

The Hurricane Breeze

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TOWN OF POCA TO RECEIVE \$2.4 MILLION
Capito Secures \$3.17 Mil for Putnam Law Enforcement, Public Safety Projects

By Ron Allen

On Monday, March 2nd, U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito announced that \$32 million in Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) allocations would be coming to West Virginia for Fiscal Year 2026 to support law enforcement and public safety projects throughout the State.

Almost ten percent of that total will be coming to Putnam County. The Town of Poca is slated to receive \$2,400,000 for the construction of a new public safety building that will house Poca's Police Department, Volunteer Fire Department, and Municipal offices along with a detachment of the Putnam County Emergency Medical Service.

The building will be located on 2.2 acres at 94 Etta Street on property that formerly belonged to the Carruthers family.

Poca Mayor William Jones said that the project was approved last year but did not receive congressional funding. Jones is hopeful that the new building will be ready for occupancy before the end of 2027.

"I appreciate Senator Capito and thank her for her efforts," Jones said. The mayor stated that no plans have been formulated for the current municipal building.

The City of Hurricane was allocated two CDS grants of \$503,000 and \$210,000. According to a press release from Sen. Capito, the larger of the two grants will provide the police department with "an enhanced ability to prevent, detect and prosecute crime, foster trust within the community through transparency and accountability, promote efficiency and safety for officers in the field and provide the department with an enhanced ability

Girl Scout Troop 10582 Tours Hurricane City Hall



Members of Girl Scout Troop 10582 (front) met with city officials prior to the March 2 Hurricane City Council meeting. The girls learned what different departments do, including the K-9 unit.

(l-r): Marketing and Development Director Amanda Ramey, Fire Chief Paul Neidbalski, Mayor Scott Edwards, Police Chief Mike Mullins, and City Manager Andy Skidmore. Back row council members: Marshall Ginn, Michael Black, Recorder Linda Gibson, C.D. Caldwell, Ryan Wheeler, and Jody Ogle.

to protect and serve the residents of Hurricane and the surrounding

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COUNTY COMMISSION NEWS

Commission Approves Rezoning, Makes Way for U.S. 35/I-64 Interchange Development

The February 24th Putnam County Commission meeting was lengthy, almost two and a half hours. The two most notable items of business (Bid Opening for the Custer Ridge Water Project and Possible Decision to act upon a rezoning request by The Depot Development Group) consumed about 30 minutes of that time.

The Custer Ridge Waterline Extension project will provide public water to 25 homes near Buffalo. Jim Nagy of Terradon Corporation opened and read bids from nine companies, ranging from a low of \$756,455

from A to Z Plumbing to a high of \$2,074,730 from Benchmark Construction. The commission voted to accept the low bid, pending a review of the submission by staff.

The county commission approved the rezoning request by The Depot Development Group to rezone Tax Map 214, Parcels 21 and 37 from "C-2" High Density Commercial to "H-1" Highway Interchange and to rezone Tax Map 214, Parcels 2.1 and 3 from "R-R" Rural Residential to "H-1" Highway Interchange. At its December 18 meeting, the Putnam County Planning Commission

voted to recommend that the county commission only rezone Parcels 21 and 37 to "H-1" Highway Interchange.

In discussing the request, Commissioner Brian Ellis stated that "H-1" zoning was designed for locations which the four parcels satisfy. The four parcels are adjacent to the junction of U.S. 35 and I-64. Ellis said that a rural residential zoning would be a misuse of the property. Commissioner Andy Skidmore stated that the location of the 35/I-64 intersection was unknown when the property was zoned "R-R" thirty years

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City of Hurricane Looks to Annex Culloden Properties

By Ron Allen

Annexation was the business of the day at the March 2 Hurricane City Council meeting. Council held the second reading of ordinances which bring 3.02 acres at the junction

of Teays Valley Road with Mt. Vernon Road (The Garage) and 6.78 acres located to the rear of Go-Mart at the I-64 Teays Valley exit. The owners of both properties requested to come into city limits. The annexations must be

approved by the Putnam County Commission and are projected to be acted upon at the commission's March 10 meeting. Construction of a new restaurant is planned for the Go-Mart property.

Council also held the first reading of an ordinance which will bring 14.53 acres at the intersection of U.S. 60 and Virginia Avenue in Culloden into Hurricane City limits. The two property owners (Meeks Rentals and Bill Hatcher) requested that their properties to be annexed into the city. Both parcels are within the bounds of Cabell County and must be approved by the Cabell County Commission following a future second reading of the ordinance of annexation by the Hurricane City Council. The annexation does not involve the Food Fair or Fisher Auto Parts properties.

In other business, council approved waiving a portion of the Permit and Impact Fees requested by Ridge Landing Luxury Apartments. Council also approved changes to city code which clarify definition of terms and state procedures which are in effect.

Council approved a variance which allowed a garage roof to exceed the 12-foot limit set by code.

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MAYO LESTER AND YOUNG LEADER AWARDS

Chamber of Commerce Recognizes Community Service



Ashley Alford Glance (right) presents the 2026 Mayo Lester Community Service Award to Judie Sydenstricker.

The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce proudly recognized two outstanding community leaders at its recent annual celebration, honoring individuals whose leadership, service, and dedication continue to strengthen Putnam County as a place to live, work, and do business.

The Chamber presented the prestigious 2026 Mayo Lester Community Service Award to Judie Sydenstricker, owner of

Fireside Grille, as the family-owned restaurant celebrates 15 years in business this year. Named after founding Chamber member and first Chairman Mayo Lester, this award honors individuals who demonstrate exceptional service to Putnam County. Prior to owning Fireside Grille, Judie dedicated years to supporting the community through her work in the banking industry. She is a past board member of the Putnam County Chamber

of Commerce and has served numerous local organizations such as the Putnam County Library. Through Fireside Grille, she has helped host and support many of Putnam County's most meaningful milestones and charitable efforts, generously giving her time and resources to those in need.

The 2026 Putnam CREW Young Leader Award was presented to James Vanoy, a behind-the-scenes leader whose impact is felt across



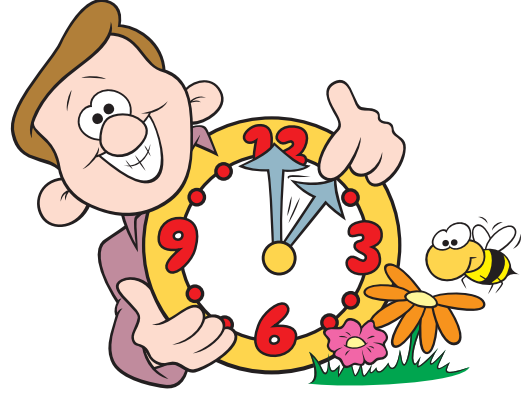
Ashley Alford Glance (right) presents the 2026 Putnam CREW Young Leader Award to James Vanoy.

multiple businesses in Putnam County, including Meeks Rentals & Leasing, JOOT LLC, Pooch Resort, and more. As COO of Meeks Rentals & Leasing, James plays an integral role in business development in Putnam County. Though he prefers to stay out of the spotlight, James' leadership by example and dedication to strengthening the local business climate embody the mission of Putnam CREW and the spirit of the Young Leader Award.

"These award recipients represent the very best of Putnam County," said Ashley Alford Glance, President of the Putnam Chamber. "Their commitment to service, leadership, and community impact reflects the values that make our county strong."

For more information about the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce and its programs, visit www.putnamchamber.org.

Time Jumps Sunday



Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night. Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 a.m. Sunday.

WEATHER SUMMARY		
February 24 - March 2		
	Low	High
February 24		
Hurricane	21°	33°
February 25		
Hurricane	33°	52°
February 26*		
Hurricane	25°	41°
February 27		
Hurricane	26°	55°
February 28		
Hurricane	25°	62°
March 1		
Hurricane	26°	48°
March 2*		
Hurricane	26°	35°

*RAIN
 0.2 inch recorded Feb. 26
 0.2 inch recorded March 2

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.

NOW - MARCH 8
• Celtic Calling is happening in Charleston. For a schedule of events, go to <https://celticcalling.org/schedule-2026>

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>

• Thursdays are Mahjong Nights at the Valley Park Conference Center in Hurricane. Games run from 6 to 8 p.m. Come play, learn the game, or teach new players.

MARCH 6 - 7
• Quilts by Phyllis in Hurricane will host a Spring Open House on Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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.

• 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.

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

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MARCH 7

• Herdcon is Marshall University's annual pop culture convention. It's an all ages free event at the Marshall University's Huntington campus. If you like cosplay, anime, ttrpgs, and other nerdy endeavors, you'll fit right in.

• Riverside Baptist Church, Route 62, Buffalo, will be holding their 25¢ Yard Sale starting at 8 p.m.
• There will be a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Irene Cude, principal of Mountain State Christian School, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the school, which is located at 1948 Martins Lane, Culloden. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 10. For more information, call 304-208-4954.

• 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 discussing special needs planning. To register, call (304) 757-6510.

• The Putnam County Crochet Club will be meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. at St. Timothy's in the Valley Episcopal Church, 3434 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane.

• C. D. Caldwell, candidate for 21st House of Delegates, will be holding a Meet the Candidate event from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Social Event Space, Main Street, Hurricane.

MARCH 12 - 14
• Adult Vacation Bible School: On the Potter's Wheel will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday at Buffalo Church of the Nazarene, 25053 Buffalo Road. For more information, call (304) 395-1224.

MARCH 12
• Thursdays are Mahjong Nights at the Valley Park Conference Center in Hurricane. Games run from 6 to 8 p.m. Come play, learn the game, or teach new players.

MARCH 13
• WV Health Right's Mobile Medical Clinic will be in the parking lot of the Twin City Bible Church, 100 1st Avenue S, Nitro, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to conduct rapid testing for HIV and Hepatitis C, offer Narcan training, and provide referrals for treatment.

• There will be a flowerpot painting fundraiser for Adelyn Shawver at 6 p.m. at Christ Community Church, 733 Rocky Step Road, Scott Depot. The cost is \$40. Adelyn is raising money for a service dog in training. For more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/1495496645507205>

MARCH 14
• The Town of Eleanor will be holding a puzzle competition from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Eleanor Town Hall. The cost is \$20 for a team of 2-4 people. For more information about registering, call (304) 586-2319.

• The Kanawha Valley Horsemen's Association will be holding their winter tournament starting at 1 p.m. at the Winfield Riding Club. For more information, go to <https://www.kvhahorseshow.com>

Ceilidh Dance in Charleston This Friday

Get ready to flash your tartan and learn some dance moves at the 10th annual Celtic Calling Gathering's ceilidh, 7:00 p.m., Friday, March 6, at Kanawha United Presbyterian Church in downtown Charleston.

A ceilidh, originating from the Gaelic word for "visit" or "gathering, is a traditional Scottish and Irish social gathering, with music, dancing, storytelling and singing. The dance is sponsored by the Friends of Old-Time Music and Dance (aka Kanawha Valley FOOTMAD).

Located at 1009 Virginia Street East, there is free parking beside the church on the lot stretching from Virginia Street to Kanawha Boulevard. Enter through the red doors facing the river. Admission is \$10, students \$5 and those under age 13 are admitted free of charge. Family discounts are available for this all-ages, all skill level event.

This year, FOOTMAD is bringing in the Athens, Ohio-based Celtic band, the Brickersons. Dances will be taught and called by Steve Ballman and David Mould.

Up-cycled Celtic "House of Hamill" To Play This Saturday

The 10th Celtic Calling mainstage concert will feature the vibrant young trio House of Hamill Saturday, March 7, 2026, at 7:30pm at the Capitol Theater, 123 Summers Street. The concert is a production of Kanawha Valley Friends of Old-Time Music and Dance (FOOTMAD).

The trio was formed almost by accident, first as a duo in 2014 and then with a last-minute substitution in 2018 and has had great success with their tight harmonies and award-winning songwriting. Today, Pennsylvania-based House of Hamill is a fixture on festival stages across the U.S. and have shared their music and stories on the country's premier folk stages. Their original song, "Banks of the Brandywine", was a Grand Prize winner in the 2024 John Lennon Songwriting Contest, and the video for their all-violin cover of "Sweet Child O' Mine" amassed over 16 million views on Facebook, where it was shared over 400,000 times.

A free public event on Saturday, March 7 will provide an opportunity for music lovers to meet with the band members and get a taste of their live performance later that evening. House of Hamill will perform a short set at City Center at 12:30pm. Inclement weather will

Celtic Calling Turns Ten

Celtic Calling returns to Charleston March 4-8, bringing days of Music, Dance, Theater, Sporting and Celtic Heritage and Cultural Events. From toe-tapping fiddle tunes to unforgettable performances and family-friendly fun, this beloved festival fills downtown with energy you won't want to miss.

For a schedule of events, go to <https://celticcalling.org>

To keep up with updates and the latest Celtic Calling News, follow the event on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/celticcalling>

The Brickersons morphed out of another Athens-based Celtic band, The Boys of the Hock. When some members were unavailable to play concerts and dances, hammer dulcimer player Ed Newman and fiddler Rusty Smith decided to form another band so that they would not miss out on gigs. All members are multi-instrumentalists, and play in other bands.

"We kicked around names," said Ed. "Rusty recalled an old TV comedy series, The Bickersons, where a couple is in a constant verbal war. I'm a brick collector and historian so we just combined the names. As a band, we occasionally bicker, but usually we get along fine."

The Brickersons play jigs, slip jigs, reels, airs, waltzes—indeed, anything that's Celtic and instrumental—plus some old-time.

As an educational non-profit, FOOTMAD has presented traditional music and dance in the Kanawha Valley for 44 years. This presentation is presented with funding from WV Tourism with support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

move this free all-ages event across the street to Fife Street Brewing.

House of Hamill is Rose Baldino on fiddle, Brian Buchanan on guitar and Caroline Browning on mandolin and bass. All three voices blend as one harmonic instrument.

Tickets for the Saturday evening concert are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, and students of any age are only \$10. Visit FOOTMAD.org or call 304-729-4382 for more information or to purchase tickets. Children under 13 are admitted free at the door.

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Putnam County Food Pantries And Clothing Banks

for more information.

Christian Community Cupboard
2843 Virginia Avenue Hurricane
(304) 562-9373

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

Calvary Baptist Church
3653 Teays Valley Road Hurricane
(304) 757-8829

Call for food pantry hours.

Light House Baptist Church
2440 US Route 60 Hurricane
304-562-3900

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

Teays Valley Baptist Church
3926 Teays Valley Road Hurricane
(304) 380-3100

Call for food pantry hours.

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

heartbeatofthevalley.com

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

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

Years ago, I told our family that we needed a helicopter... later, I thought we needed a plane... seriously, I was kidding, but as the years flew by, I have wondered if someone should have learned to fly.

In any week, we have someone traveling, it seems. The other morning, at almost 4 A.M., my time, I received a text... WE have landed... Mom, you can rest now. My daughter and her husband had landed in Ireland. They were visiting the youngest grandgirl, who is spending a semester studying in Ireland.

In March/April, the other two granddaughters will visit our third in Ireland... not at the same time... these girls are travelers... to say the least. I have written about this before... they also travel across this country often also. I have become used to that. The youngest, studying in Ireland, spent a weekend in London and is traveling to Greece for spring break. She studied in Prague this summer and visited Italy, among other places.

The two eldest granddaughters have studied in Italy and Greece and England, have traveled to Iceland and Amsterdam, etc. Not sure where all they have gone. Did I say we need a plane?

Free Ad Space

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

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

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

Articles Welcome

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

Maybe we need to put Uber on speed dial.

My daughter and I are planning a couple of trips to WV this year, one to NYC to visit the eldest grandgirl... and maybe a road trip to New England... We will see... as to our trips, we budget carefully. As to the girls studying trips, they go on scholarships usually. For their other trips, they also budget...

The Florida family travels even more extensively. Those grandsons have enjoyed Ireland and Scotland, visited other nations, islands, and much of this country. They are only 11 and 13... traveling is in our blood. I have enjoyed 46 states, Canada, and England two times... I have flown around 80 to 90 times, at least... Where is that plane? We could have saved tons of money... I know... this is ludicrous, but with all of us traveling so much... the waiting in airports has become exhausting...

Now, at this age, my favorite place to go is Hurricane, WV. I enjoyed the new hotel there last summer. It was convenient for my friends to come to see me. That being said, just an aside, it would be nice to have more restaurants in Hurricane instead of all of them at the Teays Valley exit. Just a thought.

Traveling... flying... road trips... so many places to go... time to get started... and perhaps, my family should have listened to me, years ago... learn to fly... get a plane... for now, we will fly commercially... we will use Uber... taxis... subway... the bus... train... because the way we were is the way we are... seeing new and familiar places. Even when I wake up in another city, I think back to when I was that little girl, growing up on Virginia Avenue, Hurricane, and I remember that I did not go outside of WV, except to Ohio and Kentucky to visit family. We have come a long way. I hope my readers enjoy traveling... for those who do... enjoy those airports...

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

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.

COUNTY COMMISSION NEWS

U.S. 35/I-64 Interchange Development

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ago. Commissioner Doug Pierson asked Senior Planner Melissa Sargent to compare requirements for “H-1” and “C-2” when the abutting properties were zoned Residential. Sargent said “H-1” zoning requires a greater protection than “C-2.”

Plans for the property were announced by Jeff Hoops at the December 18 Planning Commission meeting. Hoops said that Phase 1 included developing 50 acres as a Travel Center & Truck Stop and 60 acres as a home to a Commercial Hub featuring a big-box retailer, hospitality services (hotel), and dining establishments.

Hoops said that the permit application process is lengthy and could take as

long as three years.

The county commission heard budget requests for the coming fiscal year from Kelli Steele (Putnam County Convention & Visitors Bureau), Megan Tarbett (Putnam County Library), Krista Snodgrass (Putnam County Fair Board), Crystal Moberley (Putnam County Health Department), Justin Williams (Putnam County Parks & Recreation), Jamey Hunt (Putnam County Day Report), and Tim Sayre (WVU Extension). These agencies are dependent upon the commission for a portion of their funding.

The commission must submit its finalized budget to the State prior to March 31st.

The next commission meeting is March 10 at 9 a.m.

Putnam Law Enforcement, Public Safety Projects

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communities whose citizens travel to Hurricane, which is accessible from I-64.” The \$210,000 grant will also be utilized by the police department to enhance the crime prevention and detection capabilities and improve response abilities through equipment upgrades.

The City of Winfield has been allocated \$61,000 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a police interceptor vehicle to enhance public safety and support officer retention.

City of Hurricane

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City manager Andy Skidmore informed council that the ball fields at Bridge Park have been rented out for every weekend, March through November, with the exception of one weekend. Skidmore said that engineering studies are underway for an emergency access bridge which will connect Lower Bridge Park (Football Field area) with Upper Bridge Park (Putnam County

Three cities neighboring Putnam (Nitro, Milton and St. Albans) also received CDS grants. The Nitro Police Department will get \$642,000 for necessary body camera upgrades. The Milton Police Department will be receiving \$628,000 to enhance the crime prevention, detection and response capabilities and to increase transparency and safety through technological and equipment upgrades. The City of St. Albans will receive \$123,000 to provide critical technology upgrades to local law enforcement agencies.

Bank Sports Complex). Council approved the following appointments: Michael Black to the Municipal Planning Commission, Jody Ogle to the Police Department Promotion Board, and Filip Vlastic to the Hurricane Development Authority.

There will be a Special Council meeting on March 23rd at which the budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year will be approved. The next regular council meeting will be Monday, April 6, at 6:30 p.m.

Putnam County Marriages

The following marriages were recorded by the Putnam County Clerk during the month of February:

- Christopher David Jordan to Kerston Paige Kennedy
- Eric Lee Pauley to Jennifer Lynn Shepard
- Michael Phillip Molina to Holly Nichole Adkins
- Arek Dennis Melvin G. Hanna to Sienna Grace Weeks
- Joseph Emerson Fowler II to Calli Lynn Destefano
- James Louis Smith to Angela Marie Petry-Muslin
- Jared Chance Jones to Jessica Paige Hardesty
- Anthony Davis Giuffre to Montana Grace Parsons
- Michael Dale Beckett to Amanda Dawn Malone
- Phillip Wayne Lewis to Kaitlyn Amanda Campbell
- Matthew Edward

right to vote.

March 11, 1847: Boone County was formed from parts of Logan, Kanawha and Cabell counties and named for Daniel Boone.

March 11, 1848: Putnam County was formed from portions of Kanawha, Mason and Cabell counties. It was named in honor of Gen. Israel Putnam, a leading commander at the Battle of Bunker Hill during the Revolutionary War.

March 11, 1856: Roane County was created from parts of Kanawha, Jackson and Gilmer counties. It was named for Judge Spencer Roane, a son-in-law of Patrick Henry.

March 11 2004: The legislature named the Shay No. 5 as West Virginia’s official locomotive. In the early 1900s, the Shay was a logging railroad workhorse, with gear-driven engines developed for steep tracks and rough terrain.

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THIS WEEK IN THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

For the week ending February 27, 2026

A direct stream of funding that would support the state’s Emergency Medical Services got a unanimous vote of support from the West Virginia House of Delegates this week.

“Well, I want to say to the Finance Committee, thank you; thank God we finally got something done,” Delegate Buck Jennings, R-Preston, said on the House floor ahead of the vote, adding that he had been trying to find permanent state funding for EMS since he first got elected in 2018.

House Bill 5168, which passed Feb. 23, would transfer a total of \$12 million through the state Office of Emergency Medical Services at the end of each Fiscal Year from the State Lottery Fund. It would direct \$6 million to the EMS Salary Enhancement, Crisis Response, and Mental Health Treatment Fund; \$3 million to the County EMS Fund; and \$3 million to the All-County EMS fund. Counties would be required to match the funds, which they could do through a levy, severance funds or private donations.

“In all reality, this is a historical day if this body passes this and it makes it all the way to the governor; we’re actually putting the first permanent funding to support the EMS workers of the state of West Virginia,” said Delegate Joe Statler, R-Monongalia. “I think we’re telling our first responders out there that we care. We know that they do a job for us every day, they’re out there working and that we’re willing to reach out to help them, to try and keep them going.”

Members of the House Finance Committee also acted this week to preserve the jewel of the state’s Capitol Complex, the Culture Center. Delegates heard from Tourism Secretary Chelsea Ruby about the extensive deferred maintenance she inherited with the 50-year-old building and took a tour to see the problems firsthand. House

- Gray Andrew Todd Campbell to Jerycka Sue Haynes

Bill 5685 would allow excess lottery funds to be used as revenue bonds for necessary renovations with appropriate legislative oversight.

The House overwhelmingly passed the West Virginia Aerospace and Advanced Manufacturing Growth Act Feb. 27. The measure, House Bill 4006, includes a host of initiatives to support growth in the state’s aerospace industry. The Aerospace Development Program under the state’s Department of Commerce would encourage construction, operation, development, maintenance, manufacturing and expansion of the industry. The West Virginia Job Development Grant Program under the Division of Economic Development would allow aerospace businesses to enter into agreements with the Division to create a special revenue fund, utilizing grants and private funds to create new jobs. Another change would adjust the way capital additions to manufacturing facilities are appraised, at salvage value, for property tax purposes, and finally it would create the MRO Workforce and Aviation Maintenance Education Act, requiring the Council for Community and Technical College Education to develop an aviation and aerospace industry pathway.

“I think this is a very creative way to encourage companies to invest in West Virginia and then stay for a long time because of the way their investment goes in and they employ people, those dollars eventually do flow back into their companies, but it’s over a long, substantial period of time,” said Delegate Clay Riley, R-Harrison, in explaining the bill before the vote. “This is a situation where you have the opportunity to have companies come in and locate for 50 years, to be able to continue to be able to employ the citizens of West Virginia.

“We have a strong history of the aviation and the aerospace industry with Chuck Yeager and Katherine Johnson and Homer Hickam. This just sends a message to the world that we still have those folks, and they’re right here in the state of West Virginia, and this bill allows every county to prosper and every opportunity for every county to be successful.”

The House also passed a budget bill back to the Senate this week for continued deliberation. The 60-day, regular legislative session ends at midnight March 14.



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.

March 5, 1856: Calhoun County was created from neighboring Gilmer County and named for John C. Calhoun, who served as vice president under John Quincy Adams and Andrew Jackson.

March 5, 1963: Country musician Hawkshaw Hawkins was killed in a plane crash in Tennessee, along with Patsy Cline, Cowboy Copas, and Randy Hughes. Hawkins was born in Huntington.

March 6, 1820: Joseph H. Diss Debar was born in France. Diss Debar was the designer of the Great Seal of West Virginia and the state’s first commissioner of immigration.

March 6, 1828: Johnson Camden was born in Lewis County. In 1861, he opened one of the state’s first oil wells, in Wirt County, and a refinery in Parkersburg in 1869. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1881.

March 6, 1900: A mine explosion at the Red Ash Mine in Fayette County killed 46 men. It was the state’s first major mine disaster of the 20th century. Five years later, another 24 men were killed at the same mine.

March 6, 1928: Banjo player Don Stover was born in Ameagle, Raleigh County. He performed most notably with Bill Monroe and the Lilly Brothers and had an outstanding solo career. His spirited, pioneering three-finger style of playing helped spread the popularity of bluegrass internationally.

March 7, 1856: Tucker County was formed from Randolph County and named for Henry St. George Tucker Sr., a Virginia soldier, statesman and jurist.

March 7, 1929: The legislature adopted the official state flag. The state’s coat of arms is emblazoned in color in the center. Above the seal is a red ribbon lettered “State

of West Virginia,” and a wreath of rhododendron surrounds the lower part of the seal. The white field of the flag is bordered on four sides by a strip of blue. March 7, 1990: West Virginia teachers went on strike after negotiations with the governor’s office and legislature failed to produce an agreement on a pay package. Teachers in 47 of the 55 counties were involved in the 11-day strike.

March 8, 1926: An explosion killed 19 miners at Eccles in Raleigh County. Ten men were saved by barricading themselves in the mine.

March 8, 1963: The state colors of blue and “old gold” were adopted by the legislature.

March 9, 1832: George Robert Latham was born. At the onset of the Civil War, Latham turned his Grafton law office into a recruiting station, and he led the first Union troops in north-central West Virginia.

March 9, 1953: Football player Dennis Harrah was born in South Charleston. In the NFL, Harrah played in 168 games for the Los Angeles Rams (1975-87), was a six-time All Pro and played in one Super Bowl.

March 9, 1965: President Lyndon Johnson signed the act establishing the Appalachian Regional Commission.

March 10, 1872: Labor lawyer Harold Houston was born in Ohio. One of the most prominent attorneys of the Mine Wars period, he represented Matewan police chief Sid Hatfield and UMWA clients during the 1912-13 Paint Creek-Cabin Creek strike and after the 1921 Battle of Blair Mountain.

March 10, 1910: Kermit McKeever, considered the father of the modern West Virginia state park system, was born near Renick, Greenbrier County.

March 10, 1915: West Virginia’s first Rotary International club was established in Wheeling.

March 10, 1920: West Virginia became the 34th state to ratify the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guaranteed women the

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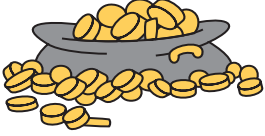
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Fillers Page

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The Ear-ly Bird

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

I asked my friend to tell me
Or to otherwise confirm
What technique a bird would use
To find himself a worm

What he said took me back
And sounded quite absurd
He said that they just listen until
When a worm is heard

I said, "You must be kidding me.
No creature hears that well!"
"It's got to use another means;
Perhaps the sense of smell."

The argument went back and forth
And then I let him win
He claimed he knew the real truth
So I gave into him

So if the friendship of a bird is
What you choose to seek
You had best remember not to
Talk behind his beak

Recipes

Submitted by Connie Reddington of Eleanor

Peach Bread

3/4 cup butter or margarine, softened
1 cup granulated sugar
1 1/2 cups peach preserves
2 eggs, beaten
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup sour milk (or 1/2 cup milk blended with 1/2 teaspoons white vinegar)
1 cup chopped pecans
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Blend in preserves, eggs, and vanilla. In a separate bowl combine flour, baking soda, baking powder, and salt. Alternately add flour mixture and milk to creamed mixture, blending well after each addition. Stir in pecans. Pour batter into two greased and floured 9 1/4 x 5 1/4 x 2 1/2-inch loaf pans. Bake 45 to 50 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.
Yield: 2 loaves of bread

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

Make Your St. Patrick's Day Spread Green With Envy

(Culinary.net) Freshen up your St. Patrick's Day menu with easy, light sandwiches inspired by the traditional color of the festivities. These open-faced noshes can be perfect for lunch, snack time or even as an appetizer for get-togethers with friends and family.

Layered with a smooth cream cheese and mozzarella mixture then topped with crisp cucumber and a stem of green bell pepper, these St. Patrick's Day Sandwiches are easy and cute, which makes them a fan favorite at nearly any green gathering. They're also sprinkled with lemon juice to add a little acidity and create a nice, light bite.

Plus, this recipe is quick to make. When you're in a rush to get everything on the table for the party, it's easy to throw together and get on the platter in next to no time.

The sandwiches pop off the plate with their bright, seasonal garnishes. While sure to attract attention and have your loved ones asking "Where did you get this idea?" they're also an easy way to sneak a few vegetables into your kids' diets.

For more festive recipes and ideas at Culinary.net.

St. Patrick's Day Sandwiches

Yield: 8 sandwiches

8 ounces plain cream cheese spread, softened
1 cup finely shredded mozzarella cheese
salt
4 English muffins
24 slices cucumber
8 thin slices green pepper
fresh cilantro leaves
lemon juice
lemon slices, for garnish (optional)

In bowl, mix cream cheese spread, mozzarella cheese and salt well.

Split English muffins in half. Cut each muffin half into shamrock shape.

Spread cheese mixture over each muffin half.

Place three cucumbers on each "shamrock," one on each "leaf." Use green pepper slice as stem. Place cilantro leaf on top of each sandwich.

Sprinkle sandwiches with lemon juice and add lemon slices, for garnish, if desired.

Jokes From Linda

Submitted by Linda Lavender Armstead



Bill was hit by a car and knocked down. Bystanders rushed over to check him out. Someone put a cushion under his head.

The question was asked, "Are you comfortable"
Bill answered, "I make a living."

What word looks the same backwards and upside down?
SWIMS.

Rusty: My wife ran away yesterday with my best friend, Michael.

Samuel: Since when is Michael your best friend?

Rusty: Since yesterday.

Police Officer: I'm looking for a man with one eye.

Jacqeline: If you use both eyes, you'll find him a lot quicker.

What did the pencil say to the pencil sharpener?
Without you, my life is pointless.

What do you call a noodle in disguise?
An Impasta.

If you were in a race and passed the person in second place, what place would you be in?
Second place.

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

God is the promise keeper, but are you a promised claimer?

When astronauts get cold, they plug in the space heater.

You never know what you have until you clean your room.

I used to be a people person but people ruined it for me.

Laxatives give you a good run for your money.

It takes a long time to grow an old friend.

People lie because the truth is ugly.

A blind doggy can still smell love.

Make sleep your seasonal power.

Life without music would b Flat.

If you wear a sweater and sweat, are you the sweater?

Intelligence is like underwear, great to have, but no need to show it off.

A doggy owns nothing, yet is seldom dissatisfied.

Taking steps to overcome my hiking addiction. I'm not out of the woods yet.

The learned man knows that he is ignorant.
- Victor Hugo

Worry never robs tomorrow of its sorrow, it only saps today of its joy.

There's a time each winter when things go from magical to miserable. They call it "January."

Few are those who see with their own eyes and feel with their own hearts.
- Albert Einstein

There's always that 1 friend that you connect with on a different level than anyone else - cherish them!

Strength comes in the moments when you believe you can't continue but you go on anyway.

I've reached the age where after doing a few chores I feel like I fell out of a 6-story building.

Every stage of your life will demand a different version of you, each as important as the last.

We all have one cousin, Sue Chapman, who we don't see often enough, but still has a special place in my heart.

The highest reward for man's toil is not what he gets for it, but what he becomes by it.

It's not the needy who is the problem in this world - it's the greedy.

The cabinet installer was arrested. He was charged with counter fitting.

Even on the days you feel fine, you aren't. You are a sitting duck for disease.

Faith is not a leap in the dark; it's the exact opposite. It's a commitment based on evidence.



A man's true wealth hereafter is the good that he does in this world to his fellows.

The secret to creativity is knowing how to hide your sources. - Albert Einstein

Ninety-percent of the politicians give the other 10% a bad reputation. - Henry Kissinger

A failure is a man who has blundered, but is not able to cash in on the experience.

Without initiative, leaders are simply workers in leadership positions.

To err is human to blame it on someone else shows management potential.

What would life be if we had no courage to attempt anything?

In the end, mankind used so much toilet paper, they wiped themselves out.

Sometimes sadness flies away on the wings of time.

I told my wife she drew her eyebrows too high. She looked surprised.

In order to succeed, you must first be willing to fail.

If you boil a funnybone, it becomes a laughing stock, that's humerus.

People who make you smile through your bad days are important.

The doctor said I have high nitrates so I'm switching to day rates.

Do race horses slow down when they see police horses?

If you are buying smart water for \$5.00 a bottle, it's not working.

Doggies might not speak, but they say more with their eyes than words ever could.

You know that moment when you wake up in the morning full of energy? Yeah, me neither.

In a world filled with glitter and gold, nothing shines quite as bright as a kind soul.

Smiles are contagious so go therefore and contaminate as many people as you can.

Sometimes you have to do what's best for you, not what's best for anybody else.

There will be days when you just cannot participate in life, and that is perfectly ok.

There was a big sale on paddles at the boat store. It was quite an oar deal.

Doggies can bark up to 400 times a day, but that's just a ruff estimate.

Worship liberates the personality by giving a

new perspective to life.

A lot of fragrance clings to the hand that gives flowers.

Research shows that 6 out of 7 dwarfs aren't happy.

To spell the word Panda you just need a P And A.

The family that sticks together should bathe more often.

Nothing prepares us for losing someone we love - nothing.

Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans.

S o m e d a y t h e "tomorrow" you are sure of may quietly turn into "never again."

Some days, you've just got to create your own sunshine.

The cashiers around here are always checking me out.

May all your troubles last as long as your resolutions.

The only way to do great work is love what you do.

Happiness is free. Sprinkle it everywhere.

Eye drops are technically blinder fluid.

May your day begin and end with a smile.

The best answer to anger is silence.

You're only as good as your word.

Leadership is influence.

I just had my patience tested, I'm negative.

The gingerbread man makes his bed with cookie sheets.

I decided to change my footwear from laces to Velcro, why knot.

Say "thank you" more often to anyone who makes your life easier.

I was going to take over the world this morning, but I overslept.

Mistakes are the proof that you are trying.

Progress is progress, no matter how small.

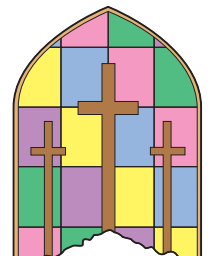
It's easier to smile than it is to frown.

Clear your mind of negative thoughts.

Expect nothing in return when giving to others.

Make something special for dessert, and share it.

Bible Verse



Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
— Psalm 90:2

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Putnam County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 26th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., in Room 221, Putnam County Courthouse, 12093 Winfield Rd., Winfield, WV, to conduct business and hold the following public hearing.

PCPC REZ 2026-02 W2 Investments has submitted a Zoning Amendment Application for a Rezoning for 0.94 +/- acres (Tax Map 222E, Parcel 52.2) in Hurricane, WV 25526. The request is to rezone the parcel from 'R-1' Single Family Residential District to 'C-1' Suburban Commercial District.

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

3-5-1t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

Notice of Proposed Settlement of Estates

To the Creditors, Distributees and Beneficiaries of the within named persons:

I have before me the final settlement of estates of the following persons, which shall be presented to the County Commission of Putnam County, at the Courthouse, in the City of Winfield, on Tuesday the 24th day of March 2025 at 5:00 p.m. for their approval which settlements have been presented to me by the Fiduciary of such estates and which proposed settlements I have approved as indicated below:

Decedent: Connie Ann Foster
Fiduciary: Roy N. Foster, Executor
Address: 117 Clarmor Street
Culloden, WV 25510

Any persons having an interest in the estate of any such person, may before the County Commission at the time and place hereinabove specified and thereupon protest his interest as they may appear or else may forever thereafter be barred from asserting such interest.

Given under my hand this 27TH day February 2026.

Fiduciary Supervisor,
Putnam County
12093 Winfield Road,
Winfield, WV 25213

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF WINFIELD PLANNING COMMISSION

The Winfield Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 PM, on Monday, April 6, 2026 at City Hall at 12448 Winfield Road, Winfield, West Virginia, to consider the following:

2025-2026-10 Pre Subdivision Application of AB Contracting Inc requesting permission to subdivide 9.16 acres to create 32 lots. Property is zoned R1 Residential and is located at Winfield Road (across from Mariners Landing), Winfield, WV 25213.

Tax Map 11 Parcel 1, Deed Book 480; Page No 972

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

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Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House.

DONAL RAY MOORE

Donal "Donnie" Ray Moore, 74, of Winfield, passed away on February 20, 2026 at home.

He was born on January 29, 1952, to the late James D. Moore and Macil M. Meadows Flowers in St. Albans. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his sisters: Mary Casto and Dorothy Saunders.

Donnie was retired from Charleston Steel, enjoying woodworking, and showing his antique cars with the Cops and Rodders Club in Winfield.

Donnie is survived by his loving wife, Ethel Mae Edwards Moore; daughter, Christina Coulter (Rob) of Nitro; grandchildren: Travis Moore, Steven Coulter and Cheyane Coulter; great grandchildren: Kallie, Khloe, Kaden and Kylie Higginbotham; sisters: Linda Hedrick of Red House, Jo Ann Pauley of St. Albans, and Dianna Moore of Huntington; as well as several cousins, aunts/uncles, extended family, and a host of friends.

In accordance with Donnie's wishes, he was cremated and there will not be any formal services at this time.

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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

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.: 6352
Estate Of: Roy Douglas Blevins
Executrix: Debra L. Blevins
19 Westbourn Lane
Nitro, WV 25143

Estate No.: 6330
Estate Of: Joshua Wayne Fleming
Administratrix: Paula Fleming
130 Cadle Drive
Cross Lanes, WV 25313

Estate No.: 6346
Estate Of: Diana Lynn Higginbotham
Executrix: Michael D. Higginbotham
107 Arrough Drive
Apt 4
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6397
Estate Of: Joanne Duncan McCoy
Executrix: Gail Holbrook
58240 Reily Drive
Galloway, OH 43119

Estate No.: 6358
Estate Of: Joseph Michael Muto
Administratrix: Anne V. Muto
161 Tyler Way
Scott Depot, WV 25560

Estate No.: 6396
Estate Of: Alma Gerwig Page
Executrix: Leigh Anne Page
10587 Charleston Rd
Red House, WV 25168

Estate No.: 6384
Estate Of: William Frank Persinger, Jr.
Administratrix: Cathy Persinger
113 Beech Street
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6381
Estate Of: Darrel Keith Rappold
Executrix: Sherri Kreps
7915 S. 34th St.
Lincoln, NE 68516

Delinquent Appraisements:

Estate No.: 6300
Estate Of: Joyce Anette Cary
Administratrix: Jean Cary
1189 Livingston Ave.
Charleston, WV 25302

Estate No.: 6288
Estate Of: Donald Todd McAllister
Administratrix: Chelsea D. McAllister
16 Strickland Road
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6290
Estate Of: Barbara Ann Ramey
Administratrix: Robert S. Ramey
223 Green Acres
Drive
Hurricane, WV 25526

All persons having claims against the estate(s) of any of the above-named deceased persons whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims with vouchers thereof, legally verified, to the fiduciary of such deceased person as shown above within 60 days of March 5 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 March 5, 2026.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 25th day of February 2026
Fiduciary Supervisor
Putnam County Commission
12093 Winfield Road,
Winfield, WV 25213

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Putnam Property Transfers

The following property transfers were recorded by the Putnam County Clerk between February 9, 2026, and February 18, 2026:

Evelyn Robertson to Hunter Thornton - Lot, Curry District for \$130,000.00.

Charles Hanson to Keith Seville - 3.10 Acres, Teays Valley District for \$200,000.00.

WV Trustee Services LLC and Dottie Cline to AM Investments LLC - Lot, Woodland Forest, Scott District for \$143,500.00.

Steven Nicholas to Collard Blue Acreages LLC - Two Lots, North Woods, Eleanor District for \$32,500.00.

WV Trustee Services LLC and Martha Toler to US Bank National Association - 1.74 Acres, Curry District for \$48,739.00.

Craig and Brandi Blake to Bryan Newberry - Lot, Poca Town District for \$190,000.00.

Ross Kirk II to Christopher and Lani Chapman - Two Parcels, Scott District for \$720,000.00.

Whiskey River Energy Inc to Service Wire Company - 4.00 Acres, Curry District for \$1,000,000.00.

Randolph and Renay Jarrell to Gregory Briscoe - Parcel, Scott District for \$385,000.00.

TMN Holdings LLC and Rosewood Village Property Owners Maintenance Association Inc to J&C Homes 3 LLC - Two Parcels, Rosewood Village, Hurricane District for \$1,400,000.00.

Linda Steinkoetter and Melissa Steinkoetter to Devin and Abigail Danford - Parcel, Teays Valley District for \$395,900.00.

Sharon Dorsey to Julie Perry - Lot, Devonshire Townes, Scott District for \$260,000.00.

River Ridge Community Church to ridge Landing Luxury Apartments LLC - 9.56 Acres, Hurricane District for \$700,000.00.

WV State Auditor and Paul Turley to Jacob Gates - Prt Lot 1 Helen M. Butler Subd (0.21) Ac, Poca District for \$900.88.

WV State Auditor and Herbert Hill to Elemental Resources - 1/2 Int in 2

Ac Manilla Road, Buffalo District for \$288.55.

WV State Auditor and Herbert Hill to Elemental Resources - 1/2 In 21.25 Ac Manilla Road, Buffalo District for \$485.02.

WV State Auditor and David McKenna to Elemental Resources - Lot, Crystal Springs, Scott District for \$1,627.94.

WV State Auditor and Larry Moore to Elemental Resources - 1.97 Acres, Union District for \$704.29.

Homer and Donna Lester to Jason and Christy Chapman - Two Parcels, Winfield District for \$520,000.00.

John and Pamela Cook to Brett and Casey Mayes - Lot, Woodridge Estates, Teays Valley District for \$595,000.00.

Abigail Cadle McDaniel to Randal Brewer - Lot, Olympia Fields, Scott District for \$8,000.00.

Sylvia Tang to Eastern Atlantic Builders LLC - Two Lots, Tyler Valley Subdivision, Scott District for \$46,000.00.

PP&J Structures and General Contracting LLC to Sharon Dorsey - Parcel, Residences at Jordan Place, Scott District for \$290,000.00.

Randall and Pamela Stone to Franklin and Katherine Kilburn - Lot, Carriage Pointe, Scott District for \$175,000.00.

James Watts and Brittany Williams to Jazmine Lawrence - Lot, Second Corbly Addition, Hurricane District for \$137,500.00.

Richard and Cheryl Carey to Caleb and Abigail Hill - Lot, Teays Valley Meadows North, Teays Valley District for \$455,000.00.

Beth Lilly Sisk to James and Becky Sisk - Lot, Raines Estates, Hurricane District for \$213,000.00.

Teresa Johnson and Kristie Erwin to Mark Erwin - Two Parcels, Teays Valley District for \$11,000.00.

Wesley and Wanda Erwin to Mark Erwin - Two Parcels, Teays Valley District for \$10,000.00.

Luke Goodwin to Antonio and Kierstin Pellegrini - Lot, North Woods, Eleanor District for \$420,000.00.

Bufftex Holdings LLC to Clyde and Mildred

Obituaries

JARED ALFORD
Thursday, March 5, 2026
Jared Grant Alford, 44, of Culloden, formerly of Hurricane, passed away on February 21, 2026. Preceding him in death was his father Fredrick Leroy Alford, maternal grandparents Mansel and Alma Faulkner Grant, and paternal Leroy and Mahulda Vance Alford. Survivors include his mother and step father, Patricia Grant Alford Kitsmiller and Harry Steven Kitsmiller of Mulberry, Florida; sister, Emily Alford (Michael Taylor) of Red House; step sisters, Heidi Ritenour (Nick) and their children of Rocky River, Ohio and Emily Reilly (Tyler) and their children of Weatherford, TX; His children, Jackson Grant Alford of South Charleston, and Lydia Marie Alford of Hurricane; Special nephews, Lucas Wade (Rachel) of Washington, NC and Levi Wade of Red House, bonus daughter Alexis Waggoner (Tony Bull) and grandson Tobis William Bull, several Aunts, Uncles and Cousins and special friends, Anthony Handley and Tana Ross and his two cats Hazy and ChiChi. Memorial service was held Monday, March 2, 2026 at Allen Funeral Home with Rev. Joe Vance officiating.

CLEDIUS COLLINS
Cledius Collins, Sr., 98, of Culloden, passed away on February 27, 2026. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Lovely Collins of 48 years and his loving family. Visitation was

John Tuck to Joshua and Amanda Jewell - Lot, Teays Valley Meadows North, Teays Valley District for \$480,000.00.

Gary Bush and Edna Thomasson to Mark and Christy Lively - Two Tracts, Curry District for \$86,000.00.

Teays Construction LLC to Union Enterprises LLC - 4.051 Acres, Teays Valley District for \$1,577,000.00.

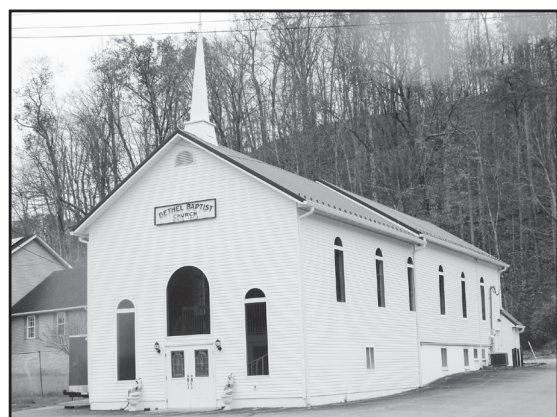
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Seeing His love in one another



Hurricane Creek Road
Hurricane, WV 25526

Wednesday evening
Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.



"Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised..."

— I Chronicles 16:25

Daily Bible Readings

Psalm	Matthew	Habakkuk	Matthew	Proverbs	Genesis	Romans
53	7	2	20	28	15	12



BASIC BIBLE

By Ron Allen
304-562-9881

The Way of the Lord Is Just

Ezekiel 33:12-20

"Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people . . ." (v. 12). "Therefore" links the message which the Lord is about to give to Ezekiel to the messages which preceded.

In the first eleven verses of chapter 33, The Lord told Ezekiel that he (Ezekiel) was God's chosen watchman who was to warn the house of Israel of the sword which was about to fall upon them. In verse 10, we read "Thus ye speak." That which "ye" (the house of Israel whom Ezekiel had warned) spoke, was "If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live?"

The asking of this question is reason to believe that there were some (perhaps, many) among Ezekiel's audience who had heard God's warning of certain judgment and sought to respond in an appropriate manner. The Lord answered the house of Israel, saying: "I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his evil ways." God made it known that the wicked who turn from their evil ways shall not perish.

In verse 12, the Lord reveals that which shall take place on two very different days — the day that the righteous sin and the day that the wicked repents. That which shall transpire on the day that the righteous sins, is tragic. The righteous shall not be able to live in the day of his sins. Something most marvelous, however, occurs on the other day, the day that the wicked turns from his wickedness. The wicked shall not fall in the day that he repents (turns from his wickedness).

"When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live . . ." (v. 13). When God states that the righteous shall live, He is not speaking of them who are righteous in their own eyes; He is speaking of them who live by faith, believing on His promises. "The just shall live by faith" (Hab. 2:4). God credited Abraham's faith for righteousness (Gen. 15:6). Trusting in one's own righteousness is folly. "... there is none that doeth good" (Ps. 53:1). The iniquities of those who trust in their own righteousness shall be remembered and they shall perish for their iniquities.

The wicked who turn from sin and embrace God's law, are not counted as wicked. The wicked is now counted as righteous because he is looking to God, not himself, for righteousness.

In verses 14-16, God repeats his promise to the wicked. The wicked shalt surely die (v. 14). If the wicked changes his ways (repents) and walks in God's ways (according to the law), he shall not die (v. 15). God does not see the sins of them who turn from sin, casting their hope upon Him. God no longer sees the sin of the wicked. The Lord sees only that which is lawful and right (v. 16).

New Testament believers read the words which God spoke through Ezekiel and hear the words of the better covenant which we have received. We are reminded that God commended His love toward us while we were yet sinners (Rom. 5:8). We rejoice because the Father sees the covering blood of the Lamb, the covering which He supplied. The Father sees only the righteousness of the Son.

"Yet the children of thy people say . . ." (v. 17). The house of Israel (the children of thy people) said it is not fair. It is not fair that one who was long-wicked would live as the righteous who ever sought God's ways. The house of Israel was guilty of wrong-thinking. The house of Israel looked upon themselves and counted their law-keeping as righteousness. God looks at the hearts of them who keep His law. God sees them who trust in Him and those who trust in their law-keeping. "He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered" (Prov. 28:26). Those who count their law-keeping as righteousness do not know God; they are fools. God counts the belief of law-keepers, not law-keeping, for righteousness. God counts the belief of them who trust in themselves as wickedness.

Again, New Testament believers read the scriptures given to Moses and the prophets and hear the words of our Lord and Savior. Jesus said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matt. 7:21-23). God sees iniquity in them who trust in their own works. New Testament believers strive to keep the law because God, alone, is righteous.

When we consider the charge of unfairness against God (v. 17), we think upon the charge brought by the workers in the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16). The parable illustrates that the kingdom of heaven operates on grace, not human notions of fairness. Life (eternal life) is a gift; it is not earned by merit. It is a gift reserved for all who believe.

"When the righteous man turneth . . ." (v. 18). When one turns from righteousness, one turns away from God. All who turn from God, commit iniquity, and shall surely die. All who turn from wickedness and do the Father's will shall live (v. 19).

God's message to the house of Israel in verse 20 is terrifying. God will judge "you every one after his ways." His ways is not "my ways" (God shall look upon Israel's failings). God shall look upon Israel's failure to trust in Him and Him alone.

New Testament believers need not fear that day of judgment because by grace through faith our failures are forever hidden by the blood of the Lamb. God, in His grace, counts faith for righteousness. Let us present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable, unto God. It is our reasonable service (Rom. 12:1). It is God's will that none should perish, but that all should come to repentance (II Pet. 3:9).

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KIDS TALK ABOUT GOD

BY CAREY KINSOLVING AND FRIENDS

How Does Jesus Turn Our Sorrow Into Joy?

"Jesus turns your sadness into joy like flipping a pancake," says Logan, 8. "It might be a little messy at first, but it comes out great on the other side."

That's a delicious way to describe something that can be hard to understand, especially when you're right in the middle of the mess.

In John 16:16-22, Jesus told His disciples something that confused and troubled them: "A little while, and you will not see me; and again a little while, and you will see me." He was talking about His death and resurrection, but they didn't understand yet.

"The disciples were sad when Jesus died, but then they were happy when He came back alive," says Ella, 9.

Exactly! Jesus knew that His death would break their hearts. He said, "You will weep and lament... but your sorrow will be turned into joy" (John 16:20). That's not just a mood swing, that's a transformation. The same event that caused their grief (His death) became the foundation of their greatest joy once they understood what it meant.

"It's like when something really bad happens, but then God uses it to do something amazing," says Joseph, 11. "You couldn't see it before, but later it makes sense."

Jesus used the example of a woman giving birth. At first, there's pain and tears. But once the baby is born, the sorrow is forgotten because of the joy of new life (John 16:21). That's how it is with Jesus. He doesn't just cancel our pain. He uses it to create something more beautiful than we imagined.

"When I feel sad, I remember that Jesus is with me," says Ava, 8. "That helps me feel better."

That's one of the most powerful truths in the whole Bible. Jesus didn't say we'd never have

sorrow. He promised our sorrow won't last. He told His disciples, "You now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you" (John 16:22).

"Jesus turns our sadness into joy because He already won," says Nathan, 10. "Even if things are bad, they won't stay bad forever."

That's a joyful truth. Jesus didn't stay in the tomb. He rose again. He conquered death, sin, and sadness, not just for Himself, but for us. And because He lives, we can have joy even in hard times, knowing that sorrow is not the end of the story.

"I think Jesus turns our sorrow into joy because He's really good at surprise endings," says Sally, 9.

Jesus is the master of unexpected hope. Just like a sculptor sees beauty inside rough stone, God sees joy waiting on the other side of our sorrow. He takes tears and turns them into songs. He takes the worst days and, over time, makes them part of something redemptive and beautiful.

Michelangelo once said, "I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free."

When someone believes in Jesus Christ as Savior, God begins shaping a masterpiece. He places that person into union with Christ, and that union will never be broken. Every believer has a joyful, glorious future in which God will wipe away all the sorrows of this present world.

Think about this: Jesus doesn't just remove sorrow. He transforms it into joy.

Memorize this truth: "You now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you" (John 16:22).

Ask this question: Is there something sad in my life that Jesus is turning into joy?

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Obituaries

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RICHARD 'SLICK' SAUNDERS

Richard Lee "Slick" Saunders, 64, of Poca, passed away February 26, 2026.

Slick was a hardworking laborer who took pride in an honest day's work. He loved being outdoors, whether it was enjoying the fresh air or tinkering under the hood of a car. He had a special talent for fixing things and a passion for working on vehicles. Above all, he dearly loved his dog, Sarge, who was his constant companion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Doodle and Emogene Saunders, and his brothers, Keith Saunders and Rex Allen Saunders.

Left to cherish his memory are his son, Ricky (Jessica) Saunders, and their son, Jace; his three sisters, Zelma (George) Woodrum, Brenda (Bill) Sigman, and Sharon (J.T.) Shaw; his brother, Charles Saunders; his special friend, Ashley Eads; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, family members, and friends.

A tribute to the life of Slick was held Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Ortin Heights Cemetery, Nitro.

RUSTY SPENCER

James Russell "Rusty" Spencer III, of Culloden, passed away peacefully on February 14, 2026, after battling a long illness. He was 65 years old.

He graduated from Winfield High School at 18, and began a long and successful career at U-Haul Rental Company, where he worked for 45 years until his death. Rusty loved to race cars and participated in multiple racing events in West Virginia. Later in life he developed an affinity for turtles and nature photography, spending time in Greenbottom Wildlife Management Area. He raised four turtles from babies and kept them in a terrarium at his work, where they still reside today and are cared for by his co-workers. He was known for his intelligence, curiosity, and his love of science fiction and history.

He is survived by his father, James Spencer Jr., his two sisters, Tammy and Robin, his niece

Laura, his two nephews Spencer and Trevor, and his grand-nephew Arthur. He was also very close to his co-workers, who were a second family to him.

A celebration of life service was held Saturday, February 28th, at 6012 MacCorkle Ave SW, St. Albans.

WINSFORD TAYLOR

Winsford Taylor, born June 16, 1962, in Letcher County, Kentucky, passed away surrounded by the love of his family. Affectionately known as "Taylor" or "Papaw" to those closest to him, he was a man whose presence left a lasting mark on everyone who knew him.

Winsford spent most of his life working as an underground miner, a career that reflected his strength, grit, and unwavering work ethic. In the second half of his life, he followed his true passion and retired to West Virginia, where he dedicated himself full-time to training horses. Among the barns and rolling hills, he found great joy and purpose.

Above all else, Winsford loved his family. He was a devoted husband to his wife, Jane Taylor, and a proud father to his daughters, Bridgete (Jason) Sowder, Sierra (Jake) Kennedy, and Leigh Johnson. His greatest pride was being a grandfather to Bentley, Brooks, Maggie, and Lucy, who brought endless light to his life. He is also survived by his brothers, Kenneth (Pam) Taylor and Wendell (Linda Kay) Taylor, along with many extended family members and countless friends. He is preceded in death by his siblings Shirley, Gleeda, Donna Jean, Earl, Verlon and his parents William and Lake Taylor.

He loved horses, fishing, and never missed an opportunity to tell a good joke. Known for his unforgettable storytelling and quick wit, Winsford had a way of turning ordinary moments into lasting memories. If you ever met him, you probably lost a bet at some point — he loved making playful wagers and rarely let anyone forget when he won. He was always ready with a helping hand, never hesitating to show up for family, friends, or anyone in need.

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Winsford will be remembered for his strength, his humor, his generosity, and the deep love he had for those around him. His stories will live on, his laughter will echo in our hearts, and his legacy will be carried forward by the family he cherished so dearly.

He will be deeply missed and forever loved.

A gathering of Family and Friends was held on Saturday, February 28, at Allen Funeral Home.

RONALD E. THOMAS

Ronald E. Thomas, 74, of Poca, passed away February 27, 2026.

Ronald was a graduate of Poca High School and dedicated nearly 40 years of service as a meat cutter for Kroger before his retirement. He was known for his incredible talent and steady hands — there truly wasn't anything he couldn't fix. Whether it was something broken around the house or a problem that needed solving, Ronald was the one everyone called. Above all, he was a protector of his family, always standing strong, offering guidance, and making sure those he loved were cared for.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Garl and Kathleen Thomas.

Ronald leaves behind his loving wife of 56 years, Carolyn "Sis" Thomas; his son, Matthew Thomas; his sister, Joann and her husband Danny White; three nephews, Sean (Libby) White and their children Isaac and Rylea, Eric (Amber) White and their children Ashton and Austin, and Chad (Billie) Harding and their children Shelbie, Savannah, and Shiloh; and his beloved cat, Midnight.

A tribute to the life of Ronald was held Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Delbert Hawley officiating. Burial was in the Thomas-Bailey Cemetery.

SCOTT ADAM TINSLEY

Scott Adam Tinsley, 62, of St. Albans, passed away suddenly on Feb. 17, 2026, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington, KY.

He was born on March 7, 1963, to Rose L. Virgin Tinsley and the late Charles L. Tinsley in Charleston.

Scott was a graduate of St. Albans High School Class of 1981 and later attended Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. Over the years Scott had coached at Appalachian State University, WVU Tech, WV State University, Nitro High School, Hurricane High School, St. Albans High School, GW High School, and lastly Buffalo High School, alongside his son-in-law.

Scott had the privilege of impacting the lives of countless young people over the years. He coached softball, as well as, girls' basketball, but most will remember him as a football coach and more specifically, as a brilliant offensive mind. He was passionate about the game, but even more compassionate toward his players. He coached to win. He coached to teach. But above all, he coached because he cared deeply about the young women and men who were his students of the game. Scott showed up for them-not just at practice or on game day, but in life. Coaching was part of his DNA, and he will be deeply missed both on and off the field.

In addition to his mother, Scott is survived by his wife, Gina; children: Nikki Anderson (Andy) of St. Albans, and Jayson Barrett (Gracie) of Nitro; grandchildren: Avory, Myles, Josiah and August; brothers: Mike Tinsley (Kelly) and Brian Tinsley (Lori) both of Hurricane; as well as a host of friends and extended family.

A Celebration of Life Service for Scott will be 5:00 pm, Saturday, March 7, 2026 at Nitro High

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GLEN ALDEN WITHROW

Glen A. Withrow, 88, of Winfield, passed away on February 22, 2026.

He was born to the late Romeo and Stella Withrow on November 15, 1937 in Jodie, WV. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his wife, Myra C. Withrow; son, Charles E. Withrow; and sister, Brenda Sue Shakelford.

Glen served his country in the US Army as Chief of Military Police and

retired Major. He loved to golf, ride motorcycles, play softball, and spend time with family, especially his grandchildren, who meant the world to him.

He is survived by his son, Michael Withrow (Elizabeth) of Winfield; 3 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; and his siblings, Linda Lou Holbert (David) and Ernest Withrow (Debbie) both of The Villages, FL.

A graveside service for Glen was held Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at Kanawha Valley Memorial Gardens in Glasgow, WV.



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This is a favorite picture of my granddaughter, Katie Shifflet, when she was four years old in 1995. They lived in Virginia at that time. The frown on her face was because she didn't get ice cream before the picture was taken, but it was a prize winner at the studio. I hope whoever sees this article will smile. We sure do need plenty of laughter. She's grown now and is married to a wonderful husband. They live in Florida; Lee and Katie Jones. Her mother, Jeannie Bayliss, is in Florida also.

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COLE MASON HOWELL
141 Sugar Camp Road
Hurricane
12th Birthday March 11

DENISE DARLENE
DENT
#40 Western Hills
Hurricane
62nd Birthday March 12

JOHN DENNISON
Huntington
54th Birthday March 12

KATIE FRANKLIN
DENNING
Huntington
47th Birthday March 12

WANDA THEVEDIN
1669 Washington Hill
Road
Hurricane
78th Birthday March 12

MCKENZIE JOE ALLEN
2837 Main Street
Hurricane
28th Birthday March 12

MARISSA SARGENT
Milton
Birthday March 12

TRENA McCALLISTER
FLORA
P.O. Box 718
Hurricane
77th Birthday March 12

EZEKIEL "ZEKE" RAY
LINTRON
Colorado
17th Birthday March 12

ALEXANDER "ALEX"
VINCENT MOORE
Hurricane
13th Birthday March 12

LIAM NASH
3504 Wellington Drive
Hurricane
Birthday March 12

VICKIE BENNETT
FARROW
P.O. Box 75
Hurricane
71st Birthday March 12

Free Food for the Community

Winfield United Methodist Church, 20 Radwin Drive (behind McDonald's) will be giving away free meals on Tuesdays from 5 to 6 p.m. Pull under the portico and volunteers will bring the food to you in your car.

Blankets and coats are also available.

Happy Anniversary



Roger and Ginny Hart of Hurricane will celebrate their sixty-second wedding anniversary on March 6.

Roger and Ruby Gibson of Frazier's Bottom will celebrate their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary on March 7.

Steve and Debbie Caldwell of Caldwell Farms in Hurricane will celebrate their forty-fourth wedding anniversary on March 7.

Glen and Betty Gibson of 1567 Poindexter Road in Hurricane will celebrate their seventieth wedding anniversary on March 8.

Arthur and Marcella Smith of 587 Buffington Acres in Milton will celebrate their sixty-third wedding anniversary on March 9.

Shane and Marcia Walker Gue of 510 Old Hickory Blvd. in Nashville, Tennessee, will celebrate their nineteenth wedding anniversary on March 10.

Barry and Angela Bellomy of 1019 Holly Brook Lane in Culloden will celebrate their thirty-eighth wedding anniversary on March 12.

GREG ALLEN
2837 Main Street
Hurricane
60th Birthday March 12

MADISON LILY
FRAZIER
Barboursville
19th Birthday March 12

Putnam County Tastes and Talents Returns for Tenth Year

Tastes & Talents - Putnam County's annual celebration of food and the arts each March - is back for its 10th year!

Try something new - a new local restaurant, a new dish at your favorite spot, or visit one of Putnam County's arts-focused businesses or events to learn a new skill or try out a new hobby.

If you check in at 8 Tastes & Talents locations you'll earn a free piece of #PutnamWV merchandise.

For more information, go to <https://visitputnamwv.com/tastes-talents/>

The Speakeasy is Putnam Area Community Enrichment Foundation Inc's annual fundraising event. Come for food, drinks, music, legal table games that earn you prizes, and silent auction items! The Speakeasy will be held on Friday, March 6, at the Fireside Grille in Teays Valley from 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$50 and include food and one drink, \$25 table game play money live music, and silent auctions. For tickets, go to <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-speakeasy>

There's no madness in March at the Putnam County Library. Hop on board as the local libraries continue their regularly scheduled programming and add in some additional awesome events contributing to Tastes & Talents Month in Putnam County.

The town of Buffalo

has some stupendous artists who are graciously allowing the Buffalo Library to display their work all month long in a Local Artists Showcase. Come in during open hours (9 a.m. - 5 p.m. weekdays, with a daily closure for lunch) to see what's on exhibit from fellow Putnam Countians!

The talented youth of Teays Valley Strings will be entertaining audiences with selections from their repertoire on Saturday, March 14 at 11:00 a.m. at the Main Library in Teays Valley.

Celebrating Tastes & Talents Month in Putnam County, local artists and makers will bring some of their handcrafted and homemade items to show off, inspiring others to pursue their own hobby and creative talents. The public is invited to view the handicrafts and learn about the creative process on Wednesday, March 18, at 11:00 a.m.

Artists and makers: Limited spots are available for exhibition, and registration is FREE. Please reserve your spot by calling the Eleanor Library at 304-586-4295 or emailing eleanor@putnamlibrarywv.org

Unlock creativity for all ages at Creation Station, held at the Poca Library on Wednesday, March 25. From 9:00am-12:00pm, there will be opportunities for all ages to create collages, paint, sculpt with clay, and "write" blackout poetry.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

There will be a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Irene Cude, Principal of Mountain State Christian School. The dinner will be held on March 7, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the school, which is located at 1948 Martins Lane, Culloden.

The menu includes a plate of spaghetti, salad, roll, desert, and drink. The cost is \$15 for adults, and \$10 for children under 10. Delivery is available if ordered in advance. Call Rachel Shaw at 304-208-4954 to place orders.

Irene needs a liver transplant as she has cirrhosis of the liver due to the high doses of medications (steroids, etc.) she has taken for various medical conditions over the years.

For more information about Irene's story or to

Girl Scout Cookie Sales

March 6
Scott Depot Kroger - 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

March 7
Hurricane Walmart - 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

March 8
Hurricane Walmart - Noon - 4 p.m.

Hurricane Wendy's - 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Kroger - Noon - 6 p.m.

March 14
Hurricane Walmart - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Winfield Wendy's - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

March 15
Hurricane Walmart - Noon - 6 p.m.

Hurricane Wendy's - 1 - 3 p.m.

Nitro Wendy's - 1 - 3 p.m.


donate to the family, go to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/prayers-and-support-for-irenes-healing>

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



Marie (PCWV-A-26923) is a female domestic shorthair cat who is estimated to be almost a year old.



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