

The Hurricane Breeze

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County Commission Getting a Headstart on Spring Canceled Low Bidder, Tables Annexations

By Ron Allen
The March 10, 2026 Putnam County Commission meeting featured two actions which might be termed unusual. It is not usual for a low bid which was approved at a previous meeting to be rejected and it is not usual for the commission not to approve an annexation request which is fully compliant with West Virginia State Code. Both occurred at the meeting.

At its February 24th meeting, the commission conditionally accepted a low bid of \$756,455 from A to Z Plumbing to provide public water to 25 homes on Custer Ridge. A review of bid documents revealed that A to Z did not have the proper contractor licenses. The commission determined that the bid of \$792,805 from Chojnacki Construction was the lowest qualifying bid and awarded the project to the company. Chojnacki is the contractor which recently completed the Jim Ridge Phase 2 Waterline Extension Project.

The commission tabled a request to approve the annexation of 3.02 acres into the City of Hurricane. The property is adjacent to the City National Bank on Teays Valley Road. Recent annexation requests from the City of Hurricane have been routinely approved because WV State Code states that the county commission SHALL enter an order of annexation if provisions of Section G of WV Code 864 are met. The City of Hurricane annexation request states that the city has met all provisions of the code.

The move to table action on the request followed a discussion in which two adjacent

property owners spoke out against the request. Both speakers asserted that the petition to come into city limits by the owners of the 3.02 acres was an attempt to circumvent the stringent zoning code which applies to zoned non-incorporated areas of Putnam County. Neither speaker suggested that the City of Hurricane request did not fully comply with State Code.

The commission also tabled acting upon a second annexation petition by the City of Hurricane to bring the 7.26 acres located behind Go-Mart at the Teays Valley I-64 exit.

In other business, the commission heard budget

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Peggy Hull is pictured planting green onion seed in a homemade tunnel at her home on Hurricane Creek Road.

Mark and Peggy Hull garden every month of the year.

On Saturday, March 14, it was carrot, cabbage and green onion planting time in the cold frame tunnels which Mark fashioned

from PVC piping and polyethylene film.

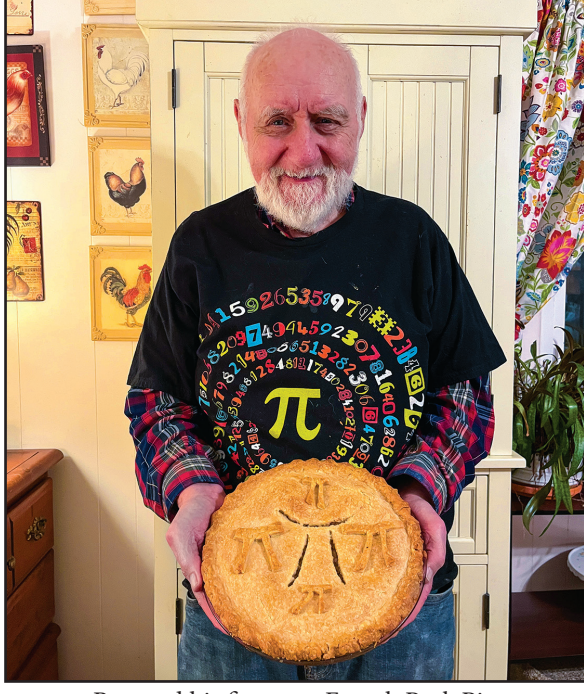
The Hulls expect to enjoy the fruit of Saturday's labor before and during the first weeks of summer.

Garlic and dill plantings

of last September are doing well, having survived the prolonged cold of January and February in which the daily low dropped to 20° or lower on more than thirty occasions.

Water jugs stored in the Hull's tunnels did not freeze the ten day period between January 24th and February 2nd in which the daily high failed to reach 32°.

Celebrating π Day



Ron and his first ever French Pork Pie

By Ron Allen

March 14, aka π-Day, was created with 3.14 followed by endless non-repeating digits in mind. The day is celebrated by math nerds like me who

love π and pie.

Last year and past years, I celebrated π-Day by sharing an apple pie with friends. This year's plan to do the same had to

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Mountain Made Vendor Fair Funds Educational Outreach



The Mountain Made Vendor Fair featured thirty local vendors.

By Betsy Allen

The Mountain Made Vendor Fair brought thirty local vendors to the Valley Park Conference Center on Saturday, March 14. Some of the crafts featured at the fair included

woodworking, candle making, soap making, laser engraving, 3D printing, tie dye apparel, and much more.

The Mountain Made Vendor Fair also served as the debut event for KD

Cook Pottery. Kimberly Cook of Hurricane took her first pottery class in 2019 from Arts and Thoughts Studio in Teays Valley, and now she spends her time creating hand built and wheel thrown pottery from her garage studio. "Once I got my hands into the clay, I knew it was what I wanted to do," she explains, pointing out that pottery is a great form of therapy. Her booth at the fair featured bowls, platters, trinket dishes, egg plates, chip and dip trays, mugs, butter dishes, keepsake boxes, magnets, and ramen noodle bowls. KD Cook Pottery will have a booth at Hurricane's Main Street Spring Festival on May 2nd. She is also on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

Dale Morton, owner of Dale Morton Studio Mascot Costumes, also had a booth at the fair to

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2026 Putnam County Fair Queen Pageant Winners



Sophia Eva
2026 Putnam County Fair Teen Queen



Miranda Witt
2026 Putnam County Fair Queen



Brianna Barger
2026 PCF Pre Teen Queen

By Ron Allen

Miranda Witt is the 2026 Putnam County Fair Queen. Miss Witt was crowned the PCF Pageant held Sunday, March 8 at Valley Park in Hurricane. She will reign over this year's nine-day Putnam

County Fair from July 10-18. During the fair she will be presenting trophies and ribbons and posing for photos with the winners. Prior to the fair, she will promote the fair by participating in Putnam County's 4th of July parades.

Following the fair, she will represent Putnam County Fair by participating in the Putnam County Homecoming, Poca Heritage Day, WV Pumpkin Festival, and Hurricane Christmas Parades. She will

compete with other fair and festival queens at the West Virginia Fairs and Festivals Pageant in Charleston in January of 2027 for the honor of reigning over the 2027 State Fair.

The PCF Pageant also produced PCF Teen

Queen and Pre Teen Queen winners. Sophia Eva is the 2026 Putnam County Fair Teen Queen and Brianna Barger, the 2026 PCF Pre Teen Queen.

The queens and their courts will assist in presenting awards during the fair.

WEATHER SUMMARY

March 10 - 16		
	Low	High
March 10		
Hurricane	44°	74°
March 11*		
Hurricane	43°	80°
March 12*		
Hurricane	27°	45°
March 13		
Hurricane	23°	56°
March 14		
Hurricane	29°	66°
March 15		
Hurricane	33°	73°
March 16**		
Hurricane	20°	59°

*RAIN/**SNOW
0.1 inch recorded Mar. 11
0.2 inch recorded Mar. 12
3 inches recorded Mar. 16

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.

MARCH 19 - 21

• Buffalo High School will be hosting a show choir clinic for 3rd through 8th graders from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, with a performance on Saturday at 5 p.m. To register, go to <https://bhsmusic.givebacks.com/shop>

MARCH 20 - 22

• The Mega Kids Sale will be returning to Valley Park Conference Center in Hurricane. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday.

MARCH 20

• The Town of Eleanor will be holding a West Virginia history trivia night at 7 p.m. at the Eleanor Town Hall. For registration information, call (304) 586-2319.

• Gentle Courage Yoga Flow will be held at 6:30 p.m. at River Ridge Church, 1 Saturn Way, Hurricane.

MARCH 21

• There will be a benefit spaghetti dinner for Shawn Martin's family from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Buffalo Fire Department, 19229 Buffalo Road. The cost is \$10.

• The Buffalo Church of the Nazarene, 25053 Buffalo Road, will be holding an Easter bazaar from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• There will be a benefit auction and hot dog sale for Kenneth and Melissa Massey starting at 10 a.m. at Faith Christian Fellowship, 54 Krystal Lane, Buffalo.

• There will be a spring festival craft fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Eleanor Presbyterian Church, 647 Eleanor Circle. Admission is one non-perishable food item.

• The Bridge Church, 279 Dairy Road, Poca, will be holding practical worship leading workshops from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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• Battleground Professional Wrestling will be coming to Fear on the Farm, 8325 Winfield Road, Winfield, starting at 6 p.m.

• There will be a Mac Market fundraiser for students at the Macholah Ballet from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the studio located at 6422 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot.

• The Putnam County Democratic Women's Club will be holding their monthly luncheon at noon at Sleepy Hollow Golf Club in Hurricane. The cost is \$22 per person. Call 304-727-2218 to RSVP.

• Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church, 2848 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane, will be holding their Bunny Breakfast and Egg Hunt starting at 9 a.m.

MARCH 21

• Hometown Apostolic Church, 204 2nd Avenue N, Hometown, will be hosting a youth service at 6 p.m.

• Teays Valley Baptist Church, 3926 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, will be holding a community critter dinner at 5 p.m. Enjoy a spread of wild game fish, and classic dishes, as well as bluegrass gospel music.

• Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, 2848 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane, will be holding their Easter bunny breakfast and egg hunt starting at 9 a.m.

MARCH 22

• The Capitol City Fellowship Choir Spring Concert will be held at 5 p.m. at King's River Worship Center, 777 Mallory Lane N, St. Albans.

• Town N Country Lanes, 409 1st Avenue S, Nitro, will be hosting the Dog Bowl Bowling Tournament from 1 to 7 p.m. to benefit the S. Albans PD K-9 Unit. To register, go to givebutter.com/HLCSSo

• Wade Chapel Church, 4490 McLane Pike, Red House, will have a Song and Praise Service featuring the group Family Ties Trio, beginning at 6 p.m.

STARTING MARCH 23

• Quantum Sports Center, 3548 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, will be offering spring classes for children. A good way to stay active, learn new skills, and have fun. For more information, call (304) 562-1020.

MARCH 23

• The Nitro Woman's Club will be meeting from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse located at 2205 2nd Avenue and 23rd Street, Nitro.

MARCH 24

• There will be a childcare business workshop at 6 p.m. at Area 34, 971 State Route 34, Teays Valley. Register by going to <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/advantage-valley-55321568063>

• Service Wire will be hosting a career fair from 2 to 7 p.m. at Valley Park Conference Center in Hurricane. On site interviews; bring your resume.

MARCH 25

• Bible Center Church, 100 First Avenue South, Nitro, will be holding an Easter egg hunt from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

• Celebrating Tastes & Talents Month: The Poca Library will be hosting Creation Station from 9 a.m. to noon. Create collages, paint, sculpt clay, and "write" blackout poetry.

• Hurricane First Church of the Nazarene, located on Route 60, will be holding a glow Easter egg hunt from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m.

WVU Endocrinologist Highlights Steps To Prevent and Manage Diabetes

Nearly one-in-five West Virginians is living with diabetes, a rate far above the national average. Doctors at WVU Medicine say earlier screening and small lifestyle changes could help slow the trend. Across the United States, about 11.3 percent of people have diabetes. In West Virginia, the rate is estimated to be closer to 18 percent, meaning roughly 260,000 residents have been diagnosed with the disease. Health experts also believe another 65,000 people may have diabetes without knowing it.

Jessica Perini, M.D., an endocrinologist with WVU Medicine, said many patients first develop prediabetes. In this stage,

MARCH 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 Fair Board will be meeting at 7 p.m. at the Eleanor Volunteer Fire Department, upstairs room.

• There will be a WV Stained Glass craft class from 6 to 8 p.m. at Brookse's Bar and Grill, 13184 Winfield Road Winfield. The cost is \$70.48. To register, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wv-stained-glass-at-brookses-bar-and-grill-tickets-1983163233617>

• Business After Hours will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at CAMC Outpatient Center, 3948 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane. To RSVP, call 304-757-6510.

• There will be a homeschool science class from 10 a.m. to noon at Hurricane City Park.

MARCH 27 - 28

• Cross Creek Community Church, 2175 Cross Creek Road, Buffalo, will be hosting a youth revival night at 7 p.m. both nights.

MARCH 27

• Higher Ground Singing Group will be performing at 7 p.m. at Cross Creek Community Church, 2175 Cross Creek Road, Buffalo.

• There will be a homeschool science class at 10 a.m. at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley.

Putnam County Food Pantries And Clothing Banks

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

blood sugar levels are higher than normal but have not yet reached the threshold for diabetes.

"Prediabetes is essentially a warning stage," Dr. Perini said. "It tells us that someone's blood sugar levels are moving in the wrong direction, but it also gives us an opportunity to step in and change that trajectory."

Diabetes develops when the body has difficulty controlling the amount of sugar circulating in the bloodstream. Type 2 diabetes makes up most cases and is often linked to weight, activity levels, and family history.

Prediabetes usually does not cause noticeable symptoms and is most often discovered during routine blood tests. Once Type 2 diabetes develops, people may notice increased thirst, frequent urination, stronger appetite, or unexplained weight loss.

"The sooner high blood sugars are addressed, the better chance we have of preventing damage over time," Perini said. "Getting control early can make a meaningful difference in someone's long-term health."

Prevention does not require drastic changes all at once. Many patients start with small adjustments to daily habits.

"It doesn't have to start with an intense workout plan," Perini said. "Even small changes, like moving more during the day or gradually improving diet choices, can build healthier habits over time."

Treatment options for diabetes have also expanded in recent years. Several newer medications help lower blood sugar and may also reduce the risk of heart disease, stroke, and kidney problems. The combination of treatment advances and earlier diagnosis is improving outcomes for many patients.

WVU Medicine has expanded its endocrinology services to help meet the growing need for diabetes care. The team includes endocrinologists, nurse practitioners, diabetes

for more information.

Good Shepherd Baptist Church

162 Tiger Lane Scott Depot (304) 757-7621

Monday - Thursday, 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.

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

Living in an apartment complex with other 55 and above residents tells its own story. Each person has a story, a background if you will. Ironically, many of us moved here from Florida. That being said, we have similar stories.

I still do not take part in the activities, There are a plethora of choices on the calendar. I do not see how anyone could attend all of the activities, but some do. Playing cards, Bingo, Dominoes, working puzzles with others... does not appeal to me. I work puzzles in the apartment, and when the manager's kids are here, I play cards with them. I am not competitive, and some of the card games go for hours and hours. I cannot sit that long. They have fun...

I chat with others when I get the mail or I am walking my miles/steps in the hallways and down the four floors. If some of the people I know don't see me for a few days, they wonder where I am. They always ask next time I am around them.

My readers might need to correct me, but I remember, when I was a little girl, watching wrestling on Saturday night television. It seems to me the neighbors congregated at our house. I could be wrong, and there probably is no one who remembers this. We had a big old house on Virginia Avenue and one of the first televisions. Memories... Living in an apartment is so different than living in a house... imagine having my own home at my age... wow...

I remember the old movie theatre in Hurricane, but the only movie I remember was a educators, pharmacists, and other specialists who work together to support patients managing the disease.

In the latest episode of the Live Healthy West Virginia podcast, Perini discussed diabetes prevention, symptoms, and treatment options. The podcast is available on WVU Medicine's YouTube channel and Spotify.

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

horror film. Maybe it was The Blob. Not sure. Perhaps my readers have better memories about that also. They have movie night here in the building...I prefer watching while I sit on the couch in my comfy little space...

I don't know the names of everyone here, but that is okay. No one does. We all moved here for various reasons. My reason was to be near my daughter who takes me everywhere, and to be frank, the hurricanes got to me. The stress...yes, I miss my Florida family.

When we were growing up, I couldn't imagine watching house shows or cooking shows. Kathy and I enjoy those together. The mysteries I watch would have frightened me. Sleeping in the old house on Virginia Avenue was sometimes scary with cavernous closets. I don't remember locking the door either. Doubt there was a key for years. Imagine living in a home with the door unlocked today. No way, although I did leave my keys in the apartment door the other evening. A neighbor knocked on the door to tell me.

I live on the fourth floor, the penthouse. There is a resident across from me and one to the left. No one on the right... no one above me... someone below me. It is quiet here, on this street. I enjoy my deck... facing the woods... north...

We have locked front doors and use a code to enter. We have an elevator. I walk down quite a bit... not often up though. The other outside doors are open only with our keys. There are garages, but I don't rent one. I park in front of the building. My daughter kept my car through the winter months, so that she could pick me up and go with me to appointments and errands. I didn't have to worry about cleaning the snow, almost daily, from the car.

It has been an adjustment, this weather. Frigid, cold, snowy, rainy... so different from the four and one half years in the state of Florida. I don't mind... I cuddle under a warm blanket and read to my heart's extent. (I do not miss my daily miles, and I have tons of hallways...)

I have been back to Indiana almost 6 months now. Unbelievable...it has been a quick six months... I still have to shop for patio furniture, fans, and curtains... among a few other items for the apartment. I hit a wall and just stopped... it was so much... the move... again... it will get finished, eventually.

This is not Almost Heaven, WV. No... it is not, but on the other hand, I have family here... Florida and Indiana... family... my heart... we love being near our children because the way we were is the way we are always... awww... the memories... I miss WV... I miss Hurricane... the Root Beer at Farley's... the pizza at Pizza Hut... Coke at MacDonald's... I do not usually state that someone/restaurant has the BEST of something... not fair to the other vendors in the same city. I will state that some of my favorite places here are Dominoes, Chicago Pizza, Culver's, Jagers, Qdoba... and so on... I can find something good at these places... still miss WV...

PCTC Students Promote Oral Health Through Community Service Project



Three students from Putnam Career and Technical Center (PCTC) recently had the opportunity to represent their school and showcase the impact of their community service efforts at the West Virginia State Capitol during Career and Technical Education (CTE) Day.

Dental assisting students Jaelyn Eads, Layla Green, and Taylor Lewis traveled to the capitol to highlight a project developed through SkillsUSA, the national organization that prepares students for careers through leadership, service, and

skill development. Their project, titled "Educate and Elevate Through Oral Health Care," focused on improving oral health awareness and education within the community.

The initiative, which ran from October 2025 through March 2026, was designed to educate individuals of all ages about the importance of proper oral hygiene and preventive dental care. Throughout the project, the students participated in outreach efforts that emphasized the connection between oral health and overall health, while also demonstrating practical

dental care techniques and sharing resources to help community members maintain healthy smiles.

By participating in CTE Day at the State Capitol, Eads, Green, and Lewis had the opportunity to speak with legislators, educators, and community leaders about the impact of career and technical education programs like the dental assisting program at PCTC. They shared how their project combined classroom learning with real-world service, allowing them to develop professional skills while making a meaningful difference in their community.

Mountain Made Vendor Fair Funds Educational Outreach



Kimberly Cook of Hurricane brought her pottery to the vendor fair.

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 promote his book, "The Return of the Flying Boat." The book, which was published in November, is about the Spruce Goose, a flying boat (also known as a sea plane) developed in World War II for cargo transport. While the real Spruce Goose is housed at the Evergreen Air and Space Museum of McMinnville, Oregon, in the book the plane is refurbished and put back into commission on the eve of a conflict between

the United States and Russia.

The Mountain Made Vendor Fair was hosted by Valley Events Group, a non-profit organization dedicated to educational outreach opportunities for local youth. Valley Events Group provides funding for projects organized by public and private school teachers, as well as homeschool educators. The organization was started in October of 2025, and has provided funding for the homeschool science classes which are held at

Zoology Zone Science Center.

Upcoming events hosted by Valley Events Group include an all cards event which will be held on August 1 for fans of sports cards, trading card games, and other collectible cards. The third annual ValleyCon, which supports both Valley Events and the Zoology Zone Science Center, will be held on November 14. There is also a Yuletide vendor event which is still in the planning phase.

Celebrating π Day

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be canceled due to an unforeseen circumstance.

While I could, as an emergency measure, consume an entire apple pie without assistance, I decided to make a pie which I had never before made. I celebrated π-Day by manufacturing a French Pork Pie.

Initially, I considered making a British pork pie and searched for recipes. My search produced numerous recipes with questionable ratings and references to other pork pie recipes. I chose a French pork pie recipe which was relatively simple (time consuming but simple).

The recipe called for ground pork, mashed potatoes, seasonings, and purchased pie crust. I chose to make my own pie crust.

As directed, I simmered the pork, onion, celery, ground cloves and cinnamon seasonings in water for three hours, adding additional water from time to time. The long simmer time allowed ample time to prepare the mashed potatoes and pie crust. All was ready when



Mashed potato and ground pork filling.



The oven-ready pie.

the meat was ready.

After 45 minutes in a 375° oven, the pie was golden and needed only to cool.

I shared my pie with my daughter Betsy. She loved it and proclaimed the recipe to be a keeper.

I preferred the taste of the leftover refrigerated pie over fresh baked and

found it great for snacking.

I make experiment with some seasoning modifications when I make follow-up French pork pies. I will not wait until 3.14 of 2027 for a follow-up.

π-Day really should be celebrated many times each year.

County Commission

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"Educate and Elevate Through Oral Health Care" reflects the core values of SkillsUSA by encouraging students to apply their technical knowledge in service to others. Through this project, the students not only strengthened their dental assisting skills but also developed leadership, communication, and community engagement abilities.

Putnam Career and Technical Center continues to provide students with opportunities to gain

requests for the Putnam County Development Authority from Morganne Tenney and requests from

hands-on experience while giving back to their communities. The work of Eads, Green, and Lewis demonstrates how career and technical education can empower students to become leaders and advocates for better health and stronger communities.

Circuit Clerk Stephanie Smith, Prosecuting Attorney Kris Raynes, Sheriff Bobby Eggleton, Assessor Gary Warner and County Clerk Brian Wood. Assessments for the coming fiscal year are projected to be \$4.67 billion, up 5% over the current fiscal year. All county officials requested 5% increases for their employees.

The next regular county commission meeting is scheduled for March 24th at 5:00 p.m.

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UNCLAIMED PROPERTY



A PROGRAM OF THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE

Cpl. William B. Fulks Detachment 1474 invites all interested in becoming part of the Marine Corps League to its April 20 meeting at Hurricane City Hall at 3255 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, at 1800 hours.

The Marine Corps League provides an avenue by which members may express loyalty to one another and reach out in support to the families of those Marines who never got to come home.

Through numbers the League works to protect the benefits of all veterans.

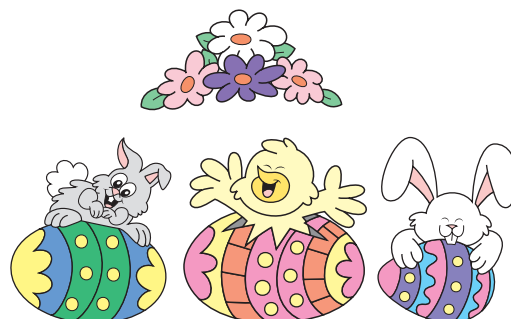
One can join at any detachment meeting by filling out and signing a MCL membership application, showing character of service with a copy of discharge papers (DD-214), and pay the annual membership dues of \$30.00





Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



Purging Keepsakes

By Velma Kitchens of Culloden

I have been cleaning out off and on during the winter and even before. This happens when I feel the need to organize and try to do it the way the experts advise, but I usually do it my way. Haaaaa. We are told to have three bins, one for donating, one for throwing away, and one to keep. Well, I don't have either; the ones I keep just stay where they are. The donation one usually goes in the car and out the road.

I usually donate books to the local libraries or to friends who will give them to their friends, and the circle never ends. Books are such a good gift to give and to loan out. My organizational skills should be used with paper. I have a lot of paper that needs organized but I sometimes just look at it and it stays in its place. I need to do better in that area.

My grandchildren have given me a lot of their things that they have made, and I came across a baby food jar full of quotes. I love quotes, and

I have even had them in an article, but not these. Here are a few of them:

More things are wrought by prayer than this world of dreams. —Tennyson

Do all the good you can, to all the people you can.

Words don't break bones; they break hearts.

The sleep of a laboring man is sweet. —Eccles. 5:12

A man of words and not of deeds, is like a garden of weeds.

Be the labor great or small do it right or not at all.

Lost time is never found again. —Benjamin Franklin

These are some quotes and sayings I thought would be helpful. I know they are to me.

I have a tin that popcorn comes in and I keep most of the things the grandkids give me. I do plan to purge again—one day.

Mountaineers... Always Free

By Tom Wise

Submitted by Myra Simmons

I am coal mines and rolling hills
Humid summers and winter chills.
I am Huntington to Morgantown.
Country roads and whitewater bound.

I am Dolly Sods and Hawk's Nest.
Randy Moss and Jerry West.
I am Chuck Yeager and Black Bear.
Fall colors and the WV State Fair.

I am Harper's Ferry and Seneca Rocks.
Rhododendrons and sternwheeler docks.
The Appalachian Mountain chain.
Foggy mornings and moonlight rain.

I am family and friends around the fire.
Pepperoni rolls and four wheeler tires.
I am the New River and a railroad bridge.
The sun setting over an evergreen ridge.

It's wonderful and wild,
The innocence of a child.
You need help, we roll up our sleeves.

Almost heaven, and ya'll come back.
Greenbrier secrets and a one room shack.
GOLDEN, like the sugar maple tree.
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Recipes

Submitted by Connie Reddington of Eleanor

Quick Fruit Cobbler

1 can (21 ounces) cherry, peach, blueberry or other fruit pie filling
1 cup Original Bisquick mix
1/4 cup milk
1 tablespoon sugar
1 tablespoon butter or margarine, softened
Spread pie filling in ungreased 1 1/2-quart casserole. Place in cold oven, Heat oven to 400 degrees; let heat 10 minutes. Remove pan from oven.

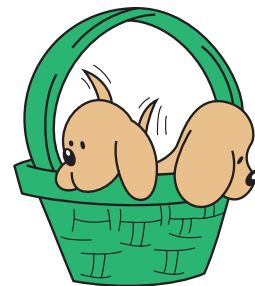
While pie filling is heating, stir remaining ingredients until soft dough forms. Drop by 6 spoonfuls onto warm pie filling. Sprinkle with additional sugar if desired.
Bake 18 to 20 minutes or until topping is light brown.

Turtle Pumpkin Pie

Prep: 15 minutes (plus refrigerating)
1/4 cup plus 2 Tbsp. caramel topping. Divided
1 Honey Maid Graham Pie Crust (6 oz.)
1/2 cup plus 2 Tbsp. Planters Pecan Pieces, divided
1 cup cold milk
2 pkg. (4-serving size each) Jell-O Vanilla Flavor Instance Pudding & Pie Filling
1 cup canned pumpkin
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
1 tub (8 oz.) Cool Whip Whipped Topping, thawed, divided
Pour 1/4 cup caramel topping into crust; sprinkle with 1/2 cup pecans.
Beat milk, dry pudding mixes, pumpkin and spices with whisk until blended. Stir in 1/2 cups whipped topping. Spread into crust. Top with remaining whipped topping. Refrigerate 1 hour. Top with remaining caramel topping and pecans before serving. Makes 10 services, one slice each.

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane



Be good to yourself. No one knows the battles you have fought within.

Doggies are investments in happiness. And they're worth every cent.

Contentment with what we have is absolutely vital to our spiritual health.

By learning you will teach; by teaching you will learn.

Stress can feel like a black cloud hanging over each day.

Calories don't count if you eat with your eyes closed.

You're one smile away from changing someone's day.

The goal of all life is death. - Sigmund Freud

The best teachers always teach from the heart.

Small steps each day create big change.

He is most cheated who cheats himself.

Hope is the nurse of misery.

Let your love burn bright.

I fantasize about a day when eating donuts makes you skinny.

Genius always finds itself a century too early. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

If I could go back in time, I would leave some people right where I found them.

We may love money without having it, just as we may have money without loving it.

By the end of the day, my bra has enough crumbs in it to lead Hansel and Gretel home.

My body may be slowing down, but my mind and tongue are still as sharp as ever.

Please do not disturb my peace by telling me what other people said about me. Keep it to yourself. They told you, not me.

Getting older is like visiting an all-you-can-eat buffet. What should be hot is cold, what should be firm is limp and the buns are bigger than anything else on the menu.

The longer you leave the tea bag in the cup, the stronger the tea will be. The longer you meditate on God's Word, the stronger you and your faith will be.

Back in my day, we didn't ask our parents for money. We collected cans, mowed lawns, babysat for our neighbors, and earned a few bucks the old-fashioned way.

I imagine the disappointment if a wolf knew its descendant would be a chihuahua. That's how your grandpa feels when he sees your man bun.

Instead of just exposing crimes all day, every day, can we just get to the part where the criminals are

ignorant, and powerful to the weak.

Ever have one of those mornings when you just wanna fill the sink with coffee and stick your head in it?

Looking at my face I was shocked at all the laugh lines and thought, "What the heck was that funny?"

If you have one friend who would sit and wait for you without knowing whether you would come back or not, it's your doggy. Cherish that love!

We didn't throw away what was broken. We fixed it, patched it, stitched it, and reused it. That's how we learned to value things, people, and life.

You might realize you had a birthday when you wake up and you have to sit down to put your socks on because you can't find your feet.

Yes, I'm Old School. I have good manners, show respect, and always help those who need it. It's not because I'm "old fashioned"; it's because I was raised that way.

"Public Service" shouldn't be a path to becoming a millionaire. If you came into office poor, but leave rich, you sold something you didn't own.

One hundred years ago, "organic" food was just food. Grass-fed beef was just beef. Free range eggs were just eggs. Raw milk was just milk.

When I was growing up, we didn't post our supper on the internet. We sat down, said grace and ate it together as a family.

Instead of electric cars, maybe we should bring back electric chairs. It might solve more problems these days.

People say money is not the key to happiness, but if you have enough money, you can have a key made.

As we grow older, we begin to understand that a true friend is incredibly precious.

A good day is when I get a shopping cart when all the wheels go in the same direction.

That awkward moment when a zombie looking for brains walks right by you.

Death is the foreshadowing of life. We die that we may die no more.

Before Mount Rushmore was carved, its beauty was unrepresented.

My friend in Quebec is a heavy drinker. In fact, he drank Canada dry.

I spotted an albino Dalmatian yesterday. It was the least I could do.

No wonder the key doesn't work. This isn't my car.

My clutch seems to be lost. I can't get my rear in gear.

Those who lie twist life so that it looks tasty to the lazy, brilliant to the

Looking at my face I was shocked at all the laugh lines and thought, "What the heck was that funny?"

I've just learned that the human body is roughly 70% water. That means I'm not fat; I'm just flooded.

I put the thingamabob inside the whatchamacallit, turned the doohickey and the darn whozywhatsit doesn't work.

The closest I get to a spa day is when I'm draining pasta and the steam smacks me in the face.

Vacations are nice, but have you ever stayed home in pajamas and avoided people for an entire week?

God is my boss and I'm His employee. I am thankful for my salary called life, with benefits called blessings.

I visited my doctor today. He told me my sugar was too high. So I came home and moved it to a lower shelf.

Happiness depends more on the inward disposition of mind than on outward circumstances. - Benjamin Franklin

I was just minding my own business, and the next thing I know I'm the same age as old people.

Some people see the glass half full, some half empty. To me, I see it as another thing to wash.

There's no limit to what a man can achieve, if he doesn't care who gets the credit.

The key to aging is not to mourn what we have lost, but to celebrate what remains.

Have you ever looked at someone and thought, "Your mama's eggs had to be expired?"

Lions don't lose sleep over the opinions of sheep.

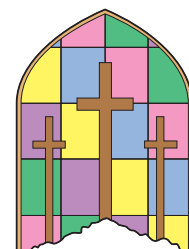
God's house of correction is His school of instruction.

Don't use the bathroom in your dream. It's a setup.

There are two things we get every day. A chance and a choice.

My hair turning gray is like my body is running out of ink.

Bible Verse



Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow. — Isaiah 1:17



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 19, 1925: Basketball teams from 11 of West

Virginia's 24 Black high schools took the court at West Virginia State College (now University) in Institute for the first West Virginia Athletic Union (WVAU) state basketball tournament. Lincoln High School of Wheeling defeated Kimball, 25-24, in the final game to win the championship.

March 19, 1936: The Ohio River crested a record 15 feet above flood stage at Wheeling.

March 19, 1992: Four miners were killed at the Blacksville No. 1 Mine in Monongalia County while it was being sealed. Drainage pipes were being welded together, and a spark fell into the shaft, igniting methane gas.

March 20, 1849: Businessman James Kay was born in Scotland. He constructed the coke ovens at Hawks Nest, installed a cable car to carry coal across the New River, and installed a tramway to move miners and coal up and down the gorge face at Kaymoor.

March 20, 1897: Musician Frank Hutchison was born in Raleigh County. With a slide guitar sound akin to the bottleneck style, he helped instill a blues strain into modern country music and was influential among coalfield musicians.

March 20, 1936: Recurring storms led to major flooding on the Potomac River, hitting record levels in Harpers Ferry. The Ohio River at Parkersburg reached 10 feet above flood stage.

March 21, 1914: The first West Virginia boys' high school basketball tournament began in Buckhannon. The event was sponsored by West Virginia Wesleyan College, which at the time had the state's largest and finest gymnasium.

March 21, 2018: Sculptor Frank Gaylord died. Born 1925 in Clarksburg, his best-known work is "The Column," a platoon of 19 larger-than-life, stainless steel soldiers comprising the central element of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington.

March 22, 1922: Physician Mildred Mitchell-Bateman was born in Georgia. She became the first Black woman in West Virginia to hold a high-level state administrative position when, in 1962, Governor Wally Barron appointed her director of the Department of Mental Health.

March 23, 2003: Private Jessica Lynch of Palestine, Wirt County, was serving as a supply clerk with the Army's 507th Maintenance Company when she was captured by Iraqi forces after her group was ambushed.

RUTH ANN CRIST

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Ruth Ann Crist, lovingly known as "Annie," who departed this world on March 11, 2026. Annie passed peacefully, embraced by the love of her family at their family residence in Henderson, Nevada, after a brief illness. Her journey began on July 31, 1940, in the charming town of Hurricane, West Virginia, where she would leave an indelible mark on all who knew her.

Annie was born to Oscar Harvey Gibson and Bernice Ruth (Leadmon) Gibson, who instilled in her the values of kindness, resilience, and a deep love for community. Preceded in death by her devoted husband, Earl Jackson Crist, and her beloved sisters, Jeanine Taylor and Joyce Gibson,

Annie's legacy continues through her cherished family. She is survived by her sons, John J. Crist of Henderson, Nevada, and James "Buzz" Crist of Hurricane, West Virginia; John's son, Levan Nicolas Crist, his wife Mashia, and their children, Madisyn and Maxwell Crist of Atlanta, Georgia. Annie also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great-great-nieces and nephews, each of whom held a special place in her heart.

Annie dedicated 38 years of her life to the students and faculty of Conner Street Elementary School in Hurricane where she served as the beloved school secretary. Her warmth and kindness were felt by all who walked through the school doors. In her later years, Annie found joy as a wedding planner where she orchestrated memorable celebrations of love and joy at the Crist family's country home just outside of Hurricane.

A lifelong devoted member of Bethel Baptist Church, Annie's voice was a gift to the choir and a beacon of hope when she soloed. Her passion for music extended beyond the church as she performed with The Sounds of Bluegrass for over 50 years, spreading joy throughout the region on most weekends. Her family were also major donors to Hurricane Red Hot Show Choir and Hurricane High Marching Band for over 25 years – a legacy that will continue in her honor. Annie was also a longstanding member of the Order of the Eastern

Star.

Annie was a woman of great hospitality, known for her ability to make everyone feel welcome and celebrated. For many years, the Crist home was a haven for exchange students from around the world, including students they hosted: Simon Vosseler, Thomas and Clemons Hornstadt, and most recently, David Hernandez Cespedes, whom she lovingly hosted through International Cultural Exchange Services (ICES) last fall. Her service on the ICES Host Family Advisory Committee to the ICES Board of Directors was a testament to her commitment to cultural understanding and friendship.

Annie and her husband Earl loved traveling with their sons and exchange students to more than 25 countries on five continents. Along the way, she developed lasting multi-generational friendships with the Ljungberg family in Stockholm, Sweden; the Marzullo family in São Paulo, Brazil; the Hervall family, the French family, and the McTavish family in California. During the past decade, Annie also enjoyed spending part of each summer on the Upper East Side of New York City, where she continued to make new friends. Her friendships transcended borders, leaving a global legacy of love and kindness.

A celebration of Annie's life will be held later this month in Napa Valley, California, where her son John lived for many years. A second celebration of life service will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, in April.

Annie's final resting place will be at Valley View Memorial Park Mausoleum in Hurricane where her remains will be interred next to her beloved husband Earl. There will be a celebration of life for Annie at Valley View Memorial Park on Friday, May 29 at 2:00 p.m.

Friends and family are welcome to attend.

In remembrance of Annie, her family encourages those who knew her to reflect on the warmth, love, and joy she brought into their lives and do an act of kindness for a person or animal in need in her honor. Annie's light will forever shine in the hearts of all who knew her down on the creek, in town or around the world.

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Obituaries

JOHN BAYLISS JR.

John M. H. Bayliss Jr., 85, of Hurricane, passed away early morning Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at home, from recent health issues. He was born July 16, 1940 in St. Albans to John M. H. Bayliss Sr. and Clarice Smith Bayliss who preceded him in death. Also his sister Joy Cooksey and brother Jim Bayliss.

He attended Hurricane High School and then joined the U.S. Air Force. He served his country for 4 years. He was a Master Electrician and later became CEO of Bayliss and Ramey Electrical Contractors until his retirement.

John is survived by his loving wife Susan McCracken Bayliss, a son John M. H. Bayliss III of Hurricane, a sister Jill Whitworth from Gulfport, FL, step-son Chuck mason of Cape Coral, FL, a step-daughter Susan Shrader of Nitro, 2 grandchildren and 7 step-grandchildren.

John was a 1990 World Record Deadlift holder of 551 lbs. He was a APF World Master Champion in 1987, 1988 and 1990. In 1992 he placed 1st as an APF National Master in the age group of 50-54 years old at 181 lbs. John was a member of the Kanawha Valley Corvette Club.

Previously Susan and John would spend their winters in Orman Beach FL and their summers in Hurricane. John loved the hot weather and on any sunny, warm day you would see him sitting on his porch. He also loved spending time at Almost Havana Cigar Lounge.

Funeral was Saturday March 14, 2026 at Allen Funeral Home in Hurricane, with Rev. Jacob Steele and Rev. Ellis Conley officiating.

ELIZABETH BEAVER

Elizabeth Ann Beaver, 84, of Fraziers Bottom, passed away on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at CAMC Memorial Hospital. She was born February 16, 1942, in Clay Township, Ohio.

Elizabeth retired as a supervisor from a favorite local restaurant where she met and served many friends. Her dedication and leadership were loved by many and will be missed.

Preceded in death by her mother Dreama Parrish and one grandson Paul Matheny. She is survived by her loving children, Kermit Beaver, Jr. & Lucia, Cindy Beeman, Dustin Beaver and Melissa, Cody Beaver and Raquel. Her wonderful grandchildren Colt Beaver, Cassidy Beaver, Josh Matheny, Seth Matheny, Alec Bailey, Jared Fox and Emily Beaver along with 11 great grandchildren. Her sister, Sallie Stout, cousin Larry North and special friends Ray Burke, Pam, Robin, and Karen.

Graveside service was Monday, March 16, 2026, at Winfield Cemetery, with Rev. Mark Turley officiating.

WILLIAM CARTMILL

William R. Cartmill, 92, of Hurricane, passed away Monday, March 16, 2026, after a short illness. He was a proud veteran of the U. S. Marines, a retired truck driver and later spent many years on the road as a tour bus driver, a job he truly enjoyed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Clinton Cartmill and Eva Warden Cartmill; his brother, Larry Dale (Nancy) Cartmill; his sisters, Mildred (Jimmy) Finley, Betty Jane (Jess) Arnold, Stella Marie (Gwendy) Runyon, and Nellie May (Lonnie) Hutch;

his son, Bradley Cartmill; and great-grandson, Jack Ryan Rollins.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Sharon Lee Jeffrey Cook Cartmill; daughter, Angela Marie (Kip) Reese; son, Bryce Ray Cartmill; stepdaughter, Belinda Cook (Jeff) Adkins; and stepson, Jack R. (Beth) Cook Jr. He was blessed with nine grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren, all of whom he loved dearly.

A graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2026, at Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery. Visitation will take place from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Allen Funeral Home, with a procession to the cemetery departing at 12:15 p.m.

IRENE SCHOOLCRAFT COBB

Irene Schoolcraft Cobb, 88, of Liberty, passed away Friday, March 13, 2026, at her home.

Irene was a devoted homemaker and earlier in life worked in local restaurants. She previously attended Barnett Chapel Church and Heizer Creek Community Church. Irene especially enjoyed gardening and spending time tending to her flowers, which brought her great joy throughout the years.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Jim Schoolcraft and Paul Zink; and her son, Carl Schoolcraft.

She is survived by her husband, Mayford Cobb; her children, Sherry Caruthers, Debbie Settle, and Bruce Schoolcraft; step-children, Sandy Hurley and Dorothy Rollins; brothers, Michael Flinger and Carl Flinger; grandchildren, James Schoolcraft, Shannon Caruthers, Chris Schoolcraft, Johnna Jordan, Brandon Settle,

and Katie Settle; six great-grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren.

A tribute to the life of Irene was held Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Pete Cobb officiating. Entombment was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House.

DANIEL COOK

Daniel Lee "Danny" Cook, 84, of Eleanor, passed away Friday, March 13, 2026, at his home following a long illness. He was a 1959 graduate of Poca High School. He worked for 16 years at Shippers Carline, 16 years at Sams Club and completed his career with the Putnam County School Board. He loved cars and enjoyed collecting antique cars.

Born June 12, 1941, in Eleanor, he was the son of the late John D. Cook and Lura H. Parsons Cook. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Keith Cook.

Survivors include his loving wife of 62 years, Clara Workman Cook; daughters, Leann Cook (Tim) Dingess and Carey Cook (Jeremy) Herdman of Leon; sister, JoAnn Hudson of Eleanor; grandchildren, Nicole (Trai) White and Noell (Cody) Wilson; great grandchildren, Landen White, Raylen White, Annie Wilson, Remi Wilson, Nora Wilson and Reece Wilson. Danny is also survived by several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Funeral service was Tuesday March 17, 2026 at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastor Scott Casto and Pastor David Panaro Jr. officiating. Burial was in Beech Grove Cemetery, Eleanor.

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Daily Bible Readings

Matthew 26:31-53	Genesis 3:1-24	Judges 6:11-21	Psalms 22:1-18	Job 19:1-29	Isaiah 53:1-12	Romans 6:1-25
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BASIC BIBLE

By Ron Allen
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Jesus Prepares for Death

Mark 14:32-52

The text before us details interactions which took place in the garden of Gethsemane following the supper at which Jesus announced that He would be betrayed and that the disciples would be offended because of Him (v. 18, 27). Jesus stated that these things would transpire “for it is written.” The prophet Zechariah wrote of the scattering of the sheep some 500 years before the day on which the shepherd would be slain and the sheep scattered (Zech. 13:7).

“Sit ye here, while I shall pray” (v. 32). The “ye” whom Jesus addressed did not include Peter, James, and John. Those whom Jesus directed to sit while He prayed also did not include Judas who would betray Him. The “ye” who were instructed to sit were, at a minimum, the remaining eight disciples who partook of the bread and the cup at the supper. There is a possibility that unnamed individuals, other than the eight, were present. Verse 51 reveals the presence of a certain young man who followed Jesus but was not of the twelve who partook of the supper. Discussion of the presence of this certain young man will wait until after a review the text which precedes.

Jesus instructed Peter, James, and John to accompany Him further into the garden. The three looked upon Jesus and observed that He “began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy” (v. 33). The Greek word which is translated as “sore amazed” is used to convey great distress. Likewise, “very heavy” means to display extreme anxiety. Distress and anxiety are experiences common to all who are being tested. Peter, James and John had been close to Jesus for the duration of His earthly ministry. The three had witnessed incidents in which Jesus had walked away from life-threatening situations without distress or anxiety. Now, in the garden, the three witnessed that which they had never seen before.

“My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto to death . . .” (v. 34). Now, with their ears, Peter, James and John heard that which their eyes had revealed to them. The time for “my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased” (Mk. 1:11) to be made an offering for sin (Isa. 53:10) had arrived. The time had come in which He would pour out “his soul unto death” (Isa. 53:12). Peter, James and John saw and heard His distress.

“ . . . tarry ye here, and watch.” The three watched as Jesus prayed. They heard the Son call out to the Father, saying, “all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt” (v. 36). It would seem that the will of the Son was different from that of the Father. There is, however, no conflict between wills. The Son acknowledged the power of the Father to “take away this cup” but then asked that the Father’s will be done. The Father’s will was stated in Genesis 3:15 when God said the heel of the seed of woman should be bruised by the serpent and the promised seed would bruise the serpent’s head. God’s plan of salvation was ordained before the foundation of the earth was in place (I Pet. 1:19-20). The Son did not ask the Father to change the plan which He had ordained from the beginning or to undo that which He made known in Genesis 3:15. The Son was totally submissive to the Father.

“And he cometh, and findeth them asleep . . .” (v. 37). The picture of the Son addressing the Father in prayer is replaced by a scene in which Jesus reacts to His slumbering followers. Jesus had instructed the three to watch while He prayed (v. 34). He, literally, instructed them to keep their eyes upon Him. They did not do it; they fell asleep. While Jesus found all asleep, He chose to respond only to Peter’s failure. Peter had vehemently proclaimed that he would not deny Jesus (v. 31). Jesus asked “Simon, sleepest thou?” a question that received no answer. His question was a gentle rebuke to Peter’s failure to watch as he had been directed.

In verse 38, Jesus repeated His earlier command to “ye” to watch and added the instruction to pray. Peter was a third part of this “ye.” The prayer which the three was instructed to pray was that they not enter into temptation. “The spirit is truly ready, but the flesh is weak” (v. 38b). The three had just affirmed the weakness of the flesh by slumbering. The spirit and the flesh war within all men (see Rom. 7:18-23). Jesus countered temptation to yield to the flesh with prayer (v. 35, 39). Jesus, in instructing the three to pray, directed them to resist temptation in the same manner as He did. That which was true in Gethsemane two thousand years ago is true today. Believers are to do as Jesus directs. We are to resist temptation through prayer.

The next scene to unfold at Gethsemane is the betrayal. “Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand” (v. 42). Jesus did not instruct His disciples to flee. They were to go forward to meet Judas, the betrayer, and the armed multitude sent from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. They were to allow the evil in the hearts of the religious leaders to be manifested. Peter (the one who cut off the servant’s ear) attempted to intervene. His intervention was contrary to the scriptures which must be fulfilled. His intervention was for naught. The promised seed was to be rejected by men and seemingly smitten for offenses against God (Isa. 53:4).

“And they all forsook him, and fled” (v. 50). All forsook and fled. Not one of them who partook of the supper remained. There was, however, a certain young man who did not flee (v. 51). This young man was clothed in a linen cloth (sleeping attire). He sought to follow Jesus but fled when the young men of the high priests attempted to take him. The identity of this young man is believed by Bible scholars to be Mark, the human author of this gospel. Some believe that the site of the supper was the home of Mark’s mother, the home mentioned in Acts 12:12. We do not know that Mark awoke from sleep and followed Jesus and the disciples to Gethsemane. We do know, however, that this young man saw every disciple flee, leaving Jesus in the hands of them who would place Him upon the cross. The picture is of Jesus alone. There is one name alone, whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12). Jesus, alone, was smitten to save all.

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How Did God the Father Glorify Jesus?

“If I were Jesus, I would ask God for a golden throne, a diamond crown, and a sword made of lightning,” says Tyler, 10. “That would be glorious!”

That would definitely turn some heads, but Jesus had something even better in mind.

In John 17, Jesus prayed right before he went to the cross. Instead of asking to escape the pain, he prayed, “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You.”

Jesus wasn’t thinking about glitter or gold. He wanted to finish the mission God gave Him. He showed who God really is by giving eternal life to those who believe. Jesus said eternal life means knowing “the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent” (John 17:3).

Now, hold on. Didn’t Jesus say eternal life is going to heaven? Nope. He said eternal life is knowing God.

You could live forever and still be miserable if you didn’t know the God who made you. Eternal life isn’t just about the length of your life. It’s about a relationship with God. Jesus came so we could be reunited with God, not just after we die, but right now.

You don’t have to wait until heaven to start eternal life. If you have trusted Jesus as your savior, you already know the Father, and He knows you. That’s eternal life in action.

It might be hard to believe, but God wants to spend time with you. Before Adam and Eve sinned, God came in the cool part of the day to walk with them in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:8). God’s desire from the beginning is to make us in his image (Genesis 1:27).

“Eternal life is like being in God’s family forever,” says Bella, 10. “And you never get kicked out!”

That’s the kind of life Jesus was praying about. He wanted to glorify the Father by giving people something far better than riches or comfort: a never-ending relationship with God Himself.

“God glorified Jesus by raising Him from the dead,” says Max, 9. “Now He’s the King forever!”

Yes! Jesus glorified the Father by doing everything He was sent to do, even dying on the cross for our sins. And the Father glorified Jesus by raising him from the dead and restoring him to the glory He had before the world began.

“God glorified Jesus by showing He was really His Son,” says Ella, 8. “When He rose from the dead, people knew.”

Jesus didn’t need lightning or a diamond sword to prove who He was. The empty tomb was enough. God the Father glorified Jesus by making His victory over death loud and clear.

And here’s the amazing part: Jesus shares that glory with all who trust him as their savior. As we meditate upon God’s unconditional love for us, we reflect the glory of Jesus in a world that is desperately looking for love in the wrong places.

Not only that, but the love offered by most people is conditional or performance based. Jesus did all the performing for us when he offered himself as a sacrifice for our sins. God never changes and neither does his love for us.

Think About This: God glorified Jesus by raising Him from the dead and restoring Him to the glory He shared with the Father before the world began.

Memorize This Truth: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You” (John 17:1).

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LINDA FAYE DAVIS

Linda Faye Davis, 76, of Leon,, passed away Saturday, March 14, 2026 at Genesis Teays Valley Center. She spent several years teaching adult education at Ohio University. She retired from Walmart Vision as an optician. She was a devout Christian, loved county music and enjoyed playing the guitar. She loved to dance and especially square dancing. Linda loved to travel, spend time outdoors and ride motorcycles with her husband and brothers.

Born July 6, 1949 in Chillicothe OH, she was the daughter of the late Ernest "Ernie" Alexander and Opal Alexander. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 44 years, Dale Wilson Davis; brothers, Carl Alexander, Harold Alexander, Tom Alexander and Earl Alexander; sisters, Ethel Carroll and Deedy Shull.

Survivors include her son, Robert Dale (Susan) Davis of Eleanor; her daughter, Kimberly Lynn Davis (Kelly Stover) of Leon; grandchildren, Cassandra "Cassie" (Derek) Rogers, Casey (Brandon) Harper, Megan (Cody) Ramsey, Erin Davis, and Kiersten (Joe) Staats; nine great-grandchildren; and best friend and special caregiver, Tonya Cooper.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

IRENE B. GOFF

Irene B. Goff, 89, of Huntington, passed away on March 9, 2026.

She was born to the late Jesse Clay and Rosetta (Edwards) Thornton on August 6, 1936 in Hurricane. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Albert David Goff; siblings: Janet Chapman, Betty Lipscomb, and Gregory Thornton; brothers-in-law: Kenneth Goff and James Krueger; as well as sisters-in-law: Gudrun and Anne Goff.

Irene was a retired accountant with AEP, where she was the first woman to work on site at John Amos Plant in management. She was a 1954 graduate of Hurricane High School and an award winning quilter, winning

1st place in WV in 2019. She enjoyed walking at Ritter Park and sewing. She was a member of Quilts and Things in Pt. Pleasant, and Creative Quilters of Huntington, as well as a member of Order of Eastern Star #157 Mason.

Irene is survived by her children: Rebecca Hutson (Lucius) of Waxhaw, NC, Douglas Goff (Stephanie) of Hurricane, and James Goff (Teresa) of Beaumont, TX; grandchildren: Abby Hutson (Anthony Jones), Caleb Hutson, Molly Frisbee (Victor), Justin Ball (Leah), Whitney, Alexis and Burke Daigle; great-grandchildren: Edith and Thaddeus Hutson, Emma Mounce, Rheid Havard, Gia and Riley Ball; sister; Brenda White (Rich); sisters-in-law: Loretta Clark (John), Mary Sue Krueger and Carrie Beattie (Paul); brothers-in-law: Herman Goff of Ladson, SC and Vernon Goff of Looneyville, WV; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Funeral service for Irene was Saturday, March 14, 2026, at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Tony Edwards and Matt Thornton officiating. Burial was in Ridgelawn Memorial Park.

DONNIE D. HERDMAN

Donnie D. Herdman, 64, of Robertsburg, passed away Thursday, March 12, 2026, at his home following a long illness. He was a 1980 graduate of Buffalo High School. He was employed with Amhurst Madison with over 30 years of service. Donnie loved to spend time outdoors hunting and fishing. He was a Christian and attended the Buffalo Church of God. He will be remembered as a helpful person who was always willing to lend a hand to anyone.

Born October 3, 1961, he was the son of the late Lester Jeffers and Loetta Faye Jeffers. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Lester Eugene Herdman, Steve Tucker, Oliver "Popeye" Herdman and his twin brother, Ronnie Herdman.

Survivors include his loving wife of 34 years, Lisa Herdman; daughters, Danielle Herdman and Brittany Herdman (Ethan Eads); grandchildren,

Brennon Call, Braxton Call, Reagan Herdman, Ryder Herdman, Oakley Eads and Wrenley Eads; sisters, Linda Cantrell of Eleanor, Jeanie Miller of Buffalo, Kathy ("Binky") Pauley of Marion OH; brothers, Rev. Kenneth "Bob" (Carmen) Herdman of Dayton OH, Bill (Carla) Herdman of Robertsburg and Tim Jeffers. Donnie is also survived by several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Funeral service was Monday, March 16, 2026 at Raynes Funeral Home, Buffalo, with Rev. Randy Parsons officiating. Burial was in Craig Cemetery, Grimms Landing.

GRETNA B. MICHELS

Gretna Burns Michels, 96, passed away peacefully on March 8, 2026, in Scott Depot.

Born July 2nd, 1929, in Hurricane, she was the daughter of the late Frederick Douglas Burns and Sallie Elizabeth (Bogges) Burns. Gretna was the youngest and final surviving member of the ten Burns children, marking the closure of a remarkable generation of the Burns family of Hurricane.

Her life began with resilience. At just two years old, Gretna survived a house fire that destroyed her family's home on their farm outside of Hurricane. She spent her childhood growing up on that same farmland. The Burns family farm where she grew up later became the site of Interstate 64, Valley Park, and part of the Hurricane Wave Pool Park - all places now familiar to many in the community.

In 1963, Gretna began working as a receptionist at Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Company in Charleston, where she remained until the plant closed in 1980. It was during her time there that she met George Thomas "Tom" Michels, who also worked at the plant. Their shared years at Libbey-Owens-Ford brought them together and began a

relationship that would later lead to 31 years of marriage. The couple married on April 8, 1988, and remained devoted partners until Tom's passing in 2019.

Following the plant's closure, Gretna began working as secretary to the West Virginia State Beer Commission in 1981, where she served until her retirement in the 1990s.

Gretna was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, whose strength and independence shaped the generations that followed. She raised her daughter, Ann Frances Dodrill, as a single mother in Charleston with dedication and a deep commitment to family.

She also had a lifelong love for animals and a special affection for cats. In recent years, she especially enjoyed spending time with her late daughter Ann's beloved Pomeranian, Lulu, often laughing and sneaking treats with her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband, George Thomas "Tom" Michels; her daughter, Ann Frances Dodrill; her stepson, Thomas W. Michels; her stepdaughter, Anne Wince; and her nine siblings: Agnes, Irene, Opal, Frances, Robert, Russell, Ray, Randall, and Richard.

Gretna is survived by her two grandsons: Brandon R. Dodrill and Dylan R. (Makenzie) Dodrill; and her great-granddaughters: Myla and Kylie Dodrill. She is also survived by her son-in-law, Dennis R. Dodrill, and several beloved nieces and nephews.

With Gretna's passing, the final chapter of the Burns children of Hurricane comes to a close, closing a generation whose roots trace back to the early farmland days of the Hurricane community she always called home. She was dearly loved by her family, and her grandsons, Brandon and Dylan, who will miss their "Grandmaw" deeply, and forever cherish the memories they shared with her.

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Funeral service for Gretna was Monday, March 16, 2026 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane. Entombment was in Valley View Memorial Park, Hurricane.

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GARY ANSON SIGMAN, SR.

Heaven welcomed a faithful servant when Gary Anson Sigman, Sr., of Poca, passed into eternity on March 12, 2026. Born May 4, 1940, in Poca, Gary was the son of the late Laurel Anson and Thelma Dove Sigman.

Gary was a devoted man of God. He graduated from Poca High School where he met the love of his life, Valjean. Gary retired from American Electric Power following 24 years of faithful service. Gary served on the Bancroft City Council and was a member of the North Putnam Service District Board. Gary was a 32° Mason.

A devout Christian all his life, in his early years, Gary was a faithful member of Bancroft Church of God Mission where he carried out the duties of deacon. Gary also attended Grace Baptist Temple and Sweetwater Branch Baptist Church – while residing in Mrytle Beach - where he always found friends and loved worshipping the Lord.

After retirement, Gary enjoyed spending time with his sons and their families, working with his son's company, hunting deer and knife making. One of Gary's greatest joys was playing with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Gary is survived by his wife of 67 years, Valjean Sigman; children Gary, Jr. and Kim Sigman of Rock Hill, SC, and Brian and Polly Sigman of Poca; grandchildren Tyler and Kelsey Sigman of Fort Mill, SC, Brian Anthony and Becca Sigman of Hurricane, Tanner Sigman and Darcy Irish of Austin, TX, and Adam and Allison Sigman of Poca; great-grandchildren Blakey, Miles, and Drew Sigman, Summer and Piper Sigman, and Sadie Sigman; brother Marvin and Anita Sigman and sister Susie and Glen Phalen; brother-in-law Dallas and Retha Burkhammer and sister-in-law Nadine Harlow; cherished cousin Mike and Iris Creasy along with nephews and nieces.

Service was Sunday, March 15, 2026, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home in Poca. Burial was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House.

MINNIE ANN VALENTINE

Minnie Ann Eaton Valentine, 94, of Hurricane, passed away on March 12, 2026, at The Woodlands Retirement Community in Huntington.

She was born on December 9, 1931, to the late J. Russell and Beatrice Beckett Eaton in Huntington. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Howard "Pete" Valentine; and a brother, William "Bill" Eaton.

Minnie was a retired teacher with Cabell County Board of Education and was a member of Teays Valley Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her children: Mary Jane Pickens (Rick) and Karl Valentine (Janice); 3 grandchildren: Jessica Valentine Ziebell, Tom and Mike Pickens; and 3 great grandchildren: Walter, Oliver, and Camden Ziebell.

Graveside service for Minnie will be scheduled at a future date to be buried

with her husband at Rome-Proctorville Cemetery.

PAUL A. WITHROW

Paul A. Withrow, 73, of Red House, passed away Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at Hubbard Hospice House. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt and fish. He loved spending time in Florida alligator hunting, trotline fishing and riding airboats.

Born September 23, 1952, he was the son of the late Garland F. Withrow and Eloise Sigman Withrow.

Survivors include his daughter, Crystal (Andrew) Cunningham of Charleston; sister, Pat Grayson of Anstead; brother, David Withrow of Red House; grandchildren, Sebastian Poole and Syrus Withrow; sister-in-law Trisha Withrow; nieces, Dana Harmon and Emily Snyder; nephew, David Pauley.

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

ANGELA JEAN WOODALL

Angela Jean Woodall, 71, of Winfield, passed away on March 9, 2026, at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, OH.

She was born to the late Bill and Doris Jean (Johnson) Browning on April 30, 1954, in Cuyahoga Falls, OH. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her sister, Deanna Hartman; step-son, Glen Woodall; and lifelong friend, Clayton Lark.

Angela loved Christ and her family, especially her grandchildren. She was known by many names, but her favorite was Grammy and Nana. She enjoyed being around people, cooking, canning, reading mystery books and her bible, traveling to the beach or a trip to Amish Country.

She is survived by her son, Joshua Woodall (Michelle) of Poca; grandchildren: Aiyana Grant, Netis, Tahane, and Raini Woodall; sister, Susanne Null (Dennis) of Charleston; brother, Bill Browning (Karen) of Hurricane; and lifelong best friend, Dreama Walker; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Funeral service for Angela was Monday, March 16, 2026 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Rev. Dr. Melissa Pratt and Pastor Kim Miller officiating.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF WINFIELD PLANNING COMMISSION

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

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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, Winfield, WV 25213. The rezoning 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 on this case. Otherwise, they will announce the time, date and place of such a vote. 3-19-11

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CITY OF HURRICANE NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Hurricane City Council will hold a Special Council Meeting at Hurricane City Hall, 3255 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, WV 25526 on March 23, 2026 at 6:30pm to include the following agenda items: First Reading of 4.92 acres on Harbour Lane near Kelly's Cove subdivision, Second Reading of 14.53 acres at the intersection of US Route 60 and Virginia Avenue, FY2027 General Fund Budget, and FY2027 Coal Severance Fund Budget. 3-12-21

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Hurricane
75th Birthday March 23

HEATHER BLOSS
75 Scott Drive
Hurricane
Birthday March 23

BONNIE MONDAY
Trace Creek Road
Hurricane
81st Birthday March 23

RALPH ROZZI
3199 Howell's Mill Road
Ona
73rd Birthday March 23

PHILLIP BRADLEY
FRANKLIN
Maryland
68th Birthday March 24

BETSY ALLEN
968 Hurricane Creek Road
Hurricane
HAPPY 44TH
BIRTHDAY on March
24th From your Hurricane
Breeze Fans

CHRISTOPHER JACOB
(JAKE) CHAPMAN
107 Green Drive
Hurricane
46th Birthday March 24

LAURA DISNEY
813 Glade View Court
La Vergne, Tennessee
Birthday March 24

GEMMA DAMRON
Catlettsburg, Kentucky
11th Birthday March 24

AUDREY ANN ERWIN
Hurricane
10th Birthday March 24

JASON BOGGESS
Frazier's Bottom
Birthday March 24

REV ALFRED ANDREW
"SONNY" SOVINE
2468 Washington Avenue
Hurricane
88th Birthday March 25

BILL HALL
Barboursville
92nd Birthday March 25

LORA VANCE
4217 Lon Bledson Road
Milton
58th Birthday March 25

AMANDA PLANTS
RAMEY
4357 5&20 Mile Road
Frazier's Bottom
45th Birthday March 25

HAYLEE CAI NI MAYS
2095 County Road 118
Chesapeake, Ohio
25th Birthday March 25

HARRIS QUADE DIEHL
286 Rocky Step Road
Scott Depot
27th Birthday March 25

MARCY FROST
Huntington
Birthday March 25

JIM BARACH
Florida
70th Birthday March 25

FRANCESCA LUCINDA
JONES
Chaska, Minnesota
13th Birthday March 25

CECIL TAYLOR
1400 Taylor Street
Milton
Birthday March 25

ALAN BOWMAN
Turkey Creek Road
Hurricane
55th Birthday March 25

SCOTT ADAMS
Hurricane Creek Road

Democratic Women to Meet

The Putnam County Democratic Women's Club will be holding their monthly luncheon at noon on Saturday, March 21, at Sleepy Hollow Golf Club in Hurricane. Come for good food and conversation and connect, share updates, and discuss ideas that matter to the community.

The cost for the luncheon is \$22 per person. Call 304-727-2218 or email pcdwc@aol.com to RSVP.

Song and Praise Service

Wade Chapel Church, located at 4490 McLane Pike, Red House, will have a Song and Praise Service on Sunday evening, March 22, featuring the group Family Ties Trio, beginning at 6 p.m. The church is handicapped accessible and refreshments will be served following the service.

For more information, check out the church's Facebook Page. Everyone is welcome!

Girl Scout Cookie Sales

March 21
Hurricane Walmart - Noon - 6 p.m.

March 22
Hurricane Tractor Supply - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Hurricane Walmart - Noon - 6 p.m.

March 28
Winfield Wendy's - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

April 4
Hurricane Walmart - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

April 12
Hurricane Walmart - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Happy Anniversary

Mike and Deborah Smith Samples of Hurricane Creek Road in Winfield will celebrate their thirty-third wedding anniversary on March 20.

Bob and Mary Arnold of 2931 Putnam Avenue in Hurricane will celebrate their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary on March 21.

Jim and Judy Welch Taylor of Scott Depot will celebrate their sixty-second wedding anniversary on March 21.

Tom and Misty Harshbarger Carson of North Carolina will celebrate their twenty-ninth wedding anniversary on March 22.

Randy and Debby Scarberry of 22 Winters Way in Lesage will celebrate their forty-seventh wedding anniversary on March 23.

James and Gail Mees Enochs of Milton will celebrate their thirtieth wedding anniversary on March 23.

Chuck and Sharon Mannon of James River Turnpike in Culloden will celebrate their forty-second wedding anniversary on March 24.

Bob Jr. and Susan Mays of Ocala, Florida, will celebrate their fifty-ninth wedding anniversary on March 25.

Winfield
62nd Birthday March 26

DANIEL BLOSS
Scott Depot
Birthday March 26

AMY WARD
3032 Blooming Hill
Ona
57th Birthday March 26

Remembering Dad



I've read and I've heard that time heals all wounds. No way! My Dad, Delmar "Vernie" "Pete" Fisher would have had his 102nd birthday on Wednesday, March 25th. I'll never forget how thrilled he was to get his annual birthday cake that I baked and decorated for him. It always had yellow trimmed icing because it was Dad's favorite color. He had to have his sweets at every meal and before bedtime.

Dad's last birthday cake that he got to eat was on his 86th birthday. Way too many years ago. My life changed forever the day God called him home. I just can't get over losing him.

Oh, what a precious man and dad he was! He and I got along so well!

I often wonder if living in Heaven is like a birthday celebration every day. If so, I know Dad is still eating yellow icing on a white cake. Eat a piece for me, Dad!

So, as time goes by, it brings me closer to being with my Precious Dad again forever! It is soothing - but not healing.

Your Loving Daughter,
Linda Fisher Armstead

Hurricane Nazarene Glow Easter Egg Hunt

Hurricane First Church of the Nazarene, located on Route 60, will be holding Glow Easter Egg Hunt from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25.

Bring the kids and come to the firepit to start a fun evening with hot dogs, games and fellowship!

The Glow Easter Egg Hunt will begin as the sky darkens around 8 p.m. There will be two age groups: 0-5 years and 6+ years.

This is open to everyone in the community!

Tour the Hurricane Bridge Battlefield

On Saturday, March 28, historian Dr. Philip Hatfield will host a tour of the March 28, 1863, battlefield areas at Hurricane Bridge City Park. The tour begins at 11:00 a.m., and will last ninety minutes, is free, open to the public and requires walking short distances. The tour group will meet in the parking lot at the new city park on Midland Trail.

Dr. Hatfield will sign books afterward.

Contact Dr. Philip Hatfield Historian on Facebook if you plan to attend.

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 young female domestic shorthair cat.



Brutus (PCWV-A-5) is a large mixed breed male dog.



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