

The Hurricane Breeze

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ELECTION WATCH 2026

Sorsaia Files for Unexpired Circuit Court Judge Term

By Ron Allen
On Tuesday, January 13, Judge Mark Sorsaia filed with the West Virginia Secretary of State to run for the remainder of the Circuit Court Judge term left vacant by the resignation of Judge Joseph K. Reeder in August of 2024. Reeder was elected to an 8-year term to serve as Putnam County Circuit Court Judge in May of 2024.

Sorsaia has been serving as Circuit Court Judge since November 6, 2024. He was appointed to the seat by then Gov. Jim Justice.

Filing with the Secretary of State in Charleston between January 13 and 19 were Sarah Drennan (R) for 20th House of Delegate District and Michael Mosteller (D) and C.D. Caldwell (R) for 21st House of Delegates District. Filing for State Executive Committee - Female for 4th District were Karen Coria (D) of Hurricane, Bonnie Fruth (D) of Pt. Pleasant, and Anna Maria Butler (R) of Gallipolis Ferry. Filing for State Executive Committee - Female for 8th District were Erica Moore (R) of Spencer and Katherine McCormick (R) of Dunbar. Filing for State Executive Committee - Male for 4th District were Scott Brewer (D) of New Haven and Jim Butler

(R) of Gallipolis Ferry. Filing for State Executive Committee - Male for 8th District were Jacob Hively (D) of Charleston, G. Russell Rollyson (D) of Cross Lanes, and Andy Shamblin (R) of Nitro.

Not previously reported, Shelby Hill (R) of Milton and Jessica Hodge (R) of Hurricane both filed for State Executive Committee - Female for 4th District; Kathie Hess Crouse (R) of Buffalo filed for State Executive Committee - Female for the 8th District; Tony Hodge (R) of Hurricane filed for State Executive Committee - Male for 4th District; Mike Pushkin (D) of Charleston filed for State Executive Committee - Male for 8th District on January 12.

On May 12th Putnam residents will vote to elect non-partisan candidates to the Board of Education (4-year terms), a Conservation District Supervisor (4-year term), the West Virginia Supreme Court (unexpired terms), the Intermediate Court of Appeals, and a Conservation District

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Hurricane City Park Bridge Replacement Now Underway



Construction workers position a concrete barrier at the entrance to Hurricane City Park on Monday, January 19.

By Ron Allen

The bridge spanning Mill Creek at the entrance to Hurricane City Park was upgraded from one lane to two lanes about ten years ago. On Monday, January 19, contractors placed a concrete barrier in the entrance lane, returning the bridge to one-lane traffic. The barrier will allow for the supporting structure to be upgraded and the bridge

to be widened.

The project consists of two phases. During the first phase the contractor will add one precast box beam to the western side of the bridge. This will widen the bridge by the width of the beam. Upon beam installation, the widened lane will be repaved. During the

second phase, traffic will shift from the eastern side (Teays Valley side) of the bridge and existing girder beams will be replaced with new precast box beams.

The project will involve abutment work that includes drilling for piling, piling placement, placement of precast concrete box beams, removal and replacement of the existing impermeable membrane and blacktop. The projected completion date is June 11th, 2026. The construction is expected to result in minor delays to traffic on Teays Valley Road.

WEATHER SUMMARY		
January 13 -19		
	Low	High
January 13		
Hurricane	20°	46°
January 14*		
Hurricane	20°	36°
January 15		
Hurricane	15°	27°
January 16		
Hurricane	15°	34°
January 17*		
Hurricane	26°	40°
January 18		
Hurricane	15°	29°
January 19		
Hurricane	10°	31°
*RAIN		
0.2 inch recorded Jan. 14		
0.1 inch recorded Jan. 17		

Flag Retirement Box Speaks Out

By Ron Allen

The Flag Retirement Box located near the entrance to the Putnam County Bank Loan Center in Hurricane speaks. The existence of a drop-off box for American flags which are no longer suited for display speaks of a respect for the flag and what it represents.

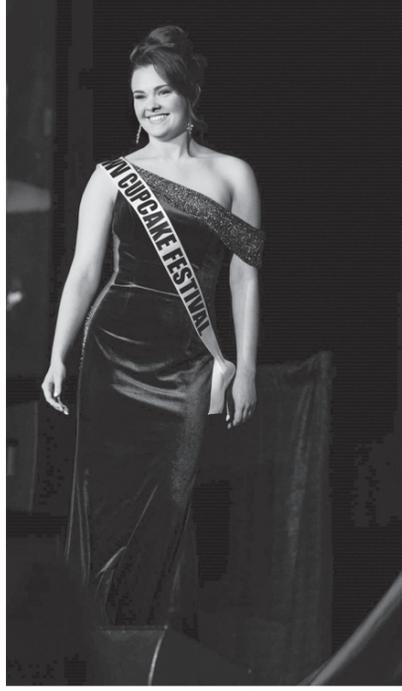
Boy Scout troops from all over the nation display that respect by disposing of donated used flags in retirement ceremonies consistent with United States Flag Code specifications. The Box at the Loan Center has allowed a convenient



means for the public to comply with Flag Code specifications since November 23, 2024. Flags are removed from the Box and properly retired each

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Putnam County Well Represented At Annual WVAFF Pageant



Mattie Vandale
Miss WV Cupcake Festival



Madison Gill
Miss Yuletide in the Park



Delaney Noelle Roberts
Miss Hurricane Independence Day

Emma Grace Rectenwald
Miss Little Kanawha Riverfest

By Ron Allen
The West Virginia Association of Fairs and Festivals pageant is the premier statewide beauty event because every participant is a 2025 winner of a West Virginia

fair or festival. Four of the 71 contestants promoted Putnam County events — the Putnam County Fair, Hurricane Independence Day, Yuletide in the Park, and WV Cupcake Festival. Putnam County

winner also promoted Little Kanawha Riverfest (Wirt County) and WV County (Boone County).

The 2026 WVAFF pageant winner was Miss Kourtney Jones representing the WV

Strawberry Festival. She received her crown from WV Secretary of Agriculture Kent Leonhart and will reign as Queen of the West Virginia State Fair this summer. First Runner Up

was Mattie Vandale representing Valley Park's WV Cupcake Festival. Other Putnam County pageant winners were Miss Putnam County Fair Emma Luikart; Miss Hurricane Independence Day Delaney Noelle

Roberts; and Miss Yuletide in the Park Madison Gill. Emma Grace Rectenwald of Winfield competed as Miss Little Kanawha Riverfest and Alyssa Smith of Poca as Miss WV Coal Festival.



Emma Luikart
Miss Putnam County Fair

Alyssa Smith
Miss WV Coal Festival

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.

SATURDAYS THROUGH MARCH

- There will be a free open gym for 1st - 5th graders every Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. at Zone Out Sports, Morris Court, Hurricane.

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.

STARTING JANUARY 23

- There will be free beginner clogging and square dance lessons on Fridays at 4 p.m. at Lincoln County High School.

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.

STARTING JANUARY 25

- There will be line dancing every Sunday night from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Putnam Moose Lodge in Putnam Village Shopping Center in Teays Valley. Open to the public.

JANUARY 25

- The West Virginia Reptile Expo will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at West Virginia State University from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$10; kids 10 and under get in free.

- The Friends of Buffalo

THE HURRICANE BREEZE

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WV History Group will hold a meeting at 3 p.m. at the Buffalo United Methodist Church, 27 High St., Buffalo.

- The Upper Vandalia Historical Society will meet at 2 p.m. at Bancroft Mission, 5936 Charleston Rd., Bancroft. Park in rear of building.

- 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 free line dancing class at 7:30 p.m. at Brookse's Bar and Grill, 13184 Winfield Road, Winfield.

- 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 29

The Town of Eleanor is hosting a history chat from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Homestead Room at the Eleanor Town Hall.

- There will be a First Time Home Buyers' Guide Workshop from 6 to 8 p.m. at Area 34, 971 WV Route 34, Hurricane. RSVP by going to <https://tally.so/r/Y5GbA0>

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.

- The Macholah Ballet, 6422 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, will be hosting a Mac Market fundraiser from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Closet clean out, baked goods, housewares, craft items.

- 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.

- There will be a Free Karate Beginner Kids (6+) and Family Workshop at Pinnacle Karate Center, 3544 Commerce Drive, Hurricane.

FEBRUARY 1

- There will be a fly tying event at 1 p.m. at The Pallet Bar, 3999 Teays Valley Drive, Suite A, Scott Depot.

FEBRUARY 3

- Teays Valley Christian School, 7062 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, will be holding a Pre-K and Kindergarten Open House. Times are Pre-K at 9 a.m.; Kindergarten at 1 p.m.; and both from 5 to 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 6

- Business Before Business will be held from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Putnam County Library in Teays Valley. RSVP by calling 304-757-6510.

- Cozy Soul: Soothing Seasonal Fatigue Yin Meditation Yoga will be held at 6:30 p.m. at River Ridge Church, Saturn Way, Hurricane.

Prevent A Winter Blood Shortage: Give Blood Now

The American Red Cross is teetering on a blood shortage this winter, which could lead to a disruption in lifesaving care. Donors are urged to make an appointment to give blood or platelets now.

The Red Cross blood supply is under pressure following a busy holiday season when winter weather and packed schedules made it even tougher to ensure hospitals have the blood products needed for critical care. Without immediate action, doctors may have to make difficult decisions about which patients receive blood transfusions and who will need to wait. Donors with types O, A negative and B negative blood are especially needed now.

Don't wait - make an appointment to give blood now by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App or calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

For the seventh year, the Red Cross and the National Football League (NFL) are partnering in January for National Blood Donor Month to urge individuals to kick off 2026 with a blood donation. As a thank-you to donors for helping address the need for blood during the critical post-holiday time, those who come to give Jan. 1-25, 2026, will be automatically entered for a chance to win an exciting Super Bowl LX giveaway. The winner and guest will get to enjoy Super Bowl LX in Santa Clara, California, access to day-of in-stadium pregame activities, tickets to the official Super Bowl Experience, round-trip

Tri-State Arts

Juried Exhibition

The Huntington Museum of Art will be hosting the Tri-State Arts Association 2026 Juried Exhibition Exhibition in Switzer Gallery from March 21 - June 21. Artists 18 years and older residing in West Virginia, Kentucky, and Ohio are eligible to exhibit original artwork completed since 2024.

Accepted media: Paintings, drawings, photography, ceramics, sculpture, digital art, glass, wood and fiber/textiles.

Prizes Best of Show, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, five memorial awards totally \$1,500.

Entries: Actual artwork will be judged. Two artwork hand-delivered to Studio 2 behind the Huntington Museum of Art on Saturday, March 7, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., or Sunday, March 8, 1 - 3 p.m. The entry fee is \$30 for TSAA Members; \$40 for nonmembers.

Opening reception is Sunday, March 22, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Go to <http://www.tri-stateartsassociation.org> to access the show's prospectus and forms, and for details to enter.

Free Ad Space

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

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

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

airfare, three-night hotel accommodations (Feb. 6-9, 2026), plus a \$1,000 gift card for expenses. For full details, visit RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl.

Join a lifesaving team

The Red Cross and Pro Football Champion and blood donor Saquon Barkley are teaming up to remind donors that the best offense against a winter blood shortage is making and keeping blood donation appointments. The blood supply can drop quickly - now's the time to get in the game and give blood.

"I gave blood once in college and that was the only time I had ever been asked to give, until the Red Cross reached out this fall," said Barkley. "It was a no-brainer for me to give again. It only takes about an hour and once you realize in that short amount of time how much help it can bring - it's a beautiful thing."

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

Putnam County Food Pantries And Clothing Banks

for more information.

Christian Community Cupboard

2843 Virginia Avenue Hurricane

(304) 562-9373

Food pantry open from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Fridays

Calvary Baptist Church

3653 Teays Valley Road Hurricane

(304) 757-8829

Call for food pantry hours.

Light House Baptist Church

2440 US Route 60 Hurricane

304-562-3900

Food pantry on the second Saturday of each month from 9-11 a.m. Church also offers free clothing giveaways on a regular basis.

Teays Valley Baptist Church

3926 Teays Valley Road Hurricane

(304) 380-3100

Call for food pantry hours.

Heartbeat of the Valley

28 Mission Way Scott Depot

(681) 235-2097

heartbeatofthevalley.com

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

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

Circumstances... I have wondered for years how circumstances change how we think and how we live our lives.

When I became a teacher, I encountered so many students who did not like school. I used to ask them this question... "Did you like kindergarten?" They usually answered that they did... if they remembered.

I asked them what happened to the little five and six year old kids who could not wait to go to school. They wanted to learn to read and write. They were excited. I asked them what happened to make them dislike school so much by the time they were in high school.

Those students had varied answers. Some blamed their parents for getting them involved in so many activities that they burned out.

Others blamed boring teachers. Some kids just stated that too many subjects were not necessary for their future plans. Others did not like the rules at school. Varied answers. However, most of them really didn't know why they changed so much from kindergarten to high school.

My question was never answered. Circumstances change...

When a man proposes to the woman of his dreams. He puts that ring on her finger. They speak words of love and everlasting. They promise to be together forever. They believe each word they are uttering.

Years later, that same couple comes to a crossroad when the words are forgotten. The symbol of the ring might be lost. What happens

Issues From Previous Years

If you are looking for an older issue of the Hurricane Breeze, microfilm copies of the paper can be found at both the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley and the West Virginia State Archives in Charleston.

to cause that couple to split? I would suppose the answers would vary. Stress...the pressures of life...I have read that money, or lack of it, can cause problems in a marriage. I have never had money, so I don't think that would be a problem for me.

Circumstances happen... marriages dissolve...

There are some life situations that we cannot explain. I have no clue as to why that five year old turns into a student who does not want to go to school. It makes me sad. I loved school.

When my students told me they had to attend school, I looked at them and explained that they did NOT have to attend that school. They could be home schooled. They could go to a different school. They could study online. Attending school should be a privilege. Circumstances...

As to what happens to couples... I believe there are a variety of reasons for couples to split up. None of them make me happy, but I have lived through some situations. Circumstances happen and we fail...

It would be nice if parents would listen to their kids. Forget about the so called Hurried Child Syndrome...give them some free time. Teachers must make every moment count and engage their students. Subjects that are not needed should not be mandated. I always think of upper level math classes and foreign languages...

I took them but have not needed them. Some are

Needed to get into college. Did I use Chemistry? No. Listen to students... change requirements. Will that help? Maybe not, but it is worth a try.

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 Supervisor (4-year term).
 City of Hurricane voters will also have the opportunity to vote upon a continuing 5-year excess levy projected to begin on July 1, 2027.
 Filing with Putnam County Clerk Brian Wood between January 13 and 19 for School Board were Wade Neal (District 2), Karen Dillard (District 2), and Connie Breck (District 2). Brian Ellis (R) filed for County Commissioner (District 3).
 Previously reported filings are Brad Hodges (School Board, District 3), Butch Legg (School Board, District 1), Tammy Sowards (School Board,

District 2), Doug Pierson (R) and Micael Stone (R) for County Commission, Unexpired Disgtrict 1 term.
 Filing for election to the Putnam County Republican Executive Committee (Male) were Tony Hodge, Mark Higginbotham, and Ron Stone; to the Putnam County Republican Executive Committee (Female) were Jessica Hodge and Ilse Long; to the Putnam County Democratic Executive Committee (Female) were Karen Coria and Marcia Duran.
 The last day with the Secretary of State and the County Clerk for filing is January 31.

THIS WEEK IN THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

For the week ending Jan. 16, 2026

Members of the West Virginia House of Delegates gaveled in for the second regular session of the 87th Legislature Wednesday, Jan. 14, eager to put in motion many of their proposals constructed in the months since the first regular session adjourned.
 For one committee, there was no time to waste. "Mister Speaker, your Committee on Education is ready to go to work," said Committee Vice Chairman Delegate Joe Statler, R-Monongalia, during Wednesday announcements. "We will meet today at 2 p.m. in the House Chamber for an analysis of the West Virginia School Aid Formula."
 The House Finance

Committee broke from its traditional early session spate of scheduled state agency budget hearings for a hearing on House Bill 4007, Relating to industrial access roads, at 9 a.m. Thursday morning.
 "Industrial access roads are important to economic development, period," said Delegate David McCormick, lead sponsor of HB4007. "This program is part of the West Virginia Business Ready Sites Program initially started in 1999, and a county or municipality could request up to \$400,000 for industrial access road construction.
 "What this bill does is doubles that to \$800,000 to make up for inflation and increased costs since that time, and it can be used

just for construction of the road by the Department of Highways who administers this program."
 House Bill 4008, also relating to the Business Ready Sites Program, advanced through the House Energy and Public Works Committee Thursday as well. The measure would expand the current grants to include 5-acre sites for grants of as much as \$75,000 in assistance, 20-acre sites for as much as \$100,000 and sites of more than 20 acres may be eligible for as much as \$250,000.
 "I think this is going to give the Division of Economic Development more flexibility and more tools in their chest to get sites ready and foster in more businesses and create

more jobs," said Delegate Jordan Maynor, R-Raleigh, the lead sponsor of the bill.
 The newest member of the House, Delegate John Jordan, R-Beckley, took the oath of office Jan. 13 just a few hours after being appointed to fill the unexpired term representing the 42nd District, which is a portion of Raleigh County. Jordan, who serves as Lead Pastor of Calvary Assembly of God, was joined by his wife Stephanie for the swearing-in ceremony as House Clerk Jeff Pack administered the oath.
 The last day to introduce bills is Feb. 17, and 483 bills have been introduced in the House. The 60-day, regular legislative session ends at midnight March 14.

Flag Retirement Box

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 month. Creation of the Box was part of Jacob Vaughn's Eagle Project. Jacob arranged for collected flags to be properly retired by cremation at Chapman Funeral Home. Families of veterans often request that a flag be included in the

cremation of their loved one.
 When Troop 236 Leader Gerry Stover opened the door this January, it was filled. "When I opened the door, they actually fell out," Stover reported.
 The use of the Box reveals that the Putnam community shares the Boy Scouts' respect for the Flag.

Firm Chosen for Appalachian Power Reliability Audit

The Public Service Commission of West Virginia has chosen a consulting firm to study and report on the reliability of service provided to customers of Appalachian Power Co. and Wheeling Power Co.
 The Liberty Consulting Group of Lebanon, Pa., was chosen and was one of two companies that bid on the project.
 The order results from complaints the Commission has received about service interruptions, and the inability of those two utilities to meet reliability improvement targets set by the PSC.
 The audit is focused on six areas of concern:

staffing levels, company service center facilities, how each utility manages the operations of the distribution system, opportunities for improving accuracy of estimated time of restoration of power to customers, comparison of their systems with others, and recommendations for improvements on a 1-3-year basis and 3-10-year basis.
 The companies will pay for the audit.
 The final report is due December 15, 2026.
 More information on this case can be found on the PSC website: www.psc.state.wv.us. Click on "Case Information" and access Case No. 25-0396-E-P.

PUTNAM COUNTY COMMISSION NEWS

County Commission Approves \$250,000 Land Purchase

By Ron Allen

The agenda for the January 13th Putnam County Commission meeting included "Discussion and possible decision to issue a check for the purchase of two (2) parcels of land adjacent to the 100 acres, more or less, tract of land owned by the Putnam County Commission in Eleanor, WV to resolve an on-going dispute with an adjacent landowner."
 Attorneys for the adjacent landowner appeared before the commission at its September 30, 2025 and cautioned the commission against executing an order to purchase the property by power of Eminent Domain because the action could result in making the county liable for clean up costs from lead contamination from errant bullets. The commission met in executive session for purpose of considering a land purchase on September 30 but did not take any action at that

time.
 The commission addressed the agenda item by approving a \$250,000 purchase for the two parcels of land adjacent to property which the Putnam County Gun Club leases from the county. The purchase will put any property disputes to rest for the foreseeable future.
 In other business, the commission appointed new county humane officers. Kaitlin Johnson, Nautica Champlin, Victoria Walker and Cheyenne Christian (current animal shelter employees) are now humane officers.
 The commission also appointed Matthew Young to Putnam County Tourism board; Lee McCoy to Dilapidated and Abandoned Enforcement Agency; Jamie Totten to the animal shelter board; and Commissioner Doug Pierson to the Putnam County Criminal Justice board.
 The next regular county commission meeting will be Tuesday January 27th.

Frontieras Announces \$850 Million Investment

Frontieras has acquired 183 acres to build an an \$850 million facility that will ultimately result in over 200 high-paying jobs after the 2,000 construction jobs it will take to build their facility. These men and women employed by Frontieras will be on the front lines of technology to convert coal to industrial products.
 The momentum of West Virginia's economic development efforts since 2015 remains strong. When you're talking hundreds of millions of investment, and at times billions and deca-billions of investment, it takes years of preparatory policy, marketing those policy changes to the world, and then years of communication with those that want to be here to get government out of their way. Ironically, getting government out of the way takes collaboration at every level of West Virginia government: from local, to State, to Congressional level.

Several of us began meeting with the Frontieras team in April of 2023. What struck me then was their friendliness, youth, vigor, and independence as entrepreneurs. They did not come to us with a financial ask, rather to introduce themselves, provide their contact information and complement West Virginia on its successes in making West Virginia business policy competitive.
 The conversations with their team felt like welcoming family home. West Virginia has been building the United States of America with our patriotism, sweat, blood, coal, and energy for over 150 years. Frontieras is here to continue that legacy and make the products right here in West Virginia. Welcome home Frontieras team. Congratulations West Virginia for another long-earned win.
 — Eric J. Tarr
 Republican West Virginia State Senator, District 4

Putnam County Marriages

The following marriages were recorded by the Putnam County Clerk during the month of December:
 Noah Jeremiah McFarland to Keanna Dawn Clark
 Evan Nathaniel Weeks to Amiah Janay Rice
 Daniel Marcus Freed to

Katherine St. Paul Hill
 Corey Nathaniel Law to Alana Friemark Barnard
 Billy Joe Smith to Rebecca Louise Carroll
 Donald Andrew Thomas to Vickie Jo Dadisman
 Michael Anthony Alexander to Brandy Lynn Davis
 Christopher Joseph Knorr to Bobby Gene Hoover
 Mitchell James Petrunyak to Nicole Ashley Gilbride
 Mariah Rose Booth to Hayley Nicole Burns
 Tomothy George Anthony to Caitlan Anne White
 Michael Ivan Lark to

Duaina Lynn Alley
 Cohen Bailey Morgan to Mackenzie Rose Butler
 Travis Delano Bradley Jr. to Tenslee Marie James
 Zachary Ryan Lockhart to Emily Anne O'Nile Lemaster
 David Richard Mobley to Kathy Lynn White
 Jonathan Paul Shamblin to Heylee Nicole Lindsey Kendrick
 Todd Templeton to Kaylan Marie Johnson
 Scottie Joe Sears to Cynthia Kay Kish
 Stephanie Lynn Hatfield to Miranda Leigh Hatfield
 Michael James Hurst to Kaylee Hannah Ferrell
 Zachary Taylor Curry to Montana Dee Criss
 Justin Wayne Shelton to Kristen Lee Thornton
 Jason Lee Tate to Anita Lynne Smith
 Samuel Matthew Deal

to Jill Kristen Fiest
 Jacob Bryant Meadows to Shayla Nicole Davis
 Sawyer Patrick White to Livvi Mya Miller
 Marriage Licenses were issued to the following individuals during December which marriages were not recorded as of December 31, 2025:
 Mason Edward Andrews to Haleigh Nichole Casto
 Corbin Michael Ramey to Hannah Brooke McCracken
 Thomas Anthony Lovejoy to Jeni Lea Edwards
 Ethan Todd McMillion to Avery Tatum Payne
 Michael Phillip Molina to Holly Nichole Adkins
 Danny Ray Payne II to Tina Faye Elam



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. 22, 1927: Confederate General John McCausland died. After the fall of the Confederacy, McCausland fled the country. He returned in 1867 and spent the remainder of his life on his large farm in Mason County.
 Jan. 23, 1888: Union leader Fred Mooney was born in a log cabin on Davis Creek in Kanawha County. He was secretary-treasurer of United Mine Workers of America District 17 from 1917 to 1924 and was a radical leader in the West Virginia Mine Wars.
 Jan. 23, 1890: The United Mine Workers was organized at a meeting in Columbus, Ohio. Three months later, in Wheeling, UMWA District 17, encompassing most of West Virginia, held its first meeting, elected M. F. Moran as district president and launched what became a struggle of more than 40 years to unionize the state's

coal mines.
 Jan. 24, 1968: Mary Lou Retton was born in Fairmont. She made history at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles when, at 16, she became the first American woman ever to win a gold medal in gymnastics and the first native West Virginia woman to win a gold medal in Olympic competition.
 Jan. 25, 1814: Francis Harrison Pierpont was born near Morgantown. On June 20, 1861, Pierpont was unanimously elected as governor of the unionist Reorganized State of Virginia, which sat at Wheeling until West Virginia entered the Union two years later.
 Jan. 25, 1878: Activist Lenna Lowe Yost was born in Basnettsville in Marion County. She held key leadership roles in the woman's suffrage and temperance movements.
 Jan. 25, 1889: Anna Johnson Gates was born in Kanawha County. The state's first female state legislator, Gates was elected to the House of Delegates in 1922 and served a single term.
 Jan. 26, 1960: Burnsville High School

basketball player Danny Heater scored 135 points in a varsity game against Widen, setting a national record. Heater went on to receive an academic scholarship to attend the University of Richmond.
 Jan. 27, 1925: Bernard L. Coffindaffer was born in Nicholas County. In the 1980s and 1990s, Coffindaffer erected clusters of crosses along the highways of West Virginia and much of the Southeast.
 Jan. 27, 1933: Folk artist George Connard Wolfe was born in Standard, Kanawha County. A self-trained sculptor, he made his own tools from automobile leaf springs and engine valves and worked in stone and wood.
 Jan. 27-28, 1998: Flat Top on the Mercer-Raleigh county line received a record snowfall of 35 inches in a 24-hour period.
 Jan. 28, 1937: In a flood that drove a million Ohio Valley residents from their homes, the Ohio River crested at Huntington at 69.45 feet, more than 19 feet above flood stage. By the time the water receded, five people were dead, and the city was in ruins. Parkersburg, Ravenswood and Point Pleasant also were badly damaged.



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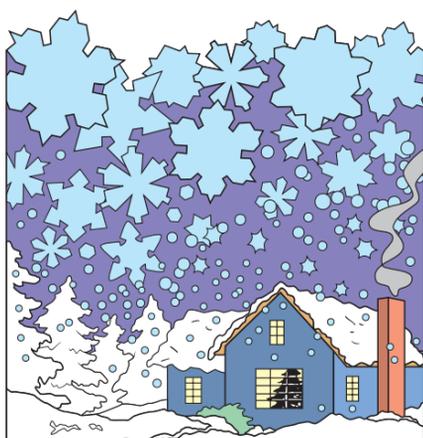
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Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



Things Old People Know...

That Young People Ignore

Submitted by Myra Simmons

1. You will regret the time you wasted more than the mistakes you made.
2. Nothing matters more than health...when it's gone, everything else becomes useless.
3. Real friends are the ones who stay when life gets hard, not the ones who appear when life is fun.
4. You don't get time back with people you love. Prioritize them before life teaches you the hard way.
5. Happiness is simple. It's the world that convinces you to complicate it.
6. One day...memories will be all you have. Make sure they are worth holding on to.
7. Life is beautiful because it keeps giving you second chances.
8. What a privilege to be able to see, hear, breathe, walk and talk.
9. The life in front of you is more important than the life behind you.
10. Don't be a prisoner of your past. It was just a lesson, not a life sentence.
11. The cost of procrastination is the life you could have lived.
12. Don't buy your wants then beg for your needs.
13. We are living in a day where people are proud of what they should be ashamed of.
14. The older you get, the more homesick you feel for a version of life that no longer exists.
15. Don't be afraid to spend money on traveling. Be afraid of growing old and realizing that the only place you ever went was to work.
16. A lot of problems can be solved only by removing some foods, some people, and some habits from your life.
17. If money and material things make you believe you are better than others, you are the poorest person on earth.
18. Love life because there is always a moment you think you will never get past, and yet... you always do.
19. Money won't solve all of your problems. Using a credit card for things you can't afford is borrowing from your future.
20. Always remember that you can have the worst days of your life and a few weeks later you can have the best days of your life.

Jokes From Linda

Submitted by Linda Lavender Armstead



What did one Dorito farmer say to the other?
Cool Ranch.

What did the husband say to his wife after Lasik surgery?
Aren't you a sight for sore eyes?

Boss: Why sick on week days only?
Oscar: Must be my weekend immune system.

Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?
Because it didn't have the guts.

Grandma: I take my vitamins at night now.

Grandpa: Why at night?

Grandma: Well, if I choke at least you'll hear me. During the day you don't hear anything.

Bill: I am surprised at how winded I am by this exercise.

Personal Trainer: This was the tour of the gym.

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane



- Theodore Roosevelt

We don't believe in rheumatism and true love until after the first attack.

You know you've grown up when a nap is no longer a punishment but a reward.

When your man goes silent, he's overthinking - not ignoring you.

Don't judge my choices without understanding my reasons.

The world feels less lonely when you carry kindness in your heart.

I will never walk alone, because wherever I go God is with me!

So many little things makes a man love a woman in a big way.

Life is what happens to us while we are making other plans.

Let your light shine - even the clouds can't stop you.

Two ducks and a cow met for some quackers and milk.

Sometimes actions speak louder than words.

Every small step takes you closer to your dreams.

Love is when even your silence feels safe.

Don't grow up, it's a trap!

If you love somebody, tell them.

If only we could help the people who've worked their entire lives, instead of giving everything to those who have never lifted a finger.

A fella once asked me what a hoedown was and I told him it's like a shindig but more like a hootenanny. I could tell he was still confused because his face went all cattywampus.

Every school should have a course called Money 101, teaching students how to budget, save, and invest, and manage real-world finances wisely.

You never outgrow your mother, especially on the days you don't feel well.

Sprinkling a little magic into the world today, may it find the hearts that need it most.

You can't be strong all the time. Sometimes you just need to be alone and let your tears out.

May you be proud of the work you have done, the person you are, and the difference you have made.

The day we realize each day isn't one more day, but one less, we will value what really matters.

Just like a flower, you're meant to bloom. Don't forget your prettiest smile. It's your best accessory

You see a person's true colors in how they treat you when things aren't good between you.

Absence and death are the same - only that in death there is no suffering.

Whatever you focus on grows.

Be a warrior for love.

Having a good friend is your life, who has turned into family without a birth certificate is one of life's best gifts. It's happiness.

Celebrate on the days you win, encourage yourself on the days you lose, and know that neither days could exist without the others.

Look beyond the flaws, under the pain, over the doubts, through the past, and into the potential. You're there, and you are wonderful.

You can't give pieces of yourself away and have pieces torn off of you and expect to remain whole and resilient.

Be good, be grateful, be kind. Know your worth, and don't settle for less. The rest will work itself out in time.

Be a person who values and appreciates good people and helps illuminate their path.

Believe in yourself and there will come a day when others will have no choice but to believe in you.

Walk as if you are kissing the earth with your feet.

A book hit my head and I've only my shelf to blame.

A day of worry is more exhausting than a week of work.

Psychic fair is canceled due to unforeseen circumstances.

Always remember that the future comes one day at a time.

Forget world peace; visualize using your turn signal.

Love is a little haven of refuge from the world.

Some praise at morning what they blame at night.

Have you noticed "the" and "IRS" spells "theirs"?

Art is the illusion of spontaneity.

A positive mindset brings positive things.

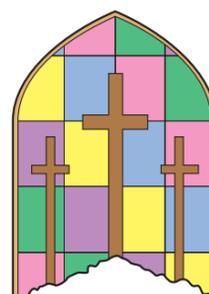
Crushing pop cans is soda pressing.

He who laughs last, didn't get it.

An honest man is always a child.

My new stair lift is just driving me up the wall.

Bible Verse



Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

— John 17:24

Fillers Contributors Wanted

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

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

You can also email submissions to breezenews@citynet.net

Usher In Cool Weather With Easy Pumpkin Soup

(Family Features) Pumpkin may be a classic fall flavor, but there's no reason you can't satisfy your craving for savory comfort foods all year long.

Forget spiced latte; with its wholesome nutrition and plenty of earthy flavor, pumpkin is the perfect ingredient for all kinds of flavorful dishes. It may inspire a warm, fall feeling but it's much more than a seasonal product. Pumpkin puree can be enjoyed all year long mixed into your favorite baked goods, stirred into chilis or even scooped into your morning smoothie.

The smooth, creamy texture of Green Giant 100% Pure Pumpkin, made in the United States with premium quality in mind, is a go-to ingredient for a variety of recipes, including this heartwarming and simple Pumpkin Soup. Simply simmer the pumpkin puree with coconut cream, vegetable stock, garlic and ginger for a soup that is comfort in a bowl.

Explore new ways to enjoy seasonal recipes at greengiantvegetables.com.

Pumpkin Soup

Cook time: 10 minutes

Servings: 4

- 1 can (15 ounces) Green Giant 100% Pure Pumpkin
- 1/2 cup coconut cream
- 1 cup vegetable stock
- 1 tablespoon garlic paste or 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon ginger paste or 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- coconut rice, for serving (optional)
- bread, for serving (optional)

In saucepan over medium heat, combine pumpkin, coconut cream, vegetable stock, garlic, ginger and salt and pepper, to taste. Stir until well incorporated, cook 10 minutes.

Serve over coconut rice or with bread, if desired.

Notes: For an elegant garnish, top with toasted pepitas, pumpkin seeds or swirl of coconut milk.

Leftovers can be refrigerated up to 3 days or frozen up to 3 months. Thaw frozen coconut ginger pumpkin soup in fridge then reheat in microwave or saucepan on stovetop.

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT At Charleston A PROCLAMATION By the Governor

WHEREAS, the passing of Justice Tim Armstead, has caused a vacancy in the office of Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, article VIII, section 7 of the Constitution of West Virginia provides that if from any cause a vacancy shall occur in the office of a justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals, the Governor shall issue a directive of election to fill such vacancy in the manner prescribed by law for electing a justice of the court in which the vacancy exists, and the justice shall be elected for the unexpired term; and

WHEREAS, section 3, article 10, section 3 of the West Virginia Code provides that where an unexpired term of office for a justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals is for a period longer than two years, the vacancy shall be filled by a successor who has timely filed a certificate of candidacy, and has been elected in a non-partisan election and qualified to fill the unexpired term; and

WHEREAS, at the time of Justice Tim Armstead's retirement, more than two years remained unexpired in the term of office for the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK MORRISSEY, Governor of the State of West Virginia, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution of West Virginia and the laws of this State, do hereby proclaim and declare that the unexpired term of office for Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia shall be filled by the voters of West Virginia at the primary election to be held on May 12, 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this Ninth Day of January, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Six, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Third Year of the State.

SEAL By the Governor

Patrick Morrissey GOVERNOR

Kris Warner SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT At Charleston A PROCLAMATION By the Governor

WHEREAS, the retirement of Justice Elizabeth D. Walker, has caused a vacancy in the office of Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia; and

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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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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
In Re: Change of Name from Dustin Wayne Tilley Jr to Cooper Wray Coleman

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING
Civil Action No. 25-P-152
Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of February, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Judge Phillip Stowers, Brooke Pinkerton-Coleman will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia for the entry of an order by said Court, changing her child's name from Dustin Wayne Tilley Jr to Cooper Wray Coleman, at which time and place any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire.

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

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

Entered by the Clerk of said Court this 29th day of December, 2025.

Stephanie M. Smith
Putnam County Circuit Clerk 1-22-21

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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
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
Executor: 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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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 2.1 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 2.1 and 37. All interested parties are invited to attend.

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

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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.: 6347
Estate Of: Opal Louise Casto
Administrator: Dale C. Richardson
259 Mimosa Drive Evans, WV 25241

Estate No.: 6297
Estate Of: Elsie Davie
Executor: Scott D. Davie
333 Thompson Rd. Culloden, WV 25510

Estate No.: 6233
Estate Of: Ernestine S. Morrison
Executor: Gregory Alan Morrison
1205 Stanridge Drive Raleigh, NC 77613

Estate No.: 6318
Estate Of: Betty Jane Parsley
Executrix: Teresa Matney
103 Lake Drive Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6321
Estate Of: Michael Avery Sawyer
Administratrix: Mackenzie Sawyer
101 White Oak Lane Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6319
Estate Of: Linda Lou Snodgrass
Co-Executrix: Holly L. Clagg
2 Market Street Hurricane, WV 25526

Co-Executrix: Andrea Y. Wagner
7 Blossom Way Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6357
Estate Of: Shirley Glen Snodgrass
Co-Executrix: Holly L. Clagg
2 Market Street Hurricane, WV 25526

Co-Executrix: Andrea Y. Wagner
7 Blossom Way Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6281
Estate Of: Sylvia Louise Sowards
Executrix: Melissa Lynn Hardy
4601 Tealwood Trail Wesley Chapel, FL 33544

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 16th day of January 2026.
Fiduciary Supervisor
Putnam County Commission
10293 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213 1-22-21

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BID NOTICE

The City of Hurricane is seeking bids for a Chevrolet Tahoe or similar, year 2026, red in exterior color, 5.3L EcoTec V8 engine or similar. All questions and bids should be directed to Andy Skidmore, City Manager, 3255 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, WV 25526, 304-562-5896, or askidmore@hurricane.wv.com. Bids are due by February 5, 2026. 1-22-11

H&H Associates LLC to Back Nine Investments LLC - Lot, Harbour Addition, Hurricane District for \$200,000.00.

Putnam Property Transfers

The following property transfers were recorded by the Putnam County Clerk between December 29, 2005, and January 16, 2026:
Jimmy and Shari Bumgarner to Branden and Erica Frazier - Lot, Woodland Forest, Winfield District for \$315,000.00.

Pauline Austin to Martin and Kristina Ostrander - Parcel, Curry District for \$205,000.00.

Clara Mason to Joseph and Christi Stevens - Lot, Country View Estates, Winfield District for \$249,500.00.

Community Trust Bank Inc to Charleston Area Medical Center Inc - 1.10 Acre, Scott District for \$1,600,000.00.

Eric Embree and David Smith to Darrell Frizer - Parcel, Curry District for \$120,000.00.

C o b b l e s t o n e Subdivision LLC to John Caruthers - Two Lots, Cobblestone Subdivision, Scott District for \$235,000.00.

Ed and Carolyn Hager to Roller Coaster Resources LLC - 6.25 Int in 1.06 Acre LHF, Poca District for \$7,500.00.

Richard Parsons to Justin and Sarah Hundley - Parcel, Ellis Subdivision, Teays Valley District for \$350,000.00.

Vicki Cobb to Meredith Aliff - Lot, Forest Park, Poca District for \$224,900.00.

Adam and Britani Wright to Caleb Martin and Jordan Martin - Lot, Deerfield Estates, Teays Valley District for \$800,000.00.

Charles and Robin Clark to Andrew and Jamie Wendel - Two Tracts, Scott District for \$385,000.00.

Christopher Stover to Zachary Adkins - Lot, Eleanor District for \$137,000.00.

Roberta Smith to Rodney and Rachel Newhouse - Parcel, Buffalo District for \$35,000.00.

CMH Homes Inc to Ethan Stover - Lot, Ortin Heights, Poca District for \$20,000.00.

David Swimm to Tristan Maynard - Lot, Preston Place, Hurricane District for \$360,000.00.

Robert and Sherry Lilly to Christian and Jennifer Beam - Lot, Scottsdale Addition, Rosehill Acres Subdivision, Scott District for \$405,000.00.

Betty McNeil to Michael and Elizabeth Withrow - Lot, Radwin Woods Subdivision, Hurricane District for \$40,000.00.

Jennifer Todd to Jamil and Asheley Allie - Lot, South Brooke Subdivision, Hurricane District for \$40,000.00.

Wilmington Savings Fund Society to Raymond

and Kathryn Springston - Lot, Cordoba Estates, Scott District for \$88,000.00.

Michael and Makayla Ramsey to Jacob Allen and Regan Phillips - Lot, Country Villas, Scott District for \$500,000.00.

Christopher and Jennifer Chaffin to Alexander and Madison Spadafino - Lot, Woodstone Estates, Scott District for \$309,000.00.

Philip Marsh and Regan Phillips to Blake Davis - Two Parcels, Hurricane District and Teays Valley District for \$285,000.00.

Patrick and Nancy Baire to Andrew Kelly - Lot, Rolling Meadows Estates, Scott District for \$229,000.00.

Gary and Sue Ludwig to Charles and Erin Roy - Lot, Teays Village, Scott District for \$215,000.00.

Derek Coleman and Lori Lambert to Thomas Lovejoy and Jeni Edwards - Lot, Cherry Valley Estates, Hurricane District for \$385,000.00.

Johnathan and Wilodene Martin to Truist Bank - Partial Lot, Willarose Subdivision, Curry District for \$24,019.71.

Morgan and Brittany Plumley to Hawthorne West Properties LLC - Lot, Eldorado Acres, Scott District for \$85,000.00.

WV Trustee Services LLC and Brandon Honaker to Evan and Baylee Flora - 2 Acres, Poca District for \$108,031.00.

Green Valley Properties Inc to Austin Thornton - Lot, Hurricane Estates, Hurricane District for \$225,000.00.

Amber Brinegar to Steven and Rachel Tipton - Lot, Curry District for \$331,000.00.

Darin Lester and Matthew Lester to Austin Barker and Holly Atkins - Lot, Country View Estates, Winfield District for \$229,900.00.

TForce Freight Inc and Overnite Transportation Company to Estes Express Lines - 11.141 Acres, Poca District for \$3,689,000.00.

Sunshine State Investment Group LLC to Shawn Bowles - Lot, Sunrise Acres, Scott District for \$7,500.00.

James Sovine and Amy Overton to Tomothy and Mallory Carper - Two Parcels, Poplar Hills Subdivision, Scott District for \$349,000.00.

Willard and Terri Crites to David and Ruth Hatten - Lot, Hillsdale Subdivision, Scott District for \$60,000.00.

Codey Donahue to Casey and Crystal Hayes - Lot, Hanshaw Addition, Poca Town District for \$60,000.00.

3 T Corporation to Thomas Kiddie - 26.19 Acres, Scott District for \$12,000.00.

Robert Evans and Lisa Sowards to Hele Huang - Lot, South Brooke Subdivision, Hurricane District for \$545,000.00.

Michael and Doris Smith to Larry Perkins - 100 Acres, Buffalo District for \$381,500.00.

Richard Sylvester and Faith Hunt to David and Barbara Anderson - Lot, Castleknock Ridge, Scott District for \$440,400.00.

Vicky Richardson to Franklin and Ashley Bragg - Parcel, Poca Town District for \$10,000.00.

Albert Snyder and Anna Johnson to Barbara Reed - Parcel, East Plymouth Subdivision, Poca District for \$35,000.00.

Albert Snyder and Anna Johnson to Michael Ramsey - Lot, Nitro District for \$15,000.00.

Jonathan Keller to Elizabeth Gerwig - Lot, Hanshaw Addition, Poca Town District for \$146,100.00.

Speedway LLC and Speedway Superamerica LLC to Orion Pro Fund 7CS LLC - Two Tracts, Nitro District for \$4,840,000.00.

TForce Freight Inc and Overnite Transportation Company to Union Public Service District - Parcel, Poca District for \$125.00.

Mylissa Spradling to Wayne Rogers and Teena Whitesel - Parcel, Scott District for \$286,000.00.

Hardy County Holdings LLC to Matthew Perkins - Parcel, Union District for \$3,500.00.

Tomothy and Penny Carper to Francis Rideout and Samantha Zdanowicz - Parcel, Hurricane District for \$4,645.00.

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Matthew 17:1-27	Matthew 20:1-19	Matthew 20:20-34	Acts 3:1-26	Acts 4:1-22	Acts 4:23-37	Acts 5:1-16
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BASIC BIBLE

By Ron Allen
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God’s Dwelling on High

Psalm 113:1-9

The psalmist directs us to praise the LORD. The LORD is Yah or Yahweh, the same LORD who counted Abraham’s belief as righteousness. The psalmist is speaking to New Testament believers because the LORD counts belief as righteousness for who ever believes in Him.

“Praise ye the LORD. Praise, O ye servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD” (v. 1). Praise, by definition, is an expression of respect and gratitude. All who hear the psalmist are to express respect and gratitude to the LORD who counts belief for righteousness. The servants of Him who counts belief for righteousness are to praise the name of the LORD.

Who are the servants of the self-existent God who counts belief for righteousness? The servants of the self-existent God are all believers. This includes Old Testament figures like Abraham and David who served God through faith and New Testament believers who have become the servants of righteousness by faith (Rom. 6:17-18). All who have been empowered by God’s grace to live holy lives are the servants of the LORD and are to praise His name.

The name Yeshua (Hebrew for Jesus) means “the LORD saves” or “Yahweh is salvation.” The name “Jesus” declares both the identity of the LORD and that which the LORD does, has done, and shall do. The name “Jesus” declares the power of Yahweh — power to give life to that which was dead. The psalmist speaks to all who know Jesus as LORD and Savior. New Testament believers, without exception, are called to praise the name of Jesus. Jesus is David’s Lord who sits at the right hand of the LORD (Ps. 110:1, Matt. 22:44-45).

“Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore” (v. 2). There is a difference between “blessed be” and “blessed is.” The psalmist, in this declaration, states the time at which “blessed be” becomes “blessed is” for believers. Time begins with Jesus; time begins when Yahweh saves and time continues for evermore. Believers are to praise the name of the LORD “From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same” (v. 3).

In verse 4, the psalmist joins in the chorus of praise. “The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.” Nations build monuments to themselves as declarations of their greatness. The greatness of the nations, however, fails to serve as a measuring stick for the LORD’s greatness because His greatness exceeds the imaginations of men. His glory is beyond measure. There is no one like the LORD. The LORD our God dwells on high and dwells above that which can be measured.

“Who is like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high” (v. 5). Who is like the self-existent God who revealed Himself to Moses and counted Abraham’s belief for righteousness? The LORD our God dwells beyond where men may physically go and dwell. Only the LORD our God humbles himself to behold things that are in heaven, and in the earth (v. 6). New Testament believers know that Jesus is the LORD who humbled Himself and took on flesh and dwelt among us (Jn. 1:14). The Comforter (the Holy Spirit) has revealed that Jesus is the Christ who was foreordained before the foundation of the world to be the Lamb who would be slain and raised up from the dead and given glory such that all faith and hope might be in God (see I Pet. 1:19-21). Jesus (Yahweh saves) is like unto the LORD our God who dwells on high.

“He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill; That he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people. He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children” (v. 7-9). These are declarations of the works which the LORD has done, does, and shall continue to do. The works of the LORD are words of praise. The LORD lifts the poor out the dust to be poor no more. The LORD enriches the poor. The LORD blesses the poor in spirit by providing entry into the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:3). The LORD lifts up the needy. The LORD gives comfort to them who mourn from dunghills of despair (Matt. 5:4). The LORD lifts up the poor and the needy to dwell with the princes (the favored) of His people. The LORD gives the barren woman joy by filling her home with her children. The LORD cares for the barren, for them who dwell in an empty house. New Testament believers rejoice because the LORD cares for us (I Pet. 5:7).

The closing words of Psalm 113 are: “Praise ye the LORD.” New Testament believers are called to praise the LORD in the same manner by which the psalmist joined the choir of praise-givers. The psalmist proclaimed the LORD’s greatness by declaring His works. We are to praise the LORD by proclaiming that which the LORD has done, is doing, and shall continue to do. The LORD has given us the surety of Spirit that we should be to the praise of his glory (Eph. 1:12-14). Let us declare the LORD to all people in all places (Matt. 28:19). Let us proclaim the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. Jesus! Jesus! Jesus! His name is praise!

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KIDS TALK ABOUT GOD

BY CAREY KINSOLVING AND FRIENDS

How Can You Tell If Someone Loves Jesus?

“If you love Jesus, you keep his commandments, and he will give you a helper,” says Vincent, 7,

If you want to make people angry, tell them what to do. Give them some commandments. If you want to make people fighting angry, tell them there’s nothing they can do to earn an eternal home in heaven. Religious people delude themselves by imagining they can earn God’s favor.

If God’s salvation is provided by his free grace through faith alone in Christ alone, what’s with the commandments? Jesus said, “If you love me, keep my commandments,” (John 14:15).

Although God’s people are redeemed and forgiven, it doesn’t shield them from self-deception. Our capacity to fool ourselves is greater than we can imagine. God never gave his commandments as a way for us to secure a home in heaven. No one has ever kept them perfectly except Jesus.

Immediately after Jesus said those who love him would keep his commandments, he said he would send a helper who would be with all believers forever (John 14:16). Our helper is God himself in the person of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Bible scholar Warren Wiersbe wrote this: “The Spirit living within the disciples would take the place of the Savior living beside the disciples.”

God wants us to live beyond commandments. Love surpasses commandments, but the commandments give us a starting point to know if we’re living in harmony with Jesus. It’s like flying on an airplane versus a road trip in the car. Flying is a different realm.

God’s commandments keep our feet on the ground. They protect us from self-delusion. Love is like flying! There are no stop signs or traffic lights when flying above the clouds.

What if I woke up tomorrow morning to a list of 10 commandments from my wife? Do I really need commandments to bring her flowers and dark chocolate or to take her out to a restaurant she enjoys?

“If you love Jesus, you will shine to the world,” says Hope, 9. One of the ways you might be a light in this world is very practical, says Audrey, 7: “If someone falls down, you do not laugh and you help them up.”

When someone falls, it’s easy to laugh. It takes compassion to imagine yourself in someone else’s shoes, especially when everyone is laughing.

During Jesus’ ministry, he constantly reached out to undesirables. Touching a leper was at the top of the taboo list. Jesus not only touched lepers, he healed them (Matthew 8:1-4).

“You can tell someone loves Jesus if they read the Bible, pray and obey,” says Josiah, 6.

On Broadway, someone who can sing, dance and act is called a triple threat. Josiah has identified the triple threat in God’s family. Christians who study the Bible, pray and obey God will always be a triple threat. The dark realm of Satanic evil will flee when facing a triple-threat believer.

Think about this: Jesus commanded his disciples to love one another. If a believer says he loves God, but hates his Christian brother, he’s deluded.

Memorize this truth: “If someone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also,” (I John 4:20-21).

Ask this question: Are you living the life of love for God and your brothers and sisters in Christ?

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Obituaries

DAVID BREEDLOVE

David Joey Breedlove, 74, of Hurricane, went home to be with his Lord January 12, 2026 from a long illness. Joey was a member of Liberty Baptist Church in Milton. He was a master electrician for over 40 years in the coal industry.

He is survived by his wife Star Breedlove of Hurricane; Sons, Steve Breedlove of Griffithsville, and David Breedlove of Hurricane; and Daughter, Leslie Saul of Yawkee; Sisters, Pat Holley and Cindy Saul of Alkol. He also had many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Memorial service will be at Liberty Baptist Church, 2469 Yates Crossing Road, Milton, at 1:00 p.m. on January 24, 2026.

Louise Kerwood 68, of Hurricane, passed away peacefully on January 15, 2026, following an extended illness.

Born on December 3, 1958, Weesie was the daughter of the late Sidney Marvin Powell and Virginia Louise "Jenny" Powell. After her biological father's passing, her mother remarried, and Weesie was lovingly raised by her parents, Harold and Jenny Powell Martin. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her brothers, Sidney M. Powell Jr. and Pat Powell.

Weesie was truly an angel on this earth. She had a heart bigger than most, loved everyone she met, and never knew a stranger. Her kindness, warmth, and genuine care for others left a lasting impact on all who were blessed to know her, and it is safe to say that everyone who knew Weesie loved her right back.

RODGER DALE FLOWERS

Rodger "Dale" Flowers, 57, passed away peacefully on January 14, 2026, surrounded by loved ones. His passing came far too soon, and the suddenness of his illness has left family and friends heartbroken.

Born on October 18, 1968, in Roanoke, Virginia, Dale lived a life marked by kindness, quiet strength, and a deep devotion to the people he loved. He was never happier than when he was near the water. Fishing wasn't just a hobby for him — it was his place of calm, where the quiet mornings, the steady cast of a line, and the easy conversations with those beside him felt like home.

Dale is survived by his wife, Teresa; his son, Ferron Wade; his parents: Roger and Nancy Flowers; and his sisters: Rebecca (Gary) Miller and Tasha (Brett) Weddle. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews: Kristian (Gabi) Miller, MacKenzie (Lucas) Sullivan, Sam Weddle, Jack Weddle; great nephews: Levi Miller, Landon Sullivan; mother in law, Jane Huey; sister-in-law, Tracy Thacker; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandparents: Woodrow and Margaret Flowers and Herman and Gladys Hartman.

Family meant everything to Weesie. She loved spending time with her loved ones, cooking meals to share, and making sure everyone felt welcome and cared for. She and her husband enjoyed bowling together and spent many years participating in different bowling leagues, creating lasting friendships along the way. Her home, and her heart, were always open.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Gary D. Kerwood; her son, Earin Kerwood (Ashley) of Hurricane; her daughter, Brittany Coleman (Steve) of Charleston; her grandchildren: Jenny Martin (Dario), Earin "Bub" Kerwood (Gianna), Zane Kerwood, Malachi Kerwood, Lilly Bright, Brantley Bright, and her Cassidy Bright; and her great-grandchildren: Ja'Kai Toole and Dario Martin II. She is also survived by her brother, C.W. Powell of Hurricane, along with

many close friends and the many children she lovingly welcomed into her life along the way. Graveside service was held at Staten Chapel Church Cemetery in Milton.

JOHN F. KING

John F. King, 61, of Leon, passed away January 13, 2026, at home with his loving wife by his side.

John was born December 13, 1964, in Summersville, West Virginia. He was a former construction worker in Kenosha, Wisconsin. John enjoyed camping, spending time with his children and grandchildren, and cheering on the Kansas City Chiefs.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Nancy King, and his sister, Janie Moore.

John is survived by his loving wife, Sandy King; his father, Pete King; his children, Megan (Jose) Rosario, Matt King, Carl Waddle, and Connor Waddle; his sister, Ina Moore; and his two cherished grandchildren, Joselyn and A.J. Rosario.

At his request, there will be no services.

PEGGY LYNN MCCLANAHAN

PeggyLynnMcClanahan, 73, of Okeechobee, Florida, unexpectedly received her wings on January 14, 2026, to be with our Heavenly Father.

She was born July 14, 1952, in St. Albans, WV, to the late Lemuel Wesley and Audrey Ercyl (Womack) McClanahan. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Gary McClanahan and Larry McClanahan.

Peggy was an angel in life as her light, love, and compassion shined to everyone she met. She took care of everyone. She was an incredibly strong lady throughout her life.

Peggy was a wonderful wife, mommy, mamaw, and sister. She was full of love for her family and friends. She was an incredibly creative artist. She was "the best cooker ever," and nothing compares to her love. Left to cherish her

memory is her husband of 31 years, James E. Dixon; daughter and best friend, Diana Cordell (Rob Wilkinson); grandson, Colton Cordell; granddaughter, Jessica Wilkinson; sister, Susan Clemens; step-daughter, Carolyn Dixon; special nephew, Jason "Buck" McClanahan; special niece, Jeannie Hodge; April "Thumper" Hayes; Angel McClanahan; Gary Lee McClanahan; and her four-legged baby, Luca.

A tribute to the life of Peggy will be 1:00 PM Saturday, January 24, 2026, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Goff-McClanahan Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the funeral home.

ROBERT LARRY MIDKIFF

Robert Larry Midkiff, 84, of Milton, passed away peacefully on January 16, 2026.

Larry was born on May 2, 1941, to Howard and Thelma Midkiff. He was a graduate of Milton High School and served the community of Milton for many years through his vast talents; auto body, auto parts, saddle shop, wrecker service, volunteer fire department, and upholstery work.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Janet Childers Midkiff; son, Darren Midkiff; and brother, Wayne Midkiff.

He is survived by his daughter, Dee Harner (Ed); brother, Jack (Avona); granddaughter Tabatha Cooper (Andy); 2 great grandchildren, Reagan and Tyson; and a wonderful group of friends for whom the family is forever grateful.

Receiving of friends will be Saturday, January 24, at 10:00 a.m. at Allen Funeral Home, Hurricane. A private memorial service will follow at 12:00 p.m.

BRENDA LOUISE JONES PRIM

Brenda Louise Jones Prim, 78, of Scott Depot, passed away peacefully at

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home on January 11, 2026.

She was born on November 24, 1947, to the late Rev. Hearl Jones, Jr. and Betty Louise Wills Jones in Fairmont. In addition to her parents, Brenda was also preceded in death by her brother, Gary Jones; her sister, Linda Jones; and her beloved furbaby, Wolfie.

She was a 1965 graduate of Doddridge County High School and went on to earn her Associate Degree in Nursing from Fairmont State College in 1967. Brenda proudly worked for three decades as a labor and delivery nurse at hospitals in West Virginia and Ohio. She was a member of the West Virginia Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #56 in West Union.

She was skilled at needlepointing, a talented cook, and famously known for correctly answering nearly every question on episodes of Jeopardy. She possessed an unmatched wit and sense of humor, along with a deep love for all animals. Above all, Brenda adored her family—especially her grandchildren, who lovingly knew her as "Grammie B."

Left to cherish her memory are her devoted husband, Dale Wayne Prim; her children: Scott Kisner (Malissa) of Petersburg, WV, Heather Hocking (Gary) of China Grove, NC, Amanda Morrison (Jason) of Anderson, SC, Brian Prim (Mary) of Hurricane, WV, and Mark Prim (Kristen) of Winfield, WV; and beloved her grandchildren: Colin Kisner, Ashley Kisner, Ethan Walker, Madison Walker, Gavin Holden, and Grace Holden. She is also survived by her special friends and caregivers: Lisa Cunningham and Tammy Rice, as well as her furbabies: Callie and Wylie. A Celebration of Life and details will be announced a later date.



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Friends of Buffalo WV History

The Friends of Buffalo WV History Group will hold a meeting on January 25, beginning at 3 p.m. at the Buffalo United Methodist Church. This meeting will primarily be to discuss plans for the upcoming year. If you enjoy Buffalo History, then you are invited to attend the meeting and become a part of our group.

If you are interested, check out the Friends of Buffalo WV Facebook Page for more information. The church is located at 27 High Street, Buffalo, in the Buffalo Historic Square. Everyone is welcome.

Developmental Screening

Putnam County Schools Developmental Screenings will be held on Friday, February 6, at the Teays Valley Baptist Church on Teays Valley Road. Children ages 2 1/2 to 4 years will be screened for speech/language, hearing, vision, motor skills, social skills, self-help, and cognition.

Please call 304-586-0500 ext. 1133 to schedule an appointment.

DEBBIE LESLIE CHAPMAN
#36 Andrew's Place
Hurricane 70th Birthday January 27

SANDI RATYNSKI
2362 Sandy Acre Lane
Lemon Grove, California 62nd Birthday January 27

DUSTY BEAVER
1033 Coleman Creek Road
Frazier's Bottom Birthday January 27

BRIAN BENNETT
Winfield 63rd Birthday January 27

THOMAS HARRISON NEWSOME
South Point, Ohio 24th Birthday January 28

JARAH MORGAN BROWNING HANCOCK
Estil Springs, Tennessee 31st Birthday January 28

BONNIE EDWARDS
Parkersburg 51st Birthday January 28

DONNA GRANT
4139 5&20 Mile Road
Frazier's Bottom Birthday January 28

JUDY ALLEN
Milton Birthday January 29

PAM CHAPMAN
5086 5&20 Mile Road
Frazier's Bottom 79th Birthday January 29

DEBBIE SMITH
2116 Brooke Street
Culloden Birthday January 29

XAVIER IBANEZ
Huntington Birthday January 29

XYLPHIA CHAPMAN
Huntington Birthday January 29

MARSHA HARPER
138 Thompson Road
Culloden 79th Birthday January 29

ANITA HILL ALTER
Kenosha 78th Birthday January 29

REX JUSTIS
Patriot, Ohio Birthday January 29

TATUM BLACK
4662 Hurricane Creek
Road
Hurricane 2nd Birthday January 29

Town of Eleanor History Chat

The Town of Eleanor is excited to invite everyone from our community and the surrounding area to a monthly history-and-storytelling meetup! Whether you've lived here your whole life or are just curious about the town's past, come share memories, tales of growing up in Eleanor, and whatever stories you've got to tell.

Did you know that Eleanor began in 1934 as a New Deal subsistence homestead community — one of just three in West Virginia?

Families worked together to build homes, farms, and community facilities during the Great Depression, and many of those original homes still stand today. In these get-togethers, it is hoped that people will share stories to learn more about the town and the people who made it such a great place to live!

The History Chat will be held on Thursday, January 29th, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Homestead Room at the Eleanor Town Hall.

This will continue to be held on the last Thursday of each month at the same time and place

Bring your stories, photos, and questions — let's celebrate our heritage and enjoy good conversation about the town we love!

Albertswheeler On Ohio Dominican Dean's List

Jazmyn Albertswheeler of Scott Depot has been named to Ohio Dominican University's 2025 Fall Semester Dean's List. To be named to the Dean's List, full-time undergraduate students must achieve a 3.5 GPA or higher after completing a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Ohio Dominican University is a comprehensive, four-year, private, liberal arts and master's institution, founded in 1911 in the Catholic and Dominican tradition by the Dominican Sisters of Peace. The University has approximately 1,200 students and offers undergraduate degrees in 42 majors and nine graduate degree programs. At ODU, students connect their passion with a purpose.

Happy Anniversary

Roger and Kathy Grant LeGrand of 84 Twp 337 Road in Kittshill, Ohio, will celebrate their thirty-ninth wedding anniversary on January 23.

Leslie and Brenda McGhee Thabit of 108 Arthur Lane in Hurricane will celebrate their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary on January 24.

Robert and Della Taylor of 105 Merry Wood Lane in Hurricane will celebrate their fifty-eighth wedding anniversary on January 25.

DJ and Michelle Leary of 6717 MacCorkle Avenue in St. Albans will celebrate their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary on January 26.

George (Ted) and Christine Fizer Byrd of 6647 State Route 34 in Culloden will celebrate their fifty-ninth wedding anniversary on January 28.

Upper Vandalia Historical Society to Meet

The Upper Vandalia Historical Society will be meeting on Sunday, January 25, at 2 p.m. at the Bancroft Mission, 5936 Charleston Road, Bancroft. Park in rear of building.

On the agenda will be member genealogies and show and tell.

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.

Monthly Tire Collection Event

The Putnam County Solid Waste Authority holds a tire collection event the first Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the City of Winfield public works lot located beside Payne's Produce.

Limit 10 personal passenger tires per Putnam resident. For more information, call 681-235-3276.

Available Pets at the Putnam County Animal Shelter

These are two 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, these animals may have already been adopted and found forever homes. 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



All the single ladies... all the single ladies, put your paws up! Cinnamon is a ladies' man through and through. While he can coexist with other dogs, he prefers a female-only fan club and politely declines men, kids and cats. Cinnamon is neutered, fully vaccinated, and ready to give his whole heart to the one who puts a ring (or leash) on it.



Rusty is a vocal charmer with a heart full of love and a tail that never stops wagging. He's an early riser, always excited to start the day by your side, whether that means morning cuddles or playtime. Rusty gets along wonderfully with other animals (even if the cats don't always return the favor). He's playful, smart, and already knows sit, leave it, no, and "good boy," and is house trained.

Kanawha Kordsmen Join With Harmony ReChaired

With Valentine's Day fast approaching, you may remember running into "Those guys in red" serenading some lucky individual. Well, it's that time of year again, but you might be interested to know that the Kanawha Kordsmen are working side-by-side with our new sibling ensemble, Harmony ReChaired!

The chapter, now known as Charleston WV A Capella (CWVAC), hosts two choruses! All your favorite things about the Singing Valentines are the same. It's still \$55 for a song, a rose, and some candy to anyone in Kanawha or Putnam counties; \$45 for a video sent anywhere in the world; or \$35 for a phone delivery. What better way to show a loved one how special they are than to send the gift of song!

Call now at (304) 346-SING (7464), or online at charlestonwvacapella.com. You are asked to provide a minimum delivery window of two hours, please.

CWVAC - Rooted in Tradition, Branching out in Harmony!

Neighbors Feeding Neighbors

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

They serve free, no-obligation meals to anyone in the community every Monday at 5:30 p.m.

Come out and enjoy a home-cooked meal at St. Timothy's!



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