

The Hurricane Breeze

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HURRICANE CITY COUNCIL NEWS

Council Receives Woodworth Farm Update

By Ron Allen

The December Hurricane City Council meeting on Monday opened with Brandon Doerner and Matt Young of the Meeks Mountain Trail Alliance (MMTA) presenting council with a recap of the Hurricane 100K held in September on the trail system carved on the slopes of the ridges of the Meeks property adjacent to Hurricane City Park.

Young stated that the event brought world class competitors from all over the country to Hurricane. The winner of the 62.5 mile race finished with a record time of 8:06:07. Young said that competitors reported that Hurricane's friendliness was uncommon and exceeded all expectations.

The December 1st meeting was also official recognition time of the 2025 Class AAAA State Champion Hurricane High School Soccer team. Hurricane Mayor Scott Edwards called upon members of the team to identify the factors which propelled them to win the championship. Edwards was both surprised and pleased when one player answered that it was pure talent. Edwards said he had never before received such an answer. Members of the team posed for a photo and received certificates of recognition.

In other business, council learned that two members of the Police Department have resigned to take positions with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). DHS is offering qualified individuals a \$50,000 signing bonus payable over three years. Edwards said that the city cannot match offers of that nature. The two officers were Matthew Baumgardner and Payton Carr. A new officer has been sworn in to replace Baumgardner and applicants to fill Carr's position are being evaluated.

Mayor Edwards announced that Gerry Spears will resign from city

council effective December 31, 2025. Spears has served as a member of Hurricane City Council for 13 years.

City manager Andy Skidmore announced that the city has advertised for bids for qualified persons or firms to provide engineering services necessary for the construction of the infrastructure necessary for the Woodworth Farms development. Infrastructure will include water, sewer, roads, and possibly stormwater retention. Deadline to submit statement of qualification is December 11th. Construction of infrastructure is slated to begin in spring of 2026.

Marketing and Development Director Amanda Ramey reported that the Hurricane's Christmas Blessing program will make Christmas brighter for 507 children and adolescents throughout the county. The 507 number is up from the previous record of 450 set last year. The cost per child averages between \$200 and \$250.

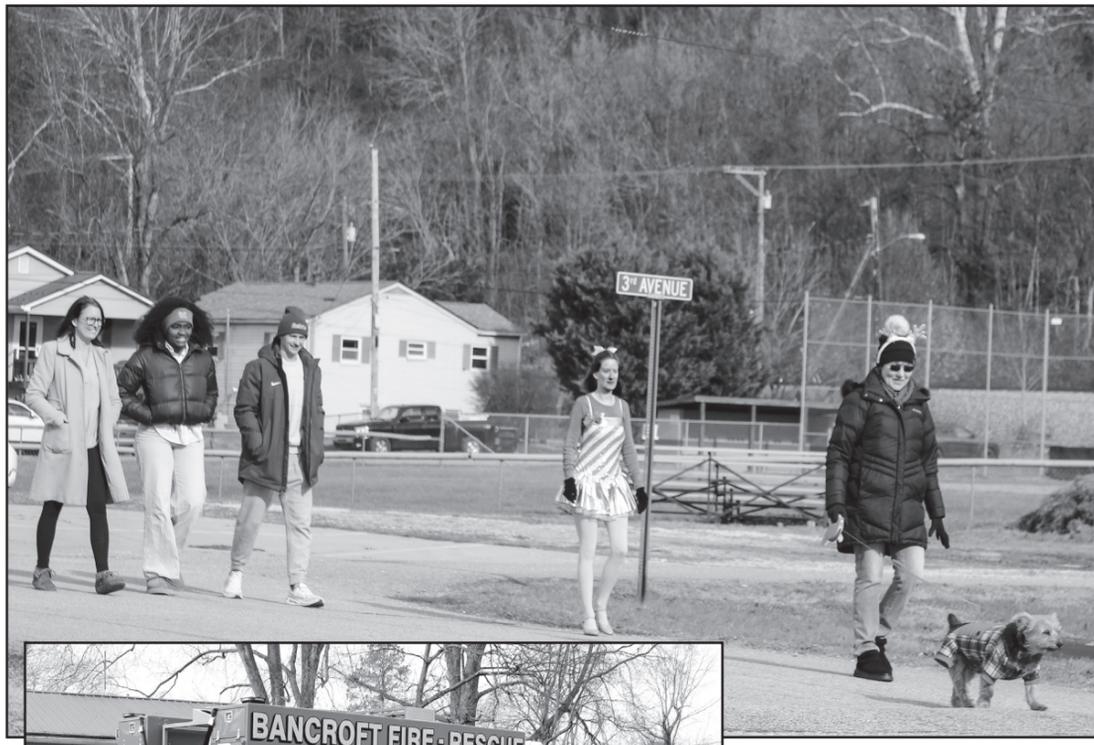
Ramey announced that the deadline for residents to register for Hurricane's annual Christmas House Decorating Contest is December 7. Hurricane's Christmas Parade is scheduled for a 12 noon start on Saturday, December 13. The parade is projected to be larger than last year which featured close to one hundred participants. Prior to the parade, beginning at 10 a.m., there will be a "Cookies with Mrs. Claus" event at the Gazebo on Main Street.

Ramey also announced that Free Horse and Carriage Rides on Main Street will be December 20th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

In new business, council held the first reading of an ordinance which will allow shrubbery to serve as a protective screening for B-3 zoning. Council approved a variance request to allow a home office at 214 Irene Circle. The variance will allow an attorney to operate from

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Bancroft's Thanksgiving Day Tradition Continues



Above: Participants in the Thanksgiving parade head down the streets of Bancroft.

Left: Children follow behind the fire truck leading the procession.



By Betsy Allen

Bancroft held its annual rendition of the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade on Thanksgiving morning. A fire truck from the Bancroft Volunteer Fire Department led the procession, which made a circuit through the streets

of the town. There were fewer participants in this year's parade, probably due to the weather, which was quite cold that morning. However, those who were brave enough to come out had a great time walking through the town and waving to friends and neighbors.

Inspired by the

famous parade held in New York City, the Bancroft Thanksgiving Parade started in 2020 as a way for residents to enjoy holiday fun from the warmth and safety of their own homes during the COVID pandemic. The parade has since become an annual tradition in Bancroft.

The Thanksgiving Parade is not the only holiday themed event which the Town of Bancroft has planned. This Saturday, December 6, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be coming to the Bancroft Park at 6 p.m. The public is invited to come for hot cocoa and photo opportunities.

Valley Park Tree Lighting, December 5

Valley Park in Hurricane will be lit up for the season on Friday, December 5, with a Christmas tree lighting, singing, food trucks, carriage rides, Santa Claus, and more.

A complete schedule of events follows.

- 6 - 9 p.m. - Live Nativity, carriage rides, and food trucks
- 6 p.m. - Jingle Tails pet parade
- 6 p.m. - Announcement of sponsored tree awards
- 6:10 - 6:30 p.m. - Hurricane Civic Chorus performance
- 6:15 p.m. - Ugly Sweater Contest
- 6:30 p.m. - Tree Lighting
- 6:35 p.m. - Santa Claus arrives
- 6:35 p.m. - Story time



Pictured above is last year's Christmas tree at Valley Park.

with the Putnam County Library

6:35 - 9 p.m. - Visits with Santa Claus

6:30 - 9 p.m. - Crafts for children

The Live Nativity, which is performed by

Word of Light Community Church, will also be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, December 6.

Annual Walk Thru Bethlehem

Step back in time and journey through the streets of ancient Bethlehem at Hometown Independent Mission, 25 Third Avenue South, Hometown. The church's annual Walk Thru Bethlehem event will be held on Thursday, December 11, through Saturday, December 13, from 6 to 9 p.m. nightly. Walk through a recreated town of Bethlehem, meet live animals and friendly townspeople, and visit the stable and see Baby Jesus. Experience the wonder, the sights, the sounds,

American Legion Post 187 to Host Pearl Harbor Day of Remembrance Ceremony

The American Legion Post 187 invites the community to gather for a special Pearl Harbor Day of Remembrance ceremony on Saturday, December 7th at 2:00 PM. The event will take place on the grounds of the Winfield Community center and will honor the 2,403 Americans who lost their lives during the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. The ceremony is open to the public, and residents of all ages are encouraged to attend.

and the true meaning of Christmas! Admission is free - all are welcome.

The program will feature brief remarks from local veterans, laying of the wreath, three volley rifle salute and taps to recognize the bravery, sacrifice, and service of the men and women who stood in defense of our nation. Post 187 hopes this gathering will give the community a quiet moment to reflect on the legacy of that day and remember the enduring strength and unity it sparked across the country.

For more information about the ceremony or American Legion Post 187's ongoing work in

the community, please contact Delbert at 304-400-7143.

WEATHER SUMMARY		
Nov. 25 - Dec. 1		
	Low	High
November 25*		
Hurricane	39°	54°
November 26		
Hurricane	35°	54°
November 27		
Hurricane	27°	35°
November 28		
Hurricane	17°	32°
November 29		
Hurricane	14°	40°
November 30		
Hurricane	24°	45°
December 1		
Hurricane	24°	37°

*RAIN
0.1 inch recorded Nov. 16



Mayor Scott Edwards gifts Gerry Spears with the name plate which has been used for identification at Hurricane city council meetings since 2012.

Community Calendar

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

NOW - 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.

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 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 p.m. nightly.

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!

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,

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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.

DECEMBER 6 - 7

- Open Door Bible Church, 6711 WV State Route 34 S, Culloden, will be presenting It All Happened in the Country: A Children's Christmas Musical on Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m.

DECEMBER 6

- Fairview Church, located at 5012 Pebble Drive, Cross Lanes, will be having Breakfast with Santa at 8 a.m.

- The 26th Annual St. Albans/Nitro Boat Parade will be held at 6:30 p.m. on the Kanawha River.

- The Nitro Christmas Parade will start at 6 p.m.

- Buffalo Tuba Christmas 2025, a concert showcasing local tuba and euphonium players, will start at 2 p.m. at the Buffalo High School.

- Buffalo Methodist Church, located at 27 High Street, Buffalo, in The Historic Square, will have thier annual Christmas Bazaar starting at 10 a.m.

- There will be holiday wreath workshops at Gritt's Midway Greenhouse in Buffalo at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. To register, go to <https://www.ticketleap.events/events/grittsmidwaygreenhouse>

- Dress in pajamas and have breakfast with Santa, Mrs. Claus, and nine of their favorite elves from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Eleanor Fire Department. Tickets are \$10.

- Santa Claus will be coming to the Bancroft Park at 6 p.m.

- Creek Cabin Antiques, 1182 Bills Creek Road, Winfield, will be holding an open house from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- The Pulse Church, 5368 State Route 34, Winfield, will be holding a Breakfast With Santa fundraiser from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$1 per adult/teen and \$5 per child. To register, go to <https://thepulsechurch.com/breakfast>

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

- Creekside Church, 488 Charley's Creek Road, Culloden, will be hosting An Evening With Santa from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Enjoy dinner, crafts, games, hayrides, stories, and more.

- Valley Park will be presenting National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation Dinner and Movie night starting at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 per ticket. Register by Nov. 20 at <https://304tix.com/events/national-lampoons-christmas-vacation-movie-dinner-party-12-6-2025>

- Hurricane Fire and Rescue will be holding their annual boot drive from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. near the Sheetz in Hurricane.

DECEMBER 7

- The Nitro High School Show Choir will be holding their Holiday Sweets and

WVDNR Seeks Art for West Virginia Wildlife Calendar Contest

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) today announced that it is accepting original wildlife paintings for the 2027 edition of the West Virginia Wildlife Calendar.

All artists, especially those from West Virginia, are encouraged to submit their work for consideration by Feb. 12, 2026. The WVDNR awards \$200 for each painting that is chosen for publication and an additional \$500 for the painting selected for the cover.

"West Virginia's annual wildlife calendar is a great way to celebrate the amazing biodiversity of our state and the talented artists who capture it so beautifully," said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion. "We invite artists to submit their work for consideration in the 2027 calendar and contribute to a publication that brings joy to thousands of wildlife enthusiasts."

Wildlife Calendar Art Submission Guidelines

Art must be original color paintings on canvas or another flat surface and must depict native game and fish species or other

Sounds show at 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. at the high school. For tickets, go to <https://showcats.ticketspice.com/2025-holiday-sweets-sounds>

- There will be a holiday porch pot workshop at Gritt's Midway Greenhouse in Buffalo at 1 p.m. To register, go to <https://www.ticketleap.events/events/grittsmidwaygreenhouse>

- American Legion Post 187 will be holding a Pearl Harbor Day of Remembrance Ceremony at 2 p.m. at the Winfield Community Center.

DECEMBER 8

- There will be a blood drive from 1 to 6 p.m. at Winfield Church of the Nazarene, 10822 Winfield Road, from 1 to 6 p.m. Make an appointment by going to redcrossblood.org and entering "wcofn."

- There will be a mobile food pantry at the Hometown Senior Center, 40 First Avenue North, Hometown, from 11 a.m. to noon.

DECEMBER 9

- Putnam County Family Support Center will be hosting a fun family friendly community event from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Eleanor Fire Department, downstairs room. Hot chocolate, cookie and ornament decorating, and pictures with Santa.

- Kathy Rittenhouse of Rittenhouse Accounting Services will be discussing how the One Big Beautiful Bill's Individual and Business Provisions will affect people and their businesses. This event takes place at noon at Area 34, 971 WV Route 34, Hurricane.

- There will be a ribbon cutting at the new Putnam County Bank location at 3945 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, at 11 a.m.

- Come to FamilyCare Health Centers, 97 Great Teays Blvd., Ste 6, Scott Depot, for Cover WV Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Learn more about signing up for affordable health coverage.

- The Hurricane Civic Chorus Christmas Concert will be held at 7 p.m. at Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, 2848 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane.

DECEMBER 11 - 13

- Walk Thru Bethlehem will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at Hometown Independent Mission, 25 Third Avenue South, Hometown.

wildlife found in West Virginia, such as snakes, frogs, turtles, salamanders, bats, songbirds, small mammals and nongame fish. Photographs are not eligible and paintings with wildlife not found in West Virginia will not be considered. Paintings depicting hunting or fishing activities may be submitted.

The calendar is horizontal and art should be at least 14.5 inches wide by 11.5 inches high. Artists who want to send art should mail a high-resolution copy to the following address:

WV Division of Natural Resources
Wildlife Calendar Art
P.O. Box 67
Elkins, WV, 26241

Artists may send multiple paintings and artwork not chosen in previous years may be resubmitted. Digital copies of paintings of at least 300 dpi may be emailed to Sanya.D.George@wv.gov. For more information about submitting art for the West Virginia Wildlife Calendar or to purchase the 2026 edition while supplies last, visit WVdnr.gov/wildlife-calendar.

DECEMBER 11

- There will be Business After Hours hosted by Dow Chemical from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Valley Park Convention Center in Hurricane. RSVP by calling 304-757-6510.

- MadeBy Pottery, 2805 Main Street, Hurricane, will be holding a Clay Play Night workshop from 6 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$50 plus task. To purchase tickets, go to <https://madebypottery.com/shop/p/clay-play-events>

DECEMBER 12 - 14

- Fear on the Farm, 8325 Winfield Road, Winfield, will be holding their Christmas Huant from 7 p.m. to midnight. For more information, call (304) 437-2860.

DECEMBER 12

- There will be an interest meeting for a book club at the Buffalo Library at 11 a.m.

- Santa will be at the Women's Club of Nitro, 2205 2nd Avenue and 23rd Street, Nitro, from 5-7 p.m.

- Christ Community Church, 733 Rocky Step

Putnam County Food Pantries And Clothing Banks

for more information.

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

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

Reading is one of my favorite activities... my readers know that... recently, there have been some "old columns" in The Breeze... I enjoy those... takes me back to the times I grew up in Hurricane. This family, The Breeze Family, are icons of my home town... thank you, Ron and Betsy, again and again. I look forward to pulling that paper out of my mailbox.

Moving back to Indiana, from Florida, has been an adjustment. I am getting used to finding places. The biggest adjustment is the number of roundabouts. There are tons of new ones. I do like them because people slow down... and they don't have to become impatient at long stoplights... I am used to traffic... here it is 4-8-9 lanes anywhere I go... that is something that does not bother me. (The beach traffic in Florida was so much also...)

I can remember, when I lived in WV, folks complaining about Teays Valley traffic... well, don't move to the city... it is something that we deal with every time we start our cars. I am thankful that the area, in which I lived, is growing enough to have traffic... slow down... enjoy the time in the car... leave earlier... be patient... life goes by quicker than one expects anyway... and if there are roundabouts... don't remember if Hurricane has any, get used to them and enjoy... (I do not like the ones with the millions of beach goers in Florida, as they don't know how to use them... enough said.)

Oh, I miss Teays Valley Road... I miss Main Street in Hurricane... Virginia Avenue... Green Acres... the good times...

Road, Scott Depot, will have a kids' Christmas fun night from 6 to 8 p.m. Games, activities, art, and more.

- Zoology Zone Science Center, located at Valley Park in Hurricane, will be holding Christmas at the Zoo from 5 to 6:30 p.m. featuring music and art students from Bridget's Dance Academy.

learning to drive way back when... and remember when Hurricane got the stoplight? Oh my goodness... people complained like I could not believe... does progress mean that there are new subjects for discontent? I think not... It is a time for being thankful... drive around WV and visit some of the towns that are dying... watch the videos on YouTube on television...sad sad...

Progress is happening in Hurricane. A new middle school. Oh my heavens to mercy... as we say in WV... or we did... a new middle school. A brand new building for those kids... remember the one in which we started, LINDA? Remember the water on the floors? The snow blowing in the windows? The sawdust? We started elementary in that old decrepit building... we moved over to the new elementary in first grade... we moved back to that awful building to go to 7-9th grades... I will never forget it as long as I live... NOW... a new building... a new start for the kids...

If I lived in Hurricane... if I still taught school... I would have to look at the new houses going up... there is a need. The good schools... the activities... the growth will bring new residents to Hurricane... things cannot stay the way they "were"... oh, we long for nostalgia... but would we want to go back?

Would we want to live with one bathroom? Would we want to heat our water? What about walking everywhere we went? (I still walk...) Would we want to live during the Vietnam War? The times when money was not there. Thankfully, grocery stores helped those who had to have "bills" and had to pay them "later"... Would we really want the times of old? I think not. We have come a long way... our town is going to keep growing... the leadership will see to that... there will ALWAYS be something to complain about... I just don't complain... I just live because the way we were is the way we are... enjoy...

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
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

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.

HURRICANE CITY COUNCIL NEWS



Pictured are members of the Hurricane High State Champion Soccer Team. Team members are Seth Casto, Harris Coulter, Peyton Gum, Nile Green, Logan Flora, Jackson Willis, Connor Jackson, Lex Board, Conner Price, Landon Stonestreet, Nate Giertz, Theo Carter, Brandon Eckhart, Gavin Vance, Luke Price, Alex Anderson, Juan Placco, Blake Benson, Carter Borchers, Nathan Boyer, Tatum Kelly, Wyatt Shane, Matthew Kerrigan, Michael Nelson, Austin Street, Nicholas Castro, Samuel Castellano, Holden Fife, Korbyn Powell, Abraham King, Cole Angel, Tanner Gum, Jackson Green, Carter Fortney, Mason Halstead, and Kent Bailey (Coach).

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his home which office will not include client visitation.

Council also approved a variance which will

allow two corner lots in the Woodworth Farms subdivision to have less than minimum setbacks.

The next city council meeting will be Monday, January 5, at 6:30 p.m.



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.

Dec. 4, 1876: The state capitol was dedicated in Wheeling—the second and last building in that city to hold that distinction.

Dec. 4, 1883: Social reformer Stella Fuller was born Stella Lawrence Cremeans in Point Pleasant. In the 1940s, Fuller opened a relief operation on Huntington's Washington Avenue. Eventually, the Stella Fuller Settlement expanded into the area's largest haven for the disadvantaged and homeless.

Dec. 4, 1901: Construction of the present Cabell County Courthouse was completed. An extensive remodeling was completed in 1940.

Dec. 5, 1892: Daniel

D. T. Farnsworth died at age 73 in Buckhannon. As state senate president, Farnsworth succeeded Governor Boreman, who resigned in the last days of his term after being elected as a U.S. senator by the state legislature.

Dec. 5, 1916: A patent was issued for the Gravely Motor Plow, and by 1922 Gravely had started his own business.

Dec. 6, 1814: Tyler County was formed. The county was named for John Tyler, governor of Virginia (1808-11) and father of President John Tyler.

Dec. 6, 1865: Artist Annie Virginia Latham Bartlett was born in Grafton. Her clay sculptures included conventional busts as well as figurines interpreting West Virginia's historic and cultural past, with such titles as The Moonshiner.

Dec. 6, 1907: The deadliest coal mine

disaster in U.S. history occurred at Monongah, Marion County. At least 361 miners were killed, although the exact number was likely much higher. Many of the victims were recent immigrants, particularly Italians, Hungarians, and Russians.

Dec. 7, 1941: The USS West Virginia was badly damaged on Battleship Row during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, marking the United States' entry into World War II. At least 27 West Virginians are known to have died in the attack.

Dec. 9, 1829: West Virginia's fourth governor, John Jeremiah Jacob, was born in Hampshire County. He was the first governor born within the area that became West Virginia and the first Democratic governor of the state.

Dec. 9, 1932: Songwriter, musician, playwright, humorist and poet Billy Edd Wheeler was born in Whitesville.

Dec. 10, 1841: Logan County preacher "Uncle Dyke" Garrett was born on Big Creek. His greatest fame was for converting and baptizing Devil Anse Hatfield in Main Island Creek in 1911.

Dec. 10, 1949: The first class of 20 cadets graduated from the West Virginia State Police Academy in Institute. The State Police purchased property for the academy

on a hilltop overlooking Institute in Kanawha County for about \$3,200. Construction began in 1948, and the building was completed the next year.

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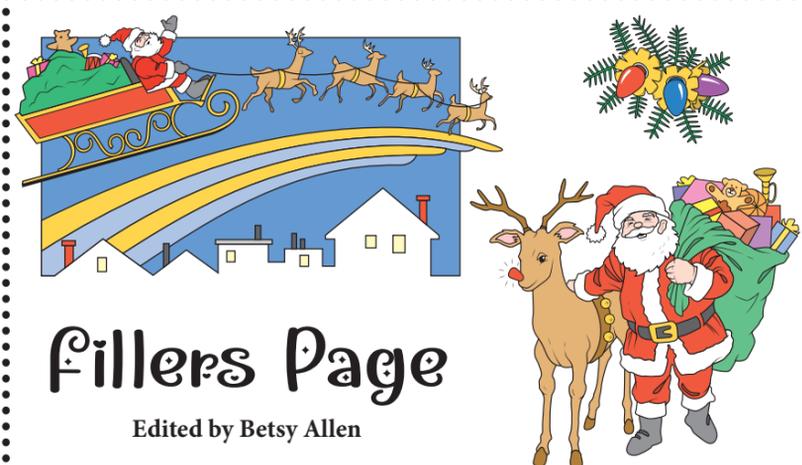
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Hurricane West Virginia

Christmas House Decorating Contest

Decorating your house for Christmas?
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Enter our contest by December 7, 2025!
Hurricanewv.com/christmascontest



Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen

Thanksgiving

By Miriam "Connie" Harbert

Oh dear God we pray on this Thanksgiving Day
Thank you for our food, our family, and friends
Now let's all Stuff it in, thank You God, and amen

Christmas Cards

From Jeff Burkhardt's "Rhyme and Reason"

Submitted by Myra Simmons

The folks I know and love that keep
in touch each Christmas season
Correspond in different ways: there's
just no rhyme and reason

Some of them give me a call,
it's easy and it's fast
Others send emails and tweet,
unlike in Christmas Past

Some of them send three page
letters, telling me just how
Their children, pets and selves have
prospered, since last year till now

Some say, "Happy Holidays," so
people won't get mad
Others dwell on Santa, asking who's
been good or bad

Some cards include pictures, which
are stuffed inside of letters
Of friends posing with loved ones
wearing ugly Christmas sweaters

Sometimes they come early; they are
sent by mid-November
The few I send are always late; I can't
seem to remember

It's nice to get a Christmas card,
from Family and Friends
Sweet ones that are filled with love,
and Christmas Cheer they send

So let this rhyme I've written, be the
card I send to you
To wish you Merry Christmas, and to
save on postage too!!

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

Win Busy Weeknights With A One-Pan Meal

(Family Features) If the holiday season has you avoiding the kitchen at all costs, a one-pan weeknight meal that's equal parts filling, satisfying and simple can let you spend more time with loved ones and less time at the counter. Turn to Cheesy Spinach Chicken Bake that can easily be adapted to your family's tastes by swapping out spinach for broccoli or cauliflower. To find more holiday season solutions, visit Culinary.net.

Cheesy Spinach Chicken Bake



Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"
Servings: 4-6

- 2 cups chopped rotisserie chicken
- 10 ounces frozen spinach, thawed and drained
- 15 ounces ricotta cheese
- 2 cups mozzarella cheese
- 1 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon onion powder
- 1 tablespoon lemon thyme

Heat oven to 375 F.

Cut rotisserie chicken and spinach into bite-sized pieces. In baking dish, mix chicken and spinach with ricotta cheese.

Add mozzarella, Parmesan, Italian seasoning, garlic powder, onion powder and lemon thyme. Mix well then bake 30 minutes.

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

True wealth is measured in peace, not gold.

Desire is a cage that looks like freedom.

The 3 C's of life: choices, chances, changes. You must make the choice, to take a chance, if you want anything in life to change.

Every few days it would be smart to put your jeans on to make sure they still fit. Pajamas and sweats will have you believe all is well.

As we grow older, it's not just the years we miss. We miss who we were, where we were, who we were with, and what we did.

Happiness is not achieved by the conscious pursuit of happiness; it is generally the by-product of other activities.

They say when you retire, you will travel more. What they didn't tell you is that it is to doctor's appointments.

Life is short; Heaven is forever.

Life is tough, but so are you.

Jealousy is lack of confidence.

Jesus can heal whatever it is that you can't talk about.

Doggies don't lie. That alone, puts them ahead of lots of people.

Diet Day 1: I have removed all the bad food from the house. It was delicious.

The best thing about old age is that you don't have to make excuses for taking naps.

Healing doesn't mean the damage never happened. It means it no longer controls you.

Some people never loved you; they just loved what you did for them.

People come and go in your life, but the right ones will always stay.

When God gives you new beginnings, don't fall into old mistakes.

Celebrate your life and honor those who made it possible.

You cannot change the future as long as the future is in the future, so don't try.

If your past is difficult, it's because your purpose is much bigger than you thought.

Humankind must learn to understand that the life of an animal is in no way less precious than our own.

Teachers carry the responsibility of shaping minds while also building the confidence that helps students grow.

Sometimes you gotta appreciate the little things in life like being able to see, walk, breathe, eat and sleep.

You don't need to rush just because others are moving fast. It's your journey; live it at your own pace.



Don't depend too much on anyone in this world. Even your shadow leaves you when you're in darkness.

I don't know if my slacks are getting loose because I'm losing weight, or if the elastic is finally giving up the fight.

Where I'm from, manners aren't old-fashioned; they're just how we were raised.

I miss when days felt long, people felt close, and nothing had to be posted on Facebook.

My bed and I are in a committed relationship. We even fight every morning when I have to leave.

If you treat every situation as a life and death matter, you'll die a lot of times.

The squirrels must be gathering nuts. Some of my neighbors have disappeared.

If you have to buy stuff to store your stuff, you might have too much stuff.

What seeds of hope are you actively planting and tending?

When you live with chronic pain, you never tell the truth. When someone asks you how you are or how you feel, you lie and say, "I'm fine" or "Hanging in there?"

I might wake up and go for a run in the morning. I might also win the lottery. The odds are about the same.

A negative mind will never give you a positive life.

Life is hard. If you don't laugh, it's even harder.

Rest is not a reward. It's a requirement.

God is closer than you think.

Positivity is a superpower.

God is always listening.

You can be friends with people for years and it can take years for you to realize they were never your friend.

Spend time with your parents, treat them well. Because one day, when you look up from your phone, they won't be there anymore.

Having a deep bond with your children is something money can't buy. That connection is the greatest gift you can give and receive.

The truth of the matter is - once you hit 60, you're gonna sit on the edge of the bed and warm up like an old Buick before you can get up.

Human bones are stronger than steel, ounce per ounce.

You're only young once, but you can be immature

forever.

You can't put your arms around the memory, so hug someone you love today.

I could be a morning person, if morning happened around noon.

My bank account and I are currently in a long-distance relationship.

An apple a day keeps anyone away if you throw it hard enough.

Stimulate the heart to love, and all other virtues will rise of their own accord.

A person should want to live, if only out of curiosity.

Saying nothing sometimes says the most. - Emily Dickinson

A book tightly shut is but a block of paper.

Your stomach acid can dissolve razor blades.

A chain is no stronger than its weakest link.

I am not lazy. I am on energy-saving mode.

My life feels like a test I didn't study for.

To love is to act. - Victor Hugo

We carried dimes for the payphone, wrote letters by hand, and kept concert stubs in a shoebox and honestly, we came from one of the best generations there ever was.

Doctors can replace organs, bones, corneas, hands and arms, joints and hips. Still only one thing eventually takes care of the aging process - death.

Love is not singular except in syllable.

To love and to be loved is an amazing feeling.

I wish my wallet came with free refills.

I was raised on respect, hard work, and common sense.

No matter your doggy's age, they'll always be your puppy.

I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted paychecks.

The crazy thing about people who don't like you, they watch everything you do.

They say money talks, but mine just waves goodbye.

Lightning is five times hotter than the surface of the sun.

Life begins at conception. It's a fact, not a belief.

I dream of a world where every paw is safe.

Bible Verse



Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

— Proverbs 30:5

Obituaries

PAULA JEAN BALLENGEE

Paula Jean Ballengee, 64, of Eleanor, gained her angel wings on Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at CAMC Memorial after a short illness. Paula was a 1979 graduate of Buffalo High School and was employed for 23 years at Parkline, Inc. in Eleanor in the Engineering Department.

Paula loved her family and friends deeply. She enjoyed family gatherings and going out with friends, including her trips to the Amish country with Brenda McDavid.

Born on September 7, 1961, she was the daughter of the late Hillis and Dorothy (Lyons) Riddle. She was also preceded in death by an infant daughter, Miranda Kay Ballengee and her brother-in-law, Danny Rodman.

She is survived by her sister, Vanessa (John) Higginbotham of Eleanor and her twin, Carla Rodman of Eleanor. She is also survived by her niece, Tia (Joe) Craig of Buffalo, her nephew, Nathaniel (Lola) Arthur of Crestview, Florida, her great niece, Kaylyn Craig and great nephew, Joseph Craig, whom she loved as her own children and grandchildren.

In addition, she is survived by a niece Leandra (Alex) Diedrich of St. Albans; great nieces and nephews: Kristina Davis, Brittany Davis, Stacy Davis, Tracey Davis, John Davis, Jr., Alisa Winters, Chazz Grady, Lillian Grady, Osiris Diedrich, Forbin Diedrich,

Vida Diedrich, and Millie Diedrich; 12 great great nieces and nephews and a host of other family and friends.

Funeral service was Monday, December 1, 2025, at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastor Jeff Pitchford officiating. Burial was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House.

SHAUN CLINE

Christopher Shaun Cline, 44, of Poca, formerly of Columbus, OH, passed away Tuesday, November 25, 2025.

Shaun was born in Huntington and spent most of his life in Columbus, OH. He was a talented Drywall Finisher, proudly carrying on a family tradition and earning a reputation for his skill and dedication to his craft. Shaun had a deep love for music and touched countless lives through the songs he would sing, play and share. He was exceptionally athletic in his youth, enjoying both basketball and karate, and later in life found joy in playing the guitar. Adventurous at heart and grounded in his Christian faith, Shaun embraced life with passion and purpose.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Diana Cline; grandmother, Doris Cline; and grandfather, Paul Cline.

Left to cherish his memory are his five children, Aubrey, Caleb, Dakota, Aylin, and Aniyah; his father, Jimmie (Teresa) Cline; brothers, Nick (Leslie) Cline and

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 25-0426-W-42T
WEST VIRGINIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY,
Rule 42T application to increase rates and charges.

CASE NO. 25-0428-S-42T
WEST VIRGINIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY,
Rule 42T application to increase rates and charges.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING

The Commission will hold a public comment hearing on December 15, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. The public comment hearing will be held virtually, allowing for interested persons to make a comment telephonically, through the Microsoft Teams application from the internet, or in-person at the Commission headquarters. Interested persons intending to make a virtual public comment should register with the Commission by 4:00 p.m., Friday, December 12, 2025. Registration may be made by any of the following methods:

- (1) through the Microsoft Teams meeting link located on the Commission's website, <http://www.psc.state.wv.us> under the "PSC Hot Topics" section located at the top of the homepage;
- (2) by calling 304-340-0822 (Alexis Weimer) or 304-340-0820 (Andrew Gallagher); or
- (3) by emailing aweimer@psc.state.wv.us or usoragallagher@psc.state.wv.us.

Interested persons wishing to comment in-person at the public comment hearing should attend and sign up to speak at 5:30 p.m. at Public Service Commission, Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

As an alternative to speaking at the public comment hearing virtually or in-person, individuals or entities interested in providing written comments regarding these cases should submit their comments by mail or hand delivery to Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323 or online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us> by clicking on "Submit A Comment" in the left column and following the directions provided. All written comments should be marked with Case No. 25-0426-W-42T or Case No. 25-0428-S-42T. Interested persons may also attend the public comment hearing in-person or via webcast to observe the public comment hearing. The webcast may be viewed by clicking "Commission Webcast" located under the "Inside the PSC" section in the left column on the Commission's website: www.psc.state.wv.us. WEST VIRGINIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY 12-4-11

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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.

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Ben Cline; his companion, Casey Cox; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends who will miss him dearly.

A celebration of life service will be announced at a later date.

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NOTICE TO REDEEM

2023-C-000177 - Putnam County
To: ROGER MELTON, GREGORY MELTON, IRS, ATTN: ADVISORY CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS, WV STATE TAX DEPARTMENT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT POCA MAP 217 PARCEL 0077 0006 0000

You will take notice that WVTK LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2023-C-000177**, located in POCA District, 1.67 AC POCA RIVER RD, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of MELTON ROGER A & GREGORY L, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of PUTNAM County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on June 18, 2024. WVTK LLC, requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after February 1, 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before January 31, 2026 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 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

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

The City of Hurricane is accepting Statements of Qualifications from qualified persons or firms to provide engineering services including review of final design plans, preparation bid documents and specifications, construction administration/management and observation services for the construction of infrastructure supporting a new residential community including water, sewer, roads, and possibly stormwater retention.

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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

In Re: Change of Name from Dylan Patrick Lutz to Alice Octavia Mercato

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING

Civil Action No. 25-P-151
Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia
Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of January, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Judge Mark Sorsaia, Dylan Patrick Lutz will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia for the entry of an order by said Court, changing his/her name from Dylan Patrick Lutz to Alice Octavia Mercato, at which time and place any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire.

You are hereby notified that this matter may be rescheduled without further notice or publication.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office at 12093 Winfield Road, Ste. 12, Winfield, WV 25213.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court this 20th day of November, 2025.

Stephanie M. Smith
Putnam County Circuit Clerk

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To the Creditors and Beneficiaries of the following deceased persons estates:

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

Estate No.: 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
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: Makinzie Grace Keeney
130 Taylor Street
Hurricane, WV 25526

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

Estate No.: 6195
Estate Of: Amana Yvonne Thompson
Administratrix: Aretta 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

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 27, 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 27, 2025.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 20th day of November 2025.

Fiduciary Supervisor
Putnam County Commission
10293 Winfield Road,
Winfield, WV 25213

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

In Re: Change of Name from Vivian Rosalynn Carroll to Vivian Rosalynn Stevens

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING

Civil Action No. 25-P-86
Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia
Notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of December, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Judge Phillip Stowers, Meghan Stevens will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia for the entry of an order by said Court, changing her child's name from Vivian Rosalynn Carroll to Vivian Rosalynn Stevens, at which time and place any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire.

You are hereby notified that this matter may be rescheduled without further notice or publication.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office at 12093 Winfield Road, Ste. 12, Winfield, WV 25213.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court this 12th day of November, 2025.

Stephanie M. Smith
Putnam County Circuit Clerk

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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.

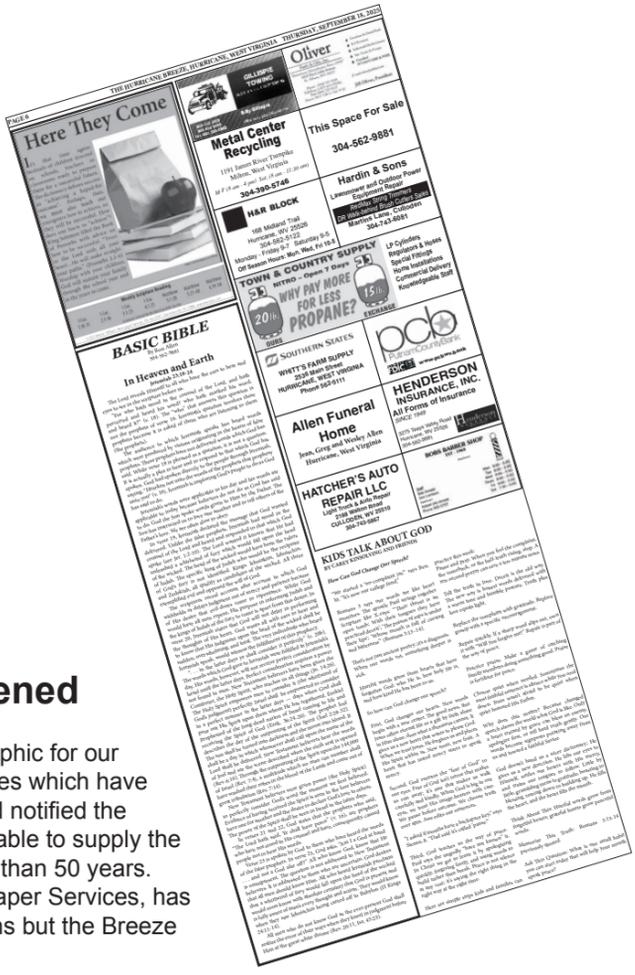
Submission by email is preferred. Remit to hurricanebreeze@citynet.net

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



Start the Day Right



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A cup of coffee is a great way to jump-start the day; yet, why depend on coffee alone to get going? While you're waiting for it to brew, practice the restorative power of morning prayer. It will give you strength and guidance to deal with whatever the day may bring. David relied on God, "Morning by morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; morning by morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation." (Psalm 5:3) Your Heavenly Father will walk beside you through your day if you ask Him to. Each week, visit with Him in His Sanctuary and give praise for His guidance.

Weekly Scripture Reading

Psalm	Mark	Mark	Mark	Jeremiah	Jeremiah	Nehemiah
100	12.35-44	13.1-23	13.24-37	10.1-16	23.1-8	8.1-18

Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society

BASIC BIBLE

By Ron Allen
304-562-9881

The Glory of the Lord

Exodus 33:12-23

"And Moses said unto the Lord . . ." (v. 12). Moses spoke to the Lord from the confines of the tabernacle (see v. 9). The tabernacle of Exodus 33 is not the tabernacle that the Lord instructed Moses to build in Exodus 26. The tabernacle of chapter 33 is a tent that served as a place where Moses could approach God. In verse 7, Moses removed the tabernacle from the camp and placed it far off because the Lord had said that He would consume the children of Israel when He came into their midst. The Lord descended as a cloudy pillar and spoke with Moses in the tabernacle after it was removed from the camp. All scripture from Exodus 33:12 to 34:2 is a record of that which was spoken by Moses and the Lord.

In verse 12, Moses restated that which God revealed to him when the Lord appeared to him from the midst of the burning bush. The Lord had chosen Moses and instructed him to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt. The Lord told Moses that He would be with him and that he should tell the children of Israel that "I AM hath sent me unto you."

In verse 13, Moses asked the Lord to show him His way such that he might know Him and find grace in His sight.

A lot had transpired in the period of time between being called from the burning bush and this moment of prayer in Exodus 33. The Lord had shown Himself to Moses when He caused Israel to come up out of Egypt with great gain. The Lord had shown Himself to Moses when He provided manna from heaven and when He caused water to gush forth from the rock. The Lord had spoken to Moses before he went upon the mount, when he was on the mount and after he came down from the mount. The Lord had given Moses His commandments and the law. The Lord had revealed both His anger and His grace to Moses. The Lord had revealed Himself to Moses in a mighty way but it was not enough for Moses. Moses desired more. Moses wanted to know what he could do such that he might find favor with God. Moses also asked that he might see that this nation is "thy people."

Moses' prefaced this request to find grace with the statement that he had found "grace in thy sight." We need note that all which is recorded in the text before us has been placed there because the Lord would have us know Him.

The Lord's answer to Moses was: "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest." At first blush, the Lord's answer would seem to sidestep Moses' request. A closer examination of Moses' petition, however, reveals that the Lord's answer is complete and precisely addresses his request. Moses implored the Lord to show him His way. That is what the Lord did. To know God's way, one must look upon that which the Lord has done, does and shall do. Moses did not find grace in the eyes of the Lord at the burning bush because he had tended the flocks of his father-in-law for forty years. Moses did not find grace because of his works. Moses found grace because he did not turn from the burning bush. Moses did not turn from God's presence. God's grace and presence are not separate. New Testament believers know God's grace because the Comforter indwells all who believe.

Moses understood the Lord's answer. He understood that the grace he sought depended upon that which the Lord would supply. Moses, in asking for God's presence (v. 15 and 16), asked that he and Israel not be separated from Him.

The Lord answered: "I will do this thing" (v. 17). The Lord wanted Moses (and us) to understand why that He would continue to be with him. The Lord said: "for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name."

New Testament believers make note of the Lord's answer and hear the words of the Son who said: "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:20). We have been given, as Moses was given, a mission and a promise.

Moses responded by begging the Lord to show him "thy glory." The Lord is the great I AM; He is beyond measurement. His glory surpasses description. Moses beseeched the Lord to show him that which exceeds description.

Moses may or may not have realized that for which he asked. The Lord answered Moses and preserved His answer in scripture before us. The Lord wants New Testament believers to know His response to Moses — to one who found grace in His sight and to one whom He knows by name. New Testament believers have been saved by grace. The Lord knows by name all who have called upon Him believing. That which the Lord revealed to Moses, He reveals to believers.

The Lord would cause His goodness to pass before Moses. The Lord would proclaim I AM, His self-existent name before him. The Lord would be gracious to Him. He will be gracious. He will show mercy to whom He will show mercy.

The Lord told Moses (and us) that no man can look upon His face and live. Moses, however, would be in His presence and live because the Lord would place him in a cleft of the rock and cover him with His hand while His glory passed by. Moses would be shielded from His consuming, purifying glory.

New Testament believers are shielded from the all powerful, all consuming glory of the Father by the Son who makes intercession for us.

Moses would see "my back parts" from the cleft when the Lord removed His covering hand (v. 23). New Testament believers see God through the cleft of the rock which is Christ. In the Son, we see the Father and glory in the salvation He has freely given.

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When the disciples of John the Baptist told him that the ministry of Jesus was increasing, he said, "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30).

How does Jesus increase? Use your memory, says Chandler, 8: "Remember all the times that Jesus saved you from something so that it will get you to believe in him."

Short memories cause us to block God's

plan for causing Jesus to increase. We so easily forget where we were when God found us. The Bible paints a picture of God ever pursuing us when we were "lost." Yes, lost. Without God, you are as lost as a goose flying north in the middle of winter.

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Now that your eternal destiny is sealed, you can reorient your world as Grace, 9, suggests: "We need to be more like a servant and become less important because Jesus is the one who should be the most important."

When Jesus' disciples got in an argument over who was the greatest disciple, Jesus said, "He who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves" (Luke 22:26).

I can guarantee this is not what the disciples had in mind when they argued over who was top dog. The disciples were shocked when Jesus washed their feet at the Passover meal on the night before his crucifixion. Slaves or household servants usually washed the feet of guests.

Think about this: As Jesus becomes more important in your life, you'll think in ways you can't even imagine now. Like the disciples, you'll be shocked at what Jesus wants to do through you.

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CHARLES EDWARD FERRELL

Charles Edward Ferrell, 87, of Winfield, passed away on Monday, November 24, 2025.

Charles was born on March 1, 1938 to the late Elzie Walter and Martha McCallister Ferrell in Plus, WV, which is now known as Rand. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his loving wife, Judy; son, Gary Ferrell; step-mother, Mary Saunders Ferrell; brothers: Willard, Norman, Walter, Garland Ferrell, Lacy and Wayne Saunders; sisters: Virginia Pinson and Goldia Raines.

He was a graduate of Dupont High School and he proudly served his country in the US Navy. He retired from CF Trucking as a truck driver and was a member of Local Teamsters #175. Charles was also a member of Kanawha Number 20 Masonic Lodge A.F. & A.M. and a member of Beni Kedem Shriners, as well as Valley of Charleston Scottish Rite.

He is survived by his sons: Mark (Pam) of Winfield and Charles (Cathy) of Copley, Ohio; sister, Ruth Cogen; grandchildren: Mark Allen, Kila, Lisa, Josh, Vicky and Jeff; siblings: Johnny Ferrell, Glen Ferrell and Gay Bono; as well as several great grandchildren and a host of extended family.

Funeral service for Charles was Monday, December 1, 2025, at Chapman Funeral Home, Winfield, with Pastor Andrew Gordon officiating. Burial was in Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery with Military Honors and Masonic Rites.

CHARLES 'BUD' HIGGINBOTHAM

Charles Phillip "Bud" Higginbotham, 71, of Scott Depot, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, November 23, 2025.

Bud was a 1973 graduate of Nitro High School and retired from Dow Chemical in South Charleston. He loved the Lord with all his heart and found joy in cheering on WVU Mountaineer sports, listening to 70's music, and taking memorable trips to Disney. Above all, Bud was devoted to his wife

and family—his greatest earthly treasures.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Anna Higginbotham.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 50 years, Diane Roe Higginbotham; son, Michael Higginbotham; granddaughter, Adeline Higginbotham; sisters, Becky (David) Simmons and Patricia (Buzzy) Kail; father-in-law, Jack Roe; and brother-in-law, Jeff Roe. Bud will also be missed by extended family and friends whose lives were brightened by his kindness and steady faith.

A tribute to Bud's life was held Friday, November 28, 2025, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

LEONARD MORRISON

Leonard Dow Morrison, of Hurricane, passed away peacefully at the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House in Huntington. He recently celebrated his 90th birthday surrounded by family and friends.

Leonard was born in Loga, in 1935 to Luther and Mildred Chambers Morrison who preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by former wife Nancy Morrison, sisters Renatha Woodward and Dorothy Rodriguez, brothers Marvin, Grady, Lewis, and Bobby. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Emma Lee Erwin Morrison, son Gregory (Melissa) of Luray, VA, daughters Kimberli Erwin Matteson (Dr. Tom) of Luray, VA, Kristi Erwin Dunlap (Tim) of Huntington, WV, grandchildren Dr. Logan Morrison (Abigail) and Alison Morrison of Luray, VA, Liam Matteson of Luray, VA, Megan Keplinger (Jed) of Harrisonburg, VA, and Reese Dunlap of Huntington, great granddaughter Lauren Keplinger of Harrisonburg, VA, sisters-in-law Marilyn Morrison of Milton, and Jerrie Hussell of Charleston, and many nieces and nephews.

Leonard was a graduate of Logan High School, where he played football, basketball, and baseball. He attended Arlington College in Riverside, California, where he sang Tenor in a quartet

and played basketball. He was employed by the U.S. Postal Service in Riverside. During his time in Springfield, Missouri, he was employed by Empire Gas. He eventually made his way back to West Virginia where he was employed as an account executive for Interstate Supply. He coached Little League Baseball in Milton with a dear friend of over 50 years, Don Steele. Leonard was a faithful Marshall fan for all sports. He loved cheering on the HERD at home and away games. On occasion he made trips to cheer on the Mountaineers in Morgantown and various bowl games. He was a charter member of The Church in the Valley in Milton, where he served as a trustee and member of the choir for 30 years. Leonard enjoyed tailgating, grilling, hosting cook outs and pool parties, making chili and taking care of his pool and lawn. He had a very special love for his grandchildren. He loved to travel and took many school trips with his wife (Spanish teacher) to many countries. He also took several mission trips to the Dominican Republic where he painted and did repairs for many churches and schools.

The family will receive friends at the Allen Funeral Home in Hurricane from 6-8 pm, Thursday, December 4th. A celebration of life will be held on December 5th at The Church in The Valley at 2pm. Visitation one hour before the service. Burial will follow in Valley View Memorial Park.

ROGER SHARPS

Carl Roger Sharps, 83, of Eleanor, passed away Thursday, November 27, 2025 at his home following a brief illness. He was an executive at the Hecks corporation for several years. Roger worked for many years in the timber and gas industry. He was the owner / operator of Lone Tree and was a founding member of Mercer Minerals. He was a proud U.S. Air Force veteran and a member of Kanawha Valley Lodge No.

36 A.F. & A.M. in Buffalo. He loved hunting, fishing, cooking and working crossword puzzles. He was very knowledgeable about fishing in the local streams and waterways. Roger was an avid Democrat and never hesitated to express his deep dislike of Trump and his administration.

He was born in Sistersville to the late Carl Ruell Sharps and Margaret Louise Sharps. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 49 years, Rema Taylor Sharps and granddaughter, Angela Sharps.

Survivors include his children; Eddie (Susan) Sharps of Cross Lanes, Brian (Lorie) Sharps of Eleanor, Shawna (John) Hall of Huntington, Cathy (Shawn) Herdman of Eleanor, sister, Pamela (John) Porfeli of Charleston; brother, Donald (Joni) Sharps of Houston TX; grandchildren, Joshua (Candice) Sharps, Jonathan (Whitney) Meade, Jarrod Meade (Jonathan Bisceglia), Jordan Sharps (Sydney Sims), Matthew Herdman, Natalie (Dakota) Stebler, Lilly Herdman, Erin Shamblen (Mike Kuehn), Olivia Shamblen, Lindsey (Kevin) Totten, Kaitlyn Haber and Michael Haber; nieces, Julie Sharps, Dina Sharps, Dara Lao, Kelly Fletcher and Erin Porfeli. Roger is also survived by eleven great grandchildren and his dog, "Lil Chig."

Memorial service will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, December 5th, 2025, at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor. Inurnment will follow in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

MARY SMITH

On November 26, 2025 after a few ER visits and a hospital stay Mary Frances Setliff Smith, 86, went home. She leaves behind her husband of 35 years, Gary Smith, Her children Randall Adkins of Huntington, Wanda Thomasson of Winfield

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and Jarrett Adkins of Hurricane, 3 step sons Doug, Greg, and Brian Eunice of Culloden, 2 sisters Eunice (Jim) Flinger of St. Albans and Barbara Plumley of Hurricane. She will be deeply missed by all that knew her.

Funeral service will be 1:00 Monday, December 8, 2025 at Allen Funeral Home and burial will follow in Mt. Moriah Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 til 1 prior to the service.

SHIRLEY GLEN SNODGRASS

Shirley Glen Snodgrass, 82, of Hurricane, passed away on November 27, 2025, at the home of his daughter.

He was born to the late Creston Hubert Snodgrass and Lillian Elnore Buzzard Fox on November 29, 1942, in Hazel Green, (Ritchie County). In addition to his parents, he was preceded recently in death by his loving wife, Linda Lou Snodgrass; daughter, Angela Shuman; and his sister: Pam Roberts.

Shirley retired from Cytec after 38 years of service as Superintendent. He was a Christian. After retirement Shirley loved to hunt and fish, and was a member of the American Legion. Having proudly served our country with the U.S. Air Force in the Military Police.

Shirley is survived by his children: Andrea Wagner (Reg) of Hurricane, Matthew Snodgrass (Becki) of Parkersburg, and Holly Clagg (Mike) of Hurricane; grandchildren: Andrew Wagner (Vanessa) of Hurricane, Tiffany Livingston (Doug) of Seminole, FL, Clark Wagner of Hurricane, Jenna Snodgrass of Columbus OH, Creston Snodgrass (Maddie) of Sistersville, Isaac Snodgrass (Mahayla) of St. Marys, Jacob Shuman of Seminole, FL, Samuel Brody Clagg of Hurricane; great-grandchildren: Lizzy and Abe Wagner of Hurricane, and Evren Snodgrass of Sistersville; as well as a host of extended family and friends.

There will be no services per Shirley's request.



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Happy Anniversary

Paul and Myra Simmons, 2451 US Route 60, Hurricane, will celebrate their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary on December 3.

Ed and Brenda Turley of 126 Vaturia Drive in Hurricane will celebrate their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary on December 6.

Eugene and Sally Holman Pauley of 1017 Cape Charles Drive in Columbus, Ohio, will celebrate their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary on December 7.

Lloyd and Peggy Grant Hinkle of Obetz, Ohio, will celebrate their sixty-fourth wedding anniversary on December 7.

Gerald and Jane Ellen Foster of 2008 Mount Vernon Road in Hurricane will celebrate their fifty-third wedding anniversary on December 8.

Joe and Valerie Meadows of 2090 Glenwood Road in Milton will celebrate their thirty-ninth wedding anniversary on December 9.

Bub and Barbara Hedrick of North Fort Myers in Florida will celebrate their sixty-eighth wedding anniversary on December 9.

Spencer and Susan Adkins of Huntington will celebrate their thirty-sixth wedding anniversary on December 9.

Jack and Dianna Pritchard Black of 1000 Jane Drive in Culloden will celebrate their twenty-fourth wedding anniversary on December 10.

Ed and Debbie Young Brooks of 11050 Bristol Bay Drive in Bradenton, Florida, will celebrate their forty-third wedding anniversary on December 10.

Wes and Leslie Meade Amores of Eleanor will celebrate their third wedding anniversary on December 10.

Charlie and Karen Chase of Brentwood, Tennessee, will celebrate their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary on December 11.

Andy and April Jackson of 35 Timothy Lane in Milton will celebrate their thirty-second wedding anniversary on December 11.

Kenny and Linda Legg of Frazier's Bottom will celebrate their sixty-sixth wedding anniversary on December 11.

George and Alice Armstead Morris of 525 Albert Way in Petaluma, California, will celebrate their forty-fourth wedding anniversary on December 11.

Barrie and Becky Foster of Hurricane will celebrate their twenty-sixth wedding anniversary on December 11.

Wayne and Paula Jean Chapman Johnson of Dry Ridge Road in Milton will celebrate their forty-fourth wedding anniversary on December 11.

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December Events At the Putnam County Library

This December, Saturdays are for holiday movie marathons at the Main Library in Teays Valley. Story Time goes into winter hibernation, and the Putnam Library is signing off of 2025 with a "Noon" Year's Eve Party for the younger set. Thanks for sharing the season with the library!

This December, the Putnam Library is releasing a limited edition Reading Dragon trading card as part of our card-collecting game for kids and teens. Say hello to Candy Cane!

Don't know what Reading Dragons are? It's a fun way for kids to earn cards depicting various dragon families that they can then trade, use for card games, or just collect 'em all. Pick up a tracker at any Putnam Library location to start your collection.

From 9 a.m. - 2p.m. on Saturdays at the Main Library in Teays Valley, catch classic stop-motion shorts like Rudolph and Frosty, and double doses of Home Alone and The Santa Clause. The schedule is as packed as Santa's sleigh on Christmas Eve!

Performers from The Macholah Ballet will perform selections from their original work, "The Nativity," followed by a meet-and-greet with the performers on Tuesday, December 9, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Main Library.

Wrap your gifts away from prying eyes at the Eleanor Library this holiday season. The library will provide the paper, ribbon, scissors, and other supplies on two Wednesdays this December (the 10th and 17th). Remember, though, this library closes for lunch from 12:30-1:15 p.m., so please plan accordingly.

With chestnuts roasting on the fire and leaving cookies out for Santa, the holidays provide lots of great snack options! Learn more about Healthy Holidays with pediatric dietician Rachel Sallade from Marshall Health following Story Time at the Main Library on Wednesday, December 10, at 11 a.m. Taste test a healthy holiday snack and get some great ideas for a nutritious and delicious Christmas.

The Buffalo Library's Book Club is taking on a new adventure for 2026 and YOU get to be a part of it! Come to the interest meeting on Friday, December 12 at 11 a.m. to tell them what you'd like to read, when you'd like to meet, and the direction you want to see for the group. Your opinion matters and the library would be so happy to see you as part of the club in the new year!

In preparation for the new year, the Poca Library will be sharing tips on, and personal examples of, how to get more organized! From to-do lists, to monthly finances, to personal appointments, and more, learn how to keep everything neat and in one place. Bring your own 2026 planner or grab one at the library to customize/decorate while supplies last. It's never too early to begin planning, so come to the Poca Library on Wednesday, December 17, from 10 - 11 a.m.

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The Nativity Ballet This Weekend

The Macholah Ballet Studio will be presenting The Nativity Ballet on Friday, December 5th, at 7 p.m., and Saturday, December 6th, at 2 p.m. at Bridge Church, 6496 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot.

This free performance is an hour long and suitable for the whole family. Tasteful costumes, uplifting music, inspiring choreography, and a team of ministry-minded dancers; it's a show you'll want to make a part of your family's holiday tradition!

The Nativity Ballet is performed by our high school aged, pre-professional level dancers. It features the main characters of the Biblical Nativity story including Mary, Joseph, the Angel Gabriel, Mary's cousin Elizabeth, Shepherds, Wisemen and more!

The Nativity Ballet has been toured throughout the state of West Virginia and now seeks to remain local as our gift to the community.

ADMISSION: One canned good/non-perishable food item per person. Canned food items will be donated to our local food pantry for Christmas food baskets.

Breakfast with Santa

Fairview Church, located at 5012 Pebble Drive, Cross Lanes, will be having Breakfast with Santa on December 6, at 8 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

Buffalo Methodist Bazaar

Buffalo Methodist Church, located at 27 High Street, Buffalo, in The Historic Square, will have their annual Christmas Bazaar on December 6, starting at 10 a.m. Food, cookies, candy, and good as new items will be available. Everyone is welcome!

Wade Chapel Cantata

Wade Chapel Church, located at 4490 McLane Pike, Red House, along WV State Route 34, will present a Christmas Cantata on December 14, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited for a great time of singing and Christmas joy. Stay after the cantata and come for fellowship and Christmas dinner. For more details, check the church Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/wade.umc>

for the whole family! Your favorite comedic duo take on the infamous Mouse King and embark on a whimsical adventure to the Land of Sweets packed with surprises, silliness, and heart. Approximately 45 minutes in length, this condensed version of the story is perfect as an afternoon matinee for the whole family. It is FREE and begins at 2:00 p.m. at the Main Library in Teays Valley on Friday, December 19.

Who needs to stay up til midnight? Party like it's Noon Year's Eve! Bring the kids for crafts, games, music, and a countdown to the big finale - 12 o'clock NOON! The fun starts at the Main Library at 11 a.m. on New Year's Eve, and wraps up promptly at noon because that's way past bedtime!



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