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 COUNTY COMMISSION NEWS

## Commission Hears Concerns Relating to Data Center

By Ron Allen  
 More than one hour of the two hour and 14 minutes of the April 14 Putnam County Commission meeting was devoted to hearing public comment concerning the data center which Google plans to build on the property adjacent to Buffalo which it purchased from American Electric Power for \$22,788,855.00.

Speakers expressed their opposition to the proposed data center and questioned the provisions of House Bill 2014 which makes large capital projects exempt from county regulations.

Every member of the county commission refused to consider issuing a non-bing resolution expressing their concern for health and pollution issues because potential health and pollution associated with the proposed data center is unknown and cannot be projected at this time.

One speaker asked, "Do you guys know what a data center does?" Commission Brian Ellis answered that it stores data. The questioner replied that a data center is much more. A data center houses super computers which make AI (artificial intelligence) possible. AI has been programmed to self-program such that it can expand and gain power. The information which AI processes is sold by the owners of AI for profit. AI is able to process information to gain military advantages. The speaker concluded saying that it was too late to

shutdown AI and we have no idea of its capability.

In the regular business that followed, the commission approved a request by Solid Waste Authority Acting Director Rob Vanater to make space behind the Putnam County Sheriff's facility available for use as a recycling center. The commission is required to advertise for bids for fencing since the estimate is greater than \$15,000. The planned center will house four recycling bins.

Following a 30-minute executive session, the commission appointed Dawn Lemle to the Solid Waste Authority Board and William Dempsey to the Parks and Recreation Board.

The commission approved a request by the City of Hurricane to annex 4.92 acres into city limits. The property is adjacent to the Kelly's Cove Subdivision.

The commission also approved granting Appalachian Power a 40-foot right of way on property leased by the Putnam County Gun Club. The electric line will allow the Gun Club to install additional cameras.

The next regular county commission meeting will be April 28th at 9 a.m.

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## Hurricane Independence Day Pageant Winners Announced



Pictured (l-r): Pre Teen - Kelsey Lawson of Hurricane, Ms. - Mia Williams of Vienna, Queen - Olivia Stanley of Southside, Mrs. - Sheila Hall of Fraziers Bottom, and Teen - Eliza Adkins of Foster.

The 2026 Hurricane Independence Day Celebration Pageants brought more than 40 participants to the Valley Park Conference Center on Saturday, April 11. The pageants produced twelve winners with Baby Miss, Tiny Miss, Toddler Miss, Mini Miss, Petite Miss, Little Miss, Junior Miss, Pre-Teen, Teen, Ms., Mrs., and Queen contestants receiving crowns.

Olivia Stanley of Southside is the 2026 Hurricane Independence Day Celebration Queen. She will represent Hurricane in Charleston in January at the 2027 West Virginia Association of Fairs and Festival along with over 85 other young women from around the state as they compete for the title of WVAFF to

represent the 2027 State Hurricane at various events throughout the entirety of 2026. The 4th of July will be a big day for

all with Hurricane's annual parade to be followed by festivities at Bridge Park.

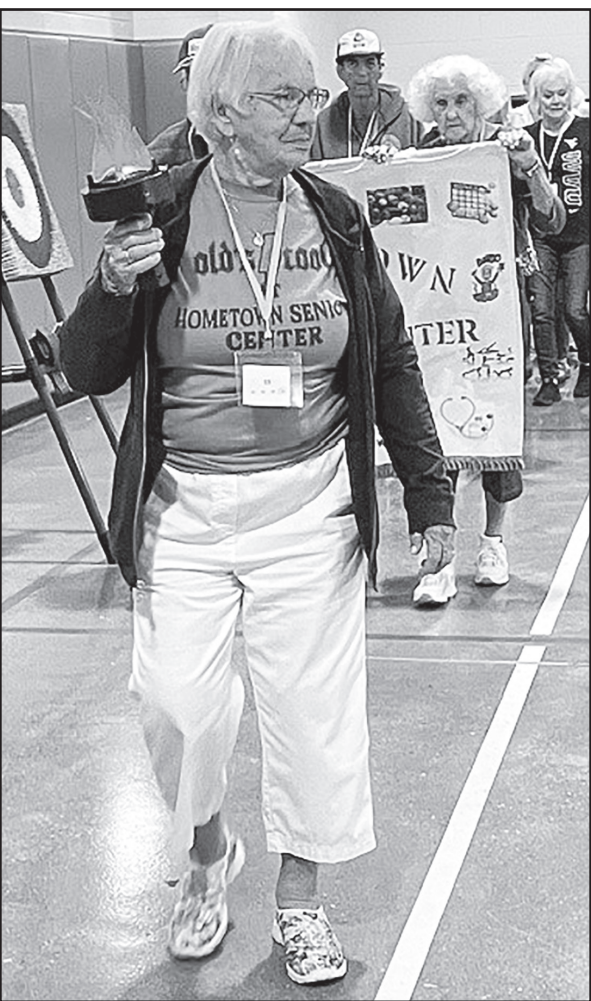
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## Jacob Harper to Be Honored



One of several billboards announcing Jacob Harper's Pioneer honor.

## Putnam Centers Compete in Senior Games



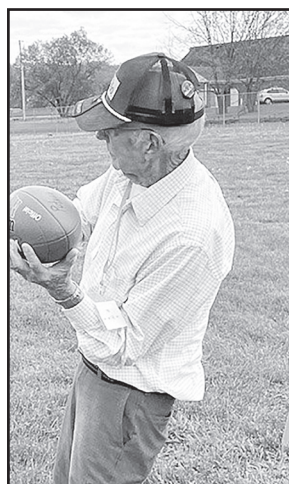
Imogene Arthur lead the torch walk opening ceremony as she was the eldest as she is soon to be 96 years old. She took the MVP award for Hometown entitling her to an all expenses paid trip to the Senior Olympics in Mineral County in June.

The Putnam County Senior Games event was held at the Winfield Baptist Church on April 14, 2026. The 3 senior centers in the county competed against each other for the traveling

Gold, Silver and Bronze trophies. In this year's games, there were 5 seniors that were 90 or older participating in the event. This was the first year of having the event at the



Kay White competing in horseshoes.



Ken Bird competing in Football throw event.



Barbara Holston (in black and white stripes) waiting in line for corn hole competition.



Ann Riffee with our Sponsor (Bryan Ungar) competing in Basketball throw.

he was so impressed with the event last year when he worked the event on behalf of Aetna, he wanted to be a part of this event on an ongoing basis, as it energized the seniors

American pioneers went into an unknown wilderness and endured many hardships.

Jacob Harper is a pioneer because he has gone to where few others have been while battling a great hardship.

In March of 2022, Jacob, then twenty-three, was diagnosed with a rare form of juvenile amyotrophic lateral sclerosis that is caused by a mutation in the fused in sarcoma (FUS) gene. The onset of his symptoms occurred in November of 2021, when he developed a limp.

Patients with FUS-ALS have a life expectancy of 1 to 3 years, with most becoming terminal within the first twelve months. Less than 1% of sporadic ALS

and seemed to spark the competitive side which he did not anticipate. Furthermore, his goal when working with seniors is to keep them moving, which events like this certainly encourage. The MVP Winners this year were Imogene Arthur (Hometown), Delbert Whitt (Hurricane) and Connie Reddington (Buffalo). Anyone interested in more information about these games or the Olympics coming up June 16-19, 2026 in Keyser WV, please contact Karen Johnson (304-755-2385).

cases are FUS related.

During the last three years, Jacob has participated in clinical trials of an experimental drug which targets the defective gene and slows the progression of the disease.

Jacob was awarded the 2026 PROJECT ALS Pioneer Award in February. This prestigious award recognizes individuals who show extraordinary courage, participate in clinical trials, and help advance research for the ALS community.

Jacob will be honored in a ceremony at the Winfield Baptist Church on Saturday, April 25th, at 1 p.m. Team Jacob WV wants to fill the auditorium and is sponsoring Ridgeview BBQ for up to 400 people.

### WEATHER SUMMARY

April 14 - 20		
	Low	High
April 14		
Hurricane	51°	78°
April 15		
Hurricane	56°	83°
April 16		
Hurricane	53°	84°
April 17		
Hurricane	47°	80°
April 18*		
Hurricane	47°	84°
April 19		
Hurricane	40°	63°
April 20		
Hurricane	30°	58°

\*RAIN  
 0.1 inch recorded Apr. 18

## 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.

### APRIL 23

- There will be a grief support group at 10 a.m. at Coffee With A Twist, 101 Main Avenue, Nitro.

- There will be an open house on-site hiring event for Diamond Electric, 62 Eleanor Industrial Park, Eleanor, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- The April Putnam Puzzler puzzle competition will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at Valley Park Conference Center in Hurricane. The cost is \$20 for a team of 2-4. For more information, call (304) 562-0518.

### APRIL 24

- There will be bingo at 6 p.m. at Coffee With A Twist, 101 Main Avenue, Nitro.

- There will be a citizen's planning meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Buffalo city council building concerning the Google data center which is planned for Buffalo. The meeting location is 153 Franklin Street.

- The Putnam County Moose, located in Putnam Village Shopping Center in Teays Valley, offers karaoke and dance music every Friday from 8 p.m. to midnight.

- Putnam County Solid Waste Authority will be holding a homeschool science class from 10 a.m. to noon at Hurricane City Park.

- There will be a book signing with children's author Diana Phisner Walker from 4 to 6 p.m. at Parties and Peonies, 207 Midland Trail, Hurricane.

- There will be a Swifty Party at Quantum Sports Center, 223 Commerce Drive, Hurricane. 6 - 9 p.m. kid friendly; 9 p.m. - midnight, 18+. Tickets start at \$10. For more information, go to <https://quantumpartyrentals.ticketspice.com/taylor-swift-night>

### APRIL 25

- Coffee With A Twist, 101 Main Avenue, Nitro, will be holding a spring vendor fair starting at 10

a.m.

- There will be a town hall meeting on the Buffalo data center at noon at the Buffalo High School.

- Dot Nutrition, 2843 Charleston Rd Suite 1, Poca, will be holding Customer Appreciation Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Putnam County Solid Waste Authority is hosting a confidential shredding day from 9 a.m. to noon at Teays Valley Church of the Nazarene, 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane.

### APRIL 26

- Higher Ground Singing Group will be performing at 7 p.m. at Lone Oak Church of God Mission, 1303 McClane Pike, Red House.

- The Upper Vandalia Historical Society will be meeting at 2 p.m. at the Historical Square Community Church, 20058 Buffalo Road, Buffalo. Topic is the first fire truck in Buffalo.

- The Putnam County Moose, located in Putnam Village Shopping Center in Teays Valley, offers line dancing every Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m.

- St. Timothy's in the Valley Episcopal Church, Cross of Grace Lutheran Church, and St. Andrew United Methodist Church will be hosting Blessing of the Animals at 2 p.m. at the large shelter at Valley Park in Hurricane.

### APRIL 27

- Teays Valley Christian School and Lady Lions Basketball will be offering a free public gym from 5 to 7 p.m. for female basketball players in grades 3-6.

### APRIL 28

- There will be a scrapbooking club and swap event from 6 to 8 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane.

- The Collingsworth Family presents their Classics & Hymns spring tour at 7 p.m. at Hurricane First Church of the Nazarene, located on Route 60. For ticket prices, go to <https://www.itickets.com/events/483871>

### APRIL 29

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

### APRIL 30

- There will be a grief support group at 10 a.m. at Coffee With A Twist, 101 Main Avenue, Nitro.

### MAY 1 - 2

- The 2026 Winfield Baptist Church Annual Yard Sale will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. The church is located at 12902 Winfield Road.

### MAY 1

- There will be a plant and seed swap from 9 a.m. to noon at the Poca Library.

- Business Before Business will be held at Success Mortgage Partners, 101 Carriage Way, Suite 204, Hurricane, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. To RSVP, call the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce at 304-757-6510.

### MAY 2

- The Nitro Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Sattes Circle, will be holding a vendor craft fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Winfield United Methodist Church, 20 Radwin Drive, will be holding a community vendor and rummage sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- There will be a community shredding day from 9 a.m. to noon at Payne's Produce in Winfield.

- There will be a tire collection day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Payne's Produce in Winfield.

## West Virginia State University To Host National Prescription Drug Take Back Day Event

West Virginia State University (WVSU) will participate in the upcoming National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 25, by hosting a drop-off site on campus from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This nationwide initiative offers free, safe, and anonymous disposal of unused or expired medications at designated, local drop-off sites.

The WVSU collection site will be located outdoors between Wallace Hall and Hamblin Hall in Parking Lot A, offering easy access for students, faculty, staff, and community members.

Take Back Day aims to prevent medication misuse and protect the environment by encouraging proper disposal of medications that might otherwise be kept in homes or improperly discarded. By participating, community

members play an important role in reducing the risk of prescription drug abuse and accidental poisoning.

Accepted items include tablets, capsules, patches, and other solid forms of prescription medications. Vaping devices and cartridges will also be accepted, provided that lithium batteries have been removed. Please note that liquids (including those in bottles), syringes, and illegal drugs will not be accepted.

For more information about the WVSU event, please contact Kellie Toledo, Director of Counseling & Wellness Services, at [toledoke@wvstateu.edu](mailto:toledoke@wvstateu.edu) or (304) 766-3262.

Visit [www.DEATakeBack.com](http://www.DEATakeBack.com) for more information on the national initiative and for additional drop-off sites in the area on Saturday.

## Theatrical Comedy "Noises Off" To Be Presented April 23 and 24

West Virginia State University (WVSU) will present a student production of the fast-paced comedy "Noises Off" Thursday, April 23, and Friday, April 24.

Both performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Fannin S. Belcher Theatre of the Davis Fine Arts Building.

The show is free to WVSU students, faculty and staff. Tickets for the general public are \$10 and may be purchased at the door, or in advance at <https://connect.wvstateu.edu/theatre>.

"Noises Off" is a fast-paced British farce by Michael Fray that takes audiences behind the

## Make-A-Wish® Seeks Wish-Granting Volunteers

Make-A-Wish® Greater Pennsylvania and West Virginia is seeking volunteers to join its incredible team of wish granters. From helping children brainstorm ideas for their wish to organizing fundraisers, volunteers are essential to carrying out the Make-A-Wish mission.

As members of "wish teams," volunteers are the faces of Make-A-Wish in their local communities. Working together with Make-A-Wish staff, the "wish team" is assigned to a local child and meets with their family to begin the wish journey. Some volunteering may be done virtually. To become a wish volunteer, individuals must be at least 21 years of age, pass a criminal background check and attend a training session.

Make-A-Wish hosts virtual training sessions via Zoom in the spring and fall. Additional sessions will be added if needed.

Those interested in volunteering should fill out this brief interest form and will be contacted shortly with next steps: [wish.org/greaterpawv/vol](http://wish.org/greaterpawv/vol)

For more information on the impact wishes have on children facing critical illnesses, please

## Free Ad Space

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

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

Space is limited. Submission by email is preferred ([breezenews@citynet.net](mailto:breezenews@citynet.net)).

## The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

A few good men... a good man will turn 80 years old on May 2. He was born May 2, 1946, to wonderful parents. He lived in Charleston until his family moved to Teays Valley when he was ten years old.

This good man graduated from Hurricane High School in 1964... he was co-captain of the football team; he wrestled; he was Honorary of his class... he was so smart in high school and college.

Yes, Michael Wayne Burke... we met in July 1963 when I was making cotton candy with Kay Sergeant at the carnival. Our first date was Putt Putt with Dorothy and Donnie on September 14, 1963. We went steady; we were pinned; we were engaged; we married December 21, 1968, the day after he graduated college... and yes, we eventually divorced after almost 30 years together. We are still friends.

Mike is a good man... I always told him he is the best of the Burkes...

scenes of a struggling theater production. The play follows a troupe performing the mediocre farce Nothing On, shown across three acts from different perspectives.

Act One features a chaotic dress rehearsal filled with missed cues, forgotten lines, and rising tension. Act Two shifts backstage during a performance, where personal conflicts and exhaustion threaten to derail the show. By Act Three, everything falls apart, with chaos spilling onto the stage as actors improvise to survive.

The comedy comes from the contrast between the polished performance the audience sees and the disorder behind the scenes, highlighting the fragile line between order and chaos in live theater.

## Articles Welcome

Send announcements and press releases to the Hurricane Breeze, PO Box 310, Hurricane, W. Va.; [hurricanebreeze@citynet.net](mailto:hurricanebreeze@citynet.net); or call (304) 562-9881.

## Putnam County Food Pantries And Clothing Banks

### Christian Community Cupboard

2843 Virginia Avenue  
Hurricane  
(304) 562-9373

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

### Calvary Baptist Church

3653 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane  
(304) 757-8829

Call for food pantry hours.

### Light House Baptist Church

2440 US Route 60  
Hurricane  
304-562-3900

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

### Teays Valley Baptist Church

3926 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane  
(304) 380-3100

Call for food pantry hours.

### Heartbeat of the Valley

28 Mission Way  
Scott Depot  
(681) 235-2097

[heartbeatofthevalley.com](http://heartbeatofthevalley.com)

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

for more information.

### Good Shepherd Baptist Church

162 Tiger Lane  
Scott Depot  
(304) 757-7621

Monday - Thursdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call before coming.

### Salt & Light Food Pantry

Winfield Church of the Nazarene  
10822 Winfield Road  
(304) 586-2180

Food pantry open second Saturday of the month; 9 a.m. - noon

### The Pulse Church

5368 WV Route 34  
Winfield  
(304) 936-1679

Food pantry open from 2 to 4 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month

### Putnam County Family Support Center

108822 Winfield Road  
Winfield  
Hours of operation: 8:30 - 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

Provides free resources, classes, and support to families.

### Eleanor Presbyterian Church

647 Eleanor Circle  
Eleanor

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

a good son, brother, dad, and husband... he has two married children, Kathy and Pat, Nathan and Yuliya, and he has five grands... Katelyn Jessica, works in NYC, graduate of Purdue... 26... Sophie Olivia, graduate of Franklin College... works in school system here... 25... Margaret Rose... will be 21 in May... a junior at Purdue, doing a semester in Ireland... Aidan Connor... 14 in April of this year... will go to 9th grade... Nicholas Michael... 11 1/2... will go to 6th grade this year... (Boys in Florida)... Girls raised in Indy...

Mike coached baseball and soccer when our kids were growing up... he worked for the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers his entire career... we lived in Huntington, Summersville, Circleville, Ohio, and Summersville again. He and his wife, Susan, live in Richwood, WV now.

Mike and I helped start a church in Ohio, and we were involved almost daily in this endeavor. The church will celebrate 50 years this year... the years we spent in Ohio were some of the best in our life. He was Supt. of Sunday School, Deacon, a million committees... we both had jobs in the church... so many... we made life lasting friends.

Mike and I owned Burke's Hallmark in Summersville from 1987 to 1997... he loved working with customers; I did not... He loved playing Santa Claus for the customers. He worked for the Corps and helped me in the store... our kids worked endless hours in that store also.

I am thankful I met this boy... I am thankful for our children and our grands. I am thankful that he supported us and took care of us and continues to love his family... 80 years old... for anyone, that is a great age... for the Burkes, that is a miracle... Happy Birthday MIKE BURKE because the way we were is the way we are... always thankful for you being in our lives.

### Buffalo Baptist Church

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

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

### Five Loaves Three Fishes

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

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

### Heizer Creek

Community Church  
6580 Heizer Creek Road,  
Poca

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

### Food and More At The Bridge

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

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

### Bridge Family Resource Center

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

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

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# Hurricane Independence Day Pageant Winners Announced



(l-r): 2025 Teen Kailyn Williams with Petite Miss - Jaysa Snodgrass of South Charleston; 2025 Ms. Emilee Butcher with Baby Miss - Emerie Summerbelle of Pocca; Petite Miss - Jaysa Snodgrass of South Charleston; Little Miss - Caspyn Tucker of Buffalo; Junior Miss - Learyk Sayre of St Albans; Toddler Miss - Londyn Sayre of St Albans, Mini Miss - Denailiza Vance of Walkersville; 2025 Queen Delaney Roberts; 2025 Pre Teen Paisley Mitchell with Tiny Miss - Kehlan Bryant of Kenova.

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The winners were: Baby Miss - Emerie Summerbelle of Pocca, Tiny Miss - Kehlan Bryant of Kenova,

South Charleston, Little Miss - Caspyn Tucker of Buffalo, Junior Miss - Learyk Sayre of St Albans, Pre-Teen - Kelsey Lawson of Hurricane, Teen -

Eliza Adkins of Foster, Ms. - Mia Williams of Vienna, Mrs. - Sheila Hall of Frazier's Bottom, and Queen - Olivia Stanley of Southside.



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](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

April 23, 1857: Andrew S. Rowan was born in Gap Mills, Monroe County. Rowan, a military officer, was chosen as the messenger when President William McKinley wanted to send a message to Cuban General Calixto Garcia during the Spanish-American War. The 1899 pamphlet *A Message to Garcia* made the incident famous.

April 24, 1865: McNeill's Rangers surrendered to Union troops at New Creek (now Keyser). The Confederate guerrilla force probably never numbered more than 100 men at any time but managed to inflict regular damage on Union operations.

April 25, 1863: In what would become the Jones-Imboden Raid, about 1,500 Confederate soldiers under Gen. William "Grumble" Jones advanced through Greenland Gap, a deep pass through New Creek Mountain in present Grant County. The Confederates encountered 87 Union soldiers who held off several assaults before finally surrendering.

April 25, 1923: Union leader Arnold Ray Miller was born at Leewood on Cabin Creek in Kanawha County. In December 1972, he defeated Tony Boyle to become president of the United Mine Workers and served until 1979.

April 26, 1816: General Alexander Welch Reynolds was born in Lewisburg. He

served in both the U.S. and Confederate armies. After the war, Reynolds accepted a commission as a colonel in the forces of the khedive of Egypt, which ruled Egypt under the Ottoman Empire.

April 26, 1900: Baseball great Lewis Robert "Hack" Wilson, whose 1930 single season runs-batted-in record stands today, was born in Pennsylvania. He started his pro career with the Martinsburg Blue Sox. He returned to Martinsburg after his retirement and is buried at Rosedale Cemetery.

April 26, 1937: The first West Virginia highway historical marker was installed in Charleston, detailing the many travels of our state capital.

April 27, 1758: Fort Upper Tract in present-day Pendleton County was destroyed by an Indian attack during the French and Indian War. The next day, Delaware and Shawnee warriors destroyed Fort Seybert in the same county.

April 27, 1951: Businessman and politician Jim Justice was born in Charleston. From 2017 to 2025, he served as West

Virginia's 36th governor and currently as the state's junior U.S. senator.

April 27, 1978: An accident at the Willow Island Power Station on the Ohio River killed 51 men. The scaffolding that had been erected for use in the construction of a new cooling tower collapsed, sending the workers plunging to the ground.

April 28, 1884: Musician Henry Reed was born in Peterstown, Monroe County. Reed was a legendary West Virginia fiddler whose repertory contributed to the old-time music revival in the last half of the 20th century.

April 28, 1914: An explosion at the Eccles No. 5 mine in Raleigh County killed 174 men. The mine connected with Eccles No. 6, operating in another coal seam. Nine men in No. 6 died of injuries and of afterdamp, the deadly gas left after a mine explosion.

April 28, 1920: The Monongahela National Forest was created by presidential proclamation. It is the only national forest completely within the boundaries of West Virginia.

April 28, 1924: An explosion ripped through the Benwood coal mine south of Wheeling, killing 119 miners.

April 28, 1948: Watt Powell Park opened in Charleston. About 8,000 people, including Governor Okey Patteson, attended the city's inaugural game in the Class A Central League.

After the 2004 season, Watt Powell Park was replaced by what is now known as GoMart Ballpark, and the old park was demolished in 2005.

April 29, 1863: Confederate General William E. "Grumble" Jones waged a battle at Fairmont that involved a force of 500 regulars, home guards and volunteers. The Confederates prevailed, burning the personal library of Francis Pierpont, governor of the Restored Government of Virginia, and exploding an iron railroad bridge across the Monongahela River.

April 29, 1924: Playwright, teacher and actress Ann Kathryn Flagg was born in Charleston. She is best remembered for her play *Great Gettin' up Mornin'*, which was broadcast by CBS-TV in 1964.

April 29, 1937: Rockabilly musician and songwriter Hasil Adkins was born in Boone County. Although his debut album was released in 1961, it was not until the 1980s punk phenomenon that his music gained an international following.

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# A Stoplight at Harbour Lane Is the Wrong Answer

The Division of Highways should build a roundabout instead

The West Virginia Division of Highways is planning to install a traffic signal at the corner of Main Street and Harbour Lane in Hurricane. The location is an existing residential neighborhood with over 400 more homes to be constructed soon. That fact alone should give the agency pause, but the case against a stoplight here goes well beyond character and atmosphere. The data, the engineering, and the experience of communities that have faced this same choice all point toward one conclusion: a roundabout is the right tool for this intersection.

Anyone who lives in or travels through Hurricane already knows what congestion looks like here. The corridors in and around the city are routinely backed up, and the daily grind of stop-and-go traffic has become a real frustration for residents. Severe congestion is an everyday reality eroding the quality of life that drew people to this community.

Adding another stoplight to that environment is not a solution. Stoplights stop traffic. That is their entire function, and in a city already struggling with congestion, every new signal is another chokepoint layered onto a system that cannot absorb them. Signal cycles produce a predictable pattern of idling engines, hard acceleration, and brake noise that repeats thousands of times a day. Signal equipment adds overhead lighting to a neighborhood that does not currently have it. These are not minor inconveniences. Over time, they degrade the quality of life in a residential neighborhood in ways that are very difficult to reverse once the infrastructure is in the ground.

A roundabout at this intersection would cause opposite effects. Vehicles enter at low speed, yield to circulating traffic, and move through without stopping. There is no disturbance from idling engines, no signal head burning through the night, and no hard acceleration after a red light. Traffic calms naturally because the geometry requires it. Congestion that would back up behind a stop light dissipates instead of compounding. For a city already carrying more congestion than it needs, a roundabout is the better long-term investment.

The safety record of roundabouts over signalized intersections is not a matter of opinion. The Federal Highway

Administration has found that converting a stoplight to a roundabout reduces injury crashes by 78 to 82 percent and overall crashes by 35 to 47 percent. Fatal crashes drop by more than 90 percent. Roundabouts remove the conflict points that kill people at four-way intersections. The high-speed T-bone collision, the kind that occurs when a driver runs a red light or misjudges a gap, cannot happen in a roundabout. Speeds are too low and approach angles too shallow.

Rear-end collisions matter here too. According to the Regional Inter-governmental Council's Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, rear-end crashes are by far the most common collision type in Putnam County, and they cluster at signalized intersections. Drivers misjudge stopping distances approaching a red light. Drivers stopped at a light get hit from behind. The RIC study specifically identifies modifying traffic control at intersections, including conversion to roundabouts, as a strategy to address this pattern. Installing another signal at Harbour Lane moves in the opposite direction.

There is also a fiscal argument taxpayers in Hurricane should care about. Roundabouts cost more to build initially, but dramatically less to maintain over time. Signals require electrical infrastructure, ongoing timing adjustments, equipment replacement, and repairs after accidents. A roundabout requires none of that. When a severe storm knocks out power, as happens regularly in West Virginia, a roundabout keeps operating. A stoplight goes dark and more danger ensues.

The most compelling proof of concept in the country is Carmel, Indiana. Two decades ago, Carmel was a growing suburb dealing with the same pressures Hurricane faces now: rising traffic, dangerous intersections, and a default toward more signals. City leaders chose roundabouts instead. Today Carmel has more than 150 of them, more than any city in the United States. Injury crashes dropped 80 percent. Commute times fell even as the population grew. The roundabouts became a source of civic identity, many landscaped and decorated with local art. Carmel is now routinely ranked among the most livable suburban communities in America, a reputation built in part by refusing to accept congestion as inevitable.

The Division of Highways should not install a signal at Main Street and Harbour Lane simply because signals are the agency default. Hurricane deserves infrastructure that reduces congestion rather than adds to it, protects residential quality of life rather than diminishes it, and puts public dollars toward solutions with a proven track record. A roundabout does all of that.

There is still time to get this right. Once the signal goes in, the conversation is over for a generation. Hurricane residents should contact the Division of Highways and demand that their tax dollars not be spent on a new traffic chokepoint at this location before construction begins. Build a roundabout. The data will support it. The community will be better for it.

— Tony Hodge  
Hurricane resident

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### Letter to the Breeze

Dear Publisher,

I am writing to express my deep appreciation for the long-standing role the Hurricane Breeze has played in the community of Hurricane. For generations, this newspaper has served as more than just a source of news; it has been a record of local history, a reflection of community values, and a consistent thread connecting neighborhoods, families, and businesses.

The Hurricane Breeze has documented the everyday moments and major milestones that define this area. It has preserved stories that might otherwise be lost and has provided a platform for community voices to be heard. Its presence has helped maintain a sense of identity and continuity that is especially important

in a small town.

It is essential that this publication continue. The value it provides cannot be replaced by larger, more distant media outlets. A local newspaper offers context, familiarity, and accountability that only comes from being rooted in the community it serves. The continued publication of the Hurricane Breeze is important not only for current residents, but for future generations who will look back to understand the history and character of Hurricane.

I strongly encourage that every effort be made to ensure that his publication remains active and continues to serve the community as it has for so many years.

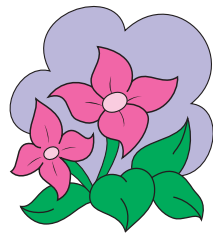
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# Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



## Been Reading

By Velma Kitchens of Culloden

I just finished a book by Madeline Martin entitled *The Librarian Spies*. This book is set during World War II in France and in Portugal. I have learned so much about the occupation of the German forces in France and the connection to Portugal during this time. Ava, a lady from America, is sent to Lisbon, France. She and Estele, who lives in Lyon, France, are working for the same things. Freedom. These two ladies are the main characters in this book.

If you get a chance, read it. The book is good. The author did her research, and this book is full of real events, though some are not but mostly based on facts during that time. When I was in school, there was just not enough time for the history teachers to teach everything, so I encourage everyone in school or not to do more reading about our history and just maybe we can learn

from it.

A friend loaned me a book on the presidents and I have a goal to read about one president a day. The book is just one page of highlights of their administrations. Also, a good book. I am learning things about the presidents that I have never known before, and I have read several books on the presidents. Years ago, I did a lot of reading on James A Garfield, and he was the last president to be born in a log cabin. His life is very interesting.

If you don't like to read, you can always get audio books. I listened to a tape my granddaughter loaned me on the Lewis and Clark Expedition. It was wonderful. The way they described places they had never been was very vivid. I would listen on my way to and from work.

I encourage all to keep learning and reading, but read your Bible first. It's the only book you never finish.

## Life Is For Living

Submitted by Myra Simmons

Open the windows.  
Dance in the kitchen as you cook.  
Play that music loud.  
Music is not to hear, it is to feel.  
Gratitude helps you see what is there, instead of what is not.  
Turn off the news.  
Check in with someone you love.  
Get some fresh air.  
Watch the beautiful show nature is putting on for us right now.  
Leave the negative online discussions behind.  
Unfollow the chaos.  
No matter how things are, tomorrow is another chance to make things better.  
FEEL ALIVE AGAIN!!

## Contributors Wanted

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

Please send contributions to The Hurricane Breeze Fillers Page, PO Box 310, Hurricane, WV 25526, or email submissions to breezenews@citynet.net



## Lay Down a Picnic Blanket and Sip on a Sweet Beverage

(Feature Impact) Salty snacks and savory sandwiches may fill you up at your next springtime picnic, but no family trip to the park is complete without a sweet, refreshing drink to wash it all down. Stay cool and keep the fun going with a light sip that showcases the taste of the season.

This Picnic Cherry Limeade is easy to make from the comfort of home before being transported (in a non-spill container, of course) to the picnic table or blanket. Just don't forget the cups and ice.

Find more refreshing beverage ideas by visiting [Culinary.net](http://Culinary.net).

### Picnic Cherry Limeade



Recipe adapted from "Southern Living"

Total time: 5 minutes

Servings: 10

- 1 jar (10 ounces) whole red maraschino cherries, chilled
- 6 limes, divided
- 1 bottle (2 liters) lemon-lime soda, chilled
- 1/2 cup tart cherry juice, chilled

Drain maraschino cherries, reserving syrup. Set whole cherries aside. Juice four limes to yield 1/2 cup juice; thinly slice remaining limes. In large pitcher, stir cherry syrup, lime juice, soda and tart cherry juice. Add lime slices.

Transfer to container with tight-fitting lid for transport. Serve over ice and garnish with reserved whole cherries.

## Jokes From

Linda

Submitted by Linda Lavender Armstead



Allen and Samantha got married. On their wedding night, Samantha went into the bathroom to freshen up. Unfortunately, she had a case of bad breath, so severe that she had to take a powerful drug to control it. She was about to take it when she decided it would be best to let her husband know her secret since they would be spending the rest of their lives together. So she returned to the bedroom without taking the drug.

Allen then went into the bathroom. His problem was foot odor so severe that it required a special preparation to keep it under control. He was about to apply the preparation when he decided it would be better to let his wife know about his problem, so he skipped applying it.

He returned to bed, grabbed his wife and gave her a great big kiss.

Samantha said, "Honey, there's something I gotta tell you."

Allen said, "I already know what it is. You ate my sock."

Timmy entered the shop; in the window was a sign, "Boy Wanted."

Thinking the boy was too weak for the work, the owner said, "Well, my lad, what can you do?"

Timmy replied, "I can do what I'm told, Sir."

This so pleased the owner. Then he said, "You'll do, my boy."

## Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead  
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

Respect time before it teaches you.

Purple is my signature color.

If you remember your Dad smelling like Brylcreem and Old Spice, you remember the true scent of a gentleman.

Our childhood playground: In case of injury; walk it off, suck it up, blow on it, stop crying, you're fine.

Appreciate people who can see three things in you: The sorrow behind your smile, the love behind your anger, and the reason behind your silence.

If you remember the taste of warm water drunk straight from a rubber garden hose, you remember the taste of a summer afternoon.

If you feel like you're losing everything, remember that trees lose their leaves every year and they still stand tall and wait for better days to come.

If you remember the "snick-snick-snick" sound of a manual push mower in the front yard, you remember when yard work was a real workout.

A mother's "look" from across the room was enough to stop a tantrum in its tracks. Today, if feels like nobody is in charge.

If you remember the smell of mothballs when you opened the hall closet to get the winter coats out, you remember the change of seasons.

The worst thing about rising food prices is that pretty soon everybody will be eligible to go through the 10-items-or-less lane.

If you remember putting pennies in your loafers before heading to school, you remember when fashion made cents.

Not to brag, but I made 5 figures last year. I was named the worst employee at the toy factory.

I'm reading a horror novel in Braille. Something bad is about to happen. I can feel it.

When you want different for yourself, you have to start moving differently. Old keys don't unlock new doors.

Happiness is having a grown son in your life who still calls, still helps and still cares.

Singing in the shower is fun until you get soap in your mouth. Then it's a soap opera.

Open your eyes, Christ invites. Lift up your gaze. You were made for more than this life.

My landlord wants to talk about my high heating bills. I told him my door is always open.

You're allowed to rest. Even the strongest souls need a quiet night to lay their worries down.

Ladies, your body makes you sexy. Your smile makes you pretty.



But your personality makes you beautiful.

Cheerfulness keeps up a kind of daylight in the mind, and fills it with a steady and perpetual serenity.

Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in your heart. - Winnie-the-Pooh

Truth is like the sun. You can shut it out for a time, but it ain't going away. - Elvis Presley

People grow spiritually by sound doctrine, not by hearing feel good carnal sermons.

Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive.

The same hand that pushed the rock from the tomb can shove away your doubt.

You are one breath away from eternity at any given time.

If outlaws are wanted, that'd certainly explain in-laws.

Many blush to confess their faults, who never blush to commit them.

Cosmetology student missed classes - forced to make up makeup test.

Loving purple means you believe in kindness, beauty, and in a little bit of magic.

Remember when we used to jump out of a swing in mid-air? Boy, I sure miss those knees.

We need more older men teaching younger men "How to become" older men.

I don't know why everybody hates lazy people. They didn't do anything.

Serenity is not freedom from the storm, but peace within it.

I wish 8 hours of sleep went as slow as 8 hours of work.

To some, marriage is a word; to others it's a sentence.

The four seasons are all different; summer warmer than others.

What is a smell from your childhood that you have never forgotten?

Every time I walk outside it's a different season.

Despite the high cost of living it remains popular.

You're allowed to be a work in progress.

Today is a day for rest, reflect on, and gratitude.

Sending love and hugs to my Hurricane Breeze Fillers readers.

Today when counting your blessings, remember

to include yourself.

Live as if the universe is conspiring to shower you with blessings.

Sometimes we hold onto things we just don't need anymore.

I don't call it getting old; I call it outliving the warranty.

Stay close to people who make you feel like sunshine.

Today is too beautiful to waste it on grumpiness.

Good friends are like diamonds, precious and rare.

Spread rays of sunshine, love and kindness to all.

Focus on being productive instead of busy.

In grief, there is no stage called closure.

Today I woke up with a grateful heart.

Eternity is too long to be wrong.

I just realized why there are paper towels next to the gas pump: they're there for wiping away the tears after filling your car's tank.

If you remember sewing Halloween costumes for your kids out of old bed sheets and cardboard, you remember when imagination was free.

Growing up, we may not have had a lot of money in the bank, but our homes were filled with love, discipline, and a whole lot of common sense.

If you remember tying a piece of string to a loose tooth and the other end to a doorknob, you remember dentistry the old-fashioned way.

It's funny how people assume everyone wants money at the end of the day, when there's me that wants it at the beginning of the day.

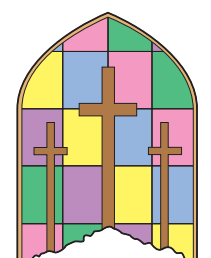
If you remember when cars had a dimmer switch for the high beams on the floorboard next to the pedals, you grew up in a special time.

The only reason people hold on to memories so tightly is because memories are the only things that don't change when everything else does.

My grandma used to joke that a little swat on the backside wasn't punishment at all; it was just moving the brains back up where they belonged.

There's no deadline for becoming who you want to be.

## Bible Verse



A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great.

— Proverbs 18:16

# A Message from the Mayor...



I don't know about you, but I am really enjoying springtime in Hurricane! Maybe it is the nicer temperatures and the blooming flowers, maybe it's the spring sports that are in full swing or maybe it's just that we had a long cold winter and it is nice to be out and about more. Whatever the reason, I'm thankful for the opportunity to live, work and play in such an awesome City! I hope you will agree with me that Hurricane is home to some of the best people on the planet, the best shops, the best restaurants, the best schools – I could go on and on!

Below are some things happening now and soon in the City that I want to be sure you know about! If you see me out and about at an event, at one of the parks or even just walking down Main Street, be sure you stop and tell me what YOUR favorite thing is about spring and summer in Hurricane.

## **HAPPENING NOW: Paving and concrete on City Streets. Vote FOR the Levy in May**

If you live in city limits, you have likely seen concrete and paving work already being completed now that we are in the spring months. Keeping up with the street conditions on City of Hurricane owned streets is of utmost importance to me – and I know it is to all of you! In fact, if you are a resident of the City of Hurricane (living in City limits), you will see an option to vote "for" the City of Hurricane levy on your Primary Election ballot. This levy has been in place since 1947 so it's not something new. We simply need to ask voters to renew it every five years. This levy is crucial to the City of Hurricane's annual budget. It generates \$800,000 annually and is used to support the city's street and road repairs – including paving and concrete work. It also ensures that the City has vital funding for the Hurricane Police Department – which includes the three School Resource Officers whose presence in the schools, as I hope you will agree, is of utmost importance. We urge you to vote "for" the levy. Voting for the levy will **not** increase your taxes whatsoever. Remember: it has been in place since 1947! Please keep in mind when going to the polls that losing this funding would be detrimental to our City's budget and would mean major cuts to both our street repair budget as well as our police budget.

## **HAPPENING SOON: Main Street Spring Festival – Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Our Main Street Spring Festival is coming up on Saturday, May 2! We have a ton of awesome things planned. You don't want to miss this family-friendly event. In case you aren't familiar, or you've never attended our Main Street Spring Festival in the past, we will close the street from A-Z Storage down to the old fire station for a safe, street fair atmosphere. There will be a magician, face painting, balloon twisting and photo opportunities plus lots of old-fashioned carnival games to play, vendors to visit, free cotton candy and – best of all – free admission! This all takes place from 1:00 – 5:00 pm. Stop by for a few minutes or come at 1:00 and stay the whole time! There will be plenty to keep you busy.

While you're downtown, it would be great if you also took the opportunity to shop and eat at our local businesses. Our business owners LOVE seeing new faces pop in! Also, in case you're curious about traveling that day, detours at the points of street closure will take you to Second Street or Dudding Avenue to get around the area.

## **HAPPENING IN A COUPLE MONTHS: Independence Day in Hurricane – America's 250<sup>th</sup>!**

Speaking of awesome events, it won't be long until our annual Independence Day Celebration rolls around. It's America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday, and we're ready to celebrate extra big on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. This is easily our largest - and most attended - event of the year! We kick things off with a parade at 3:00 pm which will run from Hurricane Bridge Park (just past Hurricane Middle School) down Main Street to First Baptist Church. After that it'll be time to head on up to Hurricane Bridge Park (entrance just behind First Baptist Church). From 4:00 – 10:00pm, you will find tons of FREE fun and live entertainment! We will even have a shuttle bus running back and forth all evening to the park if you don't want to worry about trying to find a parking spot. As always, admission is FREE thanks to our awesome sponsors. Speaking of free, there will also be free inflatables, free petting zoo, free balloon twisting, free ice cream, free sno cones, free cotton candy, free watermelon and so much more. Live entertainment will include our annual Farley's Hot Dog Eating Contest, an America's Songbook family show and, popular local band Rewind the Walkman will join us to wrap up the evening with a concert that'll begin at 8:30 and end just as the fireworks begin. The fireworks will be let off once again from Water Tank Hill at 10:00. If your business would like to get involved in this or any of our events, please call City Hall at 304-562-5896 or email [events@hurricanewv.com](mailto:events@hurricanewv.com) for more information.

Last but not least, I always want to say THANK YOU to our awesome City Council. They are Recorder Linda Gibson, Michael Black, CD Caldwell, Jody Ogle, Marshall Ginn and Ryan Wheeler. I also need to thank City Staff, the Hurricane Police Department, Hurricane Fire & Rescue -- and all of you for the support and assistance in making Hurricane a great place to live, work and play. It takes all of us! If you ever have questions or suggestions, feel free to call me on my cell at 304-419-0022 or email me at [sedwards@hurricanewv.com](mailto:sedwards@hurricanewv.com).

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### Daily Bible Readings

Romans	Deut.	James	Luke	Deut.	Romans	I John
2:1-29	27:1-26	2:1-26	10:1-37	6:1-25	3:1-31	3:1-24

## BASIC BIBLE

By Ron Allen  
304-562-9881

### God's Righteous Judgment

Romans 2:1-16

"Therefore thou art inexcusable . . ." (v. 1). Therefore refers to knowing the judgment of God (see Rom. 1:32). In the preceding verses the Apostle Paul makes it known that God allows the unrighteous to follow after their natural lusts. God does not prevent those who have separated themselves from Him from following paths of depravity.

Knowing that which God does, we bring judgment upon ourselves when we judge others "for thou . . . doest the same things." Wait! Stop! In Romans 1, Paul cited things which were very wicked. Surely, we are not doing the same things.

The wicked have separated themselves from God. When we sin, we separate ourselves from God. There is, however, a difference between us and the wicked and Paul addresses that difference in verse 2. He states, "But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things." The difference between us and them is that we know that we shall answer to God for our doings; they hold no such knowledge.

Paul states that we are inexcusable through a question (v. 3). He asks if we think that we can escape God's judgment when we do the same things as them who most certainly shall face His judgment.

The text before us is scripture. The things which Paul wrote in his epistles were given to him by the Holy Spirit of God (see II Pet. 3:15-16). Paul warned the believers in Rome (and all believers in similar circumstance) of the danger of judging others. It is God's desire that we see ourselves as He sees us. Do we do the same things as the vile and depraved? We are without excuse because we know "Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them" (Deut. 27:26). We know also, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all" (James 2:10). We most certainly are among the law breakers.

In verse 4, Paul provides an additional question to them who might believe that they are not subject to God's judgment for judging others. Paul asks them if they despise the very thing that led to their repentance. This question is an accusation because believers know and have accepted God's goodness (if we continue in sin, our actions [deeds] declare that we reject His goodness). Judging others is a testimony of a hard and impenitent heart. In judging others, we collect wrath which God shall judge in the day of His righteous judgment (v. 5). In that day of judgment, God shall issue two very different sentences. To them who have patiently continued in well-doing, there shall be given glory, honor, immortality and eternal life. To them who have continued to reject His goodness, there shall be given tribulation and wrath (v. 8).

God's judgment is according to truth. It is the same for both the Jew and the Gentile (v. 9). Gentiles who sin without the law will perish without consideration of the law. The Gentiles, having not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law (v. 14). Jews who sin in the law shall be judged by the law (v. 12). Both those without the law and them under the law are condemned because both Jew and Gentile shall be judged by their works. None are justified by works because none have kept the law — the Jews failed to keep that which they were given and the Gentiles failed to keep that which they knew by nature to keep.

God is a perfect God. No man is justified by works because all have failed God's standard of perfection. God has provided the perfection which He requires. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (Jn. 3:16). One is justified by believing God. Both the Jew and the Gentile is justified by believing God as Abraham believed God. Believing is more than an external acknowledgment of the truth. External acknowledgment does not justify anyone. Hearers of the law acknowledge God's perfection. A doer of the law reveals his belief by ever seeking to satisfy the law. Being a hearer of the word does not make one just (v. 13). One is made just by satisfying the law. In Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Israel is instructed to hear the Lord God and to love the Lord God. Both Jews and Gentiles are to hear and to love the Lord God.

New Testament believers who do not seek to do as Jesus has said are hearers only. They heard Jesus speak but their hearts failed to direct them to act upon the way, the truth and the life. The just are made just by Jesus. The judgment which awaits New Testament believers is dependent upon doing as Jesus has said to do. We are to love one another as He loves us. The order of our love-doing is to be JOY — Jesus first, Others second, and Yourself last. We are called to place Jesus first because Jesus placed us before Himself. Hearers who do, have JOY. Believers who are hearers only are without JOY.

In verse 16, Paul states that God shall judge "the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel." The secrets of men are not hidden from God. Those who both hear and do shall receive honor, glory and immortality.

All men have been judged by God and are in need of a righteousness that only He can supply. Knowing His judgment is according to truth, let us seek honor, glory and immortality in well doing. May His works be seen in us.

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## KIDS TALK ABOUT GOD

BY CAREY KINSOLVING AND FRIENDS

*What Are Some Ways You Might Be Tempted to Deny Jesus?*

"If someone offered me a lifetime supply of chocolate ice cream to say I didn't believe in Jesus, I might hesitate," says Jackson, 9. "But then I'd remember that chocolate melts, and Jesus lasts forever."

In John 18:12-27, we read how Peter, Jesus' boldest follower, denied three times that he even knew Jesus. Only hours earlier, Peter had promised to die with Jesus. But when things got scary, Peter pretended he didn't know him. It's easy to shake our heads at Peter, but we face the same kind of pressure, just in different ways.

"If my friends at school start making fun of church and ask me if I go, I might feel embarrassed," admits Sophia, 11. "I want them to like me."

Peer pressure is powerful. Peter wasn't facing mean kids on a playground. He was standing near a fire, surrounded by soldiers, servants, and people who could arrest him too. He feared for his life. Fear often tempts us to hide our faith.

"I once told my soccer team I was busy on Sunday, but really I just didn't want to say I was going to church," says Landon, 10. "I didn't want them to think I was weird."

Denying Jesus doesn't always look like shouting, "I don't know Him!" Sometimes it's staying quiet when we should speak. Other times, it's pretending we're not different because we follow Jesus. It can be subtle like laughing at a joke we shouldn't or choosing not to pray before a meal in public.

"Sometimes I act like I'm just like everybody else so they won't think I'm different," says Emma, 12.

The world doesn't always understand Jesus or those who follow Him. Jesus even said, "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you" (John 15:18).

So it makes sense that we'll face moments when it feels risky to speak up, live boldly, or admit we're Christians.

After denying Jesus three times, Peter wept bitterly. He loved Jesus, but fear and weakness overtook him. The good news is this: Jesus didn't give up on Peter. After the resurrection, Jesus forgave and restored him. Peter went on to become a bold preacher, a leader in the early church, and someone willing to suffer for the name of Jesus. His failure wasn't the end of his story.

That's true for us, too. When we deny Jesus, whether out of fear or embarrassment, he invites us back into fellowship with him. He still loves us. We are still in his family as beloved children of God. Jesus still has a plan for us.

God remains faithful even when we deny him and sin against him (2 Timothy 2:13). Like a good parent, God will pursue us when we deny him because he wants to restore us to fellowship with him so he can bless us. God wants the best for all his children even when they deny him.

Following Jesus doesn't mean we'll always be brave. Sometimes we'll mess up, like Peter. But we can always turn back to him, because he's full of grace and unconditional love. No one can undo a physical or spiritual birth, even by an act of will or denial.

Think About This: Denying Jesus can happen in small ways like when we stay quiet about our faith or act like we don't know Him. But Jesus is always ready to forgive and give us another chance.

Memorize This Truth: "Peter then denied again; and immediately a rooster crowed" (John 18:27).

Ask This Question: What can you do next time you're tempted to hide your faith or deny Jesus?

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**Obituaries**

**MONA FAYE BOOTH**  
Mona Faye Scott Booth, of Bancroft, passed away peacefully at Genesis Teays Valley Center on Saturday, April 19, 2026. She was a graduate of Poca High School. She was employed by the Diamond Department Store, Charleston; Bobbie Brooks Sewing Factory, Nitro; and Teays Valley Rehab in Teays Valley retiring after 21 years of service.

of Hurricane, WV; grandchildren: Tiffany Milligan, Stephen French, Corey Becher, Josh Becher, Logan French, and Avery French; great grandchildren: Reagan Fields, Olivia French, Sadie French, Rowan French, Abel French and Hudson Milligan; as well as many other family members and friends.

There will be a joint Celebration of Life Service for both Almalee and Samuel French on Friday, June 5, 2026, 2pm-4pm, at 63 Main Events on 63 Olde Main Plaza, St. Albans.

Patricha Goodwin, 80, of Poca, passed away on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at Hubbard Hospice House.

**PATRICHA ANN GOODWIN**

Patricha Goodwin, 80, of Poca, passed away on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at Hubbard Hospice House.

Patricha was a caring and giving woman who was loved by everyone who knew her. She found great joy in life's simple pleasures, especially sitting on the front porch swing with her husband, Darrell, watching the hummingbirds. She had a special love for sunflowers and cherished her beloved dogs, Zoey and Jake.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Darrell Lee Goodwin, and her son, Lonnie Bell.

**ALMALEE FRENCH**

She is survived by her children, Regina Bell and Bonita (Paul) Bradshaw; her step-children, Kitty (Jeff) Thomas, DJ (Heather) Goodwin, and Brandy (Jonathan) Presley; her grandchildren, Robert Bunch, Corey Bell, Kylie Good, and Ashley (Cody) Carver; her step-grandchildren, Brad (Tristan) Thomas, Destiny Goodwin, Hope (Elijah Skewes) Goodwin, Courtney Thomas, Shane (Maggie) Presley, Elijah Goodwin, and Isaiah Goodwin; her great-grandchildren, Rylie Smith, Laken Smith, Clint Good, Ellie Good, and Dutton Good; and her step great-grandchildren, Jordyn Thomas and Alister Skewes.

Almalee Landrum French, 88, of Scott Depot, and formerly of St. Albans, passed away at her home on April 16, 2026.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Darrell Lee Goodwin, and her son, Lonnie Bell.

She was born to the late Kenneth and Helen Brown Landrum on June 19, 1937.

She is survived by her children, Regina Bell and Bonita (Paul) Bradshaw; her step-children, Kitty (Jeff) Thomas, DJ (Heather) Goodwin, and Brandy (Jonathan) Presley; her grandchildren, Robert Bunch, Corey Bell, Kylie Good, and Ashley (Cody) Carver; her step-grandchildren, Brad (Tristan) Thomas, Destiny Goodwin, Hope (Elijah Skewes) Goodwin, Courtney Thomas, Shane (Maggie) Presley, Elijah Goodwin, and Isaiah Goodwin; her great-grandchildren, Rylie Smith, Laken Smith, Clint Good, Ellie Good, and Dutton Good; and her step great-grandchildren, Jordyn Thomas and Alister Skewes.

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She is survived by her loving children: Craig (Susie) French of Marysville, OH, Robin (Larry) Becher of Scott Depot, WV and Scott (Annamarie) French

he was the son of the late Samuel A. Sybert and Gladys S. Boarts Sybert. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Samuel Ralph Sybert, and James Edward Sybert; and a niece, Tina Louise Sybert.

Survivors include her sons; John F. (Lisa) of Buffalo, Matthew L. (Melissa) of Bancroft; grandchildren, Tyler (Sarah) of Birmingham, AL, Justin (Hannah) of Bruceton Mills, Stephen of Bridgeport, Mariah of Hometown, Zachary (Andi Kees) of Bancroft; great grandchildren, Merritt (Mer Mer) Booth, Kensi Wyrick, and Graham Wyrick.

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Born in Red House, on June 7, 1947 to Henry and Helen Harrison. Married to his beloved, Barbara, he proudly served in the U.S. Navy from 1967-1970. After his service, he and Barbara started their family, having two sons, Eric and Aaron. Most of his career was served at Monsanto/Flexsys.

April 17, 2026, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastors Doug McComas and Paul Browning officiating. Entombment with military honors was in Haven of Rest Memorial Gardens, Red House.

**JAMES ROGERS, JR.**

James "Jim" Rogers Jr., 63, of Hurricane, passed away suddenly on April 13, 2026.

David was defined by his faith in his Lord Jesus Christ and dedicated his life to furthering the gospel and the church. He faithfully served for over 40 years in various roles at Paradise Bible Church such as elder, deacon, and Sunday School teacher. Additionally, he served as a teacher every summer at Upward Way Youth Camp. His passion was for church missions and served for over 25 years as overseer of the church's missions program. He continued studying his Bible every day until he was no longer physically able.

Born on March 24, 1963, Jim was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, son, and brother. He will be remembered for his strong work ethic, easygoing nature, and deep love for his family. Jim proudly served his country as a veteran of the United States Army. Following his service, he built a successful career as an Area Manager for Consumer Brands, earning the respect of colleagues for his dedication and leadership.

David also found tremendous joy in his family. He spent hours watching his son's basketball games or taking his granddaughters on day trips through the mountains of West Virginia. He was happiest when surrounded by his family in his home. He is survived by his wife of over 57 years, Barbara (Honaker) Harrison. Sons, Eric (Sarah) Harrison of Red House, Aaron (Christi) Harrison of Franklin, Ohio. Grandchildren, Rylie (Evan) Fine of Bridgman, Michigan, Lindsay Harrison of Red House, Delanie (Matt) Wheeler of Franklin, Ohio, and Baylie Harrison of Franklin, Ohio, and four great-grandchildren. Brothers, Larry (Cindy) Harrison of Warsaw, Virginia, Dan (Karen) Harrison of Red House, West Virginia, and Tony (Sandi) Moles, of Nitro, West Virginia.

Jim found his greatest joy in life's simple pleasures. He loved camping in Hinton, fishing, bowling, and watching golf. A loyal Kansas City Chiefs fan, he rarely missed a game. Above all, Jim cherished time spent with family and friends, creating lasting memories with those he loved most.

He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Anita Rogers; his daughter, Krista Grimm (Zach); his son, Matt Rogers (Kimberly); his mother, Judy Rogers; his brothers, Joel Rogers (Leeann) and Jonathan Rogers (Theresa); and his beloved grandchildren, Aiden, Lydia, and his newest grandson, Jace. He was preceded in death by his father, James Rogers Sr., his favorite fishing companion.

Jim's steady spirit, kind heart, and love for life will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

In keeping with his wishes, no formal funeral service will be held. A celebration of life will take place on Saturday, April 25th, from 2:30 p.m. to

6:30 p.m. at Ridenour Park Pavilion in Nitro. Family and friends are invited to bring their fishing poles and spend time together honoring Jim in the way he loved most.

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**KENNETH EARL SYBERT**

Kenneth Earl Sybert, 71, of Buffalo, formerly of Kittanning, Pennsylvania, passed away Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at Glasgow Health & Rehab following a long illness. He loved to spend time in the outdoors and enjoyed hunting and fishing. Growing up in Pennsylvania, he often fished the Allegheny River. Kenneth had made many fond friendships during his years spent in Buffalo, and will be sadly missed.

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# Putnam County Man Found Guilty of Aggravated Sexual Abuse of a Child Abroad

After four days of trial, a federal jury today convicted Dustin Stover Bowles, 42, of Hurricane, for aggravated sexual abuse of a child under the age of 12.

According to court documents and evidence presented at trial, between September 2006 and December 2006, Bowles sexually abused a minor known to him while he babysat the minor at his home. The victim disclosed the abuse to several trusted adults in 2020, as well as Army criminal investigators. Bowles was later charged under the Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act. At the time of his criminal conduct, Bowles had been on active duty with the United States Army, stationed in Hanau, Germany. In addition to the victim identified in the indictment, three additional victims testified that Bowles sexually abused them while they were asleep.

The jury convicted Bowles of aggravated sexual abuse of a minor under the age of 12 while abroad as a member of the armed forces. He is scheduled to be sentenced on August 3, 2026, and faces a mandatory minimum penalty of 30 years in prison. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after considering the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

“Because of the victim’s courageous disclosure, years after being abused, the jury held Dustin Bowles to account,” said Assistant Attorney General A. Tysen Duva of the Justice Department’s Criminal Division. “This case demonstrates the Department’s commitment to protecting children from abuse and exploitation, even abuses committed decades ago and overseas.”

“Bowles preyed on

a child entrusted to his care and committed a calculated, predatory act that shattered that trust in the most unforgivable way,” said United States Attorney Moore Capito for the Southern District of West Virginia. “This was not a mistake — it was a deliberate exploitation of the most vulnerable. The courage of this victim stands in stark contrast to the cruelty of the offender. Those who target children will be found and brought to answer for it — wherever they are and no matter how long it takes.”

“No matter the circumstances, no matter where you are in the world, the FBI will investigate, find, and bring to justice those who think they can prey on the most vulnerable members of our community. Tarnishing the nation’s uniform makes these actions all the more egregious,” said Special Agent in Charge Richard Evanchec of the FBI Pittsburgh Field Office. “The FBI and our international partners will not hesitate to pursue justice across time and borders to protect our children.”

The FBI and the U.S. Army’s Criminal Investigation Division investigated the case.

United States District Judge Robert C. Chambers presided over the jury trial. Trial Attorney Eduardo Palomo of the Criminal Division’s Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS) and

Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Rada Herral from the Southern District of West Virginia are prosecuting the case.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by U.S. Attorneys’ Offices and CEOs, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the internet,

### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

#### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Greg and Jenny Young  
17261 Charleston Road  
Buffalo, WV 25033, Plaintiff  
v. Civil Action No. 26-M40C-00136  
Tonia Smith  
136 Quail Court Lot 36  
Buffalo, WV 25033, Defendant

The object of the above entitled action is to gain possession of Real Property located at 136 Quail Court Lot 36, Buffalo WV 25033, the address above is the last known address for the Defendant.

And it appearing by an affidavit filed in this action that the Plaintiff has used due diligence to locate the Defendant and to gain possession of property located at: 136 Quail Court Lot 36, Buffalo, WV 25033, it is ordered that She do serve upon Putnam Co. Magistrate Court, Sarah Weaver, Magistrate, whose address is 12093 Winfield Road, Suite 15, Winfield, WV 25213, an answer or other defense to the complaint this action on or before May 13, 2026, otherwise judgment by default will be taken against Her/Him at any time thereafter. A copy of said complaint can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.

Entered by Clerk of said Court Putnam Magistrate Court.  
DARRY CASTO/yc  
Magistrate Court Clerk

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### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

#### FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 - JUNE 30, 2027

#### LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
MUNICIPALITY OF BUFFALO, 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	400,000	
Property Taxes - Current Expense	95,598	
Tax Penalties, Interest & Publication Fees	500	
Gas & Oil Severance Tax	3,500	
Excise Tax on Utilities	50,700	
Business and Occupation Tax	100,000	
Fines, Fees & Court Costs	1,300	
Licenses	600	
IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	30,000	
Rents, Royalties and Concessions	16,000	
Gaming Income	4,000	
Video Lottery (LVL)	2,500	
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)</b>		<b>\$ 704,698</b>

#### COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND

REVENUE SOURCE	
Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 800
Coal Severance Tax	2,500
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)</b>	<b>\$ 3,300</b>

	Coal	General	Severance
	Fund	Fund	Fund
<b>ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES</b>			
Mayor’s Office	12,800	-	-
City Council	12,800	-	-
Recorder’s Office	27,000	-	-
City Attorney	5,000	-	-
Engineering	5,000	-	-
Rehabilitation of Property	15,000	-	-
Regional Development Authority	375	-	-
City Hall	70,725	-	-
Other Buildings	12,000	-	-
Contingencies	50,000	-	-
Police Department	84,200	-	-
Police Special Duty	34,000	-	-
Street & Highways	113,473	-	-
Street Lights	13,000	3,300	-
Parks & Recreation	5,500	-	-
Fair Associations/Festivals	20,000	-	-
Library	3,500	-	-
Beautification Programs	25,500	-	-
Capital Projects - General Government	194,825	-	-
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 704,698</b>	<b>\$ 3,300</b>	

#### MUNICIPALITY OF BUFFALO, 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
<b>Class I</b>			
Personal Property	\$ -	12.05	\$ -
Public Utilities	-	-	-
Total Class I	-	-	-
<b>Class II</b>			
Real Estate	21,866,310	24.10	52,698
Personal Property	431,422	-	1,040
Total Class II	22,297,732	-	53,738
<b>Class IV</b>			
Real Estate	5,498,610	48.20	26,503
Personal Property	3,777,023	-	18,205
Public Utilities	1,313,957	-	6,333
Total Class IV	10,589,590	-	51,041
<b>Total Value &amp; Projected Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 32,887,322</b>		<b>\$ 109,779</b>
<b>Less Delinquencies, Exonerations &amp; Uncollectable Taxes</b>		5.00%	5,239
<b>Less Tax Discounts</b>		2.00%	1,991
<b>Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable)</b>			0
<b>Total Projected Property Tax Collection</b>			<b>97,549</b>
<b>Less Assessor’s Valuation Fund</b>		2.00%	1,951
(Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)			
<b>Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes</b>			<b>\$ 95,598</b>

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF PUTNAM

MUNICIPALITY OF BUFFALO

I, Ashley Craig, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of the orders made and entered by the council of said municipality on the 24th day of March 2026.

Ashley Craig  
Recorder

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as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, visit www.justice.gov/psc.

### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

State of West Virginia,  
West Virginia Department of Human Services,  
Petitioner,  
V. Civil Action No. 26-JA-9  
Myrelle Harris,  
Respondent.

#### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

The object of the Petition filed in this matter is to provide protection to the infant child, J.H., whose date of birth is 04/19/2018.

#### 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 11th day of June, 2026, at 9:00 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

DATE: 4-13-26

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### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

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

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

Estate No.: 6323  
Estate Of: Kenneth Edward Dunlap  
Administratrix: Catherine Sue Cooper  
25455 245th Street  
Leon, IA 50144

Estate No.: 6421  
Estate Of: Anberklyn Edmonds  
Administrator: David B. Richardson  
134 Marshall Manor  
Winfield, WV 25213

Estate No.: 6355  
Estate Of: Susan Oliver Hayslett  
Executor: Walter T. Hayslett  
PO Box 3  
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6371  
Estate Of: Charles Harrison  
Meadows  
Judith A. Meadows  
16144 Winfield Rd.  
Winfield, WV 25213

Estate No.: 6449  
Estate Of: Donal Ray Moore  
Executor: Ethel M. Moore  
219 Moore Lane  
Winfield, WV 25213

Estate No.: 6375  
Estate Of: Colleen Annette "Ann" Reel  
Executor: Ray T. Light  
301 17th St.  
Dunbar, WV 25064

Delinquent

Estate No.: N/A  
Estate Of: Mary Ruth Gallagher  
Executor: Thomas J. Gallagher  
160 Burns Rd.  
Scott Depot, WV  
25560

Estate No.: 6337  
Estate Of: Irvin Merrill Jividen  
Executor: Andrew J. Barnett  
201 E. Tall Tree Road  
Derby, KS 67037

Estate No.: 6327  
Estate Of: Susan Ellen Young  
Administrator: John Nathan Young  
4989 Hurricane Crk Rd  
Hurricane, WV 25526

All persons having claims against the estate(s) of any of the above-named deceased persons whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims with vouchers thereof, legally verified, to the fiduciary of such deceased person as shown above within 60 days of April 9, 2026, or, if not, to exhibit the same at the office of the undersigned Fiduciary Supervisor at the address shown below by said date; otherwise any or all such claims may by law be excluded from all benefits of said estate(s). No claims against the estate shall be accepted by the fiduciary supervisor after said date. All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear either before the above-named fiduciary by the date first shown above, or thereafter before the undersigned fiduciary supervisor by the date last shown above to examine said claims and otherwise protect their respective interests.

All persons seeking to impeach or establish a will must file a complaint pursuant to W. Va. Code. Any person objecting to the representative’s qualifications, venue or jurisdiction must file a complaint within 60 days of April 9, 2026.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 1st day of April 2026

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

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### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Putnam County Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 221, of the Putnam County Courthouse, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV in order to conduct a regular meeting, and hold the following public hearing:

Pearl Gate Construction Co. has applied to the Office of Planning & Infrastructure for the development of Nine Oaks, a seventeen (17)-lot major subdivision on an 8.56 acre parcel located on Route 817, Winfield, WV 25213 (Tax Map 195, Parcel 32).

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

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### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

#### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

#### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

And Notice of the Beneficiary/ Servicer’s election to sell property is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Trustee by that certain Deed of Trust dated September 13, 2012, executed by Karen Leigh White to David G. Hammond, Trustee, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Book 1015, at Page 736. Bailey & Slotnick, PLLC was appointed as Trustee by APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated March 23, 2026, of record in the Clerk’s Office in Book 1408, at Page 833. The borrower defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust, and the Trustee has been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Trustee 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:

**THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026, AT 9:00 A.M.**

All that certain parcel of real estate, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Hurricane District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows

Being all of Lot No. 13 in Block 3, Corby Addition, as designated and shown upon the subdivision map of same recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Map Book 3, at page 11.

And being the same property conveyed to Karen Leigh White from Habitat for Humanity of Kanawha and Putnam County, Inc., by Deed dated September 13, 2012, and recorded in the Clerk’s office in Deed Book 519, at page 199.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 2950 Montana Avenue, Hurricane, WV 25526.

#### 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, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-way, 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 § 11-22-2.

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 the 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) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee by cashier’s check, cash or money order within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with a minimum deposit of \$10,000.00 payable to the Trustee by cashier’s check, cash or money order at the time and place of the sale.

Given under my hand this 13th day of April, 2026.

#### BAILEY & SLOTNICK, PLLC-TRUSTEE

By: Marc J. Slotnick, Member

500 Virginia Street East, Suite 600  
Charleston, West Virginia 25301  
Phone: (304) 346 1800  
WV State Bar No. 5956

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### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

#### PUTNAM COUNTY

#### EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE FOR

#### MAY 12, 2026. PRIMARY ELECTION

WEDNESDAY, April 29 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, April 30 8:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, May 1 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

**SATURDAY, May 2 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

MONDAY, May 4 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, May 5 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, May 6 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, May 7 8:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, May 8 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

**SATURDAY, May 9 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

**NOTE: SATURDAY, MAY 9, IS THE LAST DAY OF EARLY VOTING**

#### VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION IS TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026

**Primary Election Day, May 12, 2026, 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at individual precincts throughout the county**

**Early voting will take place on the 2nd floor of the COURTHOUSE and VALLEY PARK CONFERENCE CENTER**

### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

#### TRUSTEE’S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated February 11, 2013, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Document No. 003404170017, in Book No. 1033, at Page 897, Laura D Hunter did convey unto John R. Lukens and Ellen S. Cappellanti, Trustee(s), certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Seneca Trustees, Inc., as Substitute Trustee; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by Fifth Third Bank, National Association to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse in Winfield, West Virginia, on

**June 1, 2026 at 11:00 AM**

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 05 - Eleanor Town District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

The following described real estate in the County of Putnam, West Virginia:

All that certain parcel of real estate together with improvements thereon and the appurtenances belonging to Grantor, situated in Eleanor District of Putnam County, West Virginia, as set forth on the map entitled "Map Showing a Subdivision of Lot 135 Red House Farms Property of Wayne Harrison. DB 435, P 100. Town of Eleanor, Putnam County, West Virginia", dated July 12, 2004, prepared by James Calhoun. P.E.: and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a pin on corner of Ruby Raynes property and on right of way line of Ivywood Street; thence running with Raynes: N 11° 59' 45" E 150.00 feet to a pin. thence severing Lot 135. S 78° 14' 00" E 72.50 feet to a pin; thence running S11° 46' 00" W 150.00 feet to a pin on right of way line of Ivywood Street; thence running with Ivywood Street, N 78° 14' 00" W 73.00 feet to the beginning, containing 0.25 acre.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 223 Ivywood St, Eleanor, WV 25070.

The referenced real estate will be conveyed with no covenants of warranty, and subject to all covenants, restrictions, easements, rights of way and reservations which may be a matter of record in the aforesaid Clerk’s Office or visible upon the ground, all prior liens and encumbrances, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, incinerator, sanitary and sewer charges. The purchasers at the sale shall be responsible for paying the recording costs and also the tax on the privilege of transferring real property (the cost of the tax stamp to be affixed to the deed). The purchasers shall be responsible for payment of all real estate taxes.

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

TERMS: \$3500.00 in cash and/or certified funds as deposit at the time of sale with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale. Sale is also subject to buyer providing Trustee with information needed for reporting requirements required by Federal Law including FinCen requirements (31 CFR Chapter X) within 15 days from date of sale.

FEDERAL TAX LIEN: In the event that there are Federal Tax Liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.

Pursuant to the Deed of Trust, the Trustee may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated or by posting a notice of the same, and act by agent in the execution of the sale. The parties secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale.

SENECA TRUSTEES, INC.  
5000 Coombs Farm Drive, Suite 104  
Morgantown, WV 26508  
(304) 413-0044  
(304) 292-291

# Property Transfers

The following property transfers were recorded by the Putnam County Clerk between March 12, 2026, and April 1, 2026:

Kayleigh Cleek to Javan Simmons - Lot, Wheeler Ridge Ranches, Curry District for \$235,000.00.

Ralph and Angela Wagner to Jordan and Allison Wagner - 2.66 Acres, Hurricane District for \$335,000.00.

Larry and Katrina Harmon to Joshua Sharp - 4.01 Acres, Teays Valley District for \$345,500.00.

Linda Gear and Leslie Hazelman to Wildwood Hollow LLC - Two Tracts, Union District for \$139,000.00.

Nancy Smith and Kelli Carroll to Green Valley Properties Inc - Two Lots, Lynnhurst Addition, Hurricane District for \$60,000.00.

Estep Investments LLC to Allison Jones - Lot, Sun Valley Estates, Scott District for \$332,500.00.

Wayne and Cheree Jarrell to Ryan and Kristian Barnett - Lot, Teays Valley Meadows North, Teays Valley District for \$355,000.00.

Glenmont Properties LLC to Jonathan and Lauren White - Two Lots, North Woods, Union District for \$10,000.00.

Philip Surface to Nancy Turner - Parcel, Winfield District for \$10,000.00.

Gary and Shirley Garrison to Ernest Shreve - Parcel, Union District for \$42,500.00.

Dan Duncan to John Megimose - Lot, Brierwood

Estates, Scott District for \$285,000.00.

Tina Gagnon to Robert Evans and Lisa Sowards - Lot, Maplewood Estates, Scott District for \$489,900.00.

Frederick and Caroline Langworthy to Branson Martin - Lot, Teays Valley District for \$372,000.00.

Pifer Properties LLC and Three Hundred Twenty Holdings LLC to 302 Holdings LLC - Lot, Piedmont Addition, Curry District for \$72,000.00.

Jerry Chandler to Bill Crouch - Two Parcels, Poca District for \$325,000.00.

Putnam Holdings LLC to Warren Higginbotham - Lot, Poca Subdivision, Poca District for \$41,387.33.

Elk River Trustees Inc and Mark Slone to Stephen Williams and Austin Ervin - Two Tracts, Union District for \$90,000.00.

Carolyn Workman to Justin Workman - Lot, Teays Valley District for \$35,000.00.

Sherry McCallister to Michael Plumley - 3.52 Acres, Teays Valley District for \$35,000.00.

Christopher and Emma Luikart to Allen Jarvis - Parcel, Union District for \$38,000.00.

David Reynolds and Jody Null to Earl and Tina Coakley - Two Parcels, Teays Valley District for \$200,000.00.

odd and Vicki Rule to Pifer Properties LLC - Parcel, Orchard Park Acres, Teays Valley District for \$110,000.00.

MAJO LLC to Elijah

Mangone - Lot, North Park Subdivision, Buffalo town District for \$175,000.00.

Robert and Mary Blankenship to Joshua and Megan Pauley - Parcel, Teays Valley District for \$68,000.00.

Amy Ashmus to Taylor Ford - Lot, White Pine Subdivision, Scott District for \$335,000.00.

John and Janet Lett to Amanda Cunningham - Two Lots, North Nitro Addition, Union District for \$115,000.00.

FCFS LLC to Nancy Johnson - Lot, Sun View Subdivision, Scott District for \$182,450.00.

Advanced Property Development LLC to Kaitlyn Tucker - Two Parcels, Curry District for \$322,500.00.

Harold Rinehart to Three Sisters Property LLC - Parcel, Poca Town District for \$26,000.00.

Donald Highley to Douglas Dunlap - Two Lots,

Ranch Lake Estates, Scott District for \$175,000.00.

Donald and Marsha Craig to Johnathan and Jasmine Thomas - Lot, Poca Subdivision, Poca Town District for \$289,000.00.

Boyd and Breanna McClure to David and Debbie Devriend - Parcel, Scott District for \$349,000.00.

James and Sarah Conner to Zachary and Samantha Berry - Lot, Sunnybrook Estates, Teays Valley District for \$240,000.00.

Haleigh Cooper to Melissa Hill - Two Parcels, Poca District for \$11,000.00.

1026 LLC to 320 Holdings LLC - Lot, Corbly Addition, Hurricane District for \$80,000.00.

Robert Walker to Wesley and Megan Walker - Lot, Riverdale, Scott District for \$140,000.00.

Green Valley Properties Inc to Samuel Hartman - Lot, Virginia Avenue Addition, Hurricane

District for \$182,000.00.

WV State Auditor and Roger Melton to WVTK LLC - 1.67 Ac Poca River Road, Poca District for \$329.09.

WV State Auditor and A. Isaac to Willandt Resources LLC - 1/2 of 115 Ac Poplar Fork, Scott District for \$175.84.

WV State Auditor and Ruby Phillips to Willandt Resources LLC - All Min Lying Under Browning & Wymer Tracts of LD, Scott District for \$1,000.00.

Gregory and Lori Ludwig to Mauricio Garcia - Lot, Preston Place, Hurricane District for \$345,000.00.

Renee Lopez and Annette Montoya to Rex and Carolyn Matheney - Lot, Elite Heights, Hurricane District for \$281,845.00.

Larry and Selena Miller to Seth and Roquel Mack - 20.12 Acres, Buffalo District for \$370,000.00.

James and Tonya Miller to Christopher Mullins and

Jessica Hall - 14 Acres, Poca District for \$275,000.00.

Adams and Merritt Investments LLC to Austin and Brianna Davis - Lot, Hime Builders Estates, Curry District for \$189,900.00.

Franklin Real Estates Company to Cumulus Group LLC - 1563.128 Acres, Buffalo District for \$22,788,855.00.

Nancy Turner to Eric Fredell - Two Parcels, Winfield District for \$775,000.00.

Lambo Properties LLC to Leon and Debra Brotsky - Lot, Nitro District for \$21,500.00.

Stephen and Heather McCrady to Travis and Alexandria McGrath - Lot, Woodridge Estates, Teays Valley District for \$634,000.00.

Patricia McKnight to Nathan and Taylor Browning - Lot, New London Commons, Scott District for \$405,000.00.

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Winfield, WV 25213**





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| BUFFY MEADOWS<br>Milton<br>April 18th  | 1635 Jenkins Creek Road<br>Glenwood<br>Birthday April 25                                      |
| SAM CRADDOCK<br>Hurricane<br>65th Birthday April 23  | APRIL RICHARDS-<br>RUTHERFORD<br>Culloden<br>53rd Birthday April 25                           |
| TARA CHAPMAN<br>14716 Old Vermillion<br>Drive<br>Huntersville, North<br>Carolina<br>45th Birthday April 23 | ERNEST TERRY<br>Nitro<br>83rd Birthday April 26   |
| SHEILA ANN FISHER<br>SPAULDING<br>Hurricane<br>65th Birthday April 23                                      | MIKE CAIN<br>713 7th Ave.<br>Saint Albans<br>Birthday April 26th                              |
| TAMI HANDLEY<br>Hurricane<br>Birthday April 24   | SUE ANN WITHERS<br>313 Main St.<br>Huntington<br>75th Birthday April 26                       |
| BAYLEE HUDNALL<br>Mt. Olive Road<br>Frazier's Bottom<br>23rd Birthday April 24                             | WILMA SAVIDGE<br>216 N. 8th St.<br>Upper Sandusky, Ohio<br>82nd Birthday April 26             |
| STACIE McCALLISTER<br>SHEETS<br>Culloden<br>53rd Birthday April 24   | ZACK SMITH<br>Huntington<br>28th Birthday April 26  |
| SHARON GRANT<br>#3 Riverdale Estates<br>Winfield<br>Birthday April 24                                      | RACHEL SMITH<br>Huntington<br>28th Birthday April 26  |
| MEGHAN<br>HUTCHINSON<br>Scott Depot<br>Birthday April 24   | MELANIA TRUMP<br>Washington, DC<br>56th Birthday April 26                                     |
| TOM ARMSTEAD<br>1123 Turkey Creek Road<br>Hurricane<br>67th Birthday April 25                              | MAE ERWIN<br>496 Erwin Road<br>Winfield<br>83rd Birthday April 27                             |
| CHARLES PAUL<br>TAYLOR JR<br>Blue Sulfur Road<br>Ona<br>71st Birthday April 25                             | HANNAH EDGAR<br>FLYNN<br>Hurricane<br>30th Birthday April 27                                  |
| LOWELL CARRICO<br>105 Alma Avenue<br>South Point, Ohio<br>88th Birthday April 25                           | SABRINA DONAHUE<br>MOORE<br>#5 Campview Road<br>Barboursville<br>49th Birthday April 27       |
| MARGARET DONEFF-<br>LUCAS<br>1001 Norton Avenue<br>Culloden<br>77th Birthday April 25                      | MADYSON BREANNE<br>Chapman Messenger<br>Raccoon Creek<br>Branchland<br>26th Birthday April 27 |
| KENDALL BAKER<br>1311 Walnut Street<br>Kenova<br>18th Birthday April 25                                    | MADELINE ROSE<br>SHOWALTER<br>Georgia<br>16th Birthday April 27                               |
| LISA KAY TEMPLETON   | CARTER CHAPMAN<br>219 Huston Drive Belmont<br>North Carolina<br>16th Birthday April 27        |

JIM JUSTICE  
75th Birthday April 27

JACOB CHAPMAN  
107 Green Drive  
Hurricane  
11th Birthday April 28

JUNE WOOD POLK  
Barboursville  
Birthday April 28

JACOB HUTCHINSON  
100 Windy Ridge Rd.  
Lavalette  
34th Birthday April 28

CRAIG GRANT  
Frasiers Bottom  
62nd Birthday April 28

CAROLINE GILLESPIE  
KING  
166 Willow Tree Way,  
Apt. 309  
Hurricane  
74th Birthday April 28

TOM TURNER  
#77 Frontier lane  
Hurricane  
Birthday April 28

JAKE ALLEN EDWARDS  
Tennessee  
25th Birthday April 28

GARRETT WILLIAM  
EDWARDS  
Barboursville  
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1818 Jerry's Run Rd.  
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Tennessee  
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CODY ALLEN TAYLOR  
Hurricane  
29th Birthday April 29

DEE CRESAP  
19210 N. Concho Circle  
Sun City, Arizona  
82nd Birthday April 29

WILLIE NELSON  
Spicewood, Texas  
93rd Birthday April 29

## Happy Anniversary

Rev. Dan and Ruth Hofmann of 522 Jones Ridge Road in Gandeville will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on April 24.

Boyce and tina Gabbard Baker of Ironton, Ohio, will celebrate their fifth wedding anniversary on April 25.

Roy and Mary Young of 37 Winfield Avenue in Winfield will celebrate their fortieth wedding anniversary on April 26.

Rod and Peggy Setliff of 4583 5&20 Mile Road in Frazier's Bottom will celebrate their forty-first wedding anniversary on April 26.

Clinton (Bud) and Xylphia Beaver of 2253 Hurricane Creek Road in Hurricane will celebrate their sixty-second wedding anniversary on April 27.

Bill and Debbie McCallister Gibson of 2861 Hurricane Creek Road in Hurricane will celebrate their forty-first wedding anniversary on April 27.

Rickey and Susan Reynolds of 66 Pine Grove Road in Culloden will celebrate their thirty-second wedding anniversary on April 30.

Tim and Jenna Spears of #5 Hillview Lane in Milton will celebrate their thirty-second wedding anniversary on April 30.

Scott and Morgan Hedrick Ashley of 105 Brentwood Road in Nitro will celebrate their fourth wedding anniversary on April 30.

## Wookie Wobble Star Wars Themed 5k

On Sunday, May 3, Putnam Aging Program will be holding the second annual Star Wars themed 5K - The Wookie Wobble - at Valley Park in Hurricane starting at 2 p.m. Registration on site will be at 1 p.m. There are awards for the top three male and female finishers in a wide range of age groups along with prizes to the three best Star Wars Costumes. All funds from the event will support the nutrition program.

Registration is \$30 April 20th through May 1st. Day of the race registration is \$35. Participants can register for the race at <https://www.tristateracer.com/race/12971>, or through contacting O Such Tri-State Race Planners through their Facebook page or by email at [osuchraceplanners@aol.com](mailto:osuchraceplanners@aol.com)

Putnam County Aging Program fights hunger in our communities daily, offering meals both at local senior centers as well as Meals on Wheels. Meals are provided to seniors at no cost.

## Cooking With Kathy

There's a spring sensation in the kitchen as Master Gardener Kathy Talley hosts Cooking with Kathy at the Main Library on Saturday, May 2, at 11 a.m. She'll be wowing us with delicious ways to use that gorgeous spring produce!

Samples will be provided, and the program will be followed by a seed and plant swap to share some of that greenery with your own garden!

## Developmental Screening

Putnam County Schools Developmental Screenings will be held on Friday, May 8, at the Teays Valley Baptist Church on Teays Valley Road. Children ages 2 1/2 to 4 years will be screened for speech/language, hearing, vision, motor skills, social skills, self-help, and cognition.

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

## Putnam Town And City Council Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

## 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.

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 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.

## Animal Shelter to Host Baby Shower For Puppies and Kittens

April showers bring babies. Putnam County Animal Shelter is welcoming approximately 200+ new babies this season. This means nearly 200+ sets of vaccines, microchips, dewormer, spays or neuters. Help them prepare by showing up for a baby shower which will be held on Friday, April 24, at 2 p.m. at the shelter. There will be cupcakes and punch

for guests, as well as puppy and kitten snuggle sessions.

A special donation station has been set up at Tractor Supply in Teays Valley, where you can shop and drop off items from the shelter's baby registry. The registry includes puppy pads, soft puppy food (any brand), soft kitten food (any brand), bottle kits, blankes (new or used), kitten formula (stage 1 & 2), puppy formula (stages 1 & 2), Nutri Cal, waterless shampoo, and used nursery items. Any donation is greatly appreciated in helping to set these babies up for success.

## Plant and Seed Swap

Add some more green to your garden with the second annual Plant & Seed Swap at the Poca Library, graciously hosted by Jordan Charbonneau Rabbit Ridge Farm. Bring what you can, and take what you need, so even if you don't have anything to swap, there will be plenty of seedlings and seeds to get something growing in your world!

The swap will take place at the Poca Library on Friday, May 1, from 9 a.m. to noon.

## Hummingbird Sighting

Rick and Prema Ray of Hurricane Creek Road were sitting on their porch on April 14 and saw their first hummingbird of the season.


Last year they saw their first hummingbird on April 14 as well.

## 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](http://animalshelter.putnamcountywv.gov)



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