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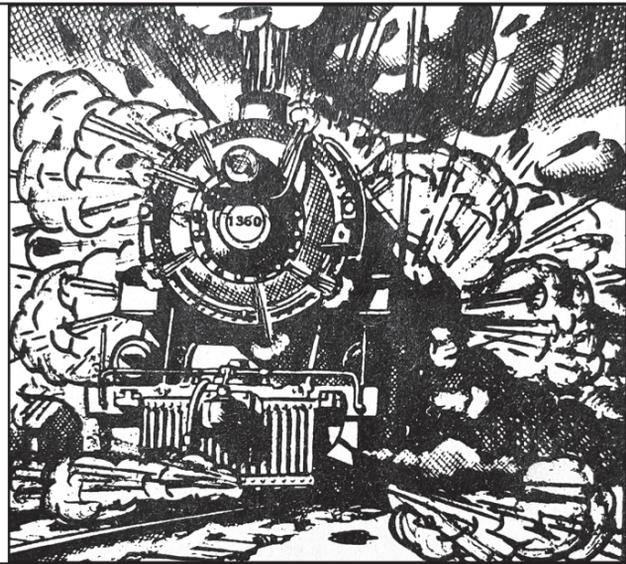
100TH ANNIVERSARY

Data Center and 'The End of the Line for Old 1360' Water Woes

By Ron Allen
At the end of the calendar year, news flow shrinks and publications switch into default mode by regurgitating old news. Water Woes and Data Centers have been in the headlines through out 2025 and have returned to grab headlines. Every article published in 2025 was pretty much the same. Data Centers are bad because the facilities require energy consumption. Energy consumption is bad because it results in increases of greenhouse gases and makes the planet less able to support a population which uses Data Centers. Data Centers are also bad because the facilities require water. Wanting water is not good because there is not enough water for both the population which uses Data Centers

and the population which does not use Data Centers. The water that is available is not suitable for use by either population because it is dirty. Dirty water is bad because it shortens life expectancy (the time that Data Center users may use Data Center data). Data Centers are not all bad. Data Centers allow human beings to enjoy lifestyles which were impossible before so much data was made available by which people could enjoy Data Centers. Data Centers have become a necessity. Artificial Intelligence is dependent upon Data Centers. Without Data Centers, Artificial Intelligence would cease and the human race would be reduced to dependency upon natural intelligence. Editor's Note — This article was produced with the assistance of artificial intelligence.

"Without any warning the big locomotive exploded with a terrific roar. It appeared to twist forward and upward, and at the same time it began flying apart."



This drawing, "The End of the Line for Old 1360," is by W.D. Wintz. Engine 1360 met its spectacular and fatal end in Hurricane on January 9, 1926. The real cause of the fiery, tragic accident has never been determined.

Editor's Note: *The Breeze is reprinting the following article in remembrance of the day in which C&O Engine No. 1360 blew up in the the middle of Hurricane.*

By William D. Wintz (Re-printed from the Upper Vandalia History Society, 1972)

Saturday, January 9, 1926, had been a cold, snowy day in Putnam County's town of Hurricane. It was nearly 5:30 pm, and some of the merchants along Main Street were already closing their stores. Most of the Saturday farm trade had left town and only a few people were on the street. The happy sounds of children sleigh riding off the railroad over-pass was drowned out by the noise of the giant Mallet engine passing underneath. It was just topping the grade

leading into town, pulling a long freight loaded with coal. Down at the other end of the railroad cut that paralleled Main Street several people had begun to gather at the depot. They were awaiting the arrival of No. 13, the passenger train that brought the evening mail. Warner Leake, the off-duty station agent, was standing on the platform as the big engine slowly approached the water tower. Just about then the whole town seemed to rock. Without any warning the big locomotive exploded with a terrific roar. It appeared to twist forward and upward, and at the same time it began flying apart. Then in a cloud of black smoke, steam and burning coals the remains fell across the tracks like a stricken monster. Young Tony Allen,

Irene Forth and her brother Norman and Louis, Rachael and Raymond Qualls forgot about sleigh riding for the rest of the day. They had looked up just in time to see the eruption of black smoke and steam mushrooming in the sky. Mrs. B.D. Taylor and her small son Jay were walking along the sidewalk directly above the exploding engine and had no chance to protect themselves. Both were knocked down and were dangerously injured by flying fragments of coal, rock and steel. The railroad right of way through the business section is about 20 feet below the level of the street. This, together with the fact that many of the stores had been closed for the day, while the occupants of others were at the rear of the buildings, is believed to have saved many lives. E.I. Ford, assistant to the general superintendent of the road here, was quoted as saying, "An investigation of the explosion would be made within the next few days, and that until then no statement as to the cause of the disaster would be made."

the locomotive explosion that occurred in Hurricane Saturday evening when Charles E. Chattin, fireman, died of scalds and burns in the Chesapeake and Ohio Hospital in Huntington at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. Jeff D. Rose, engineer, and E.P. Henry, brakeman, were killed instantly.

BUILDINGS DAMAGED
The damage from the terrific blast was more wide-spread than first reports indicated, and citizens of the town are surprised now that more persons were not injured by flying fragments of the giant Mallet-type engine. Mrs. B.D. Taylor of the village was seriously hurt when a piece of metal struck her on the jaw. She was walking along the main street of the town overlooking the tracks which lie in a cut at that point. A chunk of iron weighing several hundred pounds was hurled nearly 100 yards and crashed the corner off a two-story building owned by Cline McCallister and occupied by a Farmer's Hardware Company. A small piece of metal tore a large hole in the side of a business building owned by C.F. Leadman and standing 200 or more yards from the scene of the explosion. So many windows were shattered that two truckloads of glass were sent form here. The total damage was estimated from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

LEXINGTON ESTATES BRIDGE

A Repair That Could Not Wait



Above: WVDOH workers position three massive I-beams while making emergency repairs to the bridge at the entrance to Lexington Estates in Hurricane on Friday, December 19. Right: Pictured is the finished repair on the morning of December 20th.

By Ron Allen
The bridge over Big Hurricane Creek that served as the entrance to Lexington Estates is no more. The structure, owned by the City of Hurricane, had been slated to be replaced at a not yet to-be-determined time. On Wednesday, December 17, the WVDOH inspected the bridge and informed the city that an immediate repair was necessary.

The bridge which serves as the sole entrance to the subdivision was closed and temporary fix was completed on Friday, December 19. Hurricane City Manager Andy Skidmore said that the city will be required to reimburse the State for the repair but that a new bridge will be built using federal funds which the city is obtaining through the State. The design of the new bridge

is projected to be finalized in April and put out for bid this summer. Skidmore reported that the WVDOH will be present at the January 5 city council meeting to provide a project update. The rapid response by the DOH to the emergency was possible because the

I-beams needed were in storage and available at Barboursville. City officials will recognize the DOH's quick response at the council meeting. The temporary bridge will be disassembled and I-beams returned to Barboursville when the new bridge is installed.

The Charleston Daily Mail carried this follow-up article on January 11, 1926:

"THIRD MAN HURT IN EXPLOSION AT HURRICANE DIES"

Burns Received When Locomotive Blew Up Prove Fatal to Fireman Chattin

MUCH DAMAGE DONE IN TOWN

Two Truckloads of Glass Sent From Charleston to Repair Smashed Store Windows

A third name was added to the list of dead in

HAD NARROW ESCAPES

Among those who narrowly escaped death or serious injury was Leroy Burton, clerk at G.P. Foster's general store. A shower of metal slugs, some weighing several pounds, crashed through

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WEATHER SUMMARY			WEATHER SUMMARY		
December 23 - 29			December 16 - 22		
	Low	High		Low	High
December 23			Hurricane 16		
Hurricane 34°	44°		Hurricane 8°	40°	
December 24			December 17		
Hurricane 35°	54°		Hurricane 25°	52°	
December 25*			December 18		
Hurricane 40°	54°		Hurricane 25°	55°	
December 26			December 19*		
Hurricane 53°	58°		Hurricane 18°	50°	
December 27			December 20		
Hurricane 35°	53°		Hurricane 18°	54°	
December 28			December 21		
Hurricane 40°	64°		Hurricane 18°	42°	
December 29*			December 22		
Hurricane 17°	62°		Hurricane 15°	40°	
*RAIN			*RAIN		
0.1 inch recorded Dec. 25			0.4 inch recorded Dec. 19		
0.2 inch recorded Dec. 29					

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.

JANUARY 2

- Create a NASA galaxy pinwheel at the Poca Library during business hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

JANUARY 3

- The Charleston Association of the Deaf New Year's Party will be held at 11 a.m. at the West Sattes Community Center, 234 Lee Avenue, Valentine Circle, Nitro. Admission is \$25 for adults, \$5 for ages 13-17, and free for ages 12 and under.

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

STARTING JANUARY 5

- There will be a five week hand quilting and crochet class from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane. The cost is \$40 per person. You must provide your own supplies. To register, go to <https://304tix.com/events/hand-quilting-crochet-class-1-5-2026>

JANUARY 7

- MadeBy Pottery, 2805 Main Street, Hurricane, will be holding a Wednesday Homeschool Clay Class from 1 to 3 p.m. To sign up, go to <https://madebypottery.com/schedule/friday-homeschool-clay-class-f4f69>

JANUARY 9 - 11

Hurricane's Red Hot and Heat Wave Show Choirs will be hosting a cabaret-style dinner and two amazing shows. Show times are Jan. 9 at 6:30 p.m.; Jan. 10 at noon and 6:30 p.m.; or Jan. 11 at 1 p.m. Reservations are \$25 for adults; \$15 Children 10 and under. Price at the door is \$30 Adults; \$20 children. Order tickets online at www.hurricaneshowchoirs.com

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WVDA Veterans Pitch Competition Now Accepting Applications

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) is now accepting applications for the 2026 Veterans & Heroes to Agriculture Agribusiness Pitch Competition, an annual event designed to support veterans and other emergency responders pursuing agricultural careers and small-business ventures in the Mountain State. The competition provides qualified applicants an opportunity to present their ideas for innovative, agriculture-focused projects and compete for funding to help launch or expand their operations.

Applicants will pitch their business concept to a panel of judges representing agriculture, business development, and veteran services. Finalists will compete for cash awards intended to support business planning, equipment purchases, product development, and other business needs.

"Agriculture provides a meaningful pathway for many veterans returning to civilian life," said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent

Leonhardt. "This competition highlights the strength, resourcefulness, and leadership our veterans bring to West Virginia farms and agribusinesses. We are proud to support their success."

Participants may submit concepts ranging from traditional farming and forestry to value-added food products, agritourism, technology, and other agriculture-related enterprises. The WVDA also provides technical assistance and business resources to help applicants refine their proposals.

Applications are due by January 16, 2026. Finalists will present their pitches during the Pitch Competition, Saturday, March 7, at Cedar Lakes Conference Center in Ripley, WV.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be law enforcement, firefighter, emergency medical service, first responder, veteran, active-duty military, and/or their spouses and family, and must be a West Virginia resident

- Proposed project

Activities at Putnam Senior Centers

Buffalo Senior Center
Daily: Pool Tables; Exercise Room Available; Wii Video game Console; Sewing

Weekly
Tuesdays: Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays: Bingo at 10:30 a.m.

Monthly/Quarterly
TBA - Farmer's Market Trip (Call the center for details)

Shopping (By Request, call center for details)

Hometown Senior Center
Daily: Puzzles, Pool Tables, Ongoing Yard-sale, Board Games

Weekly
Tuesdays: Grocery Store Trip
Tuesdays: Bible Study at 10 a.m. 10 AM: Bible Study

Wednesdays: Choir Practice/Music Sing Along

Putnam Town And City Council Meetings

The Bancroft Town Council meets the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Bancroft Town Hall. Contact the Town Hall at 304-586-1227 for more information.

Eleanor Town Council meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month in the Homestead Room of the Town Hall. Meetings began at 7:30 p.m. Contact the Town Hall (304-586-2319) the Friday before the next scheduled meeting if you would like to be put on the agenda.

The Hurricane City Council meets the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Members of the public who wish to address Council may sign in prior to the start of the meeting.

The Buffalo Town Council meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. For more information, call (304) 937-2041.

The Winfield City Council meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. For more information or to contact any council members, please call the Winfield City Hall at (304) 586-2122.

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

As 2025 fades away, a difficult year, we look forward to 2026. What will the new year bring? Well, for those of us who survive, some of us will turn 79... the last year in a decade. My oh my... merciful heavens, as Mother used to say, where did the years go? What have we accomplished? Have our lives been meaningful? Have we lived our dashes to the best of our abilities... for me... the dash between 1947 and? Who knows?

must have an agriculture or food-based component

How to Apply

Interested individuals can access the application and additional details at <https://agriculture.wv.gov/ag-business/veterans-and-heroes-to-agriculture/> or by contacting the WVDA Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture program at 304-558-2210.

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).

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28 Mission Way Scott Depot (681) 235-2097

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the windows and sides of the building and fell on him. He was unharmed.

Windows and showcases in A.N. Sumner's store were shattered. A big window in the building occupied by the Hurricane Breeze was smashed in. Just a few minutes before R.F. Forth, publisher, and a couple of employees had been conversing inside the building and looking out this window.

Young Ben Kiff had been to the store for his mother and was on his way home. He had just turned the corner of Main Street when the blast occurred.

Ducking back around the corner, he was in time to see parts of the engine flying through the air. Ben also recalled that when the air had cleared, the snow had turned completely black for at least 100 yards in all directions.

Bob Forth, editor of the Hurricane Breeze, had just been looking out the front plate-glass window of his new building. Hardly had he turned to walk away when the glass from the window blew out all around him. He considered himself lucky not being cut, although he had to spend the rest of the night cleaning up the front of his new office.

The following account of the tragedy was carried in the Sunday Morning Charleston Gazette, January 10, 1926:

TWO ARE KILLED, THREE ARE HURT IN TRAIN BLAST

Boiler of C&O Locomotive Blows Up While Passing Through Hurricane

Engineer and Brakeman Die

Entire Town is Rocked by Blast

Store Fronts and Windows in Buildings Nearly Wrecked

Flying Steel Injures Woman and Boy Who Were Passing

Huntington, January 9 — Two men were killed and another seriously injured and at least two persons suffered minor injuries when the boiler of a giant Mallet engine of westbound Chesapeake and Ohio Freight train 1360 exploded directly in front of the main business section of Hurricane, West Virginia, at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon. The dead: Jeff D. Rose, engineer of Huntington; and E.P. Henry, brakeman of Russell, Kentucky. The injured: Charles E. Chattin, fireman, of Russell, Kentucky, probably fatally burned by steam, (died at short time later); Mrs. B.D. Taylor of Hurricane and her small son painfully burned by a piece of flying steel.

The entire town, which is about midway on the Atlantic-Pacific highway between here and Charleston, was rocked by the terrific explosion, which completely demolished the big engine and threw the coal and water tender about 15 feet away, overturning it.

Store fronts and windows in the business houses fronting on the street, which parallels the Chesapeake and Ohio right of way, and virtually adjoins it, were wrecked; the occupants in many instances being thrown down and furniture and store fixtures tumbled about by the force of the

blast.

Tonight Hurricane's lighting system was badly crippled, many poles and wires near the C and O tracks being torn down, and residents had many weird versions of the tragedy to relate.

BLAST COMES SUDDENLY

The engine, one of the newest types of the Mallet locomotives, was at the head of a long string of loaded coal cars and had stopped at Hurricane to take on water. The explosion came without warning and while no definite announcement as to the cause has been made at the local offices of the railroad, it is believed the pouring of the icy water into the boiler was responsible. (AUTHOR'S NOTE: This statement later proved to be incorrect as investigation revealed the train had not stopped nor had it taken on any water.)

Fireman Chattin's body was taken to Hinton today on Train No. 6. That was his old home; but for some time he had lived in Ironton. He was 27 years old; he is survived by his widow and had worked for the railway company more than nine years.

Engineer Rose, 31 lived at 308 West Ninth Street, Huntington. He had been with the railroad since 1908. He is survived by his widow and several children.

Brakeman Henry, 28, was also married and lived at Russell, Kentucky. He had been in the employ of the C&O since October, 1920.

INVESTIGATION BEGUN

Huntington, January 11 — An investigation was underway by Chesapeake and Ohio railway officials today to determine the cause of the explosion of a Mallet-type locomotive at Hurricane late Saturday which claimed its third victim yesterday when C.E. Chattin, fireman, died in the railway hospital here. Engineer Jeff D. Rose and brakeman E.P. Henry were killed almost instantly.

Chattin was badly scalded and little hope had been held for his recovery. All of the men were married.

Casual investigations of the wreckage by newspapermen yesterday revealed that the main force of the blast struck downward, a factor which is believed to have held down the casualty list.

The total damage to Hurricane's business section will amount to at least \$20,000, insurance men have estimated.

Although it was 69 years ago when the engine blew up, anyone you talk with today who was in Hurricane that fateful evening can vividly recall their own personal recollections of the disaster.

Doris Sovine, a bride of only 10 days, was in Sumner's store waiting for her husband, A.E. "Preacher" Sovine. He was working in St. Albans for the railroad and he was due to come home by train almost any time.

He had planned to try to catch a ride on a freight if one stopped in St. Albans for water. After the explosion occurred, Mr. Sovine found herself in the rear of the store surrounded by ballast rock and broken glass, but she was uninjured.

When Doris realized what had happened, she naturally feared her husband might have been in the engine. As soon

as she learned that the victims were at the Kerns house, she immediately went to check. Although she was relieved not to find her husband, she never forgot the terrible scene.

Irene Ramsey (later Mrs. Warner Leake) was working in Huntington when she first heard the news from paper boys selling extras on the street. All she heard was "Read all about the explosion in Hurricane." Not waiting to learn the details, she quickly caught a taxi and rushed home to make sure if her parents were safe.

The force of the blast knocked out the electric power in town, and at least one fire was started by a broken gas light mantle.

One of the victims was blown into the front yard of the Kerns home next to the former site of the Hurricane Woman's Club. Another was left suspended and entangled in the telegraph and power lines between the street and the railroad.

Helen Jordan (later the wife of Judge Dennis Knapp) lived about 200 yards from the scene of the explosion. She recalls that she and her sister Frances had been sleigh riding in the immediate area and had gone in the house only minutes before. Her father was T.A. Jordan, who was also the company doctor for the C&O Railroad in Hurricane.

Mrs. Knapp remembers that the smoke stack off the engine hit the side of the building next to her house and bounced back in their front yard, making a terrific noise. She said she afterwards followed her father up to the Kerns house and saw the bodies of the victims and it left a lasting impression on her young mind.

She also recalled that some of the school children later put together a ballad that they called "The Wreck of Old 1360." She did not believe that the words or tune was ever recorded because it never drew much attention from the adults.

There is still a mystery concerning the round brass plate that was engraved with the engine's number 1360. It was mounted on the front of the locomotive in the center of the boiler plate, and it probably was thrown a great distance from the scene.

Even though railroad officials and many civilians have looked for the disc, there is no record of it ever being found. Several rumors persist, however, concerning who might possibly have the long-lost memento in their possession.

The cause of the explosion has been argued pro and con by old railroaders down through the years. Some say that Jeff Rose was a "low water engineer." In railroad jargon this meant that he ran with a low water gauge which provided more steam pressure in the boiler.

Others blamed an anti-foam additive that was mixed with the water. They contended this chemical stained the gauge glasses and made it difficult to determine the water level. Investigation also disclosed that the safety soft plugs in the boiler were still intact and had never blown.

And that is how it was when tragedy struck in Hurricane, West Virginia, that Saturday evening, January 9, 1926. The day the engine blew up will never be forgotten by those who were there.

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Jan. 1, 1888: In one of the most violent episodes of the Hatfield-McCoy Feud, Jim Vance, uncle to "Devil Anse" Hatfield, led an arson attack on the McCoy family cabin. Two of Randall McCoy's children were killed, and his wife was beaten.

Jan. 1, 1953: Country music legend Hank Williams was found dead in his car in Oak Hill, Fayette County. He had been scheduled to perform in Charleston the previous night, but the concert was canceled due to bad weather.

Jan. 2, 2006: An explosion at the Sago Mine in Upshur County killed 12 men. Federal investigators pointed to a lightning strike as the most likely ignition source for the blast.

Jan. 3, 1856: Musician Lewis Johnson "Uncle Jack" McElwain of Webster County was born. He was the most respected fiddler in central West Virginia during his lifetime. He took part in many fiddle contests, and no one can recall him ever being beaten.

Jan. 3, 1921: The state capitol building in Charleston was destroyed by fire. The so-called Victorian capitol, the second one in Charleston, had opened in 1887. After

the fire, a temporary wood-frame building was erected in just 42 days and became known as the "pasteboard capitol." It burned in 1927.

Jan. 4, 1897: Classes began at Montgomery Preparatory School, a state institution established to prepare students for West Virginia University. The school evolved into the West Virginia University Institute of Technology.

Jan. 5, 1810: The Virginia General Assembly recognized 20 acres of land owned by farmer and trader Thomas Buffington at the confluence of the Guyandotte and Ohio rivers as the new village of Guyandotte.

Jan. 6, 1828: Ward Hill Lamon was born in Jefferson County. Lamon was friend, law partner and unofficial bodyguard to President Abraham Lincoln. President Lincoln was assassinated when Lamon was away in Richmond on business.

Jan. 6, 1931: An underground gas explosion killed eight men at the Glen Rogers coal mine in Wyoming County—eight years after another explosion had killed 27 at the same mine.

Jan. 6, 1937: Football coach Lou Holtz was born in Follansbee, Brooke County. At Notre Dame, he won his only national championship after defeating West Virginia University in the 1989 Fiesta Bowl.

Jan. 7, 1910: A fire destroyed everything on Main Street in Bramwell from the train depot to Block Street with the exception of two buildings. The town quickly rebuilt, creating many of the beautiful Victorian houses that stand today.

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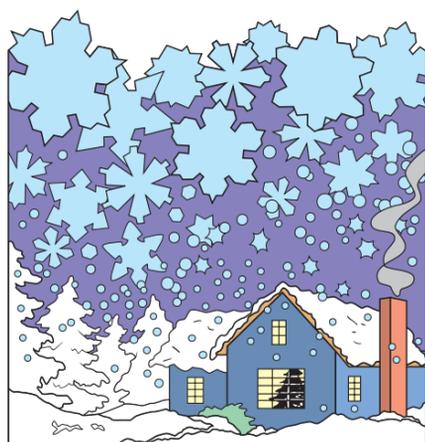
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(Family Features) If there's one food item that brings everyone together more than most during the holidays, it's warm, delicious desserts. From classics like pumpkin pies and cookies to extravagant dishes like souffles, loved ones can savor the flavor of sweet treats at the dessert table all season long.

This much-loved version of Pumpkin Pie is a delicious take on a traditional dessert that's perfect for any time of year. Even if you've never baked a pie, this easy rendition makes it a cinch to share with your nearest and dearest.

It's made with Green Giant 100% Pure Pumpkin, which is more than just a seasonal product. You can enjoy it as a go-to for smooth, pure pumpkin in baked goods, chilis, savory dishes or morning smoothies as a wholesome boost full of earthy pumpkin flavor.

Or you can celebrate its deliciousness in these coffee house-style Brown Butter Pumpkin Spice Cookies. Featuring a rich, buttery flavor, these pumpkin cookies are rolled in cinnamon sugar, bake up soft and boast a sweet, crunchy exterior that's perfect for those who love pumpkin spice.

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Pumpkin Pie

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 50-55 minutes

Servings: 8

- 1 pie crust (store-bought or homemade), at room temperature
- 3 large eggs
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/3 cup light brown sugar
- 1 can (15 ounces) Green Giant 100% Pure Pumpkin
- 3/4 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Roll out dough to 2 inches larger than pie dish. Gently press dough into dish until it lines bottom and sides. Trim dough to within 1/2 inch of dish edge. Fold edges underneath themselves, creating thick 1/4-inch border. Crimp edges with fingers. Refrigerate. Preheat oven to 375 F.

In large bowl, whisk eggs and sugars until smooth. Add pumpkin, cream, vanilla, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg and salt. Stir until well blended.

Slowly pour filling into pie shell. Cover edges with thin strips of aluminum foil. Bake 25 minutes. Remove foil. Bake 25-30 minutes, or until toothpick inserted near center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack.

Brown Butter Pumpkin Spice Cookies

Prep time: 30 minutes

Cook time: 70 minutes

Yield: 48-50 cookies

- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 5 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice
- 2 cups brown sugar
- 1 can (15 ounces) Green Giant 100% Pure Pumpkin
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs
- 2 egg yolks

For Rolling:

- 2 tablespoons cane sugar
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

In small saute pan over medium heat, melt butter. Stir regularly until butter turns deep golden brown, 8-10 minutes. Pour browned butter into heat-safe bowl or measuring cup and refrigerate until cooled, but not solid, about 15 minutes.

In large mixing bowl, whisk flour, baking soda, salt and pumpkin pie spice. Set aside.

In separate medium mixing bowl, stir browned butter and brown sugar. Whisk in pumpkin and vanilla extract followed by eggs and egg yolks.

Gradually mix wet ingredients into dry until evenly mixed. Refrigerate dough 30 minutes.

Form dough into four separate logs 2-3 inches in diameter and about 7 inches long. Wrap each cookie dough log with plastic wrap. Freeze dough 30 minutes, or until ready to bake.

For rolling: Preheat oven to 350 F and line large baking sheet with parchment paper. Stir sugars and cinnamon on large plate. Unwrap desired amount of dough (thaw slightly at room temperature if dough is completely frozen) and roll each log in sugar mixture.

Slice into 1/2-inch slices. Place on baking sheet 3 inches apart.

Bake 14-15 minutes. Repeat with remaining cookie dough.

Cool cookies at room temperature on baking sheet 10 minutes before transferring to cooling rack and cooling 10 minutes.

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

Each generation will reap what the former generation has sown.

There are no conditions to which a man cannot become accustomed.

As the builders say, the larger stones do not lie well without the lesser.

A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark.

Every failure brings with it the seed of an equivalent success. - Napoleon Hill

It is better to offer no excuse than a bad one. - George Washington

The aim of the wise is not to secure pleasure, but to avoid pain.

Cheat me in the price but not in the goods. - Thomas Fuller

Finding love is like finding one answer to all of your prayers.

Great effort from great motives is the best definition of a happy life.

First secure an independent income, then practice virtue.

Better be ill spoken of by one before all than by all before one.

There is no enlightenment outside of daily life.

The greatest griefs are those we cause ourselves.

He who teaches children learns more than they do.

Men grow tired of sleep, love, singing and dancing sooner than of war.

If you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your arm.

Jesus is the sunrise of your soul; learn to trust before the light arrives.

Helping out wasn't optional that's what families did together.

Life gets better with your husband.

Don't let the ugly in others kill the beauty in you.

Hope is not a feeling - it's a promise anchored in Christ.

Put all excuses aside and remember this: you are capable.

Those who don't believe in magic will never find it.

Service is the rent you pay for the gift of life.

If you can dream it, you can do it. - Walt Disney

To a quick question, give a slow answer.

You are living proof that grace exists.

Yesterday's hits won't win today's game.

The wisest have the most authority. - Plato

When you bless others, blessings chase you.



Respect is earned by truth, not titles.

My life is my message.

Youth has no age.

A bank is a place that will lend you money if you can prove it you don't need it. - Bob Hope

When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves.

The most beautiful friendships aren't loud; they're the ones that quietly hold your heart when it's heavy.

When obstacles arise, you change your direction to reach your goals; you do not change your decision to get there.

Speak in such a way that others love to listen to you. Listen in such a way that others love to speak to you.

I bought a can of fly spray from the supermarket today. I sprayed it all over myself and I still can't fly.

Ask yourself what is really important and then have the courage to build your life around your answer.

Our skin is not saggy. It's more of a relaxed kind of fit.

I love finding money in my clothes; it's like a gift from me to me.

Some of your greatest hurt will come from people you helped.

They don't judge, they don't gossip, they don't lie. Doggies are the best.

They feed the world, raise good kids, and work until sundown. Thank a farmer.

The problem today is people don't cherish good people; they try to use them.

Life is short; time is fast. No replay, no rewind. So enjoy every moment as it comes.

Living in a shoe doesn't make you the sole owner. There are strings attached.

Imagine being drunk and running from the police and your Sketchers light up.

Opinion is the medium between knowledge and ignorance.

Some words don't just touch your heart, they stay there forever.

On average I spend about \$80 a year to watch bananas turn brown.

Let your heart lead, your soul live, and your spirit never dim.

Ambition is like love, impatient both of delays and rivals.

I thought it was my dryer that was making my clothes shrink. Turns out it's the refrigerator.

The greatest wealth is having a healthy body, a peaceful mind, and the right people in your life.

Sitting alone and enjoying your own company is better than being surrounded by fake friends.

The pages of your past cannot be rewritten, but the pages of your tomorrows are blank.

Live in such a way that if someone should speak badly of you, no one would believe it.

I didn't get old on purpose; it just happened. If you're lucky, it could happen to you.

Grace is the understanding that God is a better Saviour than you are a sinner.

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

I promised myself I'd do things differently today so I'm sitting on the other end of my couch.

Maturity is not when we start speaking big things. It is when we start understanding small things.

Back in my day kids didn't talk back to their parents. They had a mom with a wooden spoon and a dad that wore a belt.

A strong character shines brightest in dark moments.

You are not here by accident; your life carries purpose.

If you don't know the whole story, you need to shut up until you do.

Encouragement is oxygen for the soul - breathed into others daily.

Don't let a small setback convince you to abandon a big dream.

True wealth is measured in relationships, not possessions.

Life, for all its occasional ugliness, is meant to be a beautiful experience.

When you catch a glimpse of your potential, that's when passion is born.

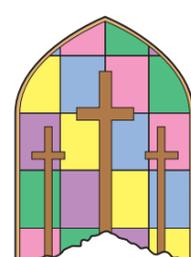
All that we see or seem is but a dream within a dream. - Edgar Allan Poe

I don't like corn mazes; they make me feel like I'm being stalked.

Pour love into your cup and watch the rest of the week flow.

Win the world, but lose your family, and you've lost it all.

Bible Verse



Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

— 1 John 4:15

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KIDS TALK ABOUT GOD

BY CAREY KINSOLVING AND FRIENDS

How Do You Entertain an Angel?

"Make sure the house is clean and a pot of potatoes is in the oven," says Alex, 6.

I'm sure Idaho potato farmers will be glad to know that spuds are finally getting the respect they deserve. Alex, you were probably thinking of their white, fluffy texture when you selected potatoes as the cuisine of choice for celestial visitors.

The Bible speaks of instances where people entertained strangers who were really angels in human form (Genesis 18, 19 & Hebrews 13:2).

When an angel comes to visit, get out those dancing shoes, says Anissa, 7: "I would dance and dance until I had no more dances to do. Then I would sing the angel's favorite song."

King David danced before the ark when it was brought into Jerusalem. His wife was embarrassed, but David didn't care because he loved the Lord.

"I would let the angel stay the night with me and let him sleep in my bed," says Erica, 9. "I would sleep on the floor. I would let him watch whatever show he would like even if I didn't like it. I would ask him, 'What is it like in heaven? Is it pretty or fun? What is God like?'"

Once I had the humbling experience of discovering that a couple had given me their beautiful master bedroom while they slept in an unfinished room on the floor. Their act of love ministered more to me than the talk I gave at their church.

If there were an etiquette book on entertaining angels, Adrienne's advice would be on page one: "If you treat everybody with kindness and hospitality, you will please God even if it is not an angel."

Advice from Jennifer, 11, would also make page one: "If someone is in need and needs

help, we should help them. We need to treat people like angels like the way Jesus did."

I commend Adrienne and Jennifer for grasping the real meaning of the Bible's statement, "Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels" (Hebrews 13:2). Entertain in this case means to show hospitality.

I know a Christian couple whose door is always open. Don't call ahead. Just drop in and see them. Is it any wonder that the Davis family is blessed with many friends? "A man who has friends must himself be friendly," says Proverbs 18:24.

Although few can be sure if they have ever encountered an angel, we know from the Bible that angels are watching.

Rebecca, 10, is aware of her angelic audience when she says: "I think when you sing and glorify God, the angels like to listen, too. But they love it when you tell people about Jesus."

Boy, do they love it! The Bible says, "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:10).

Angels rejoice when people (sinners) change their thinking about the way they relate to God. Don't depend on your own efforts to earn something for which you can't pay. Accept God's free gift of eternal life by believing in his Son. The Apostle Paul calls this "repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:21).

Think about this: Every Christian can serve as a hospitality minister.

Memorize this truth: Hebrews 13:2 previously quoted.

Ask this question: How would your world change if you treated everyone like they were messengers from heaven?

BASIC BIBLE

By Ron Allen
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Jesus Cleanses God's House

John 2:13-17

John wrote the gospel bearing his name years after Matthew, Mark and Luke penned the first three gospels. Matthew, Mark and Luke all record that Jesus cleansed the temple in the week prior to the crucifixion. It is apparent that the cleansing of the temple of which John wrote took place much earlier in Jesus' ministry. Both this cleansing and the cleansing just prior to Jesus' death and resurrection occurred during the passover observance. John's account of the cleansing occurred in the first year of Jesus' ministry.

Verse 14 states that Jesus found sellers of oxen, sheep, and doves, and money changers in the temple. All four gospels report this finding. The oxen, sheep and doves were there to be purchased and then to be sacrificed. Individuals could bring animals of their own or purchase animals that might be available elsewhere in Jerusalem. The advantage of purchasing an animal at the temple was that it was pre-approved for sacrifice. The disadvantage was paying a premium price.

It could be argued that, by allowing sellers and money changers, the overseers of the temple made it easier for men to satisfy the requirements of the law of Moses. Convenience of men hardly works to satisfy the purpose for which animal sacrifice was given. Animal sacrifice was instituted by God to provide men a temporary covering for their sins (Gen. 3:21). Animal sacrifices were commanded by God so that one could experience forgiveness of sin. When offered in faith, the sacrifice served as a temporary reprieve for sin. To truly satisfy the law of Moses, an offering must be given in faith. Minimal faith is required in coming to the temple and forking over a payment of convenience.

Jesus reacted to the presence of the sellers and money changers by fashioning a scourge from small cords. Scourges have two uses: punishment and purification. The scourges used for punishment were constructed of heavy lashes to which pieces of bone or metal were attached. The scourge which Jesus manufactured was for the sole purpose of purification —to drive away evil. Jesus drove out the sellers of oxen and sheep, the money changers, and commanded the sellers of doves to move their operation elsewhere.

As stated previously, this happening occurred early in Jesus ministry. The time is set by Jesus' going down to Capernaum (v. 12). The gospel of Matthew states that Jesus departed from Nazareth to go to Galilee (Capernaum) when He learned that John the Baptist had been imprisoned (Matt. 4:12-13). John 2:12 states that Jesus remained in Capernaum for a short time. The disciples had not witnessed many of Jesus' miracles when they heard Him say, "Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise." Jesus made it known to all who had the ears to hear that He was the promised Son of God.

The Lord's actions and words echoed in the minds and ears of the disciples, causing them to recall Psalm 69:9. The 9th verse of Psalm 69 reads: "For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me." The zeal of the religious establishment to satisfy the sacrificial need prescribed by the law was cause for them to pollute the temple with money changers and sellers of sheep and oxen. The zeal God's house was to satisfy the law of Moses through works. The zeal of the religious leaders was cause for Christ to be eaten up. New Testament believers see the Father through the Son. The displeasure of the Son is the displeasure of the Father. The Father counts the works of men to be as filthy rags (Isa. 64:6). The law of Moses is not satisfied by works. The law is satisfied by faith which produces works. God counts faith (belief) for righteousness.

The Jews in charge of temple activities asked Jesus to cite proof that He possessed the authority to do that which He did. The Jews wanted Jesus to provide proof that He had the authority to disrupt business sanctioned by them. Jesus answered: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews thought "this temple" to refer to the physical house of God, the temple where they stood. They thought it incredible that Jesus could do in three days what required men empowered by human government forty-six years to do.

The temple of God which Jesus came to purify was not that which housed the site of animal sacrifice. Jesus came to cleanse the temple in which God desires to reside. The sign that Jesus gave of His authority to cleanse that temple was His resurrection from the dead.

His resurrection is proof of His victory over death and the grave. The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus (Rom. 6:23).

Upon His death and resurrection, the disciples remembered Jesus' words and believed the scripture and the words which He said. That is not to say that the disciples did not believe the scriptures before His death and resurrection. But upon His death and resurrection, the disciples came to a new knowledge of scripture. They were no longer blind to the New Testament truths which radiate from the books of history, the law and the prophets.

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JAMES MARTIN ASHLEY
James Martin "Jim" Ashley, 80, of Scott Depot, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, December 13, 2025, at home surrounded by his loving family.

Jim is a graduate of Nuttall High School and in 1998 retired from Bell Atlantic. He is a proud Air Force Veteran. He is a member and deacon of The Bridge in Poca, enjoyed woodworking, but loved spending time with his family.

He is preceded in death by his parents Everett and Violet Ashley; son Peter and sister Jeannie Ashley.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Anne Ashley; four children Scott (Lori) Ashley, Sarah (Scott) Riddle, Mary Kay (Brad) Davis, and Joe Ashley; three sisters Mary Sue (Carson) Lane, Barbara (Kenneth) Samms, and Kathy (Larry) Hypes; three grandchildren Madelaine, Marinda, and Elliott and a host of nieces and nephews.

A tribute to the life of Jim will be held 11:00 AM, Friday, January 2, 2026, at The Bridge with Pastor Mike Ramsey officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service on Friday at the church.

Logan OH; grandchildren, Aaron Painter, Kasey Null, Amber Richardson, Wesley Donahoe and Rachel Gallagher; great grandchildren, Harlee, Sophie, Bailey, Greyson, Luke, Maddie, Jacey, Noah, Emmie and Amelia. Sam is also survived by several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Funeral service will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, January 2, 2026, at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Rev. Randy Parsons officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Given. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home in Eleanor.

WANDA MAE CHAPMAN

Wanda Mae Chapman, 78, of Fraziers Bottom, passed away on December 26, 2025 at Genesis Putnam Center in Hurricane.

She was born to the late Leonard and Goldie Setliff Chapman on September 30, 1947. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her sisters: Edith Bush and Sharon "Shug" Lykins; brother: Terry Chapman; and niece, Melissa Dawn Harrah.

Wanda retired from Putnam County Board of Education, where she worked as a custodian.

Wanda is survived by her only daughter, Renee (Timmy) Chapman; brother, Edward "Buddy" (Gayle) Chapman; special niece/granddaughter, Valerie Harrah; and special Nephew, Jeff Lykins; sister in-law, Linda Chapman; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral service for Wanda was Wednesday, December 31, 2025, at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Pastor Butch Cooper officiating. Burial was in Staten Chapel Cemetery, Milton.

LESTER COMBS

Lester Combs, 69, of Hurricane, passed away on December 15, 2025 at home.

He was born to the late Denton Combs and Elizabeth Lawson Young on Sept. 26, 1956, in Dayton, OH. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his grandparents and brothers: Jerry and Roy.

Lester was raised in Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Home in Xenia, OH, then he honorably served in the Army where he served as an Intelligence Analyst. He later moved to Columbus, OH and while there he was employed by Yenkin Majestic Paint Company as a Resin Maker and of course enjoyed rooting for his The Ohio State Football team. In 2008, he married Donna and moved to Hurricane where he lived out his days playing with his dogs watching sports, fishing and helping raise Taylor and Shannon, then becoming "Pop" to Axten and Oliver.

He is survived by Donna, Taylor, Shannon, Jarrad, Axten and Ollie; as well as his brothers: Sonny and Otis; and his sister, Bobbi, as well as other family members and friends.

Funeral service for Lester was Monday, December 22, 2025 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane. Burial was in Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery Dunbar.

TERESA MARIA CRUMP

Teresa Maria Crump, 70, of Hurricane, peacefully went Home to Heaven on December 15, 2025 at Hubbard Hospice House in Charleston, surrounded by her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Keith and Peggy Chandler.

Teresa's faith and walk with her Lord and Savior was the most important thing in her life along with her family. Her walk with Jesus carried her throughout her life. Through the years she was a nanny for many families whose children became like her own. Outside of being a nanny, she loved going on cruises, thriving at goodwill, late nights eating at The Waffle House, peacocks, sunflowers, laughing and dancing to music. Her joy and laughter radiated every room she entered. She was so incredibly proud of her children, grandchildren and the family she had created. She was a member

of Teays Valley Church of the Nazarene, where she felt at home and found great joy in the relationships formed. She dearly loved her group of ladies, "The Divas".

She is survived by her children: Jeremy (Bekah) Crouch of Red House, Mike (Alisha) Crouch of Culloden, Jesse (RuthAnna) Crouch of Winfield, Sarah (Jay) Dunlap of Hurricane, and Mary (Ron) Isabell of Charlotte NC. Her 16 grandchildren: Haleigh, Jonathan, Emma, Abigail, Hannah, Leah, Peyton, Jonah, Ezra, Micah, Jude, Caylan, Carly, Braylan, Amiya, Jaiden; and a great grandson, River. Her siblings: Patty (Roger) Wood, Kathy (Jackie) Johnston, and Bill (Patti) Bird, as well as many nieces, nephews, and additional family members.

A Celebration of Teresa's Life will be 2:00pm on Friday, January 2nd, 2026, at Teays Valley Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Charles V. Williams officiating.

DAVID WALTER DEYERLE

David Walter Deyerle, 64, of Winfield, passed away Monday, December 22, 2025, at home with his loving wife by his side.

David was a graduate of Charleston Catholic High School, West Virginia State College, and the University of Charleston. He retired after many years of dedicated service as a Disability Determination Examiner with the Social Security Administration.

David had a thoughtful and gentle spirit. He enjoyed collecting stamps, watching science-fiction movies, and spending time with his beloved dogs. One of the most cherished stories of his life began in 1992, when he traveled to China to marry his penpal sweetheart after the two had exchanged more than 500 love letters—an enduring testament to their devotion and love.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Rosemary Deyerle.

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David is survived by his loving wife of 33 years, Lan Deyerle; his father- and mother-in-law, Yong and Ping Du; sister Martha (Mike) Gingerich; brother Richard Deyerle; nephew Alex Gingerich; and niece Jessica Shelton.

In accordance with his wishes, there will be no services.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated January 27, 2023, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Book No. 1339, at Page 560, and modified by Corrective Affidavit recorded on March 14, 2025, in Book No. 93, at Page 867, and modified by Corrective Affidavit recorded on March 14, 2025, in Book No. 93, at Page 870, Joshua M Pauley did convey unto Pill & Pill, PLLC, Trustee(s), certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Seneca Trustees, Inc., as Substitute Trustee; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse in Winfield, West Virginia, on

January 26, 2026 at 12:00 PM

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 04 - Curry District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All that certain real estate situate in Curry District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and described as follows: Lots Nos. 9, 10, 11 of Sunset Heights Subdivision as the same are laid out and shown on the map thereof of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Putnam County, West Virginia, each of said lots fronting 65 feet on Southwest Street and running back between parallel lines a distance of 244 feet. This conveyance is made subject to the following covenants and restrictions:

1. Said property shall be used for residence purposes only and not more than one residence shall be constructed on each lot, no portion of the foundation of which nor automobile garage shall be closer than thirty-five (35) feet to Southwest Street. Said residence including garage (attached or detached) to cost not less than \$ 7,500.00 and is not to be occupied until the entire exterior thereof has been completed. Neither trailers, temporary structures, nor other "Makeshift" facilities shall be occupied as a residence, and no so-called "Jenny Lind" structures shall be erected or maintained on the premises. The exterior of any cinder block structure shall not be considered fully complete until it is either painted or stuccoed, and the exterior of any frame building will not be considered fully complete until it has received at least two coats of paint. No outbuildings or accessory buildings shall be constructed on said premises closer to Southwest Street than the foundation line of the dwelling and any outhouses or accessory building constructed on the premises shall not be used until completed and shall be neat and of good workmanlike appearance.

2. Neither swine, cows nor goats shall be maintained on the premises or any part thereof. Chickens may be maintained on the premises provided they are kept to the rear of the residence and kept in a sanitary manner.

3. Residences shall be connected to a sanitary sewer system or a sanitary septic tank which is built and maintained in compliance with the West Virginia sanitation laws and regulations, and no outdoor toilets shall be permitted in any event.

4. A water drain line at least eight (8) inches in diameter shall be installed by the grantees in the drainage ditch of the abutting street at the intersection thereof with each driveway leading to the premises. Said drain shall extend for a sufficient length beyond the width of any driveway to prevent clogging and shall be not less than twenty feet long in any event. It shall be the duty of the owner of said premises to keep said drain line under said driveway free and open to repair and replace same when necessary. Said drain shall be installed prior to the entry on the premises of bulldozers, trucks, heavy equipment and other vehicles for construction purposes.

5. No sign or other advertising media shall be displayed on the premises and grantor or any owner in said subdivision may remove same in person or by agent without process of law.

This conveyance is further made subject to a present lease on said property for oil and gas between the parties of the first and Webster Myers, which oil and gas leases is dated August 14, 1951, and of record in said Clerk's office in Lease Book 45, page 201.

Saving and excepting the outconveyance of 0.4643 acres, more or less, of record in Deed Book 334, Page 662.

This conveyance is made subject to any and all covenants, restrictions, easements and reservations which may be a matter of record in the Clerk's office aforesaid and running with the land.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 111 Southwest St, Hurricane, WV 25526.

The referenced real estate will be conveyed with no covenants of warranty, and subject to all covenants, restrictions, easements, rights of way and reservations which may be a matter of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or visible upon the ground, all prior liens and encumbrances, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, incinerator, sanitary and sewer charges. The purchasers at the sale shall be responsible for paying the recording costs and also the tax on the privilege of transferring real property (the cost of the tax stamp to be affixed to the deed). The purchasers shall be responsible for payment of all real estate taxes.

The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

TERMS: \$9000.00 in cash and/or certified funds as deposit at the

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time of sale with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

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Pursuant to the Deed of Trust, the Trustee may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated or by posting a notice of the same, and act by agent in the execution of the sale. The parties secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale.

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

To: Magistrate Court Case No.: 25-M40D-00258

Candy Sue Moore

Petitioner's Name 15956 McLane Pike Family Liberty WV 25124 Court

Petitioner's Address 10-2-1986 Civil Action No.: 25-DV-205

Date of Birth

ORDER OF PUBLICATION (PROTECTIVE ORDER / HEARING DATE)

1. The object of this suit is to obtain protection from the Petitioner. 2. The object of this publication by Class I legal advertisement is to notify Petitioner of the PROTECTIVE ORDER prohibiting the above-named Petitioner from having contact with certain individuals. This order may affect property and other rights of the Petitioner. Violating this Order may subject the Petitioner to criminal sanctions. The Petitioner 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 PETITIONER:

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 4-26-2026.

The Petitioner 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 17th day of December, 2025.

STEPHANIE SMITH/ts Circuit Clerk

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Notice of Public Hearing

The Putnam County Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 221 of the Putnam County Courthouse, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213 to conduct business and hold the following public hearing.

PCPC REZ 2025 MAT Equities LLC has submitted a Zoning Amendment Application for a Rezoning for a 0.61 +/- acre property (Tax Map 222, Parcel 27.12) which is between Ellis Drive and Commerce Drive in Hurricane, WV 25526. The request is to rezone the property from "R-1" Single Family Residential District to "C-1" Suburban Commercial District.

All interested parties are invited to attend this meeting and will be granted an opportunity to speak.

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NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

To maintain necessary clearances for safe and reliable electric service, Appalachian Power Company plans to manage vegetation along the Tackett Creek - Coal Mtn. portion of its 12-kilovolt distribution system in Kanawha and Putnam Counties, WV. On or about January 5th, 2026, contract crews will begin to trim and remove trees and brush and apply herbicides along our rights-of-way. Work will be done in accordance with International Society of Arboriculture guidelines and consider factors such as tree species, growth characteristics, line voltage, etc. In unimproved or undeveloped areas cuttings will remain on site to minimize soil disturbance and to promote biodegradation.

Rights-of-way in this area involved in the program are: 1st St. N., 2nd St. N., Winfield Rd., Wills Ln., 3rd Ave N., 2nd Ave N., Charleston St., Shores Ln., Va. Ave N., Kentucky Ave., Ohio Ave. N., 3rd St. N., 4th St. N., Orchard Ave., Valley View Ave., Altamont Ave., Sunny Acres Dr., Western Dr., Swans Ln., Butterfly Ln., MacCorkle Ave SW, Kanawha Ave., Riverview Dr, Grandview Dr., Tompkins Dr., Hillcrest Dr., Meadowview Ln., Northridge Dr., Oakridge Dr., Shady Ln., Cervone Ln., High St., Rays Ln., Austin Dr., Dupont Ave., Main Ave., Simms St., US Rt. 60, Ardith St., Country Cove Ln., Browns Creek Rd., Poplar Fork Rd., Spite Rd., Adkins Branch Rd., Bridges Creek Rd., Snag Creek Rd., Sam's Fork Rd., Fire Tower Rd., Riders Creek Rd., Brendonwood Acres, Strickland Rd, and Tuckers Branch Rd.

Representatives will attempt to personally contact resident property owners at least seven business days prior to working on their property. Specifics regarding your property may be discussed at that time. If you are a non-resident property owner and have questions regarding our right-of-way maintenance, they may be directed to:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

In Re: Change of Name from Renee Chandler Gorrell to Renee Chandler

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING

Civil Action No. 25-P-1612 Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of January, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Judge Phillip Stowers, Renee Chandler Gorrell will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia for the entry of an order by said Court, changing her name from Renee Chandler Gorrell to Renee Chandler, 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 December, 2025.

Stephanie M. Smith Putnam County Circuit Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

In Re: Change of Name from Christopher Michael Luna to Christopher Michael Johnson

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING

Civil Action No. 25-P-161 Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia Notice is hereby given that on the 15th 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 Phillip Stowers, Christopher Michael Luna will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia for the entry of an order by said Court, changing his name from Christopher Michael Luna to Christopher Michael Johnson, 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 10th day of December, 2025.

Stephanie M. Smith Putnam County Circuit Clerk

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

To: Magistrate Court Case No.: 25-M40D-00282

Jason Grant Winter

Respondent's Name 158 Scottsdale Lane Family Scott Depot WV 25560 Court

Respondent's Address 10-20-1975 Civil Action No.: 25-DV-223

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 1-6-2026.

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

Issued this 19th day of December, 2025.

STEPHANIE SMITH/jo Circuit Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF WINFIELD PLANNING COMMISSION

The Winfield Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 PM, on Monday, February 2, 2026 at City Hall at 12448 Winfield Road, Winfield, West Virginia, to consider the following:

2025-2026-5 Pre Subdivision Application of L.O.T. Investments LLC requesting permission to subdivide 3.996 acres to create 37 lots. Property is zoned R2 Mixed Residential and is located at 241 Winfield Avenue, Winfield, WV 25213.

Tax Map 184 Parcel 54.1, Deed Book 625; Page No 313

Interested parties are invited to attend this hearing and express their opinion with respect thereto, or submit their opinion in writing, to City of Winfield, P.O. Box 596, 12448 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213. The file is available for your inspection at City Hall, or if you have any questions, you may call the staff at (304) 586-2122 during normal office hours. Time permitting, after the hearing the Commission will vote. Otherwise, they will announce the time, date and place of such a vote. Anyone wishing a transcript of this hearing should provide the necessary equipment and personnel for such.

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CHARLES WILLIAM DAVIS

With heavy hearts and grateful smiles, we remember Charles William "Chuck" Davis, who passed away on Tuesday, December 23, 2025 unexpectedly, leaving behind a lifetime of laughter, stories, and unforgettable memories.

Known for his quick wit and contagious sense of humor, Chuck could make friends anywhere he went—and often did. He had a deep love for the open road on his bike and found true peace on the water, whether boating with family, friends, or simply enjoying the quiet rhythm of the waves. Adventure wasn't just a hobby for him; it was a way of life.

Above all else, Chuck was a devoted husband, a loving father, and a proud grandfather. His family was his greatest joy, and he showed his love through steady support, playful teasing, and being present for the moments that mattered most, big and small. He taught those around him how to live fully, laugh often, and never take life too seriously.

A loyal friend to many, Chuck leaves behind a circle of people who were better for knowing him. His stories will continue to be told, his laughter remembered, and his legacy carried on by those who loved him most.

Chuck is survived by spouse, Kimberly Dawn Davis; daughter, Sarah Davis-Bird (Randy); grandchildren: Easton Bird and Carter Bird; step-daughter, Brittany Guthrie (Brett); grandchild, Kruz Farley; step-son, Joshua Boyce (Kayla); sister, Berdina Gail Davis (Steve); nephew, Adam Day; stepmother, Sondra Davis; step-brother, Bob Shamblin; nephew, Bob Shamblin Jr.; as well as many dear friends and family members.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Phyllis Robertson-Davis; father, Bill Davis; brother, Stuart John Davis.

A Celebration of Chuck's Life will be scheduled at a later date.

RONNIE DUNCAN

Ronnie Lee Duncan, 69, of Hurricane, passed away on December 27, 2025 at Teays Valley Hospital with his family by his side. He was born in Putnam County on October 10, 1956, and was the son of the late Norman Randell Duncan and Dorothy Jean Duncan.

He was also preceded in death by his sister Cathreine Tucker and brother Charles Duncan.

After graduating in 1974 from Hurricane High School, he joined the Navy Seabees with a combined total of 24 years of active duty and reserves. He retired from Mountaineer Gas Company after 28 years of service.

He had a high level of integrity and was

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well liked by everyone, mostly due to his sense of humor and jokes.

He was a Christian and attended Valley View Church, he loved the Lord, his family, friends and his country.

Ronnie is survived by his wife and the love of his life of 47 years, Hazel Marie; two sons, Jason Duncan of Grove City Ohio and Wesley Duncan of Hurricane, his precious grandchildren, Avery, Emmy, Wyatt, and Elliot Duncan. He also leaves behind his siblings, Norma Jean (David) Taylor Sharon Armstead, Carolyn Mynes, and Calvin (Teresa) Duncan.

Funeral service was Tuesday, December 30, 2025 at Allen Funeral Home with Rev. Jason McComas and Rev. Jay Ross officiating. Burial was in Valley View Memorial Park with Honor Guard service provided by Winfield American Legion Post 187.

JAY ALLEN MATTHEWS

Jay Allen Matthews 67, of Scott Depot, passed away on December 22, 2025.

He was born on April 23, 1958 to the late Troy and Glyda Mae Matthews in Charleston.

Jay was a retired truck driver with Slay Transportation and loved spending time with his family.

He is survived by his loving wife, Joan; daughter, Erin Franklin (Joseph) of Charleston; step-children: James Black of Scott Depot, and Missy Orrick (Richie) of Wales, UK; grandchildren: Britton and Bella Orrick of Wales, UK; sister, Linda Cruickshank (Bill) of Sissonville; brother, Dennis Matthews of Jacksonville, NC; and several nieces, nephews and friends.

A Celebration of Life for Jay will be 2:00 pm, Saturday, January 3, 2026, at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane.

DAVID BENNIE MAXWELL

David (Bennie) Maxwell 71, of Winfield, passed away on Sunday, December 21, 2025, at St. Mary's Medical Center in Huntington.

He was born on June 27, 1954, to the late Davey Lee and Adalene Maxwell. In addition to his parents, David was also preceded in death by his daughter, Leslie Dawn Meadows; sisters: Carolyn Maxwell, Eunice Maxwell; brother, Boyd; former wife and mother of his children, Elva Terry; nephews: Everett Lewis and Billy Briscoe; and brother-in-law, Dale Lewis.

Bennie was a retired Heavy Equipment Operator with South Putnam PSD. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with family, especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his children: David Lee Meadows of Scott Depot, WV, and Amber Lynn Catlin (Kyle) of Winfield, WV; grandchildren: Leslie Bishop (Bobby) of Point Pleasant and Jerry Catlin of Winfield; sisters: Shirley Lewis, Lawanda Donald (Eddie), Sharon McCormick, Ladonna Briscoe (Richard), Jane Amory (Ned) all of Hurricane; brother, Robert Maxwell of Eleanor; and a great grandson on the way.

Funeral service for Bennie was Friday,

December 26, 2025, at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane. Burial was in Leadmon Cemetery, Winfield.

DOROTHY MCALLISTER

Dorothy Lee "Dottie" McAllister, 89, of Poca, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, in the Hubbard Hospice House.

Dottie was the second daughter of the late Jake and Louise Lanham. She was a graduate of Poca High School and was a former co-owner of Western World in St. Albans. Dottie was also a former employee of Walker's Flower Basket and spent many years devoted to caring for others as a caregiver. She was a faithful member of Nitro Nazarene Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Larry Lanham, and her sister, Phyllis Jean Walker.

She is survived by her two sons, Duane (Debbie) Walker and Randall (Doug Smith) Walker; three grandchildren, Shawna (Tammy Poole) Walker, Crista Cole, and Bron (Stacie) Walker; and five great-grandchildren, Jacob, Ethan, Maylee, Walker, and Josiah.

A tribute to the life of Dottie was held Friday, December 19, 2025, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastors Bron Walker and Jim Cash officiating. Burial was in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

WILLIAM FRANK PERSINGER

William Frank Persinger, age 71, of Hurricane, passed away on Sunday, December 21, 2025, after a sudden illness. He was preceded in death by his parents, William Frank and Norma JoAnn Persinger, and his sister, Darla Reynolds

William was employed by Kirby Inland Marine at Institute and was a graduate of Hurricane High School.

He is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Cathy, and his sons: Jason Persinger, Jayme Persinger, Justin Persinger, and bonus son Hunter Persinger. mother-in-law, Laura Brown, special brothers: Roger Harless, Bill Brown, and Gary Brown. He is also remembered by his special aunt, Roberta Oxley of Point Pleasant, William leaves behind 12 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, and was eagerly anticipating the arrival of twin great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was Friday, December 26, 2025, at Allen Funeral Home, with Rev. Mark Hesson officiating. Burial was in Valley View Memorial Park, Hurricane.

JERRY LEE PRIDDY

Jerry Lee Priddy, 78, of Scott Depot, passed away on Thursday, December 25, 2025.

Jerry retired from Laborers Local #1353 after many years of dedicated service. In his free time, he enjoyed antique cars and took pride in their history and craftsmanship.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Myrtle Priddy. Jerry is survived by his son, Jerry Lee (Kendra) Priddy; daughter, Trisha Loring; brothers, Frank and Larry Priddy; and two grandsons, Austin and Josh Priddy.

Entombment was at Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House.

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Putnam Property Transfers

The following property transfers were recorded by the Putnam County Clerk between November 24, 2025, and December 23, 2025:

Grace Randolph and Roger K. Randolph Trust to Jeremy and Lindsey Thompson - Parcel, Scott District for \$57,500.00.

Grace Randolph and Roger K. Randolph Trust to Thompson Homes LLC - Parcel, Scott District for \$57,500.00.

Robert and Kerry Lovejoy to Brandon Bostic and Darian Bostic - Parcel, Curry District for \$54,000.00.

David Cunningham to Mary Platz and Justin Cole - Lot, Woodland Forest, Winfield District for \$257,900.00.

James and Jody Rollins to Christian Stroud - Parcel, Curry District for

\$170,000.00.

Heather Davis to Adam Shutts - Two Parcels, Country Villas, Scott District for \$689,000.00.

Shirley Snodgrass to Ricky and Lisa Houck - Lot, Woodland Forest, Winfield District for \$260,000.00.

Charles Lovejoy and Tandy Boggess to David and Tandy Boggess - Two Parcels, North Nitro Addition, Union District for \$50,000.00.

Linda Conard to Denny Roberson - Two Lots, Ranch Lake Estates, Scott District for \$5,000.00.

GlenOaksHomeowners Association to Comcast Cable Communications Management LLC - Right of way, Scott District for \$3,000.00.

Michael and Elizabeth Withrow to Jeffrey and Elizabeth Peace - Lot,

Chemar Heights, Scott District for \$470,000.00.

Trevor Dailey and Carolyn Hart to James Lucas and Brandi Trail - Lot, Teays Farms Subdivision, Scott District for \$485,000.00.

Christopher Light to Dale Rice - Parcel, Union District for \$3,000.00.

Jacob Burgess and Elizabeth Ford to Michael Fulger Sims - Two Parcels, Poca District for \$115,000.00.

Lee Ann Kuhn and Kerri Brewster to Jimmy and Robin Walker - Parcel, Union District for \$60,000.00.

Jeanne Roush to Thomas and Karli Parrish - Lot, Friendship Way Subdivision, Winfield District for \$415,000.00.

Jerry and Jami Chapman to Anthony and April Jafari - Lot, Scott District for \$275,000.00.

Barry Wandling to Jaycob and Kaylyn Phillips - Two Parcels, Poca District for \$333,250.00.

Francis and Linda Milczarzyk to Michael and Kimberly Griffith - Parcel, Teays Valley District for \$292,000.00.

AP1 LLC to DHB LLC - Parcel, Alexanders Place, Teays Valley District for \$127,900.00.

Martha Fisch to Jack Callicoat - Lot, Northwoods South, Eleanor District for \$263,000.00.

Eric Ramsey to William and Sutton Higginbotham - Lot, Scott Creek Subdivision, for \$485,000.00.

Craig and Holly Miller to Amber Brinegar and Nicholas McDonald - Parcel, Buffalo District for \$649,000.00.

Aaron Thayer to Tina Sizemore - Lot, Woodland Forest, Winfield District for \$295,000.00.

Nicholas Adkins and Tyler Adkins to Wilburn and Brenda Campbell - Two Lots, Lynnhurst Addition, Hurricane District for \$42,044.00.

City National Bank of West Virginia and Mary Lou Scott Inter Vivos Trust to Phillip Stowers - Lot, Cedar Hills Addition, Eleanor District for \$235,000.00.

Jerry Smeal to Jason Browning - Parcel, Scott District for \$12,500.00.

Doug Egenstafer Schmude Trust to Brandon Johnson and Allison Bostic - Lot, Royal Oaks Subdivision, Hurricane District for \$245,000.00.

Rebecca Hawley to Landon Beaver and

Markayla Stowers - Parcel, Poca District for \$92,500.00.

Michael Lively to Skidmore Properties - Parcel, Winfield District for \$156,750.00.

Teays Construction LLC to Faith in Motion Performance Therapy LLC - Lot, Hurricane District for \$175,000.00.

WV State Auditor and Bula Osborne to H3 LLC - Parcel, Curry District for \$175.09.

D&B WV Property Holdings Inc to Felipe Hernandez - Parcel, Buffalo/Teays Valley District for \$305,000.00.

Tina Sizemore to Kaden Meeks and Michah McGrew - Parcel, Union District for \$335,000.00.

Mark and Karey Stolle to Heather Stamper - Two Parcels, Eleanor District for \$357,000.00.

Chill Company LLC to Isaiah Burns and Sydnee Bell - Lot, Englewood Estates, Hurricane District for \$184,900.00.

Bernie and Elizabeth Osburne to Hunter and Elizabeth Highlander - Lot, Woodclyffe Chase, Teays Valley District for \$604,000.00.

Karen Childers to Stephen and Iris Childers - Lot, East Maplewood Estates, Scott District for \$348,000.00.

Sunshine States Investment Group LLC and Taylor Ramsey to Rickey and Tina Cobb - Parcel, Union District for \$8,500.00.

Cato Energy LLC and Taylor Ramsey to Michael and Tina Myers - Parcel, Union District for \$5,000.00.

Glad Tidings Assembly of God to P&L Associates of West Virginia LLC - Two Parcels, Hurricane District for \$500,000.00.

Wanda Kinser to A to Z Properties LLC - Parcel, Union District for \$75,000.00.

Shawn Persinger and Gregory Sowards to Timothy Elkins - Parcels, Curry District for \$155,000.00.

Ryan and Abigail Smith to Anthony Conny - Lot, Heritage Place, Scott District for \$141,000.00.

Cygnus Home Service LL and Schwans Home Service Inc to Teays Construction LLC - Parcel, Teays Valley District for \$777,777.77.

Mary Walker and Joann Hadley to Daniel Hughes - Parcel, Union District for \$1,500.00.

ROM Limited Liability Company Rom LLC -

to Timothy and Tiffany Bailey - Parcel, Scott District for \$18,250.00.

Grant and Marnie Edwards to Fred and Debra Jones - Lot, New London Commons, Scott District for \$545,000.00.

Sharlene Taylor to Matthew Cole - Lot, Devonshire Townes, Scott District for \$229,900.00.

Francis Mann and Kandace Curl to Ronald Wymer and Richard Wymer - Parcel, Putnam Gardens, Scott District for \$110,000.00.

Taylor Bonnett and Taylor Harrison to Jonathan Dillon - Lot, Glenmont Gardens, Eleanor District for \$230,000.00.

Caleb and Jordan Martin to Un Kyung Corns - Lot, Olympia Fields, Scott District for \$556,400.00.

Robert and Joanna Valleau to Rey Cadiente - Lot, Asbury Manor, Poca District for \$165,000.00.

Thor Real Estates LLC to Deshuk & Kent LLC - Parcel, Scott District for \$950,000.00.

Nicholas and Sarah Kay to Collin and Megan Southern - Two Tracts, Scott District for \$365,000.00.

Megan Southern Fitzgerald to Kelsie Allawat and Joseph Bailey - Lot, Harbourland Estates, Hurricane District for \$209,600.00.

MAJO LLC to Hayward Wiblin and Kathleen James - Two Lots, East Plymouth Subdivision, Bancroft District for \$36,500.00.

Curtis Adkins to Dustin Edgell and Sean Loring - Lot, Rosewood Subdivision, Hurricane District for \$285,000.00.

Pill & Pill LLC and Jeff Peters to city National Bank of West Virginia - wo Tracts, Kanawha Heights Baby Farms, Scott District for \$86,000.00.

Bryan and Heather Fowler to Jacob and Kelsey Tucker - Lot, Virginia Meadows Subdivision, Curry District for \$364,500.00.

Kinlaw Richardson to Kenneth and Stephani Nance - Parcel, Teays Valley District for \$125,000.00.

John and Betty Steinmetz to Chuck and Ann Holloran - Two Lots, Jamestown Subdivision, Teays Valley District for \$65,000.00.

Vivian Greene and Sherry Lilly to William McDaniel - Parcel, Poca District for \$25,000.00.

Sunshine States Investment Group LLC

to Matthew Orem - Lot, Sunrise Acres, Scott District for \$3,500.00.

AM Investments LLC to Logan Johnson - Lot, Poplar Hills Subdivision, Scott District for \$225,000.00.

Dynamic Construction LLC to Brandon and Erin Harper - Lot, Fiddlers Green, Hurricane District for \$345,000.00.

Brian Thorniley and Elizabeth Scott to Brandon Neeley - Two Parcels, Teays Valley District for \$680,000.00.

Sunshine States Investment Group LLC to Gables of Teays Valley, Inc - Two Parcels, Scott District for \$9,000.00.

Terry Faber to Roger and Denise Stone - Parcel, Poca District for \$2,000.00.

Sunshine States Investment Group LLC to Terry Haner - Two Parcels, Lake Washington, Curry District for \$5,500.00.

Christina Hylton to T&I Properties LLC - Two Parcels, Saunders Addition, Nitro District for \$78,100.00.

Marina Saunders to MAJO LLC - Lot, Meadowbrook Estates, Hurricane District for \$70,000.00.

Seneca Trustees Inc and Lucas Scholl to MAJO LLC - Two Parcels, Sunset Heights, Curry District for \$157,211.00.

Brandon Ridgely and Kristi Barker to Everett and Amanda Tucker - Two Lots, Ranch Lake Estates, Scott District for \$270,000.00.

Linda Cornell to William Smith - 25 Acres, Buffalo District for \$207,000.00.

Matthew Murphy to Matthew and Alexa Moore - Lot, Mulberry Square, Teays Valley District for \$340,000.00.

Jeremiah and Tracy Coleman to Nathan and Savannah Loomis - Lot, Cordoba Estates, Scott District for \$210,000.00.

Dannie Lewis to Bryan King - 45 Acres, Curry District for \$26,000.00.

Sonya Griffith to Dale Rice - 80.20 Acres, Union District for \$5,000.00.

Tonya Light to Dale Rice - 80.20 Acres, Union District for \$5,000.00.

Larry Leadmon to Blaine and Bonita Hanning - 1 Acre, Teays Valley District for \$13,000.00.

Billy and Krista Thornton to Dresdyn Harrison and Alexander Lee - Two Parcels, Cedar Hills Addition, Eleanor District for \$271,000.00.

Obituaries

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DELORES SIGMON

Delores Mae Sigmon, age 76, of Hurricane, passed away peacefully on December 22, 2025. Delores was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother whose kindness and spirited humor touched everyone around her. She is now reunited in eternal peace with her beloved husband, Paul Ray Sigmon, and her son, Paul Ray Sigmon Jr.

Delores leaves behind her devoted sister, Evie Whiteley; her daughters, Paula Maynard (with husband Albert) and Pamela Douglas; her cherished grandchildren, Will Maynard, Casey Maynard, Kayla Drew, and Douglas Sigmon; and a legacy of great-grandchildren. Her laughter and playful spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Funeral service was Saturday, December 27, 2025, at Allen Funeral Home, with Rev. Mark Hesson officiating. Burial was in Mt. Moriah Cemetery.

and Plumber's Local 521 before retiring. He was a Christian and a member of Elizabeth Baptist Missionary Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arvil Wellington Wood and Betty Jane McCallister Wood. Malcolm is survived by his loving wife, Vickie Lynn Mount Wood; siblings, James C Wood (Deborah) and Linda J Wood Bird (Anthony); mother-in-law, Barbara Mount; sisters-in-law, Regina Arbogast and Amy Pinson (Bill); nephews, Rodney Midkiff (Nikki), Adam Holland, Christian Holland, Luke Wood (Crystal), Mark Wood (Beth), Benjamin Bird (Tammy); nieces, E. Suzanne Burton (Michael), Sarah Barnett (Jason); his special Shih Tzu fur baby, Teddy Bear; and a host of other nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Funeral service was Sunday, December 21, 2025, at Allen Funeral Home, with Minister Dolin Garrett officiating. Burial was in Mt. Moriah Cemetery.

NAOMI LEE YOST

Naomi Lee Yost, 78, of Winfield, passed away Friday, December 19, 2025 at her home. She was a 1965 graduate of Parkersburg High School, and worked as a Teacher's Aide for many years in the Jackson County school system. She volunteered her time for several years prior becoming a full-time employee. Naomi was a Christian and member of the Marlaing Church of Christ, St. Albans. Her joy in life was to care for others, and she helped teach many kids to read over the years. She enjoyed driving and loved to travel, and was always up for a Diet Coke. She loved her family and will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Born February 27, 1947, in Parkersburg, she was the daughter of the late Clayton L. Allman and Juanita L. Sams Allman. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Carolyn Doyle.

Survivors include her loving husband of 60 years, William A. Yost; her children, Narcissa (Ron) Summerfield of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Melissa (Patrick) Haynes of Sandyville, and William C. (Lynn) Yost of Buffalo; seven grandchildren, and a number of great-grandchildren; brother, David Allman of Vienna; and sister, Virginia Gorrell of Little Hocking, Ohio.

Funeral service was Tuesday, December 23, 2025, at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Brother David Rich officiating. Burial was in Creston Cemetery, Leon.

NICHOLAS STICKLEN
Nicholas Lynn "Nick" Sticklen, 70, of Winfield, passed away at home on Thursday, December 18, 2025.

Nick was a graduate of George Washington High School and retired from Appalachian Tire after many years of dedicated service. He was a proud member of the Kanawha River Navy and truly enjoyed spending time on the water boating, which brought him great joy and peace.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Daniel and Janet Sticklen, and his son, Casey Drake.

Nick is survived by his loving wife, Carol Harmon Sticklen; two daughters, Christina (Jason) Johns and Krista (Teddy) Lambert; brother, Scott (Debi) Sticklen; five grandchildren, Haley (Cody) Wilson, Hunter (Mackenzie) Wagner, Mason (Taylor) Johns, Reagan Lambert, and Ashton Lambert; two great-grandsons, Roran and Owen; and two great-grandchildren, Cason and Elena, expected soon.

A tribute to the life of Nick was held Monday, December 22, 2025, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Delbert Hawley officiating.

Malcolm Wood
Malcolm Ray Wood, 76, of Hurricane, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 18, 2025, at Emogene House Jones Hospice Home. A proud graduate of Hurricane High School, Malcolm dedicated his career to Pipefitter, Welder,

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December 29

JASON YOUNG
304 Merrywood Lane
Hurricane
45th Birthday
December 29

PEGGY SETLIFF
Box 4583 5&20 Mile Road
Frazier's Bottom
Birthday December 29

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2621 Montana Avenue
Hurricane
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4208 Teays Valley Road
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77th Birthday
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December 29

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Hurricane
Birthday December 29

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3473 Norman Drive

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68th Birthday
December 30

ZACHERY KEELING
#52 Revere Road
Hurricane
32nd Birthday
December 30

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Hurricane
77th Birthday
December 30

ANGELA DUKE BECKETT
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57th Birthday
December 31

KIETH ANN WORDEN
24 Woody Oak Drive
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Birthday December 31

ANDREA LITTON HOUSTON
116 Woodland Forest
Winfield
50th Birthday
December 31

LOGAN DYKOTA JIVIDEN
P.O. Box 16
Poca
28th Birthday
December 31

LOGAN DANIEL MORRISON
16 Davis Court
Luray, Virginia
27th Birthday
December 31

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December 31

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December 31

BETTY KING NIEDERHAUSER
6202 County Hwy 36
Sycamore, Ohio
82nd Birthday January 1

RENEE CHAPMAN
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St. Albans
51st Birthday January 2

DUANE BOWERS
Route 2, Box 196-1
Midway
66th Birthday January 2

MIKE LUIKART
Virginia Beach, Virginia
60th Birthday January 2

ALLIE PERRY BOSCHERT
257 Twp 1212
Proctorville, Ohio
Birthday January 2

JEAN ALLEN
Hurricane
84th Birthday January 2

RANDY SHEPPARD
1733 2nd Street
Milton
Birthday January 2

SUSAN FLANNERY GLENN
7319 Reserve Creek Drive
Port St. Lucie, Florida
59th Birthday January 3

KYNDALL PAIGE CHAPMAN BARTHOLOMEW
Milton
28th Birthday January 3

ANDREA MARKHAM
P.O. Box 846
Milton
Birthday January 3

LUKE JEFFREY
Logan
23rd Birthday January 3

KAREN SUE JACKSON GASKINS
3608 Sandy Acres Lane #23
Winston Salem, North Carolina
79th Birthday January 3

EMMETT "GENE" BUSH
701 Bills Creek Road
Winfield
85th Birthday January 3

CHERI SOWARDS
4015 Hurricane Creek Road
Hurricane
65th Birthday January 3

CAROL HOOVER
867 Saunders Hollow Road
Barboursville
Birthday January 3

NOAH DODDRIDGE
Milton
21st Birthday January 4

MIKE FRANKLIN
Little Rock, Arkansas
Birthday January 4

ANDY JACKSON
#35 Timothy Lane
Milton
69th Birthday January 4

NANCY FISHER
Milton
76th Birthday January 4

JANESSA LEA THOMAS MIDKIFF
Teays Valley
37th Birthday January 4

DONALD McGEE
St. Albans
71st Birthday January 4

RONALD McGEE
North Carolina
71st Birthday January 4

TOM CRINER
Red House
73rd Birthday January 4

SHELLEY CHAPMAN
376 Martin Lane

Putnam County Lions Club Hosts Annual Holiday Party



The Putnam County Lions Club held its annual holiday party at Angela's on the River on Thursday, December 18. After the meal, there was a gift exchange and short business meeting. Wendell Samson regaled the group with (dubious) hilarious stories of his courtship with JoAnn (later his wife), and Trudy Oliver recited Robert Frost's "Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening."

The Putnam County Lions Club invites new members to join them in their efforts to contribute to the community and become active participants in the growth of Putnam County. The Putnam Lions meet the first and third Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at the Winfield Clubhouse, 4 Second Street.

Shown above are George Woodrum, Tom Owen, Trudy Oliver, and Luther Cope.

Barn Quilt Painting Workshop

Barn Quilts are not just for barns anymore! Perfect for houses, porches, fences, barns, mailboxes and inside. You do not have to be a quilter to paint a Barn Quilt!

The next barn quilt painting workshop will be held on Saturday, January 31, at Kelly's Quilts, 450 Foster Road, Hurricane. Class is from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Depending on the design you pick, you may finish earlier.

There are 185+ paint colors to choose from. All supplies will be provided for classroom use to paint your Barn Quilt. Cost depends on

what you choose to paint. Choose from 24x24, 36x36, Welcome signs or Ladder Quilts. Your board will be sanded, primed and your design drawn on and ready for you to start painting.

You pick your design, and as long as the instructor can draw it, you can paint it!

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

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

Call 304-741-5321 to register. Payment expected in advance to reserve your spot. Your board will not be drawn in advance unless paid. Pay by Venmo, PayPal, Cash App or check by mail. This event is non refundable - alternate arrangements can be made.

Class spots fill up quickly, so register as soon as possible.

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59th Birthday January 5

HOWARD CHESNE
245 Wildcat Road
Barboursville
89th Birthday January 5

EMILY BROOK CARRICO
#26 Township Road 1308
Proctorville, Ohio
24th Birthday January 5

ELIZABETH ANN CARRICO
#26 Township Road 1308
Proctorville, Ohio
24th Birthday January 5

DORIS SOVINE
P.O. Box 192
Milton
78th Birthday January 5

KELLY HOLLAND
Barboursville
56th Birthday January 5

LACY SHAYNE MCKINNEY
Ona
14th Birthday January 5

TAMMY PAYNE
1720 Whitten Ridge Road
Milton
56th Birthday January 6

MARILYN JENEAL MORRISON
1607 W Mud River Road
Milton
88th Birthday January 6

JASON JIVIDEN
P.O. Box 16
Poca
56th Birthday January 6

CHRIS BIRD
Windy Jill
Main Street
Hurricane
43rd Birthday January 6

BOB CARROLL
783 Washington Hill Road
Hurricane
50th Birthday January 6

GEORGE CARGILL JR
Conway, South Carolina
82nd Birthday January 6

Healthy Grandfamilies

Are you a grandparent raising your grandchildren? Healthy Grandfamilies is a free program empowering grandparents to thrive.

There will be weekly sessions starting January 8 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Buffalo Senior Center, located on 48 Wrights Lane. Each session is entirely free, and free lunch is also provided.

Topics include education, peer support, food assistance, financial literacy, self-care and well-being, post-program support, and community outreach and engagement.

To learn more about the Healthy Grandfamilies program, contact Amy Young at 304-204-4309 or amy.young@wvstateu.edu

This event is hosted by the WV SU Extension Service.

Articles Welcome

We would love to publicize your event. Send press releases and announcements to the Hurricane Breeze, PO Box 310, Hurricane, WV; hurricanebreeze@citynet.net; or calling/faxing (304) 562-9881.

Happy Anniversary

Harold and Barbara Wood Johnson of Hurricane celebrated their first wedding anniversary on December 29.

Dr. and Mrs. William Dan Hill of 232 Forest Road in Hurricane celebrated their forty-seventh wedding anniversary on December 30.

Jeffrey Dustin and Andrea Marie Young Campbell of Englewood, Florida, celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary on December 30.

Rex and Erica Brown Justis of Patriot, Ohio, celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary on December 31.

Bill and Joyce Marcum of Route 1 in Milton celebrated their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary on December 31.

Mark and Sherry Kinser of Catlettsburg, Kentucky, will celebrate their thirty-first wedding anniversary on January 1.

Roger and Gay Covey of Flatwoods will celebrate their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary on January 8.

anniversary on January 2

Gregory and Mary Beth Bird of 638 Sleepy Hollow Drive in Hurricane will celebrate their thirty-third wedding anniversary on January 2.

Dr. Mark Charleston and Daryl Lene Adkins Brown of #9 Woodhaven Drive in Huntington will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on January 2.

Roy and Lesley Jefferson Clark of Ashton-Upland Road in Milton will celebrate their twentieth wedding anniversary on January 6.

Rodney and Crystal May of 129 Brady Drive in Barboursville will celebrate their first wedding anniversary on January 6.

Kevin and Cara Dials of Proctorville, Ohio, will celebrate their twentieth wedding anniversary on January 7.

David Lee and Rebekah Finley Lincolnogger of Lenoir City, Tennessee, will celebrate their fifteenth wedding anniversary on January 8.



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