

The Hurricane Breeze

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Looking at Putnam County's Happiness Numbers

By Ron Allen

Thanksgiving was a very special time for me when I was a child. It was fun time with fun measured by the number of cousins, aunts and uncles who gathered at Grandpa Joe's and Grammy's for the annual family reunion. Not certain of the year (sometime in the 50's), there were eighty dinner plates to be washed in the late afternoon. For us kids, afternoon was discovery time as we explored secret places in the attic and in the barn and attached sheds. There was a lot of fun because there were many cousins with which to share discoveries. Enough of my memories. Point — More children, more discovery fun.

A lot of children make happy discoveries in Putnam County Schools each and every day. School enrollment numbers can be thought of as a happiness number. This school year, there are 8,357 children and adolescents making discoveries in Putnam's 22 public schools. This number, however, is less than the 2024-25 year number and the 2024-25 year was less than the 2023-24 year. School enrollment has dropped each and every year in Putnam County since 2014.

While school enrollment has dropped, it should not be used as a happiness meter. Children are required to go to school. Parents are

required to enroll their children in public school or to make other provision for their education. Putnam County's population numbers make for a far better happiness meter. People move out of a home or an area into a different home or area with the expectation of betterment.

Putnam County's population numbers tell a different story than school enrollment. In 2013 when Putnam's school enrollment hit an all time high of 9,907, the county's population was reported to be 56,496. While an exact number is not available, Putnam's current population is estimated to number 57,192. The 2020 census count was 57,444. The 2020-21 school enrollment was 9,138.

If population serves as a happiness meter, there is more happiness now than in 2013 when school enrollment was the greatest.

Population numbers and enrollment numbers are what they are. In 2013, Putnam County was populated by families which enrolled 9,907 children in public schools. This year, by best estimate, Putnam families enrolled only 8,357 children in public school. Putnam's population makeup has shifted. The adult population has increased while the school-age population has dropped.

Why the shift? Population makeup shift, like all things, is subject to cause and effect. The cause which generated large family numbers in 2013 has been replaced with a cause which has produced smaller family numbers. The shift in family size is a betterment choice and it is national.

Putnam's population has increased while West Virginia's has dropped. Putnam's increase, however, is less than the national average.

I made the betterment choice to live in West Virginia in 1968 and followed it with a second betterment choice to stay in 1973. I am thankful that I made the right choice. That said, Almost Heaven might be better with more children making discoveries.

Bingo! Putnam County Fair Wins!



Above: Valley Park Conference Center in Hurricane was packed with hundreds seeking to win big at Bingo on Saturday, November 22nd.

Right: Jason Snodgrass (center) reads out the numbers provided by Sarah McClanahan (left) and Janice Luikart (right).

Photos courtesy of Ed Conner

Putnam County Fair President Krista Snodgrass does not have the final numbers is pleased to share that the PCF's annual Bingo event was a great success. Close to 100 sponsors with over 40 dedicated volunteers and

over 300 attendees make it happen.

"We look forward to using the funds raised to support several planned upgrades at the fair," Snodgrass said. Detailed information will be available when the Fair



Board holds its spring meeting.

It was an exciting Saturday night with the doors opening at 3:30 p.m. and the fun starting at 5 p.m.

The event included

raffles, a silent auction, door prizes and good food. All the proceeds went to the Putnam County Fair for improvements that will produce the best fair experiences possible for participants and attendees.

Celebrate Small Business Saturday in Putnam County

By Betsy Allen

Since the day was first devised by American Express in 2010, thousands of businesses and municipalities around the country use the Saturday after Thanksgiving to encourage consumers to shop at small and local stores.

All this week, City of Hurricane has been promoting local businesses on the official Facebook page, advertising sales, special hours, and promotions. "Saturday, November 29, 2025 is: Small Business Saturday! The City of Hurricane recognizes this date each year by encouraging residents to 'shop small' and 'eat local.'" The post went on to say, "Of course, we have so many wonderful small businesses in our community that it's easy to do this all year, but please consider getting out and about on Small Business Saturday. Together, we can make this a day our small business owners will remember!"

Below will be a list of businesses which the City has promoted so far.

Dale Morton Studio Mascot Costumes will be hosting an open house at the shop located at 2730 Second Street from 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (This is in the same building at Belknap Dough Company; just park and enter around back.) This open house is a wonderful opportunity to see Dale's work up close. He is an incredible designer and fabricator of professional mascot character costumes and has worked with schools, corporations and civic organizations around the world from his shop right here in Hurricane. In the studio, they also create custom costumes and commercial sculptures of all types.

Kitchen Table Cards and Games, located at 2940 Putnam Avenue, is one of Hurricane's newest brick and mortars. The shop is home for all things trading card games! Magic the Gathering, Pokemon TCG, Lorcana, One Piece and many more. They buy, sell, trade and play all games. Kitchen Table will be offering 10-30% off for Black Friday as well as Small Business Saturday. You may also be able to snag a free t-shirt starting on Friday while supplies last when you spend \$25.

Wear your pajamas to Oodles, located at 2825 Main Street, for Small Business Saturday.

Quilts by Phyllis, located at 2943 Putnam Avenue, will be offering 20% off storewide

(excluding finished quilts) plus an additional 10% off on all Christmas fabrics. What better time to get motivated to start on a special project for the season or give the gift of fabric for someone in your life who would love it!

Valley Park will be hosting a Yuletide Vendor Event on Saturday, November 29, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Buy your friends and family members handmade gifts from the 50+ vendors which will be participating in the event.

Putnam Provisions Company and Good Horse Scents, located inside Area 34, 971 State Route 34, Teays Valley, will be holding their fourth Small Business Artisan Event from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This free event features

jewelers, stained glass artisans, soap makers, wood workers, candle makers, photographers, metal artisans, mixed media artists, painters and more.

Some of the featured vendors include Art by Sam, Black Rat Glassworks, Connie's Stained Glass Creations, Dee Chapman - Wreaths & More, Fox Run Metal Works, Good Horse Scents LLC and Putnam Provisions Co., Jeeves and the Family Spoons, Lois Mack Pottery, Karla Meadows Spoon Jewelry, Marisamade, Mud and Wood Pottery, Patty Stewart, Teresa Gail Designs, Tonja Runyon Arts, and Wired Possum Coffee and Appalachian Table.

WEATHER SUMMARY		
November 18 - 24		
	Low	High
November 18*		
Hurricane	25°	40°
November 19		
Hurricane	40°	44°
November 20		
Hurricane	41°	50°
November 21*		
Hurricane	43°	50°
November 22*		
Hurricane	34°	53°
November 23		
Hurricane	28°	55°
November 24		
Hurricane	27°	54°

*RAIN
1.4 inch recorded Nov. 18
0.7 inch recorded Nov. 21
0.9 inch recorded Nov. 22



Proclamation

City of Hurricane, West Virginia

WHEREAS, Small Business Saturday is a nationwide event that takes place annually on the Saturday after Thanksgiving and is dedicated to supporting small businesses and highlighting the important role they play in our local economy, in job creation and in community vitality; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Chamber of Commerce, there are 33.2 million small businesses in the U.S. that make up 99% of all businesses - and for the past 20 years, small businesses have accounted for roughly 40% of the United States' gross domestic output (GDP), which equates to trillions of dollars of economic activity; and

WHEREAS, small businesses are the backbone of our local community, providing unique products, services, and experiences and contributing to the economic growth and cultural richness of our City; and

WHEREAS, shopping locally and supporting small businesses not only stimulates the economy, but it also strengthens the connections that bind our community together; and

WHEREAS, all residents are encouraged to shop small and support local entrepreneurs, artisans, retailers and restaurants, as a means of promoting economic resilience and community solidarity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Edwards, Mayor of the City of Hurricane, do hereby proclaim November 29, 2025 as:

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

in the City of Hurricane and encourage all residents to make a concerted effort to support and shop at small businesses on this day and throughout the year.

Given under my hand and the seal of the City of Hurricane, West Virginia this the Twenty-fourth day of November in the year 2025

Scott Edwards, Mayor

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.

NOVEMBER 27

- The Bancroft Thanksgiving Parade will start at 11 a.m. at the Bancroft baseball field (corner of 3rd and Jefferson) and go throughout the town.

- There will be a volunteer day at Putnam County Animal Shelter, 12908 Charleston Road, Red House, from 7 to 11 a.m.

- Creekside Church, 488 Charley's Creek Road, Culloden, will be holding a Thanksgiving dinner from 1 to 4 p.m. Everyone welcome.

NOVEMBER 28 - JANUARY 3

- There will be a walk through light display chronicling the birth and life of Jesus from 6 to 11 p.m. at Winfield United Methodist Church, 20 Radwin Drive, Winfield.

NOVEMBER 28 - 29

- Hannah's Pottery, 6 Thoroughbred Road, Scott Depot, will be holding an open house from noon to 3 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

NOVEMBER 28

- The Tri-County YMCA in Scott Depot will be holding Wobble After You Gobble Zumba at 9:30 a.m.

- 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.

- Tots Zone - A Weekly Playtime for ages 1-6 at Quantum Sports - will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays at Quantum Sports Center, 3548 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane.

- Three Piece Suit will be performing from 6 to 9 p.m. at Barnyard BBQ, 56 Hospital Drive, Hurricane.

NOVEMBER 29-30; DECEMBER 5-7; 12-14; 19-21

- Old School Christmas Farm in Red House brings timeless holiday traditions to life with real live reindeer and

Santa visits. Please visit oldschoolchristmas.com for more information and to book tickets!

NOVEMBER 29

- The Next Chapter Antiques & Things, 505 A 1st Avenue, Nitro, will be holding a Christmas open house from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

- There will be free gift wrapping at 10 a.m. at Coffee With A Twist, 101 Main Avenue, Nitro.

- Enjoy Breakfast With the Grinch from 8 a.m. to noon at Poca High School. The cost is \$10 and benefits Visual Volume Show Choir.

- There will be a Small Business Saturday vendor event from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Area 34, 971 WV Route 34, Teays Valley.

- There will be a Yuletide Vendor Event from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Valley Park Convention Center in Hurricane.

- MadeBy Pottery, 2805 Main Street, Hurricane, will be observing Small Business Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

NOVEMBER 30

- Jungle Club Resort Party, Playplace & Childcare, 11624 Winfield Road, Unit 4, Winfield, will be hosting a playdate with Santa and Mrs. Claus for ages 6 and under from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at www.jungleclubresortwv.com

- Dough Daddy's, 200 Great Teays Blvd., Scott Depot, will be hosting a Wicked themed brunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Costumes or green and pink encouraged.

- Rodney Barbour will be playing a holiday concert on the Harah Symphonic Organ at 3 p.m. at Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church, 2848 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane.

- Hurricane First Church of God, 3225 East Putnam Ave, Hurricane, will be holding their Fifth Sunday Evening Gospel Sing at 6 p.m.

TUESDAYS IN DECEMBER

- Winfield United Methodist Church, 20 Radwin Drive, will be providing soup to go for those individuals affected by discontinuation of government food assistance from 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays.

DECEMBER 2

- There are free line dance classes every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Brookse's Bar and Grill, 13184 Winfield Road, Winfield.

- The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce Network of Women will be holding a trivia night at Area 34, 971 State Route 34, Hurricane, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Bring an appetizer to share; the cost is \$10 to play.

DECEMBER 3

- Red House Bible Church, 51 Warner Lane, Red House, will be holding a live nativity from 6 to 8 p.m.

- Local author Laura Shipston Whittington will be discussing her book "Moonwater" at the Eleanor Library from 3 - 4 p.m.

- Wrap your gifts in privacy at the Eleanor Library during regular business hours, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The library will provide paper, ribbon scissors, and other supplies.

DECEMBER 4 - 23

- The West Virginia Farm Museum, 1458 Fairground Road, Point Pleasant, will be holding the holiday light show drive through from 6 to 9

Tenth Annual Christmas Village at Heritage Farm Opening in December

For the 10th year, Heritage Farm invites you and yours to enjoy your local Christmas tradition on the nights of December 5, 6, and 12-14 from 5 to 9 p.m. What started as a live nativity presentation and a few decorated buildings has jingle-jangled its way to becoming one of the tri-state's most beloved seasonal events. "We've done this long enough now that some of our employees have gone from being the young kids attending to being the young adults working! And while we do love to add a new activity each year, we know the magic happens with the classics: walking through the illuminated village, meeting Santa and his friends, taking a wagon ride to see the lights, and hearing and seeing the story of Jesus's birth to celebrate the true reason for the season," says Executive Director Audy Perry.

As always, Heritage Farm offers a unique experience with something for everyone. Your favorite antiques, animals, artisans, and adventure will all be aglow alongside unique Christmas experiences.

Enjoy the Smithsonian-affiliated museums, including the original collection that started it all

p.m. nightly.

DECEMBER 4

- Paint a Christmas truck painting from 6 to 8 p.m. at Brookse's Bar and Grill, 13184 Winfield Road, Winfield. The cost is \$41.93. To register, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/brooks-bar-and-grill-truck-n-tree-painting-class-tickets-1972099432490>

DECEMBER 5 - 6

- The Nativity Ballet will be performing The Nativity at 7 p.m. on Friday and 2 p.m. on Saturday at Bridge Church, 6496 Teays Valley Rd., Scott Depot. Admission is one canned good/non-perishable food item per person.

- Word of Light Community Church will be holding an outdoor live nativity from 6:30 to 9 p.m. each night at Valley Park in Hurricane.

DECEMBER 5

- A Route 62 Christmas - a performance featuring the BHS Choir and combined Buffalo High and Poca High concert bands - will be held at Buffalo High School. Doors open at 6 p.m. and concert starts at 6:30.

- There will be an Ugly Christmas Sweater Dance Party for homeschool middle and high school students from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Faith Christian Fellowship, 54 Krystal Lane, Buffalo. To register, go to <https://www.simpletix.com/e/ugly-christmas-sweater-dance-party-tickets-241748>

- Teays Valley Church of God, Connection Point, Scott Depot, will be presenting The Guiding Star, a Christmas play by Cheryl Harrison, from 7 to 9 p.m.

- Optimum, 168 Great Teays Blvd., Scott Depot, will be hosting Business Before Business from 7:30 to 9 a.m. RSVP by calling the Chamber of Commerce at 304-757-6510.

- There will be an open house at Wexford Village at Devonshire in Scott Depot from 4 to 7 p.m.

- Light Up Valley Park with a Christmas tree lighting, singing, food trucks, carriage rides, Santa Claus, and more, from 6 to 9 p.m.

in the Heritage Museum, which is only open during festivals. Though not all the animals are up and at 'em in the evening, guests can still visit Nutella the miniature horse, Firecracker the Dexter bull, and all the turtles, salamanders, and snakes in the Nature Center. The artisans will be hard at work, putting their skills on display in blacksmithing, weaving, woodturning, basket weaving, printing, broom making, gourd carving, bee keeping, and pottery. Many of them will have creations for sale, bringing a hand-made touch to your Christmas gifting. The adventure activity will be a preview of an attraction found at the upcoming Snow Oasis indoor snow park- an ice slide! Guests can hop on a tube and take off down the twisting slide, located next to the windmill.

Special Christmas activities include meeting Santa, Mrs. Claus, everyone's favorite snowman, cookie decorating, singing along with live music, making festive crafts, enjoying decorative setups both inside and out, and watching the live nativity presentation. There will be sign language interpretation for the live nativity presentation on both Saturday nights, Dec. 6 and 13. The front rows will be reserved for those needing that service.

All activities are included with admission with the only exceptions being cookie decorating and riding the ice slide. Christmas Village will occur regardless of weather, so be ready to bundle up or grab the rain jacket, and, if you're daring, hope for snow!

Perry says that combining holiday trimmings with Farm activities is quite the undertaking, but one that is worth it. "Our staff has done an incredible job decorating what feels like every square inch, taking about the entire month of November. No matter where you are around the Farm, you can get both the joy of Appalachia and the joy of the Christmas season. In what will be the

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

Thanksgiving... the day will be different this year. In Florida, the family ran a race... we had a simple meal... we relaxed... played games... hot weather usually... If I remember correctly, one T'giving it was chilly during the race... unusual for Florida where we lived.

This year, the girls are going to visit friends in another state... Pat, Kathy, and I, and maybe Pat's mom, will do a simple easy meal... relax... rest... no big deal... not much work. I am thinking of making homemade rolls... Mike's mom's recipe... they are delicious... yummmm... will see. I usually just cook for myself now... occasionally Nana's mashed potatoes (WV mashed potatoes)... Nana's special potato soup... or salmon cakes, etc... Nothing big... I cook for myself daily... vegetarian meals.

Thanksgiving in the past... We drove to Hurricane... Mother had a "million" dishes spread out... all cooked by yours truly... she didn't want help... it was fun, but no one could beat her dressing and turkey. Her red velvet cake...

After lunch/dinner at Mother's, we visited awhile before going up

10th year of this event, our goal is the same: to create a place where that joy can be shared among family and friends."

About Heritage Farm
The mission of Heritage Farm is to be a source of hope and renewal for Appalachia by experiencing the past, appreciating today, and preparing for the future. The recreated 1800s village of log buildings includes Smithsonian-affiliated museums, animal encounters, artisan demonstrations, and adventure experiences. Open to the public since 1996 in Huntington, West Virginia, Heritage Farm has welcomed visitors from near and far, delighting both those young and young at heart. It is located at 3300 Harvey Rd, Huntington.

the valley to the Burke's... Mike's mom made such good rolls... her food was like Mother's, just not as much... but for more people... we enjoyed both meals... both times visiting...

After Mike's dad died, his mom visited her kids. WE continued to go to Mother until she died... then whew... our family.

After my kids were established... after I bought Green Acres' home... they came to me... we ate at the lovely dining room table with a "million" dishes just like Mother's. We had such fun... and of course, we prepared for shopping (to save tons of money back then) on Black Friday... a time when I needed to save money because of buying for grands also. It was fun fun fun...

Thanksgiving is not a time for a "million" dishes anymore... it is a time to concentrate on the visiting part... the fun part... the family time... as I become older, I realize that my family does not need much to be happy... It is a time for remembering also.

Being thankful for family and friends is important to me... I count myself blessed to have my NINE... to have their dad still on this earth... to have friends who call me to check on me... thank you so much for the calls... gifts to me...

Thanksgiving should be a time of relaxation... a time for contemplating the past, the present, and looking to the future... our days are what we make of them... I am thankful I have my sweet family, and this year, I will miss seeing those little boys finish a race... I will miss sitting at their table talking about whatever... but I will be with my family here in Indiana... we will begin to make new memories with all of us in the kitchen making simple dishes... because the way we were is the way we are... so very thankful for having each other. Prayers for all of my readers on Thanksgiving... missing those gone... loving those here...

Putnam County Food Pantries And Clothing Banks

Christian Community Cupboard

2843 Virginia Avenue Hurricane
(304) 562-9373
Food pantry open from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Fridays

Calvary Baptist Church

3653 Teays Valley Road Hurricane
(304) 757-8829
Call for food pantry hours.

Light House Baptist Church

2440 US Route 60 Hurricane
304-562-3900
Food pantry on the second Saturday of each month from 9-11 a.m. Church also offers free clothing giveaways on a regular basis.

Teays Valley Baptist Church

3926 Teays Valley Road Hurricane
(304) 380-3100
Call for food pantry hours.

Heartbeat of the Valley

28 Mission Way Scott Depot
(681) 235-2097
heartbeatofthevalley.com

Organization offers food pantry, community programs, and special events; call or go to webpage

for more information.

Good Shepherd Baptist Church

162 Tiger Lane Scott Depot
(304) 757-7621
Monday - Thursdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call before coming.

Salt & Light Food Pantry

Winfield Church of the Nazarene
10822 Winfield Road
(304) 586-2180
Food pantry open second Saturday of the month; 9 a.m. - noon

The Pulse Church

5368 WV Route 34 Winfield
(304) 936-1679
Food pantry open from 2 to 4 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month

Putnam County Family Support Center

108822 Winfield Road Winfield
Hours of operation: 8:30 - 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
Provides free resources, classes, and support to families.

Eleanor Presbyterian Church

647 Eleanor Circle Eleanor
Food pantry open second and third Tuesday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; every fourth Thursday from 4 - 6 p.m.

Buffalo Baptist Church

407 High Street
304-937-3221
Food pantry on the third Friday of the month from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Five Loaves Three Fishes Church

Poca United Methodist Church
Silver Street
(304) 755-7341
Food pantry open from 9 a.m. to noon second and fourth Saturday

Heizer Creek Community Church

6580 Heizer Creek Road, Poca
Food pantry on the third Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. - noon.

Food and More At The Bridge

The Bridge Church
279 Dairy Road Poca
(304) 373-6068
Church offers hot meals, food pantry boxes, and a clothing closet from 5 to 8 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month

Bridge Family Resource Center

30 Mallory Lane North, St. Albans
304-727-6991
Resource Day is held on the third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Clothing, furniture, household, and other items

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Mexican Citizen Living Illegally In Hurricane Pleads Guilty, Sentenced for Immigration Crime

Lazaro Morales-Lauro, 52, a Mexican citizen living illegally in Hurricane, pleaded guilty on November 3, 2025, to reentry of a removed alien and was sentenced to time served. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has an immigration detainer on Morales-Lauro and he was transferred to ICE administrative custody for removal proceedings.

According to court documents and statements made in court, on August 26, 2025, law enforcement officers encountered Morales-Lauro during a traffic stop in Hurricane. ICE agents confirmed that Morales-Lauro was a citizen of Mexico in the United States illegally and that he had previously been deported from the United States five times. Morales-Lauro had no identification documents permitting him legal status in the United States. Morales-Lauro never obtained the express consent of the Secretary of U.S. Homeland Security to reapply for admission to the United States for either of the prior removals, nor did he seek to reenter the United States through other legal means.

United States Attorney Moore Capito made the announcement and commended the investigative work of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Removal Operations (ICE-ERO), the U.S. Department of Homeland Security-Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), and the Hurricane Police Department.

United States District Judge Robert C. Chambers presided over the hearing. Assistant United States Attorney Jonathan T. Storage prosecuted the case, as part of a special unit within the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of West Virginia focused on the immigration enforcement objectives of Operation Take Back America.

Operation Take Back America is a nationwide initiative that marshals the full resources of the Department of Justice to repel the invasion of illegal immigration, achieve the total elimination of cartels and transnational criminal organizations (TCOs), and protect our communities from the perpetrators of violent crime.



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.

Nov. 27, 1848: African American educator William H. Davis was born. As a teacher of Black children in Malden, his most famous student was Booker T. Washington. In 1888, Davis was nominated as an independent candidate for governor—to date, the only Black person so honored in West Virginia history.

Nov. 27, 1933: Daniel Boardman Purinton, a faculty member and president of West Virginia University, died. He was an early and strong supporter of co-education.

Nov. 28, 1864: In a local skirmish north of Moorefield, Rosser's Confederate cavalry and McNeill's Rangers rebuffed a raid by Union Col. R. E. Fleming and spared the South Branch Valley from destruction. The battlefields are part of the Middle South Branch Valley rural historic district.

Nov. 28, 1890: Colonel Hubbard W. Shawhan was born in Kentucky. As West Virginia's first official State Forester and first director of the state Conservation Commission, Shawhan oversaw the purchase of 102,000 acres of mountain lands and the development of the state's first parks and forests.

Nov. 29, 1921: The actress Dagmar was born Virginia Ruth Egnor in Lincoln County. Her acting career took off in 1950 when she was hired to be on NBC's "Broadway Open House," the network's first late-night television show.

Nov. 29, 2001: Writer John Knowles died in Florida. Knowles, born in Fairmont, attained literary fame in 1959 with his first

novel, *A Separate Peace*.
Nov. 30, 1796: Brooke County was established under an act of the General Assembly of Virginia. The county was formed from part of Ohio County and named in honor of Robert Brooke, governor of Virginia.

Nov. 30, 1865: Hymnist Ida L. Reed was born into a Methodist family near Philippi. She wrote some 2,000 hymns, some of which have remained quite popular, such as "I Belong to the King."

Dec. 1, 1936: Artist Ellie Schaul was born in Massachusetts. Since moving to West Virginia in 1956, she has been one of Appalachia's most enduring artists.

Dec. 2, 1859: John Brown was hanged at Charles Town in Jefferson County. Maj. Thomas J. Jackson, later nicknamed "Stonewall," was among those commanding the Virginia forces standing

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Elementary School										
Buffalo	223	222	220	217	188	190	193	179	183	191
Confidence	173	182	151	139	99	114	103	106	102	108
Conner Street	385	371	361	369	342	359	356	336	290	288
Eastbrook	267	256	266	247	237	223	246	266	255	283
Geo. Wash.	258	247	255	259	244	235	214	214	201	200
Hometown	75	62	58	69	77	71	52	45	58	66
Hurricane Town	374	360	370	351	325	333	300	295	269	251
Lakeside	257	251	223	220	188	190	174	171	181	181
Poca	301	297	309	300	258	284	286	291	278	282
Rock Branch	224	222	229	215	207	230	214	197	187	196
Scott Teays	495	475	479	474	469	484	463	464	435	355
West Teays	527	529	508	519	524	521	501	465	452	448
Winfield	507	525	564	545	516	515	507	532	532	530
MountainView	420	429	437	463	448	458	477	453	457	460
Middle School										
Geo. Wash.	291	294	288	302	295	289	306	284	291	261
Hurricane	967	1,013	954	934	869	837	849	838	821	789
Poca	348	317	297	281	285	295	309	297	277	262
Winfield	627	604	623	639	623	595	556	523	552	555
High School										
Buffalo	362	341	345	350	355	358	377	376	382	382
Hurricane	1,275	1,265	1,284	1,291	1,305	1,332	1,256	1,228	1,141	1,086
Poca	535	517	488	486	467	445	446	432	410	403
Winfield	824	849	827	790	817	762	793	792	743	778
Services										
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Putnam Total	9,715	9,628	9,536	9,460	9,138	9,120	9,008	8,806	8,504	8,357

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2013-14 Putnam Total - 9,907

Putnam Population

2013-14	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
56,496	56,670	56,704	56,710	56,507	57,444	57,359	57,063	56,962	57,067	57,192

<https://www.neilsberg.com/insights/putnam-county-wv-population-by-year/>

Governor and First Lady Morrissey Announce Capitol Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration

Attendees encouraged to participate in toy drive for foster children across West Virginia

Governor Patrick Morrissey and First Lady Denise Morrissey happily invite families from across West Virginia to join them for the official Capitol Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration at the West Virginia Capitol Complex on Thursday, December 4. Starting at 6 p.m., the

free festivities take place on the Capitol steps facing Kanawha Boulevard.

"As we begin this blessed month celebrating the birth of Christ, we are looking forward to having West Virginians join us in kicking off the Christmas season with the lighting of the Capitol Christmas

Tree," said Governor Patrick Morrissey. "We are asking all those attending who are able to donate a toy or coat and help bring holiday cheer to West Virginia children in foster care."

The centerpiece of this year's tree lighting is a 25-foot spruce donated by Crickmer Farms on behalf of the West Virginia Christmas Tree Growers Association. The celebration will be emceed by WOWK Anchor Amanda Barren and will feature live performances from the Capital High School band and choir, the River City Youth Ballet, festive Christmas sing-alongs, and more holiday entertainment. For those unable to attend in person, the event will be live-streamed by West Virginia Public Broadcasting.

Following the tree lighting ceremony, guests are invited to the West

Virginia Culture Center for Christmas cookies, hot chocolate, photo opportunities with Santa, Mrs. Claus, and an elf, crafts, and other holiday surprises.

Attendees are encouraged to donate toys and coats for the Children's Home Society of West Virginia, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the well-being of foster children across the state. This year, the organization is particularly in need of gifts suited for older children. Donations may be dropped off at the West Virginia Culture Center or on the Capitol steps during the event.

Free parking will be available in the Capitol Complex parking garage and Laidley Field parking lot. Kanawha Boulevard will be closed to traffic beginning at 4 p.m. for the event.

guard at the execution of the abolitionist who led the raid at Harpers Ferry.

Dec. 2, 1933: The Charles Town Race Track opened shortly after West Virginia legalized racing and parimutuel betting. The Jefferson County complex contained 22 buildings and included 12 stables.

Dec. 2, 1945: Betty Ireland was born in Charleston. In 2004, the Republican was elected secretary of state, making her the first woman elected to the executive branch of West Virginia state government.

Dec. 3, 1787: James Rumsey demonstrated the steam engine he invented on the Potomac River near Shepherdstown. This was 20 years before Robert Fulton's boat, though the Fulton design was more practical, and it is Fulton who is honored today as the inventor of the steamboat.

Dec. 3, 1871: Statesman Newton Diehl Baker was born in Martinsburg. Appointed by President Woodrow Wilson, Baker served as secretary of war from 1916 to 1921. Baker

oversaw U.S. involvement in World War I.

Dec. 3, 1921: Operatic soprano Phyllis (Smith) Curtin was born in Clarksburg. She made her debut with the New York City Opera in 1953, where she sang both classical and modern repertoire.

Dec. 3, 1949: WSAZ-TV provided the first telecast of a Marshall College (now University) basketball game. The television station, the 72nd in the nation and the first in West Virginia, was an affiliate of WSAZ radio station.

Cpl. William B. Fulks Detachment 1474 invites all interested in becoming part of the Marine Corps League to its December 15 meeting at Hurricane City Hall at 3255 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, at 1800 hours.



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

Through numbers the League works to protect the benefits of all veterans.

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

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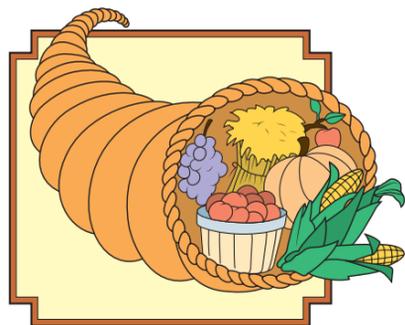
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Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



Light Years

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

The season's here and so I go,
and dig in my garage
To open all the boxes, where our
decorations lodge

The strings of lights are waiting there,
I do it for my spouse
She says Pearl Harbor Day's the day,
to decorate our house

I take out all the candles, then the
wreath goes on the door
The bathroom towels and tinsel next,
those Santa dolls and more

Then I pull and tug on lights,
stored at specific angles
I thought I packed them carefully,
how did they get so tangled?

Now's the time to plug and test,
and here's the paradox
They had a year's vacation but,
they burned out in the box

Fillers Contributors Wanted

The Hurricane Breeze always needs Fillers Page contributors. We would like to print your recipes, inspirational sayings, poems, clean jokes, fun facts, and other submissions.

Please send contributions to The Hurricane Breeze Fillers Page, PO Box 310, Hurricane, WV 25526.

You can also email submissions to breezenews@citynet.net

Savor the Season with Fresh, Roasted Pork

(Family Features) If this year's holiday menu is in need of an upgrade, look no further than the main course. A twist on tradition may be all that's necessary to take seasonal meals up a level for a fresh way to savor the season and celebration.

Pork can become your family's new festive favorite with this showstopping Stuffed Boneless Pork Loin Roast at the center of the feast. Fragrant stuffing made from aromatic veggies, bread, sage, rosemary and apples turns a simple pork loin into a dazzling dish that's sure to wow loved ones.

This roast is perfectly suited for a holiday gathering with Coleman All-Natural Meat's humane-certified Boneless Center Cut Pork Butt Roast. With a leading legacy as an all-natural meat provider since 1875, it's celebrating its 150-year anniversary this season.

The milestone celebrates and recognizes a family heritage and commitment to all-natural, humanely raised meats sourced from American farmers, raised with no antibiotics ever, no added hormones and fed an all-vegetarian diet.

A delicious, extravagant way to upgrade your family's main course this season, you just might've found a new favorite way to ring in the holidays with a tender, juicy, effortlessly sliced roast. Find more holiday recipe ideas by visiting ColemanNatural.com.

Stuffed Boneless Pork Loin Roast

Prep time: 40 minutes

Cook time: 95 minutes

Servings: 6

- 1 Coleman Natural boneless pork roast (3-4 pounds)
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/2 cup diced celery
- 1/2 cup diced carrots
- 1/2 cup diced onions
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup milk
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 1 tablespoon fresh sage
- 1 tablespoon fresh rosemary
- 2 cups cubed fresh bread, crust removed
- 1 apple, diced
- gravy, for serving

Preheat oven to 375 F.

Butterfly roast.

In large skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil and butter. Add celery, carrots and onions; cook until softened, about 5 minutes.

While vegetables are cooking, whisk eggs; milk; salt, to taste; and pepper, to taste, until well combined. Mince sage and rosemary.

In large bowl, combine bread, vegetable mixture, liquid ingredients, apples, sage and rosemary. Gently toss until bread absorbs most of the liquid.

Cut three pieces of butcher's twine about 4 inches longer than the longest side of butterflied roast. Lay string on cutting board horizontally and lay roast on top of string to cover.

Place half of the stuffing mixture onto butterflied pork loin and press down firmly. Roll roast up and tie with butcher's twine to hold it together, taking care not to tie too tightly, and press any stuffing that comes loose back into ends of roast.

Place stuffed and tied roast, fat cap up, on rack over baking sheet. Season liberally with salt and pepper; roast until meat thermometer inserted into roast registers 140 F, 75-90 minutes.

Place remaining stuffing in a small ovenproof casserole dish and cover with foil. After roasting 30 minutes, place extra stuffing in oven to cook alongside roast.

Remove foil from extra stuffing and remove roast from oven. Let rest for 10 minutes then remove the extra stuffing from oven.

Cut twine from roast and discard. Cut roast into six thick slices, taking care not to lose stuffing. Serve with extra stuffing and gravy.

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

I'm just a little girl
living in an old woman's
body.

Do good with what you
have, or it won't do you
any good.

Positivity is not just a
mindset; it's a way of life.

It's not about having
time. It's about making
time.

Everybody said enjoy
your money because life is
short. My money is gone
and I am still here.

I miss the good old
days when phones stayed
on the wall and didn't
follow you around.

I don't care how hot it
gets, summer will always
be better than winter. I
never slipped on sunshine.

Dirty waters don't stop
plants from growing, so
don't let negative words
stop your progress.

Sometimes you just
have to stay silent because
no words can explain how
you feel.

So a burglar broke into
the house. I put the red
dot on his chest and the
cat did the rest.

If your television went
off air every night with
Star Spangled Banner, you
grew up in a great era.

Nothing you wear is as
important as a smile.

Wakey, wakey, sore and
achy. Good Morning to
y'all.

Be the reason someone
believe in goodness today.

No bird soars too high
if he soars on his own
wings.

They say the best things
take time. That's why I'm
always late.

You can't pour into
others from an empty cup
- fill yours first.

Your life is as good as
your mindset.

Life is short. Eternity is
too long to be wrong.

Common sense
isn't dead; it's just been
ignored.

Being tired has become
part of my personality.

From word to deed is a
great space.

Keep your face toward
the sunshine.

Today is a gift - unwrap
it with joy.

Don't Just wish - work
for it.

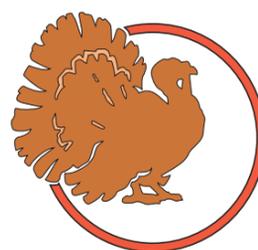
The best is yet to come.

Just when you are
about to lose hope, God
sends you a big blessing to
remind you that you have
been heard.

They say that what
doesn't kill you makes you
stronger. At this point, I
should be able to bench-
press a Buick.

When the world seem
cold and it seems no one
cares, remember there is
someone who cares and
shares all your troubles
- God.

I remember when I
could go out seven nights



a week. Now, if I go out,
it takes me eight days to
recover.

Instead of cleaning the
house, I just watch an
episode of hoarders and
think, "Wow my house
looks great!"

Life isn't always
sunshine and butterflies;
sometimes you have to
learn to smile through
the pain.

You know you're
getting older when you
start to notice little gray
hairs in your children's
hair.

It doesn't matter how
cold it gets, someone
somewhere is sleeping
with a fan on.

Happiness is not a
place; it's a state of being.

Time is not refundable;
use it with intention.

Don't forget to laugh
today. It's good for the
soul.

Enjoy life, it melts faster
than you think.

Efforts are always better
than promises.

A doggy is not a thing.
A thing is replaceable. A
doggy is not. A thing is
disposable. A doggy is
not. A thing doesn't have
a heart. A doggy's heart
is bigger than any "thing"
you can ever own.

Our greatest weakness
lies in giving up. The most
certain way to succeed
is always to try just one
more time. - Thomas A.
Edison

Strength isn't about
how much you can handle
before you break. It's
about how much you can
endure after you've been
broken.

Husbands will be
over there snoring loud
enough to shake the walls,
then open their eyes and
confidently claim, "I
wasn't asleep."

Even if you can't see the
light right now, you are
the light. Keep shining.

My friend learned to
play the piano by ear, but
now she uses her hands.

Happiness is meeting
an old friend after a long
time, and feeling like
nothing has changed.

Seeing potential where
others see a problem
that's the quiet magic of
teaching.

Sitting silently beside
a friend who is hurting,
may be the best gift we
can give.

The sun never stops
shining. Sometimes the
clouds just get in the way.

The only thing we can
do about awful people is
not be one.

Don't look back with
regret, look forward with
hope.

If wisdom comes with
age, wrinkles must be
wisecracks.

A book is like a garden
carried in the pocket.

God gives us Himself in
the form of other people.

Love lives on in the
smallest acts.

It's okay if all you did
today was survive.

Everyone deserves love
and kindness.

It takes a long time to
grow young.

Many times it takes just
1 member of the family to
initiate the action to bring
a family back together
again. - Billy Graham

When you're young
and you drop something
you just pick it up. When
you're older and you drop
something, you stare at for
a while, wondering if you
actually need it anymore.

A nation that destroys
its soils destroys itself.
Forests are the lung of our
land, purifying the air and
giving fresh strength to
our people. - Franklin D.
Roosevelt

It's funny how sharks
can smell blood, dogs
sniff out drugs, yet some
humans can't even smell
themselves when it's time
for deodorant.

When you help other
people, you help yourself.
It's impossible to not feel
great when you do good
for other people.

I am a trust fund baby.
My parents trusted me to
go fund myself.

Anger burns the one
who holds that, not the
one that's burned up.

Happiness is not found;
it is created in small daily
choices.

When we were kids,
nobody had allergies. We
all just ate dirt and moved
on.

If you're proud of task,
knowledge and intelligent,
money will continue to
come.

Peace is not the absence
of all problems, but the
presence of God.

Everyone occasionally
needs a hand. And
sometimes that hand is
a paw.

If you don't have to
make a decision about
something, then don't
decide.

The more you fear
something happening, the
more likely it is to occur.

Watching someone
replace you like you never
mattered really hurts.

Control your tongue
and you control half your
problems.

Money dignifies what
is frivolous if unpaid for.

The quieter you
become, the more you
hear.

Bible Verse



If anyone, then, knows
the good they ought to do
and doesn't do it, it is sin
for them.

— James 4:17

A Message from the Mayor...



November is the month that we tend to take extra time to count our blessings and be grateful for all that we have. With that in mind, I want to express how thankful I am to be the Mayor of Hurricane. I'm especially thankful for the people I'm able to work with because of this role – not just this time of year, but every single day of the year. I hope you agree with me that we live in the best place in the world! As we near the end of another year, our City has been seeing much growth and progress. Yes, there are some growing pains, but there are so many communities right here in West Virginia that would love to be in our position. People are moving to our area because they see what many of us have seen all along. They love our parks and schools; they love our friendly people, and they want to be where good stuff is happening.

While we should be thankful every day of the year for so many things in life, I encourage everyone reading this to take some time - get out a pen and paper or pull up the "notes" app on your phone - and write down all the blessings you can see in your life right now. I guarantee that it can change your perspective to look for the good!

Shop Small in Hurricane

It's hard to believe, but the Christmas shopping season is already in full swing! No matter if you've already started your shopping or if you are you a last-minute person and won't start until almost December 25th, I want to encourage all of you to "shop small" as much as possible. Maybe you need just one more item for someone special in your life or maybe you need several things, but I can assure you that spending any of your dollars at locally owned shops and restaurants truly matters! We say this every year, but we truly have so many awesome small businesses in the Hurricane and Teays Valley area to support. Think about it this way: when you buy from a local business owner, you are helping that person realize their very own American dream! That's pretty special.

To further promote this idea, I will be issuing a proclamation denoting that Saturday, November 29th will officially be Small Business Saturday in the City of Hurricane! The Saturday following Thanksgiving has been promoted for several years by the Small Business Administration as a time to shop small following the traditional Black Friday. It is my hope that you will shop at local businesses all year long, but this is a day that we really do an extra push to encourage everyone to show our local business owners an abundance of support, love and appreciation.

While you are out shopping, be sure to bring the kids down to our "Letters for Santa" mailbox which will be set up near the big tree on Main Street beginning November 26th through Sunday, December 14th. Please don't lose track of that December 14th deadline and help us spread the word about it. It makes us sad to hear about anxious kids not getting to mail their letter because the magical mailbox has gone back to the North Pole. But, we also need to make sure our elves have time to get all the letters to Santa in time for him to write return letters!

We also have some fun Christmas lights set to music at the top of the hill at Hurricane Bridge Park this year. (Enter Hurricane Bridge Park from the Main Street side.) It's free – all you have to do is drive up, tune your radio to 88.1 and enjoy some Christmas magic anytime you're out and about between 5:00 and 11:00pm every day until Christmas.

Even more Christmas Fun

Mark your calendar! The City of Hurricane's annual Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, December 13th beginning at noon. It will begin at Hurricane Bridge Park and continue to First Baptist Church on Main Street. The theme of the parade this year is "Santa's Helpers on Parade", and it is presented by Cornerstone Realty. Make plans with family and friends to come out and watch! If you want to be in the parade, but you haven't signed up yet, it's easy to do – just go to hurricanewv.com and click on "Events". We'll also have a free pre-parade "Cookies with Mrs. Claus" event and fun photo opportunities in the old fire station along with visits with Santa immediately following the parade!

On Saturday, December 20th, we will host Free Horse and Carriage Rides presented by H&R Block of Hurricane on Main Street from 4:00 – 7:00pm. This could be an awesome "date night" or "family fun" opportunity! You can go to downtown Hurricane, grab a bite to eat at one of our awesome restaurants, take a leisurely horse and carriage ride and enjoy some Christmas cheer! You can find more details under "Events" on our website at www.hurricanewv.com.

Speaking of Christmas cheer, we are once again hosting a Christmas House Decorating Contest! This contest gives anyone who lives in Hurricane's city limits a chance at some bragging rights and a trophy. All you must do is decorate the exterior of your house yourself (professionally decorated houses aren't eligible), fill out the free entry form on our website, submit a photo (and a video if you choose) and you could win! As always, there are three categories: Traditional, Clark Griswold and Crazy Inflatables. You can find all the details including due dates on our website. We must have at least three entries per category for prizes to be awarded, so don't count yourself out. Enter, spread some Christmas cheer, have some fun with us and you might even win! If you have questions, you can call City Hall at 304-562-5896 or email events@hurricanewv.com. This contest is designed not only to make Hurricane look beautiful but also help everyone experience the joy of Christmas. I sincerely hope you will take the time to load up your family one evening, grab some hot chocolate and drive around to look at all the lights together then vote for your favorites. A list of participating addresses will be posted on our website and Facebook page the week of December 8th.

Stay Connected

Please be sure to follow us if you're on social media for all the latest and most up-to-date information and announcements! On Facebook, it's: www.facebook.com/CityofHurricaneWV and on Instagram it's www.instagram.com/wvcityofhurricane.

Last but not least, I want to say THANK YOU to our awesome members of City Council: Recorder Linda Gibson, Michael Black, CD Caldwell, Marshall Ginn, Gerry Spears and Ryan Wheeler. A big thanks also goes to all our city staff including the administration, Hurricane Construction Services, Hurricane City Park and Hurricane Bridge Park employees, water and utility departments, Hurricane Police Department, Hurricane Fire & Rescue and all of you for the support and assistance in making Hurricane a great place to live, work and play. If you ever have questions or suggestions, feel free to call me on my cell at 304-419-0022 or email me at sedwards@hurricanewv.com. The public is also always welcome at our City Council meetings to learn more about what's going on! Our meetings take place on the first Monday of each month at 6:30pm (unless there is a holiday, in which case it moves to the first Tuesday at 6:30).

THANK YOU!

Scott Edwards, Mayor

MAKING PLANS



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Arranging appointments and maintaining busy schedules is an unremitting task; weeks can fly by in a whirlwind of activities. Sometimes, we need to assess our expenditure of time. Are we using it wisely? Is God marked on our calendar? This consideration affects all our plans; God wants us to make Him a part of each day. Our stress level can decrease as our faith in God's power increases. "In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps" says Proverbs 16:9. Let God help you with your plans, and plan to visit your house of worship every week.

Daily Bible Readings

Psalm	Psalm	Psalm	Psalm	Psalm	Mark	Mark
146	147	148	149	150	1:1-8	1:9-20

Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society X Daily Devotional at DailyBible.AmericanBible.org

BASIC BIBLE

By Ron Allen
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Who Is like God?

Isaiah 40:12-17

The scripture before us is a message from God. Isaiah was the delivery boy. Isaiah delivered God's message to the nation of Judah during the reigns of four kings — Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah. Isaiah prophesied a long time. This message, however, is not specific to them who heard the words which God gave to him. This message is directed to them who erred in their thinking.

The book of Isaiah begins with the statement that the ox knows his owner but Israel does not know God (Isa. 1:3). This message is directed to the ears of them who mistakenly think that they know God.

In the text before us, God implores His people to know Him. Through Isaiah, God asks: "Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand . . ." (v. 12). The waters which God holds in the hollow of His hand are measured by Him and, physically, consists of all water which He caused to come into existence (Gen. 1:1). God is the Creator of all things. All things have measure because God has given measure to all things. God gave measure to the heavens, to the dust of the earth, and to the dimension and mass of hills and mountains.

All men view creation and marvel at its greatness. God declares His greatness to all men, both to them who know Him and those who do not, through His creation. God is greater than His creation. God wants all men to look upon His creation and know Him.

In verse 13, God, through Isaiah, asks: "Who hath directed the Spirit of the Lord, or being his counsellor hath taught him?" The answer is obvious. The Lord directs the Spirit of the Lord and the Lord is without a counsellor. If there were to be a counsellor to the Lord, the counsellor would, by necessity, be of God's making.

In Isaiah's day, God spoke to His people through His holy prophets. Isaiah was made holy by God (see Isa. 6:1-7). Isaiah knew God. Those to whom Isaiah prophesied did not know God. Not knowing God, they rejected the message which the Spirit directed Isaiah to deliver. Judah claimed to know the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob but did not hear the words which He spoke. In scientific verbiage of today, Judah possessed the DNA of Abraham according to the flesh but not according to the Spirit. All who know God hear the Spirit speak and obey.

In verse 14, Isaiah focuses upon the source of God's knowledge and understanding. God does not receive counsel or instruction from anything or anyone. God counts belief for righteousness (Gen. 15:6) because God is God. New Testament believers know the "who" that directs the Spirit of the Lord because the Son said, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (Jn. 14:26). The Holy Spirit, in teaching and in bringing into remembrance that which Jesus said, makes God known to us. We rejoice because we know the Father through the Son. The Son is the Word who was with God and was God (Jn. 1:1). We know that all things were made by Him and without Him nothing came into being (Jn. 1:3).

God, by the power of His voice, spoke all things into existence. New Testament believers know the power of God because we have been changed by it. Verse 15 is for them who do not know God's power. Men measure power with their eyes. Men behold nations of great wealth and military might and see power. God sees that same wealth and military might and sees a speck of dust upon a balance. A speck of dust possesses the power of a speck of dust. It does not tip the scales. God wants men to know His power. It is a small thing for God to take up the isles. It is a small thing for God to do the impossible. One cannot know God if one does not know that God can do and does the impossible. Again, New Testament believers personally know God because He has done for us what it is impossible for us to do for ourselves.

In verse 16, God speaks to them who mistakenly think they know Him. In Isaiah's day and in days to follow, men prided themselves in the offerings which they presented to God. God wants men to know the insufficiency of their offerings. The offering up of Lebanon (its massive forests and abundant wildlife) is not sufficient. If a man believes that his best is enough, he does not know God. Again, God wants men to know that their best is not sufficient. Man's best cannot do the impossible. God wants all men to call upon Him to do the impossible. Man cannot save himself from himself.

"All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity" (v. 17). This is not a statement of opinion. It is a statement from God. God wants all men to know that all who trust in nations — the power of wealth and military might — trust in nothing. God gave these words to Isaiah to deliver to them who did not know Him. God would have all men call upon Him, believing.

Isaiah delivered these words to Isaiah during the days of king Hezekiah. Hezekiah knew God because he saw God do the impossible. Hezekiah saw God smite 185,000 Assyrians in one night (II Kings 19:35) and witnessed the shadow of the sun move backward ten degrees (II Kings 20:11). New Testament believers know God because He has given us the Comforter, the Spirit of truth (Jn. 14:17).

Let us tell others of that which we have received.



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KIDS TALK ABOUT GOD

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How Do You Know If You're Going To Heaven?

"My grandma thinks I'm going to heaven," says Kole, 6.

Why is it that most grandchildren can't get enough of their grandparents?

Most grandparents are smart enough to just love on their grandkids. They leave the hard stuff like correction and discipline for the parents.

Kids instinctively sense when someone loves them. They know their grandparents think they're very special, and they love it. If grandparents possessed the key to heaven, all their grandkids would have their tickets punched for heaven.

"You have to be good," says Carly, 6.

That's exactly the problem, Carly. Do you know anyone who is good always? If no one is good all the time, how good do you have to be to walk through the pearly gates? Many people think God grades on the curve. If I've been better than most people, God will roll out the golden carpet to welcome me into heaven, right? WRONG!

God doesn't grade on the curve. When we compare ourselves to other people, we're looking at the wrong standard for entering heaven. We need to look at God instead of people. God is good all the time because goodness is his nature.

"I know I am going to heaven because I believe that Jesus died on the cross to take away my sins," says Reecie, 7. "I know that this is the way to get to heaven because God said so, and God is truthful" (John 3:16).

Reecie is not trusting in her own efforts to be good. She knows that she could never earn the kind of goodness that God requires to live with him forever. The Lord Jesus Christ is God's standard for goodness and heaven. Out of all the billions of people who have been born, only he was good all

the time. As God's only son, Jesus came from heaven in order to make the way to heaven available for all. Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).

Amazingly, Jesus Christ offers eternal life as a free gift to all who will simply trust him and him alone as their only way to heaven. In spite of the fact that Jesus said, "It is finished," as he hung on the cross, many people still think Jesus needs help in being the savior of the world.

You can't be truly confident or powerful unless you know with certainty that you have eternal life. Death is the biggest problem everyone faces. Jesus conquered death when he rose from the grave after three days. True liberation and power comes from knowing you are God's child forever. No one including you can undo a spiritual birth any more than one can undo a physical birth.

When you're born again spiritually into God's family, you belong to him forever. God wants to bless all his children. Like any good father, he disciplines his children (Hebrews 12:6). However, he never disowns them. That can't happen because God promised eternal life to all who accept the Lord Jesus as their savior.

No sin or failure is greater than Christ's sacrifice for sin. Wow!

Think about this: The very nature of the life that God gives when anyone trusts the Lord Jesus as his or her savior is "eternal."

Memorize this truth: "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of my hand" (John 10:28).

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Obituaries

RUTH ANN BARNETTE
Ruth Ann Barnette, 83, of Leon, passed away Sunday, November 16, 2025, at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was a lifelong homemaker who loved the country lifestyle. She enjoyed canning, working in her flowers, squirrel hunting and fishing. She was an avid bell collector with an extensive collection of bells. She was a Christian and enjoyed attending the Buffalo Senior Center.

member of Sycamore Baptist Church. Doris was a career woman and had a passion for the outdoors and singing but her love language was with her food. Cooking and baking was her biggest desire and the kitchen was her happy place. She found great joy feeding the people she cared about. Each meal carried a message: I love you. You matter to me.

Born August 2, 1942 in Putnam County she was the daughter of the late Homer K. Criner and Lesta E. Landers Criner. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Jimmy Criner and Tony Criner; sisters, Mary Lou Boggess, Agatha Gay Curry, Beth Barnett and Sue Bailey.

Doris had an amazing sense of humor and always wore a smile. We will remember her stories, her strength, and her generous heart. The meals that brought our families together. We will miss her laughter and the unique way she said "Bye" when hanging up the phone. Most of all, we will remember that she lived a life of faith, love and service and a life that touched us all.

Survivors include her loving husband of 62 years Brycil Barnette; sons, Bill (Elizabeth) Barnette of Leon, Bob (Beth) Barnette of Poca, Mike (Sherry) Barnette of Marion OH and Aaron Barnette of Marion OH; grandchildren; Rachel (Jon) Knight, Nikki Beegle, Amanda Beegle and Amber Beegle; great grandchildren, Tyler Beegle, Audrey Wray, Hayden Wray, Dillon Robinson, Dalton Robinson and Delilah Tomlinson; brothers, Dayton (Barb) Criner, Keith (Julie) Criner, Ronnie (Dinah) Criner, Tommy (Teresa) Criner, Mike (Diane) Criner; sisters Delores Barnes, Nagene (Mike) Cable and Pixie Legg; brother in law, Belvin Barnett. Ruth is also survived by several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents Levi and Goldie Bowyer, brothers Jarrell and Charles Bowyer, sisters Faye Johnson, Darlene Morris and Marlene White. One son Brent Edward Chaney and her loving husband of 41 years Ralph Chaney.

Funeral service was Thursday, November 20, 2025, at Raynes Funeral Home, Buffalo, with Matt Crum and Pastor Pete Cobb officiating.

Doris is survived by her siblings Phyllis Clagg, Marylin Kirby and Randy Bowyer. Daughters Angie Fizer, Diana (Chris) McNeal. Grand children Ashley Jones, Cameron (Haley) Hale, Jordan Glover, Renee (Jay) Hartman, Brandon Chaney, Alyssa (Jarod) Wells, Rebekah (Garrett) Powell, Addi (Amanda) Alden and 14 great grandchildren.

Funeral service was Tuesday, November 25, with Pastor David Vickers officiating. Burial was in Mt. Moriah Cemetery.

JOHNNIE MICHAEL FOSTER

Johnnie Michael Foster, 73, of St. Charles, Missouri, passed away on November 3, 2025.

He was born to the late Elmer Odell Foster and Ruby Foster on December 26, 1951.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his sisters: Coneda Gibson, Judy Foster, and Patricia Foster.

Johnnie began his education in Bailey's one-room schoolhouse, where

his teacher, Mrs. Billups, was also his Sunday School teacher at Bethel Baptist Church, where he was a member.

He graduated from Hurricane High School (Class of 1969), attended West Virginia State University, and earned his Master's Degree from Western New England College.

Johnnie retired from Solutia and worked many years in Information Technology. He took great pride in his work, the relationships he built over the years, and the role he played among his colleagues in the local IT community in St. Louis.

Johnnie had a deep love for his family and his home state of West Virginia. He cherished time spent with loved ones — sharing stories, laughter, and good food. Whether it was cheering on his Mountaineers, exploring the hills where he grew up, or simply being surrounded by family, Johnnie's heart was happiest when he was home.

He shared a special bond with his nieces and nephews, who looked up to him like an older brother and he treasured those relationships throughout his life.

He is survived by his daughter, Jessica Pangilinan and her children, Rose, Ruby, and Miles; his son, Jeremy Foster and wife, Emily, and their children Hayden, Grant, and Marin; his ex-wife, Brenda Foster; and his brother, Gerald Foster and wife Jane Ellen.

Funeral service for Johnnie was Friday, November 14, 2025, at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane. Burial was in Lower Hodges Cemetery, Hurricane.

IRVIN MERRILL JIVIDEN

Irvin Merrill Jividen, 88, of Midway, passed away Sunday, November 16, 2025, at Celebration Villa following a brief illness. He started working for Sears Roebuck in 1957 as a salesperson and retired

as the store manager of the Huntington Mall Sears. Merrill was an active member of the Midway Church, serving many years as the adult Sunday School teacher and the Choir Director. He was a distance runner, an avid hunter, and a master at growing a garden. Merrill was known as a man of solid faith and service. He so loved and committed to his family.

Born February 25, 1937 he was the son of the late Oshel Jividen and Hazel Lunsford Jividen. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Cheryl Anne Jividen Barnett; sister, Eunice Stone; brothers, Olin Jividen, Elvin Jividen, and Glennis Jividen.

Survivors include his loving wife of 68 years, Patricia Jividen; grandson, Andrew J. (Francis) Barnett; great grandchildren, Callie, Levi, Isaiah and Theodore; son in law; Rod (Diane) Barnett; brothers, Vernon Jividen of Cross Lanes and Veril Jividen of Scott Depot. Merrill is also survived by several nieces, nephews, church family and friends.

Funeral service was Saturday, November 22, 2025 at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastor Joe Rogers and Pastor Jeff Pitchford officiating. Burial was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House.

MICHAEL 'MICK' SPENCE

Michael "Mick" Spence, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and true outdoorsman, passed away surrounded by the love of his family on November 22, 2025, after a short illness.

Mick is survived by his loving wife, Glendale Spence; his daughters, Nicole (Sean) Fuellhart and Janessa Spence; and his cherished grandchildren, Evan (Bella) Fuellhart, Ryan Fuellhart, and Landon Sadorra. Preceded in death by his parents Ronald and Mary Spence and sister Pat Hylar.

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Surviving siblings include Linda Bartlett, Teresa Cook, Richard Spence, Joe Spence, Johnny Spence and numerous nieces and nephews. Born with a natural talent for working with his hands, Mick could fix anything put in front of him. Mick proudly served in the US Navy Construction Battalion Seabees as a young man. He spent his career as a proud member of Sheet Metal Workers Local 33, dedicating decades of hard work before retiring. His strong work ethic, reliability, and loyalty were admired by everyone who knew him.

outdoors. Above all, Mick loved his family. He was a steady, strong, and loving presence — someone who showed up, worked hard, and gave deeply. To his wife, daughters, and grandsons, he was more than a provider; he was a teacher, a protector, and the heart of their family. His greatest expression of affection was doing acts of service — fixing, helping, building, or simply showing up for the people he cared about. It was in these quiet, steady gestures that his love shined the brightest.

Mick was an extraordinary outdoorsman. Whether hunting, fishing, or simply exploring the woods, he felt most at home in nature. His greatest joy came from sharing those passions with his grandsons, who lovingly called him "Pops". He took immense pride in teaching them the skills, patience, and respect that come with a life lived

Mick's legacy will live on in the stories he told, the lessons he passed down, and the love he gave so freely. He will be forever missed and remembered with gratitude. A celebration of Mick's life was held at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Bancroft on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, with Father Chapin officiating.

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE 3615 Brookshire Drive, Hurricane, WV 25526

In a Deed of Trust dated February 14, 2022, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 1317, at page 42 Daniel A. Hinkle and Tiffany D. Lippert did convey unto Metz Law Office, 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:

January 14, 2026 At 12:30 PM The property for sale as described by the Deed of Trust is as follows:

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND, TOGETHER WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND THE APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING, SITUATE IN TEAYS VALLEY DISTRICT, PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, AND BEING ALL OF LOT TWENTY EIGHT (28) OF SECTION ONE (1) OF WINSOR COURT, TEAYS VALLEY, TEAYS VALLEY DISTRICT, PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, AS SHOWN UPON A MAP OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, IN PLAT CABINET B, SLIDE 191.

SUBJECT TO THE "DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIONS AND PROTECTIVE COVENANTS FOR WINSOR COURT", DATED FEBRUARY 2, 1988, AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, IN MISCELLANEOUS BOOK 30, AT PAGE 580.

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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 unnotified 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 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.

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

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for the generator replacement and electrical upgrades at the Hurricane, West Virginia water plant, will be received by the City of Hurricane (Owner), located at 3255 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane WV 25526, until 3:00 pm local prevailing time on Thursday, December 18, 2025, at which time and place all bids will be privately opened. After opening, the bids will be compared as to quality, thoroughness, and cost by Owner. A notice of award will be made public within 1 week of the bid opening. Bids are being solicited for all the work on the project.

The principal work includes installing a new 300kW natural gas fired generator and associated Automatic Transfer Switch, upgrading the electrical service to a 480V, 3 phase system, replacing the existing Motor Control Center and the VFDs and motor starters for five pumps. The existing generator will be disconnected and left in place. Contractor will be responsible for procurement of all equipment and materials. All bids to be on a lump sum basis.

All Bids must be submitted in accordance with the Bidding Documents issued by the Owner.

Bidders interested in submitting bids shall contact the engineer, GAI Consultants, Inc. Email Bid Package requests to Lena Tiller at Ltiller@gaiconsultants.com and a Bid Package will be sent out in PDF format. There is no deposit required for Bid Packages and for anyone desiring to receive a hard copy, arrangements will be made through Charleston Blueprint to have them printed and all costs will be the responsibility of the requestor.

All technical questions should be sent by email to the same email address, Lena Tiller at Ltiller@gaiconsultants.com by 3:00pm on December 11, 2025. Direct phone calls to the city or engineer are prohibited.

All Prime Contractors and Subcontractors shall be licensed in compliance with SB409 (WV Contractor's Licensing Act). All General Contractors shall provide a copy of their WV Contractor's license and include their license number in the space provided on the Bid Form. See supplemental instructions to bidders for more information.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid meeting will be held on Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 1:00pm in Hurricane, West Virginia City Hall, which is located at 3255 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, WV 25526. All bidders must attend the Pre-Bid meeting to familiarize themselves with the project location, site conditions, and other relevant information. Attendance at the Pre-Bid meeting is mandatory for bid qualification. An optional site visit of the water plant will be held immediately after the mandatory pre-bid meeting.

After the scheduled closing time for receipt of Bids, no Bid may be withdrawn for a period of 90 days.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

State of West Virginia, West Virginia Department of Human Services, Petitioner, V. Civil Action No. 25-JA-79-82 Justin Johnson, Respondent.

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The object of the Petition filed in these matters is to provide protection to the infant children, A.L., whose date of birth is 07/01/2017; J.L., whose date of birth is 04/09/2021; B.Y., whose date of birth is 04/14/2024; and G.J., whose date of birth is 09/26/2014.

To the above-named Respondent:

Please take notice that you have been named as the purported father to the above-named child, G.J., and as a physical custodian/caretaker to the children, A.L., J.L., and B.Y. These matters will come on for an adjudicatory hearing or any other appropriate relief before the Honorable Mark A. Sorsaia, Judge of the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia, on the 13th day of January, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., at which time and place you may be present to protect your interests, if you so desire. You are further advised that the infant children and respondents in this proceeding shall have the right to counsel at this hearing and every stage of the proceedings; that if you cannot pay for the services of counsel, the Court shall appoint counsel for you; and that said proceeding could result in the permanent termination of your parental rights.

You are further advised that if an answer or appearance is not made by you at said hearing, thereafter, judgment upon proper hearing and trial may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the petition. An original and copies of the petition have been filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Putnam County, West Virginia, at the Putnam County Judicial Building, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, West Virginia, 25213, and a copy of said petition is available for each respondent at said office upon request.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA By Counsel, /s/ Paige W. Hoffman Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Putnam County, West Virginia

DATE: 11-10-25 11-20-2t

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2022 - 15956. \$177.77 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 2023-15978. \$106.53 Additional taxes with interest. \$0.00 Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$121.48 Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest. \$659.57 Additional Statutory Fees with interest. \$547.22 Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$1,612.57

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 November 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 11-20-3t

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The City of Hurricane reserves the right to select an individual person or firm to complete this project based on their rankings. Procurement of said services would be in accordance with Chapter 5G-1-3 of the WV Code. Interested persons or firms must submit 4 copies of all requested information to Andy Skidmore, City Manager, City of Hurricane, 3255 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, WV 25526 no later than 3:00 p.m. December 11, 2025 in order to receive consideration.

Proposals must include related work experience, workload to fulfill the commitments and qualifications of personnel directly involved in the project.

The City of Hurricane reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals or parts of proposals. For further information, please contact Andy Skidmore, City Manager, City of Hurricane, 3255 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, WV 25526 or by phone at 304.562.1105. 11-27-2t

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Notice of Public Hearing

The Putnam County Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, December 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 221 of the Putnam County Courthouse, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213 to conduct a regular business and hold the below public hearing.

PCPC REZ 2025-02 The Depot Development Group, LLC has submitted a Zoning Amendment Application for a Rezoning. Tax Map 214, Parcels 2 and 3 (47.78 +/- acres) are requested to be rezoned from "RR" Rural Residential to "HI" Highway Interchange, Tax Map 214, Parcels 21 and 37 (237.97 +/- acres) are requested to be rezoned from "C2" High Density Commercial to "HI" Highway Interchange. The parcels are located at the Northeast quadrant of the Interstate 64 and US Route 35 Intersection and totals 285.75 +/- acres.

All interested parties are invited to attend and will be granted an opportunity to speak. 11-27-1t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: THE CHILD OF: TABITHA GUINN, Petitioner, and Civil Action No. 25-D-134 Honorable Richard C. Witt DERRICK SORAM, Respondent.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS FOR A PETITION FOR ALLOCATION OF CUSTODIAL RESPONSIBILITY, FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A PARENTING PLAN, AND AN AWARD OF CHILD SUPPORT.

It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that the above-named Respondent, Derrick Soram, is a non-resident of the State of West Virginia or has an unknown address. It is hereby ordered that Derrick Soram submit an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense he may have to the Petition For Allocation of Custodial Responsibility, For Establishment of a Parenting Plan and an Award of Child Support filed in this action, to the Putnam County Circuit Clerk's office whose address is 12093 Winfield Rd. Suite 12, Winfield, WV 25213, and serve the same upon counsel for Petitioner, Scott L. Summers, Esquire, whose address is P.O. Box 868 Poca, WV 25159, within 30 days of this publication.

If you fail to Answer the Petition, a judgment may be taken against you for, the relief demanded in the Petition. A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's Office. A hearing in this matter is currently scheduled for December 11, 2025 at 1:30PM, at the Putnam County Judicial Building located at 12093 Winfield Rd., Winfield, WV 25213 wherein you may be present to protect your interest, if you so desire.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court this 18th day of November, 2025. STEPHANIE SMITH Circuit Clerk 11-27-1tw

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

Notice of Public Hearings

The Putnam County Planning Commission will hold a Special Meeting and the following public hearings on Thursday, December 18th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 221 of the Putnam County Courthouse, 12093 Winfield Rd., Winfield, WV.

1. Proposed Text Amendment TA-2025-08: David Mills, President of the Putnam County Planning Commission, has applied for a text amendment to clarify and/or add language to: a. IMPROVEMENT LOCATION PERMIT ORDINANCE (ILP) i. Articles 100.03, 100.04(A), 100.04(B), ii. Articles 200.01, 200.02.

2. Proposed Text Amendment TA-2025-09: David Mills, President of the Putnam County Planning Commission, has applied for a text amendment to clarify and/or add language to: a. ZONING ORDINANCE FOR ZONED UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF PUTNAM COUNTY i. Articles 1150.02(1), 1150.02(2), ii. Articles 1900.02(A), 1900.02(B), 1900.02(C), 1900.02(D), 1900.03(A), 1900.03(F), 1900.04(A), 1900.04(C).

3. Proposed Text Amendment TA-2025-10: David Mills, President of the Putnam County Planning Commission, has applied for a text amendment to clarify and/or add language to: a. PUTNAM COUNTY SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS i. Exempt Division of Land - Sections 100.02(I), 100.02(III), ii. Exempt Division of Land - Appendix A, iii. Minor Division of Land - Sections 100.03(I)(1), 100.03(I)(2), 100.03(I)(4), 100.03(I)(5), 100.03(I)(6), iv. Minor Division of Land - Appendix B, v. Minor Subdivision Development - Sections 100.03(II)(1), 100.03(II)(2), 100.03(II)(4), 100.03(II)(5), 100.03(II)(6) - Minor Subdivision Development, vi. Minor Subdivision Development - Appendix C, vii. Major Division of Land - Sections 100.04(I)(1), 100.04(I)(2), 100.04(I)(4), 100.04(I)(5), 100.04(I)(6), viii. Major Division of Land - Appendix D, ix. Major Subdivision Development - Sections 100.04(II)(1), 100.04(II)(2), 100.04(II)(4), x. Major Subdivision Development - Appendix E, xi. Major Subdivision Development - Section 100.09 - Identification.

4. Proposed Text Amendment TA-2025-11: David Mills, President of the Putnam County Planning Commission, has applied for a text amendment to clarify and/or add language to: a. PUTNAM COUNTY SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS i. Article 1500 Definitions

5. Proposed Text Amendment TA-2025-12: David Mills, President of the Putnam County Planning Commission, has requested an amendment to THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE ZONED UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WV. The proposal seeks to amend Article 700.02 - Permitted Principal Uses within the "H-1" Highway Interchange District to include "Truck Stop," "Truck Terminal," and "Warehousing."

6. Proposed Text Amendment TA-2025-13: David Mills, President of the Putnam County Planning Commission, has requested an amendment to THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE ZONED UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WV. The proposal seeks to amend Article 150.02 - Definition of Terms to include "Truck Terminal." 11-27-1t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

To: Magistrate Court Case No.: 25-M40D-00190 Matthew Hunter Slack Respondent's Name 2370 Grandview Ridge Rd Family Red House WV 25168 Court Respondent's Address Civil Action 2-13-1985 No.: 25-DV-152 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 5-18-2026.

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 18th day of November, 2025. STEPHANIE SMITH/jo Circuit Clerk 11-27-1tw

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

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.: 6206 Estate Of: Joseph Edward Henson Administratrix: Diane Y. Isner-Henson 160 Hodges Road Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6246 Estate Of: Steven John Hicks Executrix: Emma Jean Hicks 2557 Main Street Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6263 Estate Of: Sandra K. Mooney Administratrix: Melissa Pauley 1166 Crooked Crk Rd Scott Depot, WV 25560

Estate No.: 6306 Estate Of: Sharon Elizabeth Miller Administrator: Philip N. Kennedy 182 Scarlet Drive Poca, WV 25159

Estate Of.: state No.: 6223 Regina Nadine Powell "Richardson" Executrix: Audrana M. Austin 5018 Bennington Dr. Cross Lanes, WV 25313

Delinquent Appraisements

Estate No.: 6143 Estate Of: Larry Wayne Cole Administratrix: Elizabeth M. Butcher 128 Ahart Drive Wallback, WV 25285

Estate No.: 6148 Estate Of: Jerry Arthur Lilly Executrix: Jacob Andrew Lilly 158 Captain Ames Drive Parkersburg, WV 26104

Estate No.: 6173 Estate Of: Ann Marie Hicks Executrix: Herbert F. Harris 191 Wood Station Buffalo, WV 25033

All persons having claims against the estate(s) of any of the above-named deceased persons whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims with vouchers thereof, legally verified, to the fiduciary of such deceased person as shown above within 60 days of November 20, 2025, or, if not, to exhibit the same at the office of the undersigned Fiduciary Supervisor at the address shown below by said date; otherwise any or all such claims may by law be excluded from all benefits of said estate(s). No claims against the estate shall be accepted by the fiduciary supervisor after said date. All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear either before the above-named fiduciary by the date first shown above, or thereafter before the undersigned fiduciary supervisor by the date last shown above to examine said claims and otherwise protect their respective interests.

All persons seeking to impeach or establish a will must file a complaint pursuant to W. Va. Code. Any person objecting to the representative's qualifications, venue or jurisdiction must file a complaint within 60 days of November 20, 2025. Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 12th day of November 2025. Fiduciary Supervisor Putnam County Commission 10293 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213 11-20-2t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

Notice of Public Hearings Putnam County Board of Education 2026-2027 School Calendar

The Board of Education of the County of Putnam will be holding two (2) public hearings regarding the 2026-2027 school calendar. The hearings will be held on Monday, December 15th, 2025, and Monday January 5th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the central office located at 77 Courthouse Drive, Winfield, WV 25213. 11-27-2t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

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.: 6307 Estate Of: Lois Ann Bowen Administratrix: Vicki A. Hogan 5271 Walden Ct Se Southport, NC 28461

Estate No.: 6286 Estate Of: Robert Clair Hickman Administratrix: Ramona Hickman 1561 Poca River Rd N. Poca, WV 25159

Estate No.: 6294 Estate Of: Sue Ann Ludwig Executrix: Gary T. Ludwig 4221 Evans Road Leon, WV 25123

Estate No.: 6308 Estate Of: Roy Edward Snyder Sr. Administratrix: Marsha Snyder 605 Jakes St. South Charleston, WV 25303

Estate No.: 6301 Estate Of: Ralph W. Workman Co-Executrix: Tracy J. Arthur 2063 Mt. Etna Ridge Rd. Poca, WV 25159 Co-Executrix: Portia L. Payne 409 Bluestone Rd. Beckley, WV 25801

DELINQUENT APPRAISEMENTS

Estate No.: 6179 Estate Of: Shirley Anne O. Lewis-Hall Administratrix: Charles Wesley Lewis 178 Oak Street Culloden, WV 25510

Estate No.: 6183 Estate Of: Marva Colleen Ledbetter Administratrix: Alyssa Ledbetter 2624 Henderson Avenue #5 Hurricane WV 25526

Estate No.: 6185 Estate Of: Katherine Absten Administratrix: Edward L. Absten 13465 Winfield Road Winfield WV 25213

Estate No.: 6186 Estate Of: Patricia Dawn Keeney Administratrix: Makitz Grace Keeney 130 Taylor Street Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6192 Estate Of: Bonnie Lue Moore Administratrix: Derek Scott Moore 136 Oakwood Estates Scott Depot, WV 25560

Estate No.: 6195 Estate Of: Amana Yvonne Thompson Administratrix: Arletta Collins 110 Buck Lick Road Red House, WV 25168

Estate No.: 6203 Estate Of: Diana Christine Bay Administratrix: Gregory Hughes 100 Washington St E Apt 324 Charleston, WV 25301

Estate No.: 6211 Estate Of: David Eugene Meadows Administratrix: Hannah E. White 226 Corky Drive Poca, WV 25159

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Putnam Property Transfers

The following property transfers were recorded by the Putnam County Clerk between November 3, 2025, and November 19, 2025:

Howard Realty Company Inc to John and Mindy Knight - Parcel, Buffalo Town District for \$85,000.00.

Georgia Marshall and Jarred Shockey to BGRS Relocation Inc - Lot, Olympia Fields, Scott District for \$410,000.00.

BGRS Relocation Inc to Zachary Yommer and Michaela Vitez - Lot, Olympia Fields, Scott District for \$410,000.00.

Lisa Powell to Greg Cox - Parcel, Scott District for \$340,500.00.

Elizabeth Cunningham and Melody Reed to Robert and Miranda Hill - Two Lots, Scott District for \$307,000.00.

Edward Bell to John and Katie Patterson - Parcel, Scott district for \$325,000.00.

Darin Lester to Logan Kennedy - Parcel, Teays Valley District for \$110,000.00.

Robert and Miranda Hill to Leigh Cavender - Lot, Eldorado Acres, Scott District for \$74,000.00.

Kenneth Savilla to Allen Savilla - Two Tracts, Nitro District for \$10,000.00.

Bergin Tuttle to Ashon Woodbury and Elle Johnson - Lot, Virginia Meadows Subdivision, Curry District for \$335,000.00.

City National Bank of West Virginia and Mary Lou Scott Intervivos Trust to Robert Hutchison - Two Parcels, Union District for \$90,000.00.

Hubert Strickland to Timothy Strickland - Two Parcels, Poca District for \$150,000.00.

Jeffrey Legg to Daniel Craigo - Two Parcels, Bancroft District for \$70,000.00.

PP&J Structures and General Contracting LLC to David and Gloria Makin - Lot, Residences at Jordan

Place, Scott District for \$285,000.00.

Jill Pullen and Estate of Fern Blackwell Hunter to Ernest Harper - Parcel, Union District for \$174,000.00.

Ryan and Stephanie Latif to Kaylan Johnson - Lot, Virginia Heights, Hurricane District for \$250,000.00.

Terry and Pamala Allen to Canterbury Properties LLC - Lot, Nitro Heights, Nitro District for \$25,000.00.

Ronald Jacobs and Richard Jacobs to Trevor and Marcie Beers - Two Tracts, Curry District for \$177,500.00.

WV State Auditor and Eral Davis to MAPA LLC - Parcel, Curry District for \$1,600.00.

WV State Auditor and Sheila Herold to MAPA LLC - Parcel, Nitro District for \$1,060,71.

WV State Auditor and Michael Halad to MAPA LLC - Parcel, Nitro District for \$3,200.00.

UMA 1419 LLC to Shree Shivshakti LLC - Parcel, Union District for \$175,000.00.

Patrick and Kelsie Jividen to Tina Flora and Alli Flora - Parcel, Union District for \$58,500.00.

Jonathan Tyler to Robert Chandler - Parcel, Scott District for \$160,000.00.

Kim Victory to Roller Coaster Resources LLC - Two Parcels, Poca District for \$2,500.00.

Philip and Anna Beaty to Leila Crawford - Lot, Deer Run, Scott District for \$295,000.00.

Tony and Susan Knight to Michael and Ami Elliott - Lot, Lake Washington, Curry District for \$30,000.00.

Carl Sharps to Brian and Valorie Sharps - Lot, Cedar Hills Addition, Eleanor District for \$135,000.00.

Ace Pipeline Inc to Robert Meeks - Two Parcels, Scott District for \$300,000.00.

C o b b l e s t o n e Subdivision, LLC to John

and Jenna Dawson - Lot, Cobblestone Subdivision, Scott District for \$105,000.00.

DHB LLC to Billy and Krista Thornton - Lot, Alexanders Place, Teays Valley District for \$591,650.00.

Nathan Grant to Jonathan and Alicia Abshire - Parcel, Union District for \$220,000.00.

Edward Stewart to Sean McNees and Kachine Jonese - Lot, Teays Farms Subdivision, Scott District for \$342,000.00.

Richard and Kimberly Pullin to Chad Weaver - Lot, Red House Farms, Eleanor District for \$223,000.00.

Edwin and Connie Oxley to Stephen Loudermilk and Cassidy Loftin - Lot, Leslie Place, Scott District for \$516,700.00.

Jeffrey White to Christopher and Amanda Yates - Tract, Maplewood Estates, Scott District for \$445,000.00.

Jarrell and Kendra Martin to Philip and Anna Beaty - Lot, Woods & Irons, Scott District for \$420,000.00.

Scott Depot Holdings LLC to Phillip Johnson - Lot, Marina Park, Scott District for \$3,000.00.

Duane Cain to Ross Withers - Lot, Lock 9, Buffalo District for \$40,000.00.

Hammack Enterprises

LLC to Appalachian Power Company - Parcel, Poca District for \$99,026.09.

Dominick and Marissa Iacovone to Martha Carihfield - Lot, Teays Valley Meadows North, Teays Valley District for \$200,000.00.

Shawn and Carolyn Gaylor to Sean Dicristofaro and Brittany Martin - Two Parcels, Scott District for \$255,000.00.

Harvey Peyton and Darel Michael to Phyllis Bowcott - Lot, Radwin Woods Subdivision, Winfield District for \$365,000.00.

Oscar Marcum and Joeann Crawford to Krista Goodwin - Two Tracts, Poca District for \$12,000.00.

Clarence Craig and Betty Lunsford to Buddy and Betty Lunsford - Lot, Poca District for \$30,000.00.

PP&J Structures and General Contracting LLC to Dylan Worrell and Beverly Raudry - Parcel, Scott District for \$288,500.00.

WV State Auditor and Darrell Allen to H3 LLC - Mineral Rights, Curry District for \$175.09.

WV State Auditor and Sandra Wilkinson to H3 LLC - Mineral Rights, Curry District for \$1,000.00.

WV State Auditor and Thomas Romeo to WVTk LLC - Parcel, Poca District

for \$5,000.00.

WV State Auditor and John Braniff to H3 LLC - Mineral Rights, Poca District for \$176.23.

WV State Auditor and Norma Moales to Elemental Resources - Mineral Rights, Poca District for \$193.98.

WV State Auditor and Theresa Smalley to WVTk LLC - Lot, Scott District for \$8,000.00.

WV State Auditor and Sandra Wilkinson to H3 LLC - Mineral Rights, Scott District for \$1,000.00.

WV State Auditor and Sandra Wilkinson to H3 LLC - Mineral Rights, Scott District for \$175.66.

WV State Auditor and Sandra Wilkinson to H3 LLC - Mineral Rights, Scott District for \$1,000.00.

WV State Auditor and Sandra Wilkinson to H3 LLC - Mineral Rights, Teays Valley District for \$176.23.

WV State Auditor and Sandra Wilkinson to H3 LLC - Mineral Rights, Teays Valley District for \$183.75.

WV State Auditor and Sandra Wilkinson to H3 LLC - Mineral Rights, Teays Valley District for \$175.09.

WV State Auditor and Sandra Wilkinson to H3 LLC - Mineral Rights, Teays Valley District for \$175.09.

WV State Auditor and Sandra Wilkinson to H3

LLC - Mineral Rights, Teays Valley District for \$182.60.

WV State Auditor and Sandra Wilkinson to H3 LLC - Mineral Rights, Teays Valley District for \$175.09.

WV State Auditor and Sandra Wilkinson to H3 LLC - Mineral Rights, Teays Valley District for \$1,000.00.

WV State Auditor and Sandra Wilkinson to H3 LLC - Mineral Rights, Teays Valley District for \$190.68.

Joseph and Stefanie Daugherty to Ethan Miller and Ashton Low - Lot, Wedgewood Glen Subdivision, Hurricane District for \$390,000.00.

Ginger McAllister to Kandis Ronk - Two Parcels, East Highland Addition, Hurricane District for \$180,000.00.

Courtney Boggess to Ronald and Teresa Boggess - Lot, Missy Dawn Acres, Scott District for \$255,000.00.

Jason and Cynthia Wolfe to Derick Wolfe - Parcel, Union District for \$3,000.00.

David and Barbara Decker to Clayburn Stover - Lot, Woods & Irons East, Scott District for \$499,900.00.

Anne Gibson to Taylor Pratt - Lot, Knollview Estates, Teays Valley District for \$165,000.00.

PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITY

CHANGE IS COMING TO THE BREEZE CHURCH PAGE AND YOUR CHURCH MAY WANT TO BE PART OF WHAT'S COMING

Here is what has happened

The service which has supplied the graphic for our Church Page is a victim to the hard times which have fallen upon the newspaper industry and notified the Breeze that they closing and will be unable to supply the graphics which we have used for more than 50 years. The company, Keister-Williams Newspaper Services, has invited us to reuse their past productions but the Breeze has a better idea.

Here is what we think is better

By necessity, the Keister-Williams service has produced materials of general appeal. Local is better than general. There is nothing more local and appropriate for our Church Page than graphics featuring photos of local churches. We envision graphics that feature a photo with the location and address of the church along with a listing of service times. This listing may be extended to include contact information, a welcome or other message from your church, and an inspirational Bible verse. The graphic will also feature suggested scripture readings for each day of the coming week.

Here is what is needed from you

Three things minimum — (1) A photo of your church. (2) Address. (3) Listings of service times.

Photo requirements — JPEG, TIFF or PDF (Color photos will be converted to B/W). Images will be scaled to fit within the available space (4 inches by 4 inches).

Additional information and/or message can be submitted and will be used if space permits.

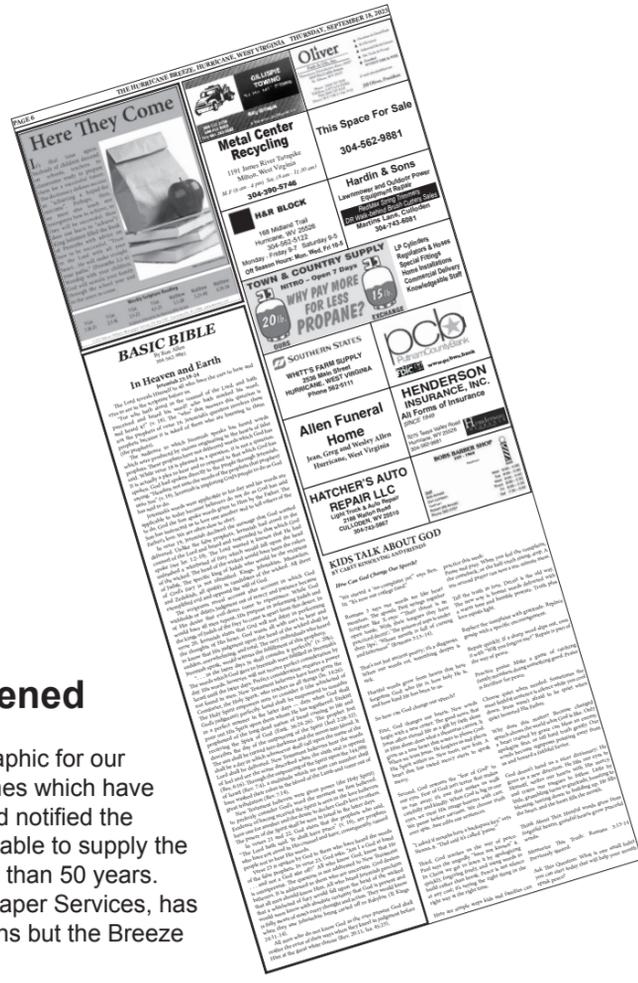
Submission by email is preferred. Remit to hurricanebreeze@citynet.net

A PDF proof of the graphic will be submitted to your email address for approval.

Deadline for Submissions

It is our hope that at least 13 churches will choose to be part of the Breeze Church Page prior to January 1, 2026 and that additional churches would follow. The invitation is open and there is no deadline.

For more information or questions, contact Ron Allen at 304-562-9881



Obituaries

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Jackie Stonestreet Jackie Lee Stonestreet, born in 1935, entered his Heavenly home in 2025, welcomed by many loving arms awaiting his return. A proud veteran who honorably served in both the United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps, wearing those badges with deep pride—as he absolutely should have.

Life took an aspirational turn for him after his years of service. With determination and faith, he entered the food-service world and eventually became the owner and operator of five Dairy Queen franchises. From the beginning, the restaurants were more than businesses—they were family. Each of his children learned the value of hard work at a young age, gaining not only treasured memories beside him but a lifetime of lessons in dedication, humility, and the ins and outs of running a successful operation.

What a blessing it was to work side by side with him. He is survived by his children: Richard Lee, Sonja Kay, and Joseph Ray; two special grandsons, Joshua Aaron and Mathew Tyler; special nephew Jay Stover; and Lisa. He also leaves behind his cherished great-granddaughter, Maycee Grace Stonestreet, as well as a host of children he lovingly claimed as his own, including dear friends Robert J. Wiseman, Jack Legg, and Gertrude Legg. Each of them held a deeply special place in his heart.

celebration of life was Friday, November 21, 2025, at Oak Bridge community center.

Michael Wayne Walker Michael Wayne Walker, 70, of Buffalo, passed away Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at CAMC Memorial Hospital. He was a 1973 graduate of Buffalo High School and a member of the IBEW. Mike was a master electrician working for several years at Union Carbide and retiring from Greenwood. He was a member of Otter Branch Church. His church family was very special to him. The highlight of his week was attending Wednesday night Bible study at the church. Mike loved football and was an avid WVU football fan.

Born October 30, 1955, he was the son of the late Sherman Walker and Genevieve Davis Sullivan. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Travis Walker; sisters, Marilyn Walker, Brenda Layne and Kimberly Fowlkes; brother, Terry Walker.

Survivors include his son, Joe Walker of Nitro and Brett (Amber) Walker of Cross Lanes; brothers, Neal (Maria) Walker of Citrus Springs FL and Ronnie Walker of Cross Lanes; grandchildren, Eastynn, Holdynn and Cohen; special friend, Judy Watson. Mike is also survived by several nieces, nephews, church family and friends.

Memorial service was Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at Raynes Funeral Home, Buffalo, with Pastor Mike Tucker officiating. Burial was in Buffalo Memorial Park, Buffalo.

Entombment and



PipeSounds Christmas Organ Concert This Saturday

PIPESOUNDS Organ Concert Series of Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church, Hurricane, has arranged the return of Rodney Barbour for our annual Christmas Organ Concert on the Harrah Symphonic Organ. Sunday, November 30th's PIPESOUNDS Concert at 3:00 p.m. is a gift to the community (admission - free). Barbour has chosen the theme "Sweet Joy" and indicates it will feature "traditional Christmas tunes, melodies and carols which remind us of the presence of Jesus in our lives during the Holiday Season." This Concert will also include the singing of familiar carols and traditional Christmas Holiday tunes.

Rodney is a native of Huntington. His background includes degrees in Music Education and Trombone (Marshall University), Organ Performance (Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music), and additional study at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Barbour has served for two decades as the Director

of Worship and Arts at Crestview Presbyterian Church, West Chester, OH. He directs the 40 voice Chancel Choir, the Crestview Ringers, the Worship Band, the Crestview Brass and works with all music volunteers involved in children's music and small ensembles.

"Sweet Joy" will prepare you for the seasons of Advent and Christmas! PIPESOUNDS' Christmas Concert (free), on the Harrah Symphonic Organ, will be Sunday, November 30, at 3:00 p.m. at Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church, 2848 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane. Appreciation is expressed to Putnam County Bank for their support of our community and sponsorship of these PIPESOUNDS Organ Concerts. Everyone is invited to a Reception following the Concert.

Articles Welcome

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

Ronald McDonald Houses Subject of Putnam County Lions Club Meeting



Ronald McDonald House Charities has three locations in West Virginia, and members of the Putnam County Lions Club enjoyed an informative talk about the local facility

at their meeting on November 13. Mikaela Speciale, Marketing and Communications Director for Charleston outlined services offered, volunteer opportunities, and recent success stories of the pediatric patients whose families have been served.

Fifth Sunday Gospel Sing

The Hurricane First Church of God will be holding their Fifth Sunday Evening Gospel Sing on November 30th at 6 p.m.

Singers include Jim Edens from North Charleston, and Keith Skyles from Montgomery. There will also be some of the local church singers for your enjoyment.

The church is located at 3225 East Putnam Avenue, one block north of the new Dollar Tree store.

The Guiding Star

Teays Valley Church of God presents "The Guiding Star" by Cheryl Harrison, a free Christmas play for the whole family to enjoy! The production will be on Friday, December 5, and Saturday, December 6, at 7 p.m.

Teays Valley Church of God is located at 185 Connection Point, Scott Depot.

Developmental Screening

Putnam County Schools Developmental Screenings will be held on Friday, December 12, at the Teays Valley Baptist Church on Teays Valley Road. Children 2 1/2 to 4 years will be screened for speech/language, hearing, vision, motor skills, social skills, self-help, and cognition. Call 304-586-0500 ext. 1133 to schedule an appointment.

Baby's First Christmas Deadline December 5

The Hurricane Breeze special Christmas edition featuring Baby's First Christmas has been published every year since 1984. This year's Baby's First Christmas will be published on December 18. Proud parents or grandparents or anyone else who wants to do something nice can enter baby by sending a photograph and some information about the baby such as birthday, parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents, favorite baby food, favorite toys, or just about any interesting material that you have about the baby or babies. Be sure to state which town the baby and family are from.

You may write up baby's Christmas message, but it is not necessary. We can do the write up if we have the information. This is a free service. There is no charge. It is our gift to the community.

The deadline to submit a write up or information and photograph is December 5. The photo may be submitted by

email or by the USPS. Photos and info may also be submitted to our email address: hurricanebreeze@citynet.net

If a physical photo is submitted and you wish to have baby's picture returned, you must do ALL of the following: (1) have baby's name on back of picture, (2) name and address of person to whom the photograph is to be returned, and (3) a stamped, addressed envelope which matches the address on the back of the photograph. The picture should be of the baby alone unless it is baby posed with a pet. The only multiple person photos that we allow are for twins.

Photographs and information may be mailed to: Baby's First Christmas, Hurricane Breeze, P.O. Box 310, Hurricane, WV 25526.

To be eligible for Baby's First Christmas, a baby must be born after December 25, 2024.

Please try to enter early and avoid the last minute rush.

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BLACK
Malcolm Springs
Milton
83rd Birthday
November 29 |
| GAGE DAVIS
22435 Ashton-Upland
Road
Milton
Birthday November 28 | EARL LUCAS
1001 Norton Avenue
Culloden
84th Birthday
November 29 |
| BRENDA GILFILEN
GINN
#74 Frontier Lane
Hurricane
Birthday November 28 | MARY LOU TURNER
#77 Frontier Lane
Hurricane
86th Birthday
November 30 |
| TOM TURNER
#77 Frontier Lane
Hurricane
Birthday November 28 | CODY BOWERS
Charleston
39th Birthday
November 30 |
| MADISON McNEAL
123 Olive Street
Huntington
23rd Birthday
November 28 | TONY SMITH
3588 McComas Road
Milton
60th Birthday
November 30 |
| JENNIE McKINNEY
Huntington
43rd Birthday
November 28 | DAN HAYMAN
P.O. Box 418
Syracuse, Ohio
96th Birthday
November 30 |
| STEPHANIE BARR
WALLACE
Huntington
45th Birthday
November 28 | CONNIE BAYS
CHANEY
103 Winners Circle
Lexington Estates
Hurricane
77th Birthday
November 30 |
| JUDY FRAZIER
BOSCHMA
10100 Shades Road
Huntsville, Alabama
76th Birthday
November 28 | LEAH CRAW
Teays Valley
28th Birthday
December 1 |
| ABBIGAYLE McCORD
Culloden
17th Birthday
November 28 | KYLIE POWERS
890 Kilgore Road
Milton
Birthday December 1 |
| ADAM TROYER HAYES
Windwood
Hurricane
50th Birthday
November 28 | KATHRYN WILLIS
MACK
Hurricane
41st Birthday
December 1 |
| CHRISTINE MOORE
17 Stone Spring Lane | KELLY SHAW
Culloden |

Birthday December 1

DAVID R. YOUNG III
Sugar Camp Road
Winfield
39th Birthday
December 1

DALTON COLEMAN
28585 Ashton-Upland
Road
Milton
Birthday December 1

GRAHAM NASH
3504 Wellington Drive
Hurricane
Birthday December 1

LORETTA
ARMSTRONG
Milton
58th Birthday
December 1

KATIE MAE LOSH
CAMPBELL
Louisville, Kentucky
23rd Birthday
December 2

LOGAN CONNER
Alabama
26th Birthday
December 2

HERSKEL DAILEY
Route 2, Box 181
Milton
82nd Birthday
December 2

HUNTER
HIGGINBOTHAM
132 Margaret Street
Poca
16th Birthday
December 2

PATTY PAULEY
Cross Lanes
Birthday December 2

T. J. GIBSON
31 Sandhill Court
Milton
24th Birthday
December 2

BARBARA CLARK
P O Box 92
Barboursville
85th Birthday
December 2

ROBERT TAYLOR
105 Merrywood Lane
Hurricane
76th Birthday
December 2

BILLY CAUDILL
Culloden
63rd Birthday
December 2

LEVI JOHNSON
15014 Pakateal
Catlettsburg, Kentucky
14th Birthday
December 2

Happy Anniversary

Scott and Danielle Edwards of Hurricane will celebrate their wedding anniversary on November 30.

Clarence "CC" and Pam Walkup of 1929 Blackstone Circle, Naples, Florida, will celebrate their twentieth wedding anniversary on December 2.

BARBARA SETLIFF
SMITH
BOX 4357 5&20 Mile
Road
Fraizers Bottom
Birthday December 3

BOB ANDERSON
Hurricane
98th Birthday
December 3

BRENDA ROBERTS
DLUGOS
134 Leslie Drive
Scott Depot
76th Birthday
December 3

ROBERTA FISHER
OXLEY
3180 Jericho Road
Pt. Pleasant
89th Birthday
December 4

HANNAH HATTEN
#24 Southview Lane
Huntington
28th Birthday
December 4

JUDSON JOHNSON
28 Meadow Wood Estates
Scott Depot
24th Birthday
December 4

WILDA GRIFFITH
Route 1, Box 617-A
St. Albans
Birthday December 4

BRENDA DUNLAP
163 Washington Circle
Hurricane
Birthday December 4

NIKARA MILLS
#19 North Slope
Milton
20th Birthday
December 4

RUSSELL LYNCH
712 Michigan Avenue
Nitro
Birthday December 4

ROBERTA OXLEY
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Birthday December 4



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