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The Wages of Sin Was Pretty Drastic

Editor's Note:
The following article by Irene Ambler was published August 4, 1983. We hope that you, our readers, enjoy it as we do.

By Irene Ambler
This is a true story. It is about the time when my honest upbringing did not help me to ward off one of the greatest temptations I ever experienced. I stole something. The something I stole was not very big, not very valuable, and not very important. The wages of my sin, however, caused me to suffer one of the most traumatic punishments an eight-year-old short, fat little girl could ever undergo.

In order to make clear all of the background ramifications and conditions of this story, I will have to go back to the time I was a third-grade student at the old two-story grade school on Second Street, Hurricane, which would be approximately three or four blocks from where we lived on Putnam Avenue.

The action began — or perhaps I should say the action started to commence to begin — around supertime one evening when I began to complain of stomach pains. My Mom, knowing me better than I knew myself, was certain that I needed a little something to cleanse and purge my system of perhaps a little too much to eat. She also knew that getting me to take medicine was like pulling eye teeth from an enraged boar hog or muzzling a lion.

I, with my eight-year-old brilliance, knew that a big dose of castor oil was inevitable; and I quickly stole off to bed. I had heard some whispered conversations between my Mom and my Dad and I heard him say that he would have to go to the drug store. When he came back he called to me to get up because he had some candy for me. Candy was a magic word — bellyache or not. I came bouncing downstairs just in time to see my Dad take a small blue and white tin box from his inside coat pocket. He took out a very small pink pill, saying, "Here, I got you some candy because you weren't feeling well." I quickly ate the minute delicacy, which tasted like peppermint, and was

simply delicious. Then he gave me the second one, which I demolished with gusto. I asked for more but he said that more sweet stuff would probably just make me feel worse and that if I was good he would get me a Teddy Bear sucker the next day.

The name of the "candy" was something like "Phenolax" I think, but I am not sure. Somewhere in our house I still have that little blue and white tin box which held the delightful confection. One day I'll probably run across it. I kept it as a souvenir and as a reminder that I must never, ever steal anything again, which I haven't to my knowledge.

Fortunately, I was feeling fine the next morning and was not able to tell any difference in my sanitary habits such as making quick trips to the johnny out near the alley during the early dawn hours. I declare, I never had any indications at all that that candy wasn't candy. I went downstairs, washed my face and hands, put on my navy blue skirt, my white middie blouse with the navy blue tie, over my bleached muslin petticoat and my black sateen bloomers with the legs which were long enough to pull down over stocking tops during cold weather. I never could understand why we had to wear black sateen bloomers. They were uncomfortable, big and baggy, they had an unpleasant odor about them I didn't like when you'd sweat, and they were just about the ugliest rigging which was ever made for a little girl to wear. I guess the richer kids had white bloomers maybe with lace crocheted on the legs; but I was destined — forever I thought — to be saddled with those everlasting black bloomers.

But even the bloomers couldn't spoil that day, which was really a beautiful early fall day when the breeze was friendly, the leaves were crunchy, the skies were blue, and the sun was a kind, warm blanket over the whole world. I was happy. Boy, was I happy, because I had a plan. I got up earlier than my Dad and, being a sly, crafty kid well into the ways of juvenile delinquency, I slipped into their bedroom, stealthily put my pudgy little hand

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City of Hurricane Turns Vision Into Reality



Putnam County Technical Center students train at the Hurricane Fire & Rescue Regional Training Center.

By Ron Allen

The Hurricane Fire Station on Midland Trail is more than a facility designed to meet the current and future needs of the local area. The \$6 million, 20,000 square foot facility includes a classroom that can accommodate more than

sixty individuals. The likelihood of Hurricane Fire & Rescue ever having sixty individuals in need of training at one sitting is nil.

The sleeping quarters of the facility provides for a some-time-in-the-future 12 paid, full-time first responders. The large classroom is not for projected Hurricane Fire

& Rescue training needs. The large classroom was part of the station's design because Hurricane Mayor Scott Edwards and others envisioned Hurricane Fire & Rescue training first responders from other locales. The design was formulated by Williamson Shriver Architects in 2021 with the thought of Hurricane Fire &

Rescue providing regional training.

On Thursday, March 19th, Edwards posted on Facebook an action video of students enrolled in the Fire and EMT program at Putnam County Technical Career Center receiving the training which was

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Hurricane First Baptist Church Dedication Ceremony

New Welcome Center, Accessibility Celebrated



The new welcome center, as seen from the Main Street side.

By Betsy Allen

This past Sunday was Jan Stoner's first time visiting the top floor of the First Baptist Church

of Hurricane, despite having attended services there for many years. As a wheelchair user, she had been restricted in where she could go in the church due to limited handicap access. With the church's new ADA Mobility Upgrade, however, she can explore the entire facility from top to bottom.

Over the years, First Baptist Church has seen many expansions, resulting in a large, sprawling complex which is three stories tall in places. The sanctuary and Family Life Center were handicap accessible, with an elevator going to the First Baptist Academy below. However, in order to access the Fellowship Hall and some of the other rooms on the ground floor, a wheelchair user would have to travel all the way around the building for a handicap entrance. The top floor, where the middle

school and high school classrooms are located, was completely off limits, as stairs were the only way to access that part of the church. In addition to these challenges, wheelchair users also faced difficulty with bathrooms which were too small for their equipment.

Last May, First Baptist Church began construction on a new welcome center and improvements to handicap accessibility. Built between two major sections of the church, the welcome center removes many of the obstacles which wheelchair users and those with limited mobility have faced over the years. A new elevator now reaches all three stories of the church, allowing complete access to the upper facilities. Short staircases built to bridge different levels of the ground floor have been replaced with gently

sloping floors. A too-steep makeshift ramp on the sanctuary level has been replaced by a much longer, ADA-approved ramp. The welcome center also features a café called The Blend, a conference room, more storage, and seating areas on all three floors.

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An Unwelcome Visitor



This coyote returned to the wilds on an empty stomach after discovering that she could not access the delicacies in the Breeze chicken lot on Monday, March 23rd.

WEATHER SUMMARY

March 17 - 23		
	Low	High
March 17		
Hurricane	15°	35°
March 18		
Hurricane	15°	41°
March 19		
Hurricane	27°	61°
March 20		
Hurricane	33°	67°
March 21		
Hurricane	39°	70°
March 22		
Hurricane	36°	81°
March 23*		
Hurricane	28°	55°

*RAIN
0.2 inch recorded Mar. 23

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 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.

- 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.

- The March Putnam Puzzler Competition will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Valley Park Conference Center in Hurricane. The cost is \$20 per team (2-4 people).

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.

- Coffee With A Twist, 101 Main Avenue, Nitro, will be hosting The Office Trivia Night starting at 6 p.m.

- There is karaoke every Friday from 9 p.m. to midnight at the Putnam Moose, located in Putnam Village Shopping Center in Teays Valley. Open to the public.

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

MARCH 28 - 29

- There will be a free marriage conference

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with speakers Zach and Mackenzie Sturgill at The Bridge Church, 279 Dairy Road, Poca. Times are Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Sunday at 10:45 a.m. To register, go to <https://thebridgepoca.subspla.sh/p7yd5js>

MARCH 28

- Oakwood Homes, 1 Pickens Road, Nitro, will be holding an Easter event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Egg hunt kicks off at 12:30 sharp.

- Coffee With A Twist, 101 Main Avenue, Nitro, will be hosting an Easter Bunny Brunch starting at 10 a.m.

- Shugar Shenanigans, 14 Bank Street, Nitro, will be visited by the Easter Bunny from 1 to 4 p.m.

- Mount Union Church, 19268 Jerry's Run Road, Pliny, will be holding their annual pancake breakfast and Easter egg hunt starting at 9 a.m.

- Fraziers Bottom Church of God, 19064 Winfield Road, Fraziers Bottom, will be holding an Easter egg hunt starting at 10 a.m.

- Enjoy brunch with the Easter Bunny from 9 to 11 a.m. and an Easter egg hunt at 11 a.m. at the Poca River Hunting, Fishing, and Recreation Club, 789 Dupont Road, Poca. The cost for the brunch is \$7.

- RIPPIN River Run in memory of Paul Withrow will start at 11 a.m. at Brookse's Bar and Grill, 13184 Winfield Road, Winfield. The cost is \$25.

- Teays Valley Church of God, 185 Connection Point, Scott Depot, will be holding their annual Easter Eggstravaganza from 2 to 4 p.m.

- The United Methodist Women of Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church at 2848 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane will be hosting their annual Spring Festival from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MARCH 29 AND APRIL 3

- The Nitro Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Sattes Circle, will be hosting The Streets of Jerusalem Easter Drama at 6 p.m. each day.

MARCH 29

- The Townsman will be performing at Faith Christian Fellowship, 54 Krystal Lane, Buffalo, at 6 p.m.

- Lone Oak Church of God Mission, 1303 Mclane Pike, Red House, will be holding a youth night service with evangelist Alex McCormick starting at 7 p.m.

- Cornerstone Lodge at Four Seasons Resort, 824 Hobba Drive, Buffalo, will be holding a Before the Vows Open House from noon to 3 p.m. Over 30 wedding vendors.

- Higher Ground Singing Group will be performing at 1:30 p.m. at Providence Baptist, 172 Cedar Way, Scott Depot.

- One Life Church, 318 Thompson Road, Culloden, will be holding their Easter egg hunt after the 10 a.m. Palm Sunday service. Ages 0-11.

- There are free line dancing lessons every Sunday night from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Putnam Moose, located in Putnam Village Shopping Center in Teays Valley. Open to the public.

- There will be a cornhole fundraiser for Baby Brooks Robinson starting at noon at the Putnam County Moose, located in Putnam Village Shopping Center, Teays Valley. The cost is \$40 per team. Open to the public.

- The Kentucky Mountain Bible College Choir will be performing at 10:40 a.m. at Hurricane Nazarene Church, located on Route 60.

- The Hurricane First

Governor's Mansion To Open For Free Easter Tours

Governor Patrick Morrisey and First Lady Denise Morrisey have opened the Governor's Mansion to the public for free Easter tours. Just in time for spring, tours of the Governor's Mansion give visitors an inside look at one of the Mountain State's most iconic landmarks, decorated in full Easter splendor. Guests are also invited to attend the Annual Rhododendron Roll, a family-friendly Easter celebration set to be held on Saturday, March 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the State Capitol Complex.

"Denise and I are looking forward to opening the Governor's Mansion for Easter tours," said Governor Patrick Morrisey. "From family fun at the Annual Rhododendron Roll to giving guests an inside look at our beautifully decorated home, we are thrilled to celebrate the resurrection season with families across West Virginia!"

Tours of the Governor's Mansion are offered for a limited time only, March 31 through April 2. To schedule your free guided

Church of God, 3225 East Putnam Avenue, will be holding their Fifth Sunday Evening Gospel Sing at 6 p.m.

- First Baptist Church of Hurricane will be presenting their Easter cantata, "I Believe," at 8:50 a.m. and 3 p.m.

MARCH 30

- Paul Boggess will be at Buffalo Methodist Church at 7 p.m.

MARCH 31

- The Buffalo Church of the Nazarene, 25053 Buffalo Road, will be holding an American Red Cross blood drive from 1 to 6 p.m. If you would like to schedule an appointment to donate, call (304) 437-0621.

- Mark Harris will be at Buffalo Church of God at 7 p.m.

- There are free line dancing classes at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at Brookse's Bar and Grill, 13184 Winfield Road, Winfield.

APRIL 1 - 4

- Mount Union Church, 19268 Jerry's Run Road, Pliny, will be holding Holy Week Services at 7 p.m. nightly. Sunday service at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

APRIL 1 - 3

- Red House Bible Church, 51 Warner Lane, Red House, will be hosting Journey to the Cross - A Drive Through Easter - at 6:30 p.m. each evening.

APRIL 1

- Mitchell Burch will be at Faith Christian Fellowship, 54 Krystal Lane, Buffalo, at 7 p.m.

APRIL 2

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

APRIL 3

- There will be a Cross Walk Through Buffalo starting at 6 p.m. at the gazebo. Hot dogs and fellowship at the Buffalo Church of God.

- The Girls' Night Out Comedy Show will be at 7 and 9 p.m. at The Garage, 3057 Mount Vernon Road, Scott Depot. Tickets are \$25 at the door.

- Wild & Wonderful Forest School will be hosting a reading and writing workshop for ages 4-7 at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley. For more information, go to <https://wildandwonderfulforestschoool.com>

tour today, go to <https://wvtourism.com/tours>

Reservations are required. Rhododendron Roll activities will take place on the back side of the Capitol Building, between the East and West Wings. Festivities will include easter egg hunts, Easter Bunny photo ops, bounce houses, food trucks, yard games, and more.

Putnam Town

And City Council Meetings

The Bancroft Town Council meets the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Bancroft Town Hall. Contact the Town Hall at 304-586-1227 for more information.

Eleanor Town Council meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month in the Homestead Room of the Town Hall. Meetings began at 7:30 p.m. Contact the Town Hall (304-586-2319) the Friday before the next scheduled meeting if you would like to be put on the agenda.

The Hurricane City Council meets the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Members of the public who wish to address Council may sign in prior to the start of the

Marshall To Present Spring

Dance Concert

The Marshall University School of Theatre & Dance will present its Spring Dance Concert at 7:30 p.m. March 28 and at 2 p.m. March 29 at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. The dance concert will feature works by faculty, students and guest artists.

In continuation with last fall's Works-In-Progress Showcase, audiences are brought inside of the creative process with the developing choreographic works in presentation, said Shelby Nelson, adjunct professor of dance at Marshall.

"This concert gives our students the opportunity to continue developing their original compositions," she said. "They are guided through the development of their choreographic works from impetus to stage.

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

I had read that Hurricane is finally getting a new middle school. Finally! Oh my. Unbelievable. I remember...

Junior high...I still do not think that 6th graders need to be in junior high/middle school, and I certainly will never believe that ninth graders kids should be in high school with seniors who are adults. Most of them...

Some parts of the country have gone back to junior high 7-9...high school 10-12... I have never been sure why it ever changed. I have thoughts...

It worked for years, but

meeting.

The Buffalo Town Council meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. For more information, call (304) 937-2041.

The Winfield City Council meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. For more information or to contact any council members, please call the Winfield City Hall at (304) 586-2122.

"This spring concert is truly an act of collaboration. Through this performance, we are able to share a wide variety of movement practices happening around campus. From classwork to creative research, contributions from professionals working in Huntington, and the season choreography of MU Dance Team, we hope to offer audiences a show that embodies the breadth of creativity and connectivity in our university and community."

Tickets are \$5 for Marshall students, \$15 for seniors age 60 and older, as well as Marshall employees, and \$22 for general admission. The box office opens at 1 p.m. March 23 for sales. Tickets will also be available on Ticketmaster.com.

All are welcome.

there are those who insist on change because "they" think it works. Anyone who has spent any time in a high school, teaching, most likely wonders why the little 9th graders are with the older seniors.

The new middle school will be in the valley near the high school. I never thought the high school should have been moved from Hurricane... oh! I know the address is Hurricane, but it is out of "town"... oh well... old news... it happens and nothing changes the inevitable.

Among others, I wonder what it will be like for parents getting in and out of the schools as they deliver their kids. Perhaps they will start and end at different times. Perhaps more kids will ride the buses. Perhaps parents will car pool. Perhaps they will widen the road. I have no answers. After all, I live in Indianapolis where we have traffic. Real traffic. I lived at the beach where it took 30 minutes to go three miles. I adjusted. That is the way it was there and the way it is here.

I lived in Teays Valley. I got through West Teays to teach at HHS. I knew to leave earlier. I have never seen traffic there the way I have in other places. Oh well.

A new middle school. Imagine...those of us who attended the really OLD junior high in Hurricane... sawdust on the floors... ice and snow around us. Wind blowing the windows until they rattled. Bathrooms that were... no comment... cold rooms in the winter and hot and humid in the summer. This school will be a Cadillac compared to a rusty old truck. Picture that... I am excited for the students.

A new building... amazing. I hope that each teacher who enters will be caring and kind and eager to teach those children... because the way we were is the way we are... loving the students and wanting them to learn... the story continues... next a new high school building... this one must be how old?

Buffalo Baptist Church

287 High Street <https://www.facebook.com/BufaloBaptistWV>

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

Five Loaves Three Fishes Church

Poca United Methodist Church Silver Street (304) 755-7341

Food pantry open from 9 a.m. to noon second and fourth Saturday

Heizer Creek Community Church

6580 Heizer Creek Road, Poca

Food pantry on the third Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. - noon.

Food and More At The Bridge

The Bridge Church 279 Dairy Road Poca (304) 373-6068

Church offers hot meals, food pantry boxes, and a clothing closet from 5 to 8 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month

Bridge Family Resource Center

30 Mallory Lane North, St. Albans 304-727-6991

Resource Day is held on the third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Clothing, furniture, household, and other items

The Wages of Sin

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into his coat pocket and snatched the little white and blue box of “candy”.

Harriet Draper was my teacher; and I loved her dearly; but ever so often a kid has to put a little something or other over on a teacher. We had geography right after noon from a big blue book with orange letters. We always had a study period right after noon so, I suppose, our food would digest and we could prepare ourselves for a long afternoon of school, which didn't let out until 4 pm. I had been bidding my time all day, knowing full well that the geography book held up on my desk would be a perfect foil for what I had so deviously planned to do — and did!

The Phenolax box contained two dozen of the delightful little pink candies; and as I had eaten only two the previous night, I had twenty-two to go.

Glutton that I was, I ate twenty-two physic pills behind my blue and orange geography book. I was as pleased with myself as a Persian cat which has just consumed a three hundred dollar Mynah bird or a two hundred dollar Managua cichlid fish.

I felt fine all evening and was as happy as a coon all afternoon. I waltzed up Second Street, crossed over to Main Street, visited a while with John Burdette and Frank Pierce in their grocery store, and nonchalantly wended my way homeward without a care in the world.

The pains started hitting me right about where Allen Funeral Home now is. If that establishment had been there at that time I would have been a most appropriate setting, because I could well tell that Irene was for sure a dead duck. The first one was rather gentle, just a suggestion that something was wrong in my innards. By the time I got to the overhead bridge, the full intensity of the spasms in my stomach and the entire region of my abdomen had hit full force. What happened on the overhead bridge was almost as catastrophic as what was to happen a few years later when the C&O engine blew up. For anyone to use the Appalachian expression that I didn't know whether to run or to do something else would not be apropos in this earthshaking event. I COULDN'T run; and I had already accomplished the other alternative.

Making my way on to our house was one of the most painful of experiences. The only thing which kept the entire neighborhood from

knowing about the super accident which I had and was till having was the tightness of the elastic in my black sateen bloomers. It would be impossible to describe my discomfort. I felt like I weighed a ton from the waist down, especially right above the elastic at my knees. I can recall with total clarity just how terrible and how embarrassed and how scared I was. I tried to figure out how to walk with the unspeakable burden; and I finally decided that the best way I could do it was to place my feet as far apart as possible and walk stiff-legged the rest of the distance home, which was about a block.

I may have thought I could get into the house in secret, destroy my tell-tale evidence, and clean myself up. But I knew I couldn't do that because I had only one other pair of bloomers. I could just as well have forgotten any plans I had at concealment, because my Mom was sweeping the front walk when I reached home and she almost dropped her broom when she fairly shouted, “What in the world is wrong with you? Have you been hurt or are your legs chapped?” It didn't take her long to understand the situation when she got close to me.

She hastened me to the garage, stripped me down stark, staring naked and said, “You stand there until I can get a tub of water pumped and clean you up.” The water was very cold just coming up out of our deep well. But she did get the initial damage off me and later warmed a tub of water and gave me a good scudging with soap.

I was afraid I was going to get a whipping; but I didn't. Instead, I can remember some faint little chuckles coming from their bedroom that night; and I know what the subject of the amusement was. It was me!

In thinking that whole painful, punishing experience over, and knowing full well that I got my just desserts, it has just occurred to me, in considering the talk one hears about situation ethics nowadays, that I may have accepted too much of the blame in that awful experience.

Actually, was it my fault and my due to be punished for stealing; or was it my Dad's fault for fibbing to me about the “candy”?

Who knows? It somehow helps me to reminisce about things concerning our family and to get a smile or two about some of the simple, funny things which happened to us when my Mom and my Dad were still with us.

Hurricane First Baptist Church

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“I really enjoy the new improvements and going around the church and seeing other areas besides the sanctuary and Family Life Center,” says Jan, who enjoyed touring the new facility. “It is a blessing I have access now to the church.”

On Sunday, March 22, a dedication ceremony was held to commemorate the new welcome center and accessibility improvements, and the congregation was allowed to see the new facility for the first time.

“It's been said, ‘If you build it, they will come,’ but I say if you don't build it with a way to welcome people, they will not come,” said Pastor Jeff Davenport. “This is not just



Ron and Jan Stoner wait for the elevator on the third floor of the church, an area which Jan had previously been unable to reach due to lack of handicap accessibility.

with regard to the physical building. The people need to be welcoming as well.”



The new welcome center features a café called The Blend.



A new handicap ramp with a gradual slope replaces the makeshift ramp which had previously been used to go up a short flight of four stairs. According to ADA guidelines, with every inch of vertical rise, a ramp must be 12 inches long.



First Baptist Church's new welcome center, as seen from outside. The structure features a covered canopy for passenger loading and unloading.

Vision Into Reality

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envisioned five years ago. Without the Hurricane facility, PCTC students would be forced to travel to a distant facility (perhaps out of state) to receive quality instruction.

“The Fire Station was built with the intent that it would be a regional training center,” Edwards said. “I chose Paul Niedbalski to head Hurricane Fire & Rescue because of his background in training. He served Charleston

Fire Department in that capacity.”

The City of Hurricane applied for and received Municipal Home Rule status in 2020. Home Rule generated over \$1.7 million in 2022 from a 1% sales tax to provide the funding for Hurricane Fire & Rescue and the development of Bridge Park. The sales tax

continues to pay off the bond obligations which funded construction at both the Fire Station and at Bridge Park.

The City has been enabled to fund additional training aids for the regional center through \$263,000 in grants from the State for regional facilities.

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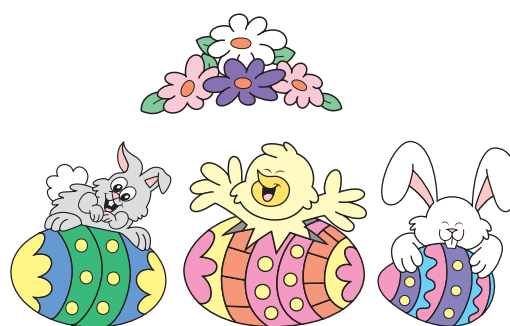


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Fillers Page

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Purging Keepsakes

By Velma Kitchens of Culloden

Some people just like to work puzzles. I am not one of them. However, a few weeks ago, my ten-year-old grandson loaned me an 80 piece puzzle to put together. I looked at him like he was kidding, but he said, "Memaw, it's good for your brain." So I took it.

I brought that box home that evening and just looked at it. I decided I would try it the next day. I put the parts on the table but decided to put them on a card table I have so I would have more room for those 80 pieces just looking at me ready to be put in their correct places.

Did I say I never liked puzzles except those baby ones with 10 pieces? I was determined to put that thing together. This puzzle is of the solar system with all the planets! There is a lot of blue and stars in this puzzle. Where oh where will they go? I prayed that the Lord would help me with this puzzle and He did.

When we think we do anything on our own, we are very wrong! We

can't do anything without His help. I worked on the puzzle for days and when I walked by the table, I would stop and find a few more pieces to put together. Some days I spent more time, some days less, but I did get the puzzle finished, and it is beautiful! All the planets that God made and the whole universe is a miracle.

I am going to thank my grandson for the puzzle and it did help me to get out of my comfort zone of word searches. I plan to get a puzzle and put it together to frame. I think the 80 piece is just right.

I did do some decoupage Christmas tree ornaments. I really enjoyed that. The fancy name is just cutouts and pasting them to a piece of paper. I used cardboard and put a hole with hole punch and some yarn. Wasn't bad.

Remember you can't do anything without Jesus. John 15:5.

How is your Bible reading going?

Recipes

Submitted by Connie Reddington of Eleanor

Crisp 5-minute Cabbage

1 1/2 cups milk
1 quart shredded cabbage
1 1/2 tablespoon flour
1 1/2 tablespoon melted butter or margarine
Salt and pepper

Heat milk and add the cabbage. Simmer about 2 minutes. Mix the flour and melted fat and add a little of the hot milk. Stir this mixture into the cabbage, and cook 3 or 4 minutes, or until thickened, stirring constantly. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Makes 4 servings, about 1/2 cup each.

Sugar Snap Peas with Parmesan Breadcrumbs

Melt 1 tablespoon butter in a skillet over medium heat. Add 3 tablespoons breadcrumbs and toast, 3 minutes. Mix with 3 tablespoons each grated parmesan and chopped mixed herbs and 1/4 teaspoon each kosher salt and grated lemon zest. Boil 1 pound trimmed sugar snap peas until crisp-tender, about 4 minutes; drain and top with the breadcrumbs.



Have A 'Hoppy' Easter With A Holiday Ham

(Feature Impact) When your kitchen is full of colorful eggs, candy baskets, tempting sweets and all that comes with Easter, sometimes a holiday classic is just the answer for simplifying the season. Perfect for pairing with deviled eggs, potato salad and a traditional Sunday feast, this Maple-Glazed Easter Ham provides a hands-off approach to the main dish.

With an easily prepared glaze and your oven doing most of the work, you can keep your attention on time spent with loved ones. Visit Culinary.net to find more seasonal favorites, both classic and contemporary.

Maple-Glazed Easter Ham

Recipe adapted from Southern Living
Total time: 3 hours
Servings: 10

1 bone-in spiral-cut ham (8-9 pounds)
1 cup pure maple syrup
1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar
1/2 cup (4 ounces) bourbon
1/2 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
orange slices and wedges, for garnish
fresh rosemary sprigs, for garnish

Preheat oven to 350 F.

Place ham in large roasting pan and fill with 1/2 inch of water. Cover pan with aluminum foil and bake about 2 hours, basting every 30 minutes with juices from pan, until meat registers 120 F at thickest portion.

In medium saucepan over medium-high heat, stir maple syrup, brown sugar, bourbon, ginger and cinnamon; bring to boil. Cook, stirring occasionally, until thickened, 6-8 minutes. Remove from heat. Cover to keep warm and set aside.

Remove ham from oven and discard foil. Increase oven temperature to 400 F. Using pastry brush, glaze ham with 1/3 cup maple-bourbon mixture.

Bake ham about 30 minutes until top is lightly caramelized and meat registers 145 F at thickest portion, brushing with remaining glaze every 10 minutes.

Remove from oven and transfer ham to serving platter. Let rest 15 minutes and garnish with orange slices, orange wedges and rosemary sprigs.

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

Peace is better than being right.

Love is built every day, not found in a moment.

Your parents are aging silently while you're busy scrolling.

It's funny, my spouse never complained before I had hearing aids.

Without initiative, leaders are simply workers in leadership positions.

Your time with family will one day be your greatest treasure.

When you get a bladder infection, you know urine trouble.

Health becomes your wealth when pain finally visits.

The girl between the gold posts? Oh, that's Annette.

Failure is the condiment that gives success its flavor.

Truth may ring out like a bell, but it's seldom ever tolled.

In a gentle way, you can shake the world.

May Jesus be seen in me in spite of me.

The cautious seldom err.

Faith is the force of life.

When you teach a wolf to meditate, he becomes aware wolf.

I'm terrified of elevators and I'm taking steps to avoid them.

Some people are such treasures you just want to bury them.

Doing nothing is hard. You never know when you're done.

God will open doors for you that no one can close.

Doggies can't operate MRI scanners but catscan.

Still young at heart, slightly older in other places.

You find wisdom when you stop rushing.

Silence is more powerful than yelling.

Be blessed and be a blessing.

There are times when silence has the loudest voice.

Don't take life too seriously. We will never get out of it alive.

Sometimes the most poisonous people come disguised as family.

Forgiving is not forgetting; it's remembering without anger.

I finally figured out what I want to be when I get older. Younger.

If you dig a grave for others, you might fall into it yourself.

Unlike the brain, the stomach alerts you when it's empty.

I wish I were as fat as I was the first time I



thought I was fat.

I'll bet aliens ride past earth and lock their doors.

May you heal from the things no one ever apologized for.

The folly of one man is the fortune of another.

You can never plan the future by the past.

What people hate in you is missing in them.

The trick to age gracefully is to enjoy it.

True friends are worth the wait.

Call your parents while they're still alive. One day, you'll beg for that chance.

Save money even when you think you don't need to, life gets expensive fast.

The chewing gum manufacturer was arrested for unlicensed ex-spearments.

Three stages of life: Wanting stuff. Accumulation stuff. Getting rid of stuff.

I'm not bitter, just lucky I got to live my best years before the world went completely nuts.

Doggies are like constant reminders that love can be simple and unconditional.

Treat your partner with honor, and you will receive honor in return.

You learn the value of money only after wasting years chasing status.

Cover your family in prayer before the world covers them in lies.

I come from a family where the first cousins grew up like brothers and sister.

A big shout-out to all the people who talk to their pets like they're humans.

Slow progress is better than no progress. Stay positive and don't give up.

Trusting a doggy just feels safer than trusting most humans.

It's better to be tired from work than broke from laziness.

Not to know is bad. Not to wish to know is worse.

God is still writing your story. Quit trying to steal the pen. Trust the Author.

One day, I told God: "I'm done." He replied: "Good, now I can begin."

A tiny spark that set a forest on fire, so the tongue can set a life on fire with ill-spoken words.

You're the greatest project you'll ever work on. Restart. Reset. Refocus. As many times you need.

Some days, I wish I could go back in life, not to change anything, but to feel a few things twice.

I have a genius idea, let's raise Social Security instead of letting Congress give themselves a raise.

Stop wasting your time on people who treat you good one day, then act like you don't exist the next day.

Beautiful memories are like old friends. They're not always on your mind, but they're always in your heart.

If you don't like the road you're walking, start paving another one. - Dolly Parton

Everyone has a right to be stupid, it's just that some people have misused the privilege.

Pets are not just animals; they're the heartbeat of every home that opens its door to them.

A jealous spirit will cause you to mistreat people who could have been a blessing to you.

I'm at that delusional age where I think everyone my age looks way older than I do.

You can tell it's been a long, hard winter when your leg hairs have split-ends.

We are never more like Jesus than when we are serving Him or others.

We will never forget the Americans who gave everything.

Friends who makes you smile on your worst days are a blessing.

I wish I was as tired at bedtime as I am at 3 p.m. on any given day.

May your heart find the strength to keep going and the courage to never give up.

When you walk alone, it's called a race; when God walks with you, it's called grace.

A friend who brings you closer to Jesus is a treasure to be cherished.

I still have my hourglass figure; I've just added a little more sand.

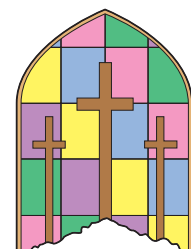
Fake people have an image to maintain. Real people just don't care.

"Friend" is such a simple word for one of the great necessities of life.

The best way to start the day is with a grateful heart.

I love a man in uniform unless he's in my rear view mirror.

Bible Verse



Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwisely but as wisely, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. — Ephesians 5:15-16



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Forrest Burdette Spring Festival

The United Methodist Women of Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church at 2848 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane will be hosting their annual Spring Festival from 9:00 until 2:00 on Saturday, March 28. There will be many vendors featuring a variety of products including beautifully handcrafted items.

Also available for purchase will be our delicious chocolate covered candy Easter eggs at \$5.00 each.

Plan to have lunch as well, enjoying great barbecue sandwiches and hot dogs and finish with tempting baked goodies for dessert. Questions? Call the church office at (304) 562-5903.

Fifth Sunday Gospel Sing

The Hurricane First Church of God will be holding their Fifth Sunday Evening Gospel Sing on March 29 at 6 p.m.

Singers include Rick Towe of Point Pleasant. There will also be some of the local church singers for your enjoyment.

The church is located at 3225 East Putnam Avenue, one block north of the new Dollar Tree store.

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. Phil Hatfield Historian on Facebook if you plan to attend.

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Happy Anniversary

Eric and Beth Morrison of Indian Meadows in Ona will celebrate their thirty-fourth wedding anniversary on March 27.

Darrell and Sarah Meadows of 5727 Whitten Ridge Road in Milton will celebrate their fifty-third wedding anniversary on March 30.

David Paul and Sara White-Cresap of 19210 N Concho Circle, Sun City, Arizona, will celebrate their twenty-second wedding anniversary on April 1.

Zachariah and Kathy Gillispie Phillips of Daniels, West Virginia, will celebrate their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary on April 1.

Troy and Linda Bird of Culloden will celebrate their twenty-first wedding anniversary on April 2.

Hurricane Church Of God Yard Sale

The Hurricane First Church of God would like to invite everyone to their springtime church-wide yard sales on Saturday, April 4 and 11, beginning at 8 a.m. and continuing until about 1 p.m.

The sale will be held inside the church fellowship building, which is located at the back of the church. The sale will proceed regardless of weather conditions. The sale will feature a large variety of items by the membership and friends.

The church is located at 3225 East Putnam Ave, one block north of Dollar Tree. Come and visit. You may find just what you've been looking for.

Buffalo Founders Day

The Friends of Buffalo WV History Group will be hosting Buffalo Founders Day on April 4. The event will kick off with the Rededication of the newly refurbished Buffalo Welcome Center at 10 a.m. and an Open House of the Buffalo Historic Square.

At 11:00, the Buffalo Historical Square Community Church will be serving homemade beef soup and other goodies for lunch.

At noon, meet at the Flagpole and get the History of the Town of Buffalo while on a personal guided tour of the Historic Square.

At 1:00, we will celebrate the Town of Buffalo 187th Birthday by having Birthday Cake at the Welcome Center.

The Event will end at 2 p.m.

There is no admission and The Welcome Center, Buffalo Methodist, Buffalo Academy, and The Historical Square Community Church are all Handicapped Accessible. All are Welcome! For more details, check out Friends of Buffalo WV History on Facebook.

Developmental Screening

Putnam County Schools Developmental Screenings will be held on Friday, April 10, at the Teays Valley Baptist Church on Teays Valley Road. Children ages 2 1/2 to 4 years will be screened for speech/language, hearing, vision, motor skills, social skills, self-help, and cognition.

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

Neighbors Feeding Neighbors

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

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

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

Girl Scout Cookie Sales

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.

Bonnie's Bus to Offer Mammograms in Hurricane

Bonnie's Bus mobile mammography unit will visit Wayne, Lincoln, Putnam, and Ritchie counties offering three-dimensional (3D) digital screening mammograms and breast care education to women.

A service of WVU Medicine-WVU Hospitals and the WVU Cancer Institute, Bonnie's Bus will be at Valley Health of Hurricane from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 17. For an appointment, call 304-760-6040.

Local Students Honored at University of Maryland

More than 18,700 University of Maryland Global Campus students were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2025 term. To be eligible for the honor, a student must complete at least six credits during the term, earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at UMGC.

Danielle Hershey of Red House

James Witt of Poca

University of Maryland Global Campus was founded more than 75 years ago specifically to serve the higher education needs of working adults and military servicemembers. Today, UMGC is the largest provider of postsecondary education in Maryland and continues its global tradition with online and hybrid courses, more than 175 classroom and service locations worldwide, and more than 135 degrees and certificates backed by the reputation of a state university and the University System of Maryland.

The screening mammograms are billed to private insurance, Medicaid, or Medicare, if available. Patients who are underinsured or uninsured and meet enrollment criteria will be assisted in enrolling in the West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program (WVBCCSP) to cover the cost of their screening mammogram.

Uninsured women living in West Virginia who are 40 and older can receive a free screening mammogram on the Bus through the generosity of grant funding and donations. A physician's order is needed for a mammogram.

Bonnie's Bus has provided more than 34,000 mammograms for women throughout West Virginia and led to the detection of more than 202 cases of breast cancer since 2009. Many of those screened are underinsured or uninsured and qualify for screening through the WVBCCSP.

Bonnie's Bus works in collaboration with a statewide partnership of clinicians, public health professionals, women's groups, and other community leaders working to help reduce the number of deaths from breast cancer in West Virginia.

Made possible by a generous gift from West Virginia natives Jo and Ben Statler to the Cancer Institute, Bonnie's Bus is operated in partnership with WVU Hospitals. The Bus is named after Jo Statler's late mother, Bonnie Wells Wilson.

For information on Bonnie's Bus, see WVUCancer.org/Bonnie

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



Leo (PCWV-A-26985) is a one-year-old orange and white male shorthair cat.



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Daily Bible Readings

Matthew	Exodus	Psalms	Luke	Isaiah	1 Peter	Hebrews
27:1-54	10:21-29	22:19-31	23:1-43	50:1-11	1:3-25	13:1-16

BASIC BIBLE

By Ron Allen
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Jesus Bears God's Wrath

Mark 15:16-39

The text before us describes the hours preceding the death of Jesus. The four gospels present accounts of these hours which differ in descriptive detail. The description presented in Mark is almost identical to that of Matthew. A careful reading of the two accounts reveals only small differences. Differences will not be a focus of the discussion to follow.

"And the soldiers led him away" (v. 16). The soldiers led Jesus away from the home of Pilate. Shortly before, perhaps less than two hours earlier, the Sanhedrin council consulted and determined that Jesus should be brought before Pilate where He could (and would) be found guilty of treason against Rome. The religious leaders had found Jesus guilty of blasphemy and would have executed Him by stoning as set forth in the law of Moses had possessed the power to do so. Excesses by the Sanhedrin more than twenty years earlier (6 A.D.), had caused Rome to forbid Jews to execute anyone. Jesus, under Roman law, could only be executed by Rome and for offenses against Rome. Pilate, under pressure to appease the Jewish leaders, found Jesus guilty of seeking to replace Herod (the king appointed by Rome).

"And they clothed him in purple . . ." (v. 17). They clothed Jesus in royal attire in mockery. They followed this act by "honoring" Jesus with a crown of thorns and hailing Him to be King of the Jews. These acts of mockery were followed by three more. The soldiers smote Jesus with a reed, spit upon Him, and bowed before Him in pretense.

Mockery is an absurd misrepresentation that is employed to refute an assertion. The soldiers acted in ignorance. Jesus never claimed His kingdom to be of this earth (see Jn. 18:36). Their portrayal of the reign of an earthly king was as absurd as was the charge of treason.

" . . . and led him out to crucify him" (v. 20b). Jesus was subject to execution by crucifixion, a brutal death, because He was not a Roman citizen.

"And they compel one Simon a Cyrenian . . ." (v. 21). The scriptures do not state the reason for this conscription. We know that Jesus was scourged (see v. 15). The severity of His scourging was prophesied seven hundred years earlier by Isaiah. " . . . his visage was so marred more than any man" (Isa. 52:14). Psalm 22:17 suggests that bones of the rejected righteous servant would be visible to the eye. Simon may have been enlisted because Jesus was physically unable to bear His cross after being scourged.

"And they gave him to drink . . ." (v. 23). Myrrh mingled with wine served as a pain deadener. Jesus chose to suffer the full pain of death upon the cross.

" . . . they parted his garments, casting lots upon them" (v. 24). Again, the happenings of that day point us to the 22nd Psalm. David, the psalmist, was moved by the Spirit to cry out in anguish, "They in part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture" (Ps. 22:18). Roman soldiers cast lots for Jesus vesture. Roman soldiers nailed His hands and His feet to the cross. Did unbelieving Roman soldiers cause all that is recorded in Ps. 22:14-18 to come to pass? The text before us reveals the fulfillment of which God spoke through David in Psalm 22.

"And the superscription of his accusation . . ." (v. 26). The superscription identifies the offense for which one was crucified. Jesus was crucified because He was King of the Jews, the king they rejected (see I Sam. 8:7). The superscription identified Jesus as the rejected righteous servant of whom Isaiah prophesied (Isa. 53:2).

"And with him they crucify two thieves" (v. 27). Again, the scripture before us shouts out the words of Isaiah. Verse 28 explicitly states that Isaiah 53:12 was fulfilled.

Read the words of verses 29-31 and Psalm 22:7-8. Unbelieving Jews fulfilled the very words of the God whom they rejected.

"And when the sixth hour was come . . ." (v. 33). The darkness that fell upon the land for three hours cannot be explained by known natural occurrences. It was, however, a physical event which was observed by all. It was like the darkness which fell upon Egypt when Moses stretched forth his hand (Ex. 10:22). It was a darkness from God.

Verse 34 points all to Psalm 22:1. Men read and marvel at the words which Jesus said. Few, however, consider the question asked of God. The question is not unanswered in Psalm 22 or in the gospel of Mark. The Father, however, answered the question before Jesus went to the cross. The Father answered when the Son said: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (Jn. 3:16).

Jesus cried out in the ninth hour (the third hour of darkness). Jesus called out, asking why He had been forsaken, because He had become sin and experienced the darkness of separation from the Father. The darkness was not lifted until after His soul was made an offering for sin (Isa. 53:10).

"And the veil of the temple was rent" (v. 38). The veil that separated men from the presence of God was torn from above (top to bottom) by God when the Son was made an offering for sin. The heel of the promised seed had been bruised (Gen. 3:15) when He bruised the serpent's head.

" . . . when the centurion . . . saw" (v. 39). The centurion (a Gentile) proclaimed "Truly this is the Son of God." The veil was rent and the centurion saw and believed. May all men see and believe.



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KIDS TALK ABOUT GOD

BY CAREY KINSOLVING AND FRIENDS

Why Didn't the Disciples Understand That Jesus Must Rise From the Dead?

"If I saw an empty tomb, I'd check for zombies," says Logan, 9. "I wouldn't think, 'Oh, Jesus rose from the dead!' because that would sound like a fairy tale."

That may be exactly what the disciples thought at first. On that first Easter morning, Mary Magdalene arrived at the tomb early and saw the stone rolled away. She didn't shout, "He's risen!" Instead, she ran to tell Peter and John that someone had taken Jesus' body.

When Peter and John got to the tomb, they found the linen burial cloths still there, folded, not ripped or scattered like you'd expect if someone had stolen the body. But even then, John 20:9 says, "For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that he must rise again from the dead."

How could Jesus' closest friends miss something so important?

People tend to hear what they want to hear. The idea of a suffering, crucified Messiah didn't fit what the disciples were hoping for. Like many in Israel, they were looking for a strong king to defeat the Romans, not a Lamb who would be sacrificed for the sins of the world.

When someone you love dies, your world turns upside down. Grief can cloud your thinking. The disciples were heartbroken, confused and scared. Resurrection wasn't on their radar.

But that empty tomb began to change everything.

C.S. Lewis once wrote, "He has forced open a door that had been locked since the death of the first man. He has met, fought, and beaten the King of Death." The resurrection is not just a nice ending to the story. It's the story's turning point.

As author Josh McDowell said, "The resurrection of Jesus Christ is either the most wicked, heartless hoax ever foisted upon the minds of men, or it is the most fantastic fact of history."

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Obituaries

NORMA JEAN ANDERSON

Norma Jean Anderson, 93, of Winfield, passed away January 11th, 2026. She was preceded in death by her husband Raymond, parents Babe and Dewey Lackey, most of her siblings and many extended family members. She is survived by all of her children, Gary, Larry, Steve, DJ, her daughter-in-law Cindy, her only grandchild Addison, sisters JoAnn Whitaker and Yvonne Holland and many extended family members.

A service will be held at noon, on Saturday, April 4th, at Meadow Grove Baptist Church located at 1829 Dawson-Springdale Road, Grassy Meadows, WV 25962.

CLARA E. CHITTUM

Clara Elizabeth Chittum, lovingly known by all as "Topsy", a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and woman of unwavering faith, went home to be with the Lord on March 17, 2026.

She was born on December 2, 1939 to the late Thomas L. Sr. and Mary Maxine Hatfield Chittum. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by an infant daughter, Debra D. Cremeans; sister, Nancy Dabbs; and brothers: Clifford, Richard and Thomas Sutherland.

To know her was to witness a life truly lived for Christ. Her faith was not only something she spoke about, it was something she lived out daily in the quiet, selfless ways that touched everyone around her. She believed deeply that love should be shown through actions and she made it her life's mission to serve others with a humble and giving heart.

Her family was her greatest blessing and her most treasured calling. She poured herself into caring for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, always putting their needs above her own without hesitation. Whether through a comforting word, a helping hand, or simply being present, she made sure everyone felt loved, supported, and never alone.

One of the greatest gifts she gave her family was her steadfast faith in God. She instilled in them the truth

of Romans 8:28; that in all things, God works for the good of those who love Him. She wanted them to carry that promise in their hearts, especially in life's hardest moments, and it became a foundation they will hold onto forever.

Her legacy is one of faith, sacrifice, compassion, and unconditional love. The seeds she planted in her family and in all who knew her will continue to grow for generations to come.

She will be deeply missed, but her family finds peace in knowing she is now at home with the Lord she faithfully served.

Clara is survived by her children: Jack "Skip" (Kim) Cremeans Jr., of Hurricane, Mary Skot Lilly of Hurricane, Gregory Lile (April) Cremeans of Independence, KY and Lyla (Billy) Woodward of Port Charlotte, FL; grandchildren: Allison (Cam) Koehler, Kayla Lilly, Morgan (Daniel) Coles, TJ Hendricks, Alex Cremeans, Keaton Hendricks, Taylor (Dakota) Newman, Nathan Cremeans, and Paris (Layla) Cremeans; great-grandchildren: Audrey, Landon, Reece, Braxton, Ezra, Jocelyn, Maggie Jane, Ellyanna, Emerie, Molly and I on the way; siblings: Cynthia Sacher, Patricia "Jimmie" Richmeier, and Thomas "Butch" (Drema) Chittum Jr.

There will be no services at this time. Clara will be laid to rest in Culloden Cemetery at a later date.

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 Suttle, and Bruce Schoolcraft; step-children, Sandy Hurley and Dorothy

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Rollins; brothers, Michael Flinner and Carl Flinner; 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.

JOAN ALLEN ENGEL

Joan Allen Halsey Engel, 81, of Hurricane, passed away on March 18, 2026.

She was born on August 4, 1944 to the late Arthur W. and Ruth Marie Payne Halsey in Pineville. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her brothers: Jack and Doug Halsey.

Joan was a Registered Nurse early in life and later helped build and run Engel Welding in St. Albans. She was a long-time member and thoroughly enjoyed her time with the ladies of the Red Hat Society. She was also a member of other civic organizations and regularly played bridge with several clubs in the area. However, the thing she loved most was being Granny to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a devoted Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother who absolutely loved spending time with all of them.

Joan cared for many loved ones throughout her life. She had an immense and lasting impact on so many people.

Joan is survived by her husband, Robert "Bob" Engel; sons: Tim (JoElla) Engel and Lance (Angela) Engel both of Hurricane; grandchildren: Mallory (Ben) Samples, Jacob (Taylor) Engel, Alexa (Michael) Fruth, Samantha

(Josh) Twohig and Robert (Haley) Engel; 8 great-grandchildren; sisters: Jean Aliff of Beckley, WV, Janet Vandall of Dayton, OH, Joyce Erickson of Wilmington, NC and Jerri Hartsock of VA; as well as other family members and friends.

RICHARD FELLURE

Richard Fellure, 79, of Hurricane, passed away Monday morning March 16, 2026.

He was born to the late Curtis and Hazel (Clagg) Fellure on March 10, 1947 in Huntington.

Richard was a 1965 graduate of Milton High School and was involved with several different occupations throughout his career. He loved serving his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. Traveling was one of his greatest pleasures and visiting the national parks all over the United States was his passion. His book of passport stamps from the parks is almost full.

Richard is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Nancy; son, Curt Fellure of Hurricane; grandchildren: Rece and Paislie Fellure of Hurricane; sister, Brenda Turpin of Natchitoches, LA; brothers: Roger Fellure of Milton, and Rickie Fellure of Barboursville; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

The family will receive friends on Friday, March 27, 2026, from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm at River Ridge Church, Hurricane. A Celebration of Richard's Life will immediately follow with Pastor Andy Tuel officiating.

JAMES WALTER JONES

James Walter Jones, 78, of Charleston, passed away Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at CAMC Memorial Division.

James was a 1966 graduate of Poca High School and a proud United States Navy veteran, having

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served his country during the Vietnam War. He dedicated many years of service to his community and career, retiring from 3M Corporation in Rock Branch. James was one of the original Putnam County EMTs, serving from 1976 through the 1980s, and was deeply committed to helping others in times of need. He also served as former Police Chief for both Bancroft and Poca, was a former firefighter with the Bancroft Fire Department, and was a former member of St. Albans American Legion Post 73.

In his free time, James had a passion for bowling and enjoyed traveling out of state to participate in tournaments, creating many lasting friendships along the way.

James is preceded in death by his parents Walter and Ellen Jones.

He is survived by his loving companion and best friend, Irene Williams of Charleston; his children, Jamie (Sherrie) Jones of Clendenin, Tara (Steve) Farrow of Hometown, Ashley (Earl) Whittington of St. Albans, Christian (Skylar) Jones of Ocala, Florida, Drew Markham of Ocala, Florida, and Madison Markham of Ocala, Florida; 13 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by his brothers, Ernie (Sharon) Jones of Poca, Dale Jones of Culloden, and William "Wimpy" (Linda) Jones of Poca; his sisters, Patty Winter of Black Betsy, Sonja (Reggie) McCallister Seacrist of Poca, Phyllis McCallister Atkinson of Black Betsy, Leella (Allen) McCallister Wyant of Black Betsy, and Myra Sariwatta

of Thailand; along with several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A tribute to the life of James was held Saturday, March 21, 2026, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Delbert Hawley officiating. Burial was in Donel C. Kinnard State Veterans Cemetery.

NORMA JEAN LANHAM

Norma Jean "Cookie" Lanham, 81, of Poca, passed away Thursday, March 19, 2026, in CAMC General Hospital.

Norma was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother who devoted her life to caring for her family. She found her greatest joy in spending time with her children and "chasing" after her grandchildren, creating memories that will be cherished for generations. Her kindness, warmth, and unwavering love made her the heart of her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd Lanham, her parents, John and Helen Muck, and her brothers Johnny and Donald Muck.

Norma is survived by her five children, Lloyd "Bo" (Regina) Lanham, Melinda Long, Rebecca Dickerson, Elizabeth (David) Brown, and Johnnie Lanham; one sister, Linda Ingram; and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren who will carry on her legacy of love.

A tribute to the life of Norma was held Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens with Pastor Delbert Hawley officiating.

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SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2027

The following is a true copy from the record of orders entered by PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION on the 16th day of March 2026:

Table with columns: Column E Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes, Current Expense Levy Rate/\$100, Taxes Levied. Rows include Class I, Class II, Class III, Class IV, Total Assessed Valuation and Projected Gross Tax Collections, Less Allowance for Uncollectibles, Exonerations and Delinquencies, etc.

Notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or lots of land in the County of PUTNAM have been certified by the Auditor of the State of West Virginia to Christal G. Perry, Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered lands of said County, for sale at public auction. The lands will be offered for sale by the undersigned Deputy Commissioner at public auction in the County Commission Room on the 13th of April, 2026 at 09:00 AM.

Each tract or lot as described below, will be sold to the highest bidder. The payment for any tract or lot purchased at a sale shall be made by check or money order payable to the sheriff of the county and delivered before the close of business on the day of the sale. If any of said tracts or lots remain unsold after the auction, they will be subject to order by the Deputy Commissioner without additional advertising or public auction. The deputy commissioner sale may include tracts of lots remaining unsold from a previous auction not required by law to be readvertised and described for this subsequent auction of those same tracts and lots. All sales are subject to the approval of the Auditor of the State of West Virginia.

Table with columns: CERT #, SOLD TICKET, NAME, DESCRIPTION, DISTRICT, AMOUNT DUE. Rows list various property tracts with details like 'VANDALIA GROWERS USA LLC', 'WALTERS ROBERT W', 'THOMPSON RONALD A', etc.

SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES ALLOWANCE FOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2027

Table with columns: Column C Roll Back Value Form, Current Expense Levy Rate/\$100, Taxes Levied. Rows include Class I, Class II, Class III, Class IV, Total Value & Projected Revenue, Less Allowance for Uncollectibles, Exonerations and Delinquencies, etc.

Table with columns: CERT #, SOLD TICKET, NAME, DESCRIPTION, DISTRICT, AMOUNT DUE. Rows list various property tracts with details like 'MAGANA MARIA', 'BABBITT JORDAN P AND AMANDA', 'GRAVES TODD', etc.

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The Hurricane Municipal Planning Commission will have a Public Hearing on April 13, 2026 at 3:00pm at the Hurricane Municipal Building: 3255 Teays Valley Road. On the agenda will be to review a request from the homeowner at 2604 Virginia Avenue for a variance that would allow for a 12x20 carport to be put over the front driveway.

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Table with multiple columns containing legal notices, property listings, and trustee information. Includes entries for HAMON BEVERLY ET AL, STEPHENSON JOHN ET AL, and various land parcels with acreage and location details.

Any of the aforesaid tracts or lots may be redeemed by any person entitled to pay the taxes thereon at any time prior to the sale by payment to the Deputy Commissioner of the total amount of taxes, interest, and charges thereon up to date of redemption. Lands listed above as escheated or waste and unappropriated lands may not be redeemed. Payments must be received prior to the close of business the day prior to the land sale. Pre-registration while not required is strongly recommended and may be completed at the following link: https://www.wvsao.gov/CountyCollections/Registrations

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia in Deed Book 325, at page 544, and Re-Recorded in Deed Book 333, at page 87. Carroll Thomas Gartley died as a resident of Putnam County, West Virginia on April 18, 2021, and pursuant to the survivorship provisions contained in the aforementioned deed the property vested solely in Mary Sue Gartley.
SUBJECT TO that certain Plat Showing a Right of Way from Poplar Fork Road, dated August 8, 1984, prepared by Roger K. Randolph, P.E. # 6246, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Map Book A, at page 180-A.
SUBJECT TO all of the protective covenants, restrictions, easements, and reservations pertaining to Rustic Highlands, Section II, as set forth in that certain Declaration duly filed of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia in Miscellaneous Book 25, at page 267. Further SUBJECT TO that certain Amended Declaration of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Miscellaneous Book 70, at page 70. SUBJECT TO that certain Agreement to Merge Owners Associations dated November 12, 1992, by and between Rustic Highlands Association and Deer Run Association, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Miscellaneous Book 37, at page 585.
SUBJECT TO that certain Agreement to Share Maintenance Costs of Common Right of Way dated July 28, 1993, by and between Rustic Highlands Owners Association and The Highlands of Teays Valley Owners Association and Teays River Development, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Miscellaneous Book 38, at page 594.
SUBJECT TO the By-Law of Rustic Highlands Owners Association, Inc., as set forth and described in that certain agreement of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Miscellaneous Book 70, at page 107.
TERMS OF SALE:
1) The property will be conveyed

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, WV Trustee Services, LLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated September 5, 2019, executed by Borrower(s), Amanda Fernandez and Patrick Fernandez, to Old Republic National Title Insurance Company, the Trustee of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Book 1223, at Page 458. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 210 Stewart Acres, Winfield, WV 25213. WV Trustee Services, LLC were appointed as Substitute Trustees by APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated February 24, 2026, of record in the Clerk's Office. The borrower(s) defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustees have been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustees will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Putnam County, in Winfield, West Virginia, on the following date:
17th day of April, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.
All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Scott District, Putnam County, West Virginia, being more particularly bounded and described as follows:
BEING all of Lot No. Thirty (30), of Stewart Acres Subdivision, as shown upon the map of Stewart Acres Subdivision, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Plat Cabinet A, Slide Nos. 27-A and 2-B.
Subject to that certain Declaration of Protective Covenants and Restrictions, Stewart Acres, Scott Depot, Putnam County, West Virginia, dated the 10th day of January, 1978, and of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Miscellaneous Book No. 15, at page 755; to the First Amendment thereof, dated the 12th day of March, 1982, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Miscellaneous Book No. 19, at page 207; and to the Second Amendment thereto, dated the 15th day of December, 1981, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Miscellaneous Book No. 20, at page 353.
TERMS OF SALE:
1) The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.
2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1.
3) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.
4) The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.
5) The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.
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7) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
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V.
Dillon Young, Respondent.
Civil Action No. 25-JA-97
25-JA-98
LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
The object of the Petition filed in these matters is to provide protection to the infant children, O.-M.Y., whose date of birth is 06/27/2025; and Z.Y., whose date of birth is 10/11/2018.
To the above-named Respondent:
Please take notice that you have been named as the purported father to the above-named children. This matter will come on for an adjudicatory hearing or any other appropriate relief before the Honorable Mark A. Sorsaia, Judge of the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia, on the 14th day of April, 2026, at 2:30 p.m., at which time and place you may be present to protect your interests, if you so desire. You are further advised that the infant children and respondents in this proceeding

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT		LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT	
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 - JUNE 30, 2027			
LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT			
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA			
MUNICIPALITY OF WINFIELD			
In accordance with Code § 11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:			
The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:			
REVENUE SOURCE			
Committed Fund Balance	\$	348,759	
Assigned Fund Balance		13,650	
Unassigned Fund Balance		241,349	
Property Taxes - Current Expense		419,600	
Gas & Oil Severance Tax		12,000	
Excise Tax on Utilities		114,400	
Business and Occupation Tax		450,000	
Wine & Liquor Tax		15,000	
Sales Tax		250,000	
Fines, Fees & Court Costs		10,000	
Licenses		15,000	
Building Permit Fees		15,000	
Franchise Fees		17,000	
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)		15,000	
Cemetery Revenues		3,840	
Rents, Royalties and Concessions		14,000	
Federal Government Grants		76,000	
Gaming Income		10,000	
Interest Earned on Investments		15,000	
Reimbursements		74,500	
Refunds		2,000	
Accident Reports		350	
Video Lottery (LVL)		8,000	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$	2,140,448	

COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND	
REVENUE SOURCE	
Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 1,200
Coal Severance Tax	6,800
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)	\$ 8,000

	General Fund	Coal Severance Fund
ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES		
Mayor's Office	\$ 30,888	-
City Council	25,836	-
Recorder's Office	7,911	-
Police Judge's Office	4,200	-
City Attorney	39,600	-
Contributions to Comms/Authorities	120,000	-
Regional Development Authority	850	-
Building Inspection	18,845	-
Planning & Zoning	5,250	-
Elections	2,800	-
City Hall	298,391	8,000
Police Department	494,730	-
Resource Officers	137,606	-
Fire Department	16,400	-
Streets and Highways	39,300	-
Street Lights	21,000	-
Snow Removal	12,275	-
Storm Sewer	15,275	-
Parks & Recreation	14,524	-
Fair Associations/Festivals	2,500	-
Community Center	31,044	-
Historical Commission	3,000	-
Beautification Programs	5,000	-
Cemeteries	12,860	-
Capital Projects - General Government	100,000	-
Capital Projects - Public Safety	125,000	-
Capital Projects - Street and Transportation	555,363	-
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$2,140,448	\$ 8,000

MUNICIPALITY OF WINFIELD			
Regular Current Expense Levy			
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 - JUNE 30, 2027			
	Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
CLASS I			
Class II			
Real Estate	127,720,360	22.40	286,094
Personal Property	665,810		1,491
Total Class II	128,386,170		287,585
Class IV			
Real Estate	19,951,540	44.80	89,383
Personal Property	13,590,675		60,886
Public Utility	3,850,632		17,251
Total Class IV	37,392,847		167,520
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 165,779,017		\$ 455,105
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations, Uncollectable Taxes		4.00%	18,204
Less Tax Discounts (use Total Projected Revenue to calculate)		2.00%	8,738
Total Projected Property Tax Collection			428,163
Less Assessor's Valuation Fund		2.00%	8,563
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes			\$ 419,600

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
 COUNTY OF PUTNAM
 MUNICIPALITY OF WINFIELD, WEST VIRGINIA

I, David Mattocks, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of the orders made and entered by said council on the 10th day of March 2026.

DAVID MATTOCKS
Recorder 3-26-2t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT	LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
<p>TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE</p> <p>The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in it by that certain Deed of Trust dated August 1, 2006, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 808, at Page 310, Amie D. Matheny did convey unto Eric S. Embree, Trustee, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Pill & Pill, PLLC as Substitute Trustee by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse, in Winfield, West Virginia, on April 16, 2026, at 5:00 PM</p> <p>The following described real estate, with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the Scott District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:</p> <p>All of the following described real estate, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Scott District, Putnam County, West Virginia and being all of Lot No. Ninety (90), as the said lot is shown and designated upon that certain map entitled, "Property of Calvin Jones Scott District Putnam County Scale: 1" = 40", said map prepared by J.D. Brackenrich, RPE 3994, and dated March, 1973, said map having been recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia in Map Book 5, page 42.</p> <p>Being the same real estate conveyed unto Amie D. Matheny by Donna Lurena Reed Turner, John Harlan Reed, III, and Ellis Miller reed by deed dated August 1, 2006, to be recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office Simultaneously with this instrument.</p>	<p>reported to have a mailing address of Amie D. Matheny, 1035 Marina Drive, Hurricane, WV 25526.</p> <p>AND BEING the same real estate which was conveyed to Amie D. Matheny, by Deed dated August 1, 2006, from Donna Lurena Reed Turner, John Harlan Reed, III, and Ellis Miller Reed, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 467 at Page 902.</p> <p>The above-described property will be sold subject to any covenants, restrictions, easements, leases and conditions of record, and subject to any unpaid real estate taxes.</p> <p>The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.</p> <p>TERMS: Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price as a deposit with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.</p> <p>Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee</p> <p>Richard A. Pill, Member P. O. Box 440, 85 Aikens Center, Martinsburg, WV 25404 Phone (304) 263-4971, Fax (304) 267-5840, e-mail: foreclosures@pillwvlaw.com 3-26-3t</p>

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The Breeze is qualified to publish all legal advertisement pertaining to Putnam County.

Obituaries

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GLORIA MADDOX

Gloria Jean Maddox, age 83, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 21, 2026, in Hurricane, after recently battling heart disease.

She was born on November 1, 1942, in Republic, PA, to the late Michael and Helen Bilconish. After graduating from Redstone High School, she attended West Virginia University and finished her degree at California State College in 1964. She carried her strong Czechoslovakian roots and deep love for family with her throughout her life.

Always interested in dance, she studied in her early years at studios in Pennsylvania and New York. She loved traveling and especially trips to Europe with daughters and grandsons to visit her great-grandparents' homeland, to Paris with her high school friends as well as trips to shows in Las Vegas and other US cities with her travel buddies. She enjoyed gardening flowers and produce and enjoyed sharing the fresh vegetables with neighbors and friends - especially known for her homemade zucchini bread, cucumber sandwiches, and black raspberry jelly.

Gloria's dedication to her family extended to friends, career, and community. She started teaching at Nitro High School before moving on to Hurricane High in 1970. Teaching for over thirty plus years at Hurricane High and Middle schools, she was a favorite biology teacher to many students.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE TO REDEEM

2024-C-000028 - Putnam County To: EVELYN RAINES, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT BUFFALO MAP 9999 PARCEL 0000 0930 3004

You will take notice that WILLANDT RESOURCES LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2024-C-000028**, located in BUFFALO District, 1/8 OF 286.33 AC MIN 18 MILE CRK, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of RAYNES EVELYN, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of PUTNAM County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 18, 2025. WILLANDT RERSOURCES LLC, requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after June 1, 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before May 31, 2026 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2023 - 1738. \$104.13

Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number \$0.00

Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2024-1750. \$35.52

Additional taxes with interest. \$0.00

Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$123.00

Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest. \$592.34

Additional Statutory Fees with interest. \$225.28

Total Amount Due and Payable to **WV State Auditor** - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$1,080.27

You may redeem at any time before May 31, 2026, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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

Given under my hand March 20, 2026

Christal G. Perry
Christal G. Perry
Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of PUTNAM County, State of West Virginia

Please return this letter and payment to the West Virginia State Auditor's Office, County Collections Division 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Building 1, Room W-114, Charleston, West Virginia, 25305. Questions please call 1-888-509-6568

MARTHA LEA MORRIS

Martha Lea Cobb Morris, 84, of Scott Depot, passed away on March 17, 2026 at CAMC Memorial Division.

She was born to the late Merine and Mary Lea Cobb on August 29, 1941. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Jennings "Dean" Morris.

She was a graduate of the Class of 1959 from Charleston High School and attended Morris Harvey College, where she

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: RUSSELL KARSON, an alleged protected person Case No. 26-G-9

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE is hereby given to any known or unknown relatives of Russell Karson that a Petition for the Appointment of a Guardian/Conservator has been filed by Lia A. Billups on behalf of Genesis Healthcare, in the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia, Case Number 26-G-9. The attorney for Genesis Healthcare is Lia A. Billups, MacCorle Lavender PLLC, 300 Summers Street, Suite 800, Charleston, West Virginia 25301. Genesis Healthcare has used due diligence to ascertain the residence or present whereabouts of any known or unknown relatives of Russell Karson, without effect. This notification is to advise any known or unknown relatives of Russell Karson that a copy of the Petition which has been filed in regard to Russell Karson may be obtained from the Office of the Clerk of the Court of Putnam County, West Virginia, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, West Virginia 25213, and that any known or unknown relatives of Russell Karson must appear on or before the hearing set for April 13, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

The clerk is hereby **ORDERED** to forward a copy of this Order to counsel of record.

Entered this 24th day of March, 2026.

Stephanie M. Smith, Clerk
Putnam County Circuit Court
12093 Winfield Rd.
Winfield, WV 25213

3-26-2t

majored in instrumental and vocal music studying from Beulah Duffield, Lenora Skeens, Dr. Connie Chourie and Dr. Harold Ewing.

Martha sang for several years with WV State Choral Festival and also sang with various quartets and trios throughout the Kanawha Valley. She was employed by W Va. Water Co. where she met the love of the life, Jennings "Dean" Morris. She was married to him, 57 years prior to his death and later retired from Kanawha County Schools after 38 years of service.

She was a member and retired organist of Teays Valley Missionary Baptist Church in Hurricane.

Martha is survived by her son: Joseph Dean; daughter, Sheila Lynne Morris; 5 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, as well as a brother, Bill Cobb, and a sister, Thelma Hicks, whom she adored greatly. Her best friends were: Frank and Sally McDonald, her dear friends: Dana Hanks, and her caregiver, Amy Whittington; as well as many other dear friends from her church family.

Martha knew her Lord and Savior being saved in 1954 and she knew Dean was waiting on her at Jesus' feet inside the Eastern Gate.

Funeral service for Martha was Saturday March 21, 2026 at Teays Valley Missionary Baptist Church with pastors of the church officiating. Burial was in Elk Hills Memorial Park in Big Chimney.

DEBORAH KAY SPAULDING

It is with heavy hearts and profound sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved Deborah Kay Spaulding, who departed this world on March 16, 2026, at the age of 70.

Deborah was born on November 22, 1955, in the quiet town of Poca, where she began her journey surrounded by the love of her parents Rev. Floyd and Elma Sigman. Throughout her life, Debbie was a beacon of strength and resilience, qualities she inherited from her dear parents and carried with her through life's trials and triumphs.

Preceding her in death were her cherished parents Rev. Floyd and Elma, her beloved sister Phyllis, her brothers, Johnny, Larry and Mark David and her precious granddaughter Kingslee. Debbie's legacy lives on through her loving family who were the cornerstone of her world.

She is survived by her sisters Jo Tabor, Carol Shaffer and Barbara Workman, her brother Floyd (Joyce) Sigman Jr., her children, Russell W (Caroline) Spaulding, Tracy Kaye Stuckart, Michael (Holly) Humphreys, and Katie Humphreys.

She also leaves behind her grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Debbie found solace in her partner, Timothy B Crump, with whom she shared many wonderful moments that will forever be cherished. Together, they navigated

life's journey, finding joy in the simple pleasures and creating a tapestry of memories that will forever be held dear.

Debbie was a woman of many interests and was known for her love of crossword puzzles; she found solace in words and the quiet challenge they provided. Her affinity for game shows and the beloved series "The Waltons" brought her countless hours of entertainment and nostalgia. She found joy in the playful antics of squirrels. She enjoyed familiar routines and friendly conversations. Debbie's life was a rich tapestry of love, sadness, laughter, and memories, woven from the threads of her experiences and the people she held dear. As we say goodbye, we hold tight to the memories she leaves behind and are forever grateful for the time we were blessed to share with her.

A tribute to the life of Debbie was held at Raymond City Community Church on Friday, March 20, 2026.

CAROLYN LEE WILCOXEN

Carolyn Lee Wilcoxen, of Eleanor, born July 11, 1944, went home to be with the Lord on March 16, 2026.

Carolyn was the daughter of the late Clara Moody and step daughter of the late Edward R. Moody. She was also preceded in death by her loving husband, Rev. Clifford Wilcoxen; sister, Pauline Moody Bird; niece, Denise Pennington; special brothers in-law: C.H. Bird, Vernon Bird and Wendell Wilcoxen; and cousins: Leo and Dorsey Dollen.

She was raised in Hurricane and graduated from Hurricane High School in June 1963. She shortly thereafter (June 22, 1963), married her high school sweetheart and the love of her life, Clifford Wilcoxen. They were also foster parents to several children.

Not many years after her marriage, she and Clifford both gave their lives to the Lord (Nov. 1971). In 1975, she started her role in life as a minister's wife, striving to help him be the worker the Lord would be pleased with. She also played piano for various churches. They attended church at Adda Baptist Church.

She was retired from WVDHHR/Bureau of Child Support Enforcement in Charleston. She loved the outdoors, gardening and canning her vegetables. She also loved hunting and fishing with her husband.

She is survived by her two foster daughters: Joyce Kelly Johnson and Lois Kelly Hoffman; two special foster children and cousins: Nancy Davis and Sue (Markel) Fertig; niece, Donna Naroz; and granddaughter, Rachel Hoffman.

Funeral service for Carolyn was Friday March 20, 2026 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Pastor Sam Morris officiating. Burial was in Lower Hodges Cemetery, Hurricane.

ANNOUNCEMENT

FREE DUMP DAY!!

2nd Wednesday each month both landfills!