

The Hurricane Breeze

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Putnam Math Field Day Winners to Compete in Regional at Marshall

PCSWA Holds Computer/Electronics Collection Event

By Ron Allen

Tuesday, February 20, 2026 for all of Putnam County's high schools. For Hurricane and Winfield, it was an extra special day as the two schools produced nine of the top ten finishers in Grade 10-12 competition. The competition, held at Toyota in Buffalo, also produced three 9th-grade top performers. The highest finishers will compete for Region 2 honors in regional competition to be held at Marshall University on Friday, February 27, where Putnam County will compete against the best from Cabell, Logan, Lincoln, Mingo, and Mason.

The following Grade 10-12 and Grade 9 finishers will represent Putnam County:

Grades 10-12 — Erin Walls (WHS), Paxton Haddox (HHS), Dylan

Winarta (WHS), Robby Kyer (HHS), Jaxson Davis (PHS), Connor Westfall (HHS), Nick VonWulfen (WHS), Landon Stonestreet (HHS), Bear Fuller (HHS), and Nicholas Winarta (WHS); Grade 9 — Blaise Liu (HHS), Cruz Berry (WHS), and Elijah Woods (BHS).

Grade 10-12 alternates are: 1st alternate: Larson Barkey (WHS), and 2nd alternate: Owen Good (Calvary Baptist). Grade 9 1st alternate is Rylie Himstedt (WHS).

In Putnam County Math Field Day competition students showcased their problem-solving skills, teamwork, and determination. The overall team rankings were: Hurricane - 1st, Winfield - 2nd, Poca - 3rd, Buffalo - 4th, Teays Valley Christian - 5th, and Calvary Baptist - 6th.

Individual Top

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PCSWA Executive Director Rob Vanater is pictured assisting in the transfer of unwanted items into a box trailer.

By Ron Allen

The Putnam County Solid Waste Authority was open for business at Payne's Produce in Winfield on Saturday, February 21. That business consisted of

taking in no longer useful or wanted computers and electronics.

The stated mission of the PCSWA is "To protect the public health and welfare by providing for a comprehensive program of solid waste collection, processing, recycling, and disposal. The Authority exists to establish programs based on source reduction, recycling, reuse, material recover, and landfilling." Collecting and recycling computers and electronics only became one of PCSWA's program offerings recently.

Executive Director Rob Vanater said that PCSWA's first computer/electronics collection event was held this last December. Vanater added that future computer/electronics collections will be held at Payne's Produce in Winfield on the first Saturday of every second month. The PCSWA currently hosts a long-established tire collection program on the first Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Payne's location on State Route 817. The tire collection is for individuals only (no businesses) with a ten tire limit.

The PCSWA encourages county residents to recycle select plastics, cardboard, mixed paper, aluminum cans, and

steel cans at its Recycling Drop-Off site at 1000 Midland Trail in Hurricane (near the Hurricane Fire Department). The Drop-Off is open from 9am to 7pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and on the second Saturday of each month from 9am to 1pm. The bins are color coded — Red Bin - #1 Plastics Clean; Orange Bin - Cardboard / Pasteboard; Blue Bin - Mixed Paper; Green Bin - Aluminum Cans; Green

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Fraziers Bottom Native Among Mountaineer Mascot Finalists

By Ron Allen

Tanner Figgatt, a Fraziers Bottom native, is among the final four West Virginia University students vying to become the 72nd Mountaineer mascot. Figgatt donned buckskins and a coonskin cap and carried a rifle during in a cheer-off competition at WVU men's basketball game against Utah on Wednesday, February 18, at the Hope Coliseum in Morgantown.

He was selected as one of the four finalists by a committee of faculty, staff and students based on an essay and interview. Figgatt and the other three finalists are waiting for their performances and interactions with the crowd at the Utah game to be evaluated. The selection committee will announce the winner during the WVU men's basketball game against BYU on February 28th. Tipoff is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. at the Hope Coliseum.

Figgatt, a member of the Honors College, is a freshman dual mechanical engineering and aerospace

engineering major. He is a trumpet player in "The Pride of West Virginia," the Mountaineer Marching Band, and a student worker in the Lane Innovation Hub. He also serves as a member of the WVU Experimental Rocketry Club and CRU, the Christian campus ministry. Driven by an entrepreneurial spirit, he has managed his own leaf and lawn care business since 2019.

"No matter where you come from in the state, it can be the smallest town in the state, or it can be the largest city, everybody is wearing something for West Virginia University," Figgatt said. "As the Mountaineer, I will get to represent all of those people, people of different backgrounds, including the average guy."

The other three finalists for the 2026-27 Mountaineer mascot are: Reese Allen, a 2022 Bucklew Scholar, Eberly Scholar and member of the Honors College from Bridgeport; Amelia Bolden, a first-year communication sciences and disorders junior with a minor in



Tanner Figgatt, Fraziers Bottom native and 2026-27 WVU Mountaineer mascot finalist (WVU Photo/Brian Persinger)

child development and family studies from Oakland, Maryland; and Joel Hershman, a junior dual sport,

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WEATHER SUMMARY

February 17 - 23		
	Low	High
February 17		
Hurricane	25°	57°
February 18		
Hurricane	38°	57°
February 19		
Hurricane	41°	64°
February 20*		
Hurricane	30°	62°
February 21		
Hurricane	30°	51°
February 22**		
Hurricane	20°	36°
February 23		
Hurricane	20°	28°

*RAIN/**SNOW
0.3 inch recorded Feb. 20
1 inch recorded Feb. 22

Capito Visits Winfield Locks and Dam



U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (center) gets a firsthand look at infrastructure at the Winfield Locks and Dam.

U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito visited Eleanor on Thursday, February 19, where she made a stop at the Winfield Locks and Dam. The Winfield Locks and Dam is a vital component of the Kanawha River navigation system, keeping commerce flowing safely and efficiently," Senator Capito said. "I've been proud to support federal

Game Grove Celebrates 3rd Year with Twenty-Eight Checklist Challenge



The annual Game Grove family photo has become a yearly tradition.

By Betsy Allen

The crew at Game Grove are thrilled to be celebrating their third year of serving the local gaming and nerd community. The popular game store and hangout, which is located in Putnam Village Shopping Center, commemorated this momentous occasion on Saturday, February 21. The all-day event featured a checklist of twenty-eight activities participants could do at the store, with the first two people to complete

the challenge receiving a \$100 gift card. The shop was divided into multiple immersive sections which represented the different gaming communities at the Grove — Magic Mountain, Pokémon Paradise, Fighting Game Grotto, Smash Slopes, Boardgame Borough, and Wargame Warehouse.

Guests were invited to tour the shop, participate in activities, learn how to play new games, and complete tasks on the checklist. One of the

new features in the store is a special Dungeons & Dragons room with medieval inspired décor and walls which have been painted to resemble stone. The special gaming chamber is still a work in progress, and guests were welcome to come check out everything that has been done so far. In addition to the activities challenge, there were free raffles all day long, and the annual Game Grove family group photo later in the

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Community Calendar

If you want your event listed in the Community Calendar, write to the Hurricane Breeze at PO Box 310, Hurricane, West Virginia 25526, or phone 304-562-9881. If you have email, send it to breezenews@citynet.net and mark your subject line "Community Calendar." There is no charge for posting an event in the calendar.

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 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 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.

- Karaoke Fridays at the Putnam County Moose Lodge, located in Putnam Village Shopping Center, Teays Valley, are held every Friday from 9 p.m. to midnight.

- Moms With Littles:

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Heart Healthy Cooking will be held at 9:20 a.m. at 497 Putnam Village Drive, Teays Valley. For more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/HeartbeatOfTheValley>

- 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.

FEBRUARY 28

- The KCHA Run for the Paws 5K will start at Nitro High School at 2 p.m. The cost to sign up at the race is \$50. For more information, go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/WV/Nitro/KCHARunforthePaws5K>

- There will be a painting class at 5 p.m. at Country Roads Creations, 506 Old Goff Mountain Road, Cross Lanes. The cost is \$25. For more information, look up Country Roads Creations by Shelly on Facebook.

- Nitro Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Sattes Circle, Nitro, will be holding an indoor yard sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Game Grove, located in Putnam Village Shopping Center in Teays Valley, will be hosting a Warhammer 40K mentorship tourney starting at 12:30 p.m. New players and returning veterans welcome. The cost is \$20 per team.

- Creekside Church, 488 Charleys Creek Road, Culloden, will be hosting a night of praise and worship from 6 to 8 p.m.

- A Galentines Pajama Party will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. at Social Event Space, 2833 Main Steet, Hurricane.

MARCH 1

- Kitchen Table Cards and Games, 2940 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane, will be celebrating Pokémon Day with an exclusive League Event. Everyone is welcome to play; the cost is \$10.

MARCH 5

- There will be a Soap Making: Cold Processed Soap workshop from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Area 34, 971 WV Route 34, Teays Valley. To register, go to <https://www.goodhorsescents.com/service-page/soap-class-chat-acihl>

MARCH 6

- The Speakeasy, the annual PACE Foundation Fundraiser, will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at Fireside Grille in Teays Valley. For tickets, go to <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-speakeasy>

- Business Before Business will be held from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at Edward Jones: Financial Advisors, 996 State Route 34, Hurricane. To register, call (304) 757-6510.

- PipeSounds presents the silent movie "King of Kings" at 7 p.m. at Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, 2848 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane.

MARCH 7

- Riverside Baptist Church, Route 62, Buffalo, will be holding their 25¢ Yard Sale starting at 8 p.m.

- The 2026 WV Cupcake Festival Pageants will be held at 9 a.m. (ages 0-9) and 6:30 p.m. (10+ years) at Valley Park Conference Center in Hurricane. For more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/wvcupcakefestivalpageants>

MARCH 10

- The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce will be hosting Lunch and Learn at noon at Area 34, 971 WV Route 34, Teays Valley. The guest speaker is Brittany Willard, who will be discussng special needs planning. To register, call (304) 757-6510.

Winter Blues Farmers Market Returns February 28

Cabin fever meets farm-fresh flavor on Saturday, Feb. 28, from 12-5 p.m., as the 2026 Winter Blues Farmers Market returns to the Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center. Featuring 134 vendors from across the Mountain State, the event is one of the largest indoor winter farmers' markets in the region.

Hosted by the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) and WVU Extension, Winter Blues provides an important winter marketplace for farmers, food producers, and artisans while giving consumers the opportunity to buy directly from the people who grow and make their products. Admission to Winter Blues is free.

"Winter Blues is about more than shopping — it's about supporting West Virginia families, farms, and small businesses during a time of year when they need it most," said Commissioner Kent Leonhardt. "When you purchase local products, you are investing in your neighbors and strengthening our state's agricultural economy."

Shoppers will find an expanded selection of locally raised meats, making it easy to stock the freezer with West Virginia

beef, pork, poultry, lamb, and more. The market will also showcase a wide variety of specialty and value-added goods, including hand-made knitted alpaca wool clothing, locally milled whole grain flour products such as bread, pancake, and brownie mixes, and perennial favorites like local honeys, pure maple syrups, jams and jellies, baked goods, and barbecue sauces.

Gardeners can get a head start on spring with locally produced compost available for purchase, while coffee lovers can enjoy freshly roasted, locally crafted blends. Several returning vendors will also debut new products this year, adding even more variety to an already diverse marketplace.

Winter markets play a vital role in sustaining farm income beyond the traditional growing season and help strengthen West Virginia's local food system year-round.

PBS KIDS Writers Contest

The PBS KIDS Writers Contest at West Virginia Public Broadcasting is an annual competition that encourages West Virginia children in grades K-5 to explore the power of creativity by writing and illustrating their own stories.

Submissions for the 2026 WVPB PBS KIDS Writers Contest are due by March 31, 2026. For contest rules and an entry form, go to <https://wvpublic.org/wvpb-education/pbs-kids-writers-contest/>

WVU Medicine Highlights Age-Related Macular Degeneration Awareness

Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) — a leading cause of vision loss among older adults — affects millions of Americans and carries a significant impact on quality of life if not managed early. While AMD cannot be reversed, early detection and advanced care can slow progression and help patients maintain functional vision and independence.

Regular vision screening and lifestyle risk reduction, paired with timely access to evolving treatments, can make a difference for patients with AMD, according to Ghassan Ghorayeb, M.D., an ophthalmologist and retina specialist at the WVU Eye Institute.

"Macular degeneration doesn't cause total blindness," Dr. Ghorayeb said. "But it can lead to loss of central vision if left untreated. With earlier recognition and today's treatment options, we can slow disease progression and, in many cases, help patients retain much of their vision."

AMD occurs when the macula, the central portion of the retina responsible for detailed vision, becomes damaged over time. Once "dry" AMD, an earlier phase of the condition, advances to "wet" AMD, patients may experience abnormal blood vessel growth and sudden changes to their vision. According to Ghorayeb, understanding the difference between these stages and knowing when to seek care is critical.

Newly developed treatments for dry AMD can slow its progression by targeting underlying disease processes. For patients with wet AMD, medications that block abnormal vessel growth and fluid leakage can stabilize the condition and sometimes even improve vision.

Lifestyle choices also play a role in

AMD prevention and management. Quitting smoking, eating a diet rich in leafy greens and omega-3 fatty acids, and protecting the eyes from ultraviolet light help reduce risk. Keeping up with routine comprehensive eye exams can detect AMD early, when interventions are most effective.

"There is reason for hope," Ghorayeb said. "We're seeing progress in treatment options, but we also want patients and families to be proactive about eye health. Knowing your risk factors and staying current with eye exams matters."

West Virginia continues to experience higher rates of many chronic health conditions that can

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

And so it goes... February has been a long month for it to be the shortest. Maybe a day here or there above freezing... maybe a day or two with snow melted. It really does not bother me. I do not mind because my daughter gets me where I need to go. If I can't get out, so be it. I am a homebody. I can walk in the halls here in the apartment building. There are always residents doing the same. I managed to do my steps/miles outside two days this year. That being said, it was too cold and windy. I will wait awhile...

February is a sad month for us this year. We lost sweet Destin. The family had him about fifteen years and he was one or two years old when they adopted him. The best dog ever. I adored him as did the family. It has been sad as Destin was so sweet. Alas... age got Destin. As

it does all...

The family is grieving. One grand flew home from NYC to be with the family. One grand works here and lives in her own apartment. The two spent time with their beloved dog and parents. The other grand girl is studying in Ireland. She could not be here. She will face her home without her pet this summer. Nana is sad too.

We know that February will end. We know that the snow will stop eventually. The shortest longest month will be over. Spring will come suddenly as it does in Indiana. Trees will blossom and flowers will bloom. The rains will turn the lawns green. Our family won't have our good friend with us, and it will take time to become used to his absence. God brought a special member to the Taylor home a long time ago. We were blessed to have Destin as long as we did... a wonderful addition to our family. Goodbye Sweet Destin. We will miss you so much. Thank you for your kind attitude and your faithfulness. We loved you because the way we were is the way we are... thankful for you.

Spring Fur Auction

The West Virginia Trappers Association will hold their annual Spring Fur Auction March 6-8 at the Gilmer County Recreation Center 1365 Sycamore Run Road, Glenville. Vendors will be present throughout the weekend. Consignment for finished fur, roots, deer horns, etc., begins at 9 AM on Friday, March 6th. Consignment for finished fur continues through Saturday, March 7th beginning at 9AM. Fur Auction will be Sunday, March 8th at 1 PM. Board of Directors meeting will be held Thursday, March 5th at 7 PM.

The event is free to the public and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Jeremiah at 304-916-3329 or on the Facebook page, or www.wvtrappers.com

Putnam County Food Pantries And Clothing Banks

for more information.

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

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

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

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

Heartbeat of the Valley
28 Mission Way
Scott Depot
(681) 235-2097
heartbeatofthevalley.com

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

for more information.

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

Salt & Light Food Pantry
Winfield Church of the Nazarene
10822 Winfield Road
(304) 586-2180
Food pantry open second Saturday of the month; 9 a.m. - noon

The Pulse Church
5368 WV Route 34
Winfield
(304) 936-1679
Food pantry open from 2 to 4 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month

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

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

Food pantry on the third Friday of the month from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Buffalo Baptist Church

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

Five Loaves Three Fishes Church
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

Game Grove Celebrates

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afternoon. Ramsey Harki, store owner, reflects upon all of the things which the Grove has achieved over the past year with a sense of pride. The store has added Warhammer 40K mentorship tournaments for new and returning players; ran Dungeons & Dragons games for players ages 6 to 86; heralded in numerous Magic prereleases and gave away more than fifty special Game Grove dog tags to winners; offered multiple Smash Bros and fighting games events; helped organize the inaugural HurriCon pop culture convention last September; and hosted a winter themed faerie masquerade murder mystery ball in November. "The more we do, the bigger events we want to put on," said Harki. "The

best way to do that is get the community to come out and see what we're about. This is not just a game shop, but a nerdy community center. That was always the goal, to connect the nerds in the community and share the joy of gaming and hobbies. Every person comes in with their own interests and hobbies and they brighten the room with their uniqueness." In addition to a new year of events at the shop, Game Grove is also planning larger scale community events which go beyond the walls of the brick-and-mortar store. Game Grove is one of the organizers of the upcoming Hurricane Renaissance Faire, which will be held on Saturday, May 23, at Valley Park. They are also making plans for the second annual HurriCon, which will be held in September.



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.

Feb. 26, 1766: Wheeling society hostess Lydia Boggs Shepherd Cruger was born. Her friendship with Sen. Henry Clay of Kentucky helped secure the routing of the National Road from Wellsburg to Wheeling.

Feb. 26, 1869: The legislature approved a bill moving the state capital to Charleston.

Feb. 26, 1972: One of the country's worst mining-related disasters occurred on Buffalo Creek in Logan County. A coal waste dam collapsed, sending 132 million gallons of water, coal refuse and silt into the valley. In the end, 125 people, including entire families, were killed, and 1,000 people were injured.

Feb. 26, 2022: Fire destroyed the historic administration building of the West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind in Romney.

Feb. 27, 1867: Marshall College (now university) was established as a normal school to train teachers. The first term began June 15, 1868, with 25 students enrolled in three departments.

Feb. 27, 1871: Summers County was established from segments of Fayette, Greenbrier, Mercer and

Monroe counties. The county was named after George W. Summers, one of West Virginia's founders.

Feb. 27, 1871: The legislature approved an act incorporating the city of Huntington.

Feb. 28, 1831: Fayette County was formed by the General Assembly of Virginia from parts of Kanawha, Nicholas, Greenbrier and Logan counties. The county was named for the Marquis de Lafayette, the French military officer who served under George Washington during the Revolutionary War.

Feb. 28, 1875: Musician Edwin "Edden" Hammons was born in Pocahontas County. A subsistence farmer and hunter, he is remembered as one of West Virginia's finest traditional fiddlers.

Feb. 28, 1909: Athlete John Zontini was born. Nicknamed the "Sheik of Seth" for his outstanding football career at Sherman High School in Boone County, he still holds state high school and Marshall University rushing records.

Feb. 28, 1922: Musician Eleanor Niera Parker was born in Fayette County. With her husband Rex Parker, she recorded popular country songs such as "Building Your Treasures in Heaven" and "Moonlight in West Virginia" in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

Math Field Day Winners

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Performers in Grade 10-12 (from 1st to 10th) were: Erin Walls, Paxton Haddox, Dylan Winarta, Robby Kyer, Jaxson Davis, Connor Westfall, Nick VonWulfen, Landon Stonestreet, Bear Fuller, and Nicholas Winarta.

Mountaineer Mascot

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exercise and performance psychology and mental health and addiction studies major in the WVU College of Applied Human Sciences from Buckhannon.

March 1, 1831: Jackson County was created from parts of Wood, Mason and Kanawha counties and named in honor of Andrew Jackson, the seventh president.

March 1, 1870: The legislature passed an act to create a branch normal school at West Liberty. For the next 61 years, the school was a teacher preparatory institution. It is now a university.

March 1, 1898: Homer Adams Holt was born in Lewisburg. In 1937, he became West Virginia's 20th governor.

March 1, 2011: Sutton native Jorea Marple was sworn in as West Virginia's first female superintendent of schools.

March 2, 1840: The Virginia General Assembly granted a charter for Bethany College. From the beginning, it has been a four-year, baccalaureate-degree college, the oldest such institution in West Virginia.

March 2, 1896: Clair Bee was born in Pennsboro. Bee was a successful, innovative college basketball coach and widely published author of both technical basketball books and young adult fiction centered on sports.

March 2, 1915: A blast swept through Layland No. 3 Mine in Fayette County, killing 114 men.

Grade 9 Top Performers were: Blaise Liu – 1st, Cruz Berry – 2nd, and Elijah Woods – 3rd.

Top performers in Region 2 will advance to compete in the State finale on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon.

Putnam County Solid Waste Authority

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Trash Cans - Steel Cans. A wood chipper is available during the Saturday hours.

The Putnam County Solid Waste Authority also offers public education to schools, homeschool groups, 4-H groups, girl scouts, boy scouts, senior citizens, church groups, preschool groups, and more. The Authority conducts a Homeschool Science Class on the last Friday each month at 10am at the Main Branch of the Putnam County Library adjacent to Liberty Square.

More information about PCSWA's programs can be found at pcswa.net or calling (681) 235-3276.

March 2, 1927: The West Virginia capitol building known as the "pasteboard capitol" was destroyed by fire. This wood-frame building in downtown Charleston had been built in just 42 days after the previous Victorian-style capitol building burned in 1921.

March 2, 1961: Governor Wally Barron signed legislation that granted Marshall College university status.

March 3, 1843: Barbour County was created from parts of Lewis, Harrison and Randolph counties and named for Virginia jurist Philip Pendleton Barbour.

March 3, 1890: Teacher and civic activist Memphis Tennessee Garrison was born in Virginia. She helped develop NAACP chapters in southern West Virginia and created the Christmas Seal Project.

THIS WEEK IN THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

For the week ending February 20, 2026

Members of the West Virginia House of Delegates took action this week to add more money to the paychecks of public school teachers, school service personnel and the West Virginia State Police. All other state employees are expected to receive a pay raise through the budget bill, but with House Bill 4765, which unanimously passed the House Feb. 19, the three classes of state employees with salary schedules set in state code also would be in line for a 3 percent raise starting July 1.

House Finance Committee Vice Chairman Clay Riley, R-Harrison, told Delegates just before the vote the amount would average out to about \$1,800 across the three groups — more than \$1,500 for the teachers and nearly \$900 for school service personnel. The bill goes now to the Senate for consideration.

The Foster Youth Post-Secondary Transition Awareness Act, House Bill 4573, and House Bill 4730, which would develop a continuum of independent living and transitional support services for youth aging out of foster care, both passed the House this week with overwhelming support. HB4573 would direct the West Virginia Department of Education to coordinate direct communication about opportunities for higher education, job training, housing, healthcare and support for independent living to students with current or previous foster care experiences. Similarly, HB4730 would require the Department of Human Services to implement a program with the full spectrum of transitional services for young people who soon will exit or recently have exited from foster care. It also would require reports to the Legislature about its activity.

The House took unanimous votes this week on House Bill 5101, the Joanna Phillips Domestic

Violence Prevention Act, which would enhance criminal penalties relating to domestic violence, and House Bill 4712, Bayle's Law, which would increase the criminal penalties for DUI causing death, as well as House Bill 4819, which would allow a person with a criminal record who had met specific circumstances of rehabilitation to be licensed within certain categories of professional practice.

"We pass a lot of bills in here that increase penalties and make it tougher for individuals to get out of the criminal justice system, and I love bills like this because if you make a mistake, particularly in your youth, that should not be a scarlet letter for the rest of your life," said Delegate Hollis Lewis, D-Kanawha, just before the vote on House Bill 4819. "Bills like this are important to get people back in the workforce and let people just get on with their lives."

The House also passed House Bill 4009, which would create the Portable Benefit Account Act, with overwhelming support this week. The measure would allow West Virginia's many independent contractors, freelancers and self-employed workers to maintain their benefits such as retirement savings and health care coverage across multiple clients or from job to job.

"Portable Benefits can help our state's nearly 90,000 independent workers gain stability while holding on to their flexibility," said Delegate Jonathan Kyle, R-Randolph, and the lead sponsor of the bill. "This would also allow companies to contribute to a worker's account, which can help them attract talent while still protecting them from any new red tape or classifications."

Eleven bills have completed the legislative process. The 60-day, regular legislative session ends at midnight March 14.

Appalachian Dancing

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Monday, March 2 at 4:00pm
Main Library (Teays Valley)

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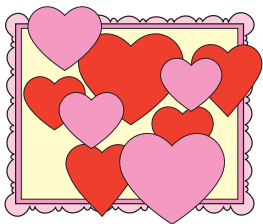
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Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



Recipes

Submitted by Connie Reddington of Eleanor

Crab Dip

- 1 6 oz. can crabmeat
- 1 cup mayo
- 1/4 cup plain yogurt
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1 Tbsp chopped parsley
- 1 Tbsp pimento
- 1 Tbsp dry sherry
- 1 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1/4 Tbsp celery seed
- 1/8 Tbsp pepper

Combine all ingredients, cover and chill. Serve with fresh vegetables.

Tuna Cakes

- 2 cans (5 oz. each) light tuna in water, drained, flaked
 - 1 pkg. (6 oz.) Stove Top Stuffing Mix for Chicken
 - 1 cup Kraft 2% Milk Shredded Cheddar Cheese
 - 3/4 cup water
 - 1 carrot, shredded
 - 1/3 cup Miracle Whip Dressing
 - 2 Tbsp. Claussen Sweet Pickle Relish
- Mix all ingredients. Refrigerate 10 minutes. Heat large nonstick skillet sprayed with cooking spray on medium heat. Add 1/4 cup portions of tuna mixture, in batches, to skillet. Flatten into patties with back of spatula. Cook 3 minutes on each side or until golden brown.

Crispy Baked Potato Wedges

- Serves: 4
 - Prep time: 10 minutes
 - Cook Time: 30 minutes
 - 2 Tbsp. Mrs. Dash Original Blend
 - 4 medium-size red potatoes, cut into wedges
 - 3 Tbsp. olive oil
 - 2 garlic cloves, slivered
 - Juice of half a lemon
- Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Dry potato wedges on paper towels, rub with 1/2 Tbsp. olive oil and 1/2 Tbsp. Mrs. Dash Original Blend. Roast in baking pan about 30 minutes, turning at 15 minutes to evenly brown potatoes. Mix garlic, lemon juice and remaining olive oil in a small pan with remaining Mrs. Dash Original Blend. Serve alongside roasted wedges for dipping.

Fillers Contributors Wanted

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

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

You can also email submissions to breezenews@citynet.net

Beat The Winter Blues With A Childhood Classic

(Feature Impact) If a cold snap has you feeling blue, turn back the clock and warm up the kitchen with a kid-friendly favorite the whole family can enjoy. Mac and cheese is a staple in households across the country, and this version with made-from-scratch sauce will leave your loved ones asking for more.

To make it a full-blown meal, pair Simple Skillet Mac and Cheese with grilled or pan-seared chicken to forget about the weather with time together.

Visit Culinary.net to find more comfort food classics.

Simple Skillet Mac and Cheese

Recipe adapted from Mel's Kitchen Cafe
Total time: 30 minutes
Servings: 6

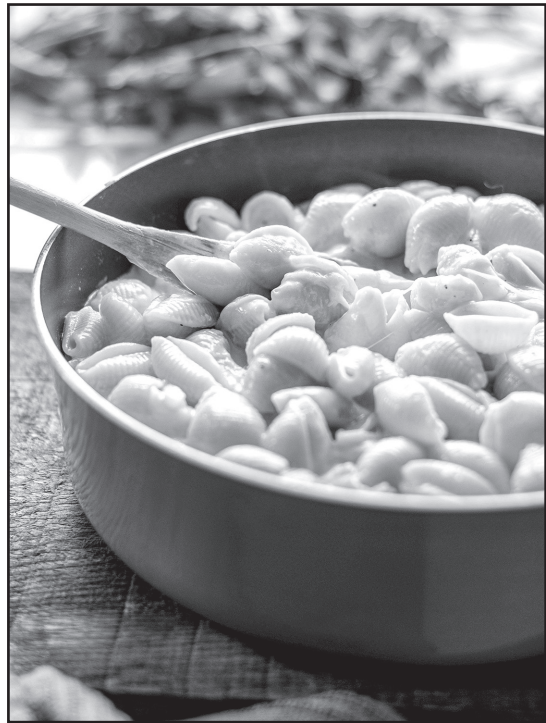
- 3 1/2 cups water, plus extra if needed
- 1 can (12 ounces) evaporated milk, divided
- 12 ounces pasta shells
- salt, to taste
- 1 teaspoon cornstarch
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 1/2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 2 tablespoons butter, cut into small chunks
- ground black pepper, to taste

In nonstick skillet over high heat, bring water, 1 cup evaporated milk and shells to simmer. Season with salt, to taste. Cook, stirring, until pasta is tender and liquid thickens, 9-12 minutes.

In small bowl, whisk remaining evaporated milk, cornstarch and dry mustard. Stir into skillet. Continue simmering until slightly thickened, about 1 minute.

Remove skillet from heat. Stir in cheddar and Monterey Jack cheeses in batches, adding water to adjust consistency. Stir in butter then season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Photo courtesy of Unsplash



Jokes From Linda

Submitted by Linda Lavender Armstead



Teacher: Where is your homework, Patrick?

Patrick: I lost it fighting some kid who said you weren't the best teacher in school.

Dennis overheard his Dad and his boss, Mr. Chapman talking about his frozen assets.

Dennis went to the freezer and brought out an ice pack and handed it to Mr. Chapman.

What type of bow cannot be tied?
A rain-bow.

Greg and Lon were talking about their farms with one being larger than the other.

Lon said, "My farm is so big it takes me all day to drive over."

Greg said, "I used to have a truck like that."

What do you call a cheese that's feeling low?
Blue cheese.

What do you get when you cross an apple with a shellfish?
A crab apple.

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

I'm an expert at picking leaves and heating them in water. It's my special tea.

I'm a perfectionist with a procrastinator complex. Someday I'm going to be awesome.

My husband told me to put ketchup on the shopping list, now I can't read anything.

A swarm of flying insects threaten the town. Police deploy the SWAT team.

No matter the situation, never let your emotions overpower your intelligence.

I've learned so much from my mistakes that I'm thinking of making more.

The doctor told me I was going deaf. The news was hard for me to hear

Back then, "You'll live" was a full medical opinion after a bike accident.

When you dream in color, it's a pigment of your imagination.

I fed a chicken salad last night. Apparently they prefer grass.

Honesty is an expensive gift. Don't expect it from cheap people.

I don't lose my train of thought. I just take a scenic route now.

Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out.

You are not an observer, you are a participant.

The best time to start was yesterday. The next best is now.

Never stop believing in hope because miracles happen daily.

The right words at the right time can change your whole day.

If you don't control your focus, distractions will control your future.

When the well's dry, we know the worth of water.

When you trust your journey, anything is achievable.

Your vision won't make sense to the average minds.

Self-respect will always be higher than your feelings.

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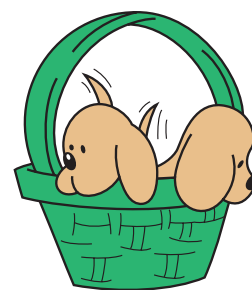
Whatever reason never accept disrespect.

Prioritize the people who prioritize you.

The future starts today, not tomorrow.

Real freedom begins in the mind.

If you suck at playing



the trumpet, that's probably why.

Even in the darkest moments, light still finds a way in.

I pulled a muscle digging for gold, just a miner injury.

Laughter is the best medicine until you have diarrhea.

The speed limit varies to the song that is playing.

Rescued is the best breed that a doggy can be.

Death is no pit but a passageway, a corner turn.

Letting go doesn't mean giving up.

A rolling stone gathers no moss.

Worry is misused imagination.

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Prayer warriors are a special kind of friend.

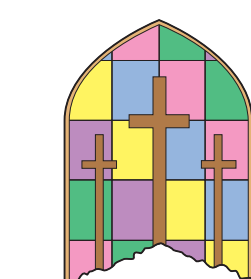
Life feels kinder when you pause, look up, and smile.

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

Roses are red. That much is true but violets are purple, not blue.

Stupidity knows no boundaries, but it knows a lot of people.

Bible Verse



Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.
— Psalm 145:3

Study Reveals West Virginia's Appalachian Dialect Fast Disappearing from Everyday Talk

Poll of 3,042 respondents
The Appalachian accent/dialect the fastest disappearing in day to day language. America has always been a patchwork of voices - drawls, twangs, clipped vowels, and long ones - but many people now admit they are softening, editing, or abandoning the very sounds that once rooted them to a place. From the fading Appalachian lilt to the vanishing SoCal vocal fry, the nation's most recognizable dialects may be slipping into something closer to a smooth, uniform "General American."

To understand just how quickly this linguistic sanding-down is happening, **The Word Finder**, a word search tool, surveyed 3,042 people, asking which accents or slang they use less, hear less, or have stopped saying entirely. What emerged is a portrait of a country that still loves its regional voices - but increasingly treats them like heirlooms rather than everyday tools.

The Top 5 Dialects Americans Say They're Using Less:

#1. Appalachian

Known for its musical cadence and vocabulary rooted in Scots-Irish heritage, Appalachian English has long been one of America's most culturally distinctive voices. Older speakers still use phrases like "might could," "afared," and "poke" for bag - but younger West Virginians, especially those who've moved to cities, say they tone it down to avoid stereotypes. Several respondents described it as "the accent I grew up with, but don't bring to work." It's not disappearing so much as shifting into a "home and family" register.

#2. Southern

The South's trademark drawl remains iconic, but respondents admit they dial it down in professional settings or when travelling. It's less disappearance than self-editing, but the effect is the same: fewer "fixin' to" and "y'all" moments day-to-day.

#3. Louisiana
A rich blend of Cajun, Creole, and Southern influences, the Louisiana accent is instantly recognizable. But as migration reshapes the state and younger generations lean toward mainstream speech, its most musical features are heard less often outside family settings.

#4. Pacific Southwest (SoCal)

The laid-back "totally," "hella," and drawn-out vowels of Southern California aren't disappearing - but respondents say they avoid the most stereotypical elements because they feel "too teenage" or "too 2000s." The vibe is still there, just toned down.

#5. Hudson Valley

A surprisingly nostalgic entry. The old Dutch-influenced patterns of the Hudson Valley once shaped early American English. Today, suburbanization and New York spillover mean the accent is fading into a softer, more neutral register.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

To: Magistrate Court Case
Jason Grant No.: 26-M40D-00020
Winter
Respondent's Name Family
158 Scottsdale Lane Court
Scott Depot WV 25560
Respondent's Address Civil Action
10-20-1975 No.: 26-DV-15
Date of Birth

ORDER OF PUBLICATION (PROTECTIVE ORDER / HEARING DATE)

- The object of this suit is to obtain protection from the Respondent.
- 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 3-17-2026.

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 24th day of February, 2026.

STEPHANIE SMITH/jo
Circuit Clerk

2-26-17w

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
2-19-21

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE TO REDEEM

2023-C-000352 - Putnam County
To: DEBRAH ANDERSON, OCCUPANT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT SCOTT MAP 223G PARCEL 0176 0000 0000

You will take notice that CATO ENERGY LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2023-C-000352**, located in SCOTT District, LOT 122 (.122 AC) SEC 5 MARINA PARK, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of ANDERSON DEBRAH E., and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of PUTNAM County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on June 18, 2024. CATO ENERGY LLC, requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after May 1, 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before April 30, 2026 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2022 - 18596. \$155.71

Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number \$0.00 Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest for tax year 2023-118695. \$79.21

Additional taxes with interest. \$0.00 Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$119.38

Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest. \$639.07

Additional Statutory Fees with interest. \$280.21

Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$1,273.58

You may redeem at any time before April 30, 2026, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

If the above real estate is your primary residence, you may petition the Auditor to redeem the real estate in not more than three incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

Given under my hand February 2, 2026

Christal G. Perry
Christal G. Perry

Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of PUTNAM County, State of West Virginia

Please return this letter and payment to the West Virginia State Auditor's Office, County Collections Division 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Building 1, Room W-114, Charleston, West Virginia, 25305.

Questions please call 1-888-509-6568

2-12-3t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

In Re: Change of Name from Kohen Gianni Russell to Kohen Gianni Lopez

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING

Civil Action No. 26-P-11
Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia

Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of March, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Judge Mark Sorsaia, Madison Grace Lopez will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia for the entry of an order by said Court, changing her child's name from Kohen Gianni Russell to Kohen Gianni Lopez, at which time and place any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire.

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

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

Entered by the Clerk of said Court this 20th day of January, 2026.

Stephanie M. Smith
Putnam County Circuit Clerk

2-26-2t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Putnam County Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, March 24th, 2026**, at 5:00 p.m., in Room 221, Putnam County Courthouse, 12093 Winfield Rd., Winfield, WV, to consider a revised version of the **Putnam County Dilapidated and Abandoned Ordinance**, presented by the Dilapidated and Abandoned Enforcement Agency (DAEA), for review and possible approval. All interested persons are invited to attend and provide comments.

2-26-2t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

WEST VIRGINIA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION NOTICE OF FILING

Application of **Constellation NewEnergy — Gas Division, LLC** for Approval to Offer, Render, Furnish or Supply Natural Gas Supply Services to the public in West Virginia in Case No. 25-0905-G-EFPP.

Constellation NewEnergy — Gas Division, LLC has filed an application with the West Virginia Public Service Commission ("PSC") for participation in an Enhanced Firm Pooling Program to provide natural gas supply services as a supplier or aggregator of natural gas services. Constellation NewEnergy — Gas Division, LLC, proposes to sell natural gas and related services in all counties of West Virginia.

The PSC may consider this application without a hearing. Protests directed to the technical or financial fitness of **Constellation NewEnergy — Gas Division, LLC** may be filed within 15 days of the date of this notice with the Executive Secretary of the PSC, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, WV 25301. Please include the Case No. listed above on the protest.

Additionally, please send copies of any protest to **Constellation NewEnergy — Gas Division, LLC** attorney at the address listed below.

Austin D. Rogers
Babst Calland Clements & Zomnir, P.C.
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Charleston, West Virginia 25301
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(681) 205-8814 facsimile
arogers@babstcalland.com
2-26-11t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

To the Creditors and Beneficiaries of the following deceased persons estates:

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

Estate No.: 6251
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
Executrix: Cynthia J. Musser
7691 Tucker Creek Rd
Elizabeth, WV 26143

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

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

Estate No.: 6255
Estate Of: Bobby James Dameron
Administratrix: Velda Ellis
367 Fairfield Drive
Pickerington, 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
Administratrix: Shawn A. Postlethwait
5110 Dublin Drive
Cross Lanes, WV 25313

Estate No.: 6214
Estate Of: Dell Bronson Scott, Jr.
Administrator
Cta Dbn: 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

All persons having claims against the estate(s) of any of the above-named deceased persons whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims with vouchers thereof, legally verified, to the fiduciary of such deceased person as shown above within 60 days of February 19, 2026, or, if not, to exhibit the same at the office of the undersigned Fiduciary Supervisor at the address shown below by said date; otherwise any or all such claims may by law be excluded from all benefits of said estate(s). No claims against the estate shall be accepted by the fiduciary supervisor after said date. All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear either before the above-named fiduciary by the date first shown above, or thereafter before the undersigned fiduciary supervisor by the date last shown above to examine said claims and otherwise protect their respective interests.

All persons seeking to impeach or establish a will must file a complaint pursuant to W. Va. Code. Any person objecting to the representative's qualifications, venue or jurisdiction must file a complaint within 60 days of February 19, 2026.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 11th day of February 2026

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

2-19-2t

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.

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The Dross of Unrighteousness

Ezekiel 22:17-31

Ezekiel lived and prophesied at the same time as Jeremiah and Daniel. Ezekiel was among the ten thousand Jews who were brought to Babylon from Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar in 597 B.C. (see II Kings 24:10-16). God first spoke to Ezekiel five years after he was removed to Babylon (Ezek. 1:1-3). The words which the Lord would give him were for the ears of the house of Israel (Ezek. 3:4-7). Ezekiel was to speak to an audience which would not hear his words — an audience which refused to see themselves as God saw them.

A repeating theme throughout the book of Ezekiel is the unwillingness of the house of Israel to accept God's judgments. The house of Israel refused to see themselves as in need of or deserving of the Lord's chastening hand.

"And the word of the Lord came to me, saying" (v. 17). The word of the Lord came to Ezekiel frequently (close to fifty times) during his ministry, a ministry which extended from 592 B.C. to 569 B.C. Scholars are in agreement that order of events and prophecies recorded in Ezekiel are sequential. While no date is assigned to the Lord's speaking to Ezekiel in the text before us, this message would have been given to the prophet several years prior to the razing of Jerusalem and the temple in 586 B.C. (see Ezek. 33:21).

"Son of man . . ." (v. 18). In New Testament scripture, Jesus referred to himself as the Son of man eighty-some times. God uses the phrase "son of man" more than ninety times in addressing Ezekiel. The Lord endued Ezekiel with the same power to speak to the house of Israel as the Father bestowed upon the Son during His ministry on earth.

Through Ezekiel, God wants all men (and Israel) to know that He looks upon the house of Israel as dross. Dross is the worthless waste which floats to the surface when metals are melted. The Lord, in looking upon the house of Israel, sees dross from every source — from the melting of silver, brass, iron, lead, and tin. The value of metals differ. The value of brass, iron, lead, and tin is determined by tools and utensils that are fashioned from them. Silver is a precious metal with an intrinsic value far greater than a vessel fashioned for use. God looked upon Israel and saw only waste. The Lord saw nothing of useful or intrinsic value.

". . . so will I gather you in my anger and in my fury, and I will leave you there, and melt you" (v. 20). Metals are melted in a furnace. The furnace in which God would melt the house of Israel is the city of Jerusalem (v. 19). In verses 21 and 22, God reveals that He will melt Israel with "the fire of my wrath."

In verses 24-29, the Lord reveals that which He saw when looking upon Israel. The Lord saw a land that was not cleansed nor rained upon (v. 24). This is the same which God saw in the days of Noah before the flood. In that day, the Lord unleashed the flood sparing only Noah, his sons and their wives.

In verse 25, the Lord viewed a conspiracy of the prophets of Israel. The Hebrew word which is translated as "conspiracy" is also translated as "treason." The prophets were false prophets whose actions God likens to a roaring lion ripping its prey into pieces and devouring it. The words of Israel's prophets caused many to perish (many women became widows). The proclamations of the prophets were not from God. God reveals that their proclamations were self-serving, resulting in monetary gain. The prophets supplied untempered mortar (whitewash) to Israel's princes (v. 28) with intent of self-promotion. They saw vanity (nothing) and delivered lies.

In verse 26, God looked upon the priests and saw violation of "my" law. The violations were not accidental failures. Priestly violations consisted of willful failures to execute their duties as priests in the manner prescribed by God's law. The law, in its entirety, can be summed with ". . . thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might" (Deut. 6:5) and ". . . thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (Lev. 19:18). God was profaned by the priests because He found neither love for Him or for neighbor among them. One cannot blend the holy with the profane or the unclean with the clean and keep the law. God is offended when men call right, wrong and wrong, right.

"Her princes . . ." (v. 27). The princes were like wolves ravaging prey, shedding blood, destroying souls, in pursuit of dishonest gain. The princes have names. Their names are found in II Kings 23:37, 24:9, and 24:19. Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin and Zedekiah, all did evil in the sight of the Lord during Ezekiel's day.

The Lord saw more than the corruption of the prophets, the priests, and the princes. He looked upon the people of the land and saw robbery and oppression — oppression of the poor and needy and of the stranger (v. 29). God looked for a man who could serve as a hedge and stand in the gap but found none (v. 30). The picture before us is reminiscent of that of Genesis 18:22-33, where God promised to spare Sodom and Gomorrah if ten righteous persons were found there. God could not find ten righteous in Sodom and Gomorrah, and His judgment was not delayed. In the text before us, God could find no man to serve as a hedge and stand in the gap. The time had arrived for the fire of God's wrath to fall (v. 31).

Ezekiel would see the fire of God's wrath fall upon Jerusalem. Ezekiel would see the city and the temple destroyed (Ezek. 33:21). With God, a promise made is a promise kept. New Testament believers can know that the Lord's return is as certain as was the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple that occurred in Ezekiel's day. We also know of the tribulation which shall fall upon the earth prior to the day we see Him sit upon the throne of David in Jerusalem (Rev. 20:4). Until that day, let us love one another and declare the gospel to all people in all places.

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KIDS TALK ABOUT GOD

BY CAREY KINSOLVING AND FRIENDS

What Did Jesus Mean When He Said the Holy Spirit Will Tell You Things to Come?

"The Holy Spirit tells you stuff before it happens," says Sawyer, 8. "He told my mom that Grandma was coming over, and then she showed up with cookies."

Now that's a spiritual gift I'd like to have: the ability to sense cookie arrivals.

While the Holy Spirit may not always predict dessert, Jesus did say the Spirit would "tell you things to come" (John 16:13). But what was Jesus really talking about?

He spoke these words just before His crucifixion. His disciples were confused and concerned. Jesus was leaving, and they had no idea how God's plan would unfold. But the Holy Spirit would soon take over as their guide.

"The Holy Spirit helps you know what Jesus meant," says Caleb, 11. "That's how we got the Bible."

Right! Jesus promised the Spirit would guide the apostles into all truth. After Jesus ascended, the Spirit helped them remember his words, write them down, and understand how his death and resurrection changed everything.

"The Holy Spirit shows the future sometimes," says Lila, 10. "Like when God judged Israel in the Bible."

That's a big part of what Jesus meant. When He spoke of "things to come," He was pointing to events that would soon happen, especially the judgment on Jerusalem in AD 70. Jesus had already predicted it: "This generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place" (Matthew 24:34).

Jesus said he would come in the clouds within a generation to destroy the temple (Matthew 24:2 & 30). In the Old Testament, God came in the clouds, but no one ever saw God riding a cloud. It's symbolic language for judgment. Just like God came riding "on a swift cloud" to judge Egypt (Isaiah 19:1), Jesus came in

judgment against the temple system that had rejected him.

For an excellent book on this, read "Our Rich Root" by Stan Newton.

Yes, the Holy Spirit doesn't just show us the future to impress us. He prepares us. The early Christians weren't caught off guard by the fall of Jerusalem. Many escaped because they trusted Jesus' words and followed the Spirit's leading.

Romans 8:26 tells us the Spirit helps us pray. Whether at school or a temple about to fall, the Spirit knows exactly how to intercede.

"He helps you to not freak out," says Ben, 10.

The Holy Spirit leads with confidence, not confusion. He helped the first Christians stay calm during a massive transition, when the Old Covenant system ended with the destruction of the temple, and the New Covenant fully took its place. The full glory of the New Covenant will be seen when Jesus returns to complete the establishment of his kingdom on Earth.

Jesus said the Spirit would glorify Him (John 16:14). That means everything the Spirit reveals points to Jesus, his finished work on the cross to pay for our sins, his victorious resurrection over death, and his ever-increasing kingdom.

Think about this: The Holy Spirit doesn't just predict the future. He prepares your heart for what God is doing and reminds you of the Old Testament prophecies Jesus has already fulfilled.

Memorize this truth: "When he, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come" (John 16:13).

Ask this question: Am I letting the Holy Spirit help me live in what Jesus already finished?

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Obituaries

CHARLES R. ASBURY

Charles R. Asbury, 97, of Red House, passed away Thursday, February 19, 2026, at Hubbard Hospice House following a long illness. Charles retired from Monsanto Plant Nitro with 37 years of service. After retirement Charles enjoyed camping and fishing with his 2 grandsons. Charles could always be found outside doing something. He loved working in his garden. He had an unsurpassed mechanical ability to fix or repair anything. Charles was always willing to lend a hand if his family or friends needed help with something.

Born September 24, 1928, he was the son of the late Erma Withrow. In addition to his mother he was preceded in death by his wife of 78 years, Reba S. Asbury, and sister, Margaret Thomas.

Survivors include his son Charlie (Linda) Asbury of Red House; grandchildren, Eric (Paula) Asbury and Chad Asbury; great grandchildren, Natalie (Eric) Craig, Blake Asbury (Ashley) and Jacob Shamblin; great great grandchildren, Landon, Holley and Adalynn.

Funeral service was Monday, February 23, 2026, at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastor Woody Willard officiating. Entombment was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House.

ROSEMARY DUNN COOK

Rosemary Dunn Cook, of Culloden, went to be with the Lord on February 20, 2026, at her home, following a courageous journey with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS).

Rosemary was born in South Charleston, the daughter of Eugene D. and Mary N. Dunn. She grew up in St. Albans where she attended local schools. A 1973 graduate of St. Albans High School, she went on to attend West Virginia University, graduating in 1977 with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. Additionally, she attended West Virginia State College, earning a Bachelor of Science in Education on in 1982, and West Virginia College of Graduate Studies, where in 1985 she completed a Master of Arts in Psychology and a Certificate of Advanced

Study. Rosemary moved to Hamlin in 1982 where she met and married her husband of 42 years, Steven M. Cook. Together they lived in Hamlin, later moving to Culloden, where they raised their two daughters, Leigh Allison and Blair Katherine. A nurturing and caring mother, she devoted herself to creating a warm home where her family always felt supported and loved. Signs of her love were woven into everyday moments and made tangible by sweet treats, elaborate handmade costumes, long poolside chats, hearty laughter at a well-timed joke, and the simple delight she found in her family's presence.

Her faith in Christ was central to her life, and she found great joy in worshiping and serving at Forrest Burdette Memorial Methodist Church in Hurricane. She treasured time spent with her dearest friend, Phyllis Carper Dorsey, who was like a sister to her. She also loved WVU sporting events (except when they lost), a monthly book club, tending to her garden, traveling, and visiting the Outer Banks of NC. She deeply valued the many friendships she formed through her church, her community, and her professional life.

As her daughters married and started their own families, Allison with Zach Smith of Wheeling, and Katie with Elliott Giles of Burbank, California, she warmly embraced her new family members and cherished her role as "Gram" to Sutton and Bennet Smith and to Addy and Landon Giles. She especially enjoyed Christmas with her grandchildren, thoughtfully selecting presents, baking endless batches of cookies, and handcrafting special stockings for each grandchild.

She worked as an elementary teacher in Lincoln County from 1979 to 1985, as a school psychologist in Cabell County from 1986 to 2005, and with the West Virginia Department of Education Office of Special Education from 2005 until her retirement in 2010. She is preceded in death by her parents Eugene D. and Mary N. Dunn of Sutton, and brother, Daniel K.

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CARLA GAYE MCGRAW

Carla Gaye (Smith) McGraw, 54, of Scott Depot, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 22, 2026.

She was born on November 23, 1971, to the late Buddy and Ollie Mae (Robertson) Smith of Chattoah, WV. She was a graduate of Williamson High School and WV State University.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her dearly loved brother, Gregory Smith of Chattoah; father-in-law, Gary Willard McGraw of Logan; beloved uncles: Henry Robinson and A.P. Robinson of Williamson; and beloved aunts: Exer Rebecca Norman of Circleville, Ohio and Carolyn Lockard of Forest Hills, KY.

Carla is survived by her husband of 27 years, Gary "Lee" McGraw of Scott Depot; mother-in-law, Norma (Nash) McGraw of Logan; sister-in-law, Marcia (Mike) Chase of Pikeville, NC; brother-in-law, Steven (Clintina) McGraw of Hurricane; uncle, Lowry (Marlene) Robertson of Geneva, OH; aunt, Betty Robinson of Williamson; as well as many other loved ones (cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.)

Throughout her life, Carla set an example of self-sacrificial, dependable service to others. She was a devoted wife, loving daughter, loyal friend, and kind neighbor. She faced life's difficult challenges and sorrows with courage, grace, and faith. She was always there to listen and to encourage her friends

and family. She attended church at Mill Creek with her mother-in-law.

Carla loved being outdoors, gardening, and crocheting beautiful gifts for those she loved. She was funny and feisty, compassionate and supportive, a true treasure. She was one of God's best gifts to her family. Her memory will forever inspire all who knew her.

In accordance with Carla's wishes, there will be no services.

EVA W. MILLER

Eva W. Miller, 98, of Hurricane, passed away on February 15, 2026 at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born to the late Ralph and Anna Irene Snead on December 19, 1927 in Charleston. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death recently by her husband, Charles W. Miller; sister, Mabel Winfree; brothers: Thomas and James Winfree; and son in-law, David Gray.

Eva was retired from RL Laughlin and Co as a Chart Processor and was a member of the former Kanawha Valley Ramblers Camping Club.

She was survived by her daughters: Kimberly (Michael) Perraut and Deborah Gray; granddaughter, Megan (Colton) Whittington) Perraut; and great grandchildren: Blake and Myles Whittington; as well as other family members and friends.

Funeral service for Eva was Thursday, February 19, 2026, at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Pastor Barrett Jordan officiating. Burial was in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

CAROLYN SUE VINEYARD

Carolyn Sue Vineyard, 85, of Hurricane, passed away peacefully on February 14, 2026 at Hubbard Hospice House

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Sue was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was a longtime member of Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Hurricane where she found deep spiritual fulfillment and community.

Sue was a dedicated homemaker who cherished family above all. She was married to her husband, Jon Vineyard, for 53 wonderful years until his passing. In addition to her husband, Sue was preceded in death by her parents: Harry D. and R. Edith King; and her grandson, Jon Matthew Gunter.

Sue found joy in life's simple pleasures. She loved camping and boating, trips to the beach, playing games with friends and family, reading, and working on jigsaw puzzles. Her warm spirit and love for gathering with loved ones created countless cherished memories.

She is survived by her three daughters: Beth Gunter, Susan Johnson (Brian), and Melissa Northup (Zac); grandchildren: Morgan Hudnall (Chad), Kassie Slattery (Michael), Brett Johnson (Kassandra), Alex Northup (Ashley), Sophie Northup, and Meredith Northup; as well as four great-grandchildren.

Sue's family will honor her in a private Graveside Service at Mount Vernon Cemetery in Hurricane.

MICHAEL ALAN WADE

Michael Alan "Mike" Wade, 65, of Hometown, passed away Saturday, February 21, 2026, at the home of his daughter, surrounded by those he loved.

Mike was born December 28, 1960, in Charleston, to the late Joe and Marilyn Wade. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Rebecca Wade.

Mike retired from Tri-State Gaming Center after

many years of dedicated service. He enjoyed the simple pleasures in life - playing cards with his friends, tossing horseshoes on a warm afternoon, and most of all, spending time with his grandbabies. His laughter, steady presence, and love for his family will be deeply missed.

He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Sandy Wade; his children, Kenneth Wade, Joseph Wade, Kari (Mathew Dixon) Wade, and Bethany (Jeremy Jeffers) Blankenship; his cherished grandchildren, Devon Blankenship, Lani Blankenship, Brooklyn Blankenship, and Amelia Jeffers; his sister, Stacy Wade Ritchie; his niece, Morgan Wade; and his brother-in-law, Richard (Cathy Lynch) Lester.

Burial was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens.

DWIGHT DAVID 'IKE' YOUNG

Dwight David "Ike" Young, 73, of Milton, passed away on February 15, 2026.

He was born on November 10, 1952, to the late Stanley and Nellie Garrett Young. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his brother, Rod Young; sister, Ruth Ann Young and sister in-law, Coletta Young.

Ike was a retired General Contractor and "Pappy" who enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, spreading his renowned sense of humor while cracking jokes.

He is survived by his son, Dwight "Bruno" Young Jr. (Sheena) of Hurricane; daughter, Jessica Santrock of Hurricane; grandchildren: Jace, Sophie, Ella, Harper, Isaiah and Solomon; brother, Stan Young of Hamlin; and sister in-law, Barbara Young of Culloden; as well as other family members and friends.

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NATALIE LaLIBERTY 105 Spruce Lane Scott Depot 61st Birthday February 27	NIKI CRIBB 1205 Ann Street Huntington 34th Birthday March 1
GASTON CAPERTON 86th Birthday February 28	BRENDA ARMSTEAD CASTO Hometown 58th Birthday March 2
RICHARD CURTIS HAGA 1769 Butcher Road Pt. Pleasant Birthday February 28	GALE GRANT 473 Washington Hill Road Hurricane Birthday March 2
DENNIS MULLINS Hamlin 53rd Birthday February 28	EVELYN WHITT Teays Manor, Apt. 16 5811 Teays Valley Road Scott Depot 79th Birthday March 2
ALLEN DERON HARPER Culloden 51st Birthday February 28	CAITLIN HOPE BOSTIC 104 Hope Lane Milton 21st Birthday March 2
SUE FISHER CARRIER Sissonville Birthday February 28	DEBORAH BEAVER 2562 Hurricane Creek Road Hurricane Birthday March 2
MARK ALLEN DRENNAN Winfield 54th Birthday February 29	GABRIEL WILLIS Ona Birthday March 2
MICHAELA DAWN RAMSEY 6626 Mill Stone Road Apple Grove 28th Birthday March 1	REV. DR JEFFREY JOHNSON #28 Meadow Wood Estates Scott Depot 62nd Birthday March 3
JOSHUA PAUL BAILEY 1942 Arthur Street Huntington 23rd Birthday March 1	ABBY GREEN Ohio 37th Birthday March 3
NICHOLAS TODD SMITH Milton 38th Birthday March 1	MARCIE MASTERS MAYNARD Huntington 61st Birthday March 3
TRAVIS KAUFFER Barboursville 46th Birthday March 1	BENJAMIN SIMMONS 832 Aster Court Richmond, Kentucky 26th Birthday March 3
HOWARD LEE GRANT	BETTY CHANEY EDWARDS

PipeSounds To Present 'The King of Kings'

The PIPESOUNDS Organ Concert Series presents the SILENT MOVIE "The King of Kings" on Friday, March 6, at 7:00 p.m., on the Harrah Symphonic Organ of Forrest Burdette Mem. United Methodist Church, Hurricane.

This dramatic film "King of Kings" remained popular well into the "sound era" of film. This road-show version of 1927, includes opening and closing scenes in color. Based on the Passion of Christ, there are close parallels between Jeanie MacPherson's story as directed by Cecil B. DeMille and presentations of the Passion throughout history.

The PIPESOUNDS Concerts are performed on the highly acclaimed Harrah Symphonic Organ: a six manual (keyboard) and pedal organ with 456 draw knobs with 2,600 actual pipes and more than 20,000 digital pipe notes. When it was dedicated in 2003, it was the largest draw knob console in the world. Over PIPESOUNDS' two decades of concerts, organists have come from several foreign countries, all regions of the United States, as well as several local area organists, to perform for our audiences. These Concerts are sponsored by the Putnam County Bank; exemplifying its commitment to the City of Hurricane, Putnam County and surrounding counties.

The guest artist Peter E.

220 Carper Lane
Barboursville
Birthday March 3

RONNIE THOMPSON
2241 South Pine Avenue
Ocala, Florida
77th Birthday March 3

MARY ALICE GRANT
712 1/2 Irving Street
South Charleston
75th Birthday March 4

JONATHAN MICHAEL
BLACK
John's Creek Road
Milton
30th Birthday March 4

CHARLES DALLAS
AKERS
3301 Mt. Union Road
Frazier's Bottom
59th Birthday March 4

ROGER WOOD
804 Riders Creek
Hurricane
78th Birthday March 4

ANN KATHERNE
FERRARI
Clendenin
6th Birthday March 5

MaKENSIE MARIE
YOUNG
Hurricane
20th Birthday March 5

PATTI LETT LANE
Beaver Creek
Hurricane
59th Birthday March 5

NATALIE CHAPMAN
McCLUNG
Ona
27th Birthday March 5

THURMAN SMITH JR
Nitro
83rd Birthday March 5

REV JOEL OSTEEN
Houston, Texas
63rd Birthday March 5

ROGER SHIRKEY
3122 Virginia Avenue East
Hurricane
74th Birthday March 5

WILL EDWARDS
Parkersburg
52nd Birthday March 5

Krasinski, of Boston, MA (playing here for the fourth time), of Boston, MA, is a conductor, organist and music educator. He is the House Organist of the Providence Performing Arts Center, Mr. Krasinski was past Dean of the Boston Chapter AGO. He is Organist at the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Mission Church, Boston, and the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Providence RI, as well as accompanist at Beth El Temple Center in Belmont, MA. Krasinski holds both a Bachelor of Music Degree in Music Education and Organ Performance, and the Master of Sacred Music Degree from Boston University. (www.krasinski.org)

Krasinski speaks of the March 6 silent film presentation "King of Kings" saying, "This evening will be a unique event never to be repeated in exactly the same way again. Here in this Church, with this organ, experienced by this audience, the musical "narration" will be dictated by the "theme" on the screen; the music will be completely improvised. All motifs, themes, emotions, melodies, rhythms and harmonies are to serve one purpose alone: to tell this, one of the greatest stories of all time."

PIPESOUNDS presents "King of Kings" on Friday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m. at Forrest Burdette Mem. United Methodist Church, 2848 Putnam Ave., Hurricane. Admission: Adults - \$15.00 and all Students - Free.

Jessi Adkins Named to ETSU Dean's List

Jessi Adkins, of Winfield, was named to the East Tennessee State University fall 2025 dean's list.

Adkins is among more than 4,700 students named to the fall 2025 dean's list. To receive this honor, undergraduate students must pass a minimum of 12 credits (excluding audits, incompletes, repeats and pass/fail) with no grade below B- in any course taken, and a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

East Tennessee State University was founded in 1911 with a singular mission: to improve the quality of life for people in the region and beyond.

Happy Anniversary

Dobie and Mary-Lynn Callaway Hodges of 391 Saline River Drive in Saline, Michigan, will celebrate their thirty-eighth wedding anniversary on February 27.

Danny and Angle Fleck Moore of Winfield will celebrate their twenty-eighth wedding anniversary on February 28.

Bobby and Debbie Sovine Workman of Peach Ridge Road in thirty-fifth wedding anniversary on February 28.

Howard and Donna Grant of Box 235, 5&20 Road in Frazier's Bottom will celebrate their wedding anniversary on March 1.

Charlie and Tina Bird Norris of Milton will celebrate their ninth wedding anniversary on March 3.

Older Americans Act Director Special Guest at Lions Club



The Putnam County Lions Club hosted Karen Johnson, Older Americans Act Director, Putnam County Aging as the guest speaker for the February 16 dinner meeting. Ms. Johnson briefed the group on the organization's services, and invited the club to attend some of their events for seniors in the coming months.

Putnam Lions' next fundraising event is a

pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 21 between 8 and 10 A.M. at St. John Methodist Church, 4536 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot. The cost is \$7 dollars.

For more information about Putnam Lions, please call 304-380-6782. Meetings are held the first and third Mondays at 6:30 P.M. at the Winfield Clubhouse, 4 Second Street.

WVDEP accepting applications For 2026 Make It Shine Spring Cleanup

Applications are now being accepted for the 2026 West Virginia Make It Shine Statewide Cleanup. This annual event is sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP) Program.

The cleanup will be held April 6, 2026, through April 19, 2026. The Make It Shine program will provide resources such as cleanup materials, waste hauling, and landfill fees to community groups volunteering to conduct litter cleanups in state streams or on public lands. Applications must be received by Friday, March 6, 2026.

This event is completely dependent on volunteers. Apply online by visiting dep.wv.gov. Once a project is approved, REAP staff will coordinate delivery

of cleanup supplies, waste hauling, and disposal. For more information, contact Chris Cartwright at christopher.j.cartwright@wv.gov or by phone at 304-389-8389.

During last year's cleanup, more than 3,800 volunteers from 143 groups removed 98 tons of litter from 99 acres of public land and 53 miles of streams. Volunteers also collected 692 tires and remediated 89 illegal dumps.

REAP, whose motto is "Keeping WV Clean and Green," was created in 2005 and strives to clean up West Virginia and rid the state of litter. The program empowers citizens to take ownership of their communities by providing technical, financial, and resource assistance in cleanup and recycling efforts.

Available Pets at the Putnam County Animal Shelter


These are 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



BB King (PCWV-A-26624) is an orange male domestic shorthair cat who weighs 9 pounds.



Nash (PCWV-A-26891) is a male domestic shorthair cat who weighs 7.9 pounds.



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