 years old and may have been the largest white oak in the world.

Sept. 24, 1911: Laura Jackson Arnold died in Buckhannon. The sister of Stonewall Jackson, she was a staunch Unionist during the Civil War, opening her home to care for injured Union soldiers.

Sept. 24, 1918: George Spencer "Spanky" Roberts was born in London, Kanawha County. He entered aviation cadet training with the first class of Tuskegee Airmen and became the first Black military pilot from West Virginia.

gift ensures that every student with the dream of an advanced degree has the opportunity and support to achieve it — while also showing what's possible for the future of higher education in our region and beyond."

President Smith, a 1986 graduate of Marshall's Lewis College of Business, began his tenure in January 2022. He was installed as the university's 38th president during his investiture on Sept. 16, 2022 — a date chosen to honor the birthday of his late father. It was at his investiture that he first announced the Marshall For All program.

"Three years ago, on my father's birthday, I stood in front of James E. Morrow Library and made a commitment to this university and the people of West Virginia that one day all Marshall students will be able to graduate debt-free," President Smith said. "My father and mother have always been and remain my moral compass. They committed to providing an opportunity for their children to attend college and sacrificed to ensure

my brothers and I could do so. It was a promise made and kept. Alys and I are blessed to transform that promise into the privilege to pay it forward. This gift is our promise to make that dream a reality for others who possess the aspiration and the grit to try."

About the Marshall For All program

Launched in 2023, Marshall For All allows students to combine scholarships, grants, work opportunities and family contributions to earn their bachelor's degree without the need for student loans, making it possible for students to graduate with little to no debt.

Marshall aims to expand the program over the next decade with the goal of ensuring all students can graduate debt-free by the university's bicentennial in 2037.

The program offers two distinct pathways:

- Marshall For All: Debt-Free – A debt-free bachelor's degree plus real-world experience for randomly selected West Virginia and Metro-Area Students.

- Marshall For All: Tuition-Free WV – Covers

full tuition and fees for West Virginia students with a family income below \$65,000.

There are nearly 400 Marshall For All: Debt-Free students, with many more enrolled in the Tuition Free-WV program. Since its launch, Marshall For All students have achieved higher GPAs (+8%) and retention rates (+9%) compared to their peers. Of those in the program, 69% are the first in their families to attend college (first generation students), just as President Smith and his brothers were.

"It is with tremendous gratitude that we share Brad and Alys' transformative gift in support of Marshall For All," said Nico Karagosian, president and CEO of the Marshall University Foundation. "The Smiths are visionary partners who believe deeply in the power of accessible and affordable education for students across West Virginia and Appalachia. Their generosity propels us closer to our goal of eradicating student debt by 2037, Marshall's 200th anniversary, while setting a new standard in higher education."



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Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



September

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

Dressed for summer as I was
I watched a bank of trees because
Their first few leaves, were letting go,
a subtle hint to let me know

The wind let in a touch of chill,
as it gave way to winter's will
Harvest's bounty reaping toil,
the sweat of spring pulled from the soil

The wise had gathered up and saved,
prepareth not the foolish knave
Time came to get what planting gave,
relentless winter yet to brave

The sun ebbed off its summer roil;
'twas just as I remembered
August had its way but then,
the world became September

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Add Real Flavor, Simplicity to Busy Season Meals

(Family Features) Make a smooth shift into the fall busy season with this Loaded Philly Cheesesteak Baked Potato. It takes a traditional side dish and delivers an easy meal full of flavor and nutrients from California dairy foods.

When life is busy, add this dish both kids and adults will love to your weekly meal-planning list. The real California sour cream, milk, butter and cheese offer real flavor, real protein, real simplicity and real convenience, plus they are made with sustainably sourced milk from dairy farm families. Look for the Real California Milk seal on your favorite dairy foods at the grocery store.

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Loaded Philly Cheesesteak Baked Potato



Recipe courtesy of Real California Milk

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 1 hour, 11 minutes

Servings: 4

- 4 large russet potatoes, washed
- 1 cup Real California sour cream
- 1-2 tablespoons Real California whole milk
- 1/4 cup Real California unsalted butter, divided
- 1 small green bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 1/2 small yellow onion, thinly sliced
- kosher salt, to taste
- freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1 pound fresh shaved sirloin steak
- 2 cups shredded Real California provolone cheese

Preheat oven to 425 F and line baking sheet with aluminum foil.

Prick potatoes all over with fork. Bake until potatoes are tender and fork inserted easily comes out, 45 minutes-1 hour. Split tops of potatoes open with knife and fluff potato flesh with fork. Set aside.

In small bowl, combine sour cream and milk, adding more milk as needed, until sour cream is pourable. Set aside.

In large skillet or on griddle over medium-high heat, heat 1 tablespoon butter. Add peppers and onions; cook until tender, 3-4 minutes. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Transfer to plate and set aside.

Clean skillet then melt remaining butter. Add steak and cook until fully cooked and lightly browned, 3-4 minutes. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Return vegetables to skillet and toss to combine.

Evenly top each potato with 1 tablespoon butter, steak mixture and cheese. Transfer to oven and bake until cheese is melted, 2-3 minutes. Drizzle with sour cream and serve.

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

Call me old, but at least
I grew up in a time when
the world still had some
common sense.

I'd give anything to go
back and sit beside the
people I miss, just one
more time.

Sometimes the only
thing you need to do is
give yourself grace and
breath.

I've talked the talk and
walked the walk. Now, at
my age, I'm just gonna sit
the sit.

Once you hit a certain
age, all you really want is
God, family, stability and
peace.

Dear Mother Nature,
whatever you're baking
outside, it's done.

Pull up your pants. No
one wants to see your
underwear.

It's a choice we can
make, to just choose not
to be offended.

The world isn't perfect,
but your smile makes it
better.

You can learn so much
by being quiet and just
watching.

We live in the era of
smart phones and stupid
people.

Live ready to go when
Christ comes for you.

I am a little pencil in
the hand of a writing
God who is sending a
love letter to the world. -
Mother Teresa

We ourselves feel that
what we are doing is just
a drop in the ocean. But
the ocean would be less
because of that missing
drop. - Mother Teresa

Happiness is being
married to someone who's
not just your partner, but
your safe place, your smile
in chaos, your strength
when you need it most,
and the absolute love of
your life.

Due to the rising costs
of medical tests all you can
do is pee under a tree and
wait a bit: it ants gather =
diabetes, if grass dries up
= high salts, if it smells like
BBQ = high cholesterol. If
you forget to pull up your
pants = Alzheimer's.

Don't judge another's
pain until you have walked
the same path.

God gives wings to the
humble and strength to
the still.

My body knows how
old I am, but my mind
refuses to believe it.

Do not get caught in
the enemy's web. Run into
the arms of Jesus.

I'm not one to brag but
I made it out of bed today.

I'm at the age where I'm
young to the older people
and I'm old to the younger
people.

Life without a
relationship with God
isn't really life at all; it's
just existing.

When love visits you
again, may it be safe,
secure, genuine and
reassuring.

Even if a bear wears
shoes and socks, he will



still have bear feet.

God's not done with
you. He's still writing your
story.

Prayer is the key of
heaven; faith is the hand
that turns it.

The only path to peace
is through God.

This is the age of much
know-how and very little
know-why.

Grab hold of God's
hand and let Him lead
you there.

Be thankful for today.
You only see it once.

I have 6 locks on my
door all in a row. When I
go out, I lock every other
one. I figure no matter
how long somebody
stands there picking locks,
they are always locking 3.

When you give your
child a phone, you are not
only giving them access to
the world. You are giving
the world access to your
child.

You will be "too much"
for some people. Too loud,
too soft. Too this, too
that. But you'll always be
perfect for the people who
loves you.

I bought a little bag of
air today. The company
that made it was kind
enough to put some
potato chips in it as well.

Falling in love with
Jesus is the best thing I've
ever done.

I really had my heart set
on waking up rich today.

The only exercise
I've done this month is
running out of money.

End property tax at 65.
Let seniors stay in their
homes, they've earned it.

I don't need to look
20, been there, done that.
I would prefer to feel 20.

I haven't lost all my
marbles yet but there's
definitely a hole in the bag
somewhere.

One thing about me, I
will stay at my home all
day long in peace.

Physically I'm here,
mentally I'm way
down yonder on the
Chattahoochee.

When someone asks
me where you see yourself
in 5 years, I'm just trying
to make it to Friday.

My best friend may not
be my sister by blood, but
she's my sister by heart.

I often listen to people
and wonder how they've
made it this far.

Stay away from people
who act like a victim in a
problem they created.

I was going to take over
the world this morning
but I overslept.

My boss told me to
have a good day so I went
home.

I wish more people

were fluent in silence.

When my arms can't
reach people who are close
to my heart I hug them
with my thoughts.

It's not forgetting
things that bothers me; it's
remembering that I forgot
to remember something
that drives me nuts.

Never regret a day in
your life. The good ones
bring happiness, the bad
ones bring lessons, and
the best ones give you
memories.

Life is strange. We
arrive with nothing, spend
our whole life chasing
everything, and still leave
with nothing. Make sure
your soul gains more than
your hands.

Some people don't
see how much you do
for them. They only see
what you don't do. You'll
never satisfy an ungrateful
person.

Don't save your kind
words for my eulogy.
Don't wait until I'm in
a box to tell the world I
mattered to you. I could
use that kind of love now.

As long as I know I did
nothing wrong, I'm okay
with walking away from
someone who doesn't
value me.

God is in control at
all times. Your job is to
trust Him, not to figure
it all out.

As I get older, I don't
really sleep anymore; it's
more of a doze between
pee breaks.

Be patient. Sometimes
the wait is longer because
the blessing is bigger.

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

Don't let negative and
toxic people rent space in
your head. Raise the rent
and kick them out.

When you're in a dry
season, keep declaring
God's promises. Keep
thanking Him that it's
changing.

The greatest single
cause of a poor self
image is the absence of
unconditional love.

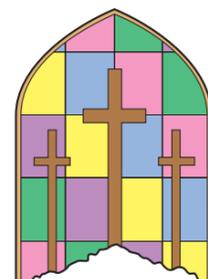
Getting older is like a
software update. You don't
want it, but eventually,
you have no choice.

Grace is not something
you have to earn; it's a
gift from God so you can
fulfill your purpose.

You cannot become
what you need to be by
remaining what you are.

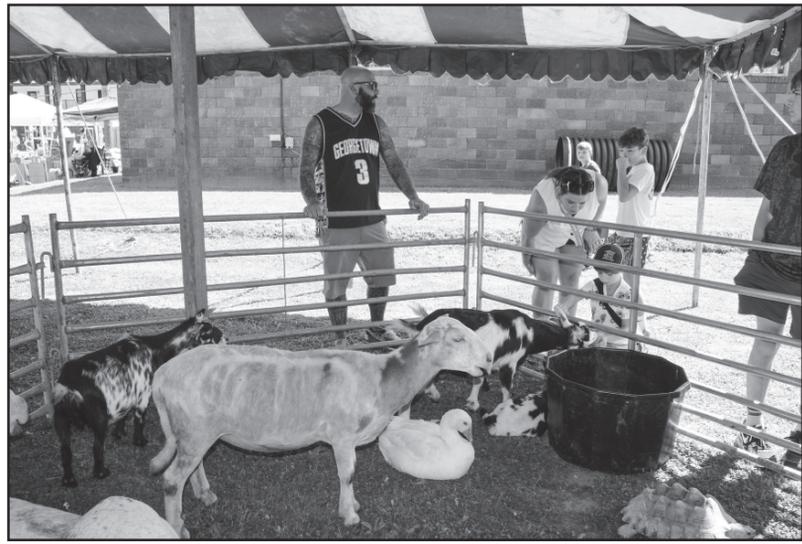
Sometimes the hardest
thing and the right thing
are the same.

Bible Verse



Jesus answered, "If you
want to be perfect, go, sell
your possessions and give
to the poor, and you will
have treasure in heaven.
Then come, follow me."
— Matthew 19:21

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Here They Come

It's that time again; busloads of children descend on schools, teachers in classrooms ready to prepare them for a successful future. The dictionary defines success as "achieving a hoped-for outcome". Perhaps, then, we must also teach our youngsters how to achieve, so they will be successful. How does one learn to "achieve"? King Solomon filled the Book of Proverbs with advice on how to be successful. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart...He will make straight your paths." (Proverbs 3.5-6) Worship with your children; God will sustain your family through the school year and in the years to come.



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Weekly Scripture Reading

1 Cor. 1.18-31	1 Cor. 2.1-16	1 Cor. 3.1-23	1 Cor. 4.1-21	Matthew 5.1-20	Matthew 5.21-48	Matthew 6.19-34
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In Heaven and Earth

Jeremiah 23:18-24

The Lord reveals Himself to all who have the ears to hear and eyes to see in the scripture before us.

"For who hath stood in the counsel of the Lord, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard it?" (v. 18). The "who" that answers this question is not the prophets of verse 16. Jeremiah's question involves these prophets because it is asked of them who are listening to them (the prophets).

The audience to which Jeremiah speaks has heard words which were produced by visions originating in the hearts of false prophets. These prophets have not delivered words which God has said. While verse 18 is phrased as a question, it is not a question. It is actually a plea to hear and to respond to that which God has spoken. God had spoken directly to the people through Jeremiah, saying, "Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you" (v. 16). Jeremiah is imploring God's people to do as God has said to do.

Jeremiah's words were applicable to his day and his words are applicable to today because believers do not do as God has said to do. God the Son spoke words given to Him by the Father. The Son has instructed us to love one another and to tell others of the Father's love. We are often slow to obey.

In verse 19, Jeremiah declared the message that God wanted delivered. Unlike the false prophets, Jeremiah had stood in the counsel of the Lord and heard and responded to that which God spoke (see Jer. 1:2-10). The Lord wanted it known that He had unleashed a whirlwind of fury which would fall upon the head of the wicked. The head of the wicked would have been the rulers of Judah. The specific king of Judah who would be the recipient of God's fury is not identified. Kings, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, and Zedekiah, all qualify as candidates of the wicked. All three exemplified evil and opposed the will of God.

The scriptures reveal account after account in which God withholds or delays judgment out of mercy and patience because of His desire that evil-doers come to repentance. While God would have all men repent, His purpose in informing Judah and the kings of Judah of the fury to come is apart from this desire. In verse 20, Jeremiah states that God will not delay in performing the thoughts of His heart. God wants all with ears to hear and to know that His judgment upon the head of the wicked shall be sudden, overwhelming, and total. The very individuals who heard Jeremiah speak, would witness the fulfillment of this prophecy.

"... in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly" (v. 20b). The words which God gave to Jeremiah were fulfilled in Jeremiah's day. His words, however, will not receive perfect consideration by Israel until the latter days. Perfect consideration requires a power not found in men. New Testament believers have been given the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, who teaches us all things (Jn. 14:26). The Holy Spirit empowers men to consider it (the whirlwind of God's judgment) perfectly. Israel shall be empowered to consider in a perfect manner in the latter days — days when God shall pour out His Spirit upon them whom He has regathered. Ezekiel prophesied of the long-dead nation of Israel coming to life and receiving the Spirit of God (Ezek. 36:24-26). The prophet Joel describes the day of the outpouring of the Spirit (Joel 2:28-32). The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood. It shall be a day in which whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be delivered. New Testament believers hear the words of Joel and see the scene described when the sixth seal is opened (Rev. 6:16). Through the outpouring of the Spirit upon the 144,000 of Israel (Rev. 7:4), a multitude which no man can number shall have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and come out of great tribulation (Rev. 7:14).

New Testament believers were given power (the Holy Spirit) to perfectly consider God's word the moment we first believed. Evidence of having received the Spirit is seen in the love believers have one for another and the desire to declare God's love to others. The power of the Spirit shall be seen in Israel in the latter days.

In verses 21 and 22, God states that the prophets who said, "The Lord hath said, Ye shall have peace" (v. 16), are prophets who have not stood in His counsel and have, consequently, caused people not to hear His words.

Verse 23 is spoken by God to them who have heard the words of the false prophets. In verse 23, God asks, "Am I a God at hand ... and not a God afar off?" All who know God, know that He is omnipresent. The question is not addressed to New Testament believers. It is addressed to them who are uncertain. God desires that all men should know Him. All who heard Jeremiah proclaim that a whirlwind of fury would fall upon the head of the wicked would soon know with absolute certainty that God is present and is fully aware of man's every thought and action. They would know when they saw Jehoiachin being carted off to Babylon (II Kings 24:11-14).

All men who do not know God as the ever-present God shall realize the error of their ways when they kneel in judgment before Him at the great white throne (Rev. 20:11, Isa. 45:23).

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KIDS TALK ABOUT GOD

BY CAREY KINSOLVING AND FRIENDS

How Can God Change Our Speech?

"We started a 'no-complaint jar,'" says Ben, 10. "It's now our college fund."

Romans 3 says our words are like heart monitors. The apostle Paul strings together Scripture like X-rays: "Their throat is an open tomb; With their tongues they have practiced deceit"; 'The poison of asps is under their lips'; 'Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness'" (Romans 3:13-14).

That's not just ancient poetry; it's a diagnosis. When our words rot, something deeper is sick.

Hurtful words grow from hearts that have forgotten God: who He is, how holy He is, and how kind He has been to us.

So how can God change our speech?

First, God changes our hearts. New words begin with a new center. The good news, that Jesus offers eternal life as a gift by faith alone in Him alone, does what a thesaurus cannot. It gives us a new heart that wants to please God. When we trust Jesus, He forgives us and places His Spirit within us. New roots, new fruit. A heart that has tasted mercy starts to speak mercy.

Second, God restores the "fear of God" to our eyes. Fear of God isn't terror that makes us run away; it's awe that makes us walk carefully and kindly. When God is big in our eyes, we treat His image-bearers with care. We pause before sarcasm. We choose truth over spin. Awe edits our sentences.

"I asked if mouths have a backspace key," says Sienna, 8. "Dad said it's called 'pause.'"

Third, God teaches us the way of peace. Paul says the ungodly "have not known" it. In Christ we get to learn it by apologizing quickly, forgiving freely, and using words to build rather than break. Peace is not silence at any cost; it's saying the right thing in the right way at the right time.

Here are simple steps kids and families can

practice this week:
Pause and pray. When you feel the complaint, the comeback, or the half-truth rising, stop. A ten-second prayer can save a ten-minute mess.

Tell the truth in love. Deceit is the old way. The new way is honest words delivered with a warm tone and humble posture. Truth plus love equals light.

Replace the complaint with gratitude. Replace gossip with a specific encouragement.

Repair quickly. If a sharp word slips out, own it with "Will you forgive me?" Repair is part of the way of peace.

Practice praise. Make a game of catching family members doing something good. Praise is fertilizer for peace.

Choose quiet when needed. Sometimes the most faithful sentence is silence while you cool down. Jesus wasn't afraid to be quiet when quiet honored His Father.

Why does this matter? Because changed speech shows the world what God is like. Only a heart trained by grace can bless an enemy, apologize first, or tell hard truth gently. Our words become signposts pointing away from us and toward a faithful Savior.

God doesn't hand us a nicer dictionary; He gives us a new direction. He lifts our eyes to Himself, settles our hearts with His mercy, and trains our tongues to follow. Little by little, grumbling turns to gratitude, boasting to blessing, tearing down to building up. He fills the heart, and the heart fills the mouth.

Think About This: Hurtful words grow from forgetful hearts; grateful hearts grow peaceful words.

Memorize This Truth: Romans 3:13-14 previously quoted.

Ask This Question: What is one small habit you can start today that will help your mouth speak peace?

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Obituaries

ROBERT HICKMAN
Robert Clair "Bob" Hickman, 70, of Poca, passed away Sunday, September 7th, 2025, at Hubbard Hospice House Charleston.

Robert was a retired Utility Inspector for the State of West Virginia with 36 years of service; a US Marine Corp veteran with 4 years of service and was also in the Army Reserve for 14 years. He was born in Charleston on November 16th, 1954, to the late Clair & Beulah Skeens Hickman. He was a Nitro High School graduate class of 1973. He was preceded in death by brother, Bill Hickman sister, Connie Hickman Odell; nephews, Eddie Hickman and David Bobbit. Surviving, sister, Charlotte King and family; devoted sister-in-law Ramona Hickman and family; and sister, Dorothy Bobbit and family; and lifelong friend, Tom Jones.

Graveside services with Military Honors was Sunday, September 14th, 2025, at Given Cemetery with Pastor Chad Lovejoy officiating.

MICHAEL MCCALLISTER
Michael T. McCallister, 55, of Hurricane, passed away on September 13, 2025 at home in Hurricane.

He was born on January 17, 1970, to Pamela McCallister and the late Charles McCallister in Huntington. Michael lived a life marked by compassion, faith, and deep devotion to his family.

Michael spent the majority of his professional life working with the West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH), later transitioning into real estate investment before taking early retirement. His work ethic and dedication were evident throughout his career, but it was in retirement that he found his greater purpose sharing his faith and spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Karen; his mother, Pamela McCallister; and his sister, Misty Burger (Staci). He also leaves behind his stepchildren: Jenna Counts (Jeff Cross), Mike Steele (Leeah), and Brandon Steele (Chelsea); grandchildren: Summer, Madelyn, Ashton, Priscilla, Paisley, Colter, Zachary, Morgan, and Aurora; nephews: Sean Burger (Allison), Seth Burger, and Zane McCallister; great-nephew, Weston Burger; aunt: Sharon (Perry); cousins: Charity (James) Hooser which he shared a special bond, and a host of other cousins.

In addition to his father, Charles McCallister, he was also preceded in death by his maternal grandmother: Freda Spurlock; paternal grandparents: Hallie and Betty McCallister; his beloved brother, Nathan McCallister; and cousin and close friend: Marlo Gonzales.

A man of deepened faith, Michael became a devoted member of River Ridge Church in Hurricane. He embraced a spiritual rebirth that transformed how he lived each day. He believed wholeheartedly in the power of Salvation through Jesus Christ and made it a mission to share this message with those

around him. Whether speaking to friends or strangers alike, Michael's words were filled with hope and conviction.

His greatest joy came from spending time with his grandchildren. Whether kayaking down a quiet stream or casting a line into the water while fishing. Michael cherished every moment outdoors. These experiences were more than hobbies - they were opportunities to bond with those he loved most and to reflect on the beauty of creation.

Michael was known for his kindness and compassion. He devoted himself to helping others whenever he could. His love extended not only to his immediate family but also to his mother-in-law and father-in-law: James (Vickie) Bailey, whom he loved and held dearly.

Funeral service for Michael was Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Pastor Blair Hayes officiating. Burial was in Valley View Memorial Park, Hurricane.

to leading teams with strength and loyalty in the manufacturing industry, David poured his heart and energy into every single endeavor. He gave nothing short than his all - 110 percent - whether the task was great or small.

Those who knew him admired his competitive fire, his steadfast work ethic, and his "tough as nails" resolve. Integrity was his compass, and he believed in doing things right the first time. Yet behind that rugged exterior was a man who openly declared that the true strength of his life came from his beloved wife of 52 years, Tina, the anchor who steadied him in every storm.

David's memory will be cherished by his wife, Tina Clagg Payne of Scott Depot; his children: Amy (Darold) Curtiss of Hurricane, WV, Jeremy (Valerie) Payne of Winfield, WV, and Sara Payne (Derek) Scarbro of Huntington, WV; his grandchildren: Nic Osburn, Tyler Payne, Gabby Osburn, Mason Payne, Seth Potter, Christian Payne, Olivia Payne, and Willa Scarbro; and his great-grandchild, Greyson Payne. He is also survived by his brother, Donnie Ray (Lorraine) Payne of Bickmore, WV; and his sister, Patty (Wayne) Kayser of Scott Depot, WV as well as many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by his brother, Lonnie Payne; and sister, Barbara Mays.

Gathering in Remembrance of David will be Friday, September 19, 2025 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, followed by David's Memorial Service at 7:00 pm.

LLOYD D. SMALLEY
Lloyd D. Smalley, 81, of Hometown, passed away Saturday, September 6, 2025 at Hubbard Hospice House. He was a graduate of Poca High School and a retired member of IUPAT Local 53 in Charleston. He enjoyed fishing and was an

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JEAN MAYNARD
Jean Maynard, 97, passed away surrounded by family at the Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center in Knoxville, Tennessee, on August 29, 2025. Born January 2, 1928, in Rainelle, West Virginia, she was the daughter of Ollie Courtney Carter and James A Carter.

She was a long time resident of Hurricane, West Virginia, where she taught mathematics for 30 years.

In addition to her parents, Jean was predeceased by her beloved husband, Arthur J. Maynard, and three brothers, Jack W. Carter, James D. Carter and Leland Carter.

She is survived by her three children, Lois Leith (Bill) of Haverford, Pennsylvania; George Maynard (Elaine) of Knoxville, Tennessee; Beverly McGee (John) of Boulder, Colorado; 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

A celebration of her life will be held September 26, at 2:00 pm at the White Chapel Memorial Gardens in Barboursville.

avid WVU football fan. Survivors include his son, Shannon Smalley of Liberty, he was the son of Eleanor; grandchildren, of Hannah Smalley of Eleanor, Josie Cooper of Poca and Evan Smalley of Eleanor.

In accordance with his wishes, no formal services are planned at this time.

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September 3, 2025

We the undersigned, duly qualified and acting Mayor and Recorder for the City of Hurricane, West Virginia, do hereby certify that the attached Financial Statement is a true and exact copy of the Financial Statement of the General and Excess Levy Funds and Coal Severance Fund of the City of Hurricane for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, to the best of our knowledge and ability.

Attested:
SCOTT EDWARDS
Mayor, City of Hurricane

LINDA L. GIBSON
Recorder, City of Hurricane

**City of Hurricane
General Fund
Financial Statement
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025**

Fund Balance 07/01/2024	\$1,548,595.00
General Fund	
TAXES CURRENT/EXCESS LEVY TICS	\$604,170.94
PROPERTY TAXES CURRENT	\$949,968.69
PROPERTY TAXES-TIF DISTRICT 3	\$210,188.19
PRIOR YEAR TAXES	\$59,117.65
SUPPLEMENTAL TAXES	\$127,812.56
TAX PENALTIES & INTEREST	\$23,437.36
GAS & OIL SEVERANCE TAX	\$25,625.00
EXCISE TAX ON UTILITIES	\$150,408.87
CITY UTILITY EXCISE TAX	\$355,756.89
EXCISE TAX/UTIL/EXC LEVY	\$81,483.26
BUSINESS & OCCUPATION TAXES	\$2,767,194.45
WINE & LIQUOR TAXES	\$80,608.72
HOTEL TAXES	\$141,758.53
SALES TAX	\$1,934,568.33
FINES	\$127,720.00
REGIONAL JAIL	-\$14,200.00
SEIZURE FUNDS	-\$24,470.30
LAW ENFORCEMENT	-\$12,744.00
CRIME VICTIMS REP	-\$2,840.00
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	-\$5,298.00
BUSINESS LICENSES	\$31,182.50
BUILDING PERMITS	\$69,745.00
LICENSE/PERMIT FINES/PENALTIES	\$4,500.00
VACANT BUILDING FEES	\$3,900.00
FRANCHISE AGREEMENT	\$29,589.47
IRP FEES	\$226,768.01
IRP/EXCESS LEVY FEES	\$93,410.14
PARKS & RECREATION	\$48,235.29
PARKS & RECREATION - BRIDGE PARK	\$181,332.01
LANDFILL/INCINERATOR FEES	\$40,000.00
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS	\$13,539.82
PUTNAM CO B OF E/PRO REIMB	\$86,624.91
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER SOURC	\$33,116.62
CONTRIB FROM OTHERS/FESTIVALS	\$140,450.00
GAMING INCOME	\$10,569.36
EARNED INTEREST	\$32,498.19
REFUNDS AND REBATES	\$36,026.15
SALE OF MATERIALS	\$1,327.00
ACCIDENT REPORTS	\$5,440.00
FORFEITURES	\$78,225.00
VIDEO LOTTERY REVENUES	\$25,438.83
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	\$622,904.62
Total General Fund Revenues	\$9,395,090.06
Total Expenses	\$6,780,431.21
Aggregate less than \$100	\$500.53
Payroll	\$2,492,992.32
Fund Balance 07/01/ 2025	\$1,669,761.00

**City of Hurricane
General Fund
Vendor Disbursements
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025**

10-42 TACTICAL LLC	\$1,067.68
84 LUMBER COMPANY	\$1,863.72
A & L BUILDING MATERIALS	\$800.00
A KING'S EYE VIEW LLC	\$450.00
A TO Z SUPERMARKET INC.	\$1,200.00
A&ASAFETY	\$3,800.00
AAARON HAMILTON	\$200.00
ACI LLC	\$540.00
ADAMS TRUCKING & SUPPLY, INC.	\$101,016.75
ADVANTAGE POWER EQUIPMENT INC.	\$1,586.19
ALL AMERICAN UNIFORM	\$6,383.15
ALL IN K9 SERVICES LLC	\$3,615.00
AMERICAN ASPHALT OF WV, LLC	\$2,615.51
AMERICAN FIREWORKS COMPANY	\$24,999.00
ANDREW PAUL HOWRYLAK	\$3,166.10
ANIMATE MARKETING AND PROMOTIONS	\$6,371.09
ANNA'S ALTERATIONS	\$330.00
APPALACHIAN POWER	\$169,739.61
APPALACHIAN UAV ACADEMY	\$20,162.00
BAKER TRUCK EQUIPMENT CO.	\$1,570.25
BALLARD FENCE COMPANY LLC	\$2,000.00
BETHANY L. TOLLIVER	\$600.00
BOSLEY RENTAL & SUPPLY, INC.	\$14,700.00
BRANDI KRUK	\$200.00
BRIDGEPORT EQUIPMENT & TOOL	\$2,516.85
BRIDGEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$200.00
BRISTOL BROADCASTING CO., INC.	\$810.00
BUDGET BOOTS AND WORKWEAR LLC	\$5,392.80
BUREAU FOR CHILD SUPPORT - WV	\$14,216.50
BWC TRUCKING INC.	\$41,899.66
CADAM TONEY DISCOUNT TIRES	\$14,100.11
CITHORNBURGIC	\$1,006.60
CENTRAL SUPPLY COMPANY OF WV	\$99,205.53
CENTRAL SQUARE TECHNOLOGIES LLC	\$14,335.47
CERTIFIED LABORATORIES	\$3,533.51
CHASE CUMPTAN	\$250.00
CITY OF HURRICANE WT/SW	\$33,427.11
CIVICPLUS LLC	\$3,143.07
CLARK MECHANICAL SERVICES	\$751.71
CMRS-FP	\$5,500.00
CNH INDUSTRIAL ACCOUNTS	\$1,840.70
COCA-COLA BOTTLING	\$10,481.78
CODE 4 COMBAT	\$990.00
COMBINED INSURANCE OF AMERICA	\$14,191.02
COMMUNITY AUTISM RESOURCES AND EDUCATION SYSTEMS	\$2,000.00
CONNER STREET ELEMENTARY	\$300.00
CREATIVE AUDIO VISUAL GROUP	\$13,090.00
CREDE POWER EQUIPMENT, INC.	\$9,785.91
CREGGER COMPANY INC.	\$236.72
CSX TRANSPORTATION	\$5,790.00
CULLODEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.	\$1,000.00
CW THORNTON LLC	\$372.96
DANA E. SPADE	\$2,500.00
DAVID YOUNG JR.	\$1,900.00
DAVIS VISION INC.	\$4,993.81
DE LAGE LANDEN	\$6,041.04
DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY	\$1,116,169.96
DETROIT INDUSTRIAL TOOL	\$3,031.74
DIAMOND BLADE WAREHOUSE	\$408.73
DRI-POWR DIST. INC.	\$279.96
ED COVERT	\$300.00
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	\$32,714.09
EMPPOWER	\$225,282.01
EQUIPMENTSHARE.COM INC	\$468.19
F.O.P. CAPITAL CITY LODGE #74	\$120.00
FARM HOUSE	\$357.75
FISHER AUTO PARTS	\$1,879.83
FOREMOST PROMOTIONS	\$3,147.78
FORM TECH CONCRETE FORMS, INC.	\$304.56
FRONTIER	\$22,397.30
FUN FITNESS KIDS CLUB LLC	\$525.00
G & A STONE	\$7,132.29
GARDNER'S QUALITY CLEANER INC	\$307.80
GATEWAY ANIMAL HOSPITAL	\$410.64
GENUINE PARTS COMPANY -	\$4,002.18
GREG MICK	\$277.77
GRESHAM PLUMBING & HEATING	\$731.95
GUARDIAN	\$9,705.08
HDL COMPANIES NC	\$30,708.07
HENDERSON INSURANCE, INC.	\$235.00
HHS ARCHERY	\$500.00
HHS BAND BOOSTERS	\$575.00
HHS BASEBALL	\$1,000.00
HHS BOYS BASKETBALL	\$500.00
HHS CHEER	\$500.00
HHS CROSS COUNTRY	\$500.00
HHS FOOTBALL	\$500.00
HHS GIRLS BASKETBALL	\$500.00
HHS SOFTBALL	\$1,000.00
HHS SWIM TEAM	\$500.00
HHS WRESTLING	\$500.00
HIGHMARK WEST VIRGINIA INC.	\$1,095,914.12
HMS ARCHERY	\$500.00
HMS BASEBALL	\$500.00
HMS CHEER	\$500.00
HMS CHORUS	\$500.00
HMS CROSS COUNTRY	\$500.00
HMS SOCCER	\$300.00
HMS SOFTBALL	\$500.00
HMS TENNIS	\$500.00
HMS VOLLEYBALL	\$500.00
HMS WRESTLING	\$500.00
HOME CITY ICE COMPANY	\$2,167.50
HUNTINGTON FEDERAL CREDIT UNION	\$760.00
HURRICANE AMATEUR BASKETBALL	\$500.00
HURRICANE BASEBALL LEAGUE	\$640.00
HURRICANE BREEZE	\$2,853.58

HURRICANE CIVIC CHORUS	\$250.00
HURRICANE FIRE AND RESCUE	\$42,230.00
HURRICANE FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY	\$1,000.00
HURRICANE HIGH SCHOOL	\$500.00
HURRICANE LITTLE LEAGUE	\$500.00
HURRICANE TROPHY & AWARDS INC.	\$1,000.00
HURRICANE WRECKER & TOWING	\$202.36
HURRICANE YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE	\$1,000.00
IAEI	\$120.00
IKE WALKER ORGANIZATION INC.	\$360.00
INTERSTATE BILLING SERVICE INC	\$433.63
ITTY BITTY THERAPY HORSES INC	\$500.00
JAB HOLDINGS, LLC	\$533.85
JABO SUPPLY CORPORATION	\$5,755.29
JAMES KEATON	\$250.00
JASON DIAL	\$500.00
JIMMIE R. GRAVELY ILL	\$1,250.00
JOE BOWLING	\$950.00
JONATHAN GILLISPIE	\$161.86
KANAWHA-CHARLESTON HUMANE ASSOCIATION	\$600.00
KAREN MARTINEZ	\$2,450.00
KEVIN'S AUTO-BODY	\$8,784.63
KIMBALL MIDWEST	\$1,562.01
KIMBERLY D. GRAVELY	\$1,250.00
KNIGHT HORST SHREDDING LLC	\$399.10
LAKESIDE ELEMENTARY ARCHERY	\$300.00
LASER TECHNOLOGY, INC.	\$1,270.00
LAURA COX PLANNING AND DESIGN	\$16,500.00
LEONARD ALUMINUM UTILTY BLDGS	\$6,263.00
LESLIE EQUIPMENT COMPANY	\$64,998.89
LILE HUSKEYS INC	\$12,300.00
LISA KISER	\$1,000.00
LOGAN BEABOUT	\$100.00
LORRISON POOLS & SPAS	\$276.87
MARCUS OGLESBY	\$1,200.00
MARIA FOLIO	\$250.00
MARK WOOD FUN SHOW	\$925.00
MARKL SUPPLY COMPANY	\$17,190.95
MATTHEW JACKSON	\$900.00
MCMASTER-CARR	\$1,568.23
MEDVET ASSOCIATES LLC	\$181.80
MEEK'S MOUNTAIN TRAIL ALLIANCE	\$10,000.00
MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL	\$19,439.21
MIDWAY FORD, INC.	\$151,544.35
MIKAYLA PURSLEY	\$3,000.00
MIKE INSCO	\$250.50
MIKE ROACH	\$700.00
MIKE'S LANDSCAPING	\$8,221.00
MOUNTAIN MAN SIGNS	\$1,361.60
MOUNTAIN STATE EQUIPMENT	\$815.55
MOUNTAIN STATE REPTILE RESCUE CORP	\$300.00
MOUNTAINEER 4 X 4 UNLIMITED	\$280.00
MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY	\$3,735.07
MOUNTAINEER LAWN & GARDEN LLC	\$960.00
MOUNTAINEER UPFIT	\$12,850.00
MOYE LAW OFFICE	\$1,660.00
MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF WV	\$575.00
MY MESSY DESK LLC.	\$250.00
NOVA RUBBER COMPANY	\$3,400.00
OHIO CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT CENTRAL	\$5,260.27
OPTIMUM	\$100.00
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC.	\$11,993.25
PATRICK COLEMAN	\$210.00
PENCILS AND PASTELS LLC	\$2,350.00
PETTY CASH	\$130.00
PILOT THOMAS LOGISTICS LLC	\$50,216.32
POWERPLAN OIB	\$2,935.53
PREMIER PRECAST PRODUCTS	\$5,235.00
PULLIN, FOWLER, FLANAGAN,	\$1,826.00
PUTNAM AREA COMMUNITY	\$250.00
PUTNAM COUNTY AGING PROGRAM, INC.	\$2,500.00
PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$522.97
PUTNAM COUNTY EMS EDUCATION	\$525.00
PUTNAM COUNTY LIBRARY	\$6,000.00
PUTNAM COUNTY PARKS AND	\$400.00
PUTNAM COUNTY PROSECUTING	\$3,825.30
PUTNAM PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT	\$2,914.77
QUALITY EXHAUST	\$389.00
QUANTUM PARTY RENTALS LLC.	\$29,562.62
RANDOLPH ENGINEERING CO., INC.	\$6,275.00
RED HOT SHOW CHOIR	\$1,000.00
REEDS ENTERTAINMENT	\$500.00
REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$2,248.65
RENT-A-KANN	\$3,232.44
REWIND THE WALKMAN	\$4,500.00
RHODES BRICK BLOCK CO	\$18,955.00
RICK EPLION PAVING, INC.	\$42,500.00
ROTARY CLUB OF PUTNAM COUNTY	\$300.00
ROY KUHL SPORTS	\$270.00
S&S FIRESTONE INC	\$2,011.04
SAFELITE FULFILLMENT, INC.	\$652.19
SALSCO INC	\$57,272.00
SCHAEFFER MANUFACTURING COMPANY	\$1,327.68
SCOTT DICKERSON	\$750.00
SHAMBLIN STONE, INC.	\$16,119.27
SOCAL EMBLEM INC.	\$1,332.04
SPRY INC.	\$1,136.23
STAPLES	\$1,830.91
STATE ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY	\$3,330.17
STEPHANIE DUNCAN	\$500.00
STONES TRUCKING LLC	\$14,175.53
SUN CONTROL, INC.	\$319.00
TEAYS VALLEY AUTO SERVICE CENTER	\$2,966.05
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TRANSPORTATION NETWORK LLC	\$135,786.82
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TROY RHODES	\$1,292.75
TYIESHA TOLES	\$10,580.00
TYLER MOUNTAIN WATER COMPANY	\$509.50
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC.	\$7,995.00
TYREE, EMBREE & ASSOCIATES PLLC	\$189,562.07
U S BEARING AND POWER	\$427.79
UNION OIL & GAS, INC.	\$4,121.55
UNITED RENTALS	\$15,835.71
US BANK (FLEET)	\$88,342.08
US BANK	\$767,949.14
WASHINGTON NATIONAL INSURANCE	\$531.60
WEGG LLC	\$4,689.37
WESTTEAYS ELEMENTARY ARCHERY	\$300.00
WEST VIRGINIA ELECTRIC SUPPLY	\$8,970.65
WEST VIRGINIA STATE POLICE	\$200.00
WESTERN & SOUTHERN LIFE	\$457.20
WHITE CAP LP.	\$2,040.00
WHITT'S FARM SUPPLY	\$1,200.00
WINFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL	\$1,000.00
WORLDWIDE EQUIPMENT-HERTAGE	\$1,091.59
WRIGHT NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE COMPANY	\$1,958.00
WV CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOC.	\$100.00
WV CODE OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION	\$150.00
WV CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC	\$118,698.68
WV CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC	\$474,672.85
WV CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES	\$1,695.75
WV DEPARTMENT OF TAX & REVENUE	\$160,277.00
WV DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION	\$442,000.00
WV DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS	\$8,546.79
WV MUNICIPAL LEAGUE	\$8,379.38
WV MUNICIPAL LEAGUE DUES	\$2,505.96
WV PROSECUTING ATTORNEY ASSOCIATION INC	\$300.00
WV SPRING AND RADIATOR CO INC	\$2,901.72
WV STATE AUDITOR	\$14,675.00
WV STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE	\$200.00
WV STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE	\$35,082.00
WV STEEL CORPORATION	\$6,417.51
ZEAGER BROS INC	\$6,041.80
ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION	\$607.00
ZONEOUT SPORT LLC	\$4,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,780,431.21

**City of Hurricane
General Fund
Payroll Expenses
July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025**

Total Employee Payroll	\$2,427,092.32
Electd Officials	
Scott Edwards, Mayor	\$20,000.00
Linda Gibson, Recorder	\$7,200.00
Marshall Ginn, Council	\$3,600.00
Gerry Spears, Council	\$3,600.00
CD Caldwell, Council	\$3,600.00
Lance Wheeler, Council	\$3,300.00
Michael Black, Council	\$1,800.00
Steve Goff, Council	\$1,800.00
Appointed Officials	
Dennis Carte, Treasurer	6,000.00
David Thompson, Municipal Judge	6,000.00
Kevin Lawson, Municipal Atty	9,000.00
Total Appointed Officials	\$21,000.00
Total Payroll Expenses	\$2,492,992.32

**City of Hurricane
Coal Severance Fund
Financial Statement
July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025**

Total Revenue	\$23,683.11
Total Disbursements	\$23,695.43
Balance as of June 30, 2025	\$50.00

**City of Hurricane
Disbursements
Coal Severance Fund
July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025**

Appalachian Power	\$18,052.38
BWC Trucking, Inc	\$5,643.05
Total Disbursements	\$23,695.43
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that default has occurred in the payment of that certain indebtedness secured by a Deed of Trust executed October 25, 2017, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 1174, at page 129 (the "Deed of Trust"), made by David T. Adkins and Martha B. Adkins ("Grantors") to Charles C. Amos, in his capacity as Trustee (the "Original Trustee"), predecessors in interest to Ian G. Henry and Alley J. Cook (the "Substitute Trustees" or "Trustees"), in favor of Metro Community FCU (the "Original Beneficiary"), and assigned by Assignment of Deed of Trust dated October 25, 2017, in Assignment Book 61, at page 325, to myCUMortgage, LLC (the "Beneficiary") to secure the payment of a note in the amount of \$82,000.00. The Deed of Trust authorizes the Trustees to act in the enforcement of said Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Trustees having received such written request from the Beneficiary to enforce said Deed of Trust, will sell at a public auction to the highest bidder, the following hereinafter described real estate, together with any buildings, structures and other improvements located thereon (the "Real Estate") on:

SEPTEMBER 23

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the authority under that certain deed of trust executed by Kyle Duncan, to Robert H. Skeen, Jr., Trustee dated November 9, 2023, and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 1355, at page 105, by which was conveyed to said Trustee(s) the hereinafter described real estate to secure the payment of a certain promissory note set out and described therein, and default having been made in the payment of said note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee(s) having been appointed Substitute Trustee by an Appointment of Substitute Trustee dated July 17, 2025, and having been requested in writing by the holder of said note, will sell to the highest and best bidder on September 24, 2025 at 4:47 p.m., at the front door of the courthouse of Putnam County, West Virginia, the real estate conveyed by said deed of trust and situate in Hurricane Town District, Putnam County, West Virginia, together with easements, improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, and at the time of the signing of the Deed of Trust it was reported that the address was: 2634 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane, WV 25526 and being more particularly bounded and described therein as follows:

All of the following described real estate, together with the improvements thereon, situate on the north side of the C & O Railroad, in the Town of Hurricane, Putnam County, West Virginia and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the north line of the fifty foot street north of and adjacent to the C & O Railroad right of way line, N. 78° 45' E., 120 feet from the southeast corner of the lot conveyed by C. P. Huntington, Special Commissioner for the Central Land Company of West Virginia to T. Walter Shank by deed dated June 29, 1894, of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia in Deed Book 19, at page 418; thence running N. 11° 15' W. 200 feet; thence N. 78° 45' E., 80 feet; thence S. 11° 15' E., 200 feet; thence S. 78° 45' W., 80 feet to the place of beginning.

LSOT: Deed Book 607, at page 360, dated June 30, 2022

This sale is made subject to any special assessments, unpaid taxes, easements, conditions, reservations and restrictions affecting the aforesaid real estate.

The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights of ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.

Pursuant to the terms of said deed of trust, the Substitute Trustee(s) may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated for the sale. The West Virginia Housing Development Fund or its designee may purchase the property at any sale.

The Substitute Trustees shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.

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

DATED this 12th day of August, 2025.

Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
Richard A. Pill, Member
304-263-4971
foreclosures@pillwvlaw.com
9-11-2t

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: The Petition of TIMOTHY KENNITH TUCKER and DENNISE ANNETTE TUCKER To adopt EGK, a child under the age of 18 years.

Civil Action No. 25-A-24
Honorable Phillip M. Stowers

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Petitioners, TIMOTHY KENNITH TUCKER and DENNISE ANNETTE TUCKER have filed a petition seeking the adoption of EGK, whose date of birth is February 26, 2011, in the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia; and that all matters relevant thereto will be heard before the Honorable Phillip M. Stowers, at the PUTNAM County Judicial Building, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, West Virginia, on the 26th day of September, 2025, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard, at which time and place you may be present to protect your interest, if any.

It is hereby ORDERED that the birth mother, Rachael Nicole Knuckles-Rice, and the unknown biological father, or any potential birth father that may have had an intimate relationship with the birth mother, Rachael Nicole Knuckles-Rice, appear and serve upon the Petitioners' attorney, Lisa A. Estes, an Answer or other defense to the Petition of Adoption filed in this action on or before September 26, 2025, otherwise, judgement by default may be taken against them at any time thereafter.

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

Entered by the said Court (or, by the clerk of said Court) on the 8th day of September 2025.
Putnam County Circuit Clerk
Stephanie M. Smith

Prepared by:
/s/ Lisa A. Estes
Estes Law Offices, PLLC
Lisa A. Estes, Attorney at Law
(WVSB #12004)
1495 Hurricane Creek Road
Hurricane, WV 25526
(304) 932-9206
Counsel for Petitioners
9-11-2t

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

203 Nicole Dr, Hurricane, WV 25526
In a Deed of Trust dated February 21, 2024, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 1360, at page 252 Joseph Utt and Renee N Tucker A/K/A Renee Utt did convey unto Seneca Trustees, Inc., Trustee, certain real property. The beneficial holder of that Deed of Trust has elected to appoint Terra Abstract Trustee West Virginia, Inc. as substitute trustees by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office. Default having occurred under the Deed of Trust and the beneficial holder having instructed the undersigned Trustees to foreclose, this real property will be sold at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse, 12093 Winfield Road, Putnam County Courthouse, Winfield, WV 25213 on:

November 12, 2025
At 12:30 PM

The property for sale as described by the Deed of Trust is as follows:

SITUATED IN THE TOWN OF HURRICANE, PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEING ALL OF LOT 203, ALEXIS ESTATES SUBDIVISION AS SHOWN ON A SUBDIVISION MAP OF SAME PREPARED BY JIMMY CALHOUN, PE, 4782, PS 1011, DATED AUGUST 21, 1997, RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, IN MAP CABINET C, SLIDE 695.

The purchaser will take the property subject to all exceptions, reservations, rights of way, easements, conditions, covenants, restrictions, leases and other servitudes of record, if any, pertaining to said real property.

The purchaser will be responsible for paying any transfer stamp, excise taxes, and recording costs associated with recording the Trustee's Deed into their name.

The purchaser will be responsible for paying any unpaid property taxes owed to the Sheriff of Putnam County prior to or following the sale directly to the Sheriff.

The purchaser will take the property subject to any deed of trust, judgment, lien, and any other encumbrance having priority over the deed of trust referred to herein.

The purchaser will take the property subject to any deed of trust, judgment, lien, and any other encumbrance that is junior ("junior claims") to this Deed of Trust and to which sufficient notice was not given. In that case, unless such right to notice is waived, the chain of title shall not merge with this Deed of Trust as to those unnoticed deeds of trust, judgments, liens, and other encumbrances and will be subject to a further noticed and published sale under this Deed of Trust pursuant to W.Va. Code 38-1-4, in which bidding shall resume at the last highest bid given. In the event of a surplus of such sale, the mortgagors and noticed junior lienholders are hereby on notice that if such surplus is less than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), then the Substitute Trustee will disburse those proceeds to the most senior interest holder as it sees fit, unless an objection is made in writing.

The Trustees do not guarantee or represent that the boundaries described above are accurate, are not encroached upon, or that any particular structure located on the property is contained within the described boundaries. The property is therefore sold subject to an accurate survey at purchaser's expense.

The Trustees reserve the right to adjourn the sale, for a time, or from time to time, by announcement at the time and place of sale described above or any adjournment thereof. Such adjournment will be noticed by posting a notice at the front door of the county courthouse or where such notices are traditionally posted at the county courthouse. Such notice will include the date and time when such sale will reconvene.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids for any reason.

The Trustees make no representations as to the condition of the property. The property will be sold in "AS IS" condition.

The Trustees make no representations as to whether the property is occupied. The purchaser is responsible for gaining access and possession of the property. Trustees shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

The purchaser may assign its rights prior to the delivery of the trustee's deed by a signed request in writing to the trustee; the assignee of the purchaser shall be bound by all terms and conditions applicable to the purchaser.

The Trustees will deliver a trustees' deed to the purchaser without any covenant or warranty (express or implied) in the form prescribed by W. Va. Code §38-1-6. The Trustees make no representations and warranties about the title of the real estate to be conveyed. If the Trustees are unable to convey insurable or marketable title to purchaser for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit.

TERMS OF SALE: Purchaser must bring \$17000 cash in hand at the time of sale as a deposit in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made payable to "Stern & Eisenberg, PC, counsel for Terra Abstract Trustee West Virginia, Inc." Those appearing without their deposit will not be allowed to bid. The balance of the successful purchaser's bid must be proffered in cash within 30 days of the date of the sale. Purchaser shall pay for transfer stamps and recording fees. Additional terms of sale may be announced prior to the sale.

Terra Abstract Trustee West Virginia, Inc.
1581 Main Street, Suite 200
The Shops at Valley Square
Warrington, PA 18976
(215) 572-8111, Fax: (215) 572-5025
sterneisenberg.com
9-18-2t

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NOTICE TO REDEEM

2024-C-000048 - Putnam County To: BEYOND THE VALE FARM AND RESEARCH CENTER L.L.C. C/O HEATHER SPROUSE, STATUTORY AGENT, BEYOND THE VALE FARM AND RESEARCH CENTER L.L.C., HEATHER SPROUSE AS NOTICE OF PROCESS AGENT FOR BEYOND THE VALE FARM AND RESEARCH CENTER L.L.C., HEATHER SPROUSE, JOHNSA BAILEY, JAMES KELLY, MELLISA YOUNG, THOMAS JOSEPH TINCHER JR, SARAH JANE BISHOP, ROSE ANNABELL TINCHER HUGHES, THOMAS JOSEPH TINCHER, WINDELL S TINCHER, EMILY Y TINCHER, RONNY L JUSTICE, ROSE ANGELINE ROBINETTE HENSON, ATHONY G HALKIAS, J E YOUNG, ROSAA YOUNG, MARTHA BIRD, LUCY C HENSON, EMMA Y TINCHER, BILLY L BIRD, KATHERINE BIRD, TERESA BIRD, BILLY LEE BIRD JR, LUCY HENSON YOUNG, HUBERT E HENSON II, JOSEPH D HENSON, BEYOND THE VALE FARM AND RESEARCH CENTER L.L.C., 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 CURRY MAP 243
PARCEL 0002 0000 3001

You will take notice that ELEMENTAL RESOURCES, the purchaser of the following real estate, Cert. No. 2024-C-000048, located in CURRY District, 1/3 INT IN 24.35 AC BIG HURRICANE, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of TINCHER FAMILY, 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. ELEMENTAL RESOURCES, 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 - 7842. \$174.94

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 to for tax year 2024-7911. \$180.69

Additional taxes with interest. \$0.00 Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$122.39

Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest. \$827.91

Additional Statutory Fees with interest. \$0.00 Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$1,305.93

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 28, 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 9-11-3t

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NOTICE TO REDEEM

2024-C-000005 - Putnam County To: OCCUPANT, ELIZABETH A. WICK, ELIZABETH A. WICK C/O PAUL WICK, 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 BANCROFT CORP
MAP 2 PARCEL 0006 0000 0000

You will take notice that BLUE SIDEKICK LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, Cert. No. 2024-C-000005, located in BANCROFT CORP District, LOTS 30 & 31 BANCROFT, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of WICK ELIZABETH A, 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. BLUE SIDEKICK LLC, requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 1, 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 190. \$311.23

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 to for tax year 2024-194. \$216.61

Additional taxes with interest. \$0.00 Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$151.35

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Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest. \$823.79

Additional Statutory Fees with interest. \$0.00 Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$1,502.98

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 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 September 8, 2025
Christal G. Perry
Christal G. Perry
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of PUTNAM County, State of West Virginia

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

The City of Hurricane ("the City") is accepting Statements of Qualifications from qualified persons or firms to provide engineering and construction management services which will include a preliminary engineering report, design services including drawings, preparation of construction plans and specifications, bid documents, construction administration/management and observation services for a new project(s) to be determined by public involvement of its citizens.

Procurement of said services would be in accordance with Chapter 5G-1-3 of the WV Code. Interested persons or firms must submit 1 copy of all requested information by Thursday, October 9, 2025, by 3:00 pm to Andy Skidmore, City Manager, City of Hurricane, 3255 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, WV 25526 in order to receive consideration. Based on evaluation of the proposals, up to three firms will be invited for interviews. The candidate judged most qualified will be asked to prepare a proposal including fees for paid services.

This project or projects are proposed to be financed in part by grants from the West Virginia Water Development Authority and shall be referred to as the Pedestrian and Emergency Access Bridge at Hurricane Bridge Park.

Proposals must include:

- 1) Experience of the firm with grant related projects.
- 2) Experience in engineering design and construction management of this type of project.
- 3) Qualifications of personnel directly involved in the project
- 4) Related prior experience

The selected person or firm will be required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246, Section 109 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Conflict of Interest Statement and Access to Records provisions, Architect's Certification and all other requirements as they relate to HUD-funded projects.

The City of Hurricane will afford full opportunity to minority business enterprises to submit a show of interest in response to this request and will not discriminate against any firm or individual on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap or national origin.

The City of Hurricane reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals or parts of proposals. For further information, please call Andy Skidmore, City Manager at askidmore@hurricanewv.com or 304-562-5896. 9-18-1t

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NOTICE TO REDEEM

2024-C-000165 - Putnam County To: OCCUPANT, RAYNARD PAUL WATSON, MARRELLENE M. WATSON, RAYNARD PAUL WATSON, 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 156
PARCEL 0026 0004 0000

You will take notice that BLUE SIDEKICK LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, Cert. No. 2024-C-000165, located in POCA District, 1.818 AC, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of WATSON RAYNARD PAUL, 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. BLUE SIDEKICK LLC, requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 1, 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 17440. \$458.00

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 to for tax year 2024-17564. \$345.35

Additional taxes with interest. \$0.00 Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$211.35

Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest. \$842.27

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interest. \$0.00 Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$1,856.97

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 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 September 8, 2025
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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.: 6199
Estate Of: Sierra Sue Bentley
Executor: Joe William Bentley, Jr.
278 Lake Drive
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6093
Estate Of: Dennis Charles Casto
Administratrix: Teresa L. Casto
1368 Manilla Ridge Road
Leon, WV 25123

Estate No.: 6222
Estate Of: Oatis Braxton Cobb, Jr.
Executrix: Katrina Harmon
229 Deerfield Drive
Winfield, WV 25213

Estate No.: 6224
Estate Of: Sue Ann Cyrus
Executor: Stehen C. Cyrus
105 Linda Street
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6170
Estate Of: Norma Jean Fellure
Executor: Glenn Ray Wilson
48 McClure Drive
Scott Depot, WV 25560

Estate No.: 6230
Estate Of: Cindy L. Groff
Executor: Edward D. Morgan
25275 Winfield Road
Fraziers Bottom, WV 25082

Estate No.: 6114
Estate Of: Earldine Eloise Ingram
Executor: Clyde R. Ingram, Jr.
8609 Heizer Crk Rd.
Poca, WV 25159

Estate No.: 6209
Estate Of: Joseph Elsworth King
Administratrix Cta: Angela Arthur
PO Box 313
Bancroft, WV 25011

Estate No.: 6202
Estate Of: Lamond Keller Myers
Executor: Toney L. Myers
56 Strawberry Lane
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6208
Estate Of: James R. Sovine
Administratrix: Amy M. Overton
9803 Fairway Ridge Rd.
Charlotte, NC 28277

Estate No.: 6229
Estate Of: Bruce Raymond Wollaber
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2182 Scary Creek Rd
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SIDEKICK LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, Cert. No. 2024-C-000040, located in CURRY District, 0.22 ACRE, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of HANGER MARSHALL P ET UX, 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. BLUE SIDEKICK LLC, requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 1, 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 2026 will

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NOTICE TO REDEEM

2024-C-000351 - Putnam County To: ROGER C. SPURLOCK, LISA TINCHER, CODY A. ASHWORTH, JAMIE A. SPURLOCK, JACK C. SPURLOCK, RHONDA C. BANKS, OCCUPANT, 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 TEAYS VALLEY MAP 190 PARCEL 0022 0000 0000

You will take notice that BLUE SIDEKICK LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No.** 2024-C-000351, located in TEAYS VALLEY District, .50 AC POINDEXTER SURFACE, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of SPURLOCK ROGER C, 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. BLUE SIDEKICK LLC, requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 1, 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 32082.	\$289.06
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number \$0.00	\$0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2024-32312.	\$377.20
Additional taxes with interest.	\$0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$211.35
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$897.71
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$1,775.32

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 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 September 8, 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

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE TO REDEEM

2024-C-000130 - Putnam County To: DONALD E ROSS, JOSHUA ROSS, OCCUPANT, HEIRS OF NANCY S ROSS, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF NANCY S ROSS, 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 HURRICANE CORP MAP 6 PARCEL 0001 0017 0000

You will take notice that GOLD ENTERPRISES LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No.** 2024-C-000130, located in HURRICANE CORP District, LOT 48 SEC 2 HENDERSON SUBD, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of ROSS DONALD E ET UX, 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. GOLD ENTERPRISES LLC, requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after March 1, 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before February 28, 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 - 11644.	\$902.27
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number \$0.00	\$0.00
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2024-11679.	\$791.25
Additional taxes with interest.	\$0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$211.35
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$827.34
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$2,732.21

You may redeem at any time before February 28, 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 September 10, 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

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

To: Magistrate Court Case No.: 25-M40D-00127
 Daniel Alexander Ramsey
 Respondent's Name
 1277 Charleston Rd Family Court
 Pocahontas, WV 25159
 Respondent's Address Civil Action No.: 25-DV-102
 Date of Birth

ORDER OF PUBLICATION (PROTECTIVE ORDER / HEARING DATE)

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

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

It appearing by evidence duly taken in this action that you could not be found in or that you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of the ORDER referenced above, a copy of the Petition and Order may be obtained at the Putnam County Circuit Clerk's office. This PROTECTIVE ORDER will remain in effect until 12-22-2025. The Respondent may appeal this Protective Order pursuant to W. Va. Code § 48-27-510, within 10 days of the date of the order was entered. Issued this 12th day of September, 2025.
 STEPHANIE SMITH/jo
 Circuit Clerk

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

BID NOTICE

The City of Hurricane is seeking bids for a Ford F750 or similar, year 2022-2025, non CDL, red in exterior color, automatic transmission, hydraulic dump bed, towing packing, and man door in tailgate. All questions and bids should be directed to Andy Skidmore, City Manager, 3255 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, WV 25526, 304-562-5896, or askidmore@hurricanewv.com. Bids are due by September 25, 2025.

Putnam County Marriages

The following marriages were recorded by the Putnam County Clerk during the month of August:
 Mark Steven Mynes to Samantha Sue Suppa
 Eddie Johnson to Wanda Jane Henderson
 Justin Taylor Reed to Annilyn Sue Noah
 Jacob Tyler Christopher Paxton to Katelyn Elizabeth Cottrill
 Terry Grant Shoffner to Janet Lynn McCoy
 Joshua Ray Waldron to Lina Carmela Racer
 Dakota Lee Arthor to Marisa Teresa Budlong
 Chase Adams Keffer to Alisha Mae Humphreys
 Zachary Ryan Sowards to Sabrina Jean Bush
 Khalan Khatab Madad Said Al Hinai to Savannah Marie Beckett
 Andrew Shane Parks to Katelynn Miranda King
 Charles Richard Losito Jr. to Ann Louise Martin
 Richard Samuel Nelson to Paula Gayle Dickens

Dalten Levi Sanders to Amberlea Michelle Perks
 Tyler Ray Powell to Hannah Nicole Pauley
 Wesley Alexander Bostic to Heidi Danielle Walker
 Ryan Anthony Clark to Breanna Denea Lupardus
 Kenneth E. Pennington II to Tracy Renee Pennington
 Marriage Licenses were issued to the following individuals during August which marriages were not recorded as of August 31, 2025:
 Jeffrey Allen Stover II to Lauren Alexandra Sizemore
 Stephen Michael Harper to Kayla Marie Hudson
 Todd Alan Hutchinson to Kingsley Israel Brown
 Tanner Matthew Dworsky to Alexxis Brooke Chambers
 Benjamin Cole Shamblyn to Madison Christine Clark
 Baylor Shane Pyles

to Mason Rebecca Rose Duncan
 William Bryan Annie to Tracey Lynn Mains
 Randy Joe Cox to Ashlie Hope Dressel
 Phillip David Surface to Leigh Ann Hannas
 Greyson Cody Scott to Reagan Madison Blake
 Bridget Marie Fausey to Caleb Todd Joyce
 Kurtis Gregory Moore to Cailen Lea Ferrell-Brumfield
 Jacob Allen Ernest Gilbert to Tatyana Lynden Adkins
 Austin Bailey Woodrum to Anndrea Dawn Spangler
 Alex William Rayburn to Kylie Grace Johnson
 Hunter Blake Whittington to Ali Elizabeth Burdette
 Nickolas Shaye Bragg to Makenna Hope Bledsoe
 Jackson Gabriel Ray Kidd to Haleigh Marie Crouch
 James Edward Watson to Connie Ann James
 Christopher John Zoch to Kayla Briann Spangler

Putnam County

SENIOR GAMES

Please join Putnam Aging Program as we hold our Senior Games 2025!

Seniors are teamed up with one of our senior centers to compete as individuals and for the sake of the center. Everyone welcome!

Opening ceremony will begin at 9:30am. Events will include activities such as football throw, softball throw, 20-yard dash, horse shoes, axe throw, corn hole, lawn darts, ladder ball, spelling bee and BINGO.

Lunch is provided. Event is FREE of charge!

Thursday – September 25, 2025 from 9-1:30 PM

John Henson Senior Center, 2800 Putnam Ave, Hurricane WV

Registration starting at 9 AM. To register call 304-755-2385

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Hurricane Harvest FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Hurricane City Park

Free admission • 1-6pm

- Dozens of art and craft vendors
- Bluegrass band, Southridge, live on stage
- Inflatables, games and petting zoo
- Face painting
- Giveaways
- Truist Pumpkin Pie Eating Contest

Presented by:

Tom Moore
304-757-7711

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Letter to the Breeze and a Follow Up Response

Hello Ron and Betsy,

Thanks for the publicity for my book. I hope the people in your area appreciate the value of your newspaper. I am glad my friend in Scott Depot helped me to rediscover it. Also, I would like to thank you for publishing some of my stories.

I have another request. An American soldier, prisoner of war from the Hurricane area was captured by the Japanese on the island of Corregidor in Manila Bay in 1942. The soldier's name was "Charlie" Coleman. An adult sister of his and her family were neighbors of ours. One of her sons was a good friend of mine.

Those men captured, including some Filipino allies had been surrounded and were out of food and ammunition. They were immediately forced on the barbaric "Bataan Death March" with hardly any food and water. Charlie survived that inhumane treatment and several years in the brutal POW camp which followed. His family did not hear from him during his captivity. The only information they had was that he had been captured.

I am sure he was treated to a joyous homecoming after the war. My parents had him to dinner several years later as a small "Thank you" and gesture of appreciation. I was already in the Air Force and never did meet the Hero.

In early 1962, I was assigned to Clark Air Base in the Philippines. I was informed then, if I wanted my family to join me soon, I would have to look for housing in or near the city of Angeles outside the base. There was a waiting list of several months for on base housing. I elected to have my family come earlier. They would arrive in about one month.

I was given time off from work to house hunt. I checked out a map of the area and soon learned the "Death March Highway" was a main road going through the town. As it turned out, my new rental was right on that very road! My gated front yard was about ten feet from the edge of that road. As I signed the rental agreement papers, I felt a wave of emotion that I had not expected (the awful history had happened twenty years before) but it will never be forgotten.

When my family arrived, our children were only 8, 6, and 3. We didn't share the awful history about the "Death March Highway". My wife quickly figured it out from her history lessons in school. We lived there for about 8 months before moving on to the base.

Back home several years later, I was told Charlie Coleman joined the Air Force after his Army service. He may have served that organization until retirement, but I can't be sure. Our former neighbors in Hurricane had moved away over the years and I was also gone. I have wondered if there are any of his relatives living in the area who would know of and be willing to tell me of his later life. Thank you for your help.

I can be reached:
Larry Stanley
PO Box 690
Wilmington, OH 45177
Hurricane Class of 1948
P.S. I was younger acquainted with a younger brother of Charlie's who was a few years older than me.

Editor's Note:

The following was published in "The Centennial History of Hurricane Continued 1994."

Charles Coleman's experiences during the War

In 1936, almost 5 years before I set foot on Bataan, I was sworn into the U. S. Army and assigned to the Third Combat Engineers stationed in the Territory of Hawaii.

In the combat engineers, we trained for combat, to build bridges, pontoon and otherwise, to construct gun emplacements, trails, roads, railroads. The training went on without end. After three years you were prepared as much as any man can be prepared to enter into battle. In view of this, when the dark shadow of war descended on the Pearl of the Orient, I was ready.

We moved on toward Bataan, via Moffett Field, California, the West Coast Air Corps Training Center. I had been there less than a year when a request arrived for a first sergeant to be assigned to the Philippines from Moffett Field. There were three or four first sergeants stationed at Moffett, but I was the only one single. The rest were married with a family, so after a few cases of beer, I volunteered to go. The second step of my odyssey to Bataan was completed. I was 25 years old.

In May of 1941, I arrived in Manila and I was happy with my assignment, and ready for a good tour of duty.

It was approximately 7:50 AM in Hawaii, December 7, 1941. Dawn was only a few hours away on December 8, 1941 in the Philippines. I had just returned from a visit with some of my friends at the Naval station in Cavite. I was adding to my collection of seashells on a beautiful mahogany desk in the office I occupied when I heard footsteps running toward my door. One of our military police came flying through. His words rang clear; "Charlie, Japan is attacking Hawaii. We are at war." In a few hours the seashells would be in a thousand pieces and the desk riddled by hundreds of bullets. I left the office to wake up the supply sergeant and the troops. We left the barracks in a hurry and the third and last step of my odyssey to Bataan was about to begin.

Our fleet was a rubble in Pearl Harbour and our planes were like wounded birds lying on the ground at Hickam and Wheeler Fields in Hawaii. The same situation existed at Clark and Nichols in the Philippines. In a very short time, the Japanese taught us the airplane was, without question, a great offensive as well as defensive weapon. Almost before we knew it, the arsenal available for the defense of the islands consisted of naval vessels at Cavite. We had a few precious hours to prepare and were able to save hundreds of lives that might have been consumed in the initial onslaught.

We evacuated the barracks and set up a perimeter of defense around Nichols Field. In a few hours, we were under attack. When it was all over, Nichols was no longer a viable base for defense of the Philippines. For a few days, we remained in our positions, awaiting instructions from higher headquarters. In the meantime, General Masaharu Homma's 14th Army had landed at Lingayen Gulf north of Manila. Another force had come ashore at Lamon Bay. Approximately 45,000 Japanese troops were in the 48th Division of the 14th Army. The figures we could muster against the Japanese were impressive but not effective. One hundred thousand men in the Philippine Army, with one division possibly in fighting shape. We had the 31st Infantry Regiment together with approximately 10,000

Filipino scouts and the 4th Regiment of U. S. Marines. In all, about 30,000 trained men from all of those numbers which could be relied upon to defend the islands.

Generally Jonathan Wainwright commanded the Philippine Army facing General Homma. I suppose some of the troops fought valiantly but for the most part they went home. By the time the withdrawal of Bataan was completed, it was estimated there were 60,000 left along with 16,000 Americans to take up defensive positions on the peninsula. On or about 23 December, 1941, we were ordered to leave Nichols Field and go to Bataan.

After we landed at Marvelles, we moved up the coast of Bataan to establish a line of defense running from Pilar on the one side to Bagac on the other. What was left of General Wainwright and General Parker's troops joined us and the Battle for Bataan was under way.

Bataan is mountains and jungle and it is heavily forested, an ideal place for jungle warfare. The Japanese were well trained and very adept at using jungle tactics. Artillery duels were commonplace and ground assaults were frequent and hard fought. Japanese aircraft were present in large numbers over the compact battlefield. Infiltration of our positions came and sometimes with deadly results. All at once we were fighting to our rear, both sides, and in front at the same time. Finally, a lull occurred in the fighting but it was only while General Homma sent to Japan for reinforcements. During this period, we discovered new enemies within our ranks. Food was very scarce and malnutrition was setting in. Malaria, dengue fever, along with dysentery and beriberi, were taking their toll of our ranks. Medicine was scarce and our men were getting weak and unable to take care of themselves, much less fight a battle.

When General Homma's reinforcements arrived, he started his offensive the first part of April 1942, and it was only a matter of days until our surrender. On April 9, 1942, the white flag of surrender went up on Bataan and the Death March had started.

No doubt thousands of words have been written about the Bataan Death March. Some of the reports I have read are essentially correct while others do not state the facts. The facts are these: When Bataan fell, the Japanese expected the capitulation of a reasonably healthy force. Instead, they were confronted with thousands of sick, weary, half-starved and demoralized men. They were not prepared for this and, therefore, transportation equipment was sadly lacking. About the only way to Camp O'Donnell was the simple method of walking or crawling.

There wasn't much else left on Bataan. The march was a nightmare. Just about everywhere dead bodies lined the way since many men who had fallen and were unable to get up had been dispatched by bullet and bayonet. The Japanese, at the time, regarded surrender as a show of weakness on the part of the conquered. Whether we lived or not didn't seem to be of much consequence as far as they were concerned. Of course, a few years later, this whole attitude changed and the entire nation came to their knees in surrender as we did on Bataan. I think the main reason I survived Bataan, and the prisoner of war camps later, was the fact I wanted to see that day

arrive.

We have to be mindful there are no real rules where warfare is concerned. The inhuman treatment we suffered on Bataan and later in the camps was suffered by most of us as a matter of course. In view of what happened in the Philippines, I am amazed any of us survived the march. Most of the time, things were touch and go. We were expected to obey orders in a language we did not understand given by a mass of odd wild-eyed, slant-eyed Pygmies jumping up and down like jack-in-the-boxes. Men would be shot or bayoneted because they were told to move one way and happened to move the other way. Any little thing would set them off. They loved to shoot their weapons and anything offending them would bring a burst from a rifle or a machine gun.

I can't recall how many days the Death March lasted. One day would finally run into another and at last it was all over for me at a place called San Fernando. There, we were given a bowl of soggy rice to eat and some water to drink. The next day we were loaded in freight cars and sent to Camp O'Donnell. If we had any illusions about the despair of our surrender and the march on Bataan, they were soon shattered.

As far as I was concerned, life at Camp O'Donnell made the march look like a cake walk.

I don't think anyone could really describe Camp O'Donnell. The rigors undergone during the Death March were about to take their toll. Death was absolutely everywhere. Camp O'Donnell had been a training camp for the Philippine Army. The barracks were thatched roofed and had bamboo floors and beds. Little huts had been built in back of the barracks which we named "Zero houses." You went to the zero house when you finally decided you did not want to live. You crawled inside, lay down, refused water or food, and died. The camp was surrounded by tall grass waist high. When the zero house was full you went into the tall grass and lay down. After all, it was just as easy to die there as it was with a roof over your head. I can't recall how many times I woke up in the morning with men lying on either side and sometimes on both sides of me, dead.

Each morning those of us who could walk would have to make the rounds collecting the dead bodies in blankets supplied by the Japanese. Four groups were detailed. One to pick up the bodies, one to dig a common grave, one to pitch the bodies in like cordwood, and one to cover the grave once it was filled. Disease and death were overwhelming. Everyone was sick, some couldn't walk, others could barely crawl. Maggots were everywhere, even worms were in the small portions of rice given to us once in a while to keep us alive. I don't like to think about O'Donnell. I have never seen anything like it before or since.

Later, the camp became so diseased-infested the Japanese had to open another camp at Cabanatuan. Fortunately, for me, the Japanese made up a detail of men to go back to Bataan to salvage weapons and material left there by Americans when we surrendered. I was on the detail. We worked hard and my hands still bear the scars of injuries suffered there. The hard work paid off, however, and we were given more to eat. Our diet consisted of dried fish, rice and tea.

Some of us were more

fortunate and were able to gain a little weight by obtaining food from the land, supplementing the amount received from the Japanese. My health was considerably improved by the time we left Bataan and returned to Cabanatuan.

Cabanatuan was almost a re-run of Camp O'Donnell. Men kept dying at an alarming rate. I don't know how many men lost their lives at O'Donnell and Cabanatuan. I have never read any statistics concerning the two camps. Later, I wrote a short essay with both Cabanatuan and O'Donnell in mind. I will repeat it here for your information. I simply named the essay: CABANATAUAN.

It was typhoon season in the Philippines and the August sun rained heat upon the baked clay of Cabanatuan. The heat rebounded, shimmered and settled to envelop the congested area of Prisoner of War Camp Number 1. Cabanatuan sprawled its filth, disease and death upon the plains of Abucay, a living hell for seven thousand of America's defenders. Without the boundaries of the camp, life moved peacefully by. Inside dysentery and malaria waged ceaseless war for the seat of honor around the throne of death, and death, leering and delighted, swung his germ-soaked sword in wild abandon, favoring first one, then the other. The emaciated bodies of the dead borne by the emaciated bodies of the living journeyed to a stench-enfolded cemetery to be placed one upon the other in a grave already crawling with the worms that would devour them. The living bodies buried the dead as best they could, but with all their care, here and there an arm or foot protruded to swell and burst in the tropic sun. At night the vermin came.

The odor of death was not the only distasteful smell assailing the air of Cabanatuan. The revolting stench of the open latrines which received the refuse from hundreds of diseased bowels lay heavy everywhere. Within their confines millions of maggots writhed and twisted. Their number increased until the latrines gave them up, and the whole area was infested with their repulsive presence. The worms in our food resembled the maggots at our feet, for they groped and groveled everywhere. Sometimes, men too weak to or care fell into the holes from whence the maggots came. As for me, "A thousand, thousand slimy things lived on and so did I."

As far as I know my essay paints a fair picture of Camp O'Donnell and Cabanatuan. In any case, the Japanese decided to transfer some of the prison population to Japan. I don't know the number but several hundred were taken to Manila to board the prison ship Tortoro Maru. We sailed for Japan on October 4, 1942. It was my birthday. I was 27 years old.

Tortoro Maru was not a luxury ship. It was a cargo ship and we were the cargo. Before we arrived in Japan, dysentery had broken out aboard. The disease was taking such a toll a decision was made to put in at Taiwan so the ship and its "cargo" could be washed down. Once we were attacked by submarines.

Fortunately for us, the torpedoes were released at too great a distance to be effective. By the time they reached us the torpedoes were "hunting" and missed their target. I must say the wake made by the torpedoes are very impressive, especially at a distance where you can see

them coming toward you. I was sure they were headed for the center of the ship. However, they went by us and we continued our journey to Japan by way of Fusan, Korea. Known as Fusan then, the city would see the hills surrounding Pusan again. It would be almost 10 years to the day before I landed there again to take part in the Korean conflict. After nearly half of the prisoners were unloaded, we continued on to Osaka, Japan. We landed there on Armistice Day, November 11, 1942.

Our tenure as guests of the Emperor of Japan started at Prisoner of War Camp Number One in Osaka. For two years and ten months we worked in steel mills, lumber yards and unloaded ships at the docks. We worked in warehouses and any other jobs our Japanese hosts could think of. We lived on a bowl of rice at morning and one at night. It was served with tea and an occasional piece of bread. We could supplement this diet with anything else we might be able to steal on the job. We worked six days a week and lost track of time except for the seasons. There were no letters to or from home. We could write letters but found out the Japanese were burning them, so after a while, we just quit writing. For almost two and a half years we had no news as to who was winning the war.

I am often asked the question: "What did you do in your spare time while you were a prisoner of war?" For over two years, I read books and did some writing. Oddly enough, the Japanese allowed us access to books sent in by the American Red Cross. I don't remember how many I read, but it had to be in the hundreds. We had several different nationalities interned in our camp. We were permitted to move about freely and I made friends with the English, Dutch, Australians, and others who were there with us. I continually hoped and prayed the Allied forces would win the war. After that, I didn't care much what happened.

In the spring of 1945, we all knew our prayers were being answered. Our planes started appearing over Japan on a regular basis. Our favorite was "photo Joe" who came over the first few days in March taking pictures of Osaka. Positive proof we were winning the war came a few days later on, 13th and 14th of March 1945. On the night of the 13th our bombers appeared over Osaka and did not leave until early morning on the 14th. When they did leave, Osaka for the most part was rubble and on fire.

After Osaka, we were moved to a little town we called Newtoga. There was a large lake in the area and we were reclaiming the land covered by the lake when the first atomic bomb was dropped on Japan. After Hiroshima, we were kept in camp. Two days after Nagasaki, we woke up in the morning and the guards were all gone. For us the war was over and we were soon on our way home. I arrived at White Sulphur, WV in October 1945. The odyssey to Bataan was finished.

Sgt. Coleman returned to active duty following rehabilitation treatment and married one of his nurses on Valentine's Day, 1946. He was stationed on the West Coast until the Korean War broke out. He was in Pusan, Korea, at the close of the war. He retired in 1960 and went into the Air Reserve until June 20, 1969, marking more than 32 and a half years of continuous military service.

Charles Coleman died July, 1992.



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September 19 | Shelby Keaton
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Milton
31st Birthday
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| Stephanie Davis
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Hurricane
58th Birthday
September 19 | Harold Bennett
2914 Washington Avenue
Hurricane
77th Birthday
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| Dr. Charles Buvoivinsky
Mt. Vernon Road
Hurricane
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Faythe Freese Concert Announced for PipeSounds Symphonic Organ Series

Faythe Freese Concert announced for PipeSounds Symphonic Organ Series. Faythe Freese will present a concert of light classical music on the Harrah Symphonic Organ on Sunday, September 21, at Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church in Hurricane. Freese's concert is the first of the PipeSounds Organ Concerts for 2025-2026, and her second appearance here.

Dr. Faythe Freese, Professor Emeritus of Organ at the University of Alabama School of Music, is in demand as a recitalist throughout the United States, Europe, South Korea and Singapore. She is the only American woman to have recorded at L'Eglise de la Sainte-Trinité, Paris on the landmark instrument where Guilman, Messiaen, and Hakim were



titular organists. She has been a featured performer and lecturer at National and Regional American Guild of Organists Conventions. Dr. Freese's performances have been called "an organ superstar" (Denver Post) and evinces "fiery and virtuosic playing" (The Boston Musical Intelligencer).

Dr. Freese holds degrees in organ performance and church music from Indiana University. As a Fulbright scholar and Indiana University/Kiel Austausch Programme participant, she studied the works of Jean Langlais with the composer in France, and the works of Max Reger with Heinz Wunderlich in Germany.

At its installation in 2000 the Harrah Symphonic Organ was the largest draw knob console in the world. The instrument includes 6 manuals, 456 draw knobs with 2600 actual pipes and more than 20,000 digital pipe notes

This PipeSounds Concert is Sunday, September 21, 3:00pm at Forrest Burdette Memorial UM Church, Hurricane, WV. Adults - \$15.00 and Students - Free.

Articles Welcome

Send announcements and notices to the Hurricane Breeze, PO Box 310, Hurricane, W. Va.; hurricanebreeze@citynet.net; or call (304) 562-9881.

Happy Anniversary

James and Michelle Spence Bailey of 1942 Arthur Street in Huntington will celebrate their twenty-seventh wedding anniversary on September 19.

Rick and Prema Ray of 3877 Hurricane Creek Road in Hurricane will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on September 19.

Jason and Christie Young Carlson of #15 Poplar Hills in Hurricane will celebrate their twenty-second wedding anniversary on September 19.

Bruce and Kathy Beckett Casto of 11320 Sugar Loaf Court in Jacksonville, Florida, will celebrate their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary on September 19.

Derek and Ashlie Sowards Jones of Winfield will celebrate their tenth wedding anniversary on September 19.

Ronnie and Pam Lewis of Beckley will celebrate their wedding anniversary on September 20.

James and Sarah Ginn Lilly of Hurricane will celebrate their thirteenth wedding anniversary on September 20.

Danny and Angie Fleck Moore of Winfield will celebrate their twenty-eighth wedding anniversary on September 20.

Rev. Lafe and Michelle

Buffalo All Horse Parade

The Buffalo All Horse Parade and Live Auction is set for Saturday, September 20, at the Buffalo Gazebo Park on Route 62. This is a fundraising event for HospiceCare.

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

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

NEW this Year: Ridgetop Grass, a bluegrass band, will be live at the Gazebo Park from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. 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.

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

At 2:00 p.m., 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 - 3 p.m. to midnight, at the Buffalo Boat Dock. Contact Adam Scott for more information; 304-767-1348.

For more information about this event, call 304-268-0269.

St. Albans Train Day Festival

The Chesapeake & Ohio Historical Society's largest event of the year in the City of St. Albans, the Train Day Festival, will be Saturday, September 20. Organized by the St. Albans Area Chamber of Commerce, the brick street of the Saint Albans Train Depot Historic District, 400 4th Avenue, will be alive with family-friendly fun and entertainment from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

There will be live music on stage all day and plenty of food and craft vendors. Rides on the Hoppy Shores Train are free and kids will also get a free train whistle!

Volunteers from the C&O Historical Society will be onsite working and greeting the public at the historic structure preserved by the City of St. Albans. With the C&OHS O-scale model train

layout running, model trains have successfully returned to the historic St. Albans depot. Fueled by generous C&OHS volunteers and local community support, the progress being made on the operating layout and new interpretive museum has put life back into the city's one-of-a-kind depot. As trains rumble by, finer details are being added every week to enhance the layout's scenery that represents St. Albans.

The regions of St. Albans and South Charleston are the focus of this layout developed for the public's enjoyment in western Kanawha County. Each month, the young and young at heart enjoy the vivid rumble of trains through western Kanawha County.

You can also take home the gift of history with railroad books and other memorabilia available in support of the St. Albans Depot.

Answers to your railroading questions and photos will also be part of the event, and as always, stories from the C&O Railway to Amtrak will be told to all in attendance by current and retired railroaders.

C&OHS's friends and next-door neighbors at the St. Albans Historical Society will also be open, making Saturday, September 20 a wonderful day to celebrate railroad heritage in western Kanawha County.

Marriage, Mob, And Murder

Murder and Merriment Misfits are proud to present "Marriage, Mob, and Murder," a dinner theater fundraiser for Kennie and Claire Bass on Thursday, September 25, at the Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church, 2848 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane.

Tickets are \$40 for single and \$75 for a couple. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the show starts at 6:30 p.m. All proceeds will go to Kennie and Claire Bass as Kennie battles with cancer. Donations will also be accepted at the event.

Solve the mystery and compete to win a prize.

For all tickets, contact Jon Wheeler at 304-691-0524 or JonWMandM@gmail.com. Limited availability; tickets will not be sold at the door.



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