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Candidate Filing Period to Close January 31st

By Ron Allen
Come May 12, county voters and county voters alone will elect three members to the Board of Education (4-year terms) and a Conservation District Supervisor (4-year term). Putnam voters will also select Republican and Democratic candidates to be listed on the November General Election ballot. Only registered Republicans may vote a Republican ballot. Non-affiliated voters may vote either the non-partisan ballot or the Democratic Party ballot. Voters will determine the candidates for County Commissioner, State Senate (4th and 8th Districts), and House of Delegates (19th, 20th and 21st Districts). The non-partisan ballot lists candidates seeking election to the West Virginia Supreme Court, the Intermediate Court of Appeals, and Circuit Court Judge in addition to Conservation District

Supervisor and School Board.
All City of Hurricane voters will have the opportunity to vote upon a continuing 5-year excess levy projected to begin on July 1, 2027.
Each and every potential candidate has until midnight on January 31 to have his or her name placed on the May 12th ballot. There is a filing fee — in most cases 1% of the annual salary. Filing for the House of Delegates is less, just \$120 (annual salary is \$24,000), and filing for the Board of Education is set at \$25.
Monday, January 12, was Day One of the filing period. Filing for local office with Putnam County Clerk Brian Wood were Brad Hodges (School Board, District 3), Butch Legg (School Board, District 31), Tammy Sowards (School Board, District 2), Doug Pierson (R) and Micael Stone (R)
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HURRICANE HIGH SCHOOL SHOW CHOIRS Heat Wave in 'Diamond Heist' and Red Hots visit 'Haunted Mansion'



The Heat Wave's "Diamond Heist" featured high energy songs and exhilarating performances.

By Betsy Allen
Diamond heists and haunted houses are the themes of this year's Red Hot Show Choir and Heat Wave competition shows,

which were revealed to the public for the first time this past weekend, January 9 through 11. These talented students performed for audiences four times over the course of three days, with Saturday featuring a performance at noon and one in the evening. In addition to watching the debut of the two performance shows, audiences were treated to a special meal with special singing by students.
Heat Wave, Hurricane's all-girl show choir, premiered "Diamond Heist," their theme for the upcoming competition

season. The show featured a backdrop which depicted an enormous vault, and performers wore costumes inspired by spies and sophisticated thieves. The accompanying musical arrangements featured high energy songs to match the daring heist theme.
Red Hot Show Choir debuted "Haunted Mansion," a delightfully spine-chilling show about living in a haunted house. The stage featured a Victorian mansion inspired backdrop with interactive 3D portraits hanging on the wall, and

performers sang and dance to songs with a spooky vibe. Teays Valley Cinemas donated 2,500 3D glasses to the school so that the audience could experience the ghosts emerging from the walls. This is the first time that any of Hurricane's show choirs have incorporated 3D effects into their shows.
With their debut show and dinner theatre out of the way, Red Hot and Heat Wave will be traveling to Beaver Creek, Ohio, this weekend to compete in the first performance of the season.
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Winfield's General Admission, Emerald Elegance Show Choirs



Emerald Elegance's "The Giving Tree" featured artistically choreographed dancing and emotional performances.

By Betsy Allen
Winfield High School General Admission and Emerald Elegance Show Choirs made their debut performance this past

Sunday, January 11, with two dynamic shows inspired by beloved children's books and television series.
Emerald Elegance, Winfield's all-girl choir,

performed a musical rendition of "The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein. This classic children's book tells the story of
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Historic Day for Hurricane Fire Department



Chief Paul Niedbalski swears in six new members into the HFD.

By Ron Allen
Dignitaries looked on Thursday evening, January 8th, at the Hurricane Fire Station as six new hires joined the ranks of the Hurricane Fire Department and six other members were promoted to the ranks of Assistant Chief and Captain.
State Fire Commissioner Tommy Keefe, State Fire Marshal Ken Tyree, Putnam County Fire Director Dave Turley, and Hurricane Mayor Scott Edwards watched as Hurricane Fire Chief Paul Niedbalski presided. All three of Putnam's County Commissioners and members of Hurricane City Council were in attendance.
While the additions to the HFD and the promotions were noteworthy, it was the

response of the HFD in rescuing the driver of an 18-wheeler from the cab of the vehicle which was dangling the side of a bridge in Mason County in November which brought the State Fire Commissioner and the State Fire Marshal to Hurricane. Niedbalski developed and executed the rescue plan which involved a rope rescue of the driver.
Hurricane Firefighter Westley Quinn descended from the bridge, entered the cab with a harness, attached the harness to the driver and himself, and was lifted to safety. Quinn was recognized as Hurricane's Firefighter of the Year for his action.
Receiving promotions to Assistant Chief were John Ivester and Darin Virag. Adam Bryant, Corey

Burdette, and Blake Frame were appointed to Captain.
The new firefighter hires were Dillan Collias, Michael Estep, Joseph Funderburk, Christopher Howell, Tyler Melson and Austin Noble.

WEATHER SUMMARY		
January 6 -12		
	Low	High
January 6		
Hurricane	27°	54°
January 7		
Hurricane	25°	53°
January 8		
Hurricane	23°	56°
January 9*		
Hurricane	36°	57°
January 10*		
Hurricane	37°	51°
January 11		
Hurricane	25°	37°
January 12		
Hurricane	21°	37°

*RAIN
0.2 inch recorded Jan. 9
0.3 inch recorded Jan. 10

DNR Stocks Trout at Hurricane Reservoir



Anglers wet their lines at the Hurricane Reservoir on Friday, January 9th.

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources stocked the Hurricane Reservoir with trout on January 8th. Other area trout stockings during the week were: Barbourville Lake, Krodel Lake, and Ridenour Lake.
While daily trout stockings are not announced

in advance, the WVDNR publishes a list of recently stocked waters at WVdnr.gov/fishing/fish-stocking. For more information about trout stocking locations, anglers should check pages 6-7 in the Fishing Regulations Summary, available to download at [regulations. All anglers 15 years and older are required to have a West Virginia fishing license and a valid form of identification while fishing in the state of West Virginia. Trout stamps are required for those fishing for trout. Licenses and stamps may be purchased online at \[WVfish.com\]\(http://WVfish.com\).](http://WVdnr.gov/fishing-</p>
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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.

JANUARY 15

- Paint a painting of a deer in a forest from 6 to 8 p.m. at Brookse's Bar and Grill, 13184 Winfield Road, Winfield. Tickets are \$41.93. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/brookses-bar-grill-deer-in-forest-painting-tickets-1977008469552>
- There are weekly backgammon games from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at the Putnam Moose Lodge, located in Putnam Village Shopping Center. Open to the public.
- There will be a ribbon cutting at 4:30 p.m. at Beaconlight Counseling, 101 Carriage Way, Hurricane.

JANUARY 16

- There will be bingo at 6 p.m. at Coffee With A Twist, 101 Main Avenue, Nitro.
- There will be a blood drive at Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, Putnam Avenue, Hurricane, from noon to 5 p.m. To register, go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter HURRICANECOM.

JANUARY 17

- Bulls, Bands, and Barrels feat. The Creekers & The Jack Wharff Band will be coming to the Marshall Health Network Arena in Huntington. World-class bull riders, lightning-fast barrel racers, freestyle bullfighters, and local bands. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
- There will be a basic safety/CCW class at 10 a.m. at the Putnam County Gun Club in Eleanor. The class will run appx 6-7 hours. The cost is \$60. Call 304-416-3275 to reserve a spot.
- There will be a concealed carry training class from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Valley outdoors, 3034 Mount Vernon Road, Hurricane. For more information, call (304) 760-0457.
- There will be a community sing at 6 p.m. at Hurricane First Church

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of the Nazarene, 358 US Route 60.

JANUARY 18

- Poca High School Visual Volume presents Dot Debut. First show is at 2:30 p.m. with a spaghetti dinner at 1 p.m., and the second show is 5 p.m. with dinner at 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per show.

JANUARY 19

- The Woman's Club of Nitro will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the clubhouse located at 2205 2nd Avenue and 23rd Street, Nitro.

- Empower & Inspire: Cancer Resources For Every Step will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane. Learn about the various resources that are available for individuals battling cancer.

JANUARY 20

- Create toothpick twirlers that float like snowflakes at 3 p.m. at the Buffalo Library.

- There will be a ribbon cutting at Beaconlight Counseling, 101 Carriage Way, Hurricane, at 4:30 p.m.

JANUARY 22

- The Putnam County Fair Board will be holding their first meeting of the season at 7 p.m. at the Eleanor Municipal Building.

- The Putnam Puzzler puzzle competition will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Valley Park Convention Center in Hurricane. The cost is \$20 for a group of 2 - 4. For more information, call (304) 562-0518.

JANUARY 23 - 25

- The 2026 West Virginia Hunting and Fishing Show will be held at the Coliseum and Convention Center in Charleston. Admission is \$12 for adults; children ages 12 and under get in free.

JANUARY 24

- Big Haze 304 will be performing at 8 p.m. at Barnyard BBQ, Hospital Drive, Hurricane.

- Mom & Me Upbeat Yoga will be held at 10:30 a.m. at River Ridge Church, Saturn Way, Hurricane.

JANUARY 25

- The Outdoor Adventure 4-H Club will be hosting their monthly hike at 2 p.m. at Meeks Mountain Trails at Hurricane City Park. Meet up at the red shelter.

JANUARY 26

- Directions East, an adult I/DD Waiver day program located at 418 New Goff Mtn Rd, Suite 201, Cross Lanes, will be holding an open house from 2 to 6 p.m.

JANUARY 27

- There will be a scrapbooking workshop at 6 p.m. at the Valley Park Convention Center in Hurricane. The cost is \$10 for 2 page spread; bring 6-10 photos. For more information, call (304) 562-0518.

JANUARY 30

- The Putnam Chamber Annual Dinner Meeting and Celebration will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at Valley Park Conference Center in Hurricane. Tickets are \$150; to RSVP, call (304) 757-6510.

JANUARY 31

- There will be a free clothing giveaway from 9 a.m. - noon at Washington Street Church of Christ in St. Albans.

- Sugar Shenanigans will be celebrating a grand opening at their new location, 14 Bank Street, Nitro, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- There will be a Free Lil Ninja Workshop for children ages 4-5 at 11 a.m. at Pinnacle Karate Center, 3544 Commerce Drive, Hurricane.

School of Music to Present Albert Tiu in Piano Solo Recital

The Marshall University School of Music will present Albert Tiu of the National University of Singapore at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, in a solo piano recital in Smith Recital Hall. The concert is free and open to all, and will include works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Robert Schumann, and Sergei Rachmaninoff.

As part of the Joan C. Edwards Distinguished Professor in the Arts Endowment program, Tiu's visit to Marshall will also include a piano master class at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 18, which is also free and open to the public.

Born in the Philippines, Tiu has been called "an artist of uncommon abilities" by American Record Guide. He is the head of Piano Studies at the Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music, National University of Singapore, and he holds the Madeline Goh Professorship in Piano. He studied with Jerome Lowenthal at the Juilliard School, with Michael Lewin at Boston Conservatory, and with Nita Abrogar-Quinto and Nelly Castro in the Philippines.

Tiu is a recipient of Juilliard's William Petschek Award and a prizewinner of competitions in Pretoria (UNISA), Calgary

(Honens), Helsinki (Maj Lind) and Santander (Paloma O'Shea).

"Albert Tiu and I met while judging an international piano competition in Taiwan in 2020. It is an honor to welcome an artist of this caliber to Marshall," said Dr. Henning Vauth, professor of piano at Marshall. "Please join us for an afternoon of beautiful music. Everyone is welcome."

Putnam Library Regular Events

Morning Movie

Saturdays at 10 a.m. at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley

Book Clubs

Hurricane Library Book Club - Second Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Freedom to Read Book Club - Third Tuesday, Main Library, 5:30 p.m.

Other Clubs

Writer's Group - First and third Tuesdays, Main Library, 5 p.m.

Chess Club - Second Wednesday, Main Library, 3 p.m.

Yarn Spinners - First Monday, Main Library, 5 p.m.

Twisted Stitches - First and fourth Mondays, Buffalo Library, 10 a.m.

LEGO Club - Second Tuesday, Hurricane Library, 3 p.m.

"I Voted!" Sticker Contest for Eighth Graders

Secretary of State Kris Warner recently announced the launch of a statewide contest inviting all West Virginia 8th grade students to design an "I Voted!" sticker to be distributed in their home county during the 2026 election cycle.

"I Voted!" stickers have become a popular tradition at polling places, giving voters a way to proudly display their participation in the election process. This sticker design contest gives young West Virginians an opportunity to showcase their talent and creativity while learning about the importance of civic engagement.

"Voting is the cornerstone of our constitutional republic," said Secretary Warner. "By involving students in this contest, we hope to inspire the next generation of voters and encourage them to take pride in participating in elections."

Secretary Warner said that several other states host similar sticker contests to create interest and participation in their upcoming election. West Virginia's Primary Election is scheduled for May 12th.

Summary of Contest Details:

- Eligibility: Open to all 8th grade students enrolled in public, private, or home schools in West Virginia.

- Submission Deadline: January 27th to the Student's County Clerk.

- Design Requirements: Stickers must include the phrase "I Voted!" and reflect themes of civic pride and/or West Virginia heritage.

- How to Enter: Public and private school students can submit their designs directly to their designated teacher. Home school students must have a parent or guardian submit their design to their resident County Clerk.

There will be three phases to the judging process: a County Competition, Regional

Semi-Final Competition, and Statewide Final Competition.

At the county level, all submissions will be judged by the County Clerk's office and a team of local citizens selected by the County Clerk.

County winners will move on to the Regional Semi-Final Competition, which will be judged by a panel of four (4) anonymous individuals selected by the Secretary of State. (See the Official Rules link below for the four geographical regions).

The Regional Semi-Final Competition panel of judges will be made up of one person from each of the four county regions outlined in the Official Rules. Those judges will select one design from each region to compete in the statewide final stage of the competition. The 2026

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

It is a new world we live in... I remember the days when phoning family was long distance, and we had to be careful and keep our calls short. Mother usually phoned me to help us save money. Today, with cell phones, we can chat forever. We can visit by phone. We can spend time together when distance is a problem.

I don't usually call and prefer to let my friends call me. There are some exceptions. Sometimes, visiting with that friend is just important and fun. Gets us through times when we need a listening ear or the friend needs one. Memories... remembering... and don't get me started about watching football and wanting to share the excitement!

I have friends who ask if I am allergic to the phone. LOL. No. I just prefer texting and email and snail mail with most of my family and friends. With others, the sound of that laugh is vital. Watching out for each other... as I said... remembering...

I am picky about phone rules. My family is too. We are polite. We answer texts and emails. When we are on the phone, we do not

use call waiting and do not hang up to speak with others.

We are important to each other and the few times we do talk, we don't hang up and take other calls. I firmly maintain that call waiting should never have been invented. I never used it on my landline phones.

I love snail mail. I send cards and letters and receive them. I especially send cards to my grands. My friends and I enjoy going to the mailbox... we are old fashioned, I suppose.

Texting is vital, or so it seems, to our modern way of life. We check on each other. We let the other know what time to be ready for an outing. We tell each other our plans... we stay in touch. I use texting often. I always answer texts asap. I do not ignore them. This, to me, is the same as ignoring what others say in person. Alas... perhaps we need classes in how to use our phones. LOL...

It is a different world. I have had a cell phone since the beginning. I use it all the time. I do not carry it with me every moment. When I am walking, I leave my phone in the apartment. When I am down in the commons, my phone is left behind. It is not connected to me like a part of my soul. It is annoying, when speaking to others, and they are checking their phones. Oh well... such is life and such are the little aggravations we deal with every day. I have to wonder what on earth is so important they one can't chat in person and ignore that phone...

We keep in touch because the way we were is always the way we are and perhaps, we should not get on kids about their phones when adults are not the best examples.

The Breeze on Microfilm

Microfilm copies of Hurricane Breeze issues from the past can be found at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley and the West Virginia State Archives in Charleston.

Putnam County Food Pantries And Clothing Banks

for more information.

Christian Community Cupboard

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

Calvary Baptist Church

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

Light House Baptist Church

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

Teays Valley Baptist Church

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

Heartbeat of the Valley

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

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

for more information.

Good Shepherd Baptist Church

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

Salt & Light Food Pantry

Winfield Church of the Nazarene 10822 Winfield Road (304) 586-2180

Food pantry open second Saturday of the month; 9 a.m. - noon

The Pulse Church

5368 WV Route 34 Winfield (304) 936-1679

Food pantry open from 2 to 4 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month

Putnam County Family Support Center

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

Eleanor Presbyterian Church

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

Buffalo Baptist Church

287 High Street <https://www.facebook.com/BufaloBaptistWV>
Food pantry on the third Friday of the month from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Five Loaves Three Fishes

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

Heizer Creek

Community Church

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

Food and More At The Bridge

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

Bridge Family Resource Center

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

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for County Commission. Filing with the Secretary of State in Charleston were Phillip Surface (R) and Travis Willard (R) for State Senate, 4th District; Kathie Hess Crouse (R) for 19th House of Delegate District and Michael Kidd (R) for 21st House of Delegates District.

While not filing on January 8th, Zach Crede filed pre-candidacy

papers during 2025 for County Commission. Pre-candidacy filings allow a candidate to solicit and accept political donations for their campaigns.

Primary election ballots for the Republican and Democratic parties will include candidates for U.S. Senate, House of Representatives and listings for Political Party Executive Committees (State, Congressional, Senatorial, Delegate and County).



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

Jan. 15, 1864: Frances Benjamin Johnston was born in Grafton. Johnston gained national renown as the first female press photographer, and enjoyed a long and remarkable career as one of the nation's leading documentary, portrait and artistic photographers.

Jan. 16, 1850: Lawman Dan Cunningham was born in Jackson County. His remarkable career involved him in the Hatfield-McCoy Feud, the West Virginia Mine Wars, and the destruction of moonshine stills.

Jan. 16, 1869: Ephraim Franklin Morgan was born in Marion County. Morgan, a Republican, was governor during the tumultuous West Virginia Mine Wars.

Jan. 17, 1918: The War Department hired a New York engineering firm to build the DuPont munitions plant in Nitro. Within 11 months, the powder plant and a complete town with houses, a civic center and a hospital, were completed.

Jan. 17, 1956: Musician Blind Alfred Reed died. He was a street singer, fiddler, and songwriter from Pipestem, Summers County. He also is a member of the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame. In 2025, a historical marker was erected in his honor in Hinton.

Jan. 18, 1842: Wayne County was established from part of Cabell County. It was named for General "Mad Anthony" Wayne, a Revolutionary War hero who later defeated Ohio Indian tribes at the 1794 Battle of Fallen Timbers.

Jan. 19, 1818: The Virginia General Assembly established Preston County from part of Monongalia County. The new county was named for James Patton Preston, then governor of

Virginia. Jan. 19, 1820: Fairmont was established by the Virginia legislature on the farm of Boaz Fleming. The original name of Middletown was changed to Fairmont in 1843.

Jan. 19, 1844: The Virginia General Assembly established Taylor County from parts of Barbour, Harrison, and Marion counties. The county was named in honor of U.S. Sen. John Taylor, a soldier-statesman from Caroline County, Virginia.

Jan. 19, 1848: Wirt County was created by the General Assembly of Virginia from portions of Wood and Jackson counties. It was named for William Wirt, Virginia statesman and a presidential candidate in 1832.

Jan. 19, 1894: Railroad worker John Hardy was hanged for killing a man in a drunken gambling dispute. The episode inspired the widely popular ballad "John Hardy."

Jan. 19-20, 1978: An overnight snowstorm paralyzed Charleston. Unusual in that more snow fell in the capital city than in Randolph County, total snow depth in Charleston averaged 24 inches, the deepest on record for the city. January 1978 became the snowiest month for both Huntington and Charleston, and extended cold kept snow on the ground into March, the longest known continuous snow cover for most West Virginia towns.

Jan. 20-21, 1824: West Virginia's most famous soldier, Thomas Jonathan Jackson, was born near midnight in Clarksburg. When Virginia left the Union in 1861, Jackson went with his native state. He commanded the strategically important post at Harpers Ferry until being appointed a Confederate brigadier general of infantry. He won the name "Stonewall" in the Battle of First Manassas on July 21, 1861.

Already destinations, U.S. cities embrace FIFA World Cup 2026™

By Brandon Lambert

As many as 10 million visitors will head to 11 U.S. cities this summer, helping to turn the FIFA World Cup 2026™ into the largest sporting event in history.

While U.S. host cities like Los Angeles, Miami, New York and San Francisco are world-famous, lesser-known U.S. cities are primed to host soccer fans. In Kansas City, Missouri, for instance, Café Corazón owner Dulcinea Herrera says that people underestimate the Midwestern city of 500,000 (in a larger metro area of 2 million). Herrera and other local business owners are preparing for 650,000 visitors for FIFA World Cup 2026™.

In addition to coffee, an American staple, Café Corazón serves yerba mate, a tea popular with South American soccer stars, including Lionel Messi, who will lead Argentina in an early round match scheduled for Kansas City. One of Herrera's three locations is in the downtown area where officials plan a massive viewing party near the stadium.

White House World Cup Task Force Executive Director Andrew Giuliani calls it "a tremendous privilege" to host the FIFA World Cup 2026™ during the year the United States celebrates its 250th anniversary, and says the federal government is working with host cities to ensure a safe and welcoming tournament.

"Hosting the world during this historic year ... gives us a chance to show the very best of America — our hospitality and our innovation — while also showcasing the America spirit of which we're so proud of," Giuliani said.

Here is an introduction to the 11 U.S. cities that will host international soccer fans:

Atlanta

Famous for peaches, pecans and Southern hospitality, the Georgia state capital is a cultural and economic hub of the South. It boasts the country's busiest airport and was home to famed Civil Rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

Atlanta is home to numerous industries, including aerospace and financial technologies, as well as soft drink giant Coca-Cola. The city has several professional sports teams and has hosted three Super Bowls, as well as the 1996 summer Olympics.

Boston

The birthplace of the American Revolution, the city of Boston will be fully in celebration mode for the 250th anniversary when the fans arrive. International visitors who are in the city during the July 4th Independence Day celebrations can experience the Boston

Pops , a fireworks show over the Charles River set to live music from the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

FIFA and the U.S. Soccer Foundation are building soccer fields around Boston to turn the excitement of the city's seven matches into lasting participation in the sport. Boston previously hosted three FIFA championships: the 1994 FIFA World Cup USA™, and the FIFA Women's World Cup™ in 1999 and 2003.

Dallas

With its frequent rodeos, Dallas offers an up-close look at America's cowboy culture. Pioneer Plaza in downtown honors this Western tradition. Even the name of the city's pro football team, the Dallas Cowboys, references this distinct Western culture.

Dallas will host a tournament-leading nine World Cup matches. The country's fifth-largest media market, Dallas hosted the International Broadcast Center during the 1994 matches, and its massive convention center will again serve as the tournament's media hub.

Houston

Home to NASA's Johnson Space Center, Houston has commanded America's space exploration through landmark achievements, including the first moon landing on July 20, 1969.

With major oil and natural gas resources, Houston is a center of the U.S. energy industry. Local companies are teaming up to support soccer's growth in the city. This "bayou city" offers visitors cuisine ranging from barbecue and seafood to Mexican-influenced "Tex-Mex." Houston is also bidding to be a host city for the FIFA Women's World Cup™ in 2031.

Kansas City

The Midwestern city called Kansas City straddles parts of two U.S. states — Kansas and Missouri — and is known as the "City of Fountains," as it has more in use than any other U.S. city. Its famed Power & Light District boasts eight blocks of restaurants where visitors can sample the region's famous barbecue.

Kansas City's strong sports culture includes the National Football League's Chiefs — winners of two of the last three Super Bowls. And the Kansas City Current is the world's only women's professional soccer team that plays in a stadium designed especially for women's soccer. The team draws sellout crowds.

Los Angeles

While Hollywood gives

Los Angeles its reputation as movie capital of the world, a mild climate and famous beaches offer visitors a lot more. Tourists can sample music and cuisine influenced by LA's large Latin American and Asian American populations. The arresting desert landscape of Joshua Tree National Park is a two-hour drive away.

LA has proven a draw for global soccer stars, as David Beckham of the United Kingdom and Son Heung-min of the Republic of Korea have played for the LA Galaxy and Los Angeles FC, respectively.

Los Angeles is gearing up to host the Summer Olympics in 2028, after previously hosting the Olympics in 1932 and 1984.

Miami

Miami's Bayfront Park Fan Festival will offer musical performances and stunning ocean views in addition to soccer matches. With its thriving Latin American communities, Miami has long boasted a devoted soccer fan base. The city's enthusiasm grew even greater when Argentina's Lionel Messi began playing for the city's professional club, Inter Miami, in 2023.

Fans looking for adventure can drive an hour to Everglades National Park, a vast wetland wilderness that is home to alligators and flamingos.

New York/New Jersey

New York — famous for skyscrapers, Broadway theater and the lights of Times Square — will host the FIFA World Cup 2026™ finals at a stadium in neighboring New Jersey. In addition to bustling sidewalks along rows of restaurants serving every imaginable type of international cuisine, New York offers museums, libraries, walks in Central Park and the iconic Statue of Liberty, a testament to America's friendship with France.

Philadelphia

Having served as an early U.S. capital, Philadelphia is where America's founding documents were written and is home to the Liberty Bell, which draws 2 million visitors annually. It is the city with the closest ties to the nation's founding and, appropriately, will host a FIFA World Cup 2026™ match on July 4, the day the United States was founded 250 years earlier.

Known as the "city of brotherly love," Philadelphia has a passionate fan base that has turned out 26,000 interested volunteers who want to help support the city's six planned matches.

San Francisco Bay Area

Known for the Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco is a city of steep hills, scaled by streetcars and packed with colorful row houses. It's the northern hub of California's Silicon Valley, a center of technological innovation. Between matches, fans can visit nearby Napa Valley wineries or check out the stunning vistas of Yosemite National Park.

After hosting American football's 2026 Super Bowl in February, San Francisco will be ready will to host six FIFA World Cup 2026™ matches.

Seattle

Known for a drizzly climate, a pedestrian-friendly downtown and a thriving entrepreneurial spirit, Seattle will offer international visitors the chance to sample seafood at Pike's Place Market and take in a view of the entire city from the Space Needle. Seattle's pioneering companies include airplane manufacturer Boeing, software developer Microsoft, and Starbucks, which operates in 85 countries.

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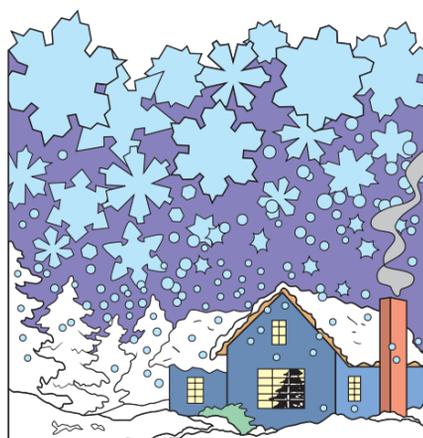
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Jokes From Linda

Submitted by Linda Lavender Armstead

How do bees brush their hair?
With honeycombs.

Why won't peanut butter tell you a secret?
He's afraid you'll spread it.

What is worse than raining cats and doggies?
Hailing taxis.

Why did the cookie go to the hospital?
Because it was feeling crummy.

Supercharge Workouts with Watermelon Smoothies and Shakes

(Family Features) If you're tired of the same bland protein bars and powders, there's a tastier way to rehydrate and replenish after exercise: fresh fruit.

With a delicious solution like watermelon, you can look forward to post-workout recovery snacks, smoothies and shakes. While watermelon satisfies your sweet tooth, it's also a nutrient-dense food, according to the FDA, which qualifies foods and beverages as nutrient-dense when they contain vitamins, minerals, dietary fiber and other beneficial substances that may have positive health effects.

Plus, watermelon is 92% water, making it a delicious way to rehydrate and boost daily fluid intake since you don't need to rely only on what you drink to meet hydration needs. Every day, you lose water through breathing, perspiring and more, and even mild dehydration can drain your energy. For your body to function properly, it's important to replenish your water supply with water and foods that contain water.

Incorporating a variety of healthy ingredients like turmeric, kefir and collagen can help round out post-exercise recipes for both everyday athletes and active lifestyles. Consider this Watermelon Beet Post-Workout Smoothie as a convenient option for boosting energy or rehydrating after a long workout. Blend and enjoy watermelon, banana, beet, kefir and more to stay motivated day after day.

Loaded with superfood ingredients that provide a beneficial boost, a Rosy Red Superfood Smoothie combines watermelon, raspberry, hemp, kefir and agave for a perfect post-workout beverage. Or, to ensure your protein fix doesn't become a bore, turn to a Watermelon Protein Shake that just might become your new go-to recovery drink with watermelon, mango and tart cherry juice.

To find more wellness-inspired smoothies and shakes, visit Watermelon.org.

Watermelon Beet Post-Workout Smoothie

Recipe courtesy of the National Watermelon Promotion Board
Servings: 2

- 1/2 medium cooked and peeled beet, chopped
- 1 cup chopped watermelon
- 1 banana, peeled
- 1/2 cup coconut water
- 1 cup low-fat, plain kefir
- 1/2 lime, peeled
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons vanilla protein powder

In blender, blend beet, watermelon, banana, coconut water, kefir, lime, honey, vanilla extract and protein powder until smooth.

Rosy Red Superfood Smoothie

Recipe courtesy of the National Watermelon Promotion Board
Servings: 3

- 2 cups watermelon cubes
- 1 cup fresh or frozen raspberries
- 1 cup low-fat raspberry kefir
- 2 tablespoons orange juice concentrate
- 2 tablespoons hemp seeds
- 2 tablespoons agave syrup
- ice (optional)

In blender, blend watermelon, raspberries, kefir, orange juice concentrate, hemp seeds, agave syrup and ice, if desired, until smooth.

Watermelon Protein Shake

Recipe courtesy of Chrissy Carroll on behalf of the National Watermelon Promotion Board
Servings: 1

- 1 cup chopped watermelon
- 1 cup frozen mango, chopped
- 1/4 cup tart cherry juice
- 1/2 cup plain, nonfat Greek yogurt
- 1/2 scoop vanilla or unflavored protein powder
- 1 tablespoon honey or to taste (optional)

In blender, blend watermelon, mango, cherry juice, Greek yogurt, protein powder and honey about 30 seconds until well combined.



Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

You can't fix stupid but you can watch it in action on Facebook every day.

Trust isn't built by promises; it's built by showing up when it matters.

I just tell people I'm fine, because what are they gonna do if I'm not?

They held a contest to see which was the best neckwear. It was a tie.

Your scars are proving your strength, not signs of weakness.

Families should meet more for dinners, not just for funerals.

I hate it when you dream something you really want and it's not real.

The temperature went from 70 to 45 like it saw a state trooper.

Warrant out for invisible man - the charge is failure to appear.

Life is easier when you can forgive.

Don't let the past poison your future.

The world owes you nothing.

I wish I could fly like a bird.

Home is where the heart is.

Sometimes, miracles are just good people with kind hearts that God has sent to you.

My husband isn't a hoarder; he's a "this-might-be-useful-later" specialist.

Be careful what you tolerate because you are teaching people how to treat you.

I myself am made up entirely of flaws, which have been stitched together with good intentions.

A friend who understands your tears is more valuable than a lot of friends who only know your smile.

Wives are young men's mistresses; companions for middle age; and old men's nurses. - Sir Francis Bacon

The most practical, beautiful, workable philosophy in the world won't work - if you won't. - Zig Ziglar

In this world, a man must either be anvil or hammer. - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

No love, no friendship can cross the path of our destiny without leaving some mark on it forever.

The person beside you at dinner is worth more than a thousand followers online.

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.

It is the quality of our work which will please God and not the quantity.

Provision for others is a fundamental responsibility of human life. - Woodrow Wilson



Most people don't want the truth - they just want to feel right.

Life doesn't get easier; you just get stronger or give up.

Not everyone who smiles at you has good intentions.

Nobody is too busy you're just not their priority.

When I am with you, the only place I want to be is closer.

Health is the only wealth - lose it, and nothing else matters.

You know it's cold outside when you go outside and it's cold.

The fastest way to waste life is to hold grudges.

Not everyone will like you, no matter how kind you are.

Comfort is a slowest poison; it kills ambition quietly.

Doggies can make even a gloomy day feel bright.

Your kids need your time more than your money.

Faith in God's sacrifice, in the gift of His Son. It's not what you do, it's what He did.

I just paid my bills; the only thing left on my credit card is my name and expiration date.

Make a habit out of celebrating the small moments in healing, gratitude, and growth.

For peace of mind, resign as general manager of the universe.

If God sends us on stony paths, He will provide us with strong shoes.

The good old days still live inside our hearts in every song, every smell, every memory that makes us quietly smile.

My new car has a button for pretty much everything. There is even one that says "rear wiper." I'm still too afraid to try that one.

Ever have a pet look at you like you're their whole world? That moment alone can fix the kind of sadness my doctor every could.

There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle. - Albert Einstein

You're rich if you have silver in your hair, gold in your teeth, crystals in kidneys, sugar in the blood, iron in the arteries and an inexhaustible supply of natural gas.

While we're mourning at a grave, they're marveling in Heaven.

I'm a better person

when it's not cold outside.

Exactly how long is a cotton-picking minute?

Happiness is not a constant state - it comes and goes.

Life isn't fair, and it never will be.

Being an adult is like folding a fitted sheet.

People change, and sometimes they don't change back.

Your comfort zone is the biggest enemy of your growth.

No one is coming to save you - it's on you.

Always take a break when you need one.

My fear of moving stairs is escalating.

When sitting down to eat, pause for a moment to think of all the people and aspects of the natural world that played a role in bringing food to your table.

Of all the "attitudes" we can acquire, surely the attitude of gratitude is the most important and by far the most life-changing.

Don't worry about the family that ignores and acts like you don't matter. Love the ones who are always there for you, no matter what.

Life would be infinitely happier if we could only be born at the age of 80 and gradually approach 18. - Mark Twain

Appreciate those who gossip about you. It's not easy for someone to set aside their own problems just to focus on yours.

I remember when the only GPS we had was a road map in the glove compartment and it never folded back the same way twice.

Never forget the ones who ignored you when you needed them, and the ones who helped you before you even had to ask.

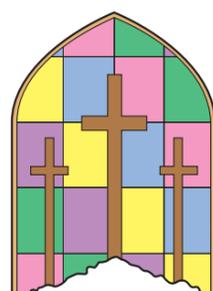
Victory doesn't always come with applause; sometimes it's a quiet moment when you realize, "I made it through."

Back then, we didn't have much, but somehow everything felt enough - maybe because love was louder than luxury.

It's funny how staying home with kids is seen as "not working." Yet daycares charge a fortune to do exactly that.

The ground we walk on today may be our roof tomorrow.

Bible Verse



Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

— Proverbs 28:13

HURRICANE HIGH SCHOOL SHOW CHOIRS

Heat Wave in 'Diamond Heist' and Red Hots visit 'Haunted Mansion'



The girls of Heat Wave strike a dramatic pose at the end of one of the "Diamond Heist" songs.



Talla Marcum and Frida Levya performed "Busted" during Red Hot's dinner theatre.



Cooper Ellis and Aiden Kinser performed "Man Eater" during the dinner theatre.



Heat Wave performs in colorful pink and blue costumes in this number, like light reflecting off the facets of a diamond.



A trio of performers emerge from the vault.



A trio of performers from Red Hot Show Choir dance with black umbrellas in the haunted house.



The boys of Red Hot Show Choir dance in white and red tuxedos.



Sinister looking old portraits were a theme in the "Haunted Mansion" performance show.



Red Hot Show Choir performs one of the final numbers in "Haunted Mansion."

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The Red Hot Show Choir began in 1992, and Heat Wave was formed in 2016. The two choirs have won many awards and recognitions, with Red Hot winning the Heart of America, Nashville, Tennessee, competition in 2025 - the first time the choir has won in a national event.

Red Hot and Heat Wave Show Choirs are directed by Joseph Kincaid, with assistant directors Casey Edwards and Cynthia Coulson, and Instrumental Director Evelyn Bush. Red Hot is choreographed by Randy Sage, Tori Brindis, and Payton Bellman, and Heat Wave is choreographed by Tara Tober and Haven Steele.

Cpl. William B. Fulks Detachment 1474 invites all interested in becoming part of the Marine Corps League to its January 19 meeting at Hurricane City Hall at 3255 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, at 1800 hours.

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- John 14:12

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BASIC BIBLE

By Ron Allen
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Isaiah's Glimpse of God's Throne

Isaiah 6:1-13

The prophet Isaiah was chosen by God to deliver messages of the judgment to come upon Judah and upon the nations surrounding Judah. Isaiah was also given a wealth of revelation concerning the coming Messiah which he relayed to all who had the ears to hear. In the text before us, Isaiah reveals the details of his calling.

Every prophet whose words are part of the holy canon were called by God but not every calling has been preserved as scripture. Isaiah's calling reveals the manner by which believers are empowered to become the agents of God's will.

Isaiah relates the moment and setting of his call to prophetic service. It was the last year of the reign of Uzziah, king of Judah. By way of vision, Isaiah saw the Lord sitting upon His throne. It was an overwhelming sight. The Lord sat high and His garments filled the temple. Above the throne was a special order of angels called Seraphim which called out “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.”

Our curiosities are often piqued by accounts of angelic beings as seraphim and cherubim to the extent that we look beyond the information which is placed before us. Each seraphim possessed three sets of wings. Two wings were used to cover the face, two to cover the feet, and two for flying. While it is possible to suggest reasons that two sets of wings were used for covering purposes, Isaiah was not shown seraphim with the intent that he should understand the anatomy of angels. Isaiah was shown a picture of God's holiness in preparation of his being called to deliver God's messages to Judah and to all men.

The seraphim are in the presence of God and continually declare His holiness and His glory. Isaiah may not have understood the details of what he was shown but one thing that he certainly understood was that he was in the presence of God Almighty and that he was unworthy to view the things that he beheld. Isaiah's reaction was: “Woe is me!” Isaiah confessed that he was a man of unclean lips and that he dwelt in the midst of a people of unclean lips. No man can look upon God and live. Isaiah fully expected to die.

The unexpected happened. One of the seraphim flew to Isaiah with a live coal from the altar where burnt offerings were offered up to the Lord. When a sacrifice is placed upon the altar, live coals transform the lifeless offering into a pleasant fragrance which is holy and acceptable to God. The angel touched the coal to Isaiah's lips and lips which had formerly spoken unclean words were made pure. The past was no more. Isaiah's iniquities were taken away and his sin purged.

The picture presented to Isaiah and to us is easy to understand. Isaiah's sin was great but the grace of God is greater. The seraphim's action demonstrated this truth to Isaiah and to us. God wants men to know that His grace is sufficient for all whom come to Him in repentance.

Isaiah stated: “I heard the voice of the Lord” (v. 8). In verse 4, Isaiah reported that the doorposts shook and the house was filled with smoke when the Lord spoke. What a difference! Before his sin was taken away, Isaiah knew that the Lord was speaking but he did not hear what was said. The house was filled with smoke. Isaiah could not see clearly or comprehend the words of the Lord until his sins were removed. Isaiah understood after the Lord made him pure.

Isaiah heard the Lord ask: “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” When the seraphim touched the coal to Isaiah's lips, his lips were purified. It was with purified lips that Isaiah responded, “Here am I; send me.”

Today, men are called to the Lord's service in similar manner. The preliminaries are the same. One must recognize his unworthiness before God — even realize that one is deserving of death. One must realize and then accept that his death penalty has been served by Christ Jesus. One must partake of the coal from the altar of sacrifice. Then, and only then, can one listen with a pure heart and receive the plan that God has for him. One cannot hear until one has been cleansed.

In verse 10, Isaiah was told to make the heart of this people fat, make their ears heavy, and to shut their eyes lest they convert and be healed. The words which Isaiah was to deliver were from God. Isaiah would prophesy of the rod which would come from the stem of Jesse (Isa. 11) and of the righteous servant who would justify many (Isa. 53) and of many more things which his listeners would not understand. Prophesying consists of both forthtelling and foretelling. Forthtelling is proclaiming what is and foretelling is stating that which shall be.

Isaiah asked how long he was to prophesy. God answered “Until the cities be . . . without inhabitant and the land be utterly desolate” (v. 11). Isaiah was to forthtell and to foretell until there were none to hear. After there would be none to hear, a remnant would return. The remnant would be eaten but the holy seed shall remain and be the substance thereof (v. 13).

The Lord's answer to Isaiah's question “how long?” was and is for the ears of all who would ever be made pure by the living coal lifted up from the altar of sacrifice. Isaiah was to “go” and to “tell”. The Lord's instruction to New Testament believers is the same — “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost” (Matt. 28:19). Isaiah did not qualify himself. God did! Isaiah confessed his sin and let God do the rest. God empowered Isaiah to hear His voice. God empowers each and every believer with the Comforter, the indwelling Holy Spirit. New Testament believers are vessels of the Spirit that speaks to and convicts the lost.

How long shall we forthtell and foretell? The Lord has said: Until the holy seed be the substance there of. Let us speak the words which we have been given.

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KIDS TALK ABOUT GOD

BY CAREY KINSOLVING AND FRIENDS

Why Did Jesus Say Christians Would Do Greater Things Than He Did?

Jesus said that those who believe in him would do greater works than he did (John 14:12). How is this possible?

“We can tell them that Jesus died on the cross for all the people and loves them a lot,” says Josiah, 5.

Jesus did a lot of miracles and so did his Apostles, but the greatest miracle is when people accept God's gift of eternal life by believing in Jesus as their savior. They pass from spiritual death into a life that is depicted as the party of all parties called the wedding feast of the Lamb (Revelation 19:9 & Matthew 22:1-14).

Jesus fed 5,000 men with a few small fish and loaves of bread, but look what happened on the Day of Pentecost after Jesus rose from the dead! Devout Jews from all over the known world gathered in Jerusalem for the Pentecost feast. God performed a miracle. He temporarily unscrambled the language barrier. When the Apostles spoke, everyone understood in his own native language (Acts 2:5-7).

After the Apostle Peter spoke about Jesus' life, death and resurrection, about 3,000 people became believers (Acts 2:41). In one message, probably more people entered into God's kingdom than during the entire ministry of Jesus. The entire Book of Acts is devoted to the spread of the gospel and the establishment of the church, first in Israel among the Jews as they gathered for worship, food and fellowship from house-to-house (Acts 2:42), and then among Gentile cities throughout the Roman Empire.

Certainly in this sense, the Apostles and those who believed in Jesus through their preaching did greater things. Greater can also be applied to all the countries in which churches were established. Jesus purposely confined his ministry almost exclusively to Judea to train 12 disciples.

“We can do greater things because the Bible says that if you ask something in Jesus' name, it will happen,” says Gabriella, 8.

When Jesus said Christians would do greater things, he gave a reason for his amazing statement: “because I go to my Father” (John 14:12b).

Some Christians talk about Jesus reigning from his throne in his kingdom as though it's a future event. In the Apostle Peter's famous Pentecost sermon, he stated that God promised in an oath to King David that “He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ,” (Acts 2:30b-31a).

Sitting on David's throne is all about the resurrection of Christ. Is Jesus resurrected? Is he seated on David's throne in heaven? The answer to both these questions is a big YES! God's kingdom is here now, but it will be greater or more fully realized in the future.

A resurrected Jesus on his throne is the major reason why Jesus said Christians would do greater works. Immediately after Jesus predicted greater works, he said, “And whatever you ask in my name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son,” (John 14:13).

Think about this: Jesus is reigning and ruling as king and priest in a resurrected body seated on David's throne in heaven. His kingdom is growing every day as people place their trust in him as their only hope for eternal life in his kingdom, which will be fully realized on Earth one day.

Memorize this truth: John 14:13 previously quoted.

Ask these questions: Have you discovered your role in the growth of God's glorious kingdom? Are you asking Jesus in prayer to advance his kingdom through you?

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JANET DELORIS SLAWTER

Janet Deloris Slawter, 91, of Hurricane, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, January 6, 2026.

She was born on February 24, 1934 in Boone County, to the late Norvel and Betsey Snead.

Janet enjoyed playing the piano and working outside in her flowers. She was a member of the St. Albans United Pentecostal Church for over 50 years. In addition to helping with many events with the ladies auxiliary she taught Sunday School, played piano and the organ for the church.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Earl Slawter; and daughter-in-law, Betty Slawter.

Janet is survived by her three sons, Robert of Hurricane, Douglas of Calhoun GA, and Walter (Bethany) of Hurricane; four granddaughters, Macee, Bralee, Camree, Carlee, one great grandson, Kasai; and a great granddaughter due in March.

A graveside service was Sunday, January 11, at Teays Hills Cemetery, St. Albans.

CHARLES LEE WARNER

Charles Lee Warner, 82, of Hurricane, formerly of Sistersville, passed away on January 6, 2026 at CAMC TV.

Charles was born to the late Lee A. and Evelyn L. Parsons Warner on July 20, 1943 in Charleston. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his nephew, Matt Warner.

He was a 1961 graduate of South Charleston High School as well as a 1973

graduate of WVIT with a Mechanical and Civil Engineering degree, later he proudly served his country in the WVANG 130th earning the rank of Maj. upon retirement. Charles was a member, former deacon and Sunday School Teacher at First Baptist Church of Sistersville and attended Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church in Hurricane. He was also a member of Tau Beta Pi, WV Beta an honorary Engineering Fraternity, and the National Rifle Association.

Charles is survived by his former spouse and business partner, Jennifer Naylor Warner of Sistersville; sons: Samuel B. Warner of Concord, NC and Curtis L. Warner of Scott Depot; grandchildren: Caroline Warner, Ava Warner, and Samuel Warner; brother, Jim Warner (Mary Ann) of Milton; sister, Jan Warner Ramey (Scott) of Hurricane; sisters in-law: Catherine Naylor and Stephanie Naylor Burks (John); nieces: Kim Warner Davidson, Reese and Rylee Ramey, Jamie Ann Warner, Eryn Wallace Legg, Leah Gibson, Whitney Naylor-Smith, and Jennifer Ann Burks; and nephews: Daniel Murphy and Matt Smith.

Visitation was Sunday, January 11, 2026, at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane. Charles will be buried at a later date on the family farm, Shiloh, in Friendly, WV.

LOLA ANNE WARREN

Lola Anne Warren, of Culloden, passed away on January 8, 2026, just minutes into her 93rd birthday.

She was born in Weston, West Virginia,

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on January 8, 1933, the daughter of the late J. Harley Boram and Sue S. Boram. She graduated with high honors from Weston High School in 1950 and continued her education at Mountain State College in Parkersburg, where she was recognized as "The Secretary of Tomorrow."

On April 19, 1952, she married Walter H. "Huppy" Warren, Jr., who preceded her in death in 2006. Following their marriage, the couple moved to Charleston, where Lola worked as a legal secretary and later served on the staff of the West Virginia State Senate during legislative sessions.

In 1967, the family moved to Culloden, where Lola and her husband became owners of Highland Insurance in Huntington.

Lola was preceded in death by her daughter and son-in-law, Marianne Warren Monk and David Monk; her brothers, Dr. William Boram and wife JoAnn, and Thomas Boram and wife Marie; her sisters, Dorothy Burkhammer and husband Frank, and Linda McCorgan and husband Jerry; and her beloved niece, Bonnie Coleman.

She is survived by two sons, Walter H. Warren III and wife Sue-Beth

of Wheeling and Stuart P. Warren and wife Carla of Winfield. Also surviving are fourteen grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, one great-great-granddaughter, and several dear nieces and nephews. She is also survived by special friends Nancy Hunter, Marcy Stowers, and Jesse Wilburn.

Lola was an avid reader and a devoted player of bridge and Scrabble. She loved grammar, poetry, and the written word, held a deep interest in social justice, and treasured lively family gatherings filled with conversation, food, and laughter. She enjoyed sharing that she, her sister Linda, and her oldest grandson Chris Chapman were all winners of the West Virginia Golden Horseshoe.

She was a devoted member of St. Timothy's-in-the-Valley Episcopal Church in Hurricane where she served faithfully in many roles over the years.

Funeral service was Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at St. Timothy's-in-the-Valley Episcopal Church with Father Andy Bird officiating. Burial was in Forest Memorial Park, Milton.

Obituaries

DAISY MAE BACKUS

Daisy Mae Backus 91, of Fraziers Bottom, passed away on January 5, 2026.

She was born to the late Avner and Madeline (Neal) Backus on September 29, 1934 in Nicholas County. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her brother, Robert Backus; and sister, Ruby Elkins.

Daisy is survived by her daughter, Pamela and husband, Jeff Jones of Fraziers Bottom; sister, Annie Cole of Chimney Corners; and special cousin, Debbie Skyles of Charleston.

Per her wishes there will be no services.

Burial was in Pine Grove Cemetery, Milton.

DARRELL RAPPOLD

Darrell Keith Rappold, 62, died at Putnam Center in Hurricane on January 10, 2026, after a long illness. He was born on November 9, 1963 in Charleston, to Darrell Gene Rappold and Joyce Lee Rappold and has been a lifelong resident of Hurricane.

A graduate of Hurricane High School Class of 1982, Keith had a heart of gold and would give you the shirt off his back. During his younger, healthier years you could find him in the gym lifting weights and hanging out with his friends. He was the fun uncle and earned the title of "Uncle Buck," which stuck with him throughout his life. As his health declined, he was always appreciative of the assistance he received through his caregivers and medical team. He loved to talk to his family and friends on the phone. He had just gotten his first iPad and was learning to FaceTime so he could see those he was talking with. He was always ready to tell a story, share a memory, and make you laugh. Though he was named Darrell after his dad he always said he knew when "his people" were calling because they knew him only as "Keith."

He is survived by: sister and brother-in-law, Sherri and Jerry Kreps of Lincoln, NE; brother and sister-in-law, Kevin and Shelia Rappold of Scott Depot; sister and brother-in-law Tina and Antony Roberts of Dublin, OH; nieces/nephews: Lakan Rappold of Hurricane; Christian (Leah) Hale of Spring Hill, TN; Collin Roberts and Abby Roberts of Dublin, OH; Jordan Kreps of Lincoln, NE; Zachary Rappold of Hamlin; and Garrett Rappold of Scott Depot; great nephews Wesley and Wyatt Sowards of Hurricane; and Weston Hale of Spring Hill, TN.

He is preceded in death by his parents Darrell G. and Joyce Rappold, grandparents Clyde and Ruby Rappold, and Charles Lee and Bernice Hammack.

Keith will be cremated and a memorial service announced at a later date.

DONNIE NELSON

Donnie R. Nelson peacefully went to be with the Lord on January 9, 2026, after a long illness. Born on November 29, 1948, in Hurricane, Donnie graduated from Hurricane High School in 1966 and dedicated 22 years of service to the U.S. Navy. After his military career, he retired from the U.S. Postal Service and was a devoted member of the First Church of God in Hurricane. He found joy in woodworking and gardening, passions that reflected his love for creating and nurturing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Martha Nelson, and his brothers Lloyd (Sandy) Nelson and Steven (Karen) Nelson.

Donnie is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years, Janet L Nelson; his brothers Kelly Gene Nelson of Hurricane, Paul (Debbie) Nelson of Crystal River, FL, and Ronnie (Tami) Nelson of St. Augustine, FL. He is also remembered by his sisters-in-law Susan (Dave) Hunsinger of Tallahassee, FL, Pat (Bob) Kilburn of New Johnsonville, TN; brothers-in-law Butch Mesick of Keystone Heights, FL, and Paul Mesick of Arden, NC; many nieces and nephews; and two adopted granddaughters, Jayme Green of Huntington, and Abby Tucker of Buffalo.

Donnie will be remembered as a loving husband, uncle, and papaw.

Funeral service was Monday, January 12, 2026, at Allen Funeral Home, with Pastor Harold Richards officiating.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vesting in it by that certain Deed of Trust recorded on November 13, 2006, in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Book 809 at Page 684, Mark G. Slone and Katherine M. Slone did convey unto Kristine L. Vallette, as Original Trustee, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Elk River Trustees Inc., as Substitute Trustee by virtue of a Substitution of Trustee recorded on December 22, 2025, in Book 1403 at Page 182 in the aforesaid Clerk's Office; the undersigned Substitute Trustee has been requested, in writing, by the beneficiary of said Deed of Trust to sell the real estate described below, as there has been a default under the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust. Therefore, the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by NewRez, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing to foreclose thereunder will offer for sale, at a public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse in Winfield, West Virginia, on

February 2, 2026 at 11:00 AM

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

BEING ALL OF THE FOLLOWING TRACTS OF LAND SITUATE ON THE WATERS OF SULUG BRANCH OF EIGHTEEN MILE CREEK IN UNION DISTRICT, PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

TRACT NO.1:

BEGINNING AT A HICKORY STANDING ON A SOUTH HILLSIDE, CORNER TO A LAND NOW OR FORMERLY BELONGING TO SARAH WARNER; THENCE LEAVING SAME, N. 73 DEG. W. 50 POLES 13 LINKS TO A STONE AND POINTERS ON THE WEST SIDE OF SULUG CREEK; THENCE S. 60 DEG. W. 41 POLES AND 6 LINKS TO A SMALL BEECH ON THE HILLSIDE; THENCE S. 23 DEG. W. CROSSING A DRAIN 47 POLES AND 22 LINKS TO A SMALL BLACK OAK ON A HILLSIDE; THENCE S. 65 DEG. E. 84 POLES 6 LINKS TO AN ASH ON TOP OF RIDGE; THENCE N. 86-1/4 DEG. E. 69 POLES 9 LINKS TO A PILE OF STONES NEAR THE TOP OF THE MAIN RIDGE; THENCE N. 25 DEG. E. 65 POLES 21 LINKS TO A STONE AND POINTERS ON A SOUTH HILLSIDE CORNER TO THE AFORESAID LANDS OF SARAH WARNER; THENCE WITH SAME, N. 73 DEG. W. 75 POLES TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 73 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

THERE IS EXCEPTED AND RESERVED FROM THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED TRACT NO. 1 A TRACT CONTAINING 1.378 ACRES AS SHOWN UPON A MAP DATED MAY 28, 2003, BY WILLIAM J. WHITMAN, P.S., WHICH IS BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A REBAR, SAID REBAR BEING S. 64 DEG. 41' E. 126.78 FEET FROM A 1/2" REBAR FOUND AT THE COMMON CORNER OF TRACT 3 OF PARCEL ONE IN THE HERINAFTER MENTIONED DEED OF THE PARTIES OF THE FIRST PART; THENCE FROM SAID SET REBAR, S. 64 DEG. 41' E. 411.96 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR, BEING A POINT ON THE LINE OF AFORESAID PARCEL; THENCE WITH FIVE (5) NEW DIVISION LINES, S. 55 DEG. 15' W. 137.17 FEET TO A REBAR; THENCE S. 86 DEG. 26' W. 177.49 FEET TO A REBAR; THENCE N. 81 DEG. 55' W. 177.49 FEET TO A REBAR; THENCE N. 3 DEG. 44' W. 51.06 FEET TO A REBAR; THENCE N. 6 DEG. 29' E. 185.98 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 1.378 ACRES, LEAVING AS A RESIDUE CONVEYED HEREIN OF 71.622 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

TRACT NO. 2:

BEGINNING AT A STONE AND POINTERS IN A DRAIN OF SULUG BRANCH OF EIGHTEEN MILE CREEK AT A CORNER TO PROPERTY NOW OR FORMERLY BELONGING TO E. V. JONES; THENCE DOWN SAID DRAIN S. 78 DEG. W. 39-3/5 POLES TO A STONE; THENCE S. 46 DEG. W. 54 POLES TO A STAKE; THENCE UP THE HILL, N. 85-1/2 DEG. W. 34 POLES TO A STAKE ON THE RIDGE; THENCE N. 10 DEG. E. 79 POLES TO A SMALL WHITE OAK IN LINE OF PROPERTY NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY D. V. BENNETT; THENCE WITH TWO LINE SAME, S. 64 DEG. E. 42 POLES TO A STAKE (FORMERLY AN ASH), AND N. 87 DEG. E. 69 POLES 9 LINKS TO A STONE ON THE RIDGE SAME BEING A CORNER TO PROPERTY NOW OR FORMERLY OWNED BY ELMORE WARNER E.V. JONES AND SAID D.V. BENNETT; THENCE WITH ONE LINE OF E. V. JONES, S. 24 DEG. W. 21-3/4 POLES TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 30-3/4 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

TRACT NO. 3(A):

BEGINNING AT A STONE AT A CORNER TO SAID D. V. BENNETT ON THE BRANCH OF SULUG BRANCH OF EIGHTEEN MILE CREEK; THENCE S. 21 DEG. W. 42 POLES TO A STAKE; THENCE N. 78 DEG. W. 34 POLES TO A STAKE; THENCE N. 6 DEG. W. 9 POLES, 8 LINKS TO A PINE; THENCE N. 24 DEG. E. 48 POLES TO A STAKE IN SAID LINE OF D. V. BENNETT; THENCE WITH LINE OF SAME, S. 10 DEG. W. 20 POLES; THENCE 85-1/2 DEG. E. 34 POLES TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 9-1/2 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

TRACT NO. 3(B):

BEGINNING ON THE WEST SIDE OF SULUG BRANCH AT A CORNER TO SAID D.V. BENNETT; THENCE WITH LINE OF SAME, S. 60 DEG. W. 41 POLES 6 LINKS TO A STAKE; THENCE S. 23 DEG. W. 23 POLES TO A CORNER OF PROPERTY

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NOW OR FORMERLY BELONGING TO THORNTON; THENCE N. 36 DEG. W. 33 POLES TO A HAVE BUSH; THENCE N. 19 DEG. W. 25 POLES TO A BEECH AT A CORNER TO PROPERTY NOW OR FORMERLY BELONGING TO A.L. STONE; THENCE N. 65 DEG. E. 33 POLES TO A STONE IN LINE OF SAID A.L. STONE; THENCE S. 53 DEG. E. 22 POLES; THENCE S. 71 DEG. E. 30 POLES TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 12-3/4 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY WHICH WAS CONVEYED UNTO MARK G. SLONE AND KATHERINE MOLZ SLONE BY DEED DATED THE 17TH DAY OF APRIL, 2006, FROM ARTHUR J. CHESTNUT, II AND ROBIN L. CHESTNUT, HIS WIFE, WHICH DEED IS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, IN DEED BOOK 464 AT PAGE 758.

At the time of the execution of the subject Deed of Trust, the property was reported to have an address of: 5613 Bowles Ridge Road, Leon WV 25123

The above referenced real estate will be conveyed with no covenants of warranty and subject to any and all easements, rights of way, conditions, covenants, restrictions, exceptions, reservations, leases and other servitudes, which may be a matter of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or visible upon the ground. The sale of the referenced real estate will also be subject to all prior liens and including any and all other deeds of trust, judgments, liens, and all other encumbrances of any nature whatsoever, if any, having priority over the subject Deed of Trust.

The subject property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee makes no representations and warranties of any kind or character including, but not limited to, the condition of the real estate or the title to the real estate to be conveyed. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

In the event that there are federal tax liens against the property, the United States has the right to redeem the property within a period of one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of the sale. The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to adjourn the sale for a time, or from time to time, without further notice, by announcement at the time and place of the foreclosure sale described herein.

TERMS OF SALE

- 1. \$5,000.00 (Five Thousand Dollars) in cash and/or certified funds made payable to "Elk River Trustees, Inc." due as a deposit at the time of sale, with the balance due and payable within thirty (30) days of sale. Personal checks will not be accepted.
2. The purchaser at the sale shall be responsible for payment of all real estate taxes.
3. The purchaser shall be responsible for payment of the recording cost of the deed and also for payment of the tax on the privilege of transferring the real property (transfer tax) imposed by West Virginia Code § 11-22-2.
4. The parties secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at the foreclosure sale.

ELK RIVER TRUSTEES, INC. 714 Venture Drive, #132 Morgantown, WV 26508 Telephone: 304-241-6962 Fax: 330-436-0301 Reference file # 25-03098

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Notice of Public Hearing Reschedule

The following Putnam County Planning Commission hearing scheduled January 22, 2026, has been rescheduled to Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 221 of the Putnam County Courthouse, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213:

Four S Development, LLC, T.J. Summers has requested preliminary plat approval for Liberty Park, Phase 2 Parcel C(0.33 acres) and Parcel D (2.398 acres), two commercial lots located on Liberty Park Drive (CR-33/1), Hurricane, WV on Tax Map 213, Parcel 38 and 38.15. The property is zoned 'C-2' High Density Commercial.

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

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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: Civil Action No. 25-D-271 The Marriage of: Carrie Tee Rooper Petitioner and Andantino Pradora Respondent

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE. THIS IS A PUBLICATION BY CLASS II LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT.

To the Above-Named Respondent: It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that Andantino Pradora is a non-resident of the State of West Virginia or has an unknown address. It is hereby ordered that Andantino Pradora serve upon Putnam County Circuit Clerk's Office, whose address is 12093 Winfield Rd, Ste 12, Winfield WV 25213, an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition For Divorce filed in this action on or before January 26, 2026. If you fail to Answer the Petition For Divorce, a judgment may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's Office. Entered by the Clerk of said Court, December 29, 2025.

STEPHANIE SMITH/jo Clerk of the Court 1-8-21

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Putnam County Commission shall sit as a Board of Review and Equalization regarding all taxes assessed (personal and real) for the taxable year 2026, on the following dates and times:

Friday January 30, 2026 9:00 AM & 9:15 AM Hearing for Proposed Appraised Value of Natural Resource Property or Industrial Property from the Tax Commissioner

Wednesday, February 4, 2026 9:00 AM & 9:15 AM

Monday, February 9, 2026 9:00 AM

Thursday, February 12, 2026 9:00 AM

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 5:00 PM

The hearings shall be held in the Courtroom on the 2nd Floor of the Putnam County Courthouse, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213. All hearings shall be by APPOINTMENT only by calling (304) 586-0201 or writing the Putnam County Commission at said address. 1-15-21

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

Estate No.: 6277 Estate Of: Curtis Butcher, Jr. Executor: Shayne A. Butcher 250 Double Eagle Dr. Charleston, WV 25314

Estate No.: 6253 Estate Of: Jacob Conner Casebolt Administrator: Joshua R. Casebolt 4 Raleigh Place Cross Lanes, WV 25313

Estate No.: 6343 Estate Of: Joan Mary Griffith Executor: Mary D. Aldridge 128 Willowood Circle Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6266 Estate Of: Wilma Jean Hartley aka W. Jean Bradford Alan McElfish 262 Foster Road Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6259 Estate Of: Shirley Ann Perdue Administrator: Virgil L. Sargent PO Box 118 Winfield, Wv 25213

Estate No.: 6344 Estate Of: Jerry Lee Priddy Executor: Jerry Lee Priddy, Jr. 46 Young Lane Hurricane, WV 25526

All persons having claims against the estate(s) of any of the above-named deceased persons whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims with vouchers thereof, legally verified, to the fiduciary of such deceased person as shown above within 60 days of January 15, 2026, or, if not, to exhibit the same at the office of the undersigned Fiduciary Supervisor at the address shown below by said date; otherwise any or all such claims may by law be excluded from all benefits of said estate(s). No claims against the estate shall be accepted by the fiduciary supervisor after said date. All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear either before the above-named fiduciary by the date first shown above, or thereafter before the undersigned fiduciary supervisor by the date last shown above to examine said claims and otherwise protect their respective interests. All persons seeking to impeach or establish a will must file a complaint pursuant to W. Va. Code. Any person objecting to the representative's qualifications, venue or jurisdiction must file a complaint within 60 days of January 15, 2026. Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 7TH day of January 2026

Fiduciary Supervisor Putnam County Commission 10293 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213 1-15-21

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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

To: Magistrate Court Case David Etwood No.: 25-M40D-00119 Bradford Name 7186 US Route 60 Family Hurricane WV 25526 Court Address 10-2-1986 Civil Action No.: 25-DV-95 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 3-1-2026. 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 7th day of January, 2026.

STEPHANIE SMITH/jo Circuit Clerk 1-15-17

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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

To: Magistrate Court Case Cameron No.: 25-M40D-00145 Michael Whittington Respondent's Name 245 Whittbury Lane Family Red House WV 25168 Court Respondent's Address Civil Action 03-21-2003 No.: 25-DV-117 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 4-5-2026. 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 8th day of January, 2026.

STEPHANIE SMITH/jo Circuit Clerk 1-15-17

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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 May 5, 2009, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Document No. 002670260012, in Book No. 901, at Page 640 and modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded on May 28, 2012, in Document No. 003453790008 MOD, in Book No. 1041, at Page 876 and modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded on March 25, 2015, in Document No. 003801980008 MOD, in Book No. 1095, at Page 303 and modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded on October 3, 2017 in Document No. 004257470008 MOD, in Book No. 1171, at Page 802 and modified by Loan Modification Agreement recorded on February 28, 2019 in Document No. 004577800009 MOD, in Book No. 1208, at Page 649, Steven W Short and Shelley D Short did convey unto Lisa Moye, 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 Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust F to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse in Winfield, West Virginia, on

February 23, 2026 at 11:30 AM

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 13 - Winfield Town District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Winfield Town District, Putnam County, West Virginia, being more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEING known, numbered and designated as all of Lot Number Eighteen (18) of the Riverview Subdivision, as the same is shown upon a map of said Subdivision made by C.B. Holsclaw and John A. Holsclaw, Civil Engineers, and duly of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Map Book 2, at pages 74 and 75. AND BEING THE SAME property conveyed unto Steven W. Short and Shelley D. Short, husband and wife, by Jerome W. Johnson by Deed dated the 5th day of May, 2009, said Deed to be recorded simultaneously herewith.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 21 Elm Street, AKA 139 Elm Street, Winfield, WV 25213.

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 time of sale with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale. FEDERAL TAX LIEN: In the event that there are Federal Tax Liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.

Pursuant to the Deed of Trust,

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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.

SENECA TRUSTEES, INC. 5000 Coombs Farm Drive, Suite 104 Morgantown, WV 26508 (304) 413-0044 (304) 292-2918 Toll free: (888) 534-3132 Reference File No. 36636 1-8-21

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Under authority of that certain Deed of Trust dated May 2, 2008, from Billy Ray Kersey and Kathy Lynn Kersey to Casie McGee, Trustee, of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia in Trust Deed Book No. 869, at page 266, securing a promissory note in the principal amount of \$71,233.80, payable to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., and default having been made under the promissory note secured by the aforesaid Deed of Trust and sale requested by Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse in Winfield, West Virginia on January 22, 2026 at 4:30 p.m., subject to all reservations, exceptions, easements and other matters which appear of record, and subject to all unpaid taxes, if any, all that certain tract or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Union District, Putnam County, West Virginia, as the same is described upon the hereto attached and annexed plat or map entitled "Plat of Survey Showing Re-Survey of Tract for Marvin Cochran Located Along Mclane Turnpike Now VVA Sec. Rt. #34 Being Tract Conveyed To B.M. Bailey By Vaughn Fisher Mar. 27, 1947 Recorded in DB 90 Pg. 18 Union District Putnam Co. VVA", dated the 13th day of June, 1974, Scale: 1" = 100' and being prepared by Jarrel A. Clendenin, L.L.S., License #259, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a 3/4" iron pipe near the top of a ridge being in the corner of the lands now or formerly owned by Beechie Bailey and the lands now or formerly owned by J. H. Unrue; thence leaving said beginning point with the line of Unrue S. 52° 00' E., 125 ft., to a concrete monument; thence continuing with said Unrue line N. 75° 00' E., 243.0 ft., to an iron pipe; thence leaving said Unrue line S. 20° 00' W., 400 feet to a point in West Virginia State Route No. 34; thence S. 2° 00' W., and crossing the right of way line of West Virginia State Route No. 34, 100 ft., to a nail driven in the pavement near the easterly right of way line of said West Virginia State

Route No. 34; thence S. 25° 00' W., crossing West Virginia State Route No. 34, 100 ft., to an iron pipe set in the westerly right of way line of the said West Virginia State Route No. 34; thence leaving said right of way line S. 82° 00' W., 100 ft., to an iron pipe; thence S. 60° 00' W., 100 ft. to an iron pipe set in the easterly right of way line of West Virginia State Route No. 34; thence continuing with the easterly right of way line of West Virginia State Route No. 34, N. 9° 00' W., to an iron pipe set by a maple, said iron pipe also being in a corner of the lands now or formerly owned by Beechie Bailey; thence with the Bailey line N. 68° 00' E., 122.5 ft., to an iron pipe; thence continuing with a line of Beechie Bailey, N. 6° 00' W., 176.0 ft. to the place of beginning and containing 3.57 acres, more or less.

Together with a certain Manufactured Home, Serial No. VAF1719AB63372.

Being the same property conveyed from Shelby Bailey and Blanche B. Bailey, his wife, to Billy Ray Kersey and Kathy Lynn Kersey, his wife, by Deed dated June 20, 1974, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's office in Deed Book No. 205, at page 89.

Terms of the sale: Cash or certified funds due on date of sale. Given under my hand this 30th day of December, 2025.

/s/ Marc B. Lazenby Substitute Trustee 1-8-21

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Notice of Public Meeting

The Putnam County Commission will meet on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 beginning at 5:00 p.m. in Room 221 of the Putnam County Courthouse, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV. The following will be on the agenda for discussion and possible decision.

PCPC REZ 2025-02 The Depot Development Group, LLC has submitted a Zoning Amendment Application for a Rezoning.

- Tax Map 214, Parcels 2.1 and 3 (47.78 +/- acres) are requested to be rezoned from "R-R" Rural Residential to "H-1" Highway Interchange.
Tax Map 214, Parcels 21 and 37 (237.97 +/- acres) are requested to be rezoned from "C-2" High Density Commercial to "H-1" Highway Interchange.

The parcels are located at the Northeast quadrant of the Interstate 64 and US Route 35 Intersection in Scott Depot, WV 25560 and totals 285.75 +/- acres. On December 18, 2025, the Putnam County Planning Commission: 1.) Held a public hearing for the application; 2.) Voted to table the rezoning request for Tax Map 214, Parcels 2.1 and 3; and 3.) Voted to recommend the Putnam County Commission approve the rezoning for Tax Map 214, Parcels 21 and 37. All interested parties are invited to attend. 1-15-21

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

Estate No.: 6234 Estate Of: Sheila Renay Arthur Administrator: Megan Luikart 1100 Browns Creek Road Marlinton, WV 24954

Estate No.: 6248 Estate Of: James D. Cochran Executor: Melinda Barrett 115 Overlook Drive Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6244 Estate Of: Warren D. Dickerson Administrator: Warren D. Dickerson, Jr. 159 Clear Fork Road, Poca, WV 25159

Estate No.: 6272 Estate Of: Earnest Ray Emery Executor: Erich Britt Emery 480 Diana Ave Batavia, Ohio 45103

Estate No.: 6320 Estate Of: Shirley Jean Ferguson Sandra G. Donalson Executor: Nitro WV 25143

Estate No.: 6326 Estate Of: Raymond Allen Hinzman Samantha Light 1040 Pendleton Place Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6299 Estate Of: Robert Stuart Horton Elizabeth R. Horton Executor: 1448 N. Poca River Road Poca, WV 25159

Estate No.: 6256 Estate Of: James Gary May Administrator: Douglas R. May PO Box 905 Poca, WV 25159

Estate No.: 6257 Estate Of: Margaret Ann Miller Melissa Dawn Henry Executor: 15749 Trible Road Leon, WV 25123

Estate No.: 6329 Estate Of: Donna Jean Mooney Administrator: Melissa Ann Sovine 141 Timberlake Circle Scott Depot WV 25560

Estate No.: 6276 Estate Of: Angelina Maria Moore Billy Joe Moore Executor: PO Box 1257 Eleanor, Wv 25070

Estate No.: 6217 Estate Of: Thomas Allan Robinson Beth Ann Robinson 206 Carrington Way Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6047 Estate Of: Joseph Edward Sisco, Jr. Administrator: Peggy Ann Sisco 208 Saddlebred Lane Scott Depot, WV 25560

Estate No.: 6333 Estate Of: Michael Andrew Spence Hilda Glendale Spence 570 Luikart Ridge Red House, WV 25168

Estate No.: 6325 Estate Of: Veronica Joyce Thornhill Administrator: Jeffrey K. Moore 285 Lewis Creek Road Hurricane WV 25526

Estate No.: 6282 Estate Of: Ronald Wayne Watkins Sharon Kay Watkins Executor: 3973 39th Street Nitro WV 25143

Estate No.: 6236 Estate Of: Anna Marie White Administrator: Brandon Higginbotham 75 Spruce Lane Poca, WV 25159

Estate No.: 6335 Estate Of: Dorothy Mae Woodall Ramona M. Lockwood Executor: 36 Karmel Lane Poca WV 25159

All persons having claims against the estate(s) of any of the above-named deceased persons whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims with vouchers thereof, legally verified, to the fiduciary of such deceased person as shown above within 60 days of January

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT IN THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

NOTICE OF HEARING ON ORDERS TO SHOW CAUSE AGAINST DELINQUENT OR UNPROGRESSED ESTATES

The undersigned Fiduciary Supervisor does hereby NOTIFY all persons interested in the below estates that a hearing before the County Commission on this matter has been scheduled on Tuesday, the 27TH day of January, 2026, at 5:00 o'clock p.m., at the Courthouse located at 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, West Virginia, on the Order to Show Cause previously entered by the County Commission on the 30th day of September 2025, for presentation of the Reports thereof by the Fiduciary Supervisor against the following appointed personal representatives:

- Estate of Denver L. Adkins Jerry W. Bell, Executor
Estate of Harriet Ernestine Adkins Dorothy Lillian Cyrus (Deceased), Executrix
Estate of Gary Robert Atkins Linda D. Atkins, Administratrix
Estate of Kathy L. Baldwin-Blake Jonathan P. Villars, Administratrix
Estate of Steven Lee Casto Deborah Henthorn, Administratrix
Estate of Roger Chapman Kelli Carroll, Administratrix
Estate of Kermit R. Monk Susan Moore, Executrix DBN
Estate of Jim Franklin Palmer Shelly Frances (Tammy) Clark Palmer
Estate of Edna L. Sterling Henry Ferguson, Executor
Estate of Shannon Leigh Thornton Erika Thornton, Administratrix

The above personal representatives and any interested persons are hereby NOTIFIED to appear at such hearing and take such actions as he or she deems proper, otherwise the County Commission may take such action as it deems appropriate including removing the appointed personal representative from office and appointing another appropriate person as personal representative or ordering that the estate be administratively closed, all in accordance with law.

CERTIFIED AND MAILED this 8th day of January 2026.

Larry Frye Fiduciary Supervisor 1-15-11

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT ORDER OF PUBLICATION PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: MATTHEW THOMAS MULLOOLY, an alleged protected person Case No. CC-40-2025-G-49

The object of the above-styled action is to determine whether a guardian and/or conservator should be appointed for the alleged protected person. A hearing is to be held on Monday, February 9, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. at the Putnam County Judicial Building, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213.

A copy of the Petition for the Appointment of a Guardian/Conservator can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office. Entered by the Clerk of said Court this 12th day of January, 2026.

STEPHANIE SMITH, CLERK CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY By: sg Deputy 1-15-21

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

To: Magistrate Court Case No.: 25-M40D-00206 Justin Dale Bailey

Respondent's Name Family 71 Timms Street Buffalo WV 25033 Court Respondent's Address Civil Action 05-18-1991 No.: 25-DV-164 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 3-9-2026.

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 12th day of January, 2026.

STEPHANIE SMITH/jo Circuit Clerk 1-15-11w

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 25-0859-E-IRP APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY Integrated Resource Plan filed pursuant to the May 23, 2025 Commission Order in GO 183.15.

CASE NO. 25-0860-E-IRP WHEELING POWER COMPANY Integrated Resource Plan filed pursuant to the May 23, 2025 Commission Order in GO 183.15.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS

Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company (the Companies), public utilities, each filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia an Integrated Resource Plan on October 1, 2025, pursuant to W. Va. Code § 24-2-19(e). The Companies furnish electric service to approximately 460,921 customers in their service territories in the counties of Boone, Brooke, Cabell, Clay, Fayette, Greenbrier, Jackson, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Nicholas, Ohio, Putnam, Raleigh, Roane, Summers, Wayne, Wetzell, and Wyoming.

The Commission will conduct an evidentiary hearing beginning at 9:30 a.m. on May 13, 2026, and continuing through May 14, 2026, if necessary, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. Interested persons should monitor the Commission's web docket and website because the evidentiary hearing may be cancelled or changed for good cause.

Anyone desiring to intervene and act as a party in either of these cases should file a Petition to Intervene on or before January 15, 2026, complying with the rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Written comments regarding the IRPs may be submitted by mail or hand delivery to Executive Secretary, P. O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323 or online at http://www.psc.state.wv.us by clicking on "Submit A Comment" in the left column and following the directions provided. All written comments should be marked as pertaining to Case No. 25-0859-E-IRP (Appalachian Power) and/or Case No. 25-0860-E-IRP (Wheeling Power). All written comments should be filed on or before April 22, 2026.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY & WHEELING POWER COMPANY 1-15-11

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Winfield's General Admission and Emerald Elegance Show Choirs



Emerald Elegance perform their rendition of "The Giving Tree."



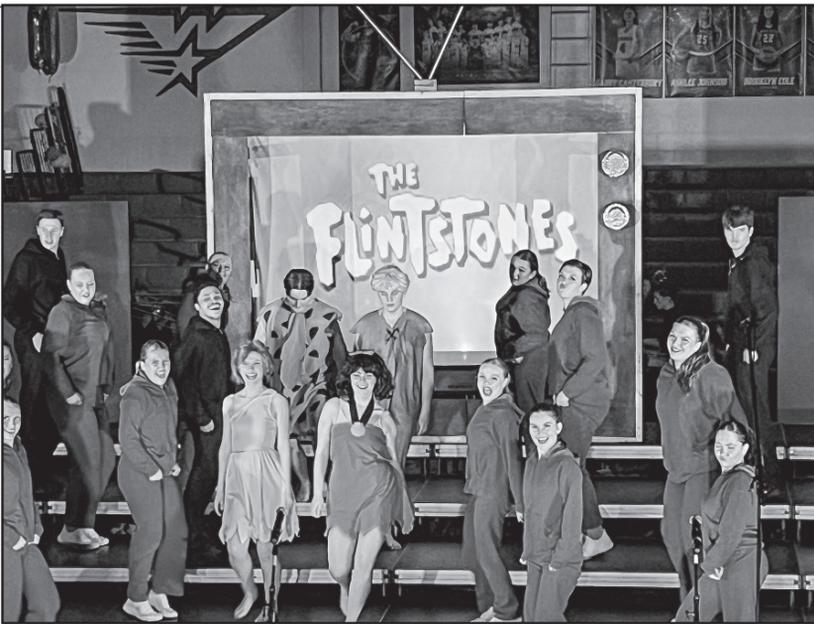
General Admission Show Choir performers danced in hoodies and sweats to evoke the feeling of watching television on a cozy day at home.



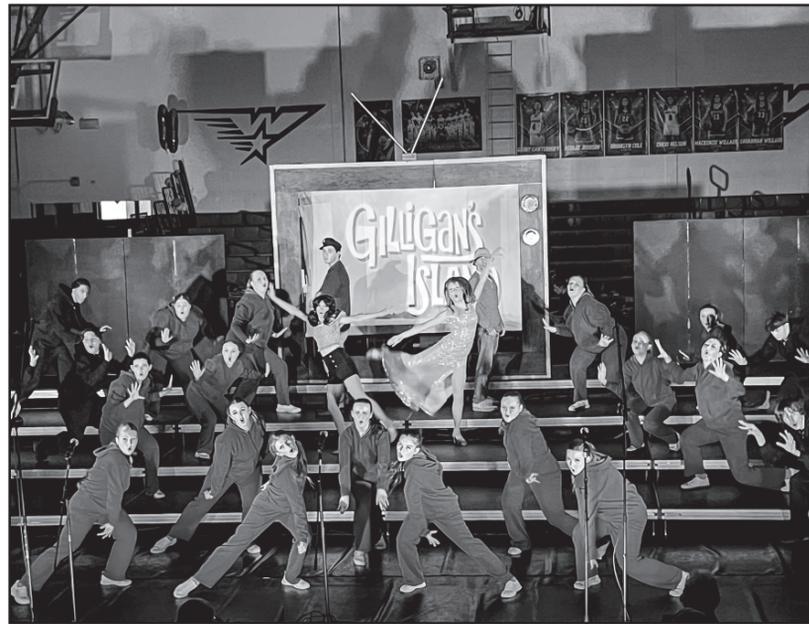
In this homage to I Love Lucy, General Admission performers dress in Carmen Miranda inspired costumes, a nod to the famous episode "Be A Pal."



Wonder Woman was one of the series which were featured in "Let's Watch TV?"



The Flintstones was one of several shows which General Admission paid homage to in their "Let's Watch TV" performance show.



Performers dressed as characters from Gilligan's Island dance upon the stage with the rest of the show choir.

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tells the story of the friendship between an apple tree and a boy. The tree loves the boy and gives him her apples to make him happy. However, as the boy grows into a man, he becomes more demanding of the tree, and she willingly sacrifices her wood so that

he can construct things which he feels will bring him happiness. The stage backdrop for Emerald Elegance's show featured a stylistic tree with branches that could be removed as the story progressed.

Emerald Elegance was formed four years ago, and the freshmen who became involved with the group when it first started will be

graduating this spring. The first graduating seniors from Emerald Elegance were honored at the debut performance on Sunday.

General Admission's performance show, "Let's Watch TV," was an ode to popular television series from the past, as well as shows from today. The majority of the cast dressed in cozy leisurewear

to invoke a feeling of relaxing in front of the television set, while other performers dressed as various characters which represented the featured series. A large television backdrop revealed the name of each series which was chosen for the show, which included The Flintstones, Scooby Doo,

Popeye, Trolls, The Muppet Show, Brady Bunch, I Tolley Baldwin. Green Dream of Jeanie, Family Matters, Beverly Hillbillies, Andy Griffith, Gilligan's Island, I Love Lucy, and Wonder Woman. General Admission did more than just sing and dance; their routine required Muppet puppets to come to life. Winfield Show Choirs

are directed by Kelsey Tolley Baldwin. Green Machine, the performance band, is directed by Jamie Atkins. There are eighty-four students involved in the whole program.

General Admission and Emerald Elegance will be competing at Nitro High School this weekend.



DR. DEVIN KING
3660 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane
55th Birthday January 16

KENNY BIRD
Hurricane
62nd Birthday January 16

FRANCIS YOUNG
641 Young Road
Frazier's Bottom
70th Birthday January 16

SHARON MANNON
Culloden
69th Birthday January 16

DR BARBARA MAYNARD
Greensboro, North Carolina
84th Birthday January 16

TIM IRR
Huntington
61st Birthday January 16

KAREN JIVIDEN
392 Railroad Avenue
Buffalo
65th Birthday January 16

THOMAS L SMITH
456 Meadow View Drive
Powell, Ohio
Birthday January 16

LYLA MARIE BONHAM
Winfield
1st Birthday January 16

SUSAN JIVIDEN HIGGINBOTHAM
132 Margaret Street
Poca
45th Birthday January 17

DAWN LONG
6300 Rager Road
Groveport, Ohio
57th Birthday January 17

DALTON NATHANIEL BIRD
Culloden
19th Birthday January 17

JUDY WHITE
#1 Deerfield Circle
Winfield
Birthday January 17

DONNIE GIBSON
3464 Tower Drive
Charleston
81st Birthday January 17

DANNY HUDNALL
78 Chapman Drive
Milton
Birthday January 17

MARIE HEDRICK
2221 Columbia Road
Culloden
Birthday January 17

BRENDA YOUNG
Hurricane
Birthday January 17

BRENDA WARNER
Florida
79th Birthday January 17

SIERRA GOTHARD
Proctorville, Ohio
37th Birthday January 18

COLTON MICHAEL ERWIN
5530 Hurricane Creek Road
Hurricane
8th Birthday January 18

BECKY WALL ISNER
Bills Creek
Scott Depot
81st Birthday January 18

ROBERT LEE GRITT
356 Gritt Road
Buffalo
37th Birthday January 18

BRENDA PERKINS
Hurricane
76th Birthday January 18

ROGER DONEFF
2316 Joy Lane
Culloden
75th Birthday January 18

DENVER CHANDLER
Kelley's Creek
Hurricane
Birthday January 18

CLYDE DeVORE
Route 2, Box 329-A
Ona
Birthday January 18

MICHAEL CREMEANS
Culloden
39th Birthday January 19

PAUL HUDNALL
Ohio
79th Birthday January 19

LYNNE MORRISON
P.O. Box 898
Olive Hill, Kentucky
Birthday January 19

KENNY JEFFREY
Logan
53rd Birthday January 19

CALEB CONNER
Alabama

Tai Chi Classes At Buffalo Senior Center

The Arthritis Foundation Tai Chi Program is an ancient practice proven to reduce pain and improve your mental and physical well being. The Arthritis Foundaiton Tai Chi Program, developed by Dr. Paul Lam, uses gentle Sun-style Tai Chi routines that are safe, easy to learn, and suitable for every fitness level.

Tai Chi will help you reduce stress, increase balance and flexibility, feel relaxed, and improve your overall mind, body, and spirit. The Buffalo Senior Center, 48 Wrights Lane, Buffalo, will be offering free tai chi lessons on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. from January 23 to March 30. Classes are one hour each. Call 304-937-3352 to register,

Caleb Parra On Geneva Dean's List

Geneva College announces the Dean's List of undergraduate students for the fall 2025 semester. To be eligible for this recognition, students in traditional programs must earn a GPA of at least 3.6 while passing 12 credit hours or more.

Among those named is Caleb Parra of Hurricane, who is a Junior at Geneva College.

Geneva College is a Christ-centered academic community that provides a comprehensive education to equip students for faithful and fruitful service

23rd Birthday January 19

JANET DORMAN FAULKNER
2902 Washington Avenue
Hurricane
76th Birthday January 19

HEATHER CHAPMAN LEWINGTON
Timberlake Circle
Scott Depot
49th Birthday January 19

CONNIE NEVILLE
1115 Stewart Addition
Rear
Milton
69th Birthday January 20

VICKI ARVIDSON
266 North Poplar Fork Road
Hurricane
Birthday January 20

CHRISTINA SHEPPARD
Route 1, Box 123
Milton
52nd Birthday January 20

REAGAN CHAPMAN
446 Knotgrass
Fort Mill, South Carolina
10th Birthday January 20

PEGGY BENNETT CARDEN
1461 Sycamore Road
Hurricane
76th Birthday January 20

TERRI HOLLEY
2872 Cow Creek Road
Hurricane
Birthday January 20

ROBERTA TAYLOR STRINGER
Cross Lanes
56th Birthday January 21

KATHY SOVINE ROBERTS
189 Elva Drive
Hurricane
65th Birthday January 21

BOB HIGGINBOTHAM
132 Margaret Street
Poca
Birthday January 21

LANDON MATTHEW BRADFORD
1004 Elm Street
Hurricane
15th Birthday January 21

JOAN SOVINE
2543 Montana Avenue

Dot Debut - Gone Coastal

Poca High School Visual Volume is thrilled to announce their 2025-2026 competition show season with their DOT DEBUT on Sunday, January 18, at Poca High School.

Come and enjoy the afternoon, or evening, with DINNER AND A SHOW! Times are 1 p.m. dinner with a 2:30 p.m. show time, or a 3:30 p.m. dinner with a 5 p.m. show time.

Meal includes spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert and drink.

Tickets are \$10 for the show and \$15 for the dinner and show, and may be purchased day of the event at the door.

Poca High School Visual Volume looks forward to seeing you there and debuting VISUAL VOLUME - "GONE COASTAL!"

to God and neighbor. Offering over 195 traditional undergraduate majors and programs, fully online degree programs, and high-demand graduate degrees, Geneva's programs are recognized for their high quality. Geneva has one of the top 100 undergraduate engineering programs in the nation, according to U.S. News and World Report.

Geneva was founded and is governed by the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (RPCNA).

Hurricane
76th Birthday January 21

BONNIE GAIL HODGES LEWIS
564 Mason Street
Milton
82nd Birthday January 21

ANGIE McCALLISTER
Hereford Road
Hurricane
Birthday January 21

TERESA CAUDILL
Culloden
63rd Birthday January 21

LEO THOMAS REED
187 Jones Cove
Hurricane
1st Birthday January 21

LESLIE LONG
1074 Springdale Road
Hurricane
77th Birthday January 22

TERRI MARCUM DRURY
904 Kanawha Terrace
St. Albans
65th Birthday January 22

Happy Anniversary

Allen-Joe and Joan Bennett Savilla of Nitro will celebrate their sixty-first wedding anniversary on January 18.

Greg and Susan Bresth Geter of 803 Washington Hill Road in Hurricane will celebrate their twenty-ninth wedding anniversary on January 19.

Daniel and Karly Williamson Black of Bidwell, Ohio, will celebrate their ninth wedding anniversary on January 21.

Donald and Melanie Trump of Washington, DC, will celebrate their twenty-first wedding anniversary on January 22.

Rev. Jason and Monetta Black of 2767 Whitten Ridge Road in Milton will celebrate their thirty-second wedding anniversary on January 22.

Local Students On Cedarville Dean's List

Students at Cedarville University have been named to the Dean's Honor List for the Fall 2025 semester. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.75 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Samuel Clark of Hurricane
Sarah Clark of Hurricane
Cedarville University, an evangelical Christian institution in southwest Ohio, offers undergraduate and graduate residential

and online programs across arts, sciences and professional fields. With 7,265 students, it is among Ohio's largest private universities and is ranked among the nation's top five evangelical universities in the Wall Street Journal's 2026 Best Colleges in the U.S.

Articles Welcome

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

Southern New Hampshire University Fall 2025 President's, Dean's Lists

It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Fall 2025 President's List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Lexus Workman of Scott Depot

Noelle Dokas of Hurricane

Christopher Faulkner of Hurricane

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12

credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Jesse Hatfield of Scott Depot

Jacob Kirby of Scott Depot

Ashley Price of Hurricane

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution with a 93-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 200,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 undergraduate, graduate, and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as one of the "Most Innovative" regional universities by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner.

Available Pets at the Putnam County Animal Shelter

This is one of the many pets up for adoption at the Putnam County Animal Shelter. By the time that this issue of the Hurricane Breeze is published, this animal may have already been adopted and found a forever home. However, there are many pets at the shelter that still need homes. For more information, call the Putnam County Animal Shelter at 304-586-0249, or visit animalshelter.putnamcountywv.gov



Donnie has been at the shelter for over a year now. He does well with other dogs, is great with kids, and just wants a place where he can finally belong. Donnie is neutered, fully vaccinated, and more than ready to meet his forever people.



Keia is a roughly 9 year old girl who has been at the shelter since July. She is house-trained, and did well with the foster's cats and their female dog, as well as a puppy. She still enjoys playing with toys, gets occasional zoomies and is so full of life!



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