

The Hurricane Breeze

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New Dollar General Market Opens in Scott Depot

Community Grand Opening Celebration with Giveaways Scheduled for Saturday, December 13

Dollar General is excited to announce its new DG Market at 6009 Teays Valley Road in Scott Depot is now open! The new DG Market store features an expanded selection of fresh meats, fruits and vegetables, as well as the same categories, brands and products customers trust Dollar General to carry. To celebrate, the Company plans to host a grand opening event on Saturday, December 13, 2025 at 8 a.m., which will include \$10 complimentary gift cards to the first 50 adult customers and DG tote bags to the first 100 customers.

"We are excited to provide Scott Depot residents with our new DG Market format and look forward to welcoming

customers to our new location," said Matthew Simonsen, Dollar General's senior vice president of business intelligence and development. "At Dollar General, we believe the addition of our new Scott Depot store provides positive economic growth for the community through the creation of new jobs and career growth opportunities; increased accessibility to affordable products; the generation of tax revenue and access to Dollar General Literacy Foundation grants. We strive to provide a pleasant shopping experience to customers and looking forward to being a strong business partner and good neighbor."

Dollar General plans to create new jobs in the Scott Depot community as the store is expected to employ approximately 10-15 people, depending on the individual needs of the store. Individuals

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December 7, 1941 Day of Infamy Remembered



Post 187 Commander Chris Gress laid a wreath upon the waters of the Kanawha in remembrance of those who were killed in the attack 84 years ago.

By Ron Allen

On Sunday, December 7, members of American Legion Post 187 gathered at

the Winfield boat ramp on the Kanawha River to hold a remembrance ceremony of the 1941 attack upon the U.S. Navy fleet at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. The 2:00

p.m. ceremony start time coincided with the second hour of the attack. The first wave of the Japanese aerial assault began at 7:49 a.m. Following Recognition

of the Colors and Invocation by Post 187 Chaplain Kenny Bright, post historian Delbert Brannon reviewed the

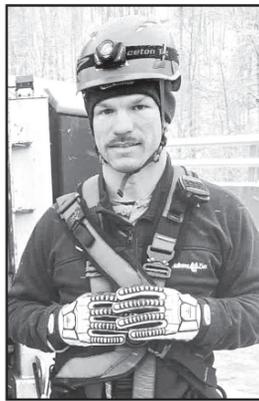
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Volunteer Firefighter to Be Hurricane Christmas Parade Grand Marshal

Westley Quinn will be Grand Marshal of the Hurricane Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 13. As Grand Marshal, Quinn will represent all who were part of the rescue operation in Mason County on December 2nd in which a truck driver was trapped in the cab of an 18-wheeler that was dangling over the side of a bridge on U.S. 35 in Mason County. Hurricane Fire Chief Paul Niedbalski directed the rescue and will ride with Quinn.

Quinn volunteered to go over the bridge rail on a rope, made entrance into the cab, and secured the driver in a harness. The rescue team then lifted the pair to safety. Upon entering the cab, Quinn found the driver trapped against the windshield. Communication was difficult because the driver did not speak and had little understanding of English.

The team of twenty individuals taking part in the rescue included members of the Hurricane, Pt. Pleasant, Nitro, St.



Westley Quinn

Albans, Buffalo, Eleanor, Winfield, and Teays Valley Fire Departments.

'Light Up Valley Park' Kicks Off Christmas Season



Santa and Mrs. Claus stopped by the conference center for photo opportunities.

Valley Park officially celebrated the start of the Christmas season with a tree lighting and other festive events on Friday, December 5.

Light Up Valley Park featured horse drawn wagon rides, a pet parade, an ugly sweater contest, and a performance by the Hurricane Civic Chorus.

Visitors to the park could walk the winding paths of the courtyard and view over sixty Christmas trees which were sponsored and decorated by local businesses. After the large tree in the center of the courtyard was lit, many people stopped to take photos of family in front of it. In the spirit of the season, Megan Tarbett, director of the Putnam County Library, read Christmas stories and poems in front of the big tree.

Word of Light Community Church performed an outdoor nativity scene at regular intervals on both Friday

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Macholah Ballet Presents 'The Nativity'



Mary and Joseph look down at baby Jesus while angels, shepherds, and wise men look on.

By Betsy Allen

The Macholah Ballet brought the story of Jesus' birth to the stage with their thirteenth annual performance of "The Nativity," an original production based upon the Bible and set to popular Christmas songs and carols. The production was held on Friday and Saturday, December 5 and 6, at Bridge Church in Scott Depot.

The Macholah Ballet's company dancers - pre-professional high school aged students - portrayed Mary and Joseph, shepherds, angels, and wise

men. Months of practice went into the production, which featured heartfelt performances and advanced acrobatic skills.

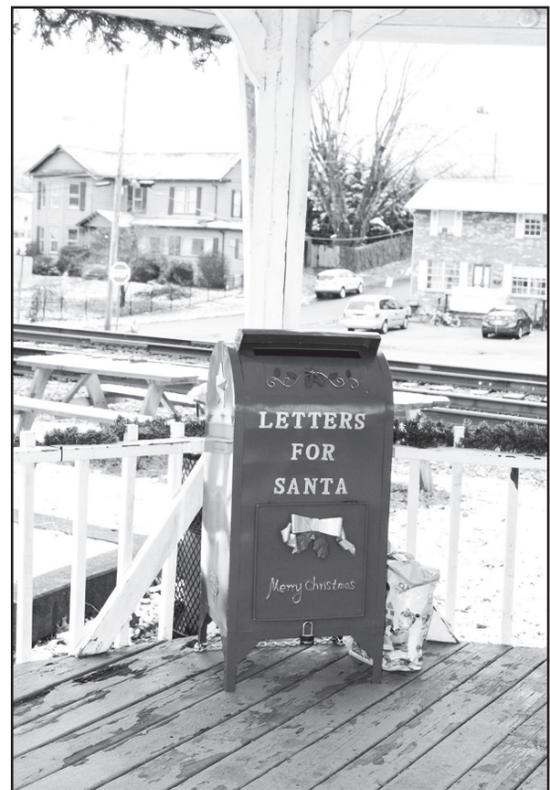
While "The Nativity" is always free to the public, guests were asked to bring a can of food or other non-perishable items as admission. The supplies which were collected over the two days were donated to the local food pantry for Christmas food baskets.

The cast featured Kinsey Fultz as Mary; Aiden Kinser as Joseph; Brook Brown as Gabriel; Allia Turner as Elizabeth; Emma Patrick as the Star

of Bethlehem; Alyson Bowe as the Innkeeper; Amelia Shamblin as the Rose of Bethlehem; Aubrey Bailey, Addysen Spencer, and Hailey Smith as the Three Wise Men; Sarah Baisden, Aubrey Bailey, Alyson Bowe, Annabelle Garrett, and Hailey Smith as shepherds; Amelia Shamblin and Annabelle Garrett as stars; Addysen Spencer, Hailey Smith, Amelia Shamblin as Mary's friends; Aubrey Bailey, Annabelle Garrett, Drusilla Kitchen, and Allia Turner as Israelites; and Sarah Baisden, Aubrey

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Midnight Sunday December 14th Letter to Santa Deadline



Hurricane's magical mailbox at the Gazebo on Main Street is receiving letters to Santa until midnight on Sunday, December 14th. Be sure to include a self-addressed, stamped envelope so the big guy can write back.

WEATHER SUMMARY		
December 2 - 8		
	Low	High
December 2*		
Hurricane	27°	32°
December 3		
Hurricane	21°	28°
December 4		
Hurricane	21°	28°
December 5		
Hurricane	25°	33°
December 6		
Hurricane	23°	36°
December 7		
Hurricane	27°	46°
December 8**		
Hurricane	15°	35°

*RAIN/**SNOW
0.7 inch recorded Dec. 2
3-1/2 inch recorded Dec. 8

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.

NOW - DECEMBER 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 11 - 13

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

DECEMBER 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 12 - 14

- Fear on the Farm, 8325 Winfield Road, Winfield, will be holding their Christmas Hunt 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.

- A Christian women's group will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. at Coffee With A Twist, 101 Main Avenue, Nitro.

- Christ Community Church, 733 Rocky Step Road, Scott Depot, will have a kids' Christmas fun night

THE HURRICANE BREEZE

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from 6 to 8 p.m. Games, activities, art, and more.

- There will be a free board game night from 6 to 10:30 p.m. at Game Grove, located in Putnam Village Shopping Center in Teays Valley.

- 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.

DECEMBER 13 - 14

- Fear on the Farm, 8325 Winfield Road, Winfield, will be hosting A Krampus Carol from 7 p.m. to midnight. For more information, call 681-203-3683.

DECEMBER 13

- Pancakes and Pajamas, a fundraiser for Bee Ridge Bears 4-H Club, will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Wade Chapel Church, 5619 McLane Pike, Red House.

- Wade Chapel Church, located at 4490 McLane Pike, Red House, along WV State Route 34, will present a Christmas Cantata beginning at 5:00 p.m.

- A Wreaths Across America ceremony will be observed at noon at Beech Grove Cemetery, 305 Ivywood Street Eleanor.

- Anna's China Jewelry, 134 Lavender Lane, Fraziers Bottom, will be holding a holiday open house from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Breakfast With The Grinch will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. at Coffee With A Twist, 101 Main Avenue, Nitro.

- There will be pictures with the Grinch from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Poca Valley Bank in Winfield. Bring non-perishable items for the local mission.

- Haven of Rest Memorial Gardens 11013 Charleston Road, Red House, will be observing National Wreaths Across America Day at noon.

- The Winfield Fire Department Christmas Parade will start at 6 p.m. Santa is available for photos at the Winfield Community Center after the parade.

- Roy Kuhl Sports, 25 Garfield Street, Winfield, will be holding their annual Christmas Moonlight Madness Sale from 6:30 to 10 p.m.

- The Travelin Jones Band will be performing at 9 p.m. at the Putnam County Moose Lodge, located in Putnam Village Shopping Center in Teays Valley.

- One Accord Independent Baptist Church, 35 Obadiah Lane, Hurricane, will be holding a Christmas bazaar from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- The Putnam County Democratic Women's Club will be holding their holiday luncheon at noon at Sleepy Hollow Golf Club in Hurricane. The cost is \$22 per person. RSVP by calling 681-529-7282.

- There will be a multi-shelter adoption event from noon to 5 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane.

- Lighthouse Baptist Church, 2440 US Route 60, Hurricane, will be holding a food pantry from 9 to 11 a.m.
- Hurricane's Christmas Parade will start at noon and go down Midland Trail and Main Street.

- Life Seasons Support and Counseling Services will be hosting a workshop on "How To Be Me Without Them: Rediscovering Identity, Purpose and Peace in the Transition to an Empty Nest" at 10 a.m. at River Ridge Church, Saturn Drive, Hurricane. The cost is \$25. To register, go to <https://www.life-seasons.com/how-to-be-me-without-them-registration-options>

Don't Let Scammers Ruin Your Holiday Cheer While Shopping

You've finally found the perfect gift. Ask yourself a few questions before hitting the purchase button: is the price too good to be true? Have you heard of this website before? What information is the seller asking you to share? A few moments of caution could save you thousands of dollars and weeks of headaches.

FBI Pittsburgh's Charleston, WV Resident Agency is warning the public to stay vigilant against criminals who want to spoil your holiday season. Scammers continue finding ways to rob you of hard-earned money, steal your personal information, ruin your peace of mind, and wreck what should be a festive time with friends and family.

Additionally, artificial intelligence (AI) is fueling a new era of holiday scams with escalating sophistication.

Prevalent Holiday Season Scams

Here are some prevalent scams the public should watch out for this time of year:

- Non-Delivery Scams - A buyer pays for goods or services they find online, but those items are never received.

- Non-Payment Scams - Goods or services are shipped, but the seller is never paid.

- Auction Fraud - Involves a seller deliberately misrepresenting the condition or quality of an item on an auction website.

- Gift Card Fraud - Scammers can steal numbers and security codes from gift cards in stores and wait for them to be activated, or consumers can be asked to pay for goods or services with a

- MadeBy Pottery, 2805 Main Street, Hurricane, will be holding a Taylor Swift themed pottery event from 6 to 9 p.m. Cost: \$75 + tax (includes all materials and firing). Register at <https://madebypottery.com/shop/p/swiftmas-event>

DECEMBER 14

- Capital City Fellowship Choir will be performing at 5 p.m. at King's River Ministries, 777 Mallory Lane, St. Albans.

- The youth and young adults of Rock Branch Independent Church, 133 Cross Lanes Drive, Nitro, will be presenting their Christmas program, "Christmas Hope," at 10:45 a.m. or 6 p.m.

- The Hurricane Nazrene Children's Christmas Program will be presented at 10:40 a.m. The church is located at 358 US Route 60.

- First Baptist Church of Hurricane, 2635 Main Street, Hurricane, will be holding their Christmas Cantata "One Quiet Night" at 8:50 a.m. and 3 p.m. There will be contemporary services at 11 a.m.

DECEMBER 17

- Mission West Virginia Inc, 165 Midland Trail, Hurricane, will be holding a Christmas open house from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- Cavalry Chapel, 212 Dudding Avenue, Hurricane, will be presenting "The Sheperd of Bethlehem," a Christmas drama, at 6 p.m.

DECEMBER 18

- Celebrate Recovery will be holding a community dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Buffalo Church of the Nazarene, 25053 Buffalo Road.

DECEMBER 19

- Come to Mitchell's Grove (Hometown Roadside Park) on Route 62 for A Hometown Christmas at 5:30 p.m. S'mores, chestnut roasting, crafts, hot chocolate, and more.

pre-paid card.

In addition to these scams, the public is reminded to always be on the lookout for phishing, smishing, vishing, spoofing, and pharming while shopping for gifts online this holiday season.

Regarding these scams, according to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) data from 2024, West Virginians lost nearly \$1 million in Non-Payment/Non-Delivery schemes and nearly \$1.8 million in Phishing/Spoofing scams.

AI Fueling Scams

Scammers harness new AI technologies to mimic legitimate websites, retailers, and delivery services with incredible accuracy. The FBI is seeing threat actors generate convincing phishing emails that do not contain spelling or grammar mistakes, things previously indicating a suspicious message. "Deepfakes" in which machine learning technologies are harnessed to alter digital content can be used to impersonate customer service representatives or even family members to push victims to hand over money or personal information. Even the most cautious shoppers are being fooled.

Criminals utilizing AI technology can increase the effectiveness of their scam attempts while also making it harder to detect, including those previously detailed. It is critical shoppers have an awareness of these schemes.

Stay Safe While Shopping

Here are some tips to help you look out for scammers while holiday shopping:

- Before shopping online, secure all financial accounts with strong passwords or passphrases. The FBI recommends using different passwords for each financial account.

- As usual, if a deal looks too good to be true, it probably is.

- Buy directly from a secure and reputable website; steer clear of unfamiliar sites offering unrealistic discounts on brand-name merchandise.

- Verify the legitimacy of buyers or sellers before making a purchase. If you're using

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

It was the month before Christmas

All was right in the world

The houses were lighting up

The families getting excited for...

The birth of Christ...

The arrival of Santa...

Family members pulling into the drive

Family members flying in...

All is right in the world.

Merry Christmas... I hope that my readers are excited about this glorious holiday time... the birth of Christ... the arrival of Santa... poor guy... so tired and busy... the family coming... bedrooms prepared... food cooking in the oven and on the stove... (microwave and toaster oven...)... Christmas movies... gifts under the tree...

When the three grand girls were growing up, there were so many gifts under my tree. They were excited but always patient to wait until we had eaten our meal... maybe sometimes we opened before... I am not sure... but probably...

I remember standing at the sink in the kitchen (Green Acres home) with the girls hurriedly carrying china and crystal to be hand washed... placing bowls and pans in the dishwasher... putting the tablecloth, place mats and napkins in the washer...

an online marketplace or auction website, check feedback ratings.

- Avoid sellers and websites that demand payment solely through gift cards. Scammers also sometimes encourage shoppers to conduct wire transfers, allowing criminals to quickly receive illicit funds. Credit cards provide several layers of security against fraud and are typically the safest way to conduct online shopping.

- Check bank and credit card statements routinely, including after making online purchases and in the weeks following the holidays.

- Never give

helping Nana, Uncle Nathan, Mom and Dad... they knew what was in the living room... gifts... gifts... and stockings.

I remember finishing in the kitchen... going into the living room to open gifts... sitting on the sofa with the adults waiting until the girls finished... I remember... oh... those days were so exciting... so memorable... I hope they remember as Nana does...

Florida Christmas... we had a simple meal on Christmas Eve and played games... I went to the house early on Christmas morning for the opening of gifts... the boys were, like the girls, so excited and thankful... they were patient and kind... loving what they received... all five of the grands are the sweetest kids... after gifts, I went home to rest and sometimes, we joined for games again or puzzles...

Merry Christmas... I remember because the way we were is the way we are and this year, we will be at the Taylor's home here in Greenwood, In. Sophie, Margaret, Katelyn, Pat, Kathy, and Nana will make WV mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, rolls, turkey and or ham... and all the other little things... maybe eat on Christmas Eve as we did when I lived here before... maybe do gifts on Christmas Eve... then eat on the day... not sure yet... but whatever we do... I will remember...

personal information like your date of birth or Social Security number to anyone you don't know.

- Always get a tracking number for items purchased online so you can make sure the shipment has occurred and you can follow the process.

If you do become the victim of a scam, contact your bank immediately. You should also inform your local law enforcement agency and file a complaint with the FBI's IC3 at ic3.gov. Time is often an important factor when making a report. The sooner you can report being a scam victim, the sooner resources can be mustered to help you recoup some of the losses.

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

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

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

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Opens in Scott Depot

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interested in joining the DG team may review available positions and apply online at www.dollargeneral.com/careers. The Company provides employees with competitive wages, world-class and award-winning training and development programs and benefits including day-one telemedicine eligibility as well as health insurance coverage options, 401K savings and retirement plans, tuition reimbursement,

paid parental leave and adoption assistance to eligible employees. DG strives to be a good neighbor and is committed to the communities it proudly calls home, evidenced by unwavering support of literacy and education initiatives through the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. The addition of the Scott Depot store opens the opportunity for schools, nonprofit organizations and libraries within a 15-mile radius of the store to apply for Dollar General Literacy

Foundation grants. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$275 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 23.8 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education. For more information about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation and its grant programs, visit www.dgliteracy.com. Normal hours of operation may be found through the Dollar General app.

WVDA Confirms Case of Avian Influenza in Backyard Flock in Jackson County

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) has confirmed the presence of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in a backyard flock in Jackson County. This is only the third detection of HPAI in domestic birds in West Virginia since the global outbreak began in early 2022.

The diagnosis was confirmed following a field investigation, sample collection, and testing at WVDA's Animal Health NAHLN lab in Moorefield. The affected premise has been placed under quarantine to protect nearby flocks and ensure the continued safety of the commercial food supply.

"As we enter the winter migration season, this case should serve as a reminder that backyard flocks are especially vulnerable when wild birds are on the move," said West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. "We urge all poultry owners—large

and small—to take extra precautions. Simple steps like keeping birds enclosed, limiting visitors, and preventing contact with wild waterfowl can make all the difference in stopping the spread of this virus."

The WVDA has notified industry partners and state health officials and will continue following established response protocols. The agency remains committed to prompt communication to help mitigate the risk of additional spread.

Avian influenza is an airborne respiratory virus that spreads through respiratory secretions, manure, and contaminated surfaces. Wild migratory waterfowl serve as natural carriers, putting outdoor and backyard flocks at increased risk. While HPAI has been detected in some mammal species, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that the public health risk remains low. Properly handling and thoroughly

cooking poultry and eggs remains safe.

To prevent the spread of HPAI, WVDA urges poultry owners to:

- Keep backyard flocks enclosed or under cover to prevent contact with wild birds.
- Remove or secure outdoor feed that may attract wildlife.
- Limit and record movement of people, vehicles, and animals on the property.
- Restrict access to essential personnel only.
- Avoid visiting other poultry operations or mixing birds from different locations.
- Disinfect equipment, footwear, and tools after contact with birds.
- Isolate any ill animals and contact a veterinarian immediately.

Poultry owners should report unusual death loss, a sudden drop in egg production, or any sick domestic birds to the WVDA Animal Health Division at 304-558-2214.



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. 11, 1905: "Pare" Lorentz, known as "FDR's filmmaker," was born in Clarksburg. In 1933, Lorentz created The Roosevelt Year: 1933, a pictorial review of FDR's first year in the White House.

Dec. 12, 1931: Attorney George Daugherty, better known as the comic singer, storyteller and songwriter "The Earl of Elkview," was born upstairs over a Mannington silent movie house.

Dec. 12, 1942: Internationally known jazz pianist and recording artist

Bob Thompson was born in Jamaica, Queens, New York. He studied music at West Virginia State College (now University) and is the house pianist for the Mountain Stage radio program.

Dec. 12, 1953: Chuck Yeager set a speed record by flying two-and-a-half times the speed of sound in a Bell X-1A. Yeager, who grew up in Hamlin, had broken the sound barrier six years earlier on Oct. 14, 1947.

Dec. 13, 1861: The Battle of Allegheny Mountain, one of the bloodiest conflicts of the Civil War's first year, took place in Pocahontas County.

Dec. 13, 1926: Wheeling radio station WWVA-AM began broadcasting. The 50-watt station operated

from the basement of John Stroebel's house for most of its first year. Stroebel was a physics teacher and wireless pioneer.

Dec. 14, 1910: The accidental death of a Chesapeake & Ohio Railway engineer near St. Albans led to the popular train song "Billy Richardson's Last Ride."

Dec. 14, 1857: Coal operator Justus Collins was born. He owned mines at Glen Jean and Whipple, and the octagonal Whipple company store survives today as a local landmark.

Dec. 15, 1879: Roman Catholic Bishop John Joseph Swint was born in Pickens. He was responsible for building many religious institutions in the Diocese of Wheeling (now the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston).

Dec. 15, 1953: Blacksmith Jeff Fetty was born in Spencer and later graduated from Spencer High School. In 2012, he was named one of the world's top metal designers by the International Metal Design Annual—becoming only the sixth American to receive the honor.

Dec. 15, 1967: The

Day of Infamy Remembered



Members of American Legion Post 187 execute the Three Volley Rifle Salute during a remembrance of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941.



Bill Cain (right) sounds the solemn tones of Taps.

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tragic losses of that 84 year-old-day and the events leading up to and following the attack. Brannon quoted George Santayana, who said, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." Of the 2,400 Americans killed in the attack, 106 were crewmen from

West Virginia. Brannon recounted the sinking of the battleship USS West Virginia and the heroism which averted a far greater loss of life. The USS West Virginia was raised from the watery depth, repaired, and returned to service in 1944. The USS West Virginia was the only ship which had suffered damage in the attack to be

present in Tokyo Bay on September 7, 1945, when Japan surrendered. The USS West Virginia was decommissioned in 1947 and sold for scrap.

After the review of the events of December 7, 1941, Post 187 Commander Chris Gress laid a wreath upon the waters of the Kanawha in remembrance of those who perished in the attack.

WVSU Extension Service to Host Winter Tree Identification Workshop Dec. 13

West Virginia State University (WVSU) Extension Service will host a free Woodlot Management

Series workshop at the Claudia L. Workman Wildlife Education Center in Alum Creek

on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 1 p.m. Participants will learn practical techniques for identifying trees in winter by observing bark, buds and other key features.

Silver Bridge at Point Pleasant collapsed, killing 46 people. The Silver Bridge was opened to traffic on May 19, 1928. The accident led to the passage of legislation for a national bridge inspection and safety program.

Dec. 15, 1972: An explosion at a Weirton Steel coke plant on Browns Island killed 19 men and injured 10 others. It was the worst industrial accident in Weirton's history.

Dec. 16, 1893: Alexander Martin died at the age of 71 in Greencastle, Indiana. Martin was the first president of the Agricultural College of West Virginia, which

was renamed West Virginia University at his recommendation in 1868.

Dec. 16, 1897: The last public hanging in West Virginia occurred in Ripley. John F. Morgan had been convicted of murdering Chloe Greene and two of her three children in the Grass Lick area of Jackson County.

Dec. 17, 1957: The J. L. Stifel & Sons calico plant at Wheeling closed. For most of its history, Stifel & Sons produced indigo-dyed prints and drills for clothing manufacturers. At its peak, the plant produced 3.5 million yards of cloth per month.

Each attendee will receive a winter tree identification guide and a hand lens to support their learning during and after the session.

This free workshop is open to all and welcomes landowners, educators and anyone interested in nature. Please dress appropriately for the weather and expect some light hiking outdoors as part of the program.

The Claudia L. Workman Wildlife Education Center is located at 301 Forks of Coal Way in Alum Creek. Registration is available online at <https://bit.ly/48yixvO>.

For further information, contact Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Educator Liz Moss at anr@wvstateu.edu.

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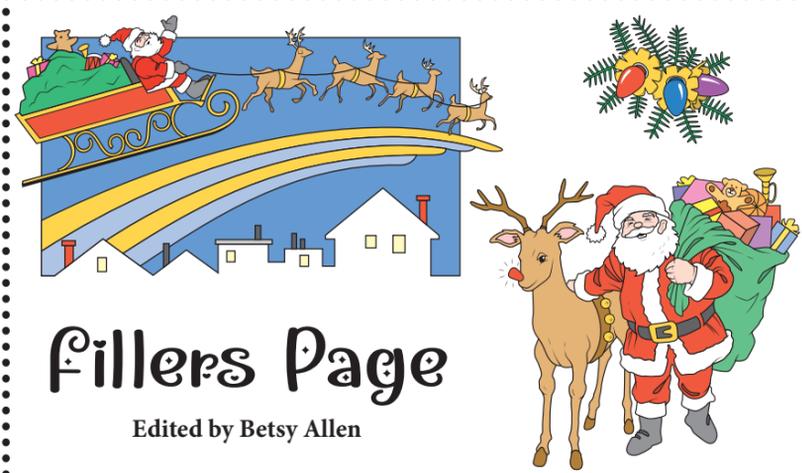
Cpl. William B. Fulks Detachment 1474 invites all interested in becoming part of the Marine Corps League to its December 15 meeting at Hurricane City Hall at 3255 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, at 1800 hours.

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.

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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





Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen

December

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

A candle in a window, and a wreath
hung on the door
A fiddler's tune, a frosty moon,
a dance across the floor

December day, December night,
a child's eyes wide in wonder
A coin of Gold? A lump of coal?
A tree they might lay under

A little mouse peers through a hole,
to see what smells so good
And wonders if the people might,
drop crumbs if they please would

Around the fire, the children sit,
Pa-Pa recants a story
That Christmas time is not for gold:
it holds a greater glory

"The Lord above looks over us
and keeps us in good health,
and blesses us at Christmastime,
and therein lies our wealth."

King, North Carolina

By Velma Kitchens of Culloden

In October my grand daughter and I went to King, North Carolina for a church conference. It had been many years since I had been to a conference so I decided to go. As we traveled to King on that sunny day, it was so refreshing to see the leaves turning slightly as we drove down the turnpike. The only thing is, the toll has raised and will it ever go down? Just kidding, has anything gone down in price and stayed that way?

Since King is not very far away, we took our time but made a stop along the way, which is another story. The church service started at 6 p.m. and we got settled into our motel and got ready for church. The people at the church were so nice and friendly and helped us in any way they could. There were vendors set up in the area and we walked through and met many people who are out serving the Lord with their ministries. Many were educators and had

curriculum for home schoolers. I like home school as I support it here in West Virginia. There are several home school groups who meet and fellowship one with another.

The speakers we heard had inspiring messages from the Word of God. I was encouraged in the Lord and to do more for Him. Of course, we met missionaries and people who are helping to run the homeless shelters nearby. There is no excuse for not serving the Lord there are so many people who need the word and we can help them. All of us are not called to do everything, but we can do something. Prayer is the key.

Pray for all the ministries around you, your pastor, your church, your family, friends, neighbors, those who are sick and hurting. Prayer is the best ministry one can have. We all need to read the word of God every day and pray and go to church. If you are sick and

Jokes From Linda

Submitted by Linda Lavender Armstead



Davy: "Dad, I want a pet elephant."

Dad: "Sorry, but that's not possible. We wouldn't even be able to feed it properly."

Davy: "Get one from the zoo then. You're not supposed to feed those ones."

What sound does a nut make when it sneezes?
Cash-ewww.

Mr. Black: "You're all out of vacation days."

Butch: "Put me down for maternity leave then."

Lama: You said you were going fishing for 1/2 a day.

Arlen: Twelve hours is half a day.

A married couple were asleep when the phone rang at 2 a.m. The wife picked up the phone and listened, and said, "How should I know? That's 200 miles from here."

The husband asked, "Who was that?"

The wife answered, "Some stupid woman wanting to know if the coast is clear."

cannot go, listen online to a Bible believing church.

On our way back from King, we noticed how in just three days the leaves had turned and were much brighter. I'm glad I was able to go to King, North Carolina. If you ever get down that way, it is near Mt. Airy. Yet again another story. I had a good time with my grand daughter.

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

I don't snore. I just dream out loud.

Let your light shine and your heart bloom.

Truth doesn't come with a refill.

Prayer is the key to heaven.

If you are a Christian, you are not a citizen of this world trying to get to heaven; you are a citizen of heaven making your way through this world.

If you put a potato in the microwave and push "pizza," it still comes out as a potato. Why label the buttons if they don't work?

At some point in your childhood, you and your friends went outside to play together for the last time, and nobody knew it.

If hard work really make you rich, farmers, truckers and construction workers would be billionaires, and CEO's would be on food stamps.

Kids panic when their phone's at 10%. We drove across 3 states on a quarter tank, no GPS, and a road map that was older than the car.

We are doubly blessed when we receive something, for the gift itself, and later recall, for the miracle of having been given it.

We should never be afraid of dying. We intrinsically have a fear of death. But if we don't die, we can't be resurrected.

What a great blessing having school friends still in our life. Those bonds are truly rare and such priceless gifts.

Everyone has a friend during each stage of life. But only the lucky ones have the same friend in all stages of life.

I have beautiful angels in heaven - My Parents.

I love long romantic walks to the fridge.

I love naps because they turn "today" into "tomorrow."

I'd agree with you, but then we'd both be wrong.

I have a love-hate relationship with my treadmill. We seem to be going nowhere.

Every time I think I have a new hobby, it turns out I just like to buy stuff.

Meditation erases the impressions and improves the expression.

Getting older isn't the problem. Watching the

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world get dumber is.

Anger and intolerance are the enemies of correct understanding.

Find joy in the simple things. Appreciate the beauty around you.

Before you use the Bible as a weapon, use it as a mirror.

Never argue with left-handed people. They're not right.

May your blessings outnumber the autumn leaves.

When your body feels safe, your mind can rest.

Every good act is charity.

Some people run marathons. I run out of patience.

If I tell you I want to be a door-to-door salesman, don't knock it.

God gives every bird a worm, but he doesn't throw it into the nest.

Some people exercise for fun. I prefer to lie down until the thought goes away.

Been feeling a little moody and rundown lately. So I looked at my symptoms. It's adulthood. I have adulthood.

Give what you have. To someone else it may be better than you dare to think. - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Never in the history of the world has it been so easy to look twice where a person has no business looking once.

Inflation is when you pay \$15 for the \$10 haircut you used to get for \$5 when you had hair.

Unhappy people focus on what is not happening; happy people focus on what is happening.

Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up. - Pablo Picasso

It's not the size of the dog in the fight; it's the size of the fight in the dog. - Mark Twain

My bed and I love each other, but my alarm clock is always trying to break us up.

To do things today exactly the way you did them yesterday saves thinking. - Woodrow Wilson

Anger is the enemy of non-violence and pride is a monster that swallows it up. - Mohandas Gandhi

Life becomes easier and more beautiful when we can see the good in other people.

Of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these, "It might have

It's not really procrastination if I never actually had the intention of doing it.

A person's actions will tell you everything you need to know about them.

Do not let it be your aim to be something, but to be someone. - Victor Hugo

Do not remove a fly from your friend's forehead with a hatchet.

An ounce of practice is worth more than tons of preaching.

Wisdom is the best guide and faith is the best companion.

Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage.

No one is a friend to his friend who does not love in return.

Friends are like flowers; they brighten your day.

People with real wealth don't talk about it.

A penny saved is a penny earned.

None but the brave deserve the fair.

A lie travels farther than the truth.

If you're in a hole, stop digging.

If it comes out of your mouth, make sure it's the exact same thing you would say to Jesus.

When our doggy crosses the rainbow bridge, they take a piece of our heart with them.

We often ask God to change our situation, not knowing He put us in that situation to change us.

Somewhere over the rainbow, skies are blue, and the dreams that you dare to dream really do come true.

The happiest life is that which constantly exercises and educates what is best in us.

God's love isn't fragile - it's fierce, constant, and unshakable. Even when you fall, it pulls you back in.

An American is a person who does things because they haven't been done before. - Mark Twain

Laughter is timeless. Imagination has no age. And dreams are forever. - Walt Disney

Yank lust like a dentist yanks a rotten tooth - pull it out by the roots.

Worry is a complete cycle of inefficient thought revolving about a pivot of fear.

Bible Verse



God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him.

—1 Corinthians 1:28-29

Macholah Ballet Presents 'The Nativity' 'Light Up Valley Park' Kicks Off Christmas Season



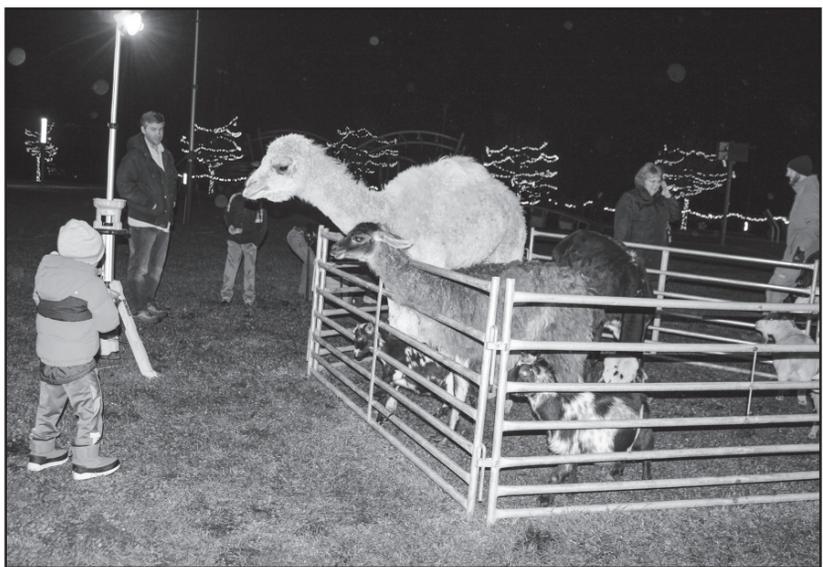
An angel dances across the stage during the Macholah Ballet's performance of "The Nativity."



Spectators gather around the large Christmas tree at Valley Park.



Dancers leap through the air in a dramatic moment in the ballet.



Campbell Family Farm and Animal Encounters provided a petting zoo for the live nativity.



Dancers strike a dramatic pose at the grand finale of one of the songs.



Every year, Word of Light Community Church holds a live nativity scene in conjunction with the Christmas festivities at Valley Park.



The first song in "The Nativity" featured a showcase of the various characters in the ballet.

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Bailey, Alyson Bowe, Annabelle Garrett, Amelia Shamblyn, Hailey Smith, Drusilla Kitchen, and Allia

Turner as guides.

The Macholah Ballet is a Christian dance studio which shares the Gospel through the performing arts. The studio is located

beside Save-A-Lot in Scott Depot, and offers classes in jazz, ballet, tap, and lyrical. It is also one of the few studios in the area which offers classes for adults.

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and Saturday nights. In addition to hosting the live nativity, the church also sponsored a petting zoo with animals from Campbell Family Farm and Animal Encounters. Visitors could pet goats,

a llama, and a camel after watching the performance.

Inside the conference center, families lined up for photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Other indoor activities included crafts for children, and a 1980's themed photo backdrop which was meant to invoke

nostalgic memories of visiting relatives for the holidays.

While Light Up Valley Park might be over, the public can still visit the park and see all the sponsored Christmas trees, as well as the seasonal light displays.

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Winfield Christmas Parade

The Winfield Fire Department Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 13. The line up begins at 5 p.m. at Winfield High School, and the parade begins at 6 p.m.

Santa is available for pictures at the Winfield Community Center immediately following the parade.

Bring your holiday spirit, decorate your floats, and help light up the season! All families, businesses, and organizations are welcome to participate. Let's make this the brightest parade yet! For more information, please contact Hunter Allen at 304-951-7498.

The Fight Before Christmas

A p p a l a c h i a n Championship Wrestling returns to action on Saturday, December 20th, at the Teays Valley Christian School gym in Scott Depot! Bell time is 7 p.m. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and students.

This event is a fundraiser for Teays Valley Christian Middle School boys and girls basketball.

Featuring ACW Heavyweight Champion Canaan Kristopher, Josh Bishop, Nick Hamrick, DDTrash, Cowpoke Paul & Corey Sparks, Tyler Jordan, and Marcus DeAngelo.

Happy Anniversary



Rob and Tina Edgar of 14 Haynes Lane in Hurricane will celebrate their thirty-third wedding anniversary on December 12.

Kent and Dawn Long of 6300 Roger Road in Groveport, Ohio, will celebrate their nineteenth wedding anniversary on December 12.

Rev. Tommy and Tara Bates of Blanton Bates, Independence, Kentucky, will celebrate their forty-sixth wedding anniversary on December 14.

J B and Sandra Miller of Ashland, Kentucky, will celebrate their sixteenth wedding anniversary on December 14.

Tom and Donnie Sue Chapman of 1240 Mt. Olive Road in Frazier's Bottom will celebrate their forty-eighth wedding anniversary on December 16.

Cecil and Neva Horne of 114 Graceland Circle in South Charleston will celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary on December 17.

Rev Gil and Kelly Jo Bates of Marysville, Tennessee, will celebrate their thirty-eighth wedding anniversary on December 18.

41st Birthday
December 18

PEGGY GRANT HINKLE
Obetz, Ohio
82nd Birthday
December 18

CHERYL SOVINE
Charleston
68th Birthday
December 18

Remembering Eva Young Fisher



Four years have passed quickly for December 10th to arrive. That was when my mother, Eva Young Fisher, was called in the wee hour of the morning to meet up with Dad, Delmar "Vernie" "Pete" Fisher and all the saints who had already gone on to Gloryland to be happy again together with no more sad goodbyes. What a beautiful reunion that had to have been! I can hardly wait until I can join them!

I miss Mom very much. She was a wonderful cook. She was known for making lots of pies. My favorite pie that she made was cushaw. She never used recipes - just a pinch of this and a dash of something else. Delicious meals!

I cut and styled Mom's hair for over 50 years. She didn't want anyone to touch her hair but me.

Four long years. Things have never been the same (nor will they ever be) since Dad and Mom left. It hurts so much to be an orphan.

Your sad daughter,
Linda Fisher Armstead

Bring Joy Home Pet Adoption Event

Come meet your new best friend! Join your local animal shelters and Best Friends Animal Society on Saturday, December 13th, from noon to 5 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane for the Bring Joy Home pet adoption event.

With FREE dog adoptions, get ready to kick off your holiday season with fun and friends! Let's make this an unforgettable holiday season for your family and your shelter pets across West Virginia!

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Humane Society of Raleigh County
Greenbrier Humane Society
Mercer County Animal Shelter
Monroe County Animal League

Wrap Your Gifts At the 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 Wednesday, December 17. The library closes for lunch from 12:30-1:15 p.m., so please plan accordingly.

Free Ad Space

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

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

Space is limited. Submission by email is preferred (breezenews@citynet.net).

Fairview Church Christmas Play

Fairview Church, located at 5012 Pebble Drive, Cross Lanes, will present "Christmas Hallelujah" shadow play by the Youth and Children of the church on Sunday morning, December 21, at 11 a.m. The church is handicapped accessible and everyone is welcome. Check out Fairview Church - Cross Lanes, WV on Facebook for more details.

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.unc>

Democrat Women to Meet

The Putnam County Democratic Women's Club will be meeting at noon on Saturday, December 13, at the Sleepy Hollow Golf Club in Hurricane. The menu will be baked ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, dessert, and beverages. The cost is \$22. RSVP by calling (681) 529-7282 or emailing karensprouse7@outlook.com

Neighbors Feeding Neighbors

Neighbors Feeding Neighbors is a non-profit food program hosted by St. Timothy's in-the-Valley Episcopal Church, located at 3434 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane.

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Obituaries

REV. WILLIAM B. FULKS
The Rev. William B. Fulks, 87, of Scott Depot, died on December 1, 2025. Bill was a retired Episcopal priest and a devoted member of St. Timothy's in the Valley Episcopal Church.

Lauren Blazek (Grayson) of Holly Springs, NC; Cameron Maynard (Deena) of Groveport, OH; and William Maynard of Hurricane. He is also survived by his sister Adah Leichty of California.

He was born on February 18, 1938, in Huntington, to the late F. Hicks and Mary Ellen Fulks. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister Virginia Leigh Thacker.

A memorial service was held December 11, 2025 at St. Timothy's in the Valley Episcopal Church, Hurricane, with the Rt. Rev. Matthew Cowden officiating.

Bill graduated from Huntington High School in 1956 and from Marshall College in 1961 with a degree in Philosophy. He earned his Master of Divinity in 1964 from Bexley Hall Seminary at Kenyon College in Gambier, OH. He was ordained to the priesthood on December 1, 1964 — a calling he lived faithfully for 61 years to the day.

JOAN MARY GRIFFITH
Joan M. Griffith, 80, of Scott Depot, passed away on November 30, 2025 at home.

Throughout his long ministry, Bill served congregations across West Virginia, Virginia, and Pennsylvania, including Church of the Transfiguration, Buckhannon; Calvary Church, Montgomery; Church of the Good Shepherd, Hansford; St. Peter's, Huntington; St. Barnabas, Bridgeport; Trinity Church, South Boston, VA; and Emmanuel Church, Quakertown, PA.

She was born in Pittsburgh, PA to the late Louis James and Rose Marie Habyanet. Joan loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and talking with her friends.

In 1979, Bill answered a call to missionary service and spent three years as an Episcopal Church missionary to the Anglican Province of Tanzania, East Africa. While there, he taught at St. Mark's Theological College in Dar es Salaam. He also served his Diocese in numerous leadership roles, including the Commission on Ministry and the Committee on Canon Law. Pastoral care, teaching, and mentorship were among his greatest gifts. He was passionate about learning, studying scripture, practicing Swahili, and enjoying many games of chess. His quick wit and humor will be remembered by all who knew him.

She is survived by her children: Eddie Griffith (Charlotte) of Clarksville, GA, and Mary Aldridge (Randy) of Hurricane; grandchildren: Cole Griffith, Cash Griffith, Logan Aldridge, and Madelyn Aldridge; as well as other friends and family. Graveside service for Joan was Friday, December 5, 2025, at Floral Hills Garden of Memories, Charleston.

He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Joanne; his daughters, Sharon Maynard (Brent) of Hurricane, and Mary McCabe (Jim) of Wilmington, NC; and his grandchildren, Forrest McCabe of Arlington, VA;

DIANA LYNN HIGGINBOTHAM
Diana Lynn Higginbotham, 69, of Scott Depot, passed away on December 6, 2025, in Paramount Senior Living.

Diana was a 1975 graduate of Dunbar High School and a retired registered nurse from CAMC. Nursing was more than a career to her—it was a calling. She cared deeply for others and carried a gentle, compassionate spirit into every room she entered. She loved singing and listening to music, filling her days and home with melodies that brought her joy. Diana also enjoyed crafting and treasured her memorable trips to Disney, a place that always made her smile.

She is preceded in death by the love of her life, her husband Charles "Bud" Higginbotham; her mother Ruth Roe; and sister Ruthann Riddle.

granddaughter Adeline Higginbotham; brothers Jeffery Roe, Bill Bailes, and Vernon Bailes; sisters Barbara Barker, Gloria Graves, Juanita Howard, and Gleama Flovin; and sisters-in-law Becky (David) Simmons and Patricia (Buzzy) Kail.

PAMELA HOWELL
Pamela Evon Lawson Howell, 76, passed away on December 4, 2025, after a long illness. Pam was a lifelong resident of Hurricane. She was a 1968 graduate of Hurricane High School and attended Marshall University. She was retired from American Electric Power. At the time of her death, she was a resident of Genesis Valley Center in South Charleston.

Pam was born September 30, 1949, the daughter of the late Frederick "Freddie" and Zelma Bird Lawson. She was predeceased by her husband, David K Howell, of Hurricane. She is survived by her sister, Colleen Lawson of Port St Lucie, FL. Pam is also survived by her cherished grandchildren Emily Howell, Lauren Howell, Jacob Howell of Hurricane, Evan Franklin of Washington, WV, sister in law, Nancy Howell of Knoxville, TN, and children Kelly Franklin of Washington, WV, and David Howell of Hurricane. Pam is a also survived by her cherished dog, Ruby Tuesday. Others close to Pam include her cousin, Vicki Rowe of Proctorville, OH, Virgil Edwards of Hurricane, and Joy and Tim Mitchell of Hurricane.

116 of the Order of the Eastern Star. The body will be cremated. A service will be held at a later date.

BISHOP BRYAN J. MATHEWS

Bishop Bryan James Mathews born on November 25, 1967 received his reward on December 5, 2025.

Bryan's life was set apart at an early age when God called him to preach the Gospel. This call set him on a journey that would take him across the United States and to other nations of the world which include: Mexico, Honduras, Ecuador, Nigeria, Zambia, and Ghana.

While on these missions trips he not only offered the people Jesus as the "Living Water" but would also dig wells to provide them with fresh, clean, life-sustaining water.

Bryan began his ministry as an Evangelist in Ohio before coming to West Virginia as a Church of God State Evangelist. That is when he met his wife, Renee (Simmons) Mathews. Together they Evangelized and pastored the Highlawn Avenue Church of God Milton, Bethesda Temple of Praise White Sulphur Springs, as well as St. Louis Harvest Church St. Louis, MO and for the past seventeen years he had the honor to pastor OneLife Church in Culloden. With these forty-three years of ministry, he will be remembered for the countless lives that were saved, healed, delivered and set free.

Bryan became a Mentor and Spiritual Father and to many, he was considered a Hero of the Faith.

Bryan not only served as Evangelist and Pastor but was also selected to serve on various state boards including: the State Council, Evangelism, Youth and World Missions Boards for the WV Church of God. He also served on the New River Ranch Board of Directors and also instrumental in planting new churches for other ministries.

Bryan's continuing education in ministry

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includes Christian Life School of Theology and The National Institute of Christian Leadership. Bryan's love of hunting with his championship dogs resulted in many awards and accolades in the World Tree Dog Association.

While Bryan Mathews accomplished much, faithfully served others, advanced the Kingdom and held many titles, the greatest of these was that of being a father to: Jordan Mathews and wife, Makayla and Destinee (Mathews) Gray and husband, Tristen. Their lives will continue to be a testimony to his legacy.

Bryan was preceded in death by his parents:

Bishop CT and Fran Mathews; sister, MeChelle Garcia; and nephew, Travis Garcia.

He is also survived by his sister, Crystal Mathews; and was loved by niece, Erika Anderson; and nephews: Lee Lovejoy and Casey Garcia. Bryan's wife, Renee and their family will carry on their legacy with honor and dignity and will continue to Advance the Kingdom.

Funeral service for Bryan was Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at OneLife Church, Culloden. Burial was in Forest Memorial Park, Ona.

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JAERAE HOLDINGS LLC	BK TX23 LOT 534 SEC 4 RANCH LA CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED	YOUNG JAMES ROBERT ET UX	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED LOT 6 (13 AC) J F YOUNG EST	PERSON CHARGED WITH TAXES	DESCRIPTION
JAERAE HOLDINGS LLC	BK TX23 LOT 535 SEC 4 RANCH LA CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED	YOUNG JAMES ROBERT ET UX	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED 11,250 SQ FT BIG HURRICANE CRK	ATKINSON PAUL R & DIANNA C	LOT 28 SEC 2 N PARK SUBD
JAERAE HOLDINGS LLC	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED LOT 535 SEC 4 RANCH LAKE EST			BAILES FRANCES	10 X 100 FT STRIP
JAERAE HOLDINGS LLC	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED LOT 542 SEC 4 RANCH LAKE EST	DISTRICT: UNION		BAILES FRANCES	LOTS 19 & 20 E BUFFALO
JAERAE HOLDINGS LLC	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED BK TX23 LOT 542 SEC 4 RANCH LA	PERSON CHARGED WITH TAXES	DESCRIPTION	COBB KAREN L & JEFFERY D	LOT 11 LAFAYETTE ST
JAERAE HOLDINGS LLC	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED BK TX23 LOT 544 SEC 4 RANCH LA	BAILEY ROBIN GAIL	1/2 OF OIL & GAS 52.75 AC MUD LICK	CROWELL RUSSELL	LOT 90 (INCLUDES PRT 89) HIGH
JAERAE HOLDINGS LLC	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED LOT 544 SEC 4 RANCH LAKE EST	BARNETT J E HRS	1/2 INT IN 1/2 OF 74.25 AC MIN RD	CROWELL RUSSELL	PRT LOTS 71 & 72 MAIN ST
JAERAE HOLDINGS LLC	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED LOT 546 SEC 4 RANCH LAKE EST	BUCKENEIMER DORTHA	1/2 OF 72.50 AC MIN CASTO LAND	CROWELL RUSSELL	LOT 171 MAIN ST
JAERAE HOLDINGS LLC	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED BK TX23 LOT 546 SEC 4 RANCH LA	KATHY M CURIA		CROWELL RUSSELL	LOT 70 MAIN ST
JEWELL LANDON	PARCEL 1 LOT 8 OAKBRIDGE TOWNHOUSES (0.15 AC)	CASTO JAMES DWIGHT	1/2 INT MIN 1/8 OF 1/2 OF	JLCC PROPERTIES LLC	LOT 69 MAIN ST
JONES CHRISTOPHER ROBERT	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED LOT 8 (.44 AC) CHADESA BUSINESS	CASTO KAREN D	115 AC 18 MILE CRK ROYALTIES	LEGG EULAH	8770 SQ FT
JONES CHRISTOPHER ROBERT	33 AC & 8.10 AC MIN RESERVED	CASTO KAREN D	1/2INT OIL, GAS & MIN RESERVED	LILLY DOUGLAS R	LOTS 46 & 47 ODELL ADD
JONES ELMER C ET UX	2.60 AC VALLEY LAND	CASTO KAREN D	78.75 AC GRANDVIEW	LILLY DOUGLAS R	LOT 24 SEC 2 NORTH PARK SUBD
JOYCE JOAN	1/12 INT IN 64 AC MIN	CASTO KAZEN	1/2 INT OIL, GAS & MIN RESERVED	REED JUSTIN ADAM	0.38 AC KAN HILLS
JOYCE JOAN ET AL	1/12 INT IN 72 1/2 AC MIN	CASTO KAZEN	129 AC GRANDVIEW	SPEEDWAY SUPERAMERICA LLC	LOT 30 CROSS CREEK VILLAGE
JOYCE JOAN ET AL	LOT 7 BRIERWOOD EST	CASTO OEDA M	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED		0.6954 ACRES
KEENAN TERRY K ET UX	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED LOT 592 BEACON HILL SUBD (0.54 AC)	CASTO OEDA M	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED	DISTRICT: CURRY	
KESLING QUALITY HOMEBUILDERS	12,000 SQ FT VALLEY LAND	CASTO OEDA M	MIN RESERVED 136.215 AC 18	PERSON CHARGED WITH TAXES	DESCRIPTION
LARCK CLINE	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED .30 AC VALLEY LAND	COTTRILL E O	MILE CRK	ANNIE STEPHEN J AND	24.27 AC COAL MTN SIDE OLD RT
LARCK CLINE EVERETT	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED LOT 7 SEC 1 TEAYS VILLAGE SUBD	COTTRILL E O SR	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED	PHILIP A	60
LEDSOME JANICE J	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED LOT 381 SEC 3 RANCH LAKE EST	COTTRILL ERMA E ET AL	1/16 UND INT IN 52 AC BECKNER	ASHWORTH AMANDA JANE	2/3 INT MIN 43 AC JORDAN BR
LEWIS JOSEPH H ET UX	0.441 AC LONG BR	COTTRILL LARRY L	LAND COAL, OIL & GAS	BABER CHRISTINA LYNN AND	15.93 AC BIG HURRICANE CRK
LEWIS KELLI	PARCEL (0.357 AC) BILLS CK	DUGAN TONY	MIN 1/8 OF 50.87 AC CASTO LAND	MICHAEL JOHN	
LIGHTNER KIRK	LOT 31 SCOTT ACRES	ELEMENTAL RESOURCES LLC	OIL & GAS ONLY	BIRD CORBETT MATTHEW ET AL	LOTS 9 & 10 PLT 3 HURRICANE HTS
LINDSAY KENNETH J ET UX	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED LOT 34 PHASE II CALVIN JONES	FRANK C JONES TRUST	1/4 UND INT IN OIL AND GAS IN	BIRD IRWIN JANE	1/2 OF 60 AC MIN TURKEY CRK
MADDOX MICHAEL A AND TERRA	PROP	FRANK COX JONES TRUST	20 AC BAILEY LAND	BUSH PEGGY ET AL	2/3 OF 29.10 AC RAYMOND JOHN
MCCOPPIN GEORGE A	0.62 AC VALLEY ROAD	C/O ANNA SIMULINAS	1/4 UND INT IN OIL AND GAS IN	BYRD JAMES DAVID	SON LD
MCMASTER ERIC & SHAWN	MIN 66.5% INT IN 0.9557 AC	GRIFFITH OSCAR	24.75 AC RIFFEE LAND	CHESAPEAKE APPALACHIA LLC	30 AC CLYMERS CRK
MCMULLEN HALBERT W JR	HURRICANE CRK	HEDRICK BRIAN JENNINGS JR	2/3 INT MIN 124 AC GRANDVIEW	CHRISTIAN WESTON	0.86 ACRES TURKEY CRK
MERCER GARY N ET AL	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED LOT 16 SEC 1 SPRINGLEA HILLS	HEDRICK JENNINGS BRIAN JR	OIL & GAS ONLY	COX EVELYN JUNE	LOTS 92 & 93 PLT 2 HURRICANE
MILBEE VIRGINIA E	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED PRT LOT 13 (APPROX 2.50 AC)	HENSHAW MARILYN DENT	26 2/3 POLES GRANDVIEW	COX EVELYN JUNE	HTS (0.33 AC CALC)
MORRIS H ALAN	VINTROUX FARM	HENSHAW MARILYN DENT	MIN 27 AC	DRAKE TERESA LYNN	LOT 86 SEC 3 BRENDONWOOD SUBD
MORRIS H ALAN	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED LOT 74 PHASE III CALVIN JONES	HUNT DOUGLAS B ET UX	1/3 OF 1/3 INT IN 124 AC MIN	DRODDY E F ET UX	LOT 87 SEC 3 BRENDONWOOD SUBD
MORRIS H ALAN	PROP	HUNT DOUGLAS B ET UX	GRANDVIEW-OIL & GAS ONLY	HALL JASON & SHAUNA	LOT 97 FLT 2 HURRICANE HTS
MORRIS HAROLD ALAN	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED LOT 16-B SEC 1 LITTON HTS	JENSEN VANCE LEON JR	45.50 AC MIN SCOTT LICK	HART ROBERT P	LOT 77-48 LAKE WASHINGTON
NIDA JAMES W	0.26 AC (11,507.99 SQFT) CHESWAL	JORDAN MARY ET AL	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED	ISAAC LAWRENCE E ET UX	3.781AC CHARLEYS CRK
PORTEILLO JACQUELINE MARIE	S 1/2 LOT 16 MT VERNON ACRES	LACY MARYANN	1/27 OF 150 AC JIVIDEN LAND	KELLEY ARETTA A	5 AC BROWNS CRK
POWELL ANISSA NICOLE	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED 2.76 AC POPLAR FORK RD	MCLANE JEAN	MOUNTAIN STATE PRODUCTION	KNIGHT TONY	PARCEL C (0.294 AC) RIDERS CRK
PROCTOR TERENCE	21,150 SQ FT LOCK 8	MCLANE JEAN	HARDY	LANHAM CRYSTAL R	LOT CC-72 LAKE WASHINGTON
RUTLEDGE JESSICA DAWN &	LOT 51 PHASE III CALVIN JONES	MCLANE JEAN	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED	LANHAM PAMELA J	LOT D-2 LAKE WASHINGTON
JONATHAN D RAINES	PROPERTY	MCLANE JEAN	1/80 UND INT GAS, OIL & MIN	MARKHAM JAMES T	LOT 1 (1.19 AC)
SCHOOLCRAFT JEFFREY W ET AL	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED MIN 9.16 AC, 1.02 AC & 16.40	MCLANE JEAN	659 AC, 630.98 AC & 11,750 AC	MARKHAM JAMES T	7.76 ACRES LOT 2 ADKINS FORK
SHAFER KEVIN L ET UX	AC POPLAR FORK	MCLANE JEAN	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED	MARKHAM JAMES T	7.76 ACRES LOT 2 ADKINS FORK
SHIRKEY AMANDA ET AL	LOT 671 SEC 5 RANCH LAKE EST	MCLANE JEAN	REV LOT21 BLK 13 N NITRO	MARKHAM JAMES T ET UX	LOT A-46 LAKE WASHINGTON
SHIRKEY PEGGY A	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED TRACT B (1.89 AC)	MCLANE JEAN	(0.144 AC CALC)	MAYS ANDREW T	LOTS A-47 & 48 LAKE WASHINGTON
SLATER JUSTON A	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED 0.37 AC ROCKY STEP	MCLANE JEAN	.97 AC RT 62	MAYS ANDREW T	LOT A-44 SEC A LAKE WASHING-
SOWARDS RONNIE LEE JR ET AL	LOT 868 SEC 5A RANCH LAKE EST	MCLANE JEAN	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED	MAYS ANDREW T	LOT A-29 LAKE WASHINGTON
STEPHENSON JOHN ET AL	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED PARCEL A (0.33 AC) MIZE RD	MCLANE JEAN	1/2 OF 35.73 AC HARRISON LAND	MAYS ANDREW T	LOT A-30 SEC A LAKE WASHING-
STEPHENSON JOHN ET AL	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED LOT 533 SEC 4 RANCH LAKE EST	MCLANE JEAN	1/6 OF 165.50 AC MIN GRIMMS LAND	MERCER OWEN E	LOTS A-31 LAKE WASHINGTON MH
STEPHENSON JOHN ET AL	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED LOT 537 SEC 4 RANCH LAKE EST	MCLANE JEAN	1/9 OF 72.75 AC MIN J J WALKER	MYERS ELIZABETH	LOTS A-32 LAKE WASHINGTON M
STEPHENSON JOHN ET AL	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED LOT 570 SEC 4 RANCH LAKE EST	MCLANE JEAN	LAND	MYERS ELIZABETH	MIN 46 AC
STEPHENSON JOHN P ET UX	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED LOT 764 SEC 5 RANCH LAKE EST	MCLANE JEAN	1/3 OF 118.5 AC MIN T R GREEN LD	MYERS ELIZABETH	1/2 OF 47.24 AC MIN
STOWERS PHYLLIS JEAN	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED 0.73 AC VALLEY LAND	MCLANE JEAN	1/2 INT OF 1/2 OF 75 AC MIN	MYERS ELIZABETH	MIN 26 AC & 56.50 AC MIN (CON-
SWIGER KIMBERLY ET AL	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED LOT 45 TEAYS MEADOWS	MCLANE JEAN	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED	NORRIS CHARLES ADAM	NER LAND) CHARLEYS CRK
SYDENSTRICKER GREGORY	CERTIFIED LETTR RETURNED PARCEL TEAYS VALLEY LAND	MCLANE JEAN	1/2 INT OF 1/2 OF 75 AC MIN	OXLEY L THOMAS ET AL	MIN 60 AC
VANCLIEF HARRY W & JANET M	2/3 INT IN 5 AC ROCKY STEP CRK	MCLANE JEAN	1/2 INT OF 1/2 OF 75 AC MIN	OXLEY L THOMAS ET AL	1/2 OF 40 AC MIN SYCAMORE CRK
VAUTER RYAN	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED 0.15 ACRES	MCLANE JEAN	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED	OXLEY L THOMAS ET AL	1/7 OF 120 W MIN LICK CRK
WALKER JAN ELAINE	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED 676 SQ FT	MCLANE JEAN	COAL 66 AC	OXLEY L THOMAS ET AL	LOT 43 W E THOMPSON HTS
WALKER NADINE VIERNES	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED LOT 33 S WINFIELD ADD	MCLANE JEAN	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED	OXLEY L THOMAS ET AL	1/2 OF 50 AC
WELLESLEY COLLEGE	1/2 OF 785.91 AC MIN,OIL,GAS,	MCLANE JEAN	PARCEL A (RESUBD OF LOTS 35 &	OXLEY L THOMAS ET AL	1/2 OF OIL & GAS 45 AC MYNES LD
WEST VIRGINIA LAND CORP	PETROLEUM & SALT BRINE	MCLANE JEAN	36) BLK 3 N NITRO	PANNELL DEBRA L	1/2 OF MIN 155 AC BIG HURRI-
WOOTEN KAYLEE NICOLE	LOT 461 SEC 3 RANCH LAKE EST	MCLANE JEAN	1.59 ACRE	PAR FOUR FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT	CANE CRK
WRAY MARILYN J	765 SQ FT	MCLANE JEAN	LOT 32 BLK 10	CENTER INC	LOT 220 SEC 8 KINGSWOOD EST
WYATT CYNTHIA A	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED LOT 68 PHASE III	MCLANE JEAN	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED	PAR FOUR FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT	0.264 AC
	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED LOT 62 PHASE III CALVIN JONES	MCLANE JEAN	1/16 UND INT IN 52 ACRES	CENTER INC	18.66 AC BIG HURRICANE CRK
	PROP	MCLANE JEAN	BECKNER LAND COAL, OIL & GAS	PAR FOUR FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT	4.525 AC
	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED	MCLANE JEAN	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED	CENTER INC	
DISTRICT: TEAYS VALLEY	DESCRIPTION	MCLANE JEAN	1/8 OF 50.87 AC CASTO LAND	RICE RICKY DALE	LOT 115 HURRICANE HTS ADD
PERSON CHARGED WITH TAXES	LOT 2 BEAUMONT ACRES	MCLANE JEAN	OIL & GAS ONLY	SAMPLES TRAVIS & PATSY	3.67 ACRES
BIBBEE VANESSA L	24,250 SQ FT EVERGREEN RD	MCLANE JEAN	1/4 UND INT OIL AND GAS IN	SANDERS KATHRYN ET AL	0.44 AC BIG HURRICANE CRK
BOGGS PAMELA JO ET CON	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED 1/3 AC COW CRK	MCLANE JEAN	20 AC BAILEY LAND	SMITH BRENDA L ET AL	36.5 AC COON CRK
DAVIS HELEN R	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED .06 AC TRIANGULAR PARCEL COW	MCLANE JEAN	24.75 AC RIFFEE LAND	SNYDER DIANE	7/240 INT 75.60 AC OIL, GAS &
DAVIS HELEN R	CRK	MCLANE JEAN	PAINTER IB 692 ENERVEST	SPENCE BOBBY LEE AND PAULA M	OTHER MIN
FELLURE STEVEN E	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED 2.02 AC RT 35	MCLANE JEAN	LOT RT 34	SPENCER OLIN J ET UX	LOT 15 PLT 2 HURRICANE HTS
FELLURE STEVEN E	0.89 AC 25 MILE CRK	MCLANE JEAN	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED	THORNER MELISSA	S 33 1/3' OF LOT 3 & N 33 1/3'
FELLURE STEVEN E	9.15 ACS 5 & 20 MILE CRK	MCLANE JEAN	1/5 AC JIM RIDGE	THORNER MELISSA	OF LOT 4 SEC 3 BRYN MAWR ADD
FRAZIER DONALD STEVEN	1.11 AC PRT PAR 1 FRAZIER EST	MCLANE JEAN	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED	THORNER MELISSA	18 AC
GIBSON MATTHEW C	4.32 ACRES BIG HURRICANE CRK	MCLANE JEAN	MOUNTAIN STATE PRODUCTION	WARNER CHARLES WILLIAM II	144 AC
GIBSON MATTHEW C	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED .25 ACRES BIG HURRICANE CRK	MCLANE JEAN	HARDY		6 AC
GRANT KENNETH F ET UX	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED 0.421 AC WASHINGTON HILL RD	MCLANE JEAN	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED		LOTS 87, 88 & PRT LOT 89 PLT 2
HAMRICK JESSICA L	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED 2.701 AC	MCLANE JEAN	1/2 OF 10 AC RT 34		HURRICANE HTS
HEFNER SUZANNE	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED 20% INT 118 AC MIN	MCLANE JEAN	OIL & GAS 27 AC (2 TRACTS)	DISTRICT: ELEANOR TOWN	
HODGES AMY	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED 0.38 AC (LOT 1) BIG HURRICANE	MCLANE JEAN	SALT LICK	PERSON CHARGED WITH TAXES	DESCRIPTION
HODGES AMY	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED 0.12 AC BIG HURRICANE CRK	MCLANE JEAN	1/6 UND SHARE IN 3/8 INT IN	KIDSTECH RESEARCH INC	LOT 213 SEC 4 NORTHWOODS EAST
HODGES AMY	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED PARCEL 1 (3.49 AC)	MCLANE JEAN	MINERALS IN 53 ACRES	KIDSTECH RESEARCH INC	LOT 211 SEC 2 NORTHWOODS EAST
HOLLIDAY SARAH F	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED MIN 1.50 AC RUTH GIBSON	MCLANE JEAN	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED	KIDSTECH RESEARCH INC	LOT 209 SEC 2 NORTHWOODS EAST
HOLLIDAY SARAH F	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED MIN 57 AC RUTH GIBSON	MCLANE JEAN	MIN 337 AC (EXCEPT COAL BUT	MAY TYLER K & MEGAN J	LOT 78A-1 ELEANOR
HOLLIDAY SARAH F	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED MIN 46.75 AC BIG HURRICANE	MCLANE JEAN	INCLUDING COAL BED METHANE)	SCOTT OPIE E ET UX	NE PRT LOT 159 ELEANOR
HUNT DOUGLAS B ET UX	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED .33 AC 25 MILE CRK	MCLANE JEAN	W H KELLY	TAYLOR ISAAC	PRT LOT 168 ELEANOR
LEGG L E	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED 90 AC OHIO 18 MILE CRK	MCLANE JEAN	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED		
LEGG L E ET AL	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED 35 AC OHIO 18 MILE CRK	MCLANE JEAN	1/10 INT MIN 143.50 AC RES		
LEWIS KELLI	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED 0.18 AC (RES 40' EASEMENT)	MCLANE JEAN	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED		
LEWIS KELLI	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED .58 AC 5 & 20 MILE CRK	MCLANE JEAN	2.5% INT 78/80 UND INT 630.98		
LYONS LINDA	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED 1.45 AC TRACE CREEK RD	MCLANE JEAN	AC COAL 659 AC OIL & GAS,		
MOUNTS CHRISTIE	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED LOT 3 (2 AC)	MCLANE JEAN	11,750 AC MIN 18 MILE CRK		
QUADE JUDY	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED 23.41 ACRES SUGAR CAMP RD	MCLANE JEAN	ENERVEST HARDY FRANK 972		
REVEAL DANIEL ET AL	LOT 23 SEC 1 WOODCLYFFE CHASE	MCLANE JEAN	HARDY WELLS		
ROSE VIRGINIA ET CON	1.45 AC TRACE FK	MCLANE JEAN	MIN 1/2 OF 40 7/8 AC 18 MILE CRK		
SALGADO VITTORIO M ET UX	LOT 871 OLDE ORCHARD (1.64 AC)	MCLANE JEAN	0.3333% INT 78/80 UND INT 630.		
SEXTON HAROLD MORGAN	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED 5.74 AC COW CRK	MCLANE JEAN	AC COAL 659 AC OIL & GAS,		
SHUE GARNET	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED 1.33 AC RT 19 & HURRICANE CRK	MCLANE JEAN	11,750 AC MIN 18 MILE CRK		
TAYLOR MADE FARM LLC	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED 29.97 AC BIG HURRICANE	MCLANE JEAN	MOUNTAIN STATE PRODUCTION		
TAYLOR MADE FARM LLC	1 AC BIG HURRICANE & HSE	MCLANE JEAN	HARDY		
TAYLOR MADE FARM LLC	2.774 AC BIG HURRICANE CRK	MCLANE JEAN	1 AC SULUG BR		
TAYLOR MADE FARM LLC	256 SQFT	MCLANE JEAN	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED		
THACKER CLIFFORD O ET UX	17.33 AC TACKETTS BR	MCLANE JEAN	1/4 OF 52 AC MIN BECKNER LAND		
WILSON MICHAEL S	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED 20% INT 118 AC MIN	MCLANE JEAN	CERTIFIED LETTER RETURNED		
YOUNG JAMES ROBERT ET AL	19.19 AC BIG HURRICANE CRK	MCLANE JEAN	1/8 UND INT IN 50.87 AC CASTO		
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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

12-4-2t

Property Transfers

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

Vicki Hicks to Tammy Perkins - Two Tracts, Northwoods South, Eleanor District for \$87,500.00.

Deborah Matheny and Robin Cremeans to Franklin and Constance Gordon - Lot, Candlewyck Place, Scott District for \$379,900.00.

Alex Osburn to Aaron

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

To: Magistrate Court Case Sara E. No.: 25-M40D-00285 Simmons

Respondent's Name Family Court Respondent's Address Civil Action No.: 25-DV-225

Date of Birth

ORDER OF PUBLICATION (PROTECTIVE ORDER / HEARING DATE)

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

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

It appearing by evidence duly taken in this action that you could not be found in or that you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of the ORDER referenced above, a copy of the Petition and Order may be obtained at the Putnam County Circuit Clerk's office. This PROTECTIVE ORDER will remain in effect until 12-30-2025.

The Respondent may appeal this Protective Order pursuant to W. Va. Code § 48-27-510, within 10 days of the date of the order was entered.

Issued this 9th day of December, 2025.

STEPHANIE SMITH/Is Circuit Clerk 12-11-1tw

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

AIR QUALITY PERMIT NOTICE Notice of Application

Notice is given that Toyota Motor Manufacturing, West Virginia, Inc., has applied to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality, for a G60 General Permit Class II Administrative Update for three emergency generators located at 1 Sugar Maple Lane, Buffalo, WV 25033 in Putnam County, West Virginia. The latitude and longitude coordinates are: 38.596902° latitude, -81.992677° longitude.

The applicant estimates the increased potential to discharge the following Regulated Air Pollutants will be:

Nox 0.62 TPY
CO 1.21 TPY
PM .02 TPY
VOCs .30 TPY
HAPs .05 TPY

Startup of operation is planned to begin on or about the 1st day of February, 2026. Written comments will be received by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality, 601 57th Street, SE, Charleston, WV 25304, for at least 30 calendar days from the date of publication of this notice.

Any questions regarding this permit application should be directed to the DAQ at (304) 926-0499, extension 1250, during normal business hours. Dated this the 25th Day of November 2025.

By: Toyota Motor Manufacturing, West Virginia, Inc. Curtis Martin, General Manager Post Office Box 600 1 Sugar Maple Lane Buffalo, West Virginia 25033 12-11-1t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE CIRCUIT 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 30, 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 3rd day of December, 2025.

Stephanie M. Smith
Putnam County Circuit Clerk

12-11-2t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

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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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

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-159
Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia
Notice is hereby given that on the 14th day of January, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Judge Mark Sorsaia, Joel Andrew Jones 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 Joel Andrew Jones to Joel Andrew Sumner, 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 3rd day of December, 2025.

Stephanie M. Smith
Putnam County Circuit Clerk

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Obituaries

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ROMMIE H. PARRISH

Rommie H. Parrish, 78, of Nitro, passed away December 2, 2025, in CAMC Memorial Division.

Rommie worked for many years as a laborer and was known for his friendly, easygoing nature. He enjoyed attending church and could often be found visiting with friends and neighbors—he never met a stranger and loved to talk with anyone who crossed his path.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Harmon Henry and Faye Parrish; siblings Robert, Charles, and Barbara; and his companion, Jeanie Parker.

Rommie is survived by his brothers William, Leo, and John Parrish; special friend Diane Sheets; and a host of nieces and nephews who will miss him dearly.

A tribute to the life of Rommie was held Monday, December 8, 2025, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Mike Martin officiating. Burial was in Wade Chapel Cemetery, Red House.

thrown away. He was beloved by many and truly one of a kind. He will be deeply missed.

Born August 14, 1950, in Buffalo, he was the son of the late Paul Parsons and Velva Winters Parsons. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his baby brother, Ronnie Parsons.

Survivors include his loving girlfriend of 34 years, Carol Morris; sons, Robert Trace Parsons of Buffalo, Michael (Victoria) Parsons of Buffalo; stepson, Chris (Susan) Morris of Buffalo; sisters, Sharon Ann of Kingsland GA, Phyllis (Doug) Reese of Racine OH; brother Paul Junior (Beverly) Parsons of Buffalo; granddaughters that were his pride and joy, Madilyn Parsons and Alyssa Parsons; chosen great grandsons, Dawson Boggess and Keaton Boggess. Robert is also survived by several nieces, nephews, extended family and many friends.

In accordance with Robert's wishes, he will be cremated and no formal services will be held at this time.

Pamela; son, Dylan (Tina) Scarberry; grandchildren, Homer Weston Scarberry, Jaelyn Scarberry and Raelyn Scarberry; mother, Helen Scarberry and sister, Nancy (Eric) Easter and several nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

Graveside service was Tuesday, December 9th, 2025, at Scarberry Family Cemetery.

RAY 'RANDY' THOMAS

Ray "Randy" R. Thomas 74, of Hurricane, met his Lord and Savior on November 30, 2025.

He was born on February 27, 1951, to the late Arthur Ray and Rachel Louise Thomas in South Charleston.

Randy was a retired Signal Maintainer with CSX Railroad and was a faithful member of Teays Valley Baptist Church for over 30 years, where he sang in the choir. He loved his Lord, his family and his church family.

He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Nancy; children: Dustin Thomas (Laura) of Hurricane, and Keri Taylor (Ashley) of Morganton, NC; grandchildren: Cole Thomas, Carson Thomas, Adrianna Taylor, and Landon Taylor; sister: Robin Adams (Joe) of St. Petersburg, FL; and brothers: Arthur "Tommy" Thomas (Glenda) of Hurricane, Glenn Thomas of Columbus, OH, and Terry Thomas (Brenda) of Cedar Grove, NC.

Funeral service for Randy was Thursday, December 4, 2025, at Teays

HOMER SCARBERRY

Homer Edward "Eddie" "Hippy" Scarberry, 67, of Hurricane, went home after a short illness with cancer. He was a graduate of Hurricane High School and a retired Truckdriver. He was preceded in death by his father Homer Milton Scarberry, and son Homer Arron Scarberry, and sister, Analisa Gibson.

He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years,

Legislature's Broadband Strategy Delivers Nation-Leading Internet Expansion

When families in rural West Virginia finally connect to high-speed internet, they can thank legislators who did the hard work in Charleston years before the first fiber line was strung.

New data confirms the Mountain State leads the nation in internet growth, and once-isolated areas are seeing those results firsthand. The numbers don't lie. Since 2019, fiber and cable access across West Virginia has surged from 200,000 locations to nearly 700,000 — a 245 percent increase. Download speeds have leaped 83 percent. In 2024, West Virginia posted the highest connectivity improvement of any state in America.

"Ensuring every West Virginian can have the best access to information, education, work and healthcare has been the cornerstone of my public service since I first took office," said Delegate Daniel Linville, R-Cabell, who has been Chairman of the House Environment, Infrastructure and Technology Committee.

"Daniel has been instrumental in carrying the torch as a Chairman of our Joint Interim Committee on Technology and Infrastructure," said House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, R-Clay. Hanshaw, who previously served

Valley Baptist Church, Hurricane, with Rev. Dr. John D. Smith, Pastor Chad Estep and Rev. Dr. Jered W. Green officiating. Burial was in Valley View Memorial Park in Hurricane.

on the state's Broadband Enhancement Council, and appointed Linville to succeed him in the position in 2018. "He has seen the need for crafting the kind of regulatory reforms that have made this expansion possible and has never let up."

The results of this legislative leadership are visible across West Virginia, showing up as real projects in many backyards. Twenty-five broadband projects are actively under construction statewide, with 18 more in design. More than 1,100 miles of new fiber have already been deployed, connecting thousands more West Virginia homes and businesses, before the major federal BEAD funding even begins flowing.

Years before Washington's grant programs materialized, the West Virginia Legislature streamlined permitting, reformed regulations and created an environment where internet providers wanted to invest.

"The Legislature cut the red tape, private companies did the building and communities got connected," Linville said.

The BEAD program, recently approved by federal authorities, will build on that foundation, bringing fiber to 73,000 additional locations across all 55 counties. Approximately 12,500 miles of new

infrastructure will be installed, with 94 percent of connections delivered via fiber. Private providers are contributing \$200 million in matching funds on just the BEAD program, a testament to confidence in West Virginia's business-friendly approach.

"For a student in Gilmer County finishing homework after basketball practice, this is a game-changer, and for a small business owner in Mason County who can finally process a transaction reliably, it's a lifeline," Hanshaw said. "For a small, rural healthcare provider to be able to offer telehealth appointments, it's modern medicine arriving at last."

West Virginia started this decade as one of the least connected states in America and will end it as a national model for rural broadband deployment, through legislative vision and action, combined with public and private partners.

"We must thank our partners from the Executive Branch, as well as the private sector and the many advocates who have collaborated on this throughout the past decade," Linville said. "What began as a promise on the Capitol steps has become a reality in West Virginia living rooms, classrooms and businesses with even more to come."

Public Hearing Scheduled for West Virginia American Water Rate Cases

The Public Service Commission of West Virginia has scheduled a virtual and in-person public comment hearing on December 15 for two rate cases filed by West Virginia-American Water Co.

In May, the company requested approval for a \$46 million increase in water rates and a \$1.4 million increase in sewer rates. The company proposes implementing the increases in two phases: addendum period 1, effective March 2026; and addendum period 2, effective March 2027.

An evidentiary hearing on the cases began Wednesday and was scheduled to continue through Thursday. The public comment hearing will begin at 5:30 p.m. on December 15 at PSC headquarters at 201 Brooks St., Charleston.

Those who wish to participate in the public comment hearing should register with the Commission by 4 p.m. on December 12. Registration may be made through

the Microsoft Teams meeting link at: <https://bit.ly/WVPS20251215>.

You may also register by calling Alexis Weimer at (304) 340-0822 or Andrew Gallagher at (304) 340-0820; or by emailing aweimer@psc.state.wv.us or agallagher@psc.state.wv.us.

Those who wish to attend in person should sign up to speak prior to 5:30 p.m. As an alternative to speaking, written comments regarding this case may be submitted by mail or hand delivery to the Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV, 25301, or online at <https://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 as pertaining to Case Nos. 25-0426-W-42T and 25-0428-S-42T

More information on these cases can be found on the PSC website: www.psc.state.wv.us. Click on "Case Information" and access Case Nos. 25-0426-W-42T and 25-0428-S-42T.

House To Start Session With Focus On Jobs

House Speaker Roger Hanshaw, R-Clay, announced several initiatives he expects the West Virginia House of Delegates to consider when second regular session of the 87th Legislature convenes in January.

"West Virginia voters continue to tell us they want us to focus on jobs," Hanshaw said. "When our leadership team surveyed the 91 Republican Delegates in the 100-member House to prepare for this year, 81 of them responded, and overwhelmingly the focus was clear: economic development and the education that builds it for the state."

Hanshaw noted that the proposals came from interim committee reports and studies, along with workgroups and conferences to learn from other states since the 2025 regular session had adjourned.

Several proposals to ensure fair regulations and minimal red tape look to continue shaping the job-creating business climate West Virginia is becoming known for.

Other business climate proposals included allowing portable benefits for the modern workforce to more flexibly maintain retirement or insurance savings across multiple employers; Mountaineer Flex, a performance-based, flexible tax credit to encourage major investment and job creation without limiting it to a specific industry; a timing proposal for the PSC to allow an Energy Infrastructure Approval fast track for more modern and reliable power which also would create jobs; and TEAM-WV, which would create a competitive, statewide nonprofit to drive a cohesive strategy for site development, partnerships and business growth.

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 permits.

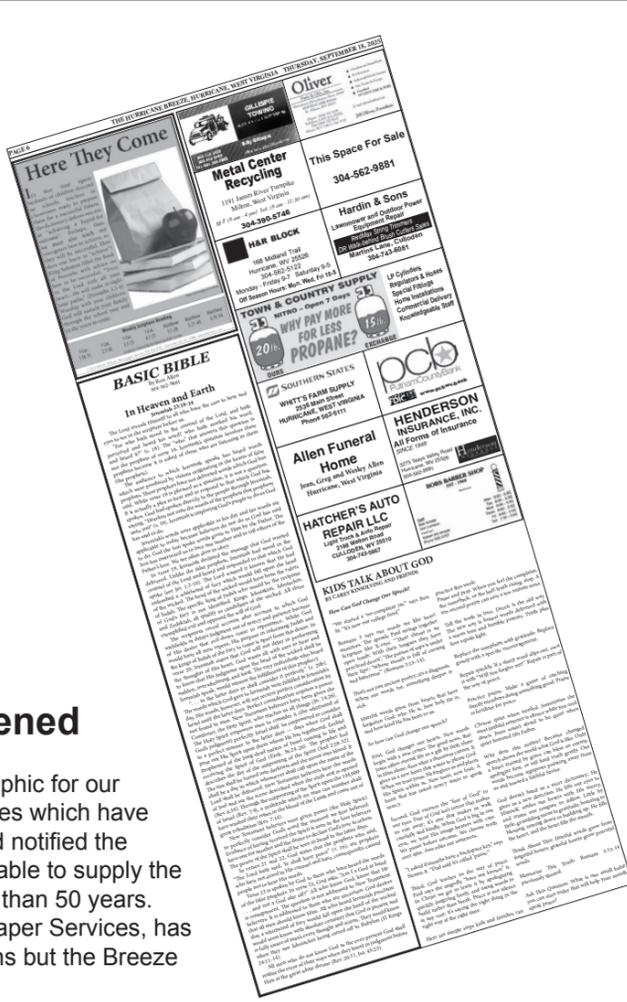
Submission by email is preferred. Remit to hurricanebreeze@citynet.net

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



SHADOWS



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Have you ever woken up in the night and, out of the corner of your eye, seen something move? In the dark you are afraid, but when you switch on the light there's nothing there, it was just a shadow. We are often afraid of the dark and unknown; what if we could always have a lamp? Psalm 119:105 tells us, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." With regular Bible reading, prayer, and weekly worship, those things that frighten us will diminish as our faith and knowledge of God's power and love increases. God can light the shadows in our lives.

Daily Bible Readings

Psalm 14	Psalm 17	Psalm 26	Psalm 36	Psalm 37	Psalm 43	Psalm 53
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Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society X Daily Devotional at DailyBible.AmericanBible.org

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God's Glory in the Tabernacle

Exodus 40:1-11, 34-38

"And the Lord spake unto Moses saying, On the first day of the first month shalt thou set up the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation" (v. 1, 2). The tabernacle of the tent of the congregation which Moses was instructed to set up is a tent which consisted of two sections. The two sections, the holy place and the most holy, were to be separated by a curtain (see Ex. 26:33).

Prior to the assembly of this tabernacle of the tent of the congregation, there was a different tent which Moses called the Tabernacle of the congregation (Ex. 33:7). It was within the confines of this tent that Moses was placed in the cleft of the rock and shielded by the hand of the Lord when His glory passed by (Ex. 33:22). The tabernacle of the tent of the congregation was designed by God such that His glory might reside in the midst of the camp of Israel.

God's instruction for the tabernacle's assembly begins with the placement of the ark of the testimony within the tent and the installation of the covering curtain which separated the holy place from the most holy (v. 3). The ark of the testimony was the only piece of furniture in the most holy and is a physical picture of the spiritual. The cover of the ark is the mercy seat [a picture of God's sitting place] (Ex. 25:17). The physical contents of the ark testify of God's perfection (the tablets of stone upon which the Ten Commandments were inscribed) and God's provision (the bowl of manna). Aaron's rod which budded [a picture of New Testament revelation that the high priest who makes intercession with God is Christ who sprang forth from the dead] would later be placed in the ark (Num. 17:10-11).

In verse 4, God instructed Moses to bring in the table and to set the things upon it in the order He had designated. The table was brought into the holy place and set on the northward side. The shewbread was placed upon the table. The candlestick was brought in and placed upon the south side of the holy place (v. 24). Both the positioning of the candlestick and the arrangement of the loaves of shewbread were specified by God (see v. 22 and Lev. 24:5-6).

The altar of gold was then brought into the holy place which had been partitioned off from the most holy by the curtain (v. 5). All things within the holy place pertained to priestly service. The candlestick speaks of the spiritual light which the priests were to provide and the shew bread of the spiritual food which was to be delivered to the twelve tribes of Israel. Sweet incense was burned upon the altar of gold, which fragrance represents prayer lifted up by Aaron and his sons.

God then instructed Moses to set the altar of burnt offering in front of the entrance to the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation (v. 6) and to place laver filled with water between the altar and the tent (v. 7). Aaron and his sons were to wash their feet and hands at the laver before entering into the holy place to perform priestly duties (Ex. 30:20). Burnt offerings were to be offered up morning and evening each and every day for a sweet savor unto the Lord (Ex. 29:38-41).

In verse 8, the Lord instructed Moses to set up the court that would surround the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation. All had been assembled as the Lord had said but the tabernacle was not yet ready to receive the glory of the Lord. The glory of the Lord waited until Moses anointed the tabernacle and its contents with anointing oil (v. 9). All had been made according to God's instruction but was not certified to be holy until the anointing oil had been applied according to God's instruction (see Ex. 30:23-25). The anointing oil serves as reassurance from God that all was done according to His instruction. All was holy as He is holy.

Moses applied the oil and God certified the holiness of the tabernacle by manifesting His presence as a covering cloud above the tent of the congregation which filled the tabernacle His glory (v. 34). Moses had administered the anointing oil but was not able to enter into the presence of the glory of the Lord.

New Testament believers view this scene and marvel. All believers marvel because all believers are born of the Spirit. Jesus said, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (Jn. 3:5). Believers know the Spirit of truth because the Spirit dwells in us (Jn. 14:17). We have been certified by the Comforter who teaches us and brings all things which Jesus has said into our remembrance (Jn. 14:26).

Moses had been obedient to do all that which the Lord had said. His obedience, however, was not enough that he could enter into God's dwelling place. Because the Spirit of truth is in us, we know that we have been saved by God's grace and not of works (Eph. 2:8-9). It is by grace through faith that men enter into God's dwelling place. Our works fail but God's gift of grace triumphs in all who believe.

The closing picture before us (and in the book of Exodus) is that of God's continuing presence with Israel. The cloud of the Lord was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was upon it by night. Israel responded to the Lord's leading. They journeyed when the cloud was taken up and journeyed not when the cloud was lifted (v. 36-37). God's presence was with them as they journeyed to the promised land.

New Testament believers look upon this scene and remember the Lord's promise: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt 18:20). Let us so gather that men may see the light which dwells within us.

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KIDS TALK ABOUT GOD

BY CAREY KINSOLVING AND FRIENDS

How Did God The Father Honor Jesus (John 8:48-59)?

"It is better to deserve honors and not have them than to have them and not deserve them," wrote Mark Twain.

In heaven, Jesus had the deserved honor and glory of myriads of angelic hosts, yet he entered this world in the humblest of circumstances. No trumpets sounded that night in Bethlehem when God the Son took on flesh as a vulnerable baby.

Government officials from Jerusalem and Rome remained in their palaces while the King of Kings lay in a manger incognito as a helpless infant. Lowly shepherds attending their flocks in the field received this unexpected announcement from an angel: "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger," (Luke 2:11-12).

Many people in the modern world have never seen a manger and might not know it's an open trough from which animals eat. In John 1:10, we learn that the world was made through Jesus, yet he entered it like a camouflaged soldier slipping behind enemy lines under the cover of darkness.

The world doesn't honor weakness. It rolls over it. The world honors power. The idea of an all powerful God humbling himself in birth and death goes against all our ideas for honor, power and success.

"God had faith in Jesus," says Aliana, 9. "He let Jesus come down to the world to save us."

Jesus didn't come in power," said Pastor Steven Furtick. "He came in diapers. This is a strange path to saving the world. Jesus came in weakness and died in weakness."

God's power mode turned the world's power paradigm on its head, says Angelina, 9: "God is so powerful, but I think that power comes from LOVE!"

We see power exercised from greed, envy, anger, pride and insecurity. The idea of exercising power from love is radical. This revolutionary idea is explained more fully in the Bible's love chapter (1 Corinthians 13).

"Heavy" or "weighty" is the root meaning of the word "honor" in the Old Testament. To honor someone means to grant that person weight, respect or even authority in one's life.

Jesus focused on honoring his heavenly Father during his ministry. God the Father was so pleased that he couldn't contain himself on two occasions.

At Jesus' baptism, God spoke from heaven in a voice was heard on Earth when he said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased," (Matthew 3:17).

Later in his ministry, Jesus took three of his disciples to a high mountain. There, the veil that concealed Jesus' glory was removed for a few minutes. "His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light," wrote the Apostle Matthew (Matt. 17:2).

Again, God the Father couldn't contain his pleasure when he repeated what he said at Jesus' baptism with the added words, "Hear him." Evidently the apostles needed to pay closer attention to Jesus' teaching and instructions. Don't we all?

Think about this: After Jesus suffered the ultimate dishonor of being crucified as a common criminal to pay for our sins, God raised him from the dead. Today, the resurrected Jesus offers eternal life as a free gift to all who believe in him.

Memorize this truth: Luke 2:11-12 quoted above.

Ask this question: Will you honor Jesus by accepting the greatest Christmas gift, the gift of eternal life by believing in Jesus Christ as your savior?