

The Hurricane Breeze

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Answers to Data Center Questions Easter Extravaganza Moves Indoors, Breaking with Tradition

By Ron Allen

Governor Patrick Morrisey announced on Friday, March 27, that Google has purchased land near Buffalo in Putnam County and has received approval for a multibillion-dollar High Impact Development Project. The project is a data center.

Google data centers exist for the purpose of profit. Google profits by providing products like Google Workspace (Gmail, Drive, Docs, and more), Google Cloud, Search, and YouTube for billions of people around the world. Data centers need massive amounts of water to cool down the thousands of servers which they house. Every electronic transaction requires the transfer of energy — all transfers are imperfect and create heat losses. Google uses water to transfer heat away. The amount of water needed is massive because there are billions of Google users.

How much water will the data center use? Google purchased the 1,700 acre tract because it borders the Kanawha River which features a 12,300-square-mile drainage basin that includes parts of North Carolina and Virginia in addition to large areas in West Virginia. Google is confident that the Kanawha River will more than meet its needs.

Google data centers require a massive amount of electric power. Where will this power come from? Google data centers require a massive amount of electric power. Where will this power come from? Google AI provided the following answer:

“Google powers its data centers by matching 100% of its annual electricity consumption with renewable energy,

primarily through long-term power purchase agreements (PPAs) for solar, wind, and hydropower. The company is actively moving toward 24/7 carbon-free energy (CFE) by 2030, using technologies like advanced geothermal, battery storage, and investing in next-gen nuclear energy.

“Key energy initiatives and partnerships for Google data centers include: Solar & Wind Expansion: TotalEnergies will provide 1 GW of solar capacity from Texas projects to support operations, along with another 1.2 GW through Clearway.

“Nuclear Energy: Google signed the first corporate agreement for multiple small modular reactors (SMRs) from Kairos Power to provide clean, reliable energy by

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Children hunt for Easter eggs at Teays Valley Church of God.

By Betsy Allen

For the past twenty years, the Easter Extravaganza has been an annual springtime tradition at Teays Valley Church of God. The Scott

Depot-based church offers multiple egg hunts for different ages throughout the afternoon, including a sensory friendly hunt for children who would prefer a calmer experience.

In addition to the egg hunts, children can also interact with the Easter Bunny, climb and bounce on inflatable fixtures, play games, and participate in other activities.

While the Easter Extravaganza has been held outdoors in the past, this year's event was held indoors to take into consideration unpredictable March weather. Each hunt featured 3,500 plastic eggs which were filled with candy, and a gold egg which held a cash prize.

A new event this year was the Easter Journey, where volunteers told children about Jesus' final week on earth, starting with the Last Supper and concluding with the resurrection. Each station featured a different activity to illustrate the lesson.

The Easter Extravaganza marked the beginning of Holy Week services at Teays Valley Church of God, and visitors were invited to attend Palm Sunday services the following Sunday. Services include a carry-in dinner, communion, and foot washing this Thursday at 6 p.m.; a sunrise service on Easter Sunday at 7 a.m. at Valley Park; and an Easter celebration service at 10:15 a.m. at the church.

Battlefield Tour Clarifies Hurricane's History

By Betsy Allen

In the wee hours of the morning of March 28, 1863, Captain James Johnson, the Union commander of a fort which had been built on the heights above the small village of Hurricane Bridge, was delivered surrender terms by a group of Confederates under the command of General Albert Gallatin Jenkins. When the captain refused to surrender, the Confederates retaliated by firing down upon the fort from the nearby hills. The conflict lasted for five hours before the Confederates finally gave up and withdrew, burning several homes in the nearby village in their wake.

This past Saturday, March 28, local historian Dr. Philip Hatfield hosted a tour of the battlefield to commemorate the 163rd anniversary of the Battle of Hurricane Bridge. Accompanying him were reenactors from the 13th West Virginia Infantry,



Those interested in local history gathered at the parking lot of Hurricane Bridge Park for the first part of a traveling lecture about the 1863 battle.

a local reenacting group depicting the same Union regiment which was stationed at Hurricane Bridge.

Dr. Hatfield states that there are a lot of historical misconceptions concerning the Battle of Hurricane Bridge, which has traditionally been classified as a skirmish rather than a battle. A

lot of local history books which were published in the 1980's and 90's use family or oral histories as primary sources, and over time, accounts of the past

get simplified or forgotten entirely. One woman who participated in the tour said that she had always heard that the conflict at

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Attorney General McCuskey Files Complaints Against Winfield Roofing Contractor

West Virginia Attorney General JB McCuskey has filed a suit against a Winfield man for allegedly violating the West Virginia Consumer Credit and Protection Act by entering into contracts with consumers to perform home improvement projects that were ultimately never completed.

Several complaints have been lodged against John Cook for accepting payments from consumers and then not providing services. The complaints allege he refused to refund their payments. Other complaints allege Cook started, but did not finish, work.

John Cook had been doing business as Patriot Roofing & Framing, LLC since February 2019. He held a valid contractor's license from February

2019 until September 2024, at which time his license was placed in inactive status. His license was reactivated in December 2024.

“Home improvements are an expensive investment — people sometimes save up for years for this type of work. Then, to have a contractor not finish the job or not show up at all can be devastating and is wrong,” Attorney General McCuskey said. “I am thankful these consumers knew to turn to our office for help and for the hard work of our investigators and attorneys to file these complaints. I encourage anyone else who may be a victim to reach out.”

The Attorney General is asking the Kanawha County Circuit Court to permanently ban Cook from providing

home improvement or contracting services in any capacity. Additionally, the Attorney General is asking for financial restitution to the victims, civil penalties and an award of attorney's fees incurred in the pursuit of the investigation and litigation of this matter.

WEATHER SUMMARY		
March 17 - 23		
	Low	High
March 24		
Hurricane	15°	35°
March 25		
Hurricane	15°	41°
March 26		
Hurricane	27°	61°
March 27*		
Hurricane	33°	67°
March 28		
Hurricane	39°	70°
March 29		
Hurricane	36°	81°
March 30		
Hurricane	28°	55°
*RAIN		
0.4 inch recorded Mar. 27		

Optimum Empowers HHS Students, Teachers with \$5,500 Donation



(l-r): Mountain Oglesby, Dylan Widen, Alex Sanders, A.J. Gregory, Ella Sturm and Makyia Smith.

Optimum displayed its commitment to the Hurricane community with a \$5,500 donation to Hurricane High School on Thursday, March 26.

Jessica Gebhart, Vice President and General Manager of Optimum, visited Hurricane High School to present donations of \$3,000 in support the HHS track and

field program and \$2,500 for classroom funding.

“At Optimum, our commitment goes far beyond delivering fast, reliable connectivity—we're invested in the success and well-being of the communities we serve,” Gebhardt said. “By supporting teachers and students at Hurricane High School, we're helping

create opportunities in the classroom and on the field that can have a lasting impact.”

Optimum is a supporter of local innovation and education and has been a sponsor the P.A.R.T.S. Robotics team since 2019 contributing \$14,500 to help advance hands-on STEM learning opportunities for students.

Community Calendar

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

SATURDAYS THROUGH MARCH

- There will be a free open gym for 1st - 5th graders every Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. at Zone Out Sports, Morris Court, Hurricane.

NOW - APRIL 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.

NOW - APRIL 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 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.

- Every Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. is Mahjong Night at Valley Park Conference Center in Hurricane. Come play, learn, or teach the game.

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

- 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://wildandwonderfulforestschoo.com>

APRIL 4 AND 11

The Hurricane First Church of God, 3225 East

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Putnam Avenue, will be holding their springtime church-wide yard sale beginning at 8 a.m. and continuing until about 1 p.m.

APRIL 4

- Buffalo Founders Day will be celebrated at the Buffalo Historic Square from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Harmons Creek Church of the Nazarene, 360 Harmons Creek Road, Poca, will be holding an Easter egg hunt at noon.

- Rock Branch Independent Church, 655 Woodland Drive, Nitro will be holding their annual egg hunt at 10 a.m. Ages 5th grade and younger.

- The Town of Eleanor will be hosting a pancake breakfast from 10 a.m. to noon, and an Easter egg hunt in the baseball field starting at noon.

- Providence Baptist Church, 172 Cedar Way, Scott Depot, will be holding an Easter egg hunt starting at 4 p.m.

- Sycamore Missionary Baptist Church, Sycamore Road, Hurricane, will be holding their Easter egg hunt from noon to 2 p.m.

- There will be a tire and electronics collection from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the old Paynes Produce location in Winfield.

- Mount Vernon Baptist Church, 2150 Mount Vernon Road, Hurricane, will be holding their annual Easter egg hunt from noon to 2 p.m. Ages 0-12.

- Springtime in the Park will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane. The egg hunt will begin at 11 a.m. sharp.

APRIL 5

- There will be a sunrise service at Buffalo Memorial Park at 6:40 a.m. with breakfast and fellowship at Buffalo Methodist.

- The Bridge Church, 279 Dairy Road, Poca, will be holding Easter services and a play at 10:45 a.m.

APRIL 7

- There will be a free line dancing class at 7:30 p.m. at Brookse's Bar and Grill, 13184 Winfield Road, Winfield.

APRIL 10 - 11

- There will be a spring vendor fair to support Putnam County 4-H from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday at the Eleanor Fire Department.

APRIL 10

- The next Business Before Business will be held from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at Poca Valley Bank, 12737 Winfield Road, Winfield. To RSVP, call 304-757-6510.

APRIL 11

- There will be a spring craft show from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Greene Center, 10494 Charleston Road, Kenna.

- The wood chipper will be operating every second Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Putnam Recycling Drop Site located on Midland Trail in Hurricane.

APRIL 12

- Greater Vision will be performing at 4 p.m. at Teays Valley Baptist Church, 3926 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane. To reserve a spot, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/greater-vision-concert-tickets-1985376191634>

APRIL 13

- Putnam Aging will be hosting a Meet the Candidates Event from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Buffalo Senior Center.

APRIL 14

- There will be a planning committee meeting for the Putnam County Homecoming at 6:30 p.m. at Winfield United Methodist Church, 20 Radwin Drive, Winfield. All are welcome to attend.

Annual Adopt-A-Highway Spring Cleanup set for April 25th

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) is now accepting registrations for the Adopt-A-Highway Spring Statewide Cleanup set for Saturday, April 25, 2026.

Individuals, families, churches, businesses, schools, civic organizations, government agencies and communities can register to pick up trash on almost any state-maintained road, back road or main route. Private roads and interstate highways are not eligible for adoption.

The Adopt-A-Highway program provides garbage bags, work gloves and safety vests to volunteers, and takes care of disposing of collected trash. Volunteers must be at least 12 years old to participate.

Groups must register in advance by April 17, 2026, and inform their county DOH garage if they need supplies. To register, call

1-800-322-5530 or email dep.aah@wv.gov. If you reach the REAP voicemail, please leave your name, phone number, group name, date of cleanup, number of participants, and the county where your adopted road is located.

The 2025 Adopt-A-Highway Spring Cleanup had more than 1,900 volunteers from over 250 groups who removed nearly 79,000 pounds of litter from almost 600 miles of roadway.

Cosponsored by the WVDEP and the state Division of Highways, the Adopt-A-Highway program is administered by the WVDEP's Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP). The REAP program empowers citizens to take ownership of their communities by providing technical, financial, and resource assistance in cleanup and recycling efforts.

Not All Heart Attacks Feel Dramatic

She had been doing everything right – eating better, exercising most mornings, and watching her numbers. That is why, when Yetta Bretzman, 63, realized she was having a heart attack, it caught her off guard.

For years, the Morgantown resident and software developer at WVU Hospitals, had been focusing on her health. With gym sessions five-to-six times every week, frequent walks, and dedication to monitoring her meals and lab results, she had been taking a proactive approach to her wellness.

Heart disease ran in Bretzman's family, though. Years ago, her father underwent quadruple bypass surgery. Yet, when subtle symptoms cropped up for her last summer, such as anxiety, restless nights, and out-of-the-ordinary fatigue, she never connected them to her heart.

"I wasn't having the typical chest pain," she said. "It didn't feel like what you think a heart attack feels like."

On Jan. 27, she awoke early as usual and noticed mild discomfort in her shoulder and chest. With icy roads keeping her indoors, she opted for some light indoor walking instead of her regular gym routine. Then, just 10 minutes in, she had to stop.

"I felt unusually tired and started sweating," she said. "A simple 10-minute walk shouldn't do that."

That's when it all clicked for her. Bretzman knew it was a heart attack. She dialed 911 just before 5:30 a.m.

At WVU Medicine J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital, doctors confirmed she had a heart attack caused by a critical blockage in the large artery in her heart. Two additional arteries also showed significant narrowing.

Within hours, she was sent to the WVU Heart and Vascular Institute. Bretzman received a stent through an artery in her wrist to restore blood flow and was discharged a little more than 24 hours later.

Heart disease remains the leading cause of death in both the United States and West Virginia. Factors like family history, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, smoking, and lifestyle choices all raise the risk.

As seen in Bretzman's case, heart attacks can present with less obvious

symptoms, particularly in women.

"If I'm seeing a woman who is having chest pain, they're way more likely to say, 'It's just a little pressure. It's not bad.' They don't give us the classic definition of an elephant sitting on their chest," Alison Bailey, M.D., WVU Department of Cardiology vice chair and Heart and Vascular Institute chief of noninvasive cardiology services, said. "Women have more nontraditional symptoms like sweating or shortness of breath without chest pain, but far and away, the majority of women still also have classic symptoms."

Now home, Bretzman is adjusting to a new lifestyle. She takes heart medications, monitors her sodium intake, and is preparing to begin cardiac rehabilitation. She has returned to the gym, but at a slower pace.

As Bretzman celebrates her 64th birthday exactly one month after her heart attack, what once felt routine now feels like a gift. "I knew it wasn't my time," she said. "And I'm filled with gratitude. Truly grateful for the incredible team that made sure I'm still here."

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

One of the memories I have is how happy I was in church. That little church at Cow Creek was a sweet place to attend. Memories... Miss Crouch taught us with stories. I have never forgotten those.

When we moved back to Virginia Avenue in fifth grade, I started going to First Baptist. We had a Sunday School class that was fantastic. I have written about this often... so many of the teachers and students are gone. If we had only known... why do I write about this? Memories...

Our favorite teachers were Mr. Casey and Mrs.

Comer. They were delightful... stick to the scripture and had great control of preteens and teens. Mrs. Dunlap was one of our leaders at church camp, and let me say that she was wonderful. An over used word, but it describes Betty. These leaders are missed. They helped us develop...

Our class was made up of students our age. We did have a group that met on Sunday nights, but I preferred Sunday School. I walked to church and class through snow to my knees. Sometimes I rode with Becky Turner and her family. We all received perfect attendance pins... special... several times...

I will not remember all of my friends in the class... at the time, we were close. Parties at the Casey home... hay rides to Camden Park... swimming at city pools... picnics... all sorts of activities that brought us close. Our class was one of the big ones. Perhaps that was because of our teachers... perhaps because we were some of the first Baby Boomers. Most of us born in 1947... a few like Kay and Sandy born in 1948 early.

John Casey and Karol Clark... Becky T and Becky F with Jane and Christy. June Lee and Mary... Jim and Karen... Kay... Glenn... too many to remember.

A group of teenagers who got along great... socialized and studied together. I miss that

group... and I know I left out several names... alas...

Churches that I have attended since seem to have youth groups. I doubt each grade would have as many kids as we did. We liked going... we thrived... we learned... sweet Mr. Bush taught us later...

Sometimes we sat in the balcony at church. Yes... there was a balcony back then at First. The pastors were not boring... the choir was huge and so talented. They sang one song, one selection per week usually. The congregants sang several hymns from a hymn book. My favorite part of church has always been singing the songs... listening to the choir sing so many with us. One song was enough despite how great they were. The more the audience participates the better. Oh well... those were the days.

When I was older and Mike came home from college, we attended Mt. Vernon Baptist. We adored Dr. Desist, who married us later. He and his wife visited us in Summersville, in later years, when he preached a revival there. The choir was beautiful and did one song...

We sang numerous songs... loved that.

Some say that church, back in the day, was too formal. So be it. What is wrong with that? We did not have to entertain to get people to attend.

I have attended many churches through the years, even started two. I have been asked to speak at the 50th celebration of the church we started in the 1970's. I doubt I will travel to Ohio for that but...

Memories... things change... some churches entertain... some build bigger and bigger and forget there are those in need in the community. Nothing we can do... to each his own... I will enjoy church and choose those that give back to the community... because the way we were is the way we are... humble and caring... loving worship...

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

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

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

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

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

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

Battlefield Tour Clarifies Hurricane's History

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Hurricane Bridge resulted in no casualties, and she was amazed to discover that this was not true.

The tour began in the parking lot of Bridge Park on the Midland Trail side, where Dr. Hatfield discussed the history of the village which had once stood there in the mid-19th Century. A Union fort had been constructed on the heights above the village to monitor the James River and Kanawha Turnpike, but the earthen fort was only partially finished, and thyroid and pneumonia ran rampant in the camp due to poor sanitary conditions. Many of the soldiers at the fort had no prior fighting experience, and the Battle of Hurricane Bridge would be the first conflict that they endured.

The next location on the tour was the Kelley's Cove subdivision, where Dr. Hatfield directed people to a dead-end street located at the highest point of the gently rolling hill. This was the location of the Union fort, a place which had been chosen for its commanding view of the surrounding land. However, the Confederate forces positioned themselves on the ridges to the northwest and southeast, which have a much higher elevation than the land upon which the fort had been built. Approximately 270 Union soldiers and 600 Confederates fired back and forth for five solid hours, until at last the Confederates withdrew.



Union reenactors added an authentic touch to the battlefield tour.



This house on the highest point of Kelley's Cove was once the site of the Union fort during the Civil War.

According to Dr. Hatfield, the Union forces suffered at least ten casualties, three of which were fatalities. The Confederates lost two or three men, with an unknown number of wounded.

The last location on the tour was the parking lot of ShotFire Fitness, located on Midland Trail. The high

ridge above the gym was one of the locations where the Confederates fired down upon the Union fort. After the Confederate forces withdrew, some of the soldiers went into the village of Hurricane Bridge and burned several homes.

"The Civil War in West Virginia was personal, malevolent, and vicious,"

said Dr. Hatfield.

At the end of the tour, participants had an opportunity to purchase signed copies of Dr. Hatfield's book, "The Battle of Hurricane Bridge." Twenty-five percent of the proceeds from book sales are donated to Hurricane youth sports.

and promoted West Virginia traditional music nationwide.

April 6, 1964: Brad Smith was born in Huntington and then grew up in Kenova. He became CEO of Intuit in 2008 and the 38th president of his alma mater, Marshall University, in 2021.

April 7, 1927: A. James Manchin was born in Farmington. In 1984, the longtime secretary of state was elected state treasurer but soon fell into trouble. With a stock market downturn in 1987, Manchin bore much of the blame when the state lost nearly \$300 million in investments.

April 7, 1947: Medal of Honor recipient Thomas W. Bennett was born in Morgantown. Believing it was wrong to evade the draft while others served in Vietnam, he volunteered as a conscientious objector, becoming a noncombatant medic. He was killed by gunfire while dragging a wounded soldier to safety.

April 7, 2004: Gov. Bob Wise signed legislation that transformed four colleges into universities: West Virginia State, Shepherd, Fairmont State and Concord.

April 8, 1891: The town of Paw Paw was incorporated. Strategically located on the Potomac River, the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and the C&O Canal, Paw Paw was named for the banana-like pawpaw fruit that grows in the area.

April 8, 1951: An Air National Guard transport

plane crashed near Kanawha (now Yeager) Airport, killing 21.

2026 Gold Rush Trout Stockings

Governor Patrick Morrisey marked the kickoff of the 2026 Gold Rush trout stockings on Tuesday, March 31, with the following statement:

"This is one of the most exciting times of the year for anglers in West Virginia," said Governor Morrisey. "Gold Rush is about more than fishing; it's about getting families outdoors, supporting our local communities, and showcasing everything our state has to offer. Whether you're a lifelong resident or visiting for the first time, we invite anyone fishing West Virginia waters to take part."

The event, which runs through April 11, features the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources stocking 50,000 golden trout in 69 lakes and streams across the state. A hundred trout have been tagged with numbered yellow tags. Anglers who catch a tagged fish and register it online are eligible to win one of 11 prize packages, including a resident lifetime fishing license, West Virginia State Park lodge stays, and West Virginia State Park gift cards.

The event also includes the Governor's Prize trout, offering anglers a chance at a special West Virginia State Park prize package. The Governor's Prize trout will be stocked in one of the waters on the very first

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2035. "Grid Partnership: Xcel Energy is supplying power for a new Minnesota data center, utilizing a unique tariff to ensure clean energy growth without increasing costs for residents.

"Energy Storage: The company is investing in battery projects to manage energy load and

boost grid reliability.

"Demand Response: Data centers are increasingly utilizing AI to adjust energy usage based on real-time grid conditions, ensuring they do not put undue strain on local grids.

"Google's ultimate goal is to power its operations with clean energy 24/7, every hour of every day, requiring real-time tracking of energy sources on local grids."

Governor Morrisey Signs Bill Authorizing New High School Athletics Transfer Rule

On Tuesday, March 31st, Governor Patrick Morrisey applauded the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission (SSAC) for adopting a more flexible and balanced student-athlete transfer rule following the passage of House Bill 4425.

"The SSAC is adopting a more flexible, common-sense approach," said Governor Morrisey. "This new rule makes improvements to the previous policy - giving families greater flexibility while protecting competitive integrity and strengthening the communities that rally around their hometown athletes. That is why I am proud to sign House Bill 4425 into law today."

Under the newly adopted rule, student-athletes transferring during their freshman or sophomore years will retain eligibility, while transfer restrictions remain in place for upperclassmen. The rule applies equally

to all students, including those participating through homeschool and scholarship programs.

"For many communities, high school sports are just as much about competition as they are about watching young athletes grow up together, representing their hometowns, and building pride in their schools," Governor Morrisey said. "This framework preserves that tradition while recognizing the realities families face today."

The Governor's office engaged with SSAC leadership in recent weeks to encourage a more nuanced and flexible standard following legislative changes to the state's transfer statute.

By restoring local control and implementing a structured but flexible rule, the SSAC's action is expected to promote fair competition across schools while maintaining stability within athletic programs statewide.



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

April 2, 1900: Marlinton, the county seat of Pocahontas County, was incorporated. The town is generally considered to be the site of the first European-American settlement in the Greenbrier Valley.

April 3, 1755: Frontier scout and "long hunter" Simon Kenton was born in Fauquier County, Virginia. Upon leaving home, Kenton first traveled north through present West Virginia to Pittsburgh and then explored, hunted and trapped through much of the Ohio Valley.

April 3, 1908: Samuel Starks died in Charleston. Starks became the first Black state librarian in the nation when he was appointed to the position in 1901 by Governor Albert B. White.

April 3, 1945: Medal of Honor recipient Walter Wetzel was killed in Birken, Germany, while serving in the Army during World War II. The Huntington native had thrown himself onto two live grenades to protect fellow comrades.

April 4, 1833: Newspaperman Archibald Campbell was born in Ohio. As editor and part owner of the Wheeling Daily Intelligencer, he was a leading advocate for West Virginia statehood.

April 4, 1948: Renowned gospel singer Squire Parsons was born in Newton, Roane County. A graduate of Spencer High School and West Virginia Tech, he was best known for his song "Sweet Beulah Land." He died in 2025.

April 5, 1920: Gifted hand weaver Dorothy Mayor Thompson was born. From an old schoolhouse in Canaan Valley, Tucker County, she taught generations of people about fiber arts. In 2000, she was named a National Heritage Fellow, the nation's highest honor in folk and traditional arts.

April 5, 2010: An explosion at the Upper Big Branch Mine in Raleigh County killed 29 workers. Only two men escaped from the mine alive. It was the state's worst coal mine disaster since 1968, when the Consol No. 9 Mine at Farmington exploded, killing 78 workers.

April 6, 1944: Guitarist and singer David Morris was born in Ivydale, Clay County. With his brother John on fiddle, the Morris Brothers founded music festivals, supported union and environmental causes

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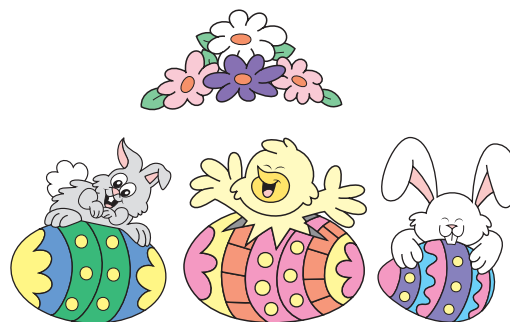
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Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



Spring

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

I looked outside and realized,
Another spring had sprung
The winter weather compromised,
By every birds song sung

The grapes are in their bud-break,
As the pastures turn to green
I watch as barren trees awake,
And let their blooms be seen

On my West Virginia home place,
All the dogwoods show their flower
Azalea blossoms in their grace,
And lovers are empowered

Some other greener pastures,
In spring I can't forget
That April brings golf's Masters,
And the baseball season hits

It's such a hopeful time of year,
Which touches every thing
The time to sow our seed is here,
The time we know as spring

The Easter Bunny

By Miriam "Connie" Harbert

What color Easter egg will the bunny bring you?
Will it be red, yellow, orange, or blue?
He gathers them up on Easter day
And then he hides them all away
And if you are lucky, as I know you will be,
Maybe you will find one two or three

Recipes

Submitted by Connie Reddington of Eleanor

Tropical Citrus Shrimp

Active time: 35 minutes

Total time: 35 minutes plus chilling

Makes 8 main-dish services, 7 cups

1 1/2 lbs. med. Shrimp, shelled and deveined

2/3 cup fresh orange juice

1/4 cup fresh lemon juice

1/4 cup fresh lime juice

1/4 cup unsweetened pineapple juice

1 mango, peeled and diced

1 cup diced jicama

1/2 small red onion, minced

1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro

1 jalapeno chile, seeded, minced

1 avocado, peeled and diced

1 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil

Salt and pepper

Baked unsalted tortilla chips

Heat large covered saucepot of water to boiling on high. Fill large bowl with ice and water. Add shrimp to boiling water; cook 1 to 2 minutes or until just opaque throughout Drain; transfer to bowl of ice water. Let stand until cold. Drain well. Cut shrimp into 1/2-inch pieces. Transfer to large bowl; stir in fruit juices. Cover and refrigerate 30 minutes.

Stir in mango, jicama, onion, cilantro, jalapeno, avocado oil, and 1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper. Cover and refrigerate 30 minutes longer. Serve with tortilla chips.

Go Greek With A Fresh Spring Salad

(Feature Impact) While most people think of dirty kitchens, cramped closets and grimy garages when they hear "spring cleaning," the popular phrase can apply to your menu, too. Refresh your family's regular dining routines with fresh ingredients that call to mind the flavors of the season.

When it's time to put the slow cooker away, consider this Spring Greens Salad with Mozzarella. Paired with an easy homemade lemon vinaigrette, it's a delicious way to swap out heavier meals for a lighter lunch.

To find more springtime solutions, visit Culinary.net.

Spring Greens Salad with Mozzarella

Recipe adapted from Organic Authority

Servings: 4

4 cups baby arugula or spring mix
1/2 cup cubed mozzarella cheese
1 tablespoon lemon zest
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
sea salt, to taste
freshly ground black pepper, to taste
halved cherry tomatoes (optional)

In large mixing bowl, combine arugula or spring mix, mozzarella and lemon zest; set aside.

In small bowl, whisk olive oil and lemon juice vigorously with fork until smooth. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Pour vinaigrette over greens; toss gently to coat. Top with halved cherry tomatoes, if desired.

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

It is finished.

Death died Easter morning.

Remember how Friday's darkness gave way to Sunday's light?

Easter reminds us that Hope must never be lost; for as dark as the road may seem, there always lies light at the end of it.

Happy Easter to my handsome husband, George Armstead!

The Easter Bunny is a very old rabbit. We can date his birth to 1682, when a German Lutheran named Gorg Franck von Franckenau wrote a story about an Easter hare bringing eggs to children.

Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal, and new life.

Dad and Mom, your absence is loud this holiday season.

Happy Easter to all of my loved ones who are no longer with me, but are always in my heart. I love and miss all of you.

The greatest gift of Easter is hope. A reminder that no matter how dark the world may seem, there is always a glimmer of light waiting to shine through.

Hippity, hoppity, flippity, floppity, that's what my hips does after eating all that Easter candy.

Happy Easter to my parents who are celebrating Easter in Heaven, Pete and Eva Fisher. I wish we could celebrate Easter together.

The world offers promises full of emptiness. Easter offers emptiness, full of promise.

Empty cross, empty bomb, empty grave clothes full of promise.

It's Friday, but Sunday's coming.

Happy Easter to my son, Brad Armstead.

Why did the Easter egg hide?
He was a little chicken.

The cross wasn't the end. It was the start of redemption song.

The essence of salvation is the gift of God's only-begotten Son to die for us, that we might live through Him.

God's gift reveals His love more than the gifts of the cross. They came, not wrapped in paper, but in passion. Not covered with ribbons, but sprinkled with blood.

Do you want to know the most amazing thing about the One who gave up the crown of heaven for a crown of thorns? He did it for you. Just for you.

Happy Easter to my two grandchildren: Kelci and Braeden Armstead.

While hanging on the cross, as the hands of Jesus opened for the nail, the door of heaven opened for you.

Take a little time to stop and be thankful for



all the blessings of the Easter Season.

May your faith in God, bring peace to your heart and new hope to your life.

Easter reminds us that hope and faith are rewarded, that miracles happen, and that love is at the heart of everything good.

Easter was never about a bunny.

While on the cross the One took on the face of a sinner, so that we sinners could take on the face of a saint.

May the miracle of Easter bring you renewed hope, faith, love and joy.

Let your heart bloom with happiness on Easter day.

Happy Easter to all our troops.

Easter is a beautiful reminder that no matter what seems dead in your life, God can bring new life to it.

Easter reminds us that hope and faith are rewarded, that miracles happen, and that love is at the heart of everything good.

Happy Easter to Ron and Betsy and all of My Hurricane Breeze Fillers Fans.

This year may your Easter basket be filled with Peace, Health, Love and Healing.

A true friend is someone who thinks you're a good egg, even if you're cracked.

Easter is meant to be a symbol of hope, renewal, and new life.

Resurrection means the worst thing is never the last thing.

Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

Easter is a time to rejoice, be thankful, and share blessings with loved ones.

I am absolutely convinced that Jesus Christ lived, died, and rose again.

Jesus is the King of Kings, the appearance of God, the Savior of the world.

Because Jesus walked such a long, lonely path utterly alone, we do not have to.

Easter is proof that the darkest days do not have the final word.

May your life be full of quiet strength, rising hope, and beautiful beginnings.

May you feel Christ's love in your heart and be filled with His peace and joy this Easter's Day and always.

He is Risen, have faith in Him and He will always be there for you.

Sending extra love and hugs to those missing loved ones this Easter.

He is Risen! Wishing a peaceful and Happy Sunday to all who celebrate.

Our hope isn't based on empty promises, but on the reality of an empty tomb.

The great gift of Easter is hope.

Easter is the time to rejoice and be thankful for the gift of life.

Unless there is Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday.

Easter is a time where we are reminded that conclusions in man's mind are beginning in God's plan.

Easter whispers: Hope is coming.

Have faith in him and He will always be there for you.

Egg hunts are proof that your children can find things when they really want.

The greatest thing ever found on Easter wasn't a basket or some eggs, it was an empty tomb.

May you feel Christ's love in your heart and be filled with His peace and joy this Easter's Day and always.

Easter reminds us that even after loss and waiting, resurrection is coming.

May this season bring you healing, strength, and unshakable hope.

May you find hope and renewal in the promise of today.

Happy Easter! Celebrate the risen savior.

There's room at the cross for you.

A lot can happen in three days.

He is Risen! Let your heart rejoice.

Forecast for today: Unproductive with a chance of napping.

I believe in Angels because I have some in Heaven.

If your age was reversed, how old would you be?

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me

Medicine should heal people, not drain their bank account.

Bible Verse



And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

— Matthew 28:5-6



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Putnam Aging to Host Meet the Candidates Event

Putnam County Aging Program is holding Meet the Candidate 2026 events at each of the senior centers in April. Get to know the candidates running for federal, state and local offices in the May 12th Primary Election.

The schedule is as follows:

Monday April 13th
10:00 AM-11:30 AM
Buffalo Senior Center

Thursday April 16th
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
John Henson Senior Center

Wednesday April 29th
10:00 AM- 11:30 AM
Hometown Senior Center

Candidates for the following offices have been invited: US Senate; US House of Representatives

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Ashland, Kentucky
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ZALINA WOODARD
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District 1; WV Senate Districts 4 & 8; WV House of Delegates Districts 18, 19, 20 & 21; WV State Executive Committee Districts 4 & 8; Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals; Judge of the Immediate Court of Appeals; Circuit Court Judge District 7; Putnam County Commission; Congressional District Executive Committee District 1; Senatorial District Executive Committee Districts 4 & 8; Putnam County Executive Committee; Putnam County Board of Education; Conservation District Supervisor.

Each candidate will be given an equal opportunity (3-5 minutes) to speak, plus have tables to display their campaign literature. Refreshments will be served before and during the Meet the Candidates and lunch will be served following the event. There will also be time to network among the attendees in an informal atmosphere. Your attendance at this nonpartisan event is very important to help make this a meaningful experience.

If you have any questions, please call Putnam Aging Program at 304-755-2385. This nonpartisan forum is organized by Putnam County Aging Program, Inc and will be conducted in accordance with Section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, without endorsement of or opposition to any candidate or political party and solely for the purpose of voter education and civic engagement.

Springtime in The Park

Come to Valley Park in Hurricane on Saturday, April 4, for Easter activities and a vendor event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Schedule of Events

11 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt (Come early!)

11 a.m. - 1p.m. - Kids' activities

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Easter Bunny visits

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Fudge Off, vendors and food trucks

6 - 8 p.m. - Tethered hot air balloon rides (\$10 per person)

A Favorite Family Photo



Larry Stanley with two of my great granddaughters and their mother, Madison Elizabeth, "Lizzy." My grandson Ryan is the husband and father. Lizzy is one of my precious "granddaughters by marriage."

I am 95, Amelia is 8, and Rylee Jane is 18 months. This wonderful young family is a large part of my many blessings.

Photo taken as part of my 95th birthday celebration.

All of us live in Wilmington, Ohio, where my wife Virginia and I settled after our tour in the Air Force.

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.

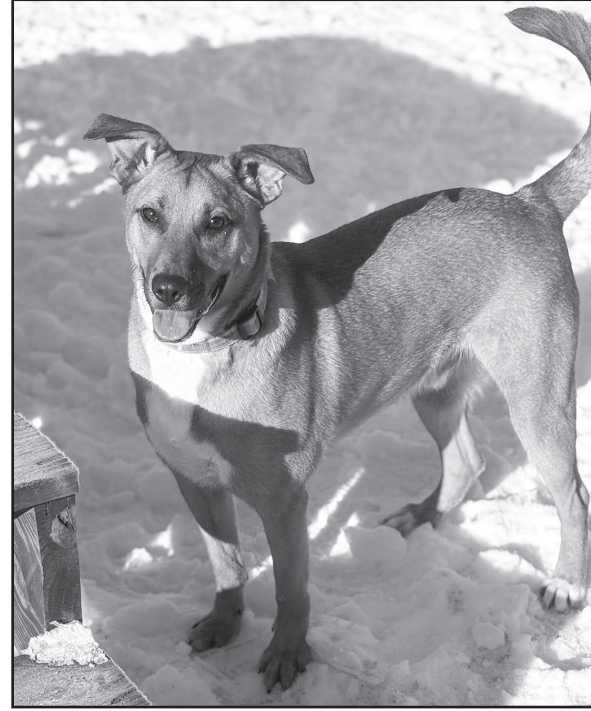
At 11:00, the Buffalo Historical Square Community Church will be serving homemade beef soup and other goodies for lunch. At noon, meet at the Flagpole and get the History of the Town of Buffalo while on a personal guided tour of the Historic Square. At 1:00, we will celebrate the Town of Buffalo 187th 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.

Union PSD Meetings

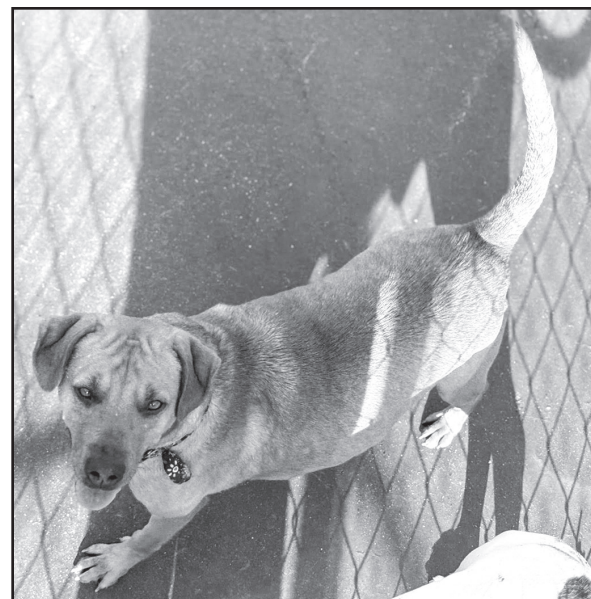
The 2026 Putnam Union PSD water meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Rt. 34 Fire Department in Red House.

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



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Happy Anniversary

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Rev. Joel Scott and Rev. Victoria Iloff Osteen of Houston, Texas, will celebrate their thirty-ninth wedding anniversary on April 4.

Bob and Susan Jividen Higginbotham of 132 Margaret Street, Poca, will celebrate their eighteenth wedding anniversary on April 4.

Randy and Sherrie Gillispie Setliff, PO Box 200, Culloden, will celebrate their thirty-ninth wedding anniversary on April 4.

Mike and Debbie Kessler Sparks of 2601 Larwood Drive, Charleston, will celebrate their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary on April 4.

Buddy and Dawn Synder Franklin of Spanish Fort, Alabama, will celebrate their fifteenth wedding anniversary on April 4.

Dallas and Sue Young, 1923 US Highway 60,

Culloden, will celebrate their nineteenth wedding anniversary on April 5.

George W. and Laura Bush of Texas will celebrate their forty-eighth wedding anniversary on April 5.

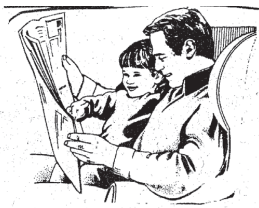
Gene and Charlotte Young of 2062 Woodard Street, Culloden, will celebrate their eighteenth wedding anniversary on April 5.

Mike and Pamela Mccallister of Hurricane will celebrate their forty-seventh wedding anniversary on April 5.

Scott and Connie Henderson of 2621 Montana Avenue, Hurricane, will celebrate their wedding anniversary on April 6.

Alan and Johanna Trent of Asheboro, North Carolina, will celebrate their forty-first wedding anniversary on April 6.

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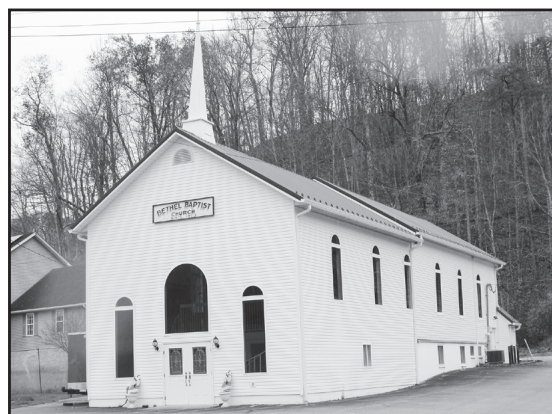
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KIDS TALK ABOUT GOD

BY CAREY KINSOLVING AND FRIENDS

How Can God's Word Make Christians Different from Other People?

"If you read the Bible a lot, people might think you're weird," says Liam, 9. "But that's okay. God likes weird."

series of spiritual lens changes for Christians who meditate on his Word. It cuts through all the noise, lies, and distractions around us. It reminds us that our identity isn't based on popularity, likes, or success, but on what God says about us.

That might be the funniest compliment the Bible has ever received, and Liam's not wrong. In John 17, Jesus prayed for his followers to live in the world without becoming like the world. He said the Word of God makes Christians different.

The world says our value is based on achievement and success. Media mogul and entrepreneur Ted Turner once said, "Christianity is a religion for losers."

In his prayer to the Father, Jesus said, "I have given them your Word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world" (John 17:14).

When you consider the inevitability of death, everyone is a loser, even billionaires. Christians are people who realize they can't defeat death on their own. God's Word proclaims that Jesus defeated death when he rose from the dead on the third day after his crucifixion.

That's a strong statement. Jesus said we don't really belong to the world anymore, not if we belong to him. That means we're going to seem different. We might make different choices. We might use different words. We might care about things that some people view as weakness like kindness, honesty, and humility.

Jesus said he didn't want the Father to take us out of the world, but to keep us safe while we're here. "I do not pray that you should take them out of the world, but that you should keep them from the evil one" (John 17:15).

"God's Word changes how you act and how you think," says Grace, 10. "You don't just do whatever everyone else is doing."

So we're still here for a reason. We're on a mission, just like Jesus was. "As you sent me into the world, I also have sent them into the world" (John 17:18).

Yes, the Word of God rewires your worldview. It doesn't just tell us what to do. It shows us who God is, and that changes everything.

Christians aren't supposed to hide from the world or blend in so much that no one can tell the difference. We're supposed to shine. The same grace that we have received from God in the forgiveness of our sins should be given even to those who think we're losers.

Jesus also prayed, "Sanctify them by your truth. Your word is truth" (John 17:17).

Think About This: God's Word makes Christians different by setting them apart with truth, love, and purpose in a world full of confusion.

To sanctify means to set apart or make holy. When you soak your heart in God's Word, you start to reflect the character of Jesus. You begin to love what he loves, hate what he hates, and live with courage in a world that's often confused about what is true.

Memorize This Truth: "Sanctify them by your truth. Your word is truth" (John 17:17).

"Reading the Bible is like cleaning your glasses," says Ava, 11. "It helps you see what's really going on."

Ask This Question: Am I letting God's Word shape how I think, speak, and live?

God's Word helps us see clearly. God has a

BASIC BIBLE

By Ron Allen
304-562-9881

Jesus Overcomes the Grave (Easter)

Mark 16:1-8

The picture before us is that of three women seeking to embalm the body of Jesus who was crucified. This is a task which would normally be carried out immediately upon death. The hour of His death, just before the coming of the sabbath, required His embalming to be postponed until the sabbath day had passed. The sabbath day began at sunset on Friday and ended at sunset on Saturday, twelve hours of darkness followed by twelve hours of daylight.

The three were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome. These same three women were present at the cross when Jesus cried out in the ninth hour, the time at which the veil in the temple was ripped from top to bottom (Mk. 15:37-40). Scholars have determined that all three became followers of Jesus at the beginning of His ministry. Salome and Mary the mother of James were mothers of disciples. Mary Magdalene began following Jesus early because He expelled seven devils from her early in His Galilean ministry (Lk. 8:2).

They arrived at the sepulchre at sunrise. In terms of time, this would have been very close to 39 hours after the moment of Jesus' death. When they arrived, Jesus was not there. He had risen. The time at which Jesus arose is not stated. His time in the grave was less than 39 hours. Some Bible-believers are confused by this number of hours because Jesus informed the scribes and Pharisees that the Son of man would be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth (Matt. 12:40). The three days and three nights to which Jesus referred is not a literal 72 hours. It is not three 12-hour periods of day plus three 12-hour periods of night. Three days and three nights is an expression which means parts of three consecutive days. Jesus was in the grave for three hours on Friday (the day before the sabbath), 24 hours on the sabbath (sunset Friday to sunset Saturday), and an unknown number of hours between sunset Saturday and sunrise Sunday. Again, the Jewish day begins with twelve hours of darkness and ends after twelve hours of daylight. A literal one day and one night period would extend over two days, the second part of one Jewish day followed by the first part of a second Jewish day.

Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome would have begun their journey to the tomb shortly before or at the beginning of dawn on Sunday. As they approached the tomb, they wondered aloud how that they might gain access to His body as the tomb was sealed by a rock much too large for them to roll aside. They knew the size of the stone which sealed the sepulchre because they witnessed the sealing of the tomb (see Mk. 15:47).

When they beheld the tomb, they realized their concern was for naught — the stone had already been rolled aside. Upon entering the sepulchre, they saw a "young man" sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment. They were afraid. The presence of the young man was cause for uncertainty and fear. The open sepulchre could be explained — the tomb had been sealed by men and it could be opened by men. The presence of the young man clothed in a long white garment was without explanation.

The "young man" immediately addressed their fears and uncertainty. His message identified him as a messenger. He told them not to be afraid and said: "Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him." Comparing Matthew's account of this happening to the text before us, we find small differences. Matthew does not document the presence of Salome, nor the women's concern that the tomb would be sealed. Matthew describes the messenger as an angel rather than as a young man. Mark's account, the account before us, reads as if it were seen through the eyes of three women who, initially, did not realize that the messenger was an angel sent from God.

The focus of picture before us shifts from three women seeking to embalm the body of Jesus to consideration of the empty tomb. After informing the women that Jesus had risen, the angel instructed the women in the manner in which they were to respond to the empty tomb. The women were directed to go their way and to tell the disciples that Jesus "goeth before thee into Galilee" (v. 7).

God could have sent the angel directly to the disciples but He did not. God sent His angel to an empty tomb. The tomb was empty because God the Father prolonged the days of His Son, the righteous servant, whose soul was made an offering for sin (Isa. 53:10). The empty tomb declares His resurrection. It shouts out: "He is risen! He is alive!"

Jesus destroyed the power of death and the grave when He arose. Because He arose, we celebrate His resurrection every Easter. We celebrate the meaning of the empty tomb. We celebrate because we are confident that we are in Christ and have overcome death (see I Cor. 15:20-23).

On the first Easter, however, there was no celebration or call to celebrate. The angel instructed the women to fear not, and to go, and to tell the disciples. They were to tell Peter and the others to do that which Jesus had instructed them to do. He had told the disciples to meet Him in Galilee (Mk. 14:28). The instruction to the women at the tomb mirrors the instruction which Jesus would give His disciples in Galilee. Jesus commanded them to go and to teach and to baptize. The disciples were to teach others that which Jesus commanded them (Matt. 28:19-20).

God sent an angel to deliver His first Easter message to believers. Jesus delivered God's last Easter messages to the church in Revelation 3. To the church at Philadelphia (the evangelistic church), He said: "I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast" (Rev. 3:11). To the church at Laodicea (the self-satisfied church), He said: "I will spue thee out of my mouth" (Rev. 3:16).

Again, on the first Easter, the call was to go and to tell. On this Easter let us celebrate by going and telling as we have been instructed.

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Obituaries

CHASE ALLEN BAILES
Chase Allen Bailes, 33, of Poca, passed away Thursday, March 26, 2026, at home.

connections within the equestrian community he called home.

Chase had a deep love for animals, especially dogs, lizards, and snakes. He enjoyed listening to music and spending time playing video games, finding comfort and joy in the things he loved most.

A longtime fixture in the Charleston-area equestrian world, Mark was known and admired by many friends and fellow enthusiasts who shared his passion. His presence at the stables and in the community left a lasting impression on all who had the privilege of knowing him.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Donald Myers and James Bailes, Sr.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents, Evermont Greer Halstead and Virginia Dare Halstead; his sisters, Zena Ellen Halstead and Regina Ann Halstead; and his beloved aunt, Nancy Wickline Bair.

Chase is survived by his loving mother, Carol Bailes; father, Jim Bailes; grandparents, Karen Myers and Fran Sheridan; sister, Melissa Anderson; nephew, Colton Riffle; and a host of other family and friends who will miss him dearly.

He is survived by his brother, Leon Halstead; sister-in-law, Rita Huggins-Halstead; and niece, Sophia Halstead, all of Brambleton, Virginia; cousins, Kim Hicks, Sandra Riddle, Patricia Drake, and Deborah Hicks, all of Putnam County; and cousins, Betty Shade, Kelli Johnson, and Jeanette Waller, all of Hurricane.

In honoring his wishes, there will be no services.

Mark was also fortunate enough to have a dear friend, Martha Marlow of DuPont City, who continued to help him share his love of horses throughout the last few difficult years of his life. Her kindness will never be forgotten.

EVELYN GRITT

Evelyn Gritt, 74, of Red House, passed away peacefully at her home on Thursday, March 26, 2026.

Funeral service was Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at Stevens & Grass Funeral Home in Malden with Pastor Matthew Chapman officiating.

Evelyn was a woman whose love was most clearly shown through her cooking. She could prepare just about anything, and every meal she made carried with it warmth, comfort, and care. Known lovingly as "Granny," she found her greatest joy in her grandchildren and devoted her life to caring for her family. Her home was a place of gathering, where no one ever left hungry and everyone felt loved.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Opal Dotson; and her brother, DeWayne Dotson.

She was born to the late John and Edith (McCune) Davis on April 8, 1931 in Clay, WV. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Jack D. Keeling; daughter, Susan; sister, Wanita; and brothers: Garrett, Glen, and Carl.

She is survived by her loving husband of 58 years, Martini Gritt; four children, Veronica Hasty, Lisa Bird, Johnny Gritt, and Johnny Coel (Kimberlee) Gritt; great-granddaughter, Emerlynn Gritt; and a host of other family members and friends who will miss her dearly.

Helen was a member of Nitro Eastern Star and an active member of the Eleanor Presbyterian Church. She loved her Lord God, enjoyed every moment spent with her family, flower gardening, bird watching, and WVU Mountaineer sports.

In honoring Evelyn's wishes, there will be no services.

She is survived by her son, Jack Keeling Jr. (Linda); grandchildren: Holly McCormick (Garrett), and Kameron

MARK ALAN HALSTEAD

Mark Alan Halstead, 62, of Hurricane, passed away on Thursday, March 26, 2026, after a long illness. Born on January 18, 1964, Mark lived a life defined by his deep love for horses and his enduring

Keeling (Brittney); great-grandson, Kage Keeling; and son-in-law, John DesMeules.

Graveside service for Helen was Saturday, March 28, 2026, at Beech Grove Cemetery in Eleanor.

SHIRLEY LEWIS

Shirley Lee Lewis, 72, of Hurricane, went home to our Lord and Savior on Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026.

She frequently babysat kids in her home, and she always welcomed friends, family, kids or someone in need.

From her early days of involvement in the Hurricane Baseball League in the 1980's, Shirley was a coach, worked in the concession stand and was always driving kids to practices and games. Many gathered at their home at the end of the season for the annual "pig roast". After a decade or more in baseball, Shirley and her family spent weekends at the Royal Oaks Campground in Ohio where she made hundreds of biscuits from scratch, every Sunday morning for their campground wide breakfasts.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Raymond Dale Lewis, her son Everett Boyd Lewis, grandson Justin Michael Deem, parents Davey Lee and Adalene Maxwell, brothers David Benny and Boyd Keith Maxwell and sister Caryoln Francis Maxwell.

Shirley loved her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren and will be missed by so many.

Shirley leaves behind her children, Phyllis (Mike) Deem, Syracuse OH; Gary (Lisa) Lewis, Charleston; and Heather (R) Vanater, Milton.

Her grandchildren, Madeline Lewis, Proctorville OH; Matthew Lewis, Nitro; Ashley (Jake) Sellers, Pomeroy, OH; James Kintz, Bridgeport; Michael and Carolann Lewis, Concord, NC; Russell Lewis, Sistersville; Kawman Vanater, Milton and step granddaughter Cherrish Gorby, Charleston. Her great-grandchildren, Espn and Stella Sellers and step-great grandchildren Braxton and Khloe Sellers.

HENRIETTA RHODES

Henrietta B. Rhodes, 94, of Poca, passed away Thursday, March 26, 2026, at Teays Valley Center. She was last living member of the 1950 graduating class of Winfield High School. She was the oldest member of Poca United Methodist Church where she attended faithfully for many years. She enjoyed singing in the church choir. In 2021 she received a plaque for being the oldest attendee at the Putnam County Homecoming. She enjoyed gardening and working in her flowers. Henrietta loved her grandchildren

Shirley also leaves behind her four sisters, Wanda (Eddie) Donald, Hurricane; Donna (Ritchie) Briscoe, Scott Depot; Rose McCormick, Teays Valley; Jane Amory, Lewisburg, and brother Henry Maxwell, Eleanor, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Shirley was a retired Putnam County school cook and spent countless hours over her lifetime volunteering and helping others. For many years, Shirley taught cake decorating and candy making classes and often won awards for her cakes.

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and great grandchildren Stephen Rhodes II, and will be deeply missed by her family.

She was born on May 18, 1931, in Buffalo, to the late Stephen A. Bowe and Ethel Whittington Bowe. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Howard Rhodes; sister, Lorene Legg; and son-in-law, Sam Harrison.

Survivors include her son, Stephen (Brenda) Rhodes of Bancroft; daughter, Gail Harrison of Eustis FL; grandchildren, Kimberly Rhodes and Shane Harrison; great grandchildren, Haleigh Rhodes, Bailey Harrison and Sam Harrison.

Funeral service was Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at Poca United Methodist Church with Rev. Steve White and Rev. Sara Lamb officiating. Entombment will follow in Haven of Rest memory Gardens, Red House.

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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:

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: Class, Real Estate, Personal Property, Public Utilities, Total Class, Column E Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes, Current Expense Levy Rate/\$100, Taxes Levied, CERT #, SOLD TICKET, NAME, DESCRIPTION, DISTRICT, AMOUNT DUE. Includes sections for Class I, II, III, IV and Total Assessed Valuation and Projected Gross Tax Collections.

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: Class, Real Estate, Personal Property, Public Utilities, Total Class, Column C Roll Back Value Form, Current Expense Levy Rate/\$100, Taxes Levied, CERT #, SOLD TICKET, NAME, DESCRIPTION, DISTRICT, AMOUNT DUE. Includes sections for Class I, II, III, IV and Total Assessed Valuation and Projected Revenue.

Qualified Newspapers

Only newspapers with a bonafide circulation are qualified to publish legal advertisements. A free distribution newspaper has a bonafide circulation of zero and does not meet state code requirements.

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

Table with 6 columns: LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT, LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT, LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT, LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT, LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT, LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT. Contains property listings with details like address, owner, and price.

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

Christal G. Perry
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Land Director of Delinquent and Nonentered lands of PUTNAM County

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT 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 August 20, 2021, executed by Borrower(s), Trevor Miller, to John Dorsey, the Trustee of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Book 1297, at Page 741. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 102 Rustic Highlands, Hurricane, WV 25526. WV Trustee Services, LLC were appointed as Substitute Trustees by APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated February 20, 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 11:10 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 and being more particularly described as All of Lot Two (2) of Rustic Highlands Section II, as the same is set out on a Map and Survey entitled, "The Highlands, a Teays River Development", prepared by Randolph Engineering Company dated May 25, 1988, a copy of which is recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia in Map Book Number B, at page 22.
Being all of the same property conveyed unto Carroll Thomas Gartley and Mary Sue Gartley, by Teays River Development, Inc., by Deed dated May 1, 1990, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County 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

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 - JUNE 30, 2027 LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
MUNICIPALITY OF HURRICANE, WEST VIRGINIA
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
Unassigned Fund Balance 1,400,000
Property Taxes - Current Expense 1,406,611
Prior Year Taxes 65,000
Supplemental Taxes 105,000
Tax Loss Restoration 500
Property Taxes - Excess Levy 789,941
Tax Penalties, Interest & Publication Fees 19,000
Gas & Oil Severance Tax 18,000
Excise Tax on Utilities 490,000
Business and Occupation Tax 2,200,000
Wine and Liquor Tax 75,000
Hotel Occupancy Tax 135,000
Sales Tax 2,150,000
Fines, Fees & Court Costs 115,000
Licenses 31,000
Building Permit Fees 57,100
Franchise Fees 26,000
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan) 265,000
Parks & Recreation 195,000
Landfill / Incinerator Fees 40,000
Federal Government Grants 10,000
State Government Grants 10,000
Other Grants 140,400
Contributions/Transfer from Other Entities 65,000
Gaming Income 10,500
Interest Earned on Investments 5,000
Refunds 40,000
Sale of Fixed Assets 2,000
Sale of Materials 500
Accident Reports 4,500
Confiscated Property, Forfeiture/Seizure 10,000
Video Lottery (LVL) 26,000
Miscellaneous Revenues 50,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND) \$ 9,957,052

COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND
REVENUE SOURCE
Assigned Fund Balance \$ 50
Coal Severance tax 22,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND) \$ 22,050
ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES
Mayor's Office \$ 590,105
City Council 19,780
Recorder's Office 12,685
City Manager's Office 44,040
Treasurer's Office 19,250
Finance Office 119,110
City Clerk's Office 2,485
Police Judge's Office 10,000
City Attorney 9,890
Personnel Office 42,170
Regional Development Authority 239,380
Building Inspection 190,670
Elections 20,000
Data Processing 60,370
City Hall 512,980
Parking 3,000
Contingencies 100,000
Police Department 3,619,470
Fire Department 582,310
Dog Warden/Humane Society 3,595
Streets & Highways 2,223,392
Street Lights - 11,050
Snow Removal - 11,000
Parks & Recreation 1,287,990
Visitors Bureau 187,380
Fair Associations/Festivals 46,000
Library 6,000
Aging Program (Senior Citizens) 5,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES \$ 9,957,052 \$ 22,050
Coal Severance Fund

MUNICIPALITY OF HURRICANE, WEST VIRGINIA
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
Personal Property \$ - 12.50 \$ -
Public Utilities - -
Total Class I - -
Class II
Real Estate 291,411,770 25.00 728,529
Personal Property 161,124 403
Total Class II 291,572,894 728,932
Class IV
Real Estate 95,827,780 50.00 479,139
Personal Property 58,112,170 290,561
Public Utilities 39,668,520 198,343
Total Class IV 193,608,470 968,043
Total Value & Projected Revenue \$ 485,181,364 \$ 1,696,975
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes 5.00% 84,849
Less Tax Discounts 2.00% 32,243
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable) 144,566
Total Projected Property Tax Collection 1,435,317
Less Assessor's Valuation Fund 2.00% 28,706
(Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes \$ 1,406,611

MUNICIPALITY OF HURRICANE, WEST VIRGINIA
Street/Police Excess Levy
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 - JUNE 30, 2027
Certificate of Valuation
Assessed Value for Tax Purposes Levy Rate/\$100 Taxes Levied
Class I
Personal Property \$ - 6.25 \$ -
Public Utilities - -
Total Class I - -
Class II
Real Estate 291,411,770 12.50 364,265
Personal Property 161,124 201
Total Class II 291,572,894 364,466
Class IV
Real Estate 95,827,780 25.00 239,569
Personal Property 58,112,170 145,280
Public Utilities 39,668,520 99,171
Total Class IV 166,764,011 484,020
Value & Projected Revenue \$ 485,181,364 \$ 848,486
Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable Taxes 5.00% 42,424
Less Tax Discounts 2.00% 16,121
Net Amount to be Raised by Levy for Budget Purposes \$ 789,941

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF PUTNAM
MUNICIPALITY OF HURRICANE, WEST VIRGINIA
I, Linda L. Gibson, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the 23rd day of March, 2026.
LINDA L. GIBSON
City Recorder 4-2-2t

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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

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COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND
REVENUE SOURCE

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

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	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

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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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA
State of West Virginia, West Virginia Department of Human Services, Petitioner, V. Civil Action No. 25-JA-94 Jeremy Tartar, Respondent.	State of West Virginia, West Virginia Department of Human Services, Petitioner, V. Civil Action No. 25-JA-95 Brian Scott Boone, Jr., Respondent.

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The object of the Petition filed in this matter is to provide protection to the infant child, B.B., whose date of birth is 10/13/2011.

To the above-named Respondent:

Please take notice that you have been named as the purported father to the above-named child. This matter will come on for an adjudicatory hearing or any other appropriate relief before the Honorable Derek C. Swope, Judge of the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia, on the 27th day of April, 2026, at 10:00 a.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 child and respondents in this proceeding shall have the right to counsel at this hearing and every stage of the proceedings; that if you cannot pay for the services of counsel, the Court shall appoint counsel for you; and that said proceeding could result in the permanent termination of your parental rights.

You are further advised that if an answer or appearance is not made by you at said hearing, thereafter, judgment upon proper hearing and trial may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the petition. An original and copies of the petition have been filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Putnam County, West Virginia, at the Putnam County Judicial Building, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, West Virginia, 25213, and a copy of said petition is available for each respondent at said office upon request.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
By Counsel,

/s/ Paige W. Hoffman
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney
Putnam County, West Virginia

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The object of the Petition filed in this matter is to provide protection to the infant child, E.B., whose date of birth is 02/12/2013.

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Putnam County, West Virginia

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Situate on West Virginia State Route 34 in the Curry District, Putnam County, West Virginia. As shown on Placement Survey, by Timothy L. Keely - WV PS No. 972. . . dated September 21, 2016". Being more particularly described as follows;

LOT (A) 0.153 Acre;

Beginning at an old 1/2" iron pipe found on the western right of way of West Virginia State Route 34, at the common northern corner of a 0.23 Acre Parcel and a 0.32 Acre Parcel owned by Phyllis J. Harris, thence with a curve of said right of way, having an arc distance of 132.26' and a chord of S 21°43'26"E, 132.01' to a 100d nail set; thence leaving Route 34, and now making a new division line through the two aforesaid parcels, N 69°40'09"W, 114.95' to a railroad spike set on the western boundary of the old 0.32 Acre Parcel owned by Phyllis J. Harris; thence with said western boundary, N 20°04'00"E, 99.00' to an old 3/4" steel pin found; thence with the northern boundary of said 0.32 Acre Parcel, S 67°34'19"E, 27.00' to the point of beginning, containing 0.153 Acre, more or less.

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Terms of the sale: Cash or certified funds due on date of sale.

Given under my hand this 19th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Marc B. Lazenby
Trustee 4-2-2t

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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 incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

Given under my hand 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

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in it by that certain Deed of Trust dated 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

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:

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.

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.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of Amie D. Matheny, 1035 Marina Drive, Hurricane, WV 25526.

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.

The above-described property will be sold subject to any covenants, restrictions, easements, leases and conditions of record, and subject to any unpaid real estate taxes.

The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenancy or party occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

TERMS: Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price as a deposit with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

Pill & Pill, PLLC,
Substitute Trustee

Richard A. Pill, Member
P. O. Box 440, 85 Aikens Center, Martinsburg, WV 25404
Phone (304) 263-4971,
Fax (304) 267-5840,
e-mail: foreclosures@pillwvlaw.com 3-26-3t

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

APPLICATION FOR COVERAGE UNDER THE GENERAL WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT NO. WV0115924

Public Notice No.: LMD-046-2026 Public Notice Date: April 02, 2026

Paper: The Hurricane Breeze

The following has applied for coverage under the General WV/ NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit No. WV0116815 for this facility or activity:

Appl. No.: WVR312628

Applicant: MONARCH CLOUD CAMPUS, LLC
109 N POST OAK LN, SUITE 140
HOUSTON, TX 77024

Location: PUTNAM COUNTY

Latitude: 38:39:20 **Longitude:** 81:49:08

Receiving Stream:
Sulug Br./Eighteenmile Ck/Kanawha R and Tenmile Ck/Ohio R

Activity:
Application for the discharge of stormwater associated with a 556.5 acre earth disturbance project for the installation of a 24 and a 30 natural gas pipeline. The pipelines located in Putnam and Mason counties will be used to transport natural gas to a proposed natural gas power plant. The project will discharge treated stormwater into tributaries of Threemile Creek and Eighteenmile Creek of the Kanawha River and Tenmile Creek of the Ohio River.

Business conducted:
Industrial

Implementation:
N/A

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

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

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

The public comment period begins April 02 and ends May 02, 2026. Comments received within this period should be considered prior to acting on the permit application. Correspondence should include the name, address and the telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever a finding is made, on the basis of requests, that there is a significant degree of public interest on issues relevant to the Draft Permit(s). Interested persons may contact the public information office to obtain further information.

The application, draft permit and any required fact sheet may be inspected, by appointment, at the Division of Water and Waste Management Public Information Office, at 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304-2345, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on business days.

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/s/ Marc B. Lazenby
Trustee 4-2-2t

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING

Civil Action No. 26-P-31
Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of June, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Judge Mark Sorsaia, Kevin Lamont Gatling will apply by Petition to the Circuit

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Court of Putnam County, West Virginia for the entry of an order by said Court, changing his name from Kevin Lamont Gatling to Kevin Lamont Workman, at which time and place any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire.

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

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

Entered by the Clerk of said Court this 27th day of March, 2026.

Stephanie M. Smith/cs
Putnam County Circuit Clerk 4-2-2tw

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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.

6) Pursuant to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (31 C.F.R. Part 1031), effective March 1, 2026, certain non-judicial foreclosure sales involving purchasers that are legal entities or trusts that include cash consideration may be subject to federal reporting requirements. Any successful bidder that is a legal entity or trust and paying cash shall be required, as a condition of sale, to retain a licensed West Virginia attorney to conduct the closing, who shall be designated in writing as the Reporting Person responsible for all required FinCEN filings and record retention. Trustee shall not act as the Reporting Person and shall have no responsibility for compliance with FinCEN reporting requirements.

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.

WV Trustee Services, LLC,
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BY:
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IN RE: BESSIE WILLIAMS, an alleged protected person Case No. 26-G-3

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
NOTICE is hereby given to any known or unknown relatives of Bessie Williams 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-3. 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 Bessie Williams, without effect. This notification is to advise any known or unknown relatives of Bessie Williams that a copy of the Petition which has been filed in regard to Bessie Williams 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 Bessie Williams must appear on or before the hearing set for May 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

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

Entered this 27th day of March, 2026.
STEPHANIE SMITH/sy Stephanie M. Smith, Clerk Putnam County Circuit Court 12093 Winfield Rd. Winfield, WV 25213 4-2-21

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE TO REDEEM
2023-C-000272 - Putnam County To: REBECCA STARKEY WEBB, RICHARD W. RHOADES, TRUSTEE, ASSOCIATES FINANCIAL SERVICES OF AMERICA, INC., DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE C/O U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SOUTHERN DISTRICT, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT SCOTT MAP 214 PARCEL 0015 0000 0000

You will take notice that CLAY CLODFELTER, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. No. 2023-C-000272**, located in SCOTT District, LOT CROOKED CRK, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of STARKEY DARLENE RUTH, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of PUTNAM County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on JUNE 18, 2024. CLAY CLODFELTER, 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 2022 - 26525. \$131.45
 - 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 2023-26614. \$54.45
 - Additional taxes with interest. \$0.00
 - Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$219.00
 - Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest. \$703.22
 - Additional Statutory Fees with interest. \$781.08
 - Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$1,889.20
- 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 incremental payments that equal the total amount required to redeem the real estate prior to the issuance of the deed described above.

Given under my hand March 27, 2026
Christal G. Perry
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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 4-2-31

Obituaries

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ALYCE 'ALLIE' SMITH
Alyce Kathryn "Allie" Smith, 78, of Eleanor, passed away Sunday, March 29, 2026 at her home following a short illness. She was a graduate of Buffalo High School, and the Capital City Commercial College. She worked for many years as a secretary for Putnam County Schools. Allie was kind and witty, and had a good sense of humor. She enjoyed writing poetry and was a wonderful cook. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, and was so proud of her grandkids. Allie was liked by all who knew her and will be sadly missed.

Born May 19, 1947, she was the daughter of the late Capt. Ernest R. Rogers and Goldie McCoy Rogers. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband of 57 years and high school sweetheart, Thomas E. Smith.

Survivors include her son, Michael (Jamey) Smith of Eleanor; her daughter, Becky Lynn Gray of Eleanor; grandchildren, Caroline Smith, Annie Gray, Carli Smith, and Gavin Gray; great-grandson, Axel Lee; her siblings, Mary Tjernlund of Corvallis, OR, David Rogers of Buffalo, Diana (Paul) Knell of Hurricane, Rolla (Lek) Rogers of Sparks, NV, and Irene (Bill) Sanders of Milton; as well as extended family and friends.

Funeral service will be Saturday, April 4, 2026 at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastor David Panaro, Jr. officiating. Burial will follow in Beech Grove Cemetery, Eleanor. The family will receive friends from 12:00 - 2:00 PM at the funeral home.

RONALD E. SMITH
Ronald "Mickey" Smith, of Hurricane, passed away on March 28, 2026 at the age of 89 after bravely fighting a short illness. Ron, "Mickey" as he was known affectionately to many of his friends and family, was born on April 6, 1936, to the late Marion and Gladys Smith of Belle. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers: Marion Leslie and Richard Smith. Ron graduated from DuPont High School in 1954 where he participated in basketball and student government. He then went on to study at David Lipscomb University and graduated from Vanderbilt University with a degree in Chemical Engineering.

Upon graduation, Ron worked in the chemical industry for various companies before returning to Belle and working for DuPont until his retirement. In the fall of 1966 Ron's life was forever changed when he met the love of his life, Midge Carolyn Williams, at a drive-in restaurant. After that first meeting, Midge told her friend who was with her, "I'm going to marry

him!" and in the summer of 1967 she did. The two went on to have 58 loving and devoted years together raising their family.

Equal to his devotion to his family, Ron had a devotion and love for God and the church. He was a life-long member of the Church of Christ serving as a deacon, teacher, treasurer, and song leader in the churches he attended and was a stalwart supporter of various Christian causes and charities. Ron lived the Christian life well. Anyone who knew him or met him would always say that he was the kindest, sweetest, humblest, most giving man they have ever met. It was said of him by many, "You never saw him without a smile."

Ron, like his father, always tried to stay busy. He loved being outside working in the yard keeping it as immaculate as he could. He loved going to the beach and walking along the shore, and loved following West Virginia University sports (football especially) and his Vanderbilt Commodores.

He is survived by his loving wife, Midge Smith; children: Ronald Smith II and Tracy Barton; grandchildren: Tyler (Francesca), Peyton (Shanda), and Joshua Barton; great-grandson; Giovanni Barton; brother, Allen Smith; sisters-in-law: Patricia Smith and Diana Wilson; as well as many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Funeral service for Ron will be 1:00 pm, Friday, April 3, 2026, at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Brian Yost officiating. Entombment will follow in Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens Cross Lanes.

CHARLES TINNEY
Charles "Tuna" Tinney, of Poca, went home to see Jesus on Wednesday, March 25, 2026.

Tuna was a devoted husband, father, and friend who lived a life centered around love, faith, and family. He attended Nitro Nazarene Church and carried his faith with him in the way he treated others—with kindness, loyalty, and a servant's heart.

Tuna retired from St. Francis Hospital, where he served as Supervisor of Housekeeping and Laundry, a role he took great pride in through years of hard work and dedication.

Tuna found joy in life's simple pleasures. He loved traveling with his wife and exploring the beauty of West Virginia. He enjoyed fishing and was an avid sports fan, especially cheering on the Philadelphia Eagles and the WVU Mountaineers.

His greatest pride and joy was his son, Zachary. Tuna was his biggest fan and supporter in everything he did, and in return, Zachary became his father's greatest supporter, standing faithfully by his side as a devoted son and caregiver.

Tuna also found great happiness in his great-niece, Mattie Faith, whose presence would light up his world every time she entered the room.

Tuna is survived by his loving wife of 24 years, Pamela S. Tinney; his son, Zachary E. Tinney; and a host of family and friends who will deeply miss him.

Tuna will be remembered for his unwavering love for his family, his steady presence, and the quiet strength he carried throughout his life.

A tribute to the life of Tuna was held Sunday, March 29, 2026, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Bron Walker officiating.

Putnam Property Transfers

The following property transfers were recorded by the Putnam County Clerk between February 18, 2026, and March 12, 2026:

Caleb Hill to Dustin Myers - Lot, Moss Creek, Hurricane District for \$340,000.00.

Leigh Cavender to Nathan Cavender - Lot, Eldorado Acres, Scott District for \$160,000.00.

Fruth Children Partners LLC and Charles Burdette to AAA Realty LLC, Bailey and Bailey Properties LLC - 1.8 Acres, Hurricane District for \$1,200,000.00.

MAJO LLC to Prime Home Innovations LLC - Lot, Saunders Addition, Nitro District for \$34,000.00.

Joseph Beasley to Christopher Ramsey - Parcel, Curry District for \$171,000.00.

James King and Alex King to Dillon Moore and Ciara Rasnake - Two Parcels, Union District for \$50,000.00.

Steven Frazier to Lois Kirkpatrick - 22.49 Acres, Teays Valley District for \$10,000.00.

Jacob and Madison Higginbotham to Harley Williams and Alivia Luikart - Parcel, Buffalo District for \$100,000.00.

Lauren Klymochko to Gary and Bonnie Lineberry - Lot, New London Commons, Scott District for \$449,000.00.

Ralph and Phyllis Cobb to Crystal Tincher - Two Parcels, Scott District for \$1,150,000.00.

Lakes at Ruffner LLC to Lorra Sponaule - Lot, Alexanders Place, Teays Valley District for \$413,300.00.

Clarence and Tammy Litton to William and Norma Davis - Lot, Mariners Landing, Winfield District for \$480,000.00.

Garrett Jeffries to Christopher Tavano and Jennifer Wright - Lot, Eleanor District for \$145,000.00.

Robert Sovine and Deborah Hoffman to Karren and Karen Burgess - Lot, Knollview Estates, Teays Valley District for \$337,500.00.

Roberto Bueno and Tatiane Araujo to Luis Matos - Lot, Wedgewood Glen Subdivision, Hurricane District for \$415,000.00.

John Johnson to James Hopkins - Two Lots, Mount Olive Home Sites Subdivision, Curry District for \$5,000.00.

Michael Womack to Ronald Bird - Parcel, Curry District for \$15,800.00.

Fruth Children Partners LLC and Charles Burdette

to Stone Ridge Development LLC - 1.0 Acre, Scott District for \$800,000.00.

Paul Withrow to Crystal Cunningham - 7.99 Acres, Union District for \$500.00.

Gary Bellamy to district Acquisitions LLC - Lot, Nitro District for \$13,750.00.

Thomas and Terri Whittington to Sequoia Bua Iam and Andrew Conlon - Lot, Belle Meade Subdivision, Teays Valley District for \$282,500.00.

Stephanie Helman to DC Dwellings LLC - Two Parcels, Poca District for \$63,000.00.

David and Summer Bailey to Brownstone Apparel LLC - Lot, Teays Valley Meadows North, Teays Valley District for \$270,000.00.

AM Investments LLC to Michael Walker - Lot, Woodland Forest, Scott District for \$228,000.00.

Cobblestone Subdivision LLC to Eric and Natalie Tarr - 100.08 Acres, Scott District for \$450,000.00.

Shirley Searls to Bright Futures Holdings LLC - Parcel, Scott District for \$440,000.00.

Michael Hatfield and Woodrow Bowling to Jesse Reed - Two Lots, Kanawha View Addition, Union District for \$152,000.00.

Phyllis Bowcott to Richard and Teresa Lee - Lot, Woods & Irons, Scott District for \$390,000.00.

Bryan and Lisa Stover to Gary and Lauren Thacker - Lot, Mariners Landing, Winfield District for \$475,000.00.

City National Bank of West Virginia to Dennis Michels - Two Tracts, Scott District for \$122,900.00.

Raymond Melton and Hayley Tolley to James and Katelyn Truman - Lot, Lynnhurst Addition, Hurricane District for \$160,000.00.

Michael Moncada and Louis Moncada to Simon and Marissa Sneeringer - Lot, Pendleton Woods Subdivision, Hurricane District for \$440,000.00.

Ernest and Tina Harper to Bryce and Sydney Miller - Two Lots, Wilkinson Addition, Union District for \$189,000.00.

Anita Callicoat and Barbara Hastings to Nathan Bird and Madelyn Spangler - Parcel, Scott District for \$200,000.00.

Seneca Trustees Inc and Steven Short to Wilmington Savings Fund Society - Lot, Riverview Addition, Winfield District for \$124,800.00.

John Hager to Steven Hager - Two Lots, Sunrise Acres, Scott District for \$60,000.00.

John and Cheryl Snyder to Carly Preece - Lot,

Country Cove Estates, Scott District for \$228,500.00.

WV State Auditor and Renee Henson to Hezakah Henson - 1/2 Und Int in 1.5 Ac Coal Mountain, Curry District for \$506.89.

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Sara Jarrett to Cameron Smith Hatfield - Lot, Scott District for \$10,000.00.

Orville Young LLC to Robert Quinn - Conveying 1/3 Interest in Minerals in 80 Acres, Union District for \$2,800.00.

Orville Young LLC to Robert Quinn - Conveying 1/2 of Mineral Interest in 44.50 Acre Tract, Scott District for \$2,760.00.

Orville Young LLC to Robert Quinn - Conveying 1/2 of Mineral Interest in 110 Acre Tract, Union District for \$2,800.00.

Timonthy and Connie Carroll to Michael and Joyce Wray - 56 Acre M/L 1/2 of 1/5 Interest, Teays Valley District for \$12,500.00.

Timothy and Connie Carroll to Michael and Joyce Wray - 24 Acres M/L 1/2 of 1/5 Interest, Teays Valley District for \$12,500.00.

Mark Erwin to Michael and Joyce Wray - Two Parcels, Teays Valley District for \$22,000.00.

C R Development LLC to Clinton and Lesley Ridenour - 27.97 Acres, Castleknock ridge, Scott District for \$300,000.00.

Billy Johnson to Brandon and Kenda Thornton - Lot, Alpine Acres Subdivision, Buffalo District for \$30,000.00.

Cecil and Jamie Cash to Joshua Hawkins - Parcel, Scott District for \$1,500.00.

Marc Lazenby and Billy Kersey to Teddy and Barbara Cossin - 3.57 Acres, Union District for \$36,559.50.

Matthew and Maggie Harper to Andrew Harper - Lot, Silver Valley Estates, Poca Town District for \$80,000.00.

Joshua Sharp to Terra Portz - Lot, Cheyenne Valley, Scott District for \$246,500.00.

Chelsey Terry to Cobblestone Subdivision LLC - Lot, Cobblestone Subdivision, Scott District for \$20,000.00.

Patricia Madden to Andrew Whitney - Parcel, Bowyer Addition, Winfield District for \$180,000.00.

Henry and Barbara Allbritton to L W D Incorporated - Two Lots, Allbritton Way, Scott District for \$95,000.00.

Kenneth and Kaylee Livingston to Lindsey Poe - Lot, Elite Heights, Hurricane District for \$216,900.00.

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