

# The Hurricane Breeze

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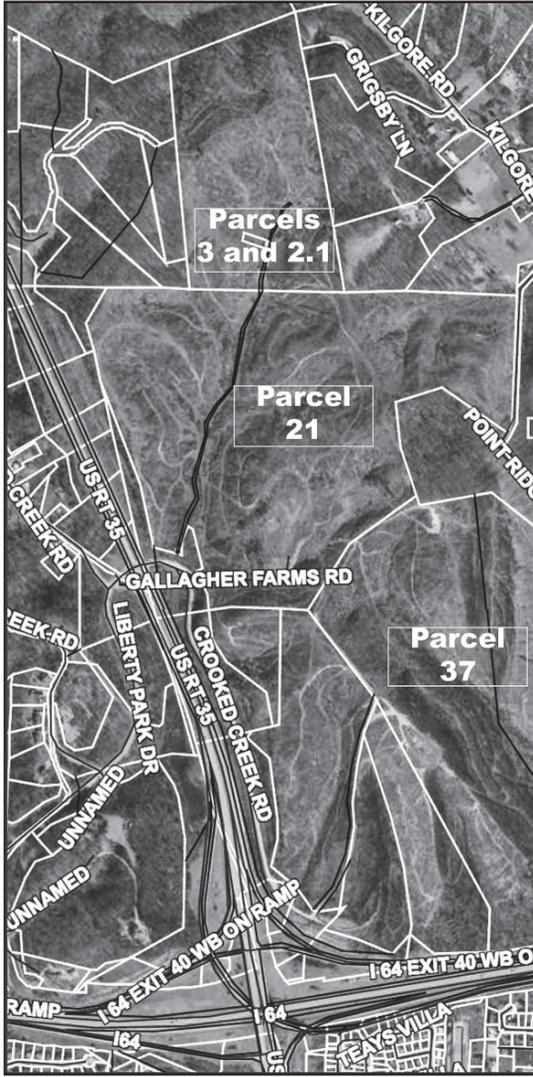
Action makes way for US 35/I-64 Interchange Development

By Ron Allen

A review of the minutes of the December 18 meeting reveals that additional voices of opposition to the text amendments were also expressed by members of the public at the meeting. The December 18 minutes, additionally, reveal statements of opposition to zoning changes requested by The Depot Development Group that were part of the December 18 meeting agenda. The zoning changes requested would result in four parcels located near the junction U.S. 35 and I-64 receiving (H-I) designation, and consequently, qualifying for "truck stop" and "warehousing" uses without need of a special permit. The event that the county commission will consider Depot Development's rezoning request at the commission's upcoming meeting on February 24th.

The Planning Commission approved Depot Development's request to rezone Tax Map 214, Parcels 21 and 37 from "C-2" High Density Commercial to "H-I" Highway Interchange and voted to table action on a request to rezone Tax Map 214, Parcels 2.1 and 3 from "R-R" Rural Residential

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Area affected by Text Amendment adoption.

## Harbingers of Spring Make Statement



The Breeze received word from Tina Leadmon on Sunday, February 15, that she heard the spring peepers speak on Trace Creek (north of Hurricane) at 12:58 p.m.



On Monday, February 16, Ron Allen spotted a small wave of robins bob, bob, bobbing in bottom which fronts Hurricane Creek Road at the Ranch at 10:00 a.m.

## Town of Eleanor Shows Love With Valentine's Day Luncheon



The Homestead Room of the Eleanor Town Hall served as eating headquarters for the Valentine's Day luncheon.

By Betsy Allen

Senior citizens from Eleanor and surrounding communities got some love this past Saturday, February 14, when the

town put on a special Valentine's Day Luncheon just for them. Over seventy-five people showed up at the Homestead Room of the Eleanor Town

Hall to enjoy friendship and fellowship. The menu featured a variety of soups, including chicken noodle, potato cheddar, Western bean, and vegetable beef,

as well as chicken salad sandwiches, cornbread, rolls, and cookies.

The soups were provided by S.T.A.R.S. - Serving Together A Risen Savior - a countywide religious organization dedicated to community service, and the sandwiches were provided by Maveen's Small Town Cravings, a new restaurant located in Eleanor. Volunteers from the town's events committee and Buffalo High School helped serve food and do clean up duty. Eleanor's Valentine's Day Luncheon first began in 2019, with the purpose of serving the large senior population in town and nearby area. "The focus has been to provide more events like this so that seniors can socialize and

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## Putnam County Clerk Brian Wood Announces County Winners in State's 'I Voted!' Sticker Contest

The WV Secretary of State's Office is hosting West Virginia's first-ever "I Voted!" Sticker Contest to create interest in the state's upcoming Primary Election and to celebrate some of the state's best middle school artists.

Putnam County Clerk Brian Wood is proud to announce that student 267 artists in the county participated in the contest. The "I Voted!" sticker is very popular among voters. The sticker is given to voters after they cast a

ballot in person during early voting or on election day.

Putnam County's winner are:

First Place - Clinton Steele, Hurricane Middle School; Second Place - Zoey Woods, GW Middle School; Third Place (tie) - Katie Doerner, Hurricane Middle School; and Third Place (tie) - Lucy Barnes, Hurricane Middle School.

The artwork from the Clinton Steele winner will now be sent to the WV Secretary of State's Office

for the Regional Contest. Four (4) Regional Finalists will be announced on February 17th. Those four Regional Finalists will be judged and voted upon by the public on the WV Secretary of State's Facebook page. A State Winner will be announced on March 11th during WV Civics Learning Week at the State Capitol.

More information on West Virginia's "I Voted!" Sticker Contest can be found at [www.GoVoteWV.com](http://www.GoVoteWV.com)

## Hurricane High School, Region 2 Academic Showdown Winner



Pictured (l-r): Paige Kelley, Lennon Hodge, Bear Fuller, Connor Westfall, and Coach Dimsdale.

By Ron Allen

The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) and Marshall University issued congratulations to Huntington High School and Hurricane High School for placing first and second in the 2026 Academic Showdown Region 2 competition held at Marshall on Saturday, February 14. Both

schools secured a spot in Academic Showdown finale for statewide honors in Charleston on May 1.

Through fast-paced, head-to-head style matchups, the Showdown provides students the opportunity to showcase a mastery of knowledge across content areas, including mathematics, science, history, sports, pop culture and more. The Region 2

Showdown hosted teams from the following schools: Buffalo High School, Huntington High School, Hurricane High School, Mingo Central High School, Poca High School, Spring Valley High School, Tug Valley High School, Wayne High School, Winfield High School.

"The vigor and tenacity our students bring to the Academic Showdown

WEATHER SUMMARY		
February 3 - 9		
	Low	High
February 10		
Hurricane	20°	60°
February 11		
Hurricane	21°	41°
February 12		
Hurricane	16°	38°
February 13		
Hurricane	15°	43°
February 14		
Hurricane	19°	51°
February 15*		
Hurricane	32°	40°
February 16		
Hurricane	25°	47°

\*RAIN  
1.0 inch recorded Feb. 15

are inspiring. I'm excited that our students have the opportunity once again to showcase their talents, depth of knowledge and competitiveness," said State Superintendent of Schools Michele L. Blatt. "Each year, this competition highlights the impact public education has on students and serves as a reminder of the quality of learning happening every day in classrooms statewide."

The next regional competition is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 19, at Fairmont State University.

The Showdown is a partnership between the WVDE, the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, the West Virginia Culture Center and West Virginia Public Broadcasting. This year's program features newcomers and returning teams representing 53 schools across 31 counties.

## 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.

### THURSDAYS IN FEBRUARY

- STEMuary Event: There will be a Bill Nye the Science Guy watch party at 3:30 p.m. on Thursdays in February at the Poca Library.

### FEBRUARY 19

- The Hearts & Handmade Market will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Valley Park Conference Center in Hurricane. Sweet treat vendors, book vendors, coffee and more.

- The Vandalia Backgammon Club holds weekly backgammon sessions from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays at the Putnam Moose, located in Putnam Village Shopping Center in Teays Valley. Open to the public.

- There will be a spring doormat painting class from 6 to 8 p.m. at Valley Park Conference Center in Hurricane. To purchase tickets, go to <https://304tix.com/events/spring-doormat-painting-2-19-2026>

- There will be a make your own sun catcher workshop from 6 to 8 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane. The cost is \$47.64. Purchase tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1979911488560>

- Facing Hunger Mobile Food Pantry will be at River Ridge Church, Saturn Way, Hurricane, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### FEBRUARY 20

- There will be an Energize & Advertise - Marketing 101 Workshop at 8 a.m. at Nitro Energy & Wellness, 420 1st Avenue South, Nitro. Learn how to grow your small business through modern marketing. RSVP by texting 304-444-4104.

- Coffee With A Twist, 101 Main Avenue, Nitro,

### THE HURRICANE BREEZE

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will be hosting a Paint Your Spouse Date Night at 6 p.m. The cost is \$50 per couple. For more information and to reserve a spot, call (304) 759-9002.

- There will be a Girls' Night Galentine's Party at 6 p.m. at Compass Aesthetics WV, 3657 Teays Valley Road, Suite 3, Hurricane.

- Fridays are Tots Zone at Quantum Sports Center, 3548 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Inflatables, bouncy houses, obstacle courses, and toy zone. For more information, call (304) 562-1020.

### FEBRUARY 21

- Oma Chapel Church, 949 Arbuckle Creek Road, Leon, will be holding their Love Thy Neighbor Dinner from 4 to 6 p.m. Choice of spaghetti, fettuccine, or both.

- Joe Hunt will be performing at Caleb's Bar and Grill, 17426 Charleston Road, Buffalo, starting at 8 p.m.

- Coffee With A Twist, 101 Main Avenue, Nitro, will be hosting a Mom and Me Tea Party Brunch starting at 11 a.m. The cost is \$7.99 per guest. For more information and to reserve a spot, call (304) 759-9002.

- There will be a free beekeeping workshop from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the West Sattes Community Center, 234 Lee Street, Nitro.

- The Dead Dance Zombie Prom will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight at Lee's Studio of Dance, 8325 Winfield Road, Winfield. The cost is \$30 for single; and \$50 for a couple. To reserve a spot, call 681-203-3683.

- Game Grove, located in Putnam Village Shopping Center, will be celebrating their third anniversary from noon until closing time.

- Adam Parker and the Bourbon Cowboys will be performing at 8 p.m. at the Putnam County Moose, located in Putnam Village Shopping Center. Open to the public.

- The Band Wagon will be performing at Emma Rae's Steakhouse, 1101 Hospital Drive, Hurricane, at 6 p.m.

- The West Virginia Comics Buy, Sell, and Trade Comic and Toy Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Social Event Space, 2833 Main Street, Hurricane. Free to enter.

- There will be a Daddy Daughter Dance from 6 to 8 p.m. at River Ridge Church, Saturn Way, Hurricane. The cost is \$25. To register, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1979977362591>

### FEBRUARY 22

- Sugar Shenanigans, 14 Bank Street, Nitro, will be debuting their new fruit pastries at 1 p.m.

### FEBRUARY 24

- Brook's Bar and Grill, 13184 Winfield Road, Winfield, hosts free line dancing classes every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

- The Putnam County Crochet Club will be meeting at 7 p.m. at St. Timothy's in the Valley Episcopal Church, 3434 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane. All levels of experience welcome.

### FEBRUARY 26

- The Town of Eleanor will be holding a monthly history chat at 6 p.m. at the Homestead Room in the Eleanor Town Hall.

- The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours will be held at 5 p.m. at Prime Lending, 101 Carriage Way, Hurricane. To RSVP, call 304-757-6510.

- The Putnam Puzzler Puzzle Competition will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at Valley Park Conference Center in Hurricane. The

## Mountain Stage Concert Comes to the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse Starring Local Favorites

The Marshall Artists Series welcomes Mountain Stage with Kathy Mattea back to the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center on Sunday, February 22 at 7 p.m., bringing an electric night of American roots, bluegrass, folk, and Appalachian-inspired music to downtown Huntington. Filmed live for NPR Music, the concert invites audience members to be part of a nationally broadcast Mountain Stage episode.

This installment of Mountain Stage features a dynamic lineup including acclaimed songwriter and storyteller Stephen Kellogg, Appalachian rock favorite Corduroy Brown, GRAMMY-nominated protest bluegrass outfit Joe Troop & The Truth Machine, West Virginia-based Americana group Kindred Valley, and Colorado singer-songwriter Emily Scott Robinson. Hosting the evening is two-time GRAMMY Award winner and West Virginia native Kathy Mattea.

A Stephen Kellogg performance is equal parts concert, comedy, and communal experience. A seasoned songwriter, TEDx speaker, stand-up comic, and author, Kellogg has spent more than two decades captivating audiences with music and storytelling that spans the full range of human emotion. Praised by Planet Bluegrass as a, "first-class songwriter with a poet's gift," Kellogg's performances leave audiences laughing, reflecting, and inspired. His recent Sit Down & Stand Up tour received widespread acclaim for its intimate, one-man-show format.

GRAMMY-nominated songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Joe Troop arrives with his latest project, The Truth Machine, a bluegrass-powered protest band rooted in social justice and community. Joined by Lu Furtado, Malia Furtado, Oliva Fernandez and Jimmy Washington, the group delivers songs that balance political commentary with humor, heart and love. Their music has been praised for its thought-provoking lyrics and populist spirit, creating a satirical and

cost is \$20 for a team of 2 - 4 people. For more information, call (304) 562-0518.

### FEBRUARY 27

- Coffee With A Twist, 101 Main Avenue, Nitro, will be hosting free bingo starting at 6 p.m.

- STEMuary Event: Come to the Eleanor Locks and Dam at 10 p.m. to look for bald eagles. (Note: the address you'll want to plug into your map is Robin Drive in Eleanor, which is near the National Guard Armory just outside of town limits.)

- There will be a homeschool science class at 10 a.m. with Putnam County Litter Control Officer Micha Casto at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley.

- The Board Room, located behind the Hurricane Walmart, will be celebrating Pokémon Day with a free tournament starting at 6:30 p.m.

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

energetic performance that encourages audiences to listen, laugh and sing along.

Kindred Valley, a West Virginia-based Americana, indie folk-, and folk-rock band, draws deeply from Appalachian culture and personal storytelling. Originally formed in Huntington as Back Row Baptists, the group evolved with the addition of new members in 2021, sparking a creative expansion that led to their debut album in 2022. Their sound blends tradition with innovation, creating an immersive listening experience that reflects both their roots and their growth as a band.

Huntington's own Corduroy Brown brings a feel-good Appalachian rock sound that blends the warmth of the 1990s and 2000s with a distinctly regional edge. After surviving a life-threatening illness during the COVID-19 pandemic, frontman Corduroy Brown's perspective shifted, infusing his music with themes of gratitude, resilience and self-worth. He has shared stages with national acts including Everclear, Wynonna Judd, Hoobastank, and Nappy Roots, and has appeared at major festivals such as Healing Appalachia and Master Musicians Festival. Known for high-energy performances and singalong hooks, Corduroy Brown's shows are often described as leaving the audiences "feelin' a little better than before."

Rounding out the lineup is Emily Scott Robinson, a Colorado-based singer-songwriter whose music blends folk and country with thoughtful examinations of faith, hope, and regret. Known for her clear-eyed songwriting and emotive delivery, Robinson brings a reflective and deeply human voice to the Mountain Stage lineup.

Guiding the evening is Kathy Mattea, a beloved voice in American music and a longtime member of the Mountain Stage family. A West Virginia native and two-time GRAMMY Award winner, Mattea

### 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](http://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

I have lived in Indiana, again, for four months. I am still not finished with the apartment. The cold weather has prevented me from completing my shopping. Just a few more items needed. The biggest difference in living here versus Florida is the weather, of course. Indiana weather... cold...

I was spoiled in Florida. I might have used my heat a couple of times in two years. We were on the Gulf in the south... hot... here whew..

We have had several snows here in Indiana and several times just dusting. The temps are frigid and with the wind, it is painful. That being said, I don't mind. My daughter has taken me on most of my errands so far. I will venture out alone when the ice and snow leave us. My apartment is convenient to shopping and libraries.

Four months have flown by. I lived here from December 2017 to 2021. As I have written previously. I moved to Florida, at my son's request, to be near them. Nana to the boys... I have loved both places and love all of my family. It is difficult to choose a place to live when we are separated by miles.

The biggest adjustment has been this apartment complex. It is brand new and nice. My apartment is terrific. Of course, the condo my son bought in Florida for me was fantastic. This apartment complex is for 55 and

brings warmth, musical insight, and a deep love for her home state to every show. As she puts it, "If someone was going to invent a job that combined all my passions and all of my skills, this would be it."

Tickets for Mountain Stage are \$53.51 and are available through the Joan C. Edwards Box Office, open Monday through Friday from 12 PM to 4 PM, by calling 304.696.6656 or online at [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com). The Marshall Artists Series accepts all major credit cards.

**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.

up... there are many of us who are elderly. There are always people about. The social calendar is packed. I do not join in for the meals and games, but I do make sure I say hello and chat awhile when getting my mail and doing my steps.

I live on the fourth floor, by choice. I have a view of the woods, and my floor is quiet. The complex is slowly filling up with residents. There are now three Brenda's. Mercy, some of my friends might chuckle and say... another Brenda? lol

Moving is not easy. Moving can be emotional, as this one has been. I miss my grandsons so much. I have enjoyed seeing my grand girls again. The eldest returned to her job and home in NYC after the holidays. The middle one lives nearby and works for a school system here. The youngest grandgirl... arrived in Ireland for a semester there... she is a junior at Purdue. Blessings...

Who would have thought that this little girl who grew up in small town America would have moved and traveled so much? I miss my home in WV. I loved it. I think of Mother sitting on the front porch, moving the swing with her foot, waiting for us to pull up with the kids. Oh my! I wish Mike and I had remained in Huntington. I never wanted to leave the area. Living near grandparents is important. Why do families move away? Our kids could have grown up living near grandparents... gifts...

I remember the old days when families were within a couple of miles of each other. Then poof! One moves... another moves... reminds me of the Little House on the Prairie books when Pa moved his family over and over... leaving family... oh well, I guess we were pioneers, of a sort... making our way in new places.

My thoughts were let's remain close... because the way we were is the way we are, family... forever.

**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

# Town of Eleanor Shows Love With Valentine's Day Luncheon

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get together," said Mayor Cam Clendenin. "The other goal is to provide opportunities for youth to have community service opportunities."

"We felt that there was a bigger gap created in the past few years between seniors and youth in the community," Clendenin explained. "Having events for seniors put on by student volunteers bridges the gap. With the pandemic, events were cancelled, and the school system was more restrictive on field trips and outside events. Now all that has been lifted and everything is normal. Creating these opportunities will put things the way they should



Allison Clendenin, Jessie Buckner, and Mckenzi Parsons were among the volunteers who helped serve food at the Valentine's Day Luncheon in Eleanor.

be. It is great to be a part of the luncheon; you get to know people and learn what makes Eleanor as great as it is."

# THIS WEEK IN THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

For the week ending February 13, 2026

Members of the House of Delegates finished the week by voting to leverage a tax credit that would bring in private investment for small West Virginia businesses, and the bill is in line to be the first completed legislation of the session.

Delegates Passed Senate Bill 1, the West Virginia First Small Business Growth Act, Feb. 13 after having amended most of the provisions of its counterpart, House Bill 4003, into the measure the previous day. The bill would offer a limited tax credit against the West Virginia Insurance Premium Tax to financial institutions that invest in state-certified growth funds. Only businesses principally operating in West Virginia with fewer than 250 employees at the time of their application with at least 60% of their workforce in the state would be eligible to receive the funds, with the West Virginia Department of Commerce overseeing the program.

"As someone who grew up in a family that owned their own small business that paid for my education and everything else I needed, this is a bill that I just take a lot of personal pride in," said Judiciary Committee Chairman J.B. Akers, R-Kanawha, the lead sponsor of House Bill 4003, in presenting the West Virginia First Small Business Growth Act on the floor before the vote. "This bill is focused on existing West Virginia businesses. This is a promise that we have made that we're going to start focusing as much of our attention as possible on existing West Virginia businesses, and this bill provides them with the capitalization they need to grow."

Akers said it would mirror a federal program already successfully operating in 18 other states, including Ohio, Kentucky and Pennsylvania.

"We've got private investors providing private capital to private Miners Memorial Hospital in Beckley, he became a driving force in the passage of state and federal black lung legislation.

Feb. 25, 1903: An armed posse ambushed striking miners in their homes in the village of Stanaford near Beckley. Six miners were killed; federal judge B. F. Keller exonerated the posse.

Feb. 25, 1911: Newspaperman Jim Comstock was born in Richwood. In 1957, he founded the West Virginia Hillbilly, a weekly newspaper that circulated inside and outside the state.

"The government is not involved in this other than ... as a safeguard and guardrails."

House Majority Whip Marty Gearheart, R-Mercer, who also serves as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Revenue, spoke about the bill ahead of the vote as well.

"I don't mind telling you that high finance is not necessarily my specialty, and when I looked at this bill it made my eyes spin just a little bit because there's a lot of detail here and there, but the reality is the impetus of this bill is pretty simple," Gearheart said. "It makes a pool of capital available to West Virginia businesses that currently cannot access that kind of capital."

"Businesses that are successful that have the opportunity to grow and become even more successful and to expand what we do here now can have access to the dollars in order to do that by means of this bill, and it really is that simple."

Finance Committee Chairman Vernon Criss, R-Wood, spoke before the vote to explain how being in a border county gives him the perspective that forms his urgency for this initiative.

"We see a lot of this activity," he said. "I look around the room to Mason County and Cabell County and Jackson County; we see it all the time, we're competing for those people that live in our valley to locate their businesses on one side of the river or the other."

"Finally — finally — in the financial structure of our state, we're going to have the opportunity to help small businesses."

The bill passed by a vote of 87 to 3 and returns to the Senate for its review. If the Senate approves, the bill will be the first completed legislation of the 2026 regular session and will go to the governor for action.

Also this week, the House unanimously approved: House Bill 4011, which would allow expanded material recycling; House Bill 4749, which was written and presented to the Legislature by a teenager who is in foster care, and would expand the Foster Child Bill of Rights; and House Bill 4089, which would require insurance coverage for scalp cooling systems that preserve of hair during chemotherapy treatment, also known as Jessica Huffman's Law.

The last day to introduce bills is Feb. 17, and 69 House bills have passed the House. The 60-day, regular legislative session ends at midnight March 14.

## COUNTY COMMISSION NEWS

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to "H-I" Highway Interchange.

The December 18 Planning Commission minutes include a description of Phase 1 Development of the property to be rezoned. Jeff Hoops informed those in attendance that 50 acres would be developed as a Travel Center & Truck Stop and 60 acres would serve as home to a Commercial Hub featuring a big-box retailer, hospitality services (hotel), and dining establishments.

Prior to approving the text amendments as recommended by Planning, the commission acted upon a request by Putnam Public Service District to issue a letter of support that the PSD can use to obtain funding for an alternative water intake. The PSD is proposing a project which would bring water from the Kanawha River at Winfield (above the city's sewer plant) to

Larck Reservoir via Rocky Step Road and Harmons Branch.

The project would allow Putnam PSD to maintain adequate reserve during drought years. During the drought of 2024, the PSD was not able to provide supplemental water to the City of Hurricane, causing the Hurricane utility to be dependent solely upon West Virginia American Water.

In other business, the commission authorized the transfer ownership of the 1997 65-ft Ladder Truck from the Putnam County Fire Service to the Hurricane Training Center. The truck previously served as Hurricane Fire & Rescue's ladder truck but is no longer suitable for road use.

The commission reappointed Tony Hodge and Jesse Parker to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

The commission next meets on Tuesday, February 24th, at 5 p.m.



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

Feb. 19, 1908: Orval Elijah Brown was born near Lizemores in Clay County. Brown, a free-spirited individual, gained notoriety as the "Clay County Wild Man" during the Great Depression for his untamed physical appearance, which included a flowing beard and the wearing of little more than a self-made loincloth.

Feb. 19, 1943: Author Homer Hickam was born in Coalwood, McDowell County. Hickam's second book, Rocket Boys: A Memoir, was published in 1998 and became a runaway bestseller. It was adapted into the film October Sky.

Feb. 20, 1875: The legislature approved a bill to move the state capital from Charleston back to Wheeling.

Feb. 20, 1995: The legislature voted to make the Golden Delicious apple the official state fruit.

Feb. 21, 1895: Bluefield Colored Institute was established by the legislature to prepare Black West Virginians for the teaching profession. After several name changes, the school became Bluefield State College in 1943 and achieved university status in 2022.

Feb. 21, 1913: Workers' compensation passed the legislature, modeled on the German system Governor Hatfield had studied in the Ruhr Valley coalfields.

Feb. 21, 1940: Governor Gaston Caperton was born in Charleston. In 1988, Caperton defeated incumbent Arch Moore

to become the state's 31st governor.

Feb. 22, 1927: Longtime Agriculture Commissioner Gus R. Douglass was born in Mason County. Douglass, a Democrat, was first elected commissioner in 1964. Re-elected nine times, Douglass was the longest serving agricultural commissioner in the country.

Feb. 22, 2018: 33,000 schoolteachers and service personnel walked off the job over wages and health benefits. The strike drew national attention, and teachers in five other states organized work stoppages.

Feb. 23, 1867: Lincoln County was formed from Boone, Cabell, Kanawha and Putnam counties. The county was named for Abraham Lincoln.

Feb. 23, 1905: The first USS West Virginia was commissioned. The armored cruiser was renamed the USS Huntington in 1916 to allow the transfer of the original name to a newly authorized battleship.

Feb. 23, 1945: Harrison County native "Woody" Williams distinguished himself during the Battle of Iwo Jima by neutralizing seven concrete pillboxes. This act of heroism earned Williams the Medal of Honor.

Feb. 24, 1918: Judge Kenneth Keller "K. K." Hall was born at Greenview, Boone County. Hall spent 47 years on the state and federal benches.

Feb. 24, 1928: Doctor Donald L. Rasmussen was born in Colorado. After coming to work at

### REAL ESTATE AUCTION

Wednesday, March 4th at 4:00PM

Registration & Inspection Begin at 3:00PM



123 Brooke Street  
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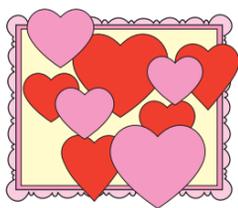
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# Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



## Truth

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

The truth is no magician, it has  
Nothing up it's sleeve  
It can be mistaken for, a lie  
That some believe

It seems that truth is often, in the eye  
Of the beholder  
It's not a piece of paper, you can put  
Inside a folder

People try and hide the truth, but  
Truth will find a way  
To sit and wait to have it's chance,  
To find the light of day

The truth is that truth is not,  
A hard thing to define  
All you need to know is truth,  
Is found between the lines

## Recipes

Submitted by Connie Reddington of Eleanor

### Candied Sweet Potatoes

Prep: 40 minutes + cooling

Bake: 15 minutes

Makes: 10 servings

3 lbs. sweet potatoes

1/2 cup packed brown sugar

1 tsp. ground cinnamon

1/4 cup butter, cubed

1/4 cup corn syrup

Optional: Chopped walnuts and minced fresh thyme

Place the whole, unpeeled sweet potatoes in a Dutch oven and cover with water. Cover and bring to a boil; simmer gently 30-45 minutes or until potatoes can be easily pierced with the tip of a sharp knife.

While the potatoes cool, preheat oven to 375 degrees. When sweet potatoes are cool enough to handle, peel the potatoes and cut into wedges. Place in an ungreased 11x7-inch baking dish. Sprinkle with the brown sugar and cinnamon. Dot with butter; drizzle with corn syrup.

Bake, uncovered, 15-20 minutes or until bubbly, basking with the sauce occasionally.

1 serving 248 cal., 5g fat (3g sat. fat), 12 mg chol., 59 mg sol., 51 g carb. (31g sugars, 4 g fiber), 2g pro.

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## Stop the Sniffles With Sick Day Soup

(Feature Impact) Coughs and sniffles don't have to derail you for long – not with a fresh, homemade stockpot full of Sick Day Chicken Noodle Soup. Loaded with rotisserie chicken, celery and carrots, it's sure to warm you from the inside-out as a warm, comforting meal. Plus, with eight servings, this dish can help solve dinnertime dilemmas throughout the week by storing leftovers in the refrigerator and reheating on the stove.

Warm up your winter meals with more comforting ideas available at Culinary.net.

### Sick Day Chicken Noodle Soup

Recipe adapted from Tastes Better from Scratch

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes

Servings: 8

1/2 tablespoon butter  
2 ribs celery, diced  
3-4 large carrots, diced  
1 clove garlic, minced  
10 cups chicken stock or broth  
1/8 teaspoon dried rosemary  
1/8 teaspoon dried thyme  
1/8 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes  
salt, to taste  
pepper, to taste  
chicken bouillon cubes (optional)  
4 cups dry egg noodles  
3 cups cooked rotisserie chicken

In large stockpot over medium-high heat, saute butter, celery and carrots 3 minutes. Add garlic and cook 30 seconds.

Add chicken stock or broth and season with rosemary, thyme and crushed red pepper. Add salt and pepper, to taste. Taste and add chicken bouillon cubes, if desired, for flavor.

Bring to boil. Add noodles and cook until al dente. Remove from heat once noodles are tender.

Add chicken. Taste and adjust seasoning as desired.

## Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead  
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

Us older folks know all about living on the edge, we used to answer the phone without knowing who was on the other line.

I told the carpenter not to carpet my steps. He gave me a blank stair.

When I was young and learning to count it was odd at first, even then.

Monsters don't like to eat ghosts because they taste like sheet.

A worm is a pretty disappointing prize for getting up early if you ask me.

I stepped outside and suddenly realized why bears choose to hibernate.

If doggies bark at you for no reason, take it seriously - animals sense danger before humans.

It's so cold outside today I saw a politician with his hands in his own pockets.

My horse will only come out of her stable after dark. She's becoming a night mare.

I don't know if Facebook has caused the lame to walk, but it sure has caused the dumb to speak.

Real generosity toward the future lies in giving all to the present

Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear - not absence of fear. - Mark Twain

It takes a lot of courage to show your dreams to someone else.

Stress is simply the adaptation of our bodies and minds to change.

Do people in electric cars listen to AC/DC or something current?

Losing a pet feels like losing a part of our soul that had fur and four legs and looked at us like we were their whole world.

Sometimes talking to your sister is all the therapy you need. And sometimes you need therapy after talking to your sister.

When I'm behind a slow car, I steer my car a little to the right so the people behind me can see it isn't my fault.

My thought about being skinny are often drowned out by the sound of me munching on potato chips.

You realize who matters when life gets dark - everyone shines in your sunlight, few hold you in your storms.

To make a long story short, I became an editor.

I'm not old, I'm just an antique teenager that is starting to creak.

When you think about it, egg salad is still chicken salad.

May you always do for others and let others do for you.

The leading costs for injury for old men is them thinking they are still young.



Fruit farmers eat what they can and can what they can't.

In a restaurant you may be American, in bathroom European.

Be sure you put your feet in the right place, then stand firm. - Abraham Lincoln

This morning, I cracked an egg, and pantyhose fell out.

Reputation is for time; character is for eternity.

Great hide and seek players are really hard to find.

Success doesn't come to you - you go to it.

I remember 2025 like it was yesterday.

Man in boxers leads police in brief chase.

Happiness blooms from within.

I have a black eye in karate.

If you have to decide between a diet and chocolate, do you prefer dark, white or milk chocolate?

A man of business should always have his eyes open, but most often seem to have them shut.

Sometimes faith will make you look foolish to others. Until it starts to rain. Just ask Noah.

Money can't make you happy, but it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery.

Freedom exists today because Veterans stood up when it mattered most.

I wish I could lose weight as easy as I lose my keys, pen, cell phone, my temper, and even my mind.

It's called gross pay because it's disgusting to see how much money you made before taxes.

Some people are so full of crap that I don't know whether to offer them a breath mint, or toilet paper.

Life is too short to waste your time when people who don't respect, appreciate and value you.

Restaurant toilets are dangerous. Some of my dates have gone to use them and simply vanished.

Stay solid. The same people who burned the bridge will one day wish they could cross it again.

I've reached the age where I can't tell if I sustained an injury or that's the way I am now.

I think my wife is putting glue on my firearms. She denies it but I'm sticking to my guns.

I recently went to the world's tiniest wind, turbine exhibit. Honestly,

not a big fan.

Confidence is not "they will like me." Confidence is "I'll be fine if they don't."

My entire life can be summed up in one sentence, "Well, that didn't go as planned."

Be kind to people. You never know when you are brightening someone's day.

Don't let anyone take you back to a level you've already leveled up from.

Being in debt attracts a lot of interest from bankers.

Don't look for happiness in the future, look for it inside you.

Inspecting mirrors is a job I could really see myself doing.

Sorry, I'm cranky, I'm going through my terrible 70's right now.

Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success.

It doesn't make any cents, but volunteering is rewarding.

I got booted from the coffee club because I wore a tea shirt.

Don't postpone happiness for the future. Make happiness for the present.

There's nothing worse than outliving someone you love.

Know what makes you happy in life and do more of it.

Sometimes it takes a lot of discipline to find real happiness.

Take joy in nature's beauty that surrounds us.

Become a mentor to those who need help.

A friend is someone you can confide in.

My favorite meal is dessert.

The older I get, the more I miss living in a world that no longer exists.

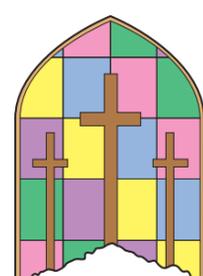
So many people from your past know a version of you that doesn't exist anymore.

Some people have no idea what they're doing, and a lot of them are really good at it.

If you fuel your journey on the opinions of others, you are going to run out of gas.

Me and mornings don't see eye to eye, mostly because I don't want to open mine.

## Bible Verse



All this also comes from the Lord Almighty, whose plan is wonderful, whose wisdom is magnificent.  
— Isaiah 28:29

### Appalachian Power Secures DOE Funding for Amos and Mountaineer Plant Upgrades

Appalachian Power Company (APCo) has been selected to receive funding through the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) grant program to modernize the nation's existing coal-fired power plant fleet, supporting targeted upgrades at the company's John Amos and Mountaineer plants. The program focuses on

high-impact projects that improve efficiency, extend plant life and enhance performance.

The funds awarded to APCo will support targeted upgrades at both plants, including cooling tower and condenser enhancements at Amos, and boiler upgrades at Mountaineer. Both facilities will also see environmental performance benefits through electrostatic precipitator component replacements. Together, these improvements will enhance operational efficiency, boost reliability and extend the useful life of the power plants.

APCo applied for \$35 million through the DOE program to support the planned upgrades. "Amos and Mountaineer plants have served our customers and the nation for decades," said Aaron Walker, APCo president and COO. "This grant will allow us to make key investments in these plants and ensure they continue to provide reliable service for years to come. Seeking federal grants is just one of the many ways we are helping to address the affordability concerns of our customers, and we are grateful for the leadership and support from the U.S. DOE and the state of West Virginia."

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Mason Andrews to Edward Haleigh Nichole Casto

Guy Worth Mick III to Leila Rose Crawford

Russell Lee Lewis to Jessica Dawn Kinney

Brian Lance Shamburg II to Lisa Ann Ferrebee

Timothy Paul Oldaker Jr. to Jessica Dawn Adams

Ethan Todd McMillion to Avery Tatum Payne

Juan Carlos Garcia Sanchez to Kellys Gonzalez Santis

Kirk Michael Mondy to Jade Alexis Haas

Corbin Ramey to Michael Hannah Broc McCracken

Marriage Licenses were issued to the following individuals during January which marriages were not recorded as of January 31, 2026:

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Michael Dale Beckett to Amanda Dawn Malone

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Nah Andrew Miller to Cathryn Elizabeth Mayberry

Matthew Richardson to Edward Lauren

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## BASIC BIBLE

By Ron Allen  
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### Run toward Holiness

Hebrews 12:1-17

The human author of Hebrews reminds readers of the necessity of faith in Christ, how “without faith it is impossible to please him” (11:6), and how faith supersedes rituals and sacrifices. The message of chapter 12 zeroes in on the manner in which believers are to be powered by faith.

There is a message from God to us in the opening verse. That message is “run with patience the race that is set before us”. Running with patience in a literal race, whether it be a horse race, an automobile race, or a marathon, means expending one’s energies at the most opportune time. One does not run for the sake of running. One runs with the goal of winning. We do not know when the most opportune time will come to push forward, but we must be ready for that opportunity. We need to recognize when to accelerate and when to slow the pace. Our running is to be fueled by faith. We, like the heroes of the faith in Hebrews 11, will be challenged.

The heroes of the faith are examples of runners who have persevered. They are part of the cloud of witnesses which encompass us. Their testimonies are encouragement for us to do the same. If we are to run as they have run, we must “lay aside” anything that hinders the energizing of our faith. The writer of this epistle, through the Holy Spirit, makes it known that ensnaring sin impedes the power of faith (v. 1). Instead of becoming sidetracked and encumbered by sin, we need focus upon Christ, the author and finisher of our faith (v. 2). He created the path by which men may come to the Father. He endured the cross, rejection and shame to be seated at the right hand of God. He has demonstrated perfect faith — it is necessary to trust totally upon the Father.

When the temptation arises and one is overwhelmed in the face of trials, one needs to look at that which Christ has done. He did not suffer that we should fail. We are not to become weary and give up. We are to remember how Christ endured a humiliating and excruciatingly painful death to overcome sin that our relationship with God might be restored.

In verse 5, we are directed to the book of Job with the words: “My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him.” There is much that can be gleaned from a study of Job. Job needed to be set straight concerning his self righteousness and God used the fiery darts of Satan to do it. The chastening which Job endured was for God’s purposes. Initially, Job rejected the chastisement which had been placed upon him. When he repented, God blessed him at the end with much more than He had at the beginning. God cared for Job and was not willing to let Job go his own way. Job was running the race before him with the wrong attitude. He had gotten off the track that God intended. We, like Job, also experience attitude problems. We fail to do that which the author of Hebrews implores us to do; we fail to focus upon Christ Jesus. We fail to lead Spirit-directed lives.

In verse 6, we see God’s tough love. A parent disciplines his own child, not out of hate, but out of love. Children need discipline because children do not, by nature, do all things as they should. The chastening hand of God is evidence that He has, indeed, received us as sons. The Spirit of God makes a statement that should serve as a wake up call to them who have gone their own way. If one does not share in the chastisement which is common, then one is a bastard and not a son.

The chastening hand of the Lord is for our benefit. God chastises them who depart from the path, them who fail to continue to run the race. God wants us to finish the race victoriously. Winning a physical race involves disciplining one’s body, abstaining from unhealthy practices, and intentionally engaging in healthy ones. The process is often painful, but necessary. The same is true of spiritual discipline. God wants us to know that the many trials that tempt and discourage us are actually tools by which He lovingly corrects us.

Proverbs 3:11-12 reminds us that while such discipline is unpleasant, it is proof of God’s love and is indicative of a true relationship with Him. Only loving fathers take the time and effort to educate and train their children. Training, correcting, educating, and rebuking are the norm of for earthly fathers, and they receive deserved respect for it. If our earthly fathers discipline us, we surely should expect discipline from Him who has adopted us.

“Follow peace with all men, and holiness . . .” v. 14). Again, we are running a race. Our run is to be fueled by faith. Evidence of that faith is found in walks of pursuing peace and holiness. Faith without a testimony of peace and holiness is faith of little value. The holiness by which men may see the Lord is provided by God to all who believe. We are to let Christ be seen in us. It is the Father’s desire that His holiness be seen in all who call upon the name of Jesus, believing. The race is to be run with diligence. Failure to be aware of the course is cause to stumble — to trip over roots of bitterness. Roots of bitterness may pop into our paths because we fail to forgive them who have wronged us. Holiness requires us to be as He who has completely covered our sins with His blood.

Failure to walk in holiness can be viewed in the actions of Esau (v. 16). Esau’s action (selling his birthright) was cause for him to lose the blessing which had been reserved for him. Esau, later, sought his birthright with tears but was denied because of the testimony of his careless disrespect. Our failure to walk as the Lord would have us is cause for us to lose the eternal blessings which the Lord has reserved for all who run with diligence.

It is the Lord’s intent that we finish the race victoriously, bearing the testimony of Him who is the author and finisher of our faith. Let us look to Jesus and run with patience and diligence.

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## KIDS TALK ABOUT GOD

BY CAREY KINSOLVING AND FRIENDS

### How Does the Holy Spirit Help Christians?

“The Holy Spirit helps me on being grateful. My mom gave me something I don’t like, but I still liked it,” says Siroc, 7.

That’s one of the best definitions of spiritual maturity I’ve ever heard: being thankful even when dinner looks suspicious. If you’ve ever smiled through a mouthful of overcooked Brussels sprouts or a surprise casserole, you know exactly what Siroc means.

In John 16:13, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of truth and says, “He will guide you into all truth.” The Holy Spirit doesn’t just help you be grateful; he helps you understand what Jesus meant, what God wants, and how to live it out.

“The Holy Spirit guides us, protects us and tells us what to do,” says Jake, 8.

Jake sums up the job description of the Holy Spirit in one sentence. If the Spirit had a business card, it might say: “Guide. Protector. Divine GPS.” Jesus said the Spirit would speak only what he hears from the Father and tell us what is to come (John 16:13).

“He gives you courage when you’re scared,” says Ava, 9. “When I was nervous to sing at church, I asked the Holy Spirit to help me. I wasn’t afraid anymore.”

That’s exactly what Jesus promised. The Holy Spirit isn’t just a comforter in theory; he’s a real help in real life. He’s like a flashlight that never runs out of batteries, and he always points to Jesus.

“The Holy Spirit helps you remember what Jesus said,” says Caleb, 11. “Like when I almost lied, I remembered Jesus said to tell the truth.”

That’s one of the Spirit’s best gifts: reminding us of Jesus’ words right when we need them. Sometimes it’s a whisper in your heart; other times, a gentle nudge.

“The Holy Spirit shows you when you’re doing something wrong,” says Gracie, 10. “I felt bad about being mean to my brother. I think that was him.”

The Spirit doesn’t scold. He corrects to bring us back to God. Jesus said the Spirit would especially convict the world of sin of unbelief in Jesus, which is the only sin that can keep anyone from entering God’s glorious kingdom (John 16:8-9).

Think of the Holy Spirit like a GPS that lovingly reroutes you to Jesus when you’ve taken a wrong turn. And unlike your uncle’s GPS, He never says, “Recalculating” in an annoyed voice.

“The Holy Spirit helps me pray when I don’t know what to say,” says Micah, 8.

Romans 8:26 says the Spirit helps us in our weakness, even praying for us when we don’t have the words. When you feel stuck in prayer, you’re not praying alone. In this verse, the Bible says the Holy Spirit “makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.” “Groanings” is a good description. Remember, he has to live with us.

“He always tells the truth and helps us understand the Bible,” says Lila, 10. “And he never brags about himself. He talks about Jesus.”

Jesus said, “He will glorify me” (John 16:14). The Holy Spirit’s favorite subject is Jesus, and he helps us know and love him more every day.

Think about this: The Holy Spirit is your built-in helper. He’s your personal tutor to teach you more about Jesus.

Memorize this truth: “However, when he, the Spirit of truth, has come, he will guide you into all truth” (John 16:13).

Ask this question: Is there something the Spirit is helping me understand or be thankful for today?

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**Obituaries**

**ULYSSES DAWSON**  
Ulysses Kenvil Dawson, 99, of Poca, passed away February 4, 2026, at his daughter's home following a short illness.

He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran, a longtime truck driver known by his CB handle "Copper Dragon," and a member of Teamsters Local Union 175. He worked for Bell Lines and retired from Smith's Transfer. He was a devoted member of Harmons Creek Church of the Nazarene for over 40 years. As his age advanced and he could no longer drive, his faith remained strong, and he would ride his four-wheeler to attend church services, reflecting his devotion, determination, and love for the Lord.

Ulysses found great joy in music, playing the harmonica and guitar, and teaching all of his children the joy of singing and music.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 76 years, Lorraine Dawson; daughter Janet Marie Dawson; sisters Eliza Grubb and Virginia Beckner; brother Clyde Dawson; granddaughter Kinsey Hill; grandson Greg Hill; great-grandson Nicholas Hodge; great-great-grandson Marquel Smith; and son-in-law Chuck Meadows.

Surviving are his children Gary (Rhonda) Dawson of West Jefferson, OH; Laverna (Steve) Adkins of Russell, KY; Neil (Judy) Dawson of Bellevue, FL; Vivian Kolasinski of Cross Lanes; Randy Dawson of Poca; Rita (Mike) Poling of Bremen, OH; Judith Meadows of Winfield; Timothy (Sandy) Dawson of Brandon, FL; and Donna McClaskie of Freyville, WV; brothers Freeman Crowder of Amelia, OH, and Lewis Crowder of Bellview, OH; 24 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren, and 34 great-great-grandchildren.

Celebration of Ulysses' life was held Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at Tyler Mt. Funeral Home. Burial was in Tyler Mt. Memory Gardens, Cross Lanes, with Military Graveside Rites conducted by St Albans VFW Post 6418 and American Legion Post 73.

**DEBORA LYNN PAULEY**  
Debora "Debbie" Lynn Pauley, (nee Estep), of Hurricane, passed away peacefully on February 11, 2026.

Born on December 28, 1958, she was the beloved daughter of Eugene and Helen Estep. Debbie attended DuPont High School and later Marshall University. She dedicated more than 20 years of service as a Lab Technician at Bayer Crop Science, where she was respected for her strong work ethic and attention to detail.

Debbie had a deeply caring heart and a special love for animals. Over the years, she fostered many dogs and cats and generously supported countless others in need. Her compassion extended far beyond her home, touching the lives of both people and animals alike.

More than anything, Debbie cherished time spent with her loved ones. She found joy in reading-often with a cat curled up beside her- and treasured the quiet moments just as much as family gatherings.

She is survived by her children: Allison Pauley, Jillian Priddy, and Jason Pauley; her beloved grandchildren: Lilah and Raena, who brought her immeasurable pride and happiness; and her two sisters: Linda Sadler and Sherry Traylor.

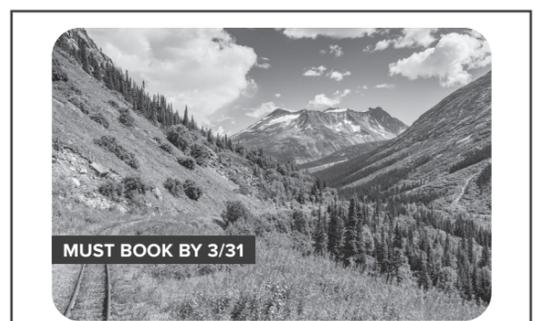
Debbie will be remembered for her kindness, generosity, faith, unrelenting strength, and even a bit of stubbornness that made her who she was.

Funeral service for Debbie was Tuesday, February 17th, at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane.

**DELORIS N. ROOPER**



Deloris N. Rooper, 88, of New Castle, Indiana, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on February 4, 2026. She was born in Hurricane, on November 9, 1937, to the late Frank and Elizabeth (Searles) Campbell.



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Deloris graduated from Hurricane High School in 1955. She lived most of her life in Hurricane, where she retired from Hurricane Elementary Schools. Deloris was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother who cherished her family and friends.

Deloris is survived by her daughters, Elice (Randy) Bailey and Sue (Brad) Houser; grandchildren, Nick Houser, Brittney Tilden, and Dylan Houser; and great grandchildren, Sadie, Dalton, Jaxson, and Nicholas.

In addition to her parents, Deloris was preceded in death by her first husband, Carl Breedlove, who passed in 1998; and her second husband, Wayne Rooper, who passed in 2023.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service in New Castle, Indiana. Condolences and memories of Deloris may be shared at [www.hinseybrown.com](http://www.hinseybrown.com).

**ALLEN 'JOE' SAVILLA**

Allen Anthony "Joe" Savilla, 86, of Nitro, passed away on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at home after a long illness.

Known to many as Joe and lovingly referred to as "Papa Joe" by his family, friends, and church community, he was a steady and familiar presence to all who knew him. He will be remembered for his quiet strength, generous heart, and the care he showed in simple, meaningful ways. Joe faced life—and its challenges—with resilience, dignity, and grace.

Joe was a graduate of Nicholas County High School, Class of 1957, and furthered his education at West Virginia State College. He spent many years in the oil industry, working for Texaco, Mobil, and other notable companies, retiring as Vice President of Lubricant

Sales at Petroleum Products, Inc. of Charleston, West Virginia. Loyal to his customers and deeply committed to his work, Joe was known for going above and beyond—often delivering a drum or even a single bucket of oil in the middle of the night to help a customer through an emergency until a full order could arrive. For this dedication, he was affectionately nicknamed "One Bucket" by his friends.

In the 1970s and '80s, Joe and his family operated Savilla's Nitro Texaco, where countless memories were made and are still fondly talked about today. Joe's generosity was well known, and on occasion he allowed customers to "paw" something for a tank of gas. His wife, Joan, once recalled him bringing home a rusty hand saw with several teeth missing, which he had accepted until a customer was able to get paid.

Joe devoted much of his life to serving his community. He served on the Nitro City Council in Ward I for a total of twenty years and was a dedicated member of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, Kiwanis Club, Sons of Italy Lodge of Charleston, West Virginia, and many other civic organizations. A lifelong mentor, Joe coached Nitro Little League baseball, football, and basketball for many years, and many of his former athletes still affectionately refer to him as "Coach."

One of Joe's greatest joys was singing. He shared his beautiful voice in the Choir at Holy Trinity Catholic Church for over 50 years, bringing comfort, joy, and inspiration to generations of parishioners. He was also renowned for his authentic spaghetti sauce, which he lovingly prepared for church events and school fund-raising activities.

A romantic at heart, Joe's devotion to his wife, Joan, was recognized

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nationally when he was named "America's Most Romantic Husband" by Woman's Day magazine in the February 1998 issue.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Joan, with whom he shared 62 years of marriage, and by his children: Allen Anthony Savilla II (Molly) of Hurricane; James Joseph Garland Savilla (Catherine) of St. Augustine, Florida; and Rocco Roland Savilla (Candace) of Lake Wylie, South Carolina. Joe was blessed with seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, all of whom brought him great pride and joy.

He is also survived by his siblings: Charles Manville Savilla of Hurricane; Samuel Basil Richard (Dolly) Savilla of Nitro; Rebecca Savilla Stofflet (George) of West Chester, Pennsylvania; and Kenneth Howard Savilla of Cross Lanes, as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his father, Garland C. "Mallie" Savilla, and mother, Ruth Rigney Savilla, and by his brothers, Bennie Lee Savilla, Arlen "Jim" Savilla, and Garland Savilla. A faithful man, Joe was a devoted member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Nitro, where he worshiped since 1957.

The Funeral Mass was Saturday, February 14, 2026, with Father John Chapin Engler officiating. Entombment was Sunday, February 15, at Haven of Rest Memory Gardens in Red House.

**LARRY OREN SMITH**  
Larry Oren Smith, 86, of Buffalo, passed away Saturday, February 14, 2026. He was a veteran of the United States Army, and a retiree of the Union Carbide plant in Institute. He enjoyed spending time in the outdoors and hunting. He dedicated his life to his family, children and grandchildren, and will be sadly missed.

Born March 6, 1939, he was the son of the late Oren W. Smith, Jr. and Imogene Morris Smith. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Judith Ann "Pug" Smith; a son, Jeffrey B. "Deg" Smith; a sister, Reva Jean Meadows, and an infant sister, Annis Aluise Smith.

Survivors include his sons, Larry O. "Dusty" (Leigh) Smith, II of Morgantown, and Kerry A. "Deak" (Tina) Smith of Eleanor; grandchildren, Jada Powell of Pompano Beach, Florida, Casey Smith and Evan Smith, both of Morgantown, Cali Ann Hudnall of Charleston, South Carolina, Jerod Taylor of Cumberland, Maryland, and Ty Smith and Sydney Smith, both of Eleanor; great-grandchildren, Ella Rae Taylor and Nolan Wayne Taylor; sister, Avis Ann Newman; brothers, Marvin Wayne Smith, Dallas Edward Smith, and Jamez Morris-Smith; as well as extended family and friends.

In accordance with his wishes, his body was cremated, and there are no services planned at this time.

# Obituaries

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## BERTON STRAIGHT

Berton Theodore Straight, our loving earthly father, is now at peace in the presence of his eternal heavenly Father.

Bert was born on August 6, 1936, in Spencer, to Hobert and Mildred Straight. He passed away peacefully in his home in Hurricane, WV on February 7, 2026 at the age of 89 years old.

Bert and Bonnie Lou Johnson were married on June 14, 1957. They were members of the Church of Christ on Main Street in Hurricane. Bonnie passed away in 2012 after fifty-five years of marriage. Their four children were raised with their great example of enduring love. Teresa and her husband, Cris Myers, live in Louisa, VA. Tina Straight lives in Saint Albans. Sherri and her husband, Dean Monington live in Leon. Ted lives in Hurricane where he has been Dad's devoted caregiver.

Bert was preceded in death by Bonnie, his parents, and four siblings, Marsalee, Jack, Susie, and Charles. He has seven surviving sisters, Reba, Dora, Rebecca, Linda, Brenda, Nora, and Mildred.

Bert and Bonnie were so proud of their eight grandchildren, Isaac, Sarah, Becky, Rachel, Philip, Keri, Hannah, and Hayden, twenty-four great grandchildren, and three great great grandchildren.

Bert served our country proudly in the US Army in Korea. He was employed by the WV State Road Commission, Chemical Leaman Tank Lines, and Hubert Jones Trucking. His mechanic and leadership skills were highly respected professionally.

Bert was an avid outdoorsman. He loved hunting, fishing, and gardening. His sense of Godly humor, Godly wisdom, and Godly love will be sorely missed.

Celebration of Life service was Friday, February 13, at Allen Funeral Home. Burial was in Valley View Cemetery, Hurricane.

## DANIEL LEE THOMAS

Daniel Lee "Danny" Thomas, 75, of Winfield, went to his Heavenly reward on February 14, 2026.

Danny was born with a love for life, laughter, and the Lord. A 1969 graduate of Nitro High School, he went on to proudly serve his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Following his military service, Danny dedicated many years of hard work to Libbey-Owens Glass before retiring.

Danny had a deep love for NFL football and could often be found cheering on his favorite team. He was known for his gift of storytelling, his quick wit, and his ability to make others laugh. Whether sharing memories or cracking a joke, Danny's presence always brought warmth and joy to those around him.

He spent 18 years living in California before returning home to West Virginia in the early 2000s after giving his life to the Lord. His faith became the cornerstone of his life. With a heart full of gratitude and purpose, Danny returned home to be a devoted son to his parents and to publicly profess his faith through baptism in Heizer Creek by Pastor Ray Humphrey and Jimmy Totten. That day marked a meaningful chapter in his spiritual journey.

Danny was also a proud member of the 40th Street Bridge Boys Club, where friendships were treasured and memories were made. He will be missed greatly by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Gloria Thomas, and his brother, Keith Thomas.

Left to cherish his memory are his sister, Joyce (Steve) Hanna of Winfield; his brother, Joe (Mary) Thomas of Aiken, SC; two nephews, Aaron Hanna of Winfield and Matt Hanna of York, PA; three nieces, Christy Thomas of Summerville, SC, Celeste Hanna of York, PA, and Lillian Hanna of Winfield; and a host of other loving family members and dear friends.

A tribute to the life of Danny was held a Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Jim Legg officiating. Burial with military honors was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House.

## CODY ALAN WARNER

Cody Alan Warner, 34, of Leon, passed away Wednesday, February 11, 2026. He was a graduate of Point Pleasant High School, and upon graduation enlisted in the United States Army National Guard. His service included a deployment to Afghanistan. Cody enjoyed hunting and fishing and spending time in the outdoors. He also enjoyed sports, especially football.

Born February 23, 1991, he was the son of Danny M. Warner, and the late Judith Green Warner. In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by a brother, Ryan Lee Warner.

In addition to his father, he is survived by his fiancé, Chelsea Stiffler; his brother, Jason Lee Warner of Pataskala, Ohio; as well as extended family and friends.

Funeral service was Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at Raynes Funeral Home, Buffalo. Burial was in Stewart & Warner Cemetery, Leon.

## GREGORY WILHELM



Gregory Lynn Wilhelm, 64, of Hurricane, passed peacefully at home on February 8, 2026, with his family at his side. Gregory was born on January 17, 1962, to the late David Lynn Wilhelm and Merley Earlene Smith. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Rick Wilhelm and granddaughter, Valyn Wilhelm. Greg was a veteran of the US Navy and an avid pool player. He loved anything WVU! (Let's Go Mountaineers!).

He is survived by his loving wife, Sherry Maynard Phillips Wilhelm; stepdaughter, Terra Riley; step grandchildren, Emmi, Lexi, Cayden and Ethan; son, Sean (Chelsea) Wilhelm and their children, Daphne and Dauson; daughter, Ashley (Tony) Tennant and their children, Aleigha and Baylea; sister, Kim (late husband, Wolfgang) Radzat; niece, Courtney (Dan) Roes and their children, Casey, Avery, and Daniel; sister, Lisa (Jeff) Adams and their children,

# Putnam Property Transfers

The following property transfers were recorded by the Putnam County Clerk between January 16, 2026, and February 6, 2026:

Bret McCallister to William Bird - Lot, Lynnhurst Addition, Hurricane District for \$175,000.00.

Michael Ross to William and Sandra Ball - Two Parcels, Scott District for \$183,000.00.

Daniel Selby to William Jordan - Two Parcels, Scott District for \$288,000.00.

Anthony Lloyd to Bufftex Holdings LLC - 47 Acres, Buffalo District for \$61,000.00.

Jacob Lewis to Wesley Lilly - Lot, Plantation Village, Teays Valley District for \$220,000.00.

W2 Investments LLC to Jeffrey Gunter - Lot, Virginia Heights, Hurricane District for \$265,000.00.

Jonathan Layne to Kenneth Saunders - 4.0 Acres, Poca District for \$3,500.00.

Roger Allen to Allen Bennett - Lot, Lin Muir Subdivision, Teays Valley District for \$279,000.00.

Daniel Paxson to Damon and Marla Grose - Two Tracts, Buffalo District for \$200,000.00.

Jeremy Crowell and David Crowell to Scott Young - Lot, Red House Farms, Eleanor District for \$40,500.00.

Lillian Black Porter to Teays Holdings LLC - 17.68 Acres, Hurricane District for \$777,777.77.

WV State Auditor and Margaret Scarberry to Elemental Resources - 4/7 of 65.75 Ac Min Reserved, Buffalo District for \$208.59.

WV State Auditor and Ruth Stuter to Gold Enterprises LLC - Lot, Lake Washington, Curry District for \$313.66.

Erika Hadesty and Karen Humphrey to Paul and Lois Rhodes - Lot, Snodgrass Subdivision, Scott District for \$315,000.00.

WV State Auditor and Gale Guthrie to Ruth Wagner - Lot, Lake Washington, Curry District for \$500.00.

WV State Auditor and Dale Guthrie to Ruth Wagner - Lot, Lake Washington, Curry District for \$209.75.

Paul and Lois Rhodes to Mark and Patricia Conner - 2.274 Acres, Scott District for \$355,000.00.

WV State Auditor and Lula Fletcher to Elemental Resources - 1/6 Int Min 74 Ac & 68.50 Ac, Browns Creek, Curry District for \$193.58.

WV State Auditor and Mary Woodson to WVTk LLC - 0.59 Ac, Ortin Heights, Poca District for \$4,000.00.

WV State Auditor and Denise Etling to WVTk LLC - 23.125 Ac 25 Mile Creek, Teays Valley District for \$14,000.00.

WV State Auditor and Denise Etling to WVTk LLC - 23.125 Ac 25 Mile Creek, Teays Valley District for \$8,000.00.

Matthew and Stacie Bowen to John Jackson - 3.12 Acres, Buffalo District for \$350,000.00.

Paul Warner and Charles Warner to Delmas and Sharon Dunlap - Lot, Lake Washington, Curry District for \$4,800.00.

Gary Kinder to Constance Raynes and Rudi Arrowood - Lot, Teays Village, Scott District for \$329,000.00.

Charles Coyner and Lora Beckner to John and

Logan and Dustin.

Greg, you will be missed by all. Always a smile on your face and a loving nature. RIP

Interment with Military Honors was held Friday, February 13, 2026, at Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery.

Danielle Williams - Lot, Hurricane District for \$55,000.00.

Deborah Cromer and John Powell to Ashley Cumberledge - Lot, Colonial Meadows, Nitro District for \$285,500.00.

Elaine Carter and Barbara Holt to Christian and Alia Cantrell - Parcel, Teays Valley District for \$272,500.00.

Green Valley Properties Inc to Jose Izelo and Karla Contreras - Lot, Saunders Addition, Nitro District for \$26,500.00.

Timothy and Alicia Skeens to Thomas and Aimee Rittinger - Lot, Summit Pointe, Union District for \$20,000.00.

Zachary and Katelyn Brotsky to Kanawha Valley Lodge 36 - 0.1046 Acres, Buffalo District for \$20,000.00.

SA Inc to Tyce and Timothy Allen - Lot, Hurricane Heights, Curry District for \$55,000.00.

James and Terri Masters to Miguel Aguirre - Lot, Nitro District for \$22,000.00.

Trent Surface to Scott and Skyler Matthews - Lot, Jamestown Subdivision, Teays Valley District for \$25,300.00.

John Daniels to Scott and Skyler Matthews - Lot, Jamestown Subdivision, Teays Valley District for \$25,300.00.

Fern Hunter and Jill Pullen to Gage Shultz - Parcel, Union District for \$65,000.00.

Harvey Barker to Collin Neace - Lot, Maple Lane Subdivision, Teays Valley District for \$177,050.00.

Margaret Adkins to Jacob and Mari Simmons - Lot, Countryside Acres, Scott District for \$220,000.00.

Harrison Agency LLC to Kent and Julie Magee - Lot, Jefferson Park, Curry District for \$75,000.00.

Adam and Emily Jarrell to Michael and Shanea Adams - 0.51 Acres, Scott District for \$285,000.00.

Robert and Sara Tant to Zachary and Michelle Miles - Parcel, for \$825,000.00.

Ella Davis and Jean Eskins Oneil Family Trust to Jeffrey Mihelich and Carly Williams - Lot, Glen Oaks, Scott District for \$515,000.00.

Aaron and Erika Martinez to John and Ciara Klassen - Lot, Knights Court, Scott District for \$290,000.00.

Pamela Cook to Jeffrey and Deborah Garrett - Lot, Knollview Estates, Hurricane District for \$160,000.00.

James King to Thomas Payne and Michael Payne - Parcel, Union District for \$12,000.00.

Max Blair to Trevor and Elizabeth Madelly - Lot, Winsor Court, Teays Valley District for \$447,500.00.

Deborah Smith to

Robert Reynolds and Ashley Hoffman - Lot, Bloomingdale, Hurricane District for \$389,500.00.

Robert Reynolds and Ashley Hoffman to Ryan and Katrina Copley - Lot, Englewood Estates, Hurricane District for \$230,000.00.

Theron Jones to Kadi and Candace Spake - Lot, Brookside Addition, Curry District for \$306,000.00.

Brady and Kayla Workman to Kevin Workman - 11 Acres, Curry District for \$4,000.00.

John Williams to Samuel and Jana Hull - 1.46 Acres, Union District for \$25,000.00.

Rose Hill Properties LLC to Thor Real Estates LLC - Three Lots, Highland Addition, Hurricane District for \$3,050,000.00.

DG BTS Scott Depot LLC to Exchange right Essential Income 8 Dst - Lot, Scott District for \$2,740,000.00.

Bryan Slater to Gregory and Lori Ludwig - Two Parcels, Scott District for \$326,000.00.

Amy Williams Hazelett to Hannah O'Brien - Lot, Carriage Pointe Townhouse, Scott District for \$85,000.00.

John and Calina Whittington to Christopher and Emma Luikart - Parcel, Union District for \$31,500.00.

Matthew and Rachel Jones to Matthew Harmon and Ashley Biser - Lot, Meadow Brook Subdivision, Teays Valley District for \$440,510.00.

Tammy Brown Shuff to Daryl Hayslett and Christy Frazier - Lot, Stoveken Subdivision, Scott District for \$262,900.00.

DET LLC to O'Connor Properties LLC - Lot, Scott District for \$140,000.00.

Mary Walter Creager to Clifton Properties LLC - Two Tracts, Union District for \$90,000.00.

Michael Barber and Cheryl Workman to Benjamin and Angela Chapman - Two Tracts, Union District for \$36,000.00.

Heather Egnor to Joshua Waugh - Two Parcels, Scott District for \$106,500.00.

James Sloan to James Ivey - Lot, Poca Town District for \$5,000.00.

Kenneth Canaday to Bryon and Amanda Bradshaw - Parcel, Union District for \$172,000.00.

Joseph and Laura Barnett to Eugene and Leah Burford - Parcel, Union District for \$175,000.00.

Edna Scott and Cynthia Wandling to James Casto and Luke Casto - 31 Acres, Union District for \$240,000.00.

Elk River Trustees Inc and Donald Weathersbee to AM Investments LLC - Lot, Grassie Addition, Poca District for \$86,401.00.

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CITY OF HURRICANE (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

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3. Plan rooms (including construction information subscription services, and electronic and virtual plan rooms) may distribute the Bidding Documents, or make them available for examination. Those prospective bidders that obtain an electronic (digital) copy of the Bidding Documents from a plan room are encouraged to register as plan holders by emailing White & Hayslett LLC, attention Jacob White at [jcwhite.wv@gmail.com](mailto:jcwhite.wv@gmail.com). Owner is not responsible for omissions in Bidding Documents or other documents obtained from plan rooms, or for a Bidder's failure to obtain Addenda from a plan room.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

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Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of **8 am and 4 pm**. Full or Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the means listed above.

### Pre-bid Conference

A mandatory pre-bid conference for the Project will be held on **March 10, 2026** at 10:00 am at **City Hall, City of Hurricane, 3255 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, WV, 25526**. Bids will not be accepted from Bidders that do not attend the mandatory pre-bid conference. An optional visit to the Project site will follow Conference.

### Instructions to Bidders.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

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Tariff Form No. 8 (RULE 23)

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES WITH PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE**

NOTICE is hereby given that Mountaineer Gas Company (Mountaineer), a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, a tariff containing increased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing natural gas service to approximately 218,000 customers in Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming Counties in West Virginia.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective Thursday, March 5, 2026, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will produce, on a total Company basis, \$26,793,000 annually in additional revenues, or an overall average increase in revenues of approximately 8.44%. The \$26,793,000 consists of an increase in base rates of \$43,764,000 and a decrease in the Company's Infrastructure Replacement and Expansion Program ("IREP") of \$16,971,000. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	(\$) INCREASE	(%) INCREASE
Residential	\$ 9.63	% 10.57
Commercial	\$ 14.23	% 4.09
Large Commercial	\$ 1,058.29	% 1.31
Industrial	\$ 378.26	% 1.69
Resale	\$ 125.36	% 1.31
Other	\$ -	% -

This increase incorporates the rate impact of the cumulative investment under the IREP that was placed into service as of September 30, 2025. As a result, the Company proposes to reduce the IREP component of its rates relating to that investment when the new base rates go into effect.

Resale customers of Mountaineer Gas Company include Canaan Valley Gas Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company, Hope Gas, Inc., Megan Oil and Gas Company, Inc., and City of Philippi.

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. (If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

Anyone desiring to intervene and act as a party in the case should file on or before May 5, 2026, a Petition to Intervene complying with the Commission rules on intervention in the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 150 C.S.R. 1, unless otherwise modified by Commission order. The Commission may establish a final deadline for intervention. Failure to timely protest or intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases or to participate in future proceedings. Anyone desiring to protest should file a written protest as soon as possible, although protests will be accepted by the Commission through the pendency of this proceeding. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention. All interventions may be mailed and addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston West Virginia 25323 or may be hand-delivered. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website ([www.psc.state.wv.us](http://www.psc.state.wv.us)) using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary at the same address as above.

A complete copy of the Company's tariff proposals and a representative of the Company to provide information concerning this tariff are available to all customers, prospective customers or their agents at the following office of the Company:

501 56th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304

A copy of this tariff is also available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia 25301.

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**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT**

**TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE**

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in it by that certain Deed of Trust dated July 3, 2024, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 1368, at Page 597, Michael W. Davis and Kelly Davis did convey unto Robert H. Skeen, Jr., Trustee, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Pill & Pill, PLLC as Substitute Trustee by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse, in Winfield, West Virginia, on March 5, 2026, at 5:00 PM

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

All that certain lot, tract or parcel of real estate, situate, lying and being in Union District, Putnam County, West Virginia, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a corner in the middle of the McLean Turnpike where the military line crosses said turnpike; thence with said turnpike and three lines of Lot No. 2, N. 61-1/4 W. 16 poles; N. 15 E. 11 poles and N. 69-1/2 E. 46 poles to a corner at the forks of the road near Sam Giles; thence with Giles line and along a road toward Buffalo Branch, N. 26-1/4 E. 16 poles; N. 3-1/2 W. 9 poles 10 links; N. 66-3/4 W. 26 poles; N. 41 W. 26 poles, N. 15-1/4 E. 9 poles; N. 28-1/2 W. 14 poles to a stone at the top of the hill and near a large white oak on the southwest side of the road; thence leaving the road, S. 89-1/2 W. 98 poles to a stone pile on a branch; thence down the branch S. 16 W. 29 poles 5 links to a beech on the north side of the branch; thence S. 63-1/2 W. 39 poles, 10 links to a large beech on the north side of the branch near a spring; thence N. 85-1/2 W. 19 poles 15 links to a corner by a sugar tree on the south side of the branch line in line of Courtney's; thence S. 18-1/2 W. 19 poles 21 links to a stone pile, corner to Courtney's land and the military line and with the military line S. 71-1/2 E. 172 poles to the place of beginning, containing 95-1/8 acres, more or less.

There is EXCEPTED and RESERVED from the herein described real estate the following lots, tracts or parcel of real estate which have been conveyed by Homer Criner and Lesta E. Criner, his wife, to wit:

1) 5/16 acre, more or less, conveyed to J.G. Tolley and Ella Tolley, his wife, by deed dated March 20, 1963, of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 147 at Page 400.

2) 36 acres, more or less, conveyed unto Carl E. Pitchford and Deanna Faye Pitchford, his wife, by deed dated June 25, 1965, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's office in Deed Book 157 at Page 113.

3) A parcel (no acreage set out) conveyed unto D. Shane Covert and Linda M. Covert, his wife, by deed dated May 6, 1971, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's office in Deed Book 185 at Page 365, a plat of said parcel being attached thereto.

4) 1.64 acres, more or less, conveyed unto Norman C. Arthur and Audrey V. Arthur, his wife, by deed dated December 20, 1973, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's office in Deed Book 202 at Page 32.

5) 20 acres, more or less, conveyed unto Michael S. Criner and Diana R. Criner, his wife, by deed dated June 6, 1979, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 244 at Page 397.

6) 1.8 acre, more or less, conveyed unto Roy E. Summers and Lou Ann Summers, his wife, by deed dated September 14, 1981, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's office in Deed Book 259 at Page 497.

7) 1.7 acres, more or less, conveyed unto Roy E. Summers and Lou Ann Summers, his wife, by deed dated September 11, 1989, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's office in Deed Book 320 at Page 748.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 863 McLane Pike, Red House, WV 25168.

AND BEING the same real estate which was conveyed to Michael W. Davis and Kelly Davis, by Deed dated July 3, 2024, from Michael Stewart Criner and Diana R. Criner, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 628 at Page 959.

The above-described property will be sold subject to any covenants, restrictions, easements, leases and conditions of record, and subject to any unpaid 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: Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price as a deposit with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

Richard A. Pill, Member  
P. O. Box 440, 85 Aikens Center, Martinsburg, WV 25404  
Phone (304) 263-4971,  
Fax (304) 267-5840,  
e-mail: [foreclosures@pillwvlaw.com](mailto:foreclosures@pillwvlaw.com)

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**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT**

**Notice of Public Hearing**

The Putnam County Commission will meet on Tuesday, March 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 2025-03 MAT Equities LLC has submitted a Zoning Amendment Application for a Rezoning/or a 0.61 +/- acre property (Tax Map 222, Parcel 27.12) which is between Ellis Drive and Commerce Drive in Hurricane, WV 25526. The request is to rezone the property from "R-1" Single Family Residential District to "C-1" Suburban Commercial District. On January 22, 2026, the Putnam County Planning Commission held a public hearing/ or the application and voted to recommend the Putnam County Commission approve the rezoning request. All interested parties are invited to attend..

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**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

The City of Winfield will receive proposals for mowing and trim work of multiple properties within Winfield city limits until March 10, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. Bids will be opened on or after 6:00 p.m. on March 10, 2026, or as soon thereafter as Council may hear the same.

Specifications may be obtained at Winfield City Hall, 12448 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213 Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. Phone 304-586-2122. The City reserves the right to reject any/all bids that do not meet requirements.

City of Winfield  
Randy L. Barrett  
Mayor

2-19-2t

**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT**

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Estate Of: Lisa Lousie aka Lisa Louise Chavez

Administratrix: Erica Garcia-Palmer  
507 Dabny Drive  
Chaleston, WV 25314

Estate No.: 6348  
Estate Of: Charles Edward Ferrell

Executor: Charles David Ferrell  
1569 S Clev Mass Road, Apt. 3  
Copley, OH 44321

Estate No.: 6380  
Estate Of: Norma B. Musser  
Cynthia J. Musser  
7691 Tucker Creek Rd  
Elizabeth, WV 26143

Estate No.: 6316  
Estate Of: Teresa A. Nisbet  
Medina Nicole Richmond  
3958 39th Street E  
Nitro, WV 25143

DELINQUENT APPRAISMENTS

Estate No.: 6284  
Estate Of: Brian Keith Chumbley  
Executrix: Zackary Chumbley  
3812 Blackburn Ave  
Ashland, KY 41101

Estate No.: 6255  
Estate Of: Bobby James Damron  
Administratrix: Velda Ellis  
367 Fairfield Drive  
Pickerinton, OH 43147

Estate No.: 6264  
Estate Of: Deborah Jane Hart  
Administrator: Henry Randall "Randy" Hart  
64 Sable Pointe Drive  
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6136  
Estate Of: Ernie Lee Postlethwait  
Administrator: Shawn A. Postlethwait  
5110 Dublin Drive  
Cross Lanes, WV 25313

Estate No.: 6214  
Estate Of: Dell Bronson Scott, Jr.  
Administrator: Dell M. Scott  
65 Panda Drive  
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6283  
Estate Of: Alma Jo Sparks  
Administratrix: Kimberly (Sparks) Tolley  
235 McLeods Way  
Winter Springs, FL 32708

Estate No.: 6279  
Estate Of: Delsie Vance  
Administrator: Randall Vance  
957 Hubert Hill Rd  
Chapmanville, WV 25508

**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT**

**IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**

To: Magistrate Court Case  
Andrew No.: 25-M40D-00300  
Jamison Hinzman  
Respondent's Name  
2194 Gilpen Lane Lot F Family  
Winfield WV 25113 Court  
Respondent's Address Civil Action  
11-05-2003 No.: 25-DV-237  
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 3-30-2026.

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 2nd day of February, 2026.

STEPHANIE SMITH/jo  
Circuit Clerk

2-19-1tw

**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE, 601 57TH STREET, CHARLESTON SE, WEST VIRGINIA 25304-2345 TELEPHONE: (304) 926-0440.**

**Application for coverage under the General West Virginia National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Water Pollution Control Permit No. WV0111457**

**Public Notice No.:** LMD-024-2026 **Public Notice Date:** February 19, 2026

**Paper:** The Hurricane Breeze

The following has applied for coverage under the General WV/ NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit No. WV0111457 for this facility or activity:

**Appl. No.:** WVRNE0296

**Applicant:** PUTNAM COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY  
971 STATE ROUTE 34 S  
HURRICANE, WV 25526

**Location:** HURRICANE, PUTNAM COUNTY

**Latitude:** 38:25:22 **Longitude:** 81:01:14

**Receiving Stream:** Hurricane Ck/Kanawha River

**Activity:** To discharge stormwater associated with industrial activities - Outlet 001. The facility is proposed to be covered by the no exposure exemption for the Multi Sector Stormwater Industrial NPDES Permit.

**Business conducted:** Recycling drop off center.

**Implementation:** N/A

On the basis of review of the application, the "Water Pollution Control Act (Chapter 22, Article 11-8(a))," and the "West Virginia Legislative Rules," the State of West Virginia will act on the above application.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the site registration permit application and may request a public hearing by addressing such to the Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management within 30 days of the date of the public notice. Such comments or requests should be emailed to [billy.t.shirley@wv.gov](mailto:billy.t.shirley@wv.gov) or addressed to:

Director, Division of Water and Waste Management, DEP  
ATTN: Billy Shirley, Permitting Section  
601 57th Street SE  
Charleston, WV 25304-2345

The public comment period begins **February 19, 2026** and ends **March 21, 2026**.

Comments received within this period will be considered prior to acting on the permit application. Correspondence should include the name, address and the telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever a finding is made, on the basis of requests, that there is a significant degree of public interest on issues relevant to the site registration permit application and this facility's coverage under the General Permit. Interested persons may contact the Public Information Office to obtain further information.

The application may be inspected, by appointment, at the Division of Water and Waste Management Public Information Office, at 601 57th Street, Charleston, WV, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on business days. Copies of the application and the General Permit and Fact Sheet may be obtained from the Division at a nominal cost.

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**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**Fireworks Display**  
**July 4, 2026**

For the City of Hurricane, WV

Notice is hereby given that the City of Hurricane is seeking proposals for materials to be used for its 2026 Independence Day fireworks show. Proposals will be received via email [askidmore@hurricanewv.gov](mailto:askidmore@hurricanewv.gov) and by physical mail to 3255 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, WV 25526 until March 5, 2026 at 4pm. Proposals should be clearly marked for the project submitting for: *Fireworks Display*. Proposals received after 4pm on March 5, 2026, will not be opened. A list of submitters will be provided upon request. A recommendation will be made to the City Mayor.

Qualified providers shall submit a proposal to provide fireworks shells for an amount not to exceed \$60,000 to be displayed from Water Tank Hill on July 4, 2026. Each proposal should include a description of all the fireworks to be included in the display including the total number, size of shell, variety, and effect. The total show shot count should be 1,473 and include what shells would be used for an opening, body and finale. The proposal must remain valid for sixty (60) days after submittal.

Questions regarding the project above may be addressed to: Andy Skidmore at [askidmore@hurricanewv.gov](mailto:askidmore@hurricanewv.gov) or 304-562-5896. The City of Hurricane reserves the right to accept proposals in whole or in part, to reject any proposal and to waive any irregularities in them, and to accept the proposal most advantageous to the City of Hurricane. The City of Hurricane may also negotiate separately as necessary to serve the best interests of the City of Hurricane. The request for proposal does not commit the City of Hurricane to award a contract or pay for any cost incurred to bidders in the preparation of the request for proposal.

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119 Matthew Ave  
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Scott Depot, WV 25560

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152 Steve Circle  
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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 February 12, 2026.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 6th day of February 2026

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Scott Depot, WV 25560

Estate No.: 6377  
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Administratrix: Erin Beth Pierson  
2622 Virginia Ave  
Hurricane, Wv 25526

Estate No.: 6310  
Estate Of: Virginia Arlene Salyards  
Executrix: Rosemarie A Lipford  
1476 Dunlap Ridge  
Buffalo, WV 25033

Estate No.: 6364  
Estate Of: Jimmy L Scott  
Administratrix: Cynthia Wandling  
152 Steve Circle  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 6th day of February 2026

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

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7525 Winfield Rd  
Winfield, WV 25213

Estate No.: 6291  
Estate Of: Harry Milton Blackford  
Executrix: Jan A Bailey  
119 Matthew Ave  
Poca, WV 25159

Estate No.: 6374  
Estate Of: Vickie Lynn Dunlap  
Administrator: Cody S Dunlap  
3972 39th Street E  
Nitro, WV 25143

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732 Washington Hill Road 90th Birthday February 22  
Hurricane  
Birthday February 20  
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& BRAEDEN

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2525 Main Street  
90th Birthday February 20

WANDA STARCHER  
143 Gritt Road  
Buffalo  
Birthday February 20

BERNARD (CUZ)  
WHITE  
3435 Howell's Mill Road  
Ona  
88th Birthday February 20

DONNA CONNER  
Columbus, Ohio  
83rd Birthday February 20

KASEY LEMLEY  
Route 3, Box 126  
Milton  
29th Birthday February 20

RON A CHAPMAN  
Milton  
68th Birthday February 20

CHRISTOPHER  
KEATON  
Cannonsburg, Kentucky  
Birthday February 20

GRACE ELKINS  
2208 Kirby Road  
Milton  
24th Birthday February 21

HERSHELL LEE  
CRAWFORD  
Chesapeake, Ohio  
68th Birthday February 21

PRINCESS MARGARET  
WALLER  
P.O. Box 608  
351 High Street  
Ceredo  
90th Birthday February 21

WAYNE GLENN  
Frazier's Bottom  
82nd Birthday February 21

GREG CREASEY  
Barboursville  
62nd Birthday February 21

SAM WIREMAN  
Lima, Ohio  
Birthday February 22

JEAN MURRILL CARA DAVIS

JERRY WOODS  
1910 Pine Grove Road  
Culloden  
75th Birthday February 22

KIM TOWNE  
Florida  
Birthday February 23

TAMMY SOWARDS  
68 Bouton Lane  
Hurricane  
58th Birthday February 23

WALKER REESE TATUM  
306 Sansom Avenue  
Wayne  
24th Birthday February 23

JONATHAN WHITE  
2102 11th Avenue  
Huntington  
41st Birthday February 23

CHANDLER KEATON  
Route 3, Box 403  
Milton  
24th Birthday February 23

LILLIAN JANE MACK  
Hurricane  
11th Birthday February 23

BO WILKINSON  
Charleston  
76th Birthday February 23

RUBY TERRY HAYES  
Anderson Hollow Road  
Pliny  
79th Birthday February 23

JOE LENNINGTON  
1004 NE 72nd Street,  
Unit 50  
Vancouver, Washington  
75th Birthday February 23

DREMA PAULEY  
2345 Cherry Street  
Hurricane  
Birthday February 24

BRANTLEE ALLEN  
DOWDY  
Red House  
4th Birthday February 24

JOHN PATRICK DISNEY  
Ohio  
52nd Birthday  
February 24

SARAH MEADOWS  
5727 Whitten Ridge Road  
Milton  
74th Birthday February 24

**Developmental Screening**

Putnam County Schools Developmental Screenings will be held on Friday, March 13, at the Teays Valley Baptist Church on Teays Valley Road. Children 2 1/2 to 4 years will be screened for speech/language, hearing, vision, motor skills, social skills, self-help, and cognition.

Call 304-586-0500 ext. 1133 to schedule an appointment.

**Mason Lewis Makes Dean's List**

Radford University has released its dean's list for fall 2025. Appearing on the dean's list is the most prestigious academic recognition students can receive for their performance during a semester.

Students will be placed on the dean's list if they meet four specific criteria. They must have 12 semester hours of coursework graded A-F; earn GPAs of at least 3.4 for courses not graded on a pass-fail basis; obtain no grade lower than "C"; and receive no incomplete grades.

Mason Lewis of Hurricane made the Radford dean's list.

Radford University is a comprehensive public university of 7,812 students that has received national recognition for many of its undergraduate and graduate academic programs, as well as its sustainability initiatives. Radford University serves the Commonwealth of Virginia and the nation through a wide range of academic, cultural, human service and research programs.

Scott Depot  
43rd Birthday February 24

DWIGHT KELLEY  
Charleston  
79th Birthday February 24

BILL MULLINS  
1887 Harvey's Creek Road  
Hamlin  
76th Birthday February 25

JUDITH ANN FLOYD  
2619 Putnam Avenue  
Hurricane  
Birthday February 25

BETH MEADOWS  
TUCKER  
Peach Ridge Road  
Hurricane  
Birthday February 25

AUSTIN RUTHERFORD  
130 Winchester Drive  
Culloden  
23rd Birthday February 25

DELORIS MILLER  
HARLESS  
600 Strawberry Road  
St. Albans  
87th Birthday February 25

DESTINY WRAY  
Erwin Road  
Winfield  
Birthday February 25

JOYCE RADCLIFF  
6106 Baker Street  
Huntington  
Birthday February 26

DICK LUCAS  
277 Malcolm Lane  
Kenova  
Birthday February 26

STEPHANIE CLAGG  
Diamond Drive  
Hurricane  
55th Birthday February 26

BILL TAYLOR  
105 Catherine Drive  
Hurricane  
88th Birthday February 26

PAM FLOWERS  
Hurricane  
67th Birthday February 26

**Fundraiser for Buffalo Couple**

Shawn and Charlotte Martin of Putnam County, who live in the Buffalo area between the Toyota plant and Eleanor, are seeking assistance. Freeze-thaw conditions caused the ground beneath their home to drop, leaving the structure severely damaged after slipping off its piers. Keith Martin organized a GoFundMe to help cover urgent repairs and housing-related needs as the family determines next steps.

To donate to the GoFundMe, go to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-shawn-and-charlotte-rebuild-their-lives-and-home>

**Articles Welcome**

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

**Gunner Fertig On Marietta Dean's List**

Marietta College's Gunner Fertig of Eleanor, West Virginia, has been named to the Fall 2025 Dean's List.

Fertig is majoring in Land & Energy Management and is a graduate of Buffalo High School.

Any full-time Marietta College student completing at least 15 credit hours with a grade point average between 3.5 and 3.74 in a given semester is recognized as a Dean's List student.

Located in Marietta, Ohio, at the confluence of the Muskingum and Ohio Rivers, Marietta College is a four-year liberal arts college. Chartered in 1835, today Marietta College serves a body of 1,000 full-time graduate and undergraduate students. The College is consistently ranked as one of the top regional comprehensive colleges by U.S. News & World Report, The Princeton Review, Forbes.com, Wall Street Journal/College Pulse and other rankings.

*Happy Anniversary*

Charles and Evelyn Bradley of 4687 Sycamore Road in Culloden will celebrate their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary on February 20.

Steve and Cheri Call of 980 Kanawha Trail in Culloden will celebrate their wedding anniversary on February 22.

David and Christina Sheppard of Route 1, Box 123 in Milton will celebrate their twenty-third wedding anniversary on February 22.

Mike and Missy Bias of Hamlin will celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on February 22.

Jim and Margaret Jefferson of West Hamlin will celebrate their fifty-ninth wedding anniversary on February 25.

Randy and Marsha Eggleton of 2427 Violet Street in Hurricane will celebrate their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary on February 26.

Kenneth and Joanna Rymer Newsome of 1366 Hayden Martin Road in Palymra, Virginia, will celebrate their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary on February 26.

**Comic and Toy Show**

There will be a comic and toy show on Saturday, February 21, at Social Event Space, 2833 Main Street, Hurricane, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Great for the whole family, and absolutely FREE to enter.

**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!

**Local Students On Point Park Dean's List**

More than 1,400 students who were named to the Fall 2025 Dean's List at Point Park University. The following local students made the list:

Grace Knapp of Hurricane

Maggie Oduor of Hurricane

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have a 3.5 GPA.

Point Park University, immersed in the heart of Downtown Pittsburgh, enrolls nearly 3,700 students in over 100 undergraduate, master's and doctoral programs offered through its Conservatory of Performing Arts, Rowland School of Business, and schools of Arts and Sciences, Communication, and Education.

**Available Pets at the Putnam County Animal Shelter**

These 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](http://animalshelter.putnamcountywv.gov)



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