

The Hurricane Breeze

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New Dollar General Now Open on Main Street in Hurricane

Community Grand Opening Celebration with Giveaways Scheduled for Saturday, May 2

Dollar General is excited to announce its store at 2530 Main Street in Hurricane is now open to provide the community with convenient and affordable access to household essentials! To celebrate, the Company plans to host a grand opening event on Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 8 a.m., which will include \$10 complimentary gift cards to the first 50 adult customers and DG tote bags to the first 100 customers.

"At Dollar General, we believe the addition of our new Hurricane store provides positive economic growth for the community through the creation of new jobs and career growth opportunities; increased accessibility to affordable products; the generation of tax revenue and access to Dollar General Literacy Foundation grants," said Matthew Simonsen, Dollar General's senior vice president of business intelligence and development. "As part of our mission of Serving Others, we look forward to being a strong business partner and good neighbor, as well as welcoming customers to our new store."

Dollar General plans to create new jobs in the Hurricane community as

the store is expected to employ approximately six to 10 people, depending on the individual needs of the store. The Company provides employees with competitive wages, world-class and award-winning training and development programs and benefits including day-one telemedicine eligibility as well as health insurance coverage options, 401K savings and retirement plans, tuition reimbursement, paid parental leave and adoption assistance to eligible employees. Interested candidates can review and apply for available positions here.

Furthermore, DG strives to be a good neighbor and is committed to the communities it proudly calls home, evidenced by unwavering support of literacy and education initiatives through the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. The addition of the Hurricane store opens the opportunity for schools, nonprofit organizations and libraries within a 15-mile radius of the store to apply for Dollar General Literacy Foundation grants. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$275 million in grants to nonprofit

A Springtime Blessing of the Animals



Pastor Darick Biondi asks a prayer of blessing upon a pet on Sunday, April 27th, at Valley Park in Hurricane.

By Ron Allen

The Blessing of the Animals is a tradition inspired by St. Francis of Assisi, known for his deep love of all God's creatures. The Blessing is usually celebrated annually around October 4th, the date of the Feast of St. Francis. The Rev. Andy Bird of St. Timothy's-in-the-

organizations, helping more than 23.8 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education. For more information about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation and its grant programs, visit www.dgliteracy.com.

Valley and Pastor Darick Biondi of Cross of Grace Lutheran Church thought it appropriate to conduct a springtime Blessing of the Animals and joined with 15 to 20 pet owners at the large shelter at Valley Park at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 27, for that purpose.

"We ask blessings upon our food and other needs daily. There is no

reason to limit blessings upon our pets to a single occasion each year," Biondi said. Blessing of the animals combines spiritual reflection, gratitude, and care for God's creatures to bring a deeper awareness of human-animal relationship and the responsibility to protect and cherish all forms of life.

The observance commenced with prayer and the song, The Friendly Beasts. A special offering was taken for support of the Putnam County Animal Shelter. The closing prayer asked that all present might be good stewards of all which has been given in accordance to God's will.

UVHS Gets Firsthand Look at Buffalo's History



Larry Wayne Jeffers showed photos of the restoration work which is being done to Buffalo's first fire truck.

By Betsy Allen

Buffalo history was the focus of the quarterly meeting of the Upper Vandalia Historical Society held this past Sunday, April

26 at the town's Historic Square. The meeting began in the Historical Square Community Church, where Larry Wayne Jeffers discussed the ongoing

efforts to restore Buffalo's first fire truck. The 1939 Chevy, which was used from the 1950's to the 1970's by the Buffalo Fire Department, is currently in Jeffers' workshop in Ohio. He has been working on the vehicle for the last three years, ordering replacement parts from all over the country, sandblasting away years of grime and repainting, and making a few practical additions like a new step to

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A Hidden Historic Putnam Home



Charles Caldwell, Jr., describes the manner in which timbers were sawed. The original cabin featured a door in the mismatched area.

By Ron Allen

There are many historic homes in Putnam County. The oldest might be the Hoge House which now sits behind the courthouse in Winfield. The Hoge house, built in 1838, ceased to serve as a dwelling many, many years ago. The oldest structure in Putnam that continues as a dwelling might be the home of Charles Caldwell, Jr., in Fraziers Bottom.

Caldwell's home, or most of it, consists of two log structures which were used to house slaves owned by the William A. Alexander family sometime prior to 1860 (late 1840's?). Both cabins featured dirt floors. The history of the structures between the Civil War and 1927 is unknown. In 1927, the Alexander

family moved the two structures, constructed a chimney and fireplace, and joined them together under a single roof, and added wooden floors. The two-room structure served as a dwelling place during the years of the Great Depression.

In 1942, Charles Caldwell, Sr., a lawyer in Dunbar, purchased 75 acres adjacent to the Alexander home, which acreage was without a habitable dwelling. Shortly after World War II, Charles, Sr., moved the reconstructed slave cabins and chimney to his property. The Caldwell family continued to live in Dunbar, using the structure for a summer retreat where they produced a large garden and preserved its abundance.



The slave cabin structure is hidden by an enclosed front porch and cannot be seen from State Route 817.

The Caldwells added improvements. Asphalt siding was installed to the exterior. Charles Caldwell, Jr., recalls digging a cellar, as a

pre-teen, beneath one of the cabins, which houses the hot water tank.

More recently, Charles, Jr., now 84, has

returned the interior of the two cabins to their original state. The rough hand-hewn logs have been painted to match

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WEATHER SUMMARY

April 21 - 27

Low High

April 21

Hurricane 27° 73°

April 22*

Hurricane 46° 70°

April 23

Hurricane 44° 80°

April 24

Hurricane 50° 80°

April 25

Hurricane 50° 71°

April 26

Hurricane 43° 61°

April 27

Hurricane 38° 80°

*RAIN

0.1 inch recorded Apr. 22

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 30

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

MAY 1 - 3

- The 3rd Annual Harmony House Renaissance Faire will be held at Harris Riverfront Park in Huntington. Tickets are \$20 for adults, and \$10 for children 3-10.

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 - 3

- The Spring Pumpkin Festival will be held at Pumpkin Park in Milton from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

MAY 2

- Mount Union Church, 19268 Jerry's Run Road, Pliny, will be holding a ladies tea party at noon.

- 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.

- There will be a Homeschool Moms Day

Out from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Grace Life Church, 93 Joy Lane, Culloden. For more information and to sign up, go to <https://www.simpletix.com/e/homeschool-mom-s-day-out-tickets-267598>

- Cooking With Kathy - Master Gardener Kathy Talley will be at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley at 11 a.m. to discuss spring produce recipes.

- Pinnacle Karate Center, 3544 Commerce Drive, Hurricane, will be holding a free Lil Ninja workshop for children ages 4-5 at 10 a.m.

- Pinnacle Karate Center, 3544 Commerce Drive, Hurricane, will be hosting a free beginner karate workshop for children ages 6 and up at 11 a.m.

- Pinnacle Karate Center, 3544 Commerce Drive, Hurricane, will be offering a free women's self defense and fitness class from noon to 1 p.m.

- The Board Room, located behind the Hurricane Walmart, will be hosting Free Comic Book Day starting at 11 a.m.

- Sonney Skies Boutique, 2741 Main Street, Hurricane, will be holding a spring festival from 1 to 5 p.m.

- The Main Street Spring Festival will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. in Hurricane.

MAY 3

- There will be a mountain bike ride at Ridenour Lake in Nitro. Meet up at the trailhead beside the Dynamite Bike Skills Park pump track at 2 p.m.

- Showcats, Nitro High School Show Choir, will be holding their dinner theater at the high school. Doors open at 1 p.m.; dinner at 1:30. Tickets at door are \$25.

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

- The Wookie Wobble 5K presented by Putnam County Aging Program will start at 2 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane. The cost to register is \$35 the day of race. For more information or to register in advance, go to TriStateRacer.com/2ndWookieWobble5K

MAY 4

- 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.

MAY 5

- The Winfield Symphonic Band will be hosting a Cinco De Mayo dinner and show starting at 6 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person.

MAY 6

- Lighthouse Baptist Church, 2440 Route 60, Hurricane, will be holding a free clothing and household goods giveaway from 2 to 5 p.m.

MAY 7 - 9

- The Eleanor Town-Wide Spring Yard Sale will be held throughout the town.

MAY 7

- Local author Berna Darby will be discussing her children's book, "Secret Fairy Forest Mice," at 1:30 p.m. at the Eleanor Library.

- Vandalia Backgammon Club will be holding weekly backgammon games from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Putnam Moose Lodge, located in Putnam Village Shopping Center. Open to the public.

MAY 8

- Bridget's Dance

Secretary of State Issues Warning Notice Concerning Text Scam

The WV Secretary of State's Office has been notified by several individuals of a text message scam in West Virginia that features the illegal use of the WV State Seal.

WV Secretary of State Kris Warner said that citizens are receiving text messages on their cell phones notifying the recipient that they have failed to pay a fine for a parking or traffic violation. The text message indicates that the individual needs to use the QR code in the text to pay the fine immediately or to report to municipal court on Monday.


"This is clearly an illegal use of the State Seal to make the message and demand for payment appear legitimate," said

Secretary Warner. "The use of the WV State Seal is clearly prohibited for this kind of message."

According to Warner, WV State Code 5-2-1 strictly prohibits the unauthorized use of the WV State Seal. Those found guilty of the illegal use of the WV State Seal may be subject to penalties for fraud or forgery.

Warner advised that those who receive the recent text message should NOT click on the QR code or open any attachment.

Any individual wanting to report an email or text message of any possible illegal use of the WV State Seal can send an email with the screenshot of the message to Investigations@wvsos.gov.



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF KANAWHA COUNTY
TRAFFIC DIVISION

CASE NO.: WV-28-TR-273196 Judge: Michael Rodriguez

FINAL NOTICE — COURT ENFORCEMENT ACTION

This notice constitutes your final official notification regarding an outstanding traffic violation involving your registered vehicle within the State of West Virginia. All prior notices and compliance deadlines have expired. This matter is now under active court enforcement.

Violation: Failure to Pay Electronic Toll / Toll Evasion
Parking Violation
Speeding Violation

Statutory Authority: W. Va. Code § 17C-5-1 et seq.
Related Authority: W. Va. Code § 17C-6A-1 et seq.


IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

You must take one of the following actions without delay:

- Remit full payment of all outstanding tolls, fines, civil penalties, administrative fees, and court costs; OR
- Appear before the Court at the scheduled hearing to address this matter

FAILURE TO ACT OR APPEAR WILL RESULT IN:

- Entry of a final default judgment without further notice
- Imposition of maximum statutory penalties, late fees, and court costs
- Referral of the debt to a licensed collections agency
- Suspension of your West Virginia driver's license and/or vehicle registration
- Issuance of a Court Order to Show Cause and potential contempt proceedings
- Possible adverse impact to your credit profile associated with your Social Security Number
- Additional enforcement actions as permitted under West Virginia law



Scan the QR code to settle your unpaid balance.

COURT HEARING INFORMATION

Date: April 27, 2026
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Kanawha County Municipal Court
Traffic Division
817 Virginia Street East
Charleston, WV 25301

Cpl. William B. Fulks 5K/10K Run, Walk and Ruck Race

Marine Corps League Cpl William B. Fulks Detachment 1474 in Hurricane will hold its 6th annual Cpl William B Fulks Memorial 5K/10K Run, Walk and Ruck Race on May 9th at Meeks Mountain Trail in Hurricane.

Opening ceremonies start at 8:45 am and the race will start at 9:00 am.

Cpl Fulks grew up in the Ona and Milton area, was a graduate of Cabell Midland High School where he excelled in many sports and competed in the Golden Gloves Boxing Championships.

Cpl Fulks enlisted in the Marine Corps and after Boot Camp and Infantry training, he was deployed to Afghanistan in 2004. Following his deployment to Afghanistan, he applied to Force Reconnaissance. After successfully completing Force Reconnaissance Training

he was deployed to Al Anbar, Iraq. On May 1st 2006, his Humvee struck an IED and Cpl Fulks received massive internal injuries and severe burns. Cpl Fulks succumbed to his injuries on May 18th 2006, just days after his 23rd birthday.

Detachment 1474 will also honor Cpl Fulks on May 18th at 6:00 pm at his place of rest at Forest Memorial Cemetery in Milton.

Putnam County Food Pantries And Clothing Banks

- Christian Community Cupboard**
2843 Virginia Avenue Hurricane
(304) 562-9373
Food pantry open from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Fridays
- Calvary Baptist Church**
3653 Teays Valley Road Hurricane
(304) 757-8829
Call for food pantry hours.
- Light House Baptist Church**
2440 US Route 60 Hurricane
304-562-3900
Food pantry on the second Saturday of each month from 9-11 a.m. Church also offers free clothing giveaways on a regular basis.
- Teays Valley Baptist Church**
3926 Teays Valley Road Hurricane
(304) 380-3100
Call for food pantry hours.
- Heartbeat of the Valley**
28 Mission Way Scott Depot
(681) 235-2097
heartbeatofthevalley.com
Organization offers food pantry, community programs, and special events; call or go to webpage for more information.

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

10,000 miles and counting. When I started walking a few years ago, my goal was 10,000 miles. No kidding. The first few months, I counted steps/miles on my telephone...my granddaughter surprised me with a much-needed Fitbit. Therefore, the months I used my phone have not been counted. Also, last fall, this Fitbit quit. Thus the months until January, when she surprised me with a new one, were not registered.

I imagine I reached 10,000 miles a few months ago... however, I have only counted the steps/miles on my Fitbit and recorded in my journal. I reached those 10,000 miles in April of this year. Averaging about 4.8 miles or so a day. Some days, I did 5-8 miles... some days 2-4... I am excited that I have finally reached my goal, although it took years and years... I didn't work that hard at it... it just happened... 10,000 miles...

The other day, I was in an office attending to some business, when the woman working there asked me my secret to not looking my age. I am sure she was being nice, but folks ask me this all of the time. I don't know why. I am old and wrinkled with flyaway dark hair... I wear glasses... I have trouble walking... however, my reply was, "I became a vegetarian in 1992 and have stuck to

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.

Articles Welcome

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

that... also I walk every single day of my life."

I have almost reached the age of 79... 79... imagine. I believe the reason is what I eat, the BP meds... (Thank you Dr. Smith)... and walking... walking.... walking... more and more.

I have started on my next 10,000 miles... it will take longer as I age... as the pain is worse... I told my family that the 10,000 miles... one step at a time... one painful step at a time... that is what I do... I make sure of it.

My daughter is walking now... she comes to the apartment building, and we use the exercise room. I don't do much there, but she does. Then we walk inside or out. We hope to use the trails at the parks this summer. She is doing great with her Fitbit from her daughter. I am so proud of her.

My doctor in Florida asked me if I would like to work with the elderly and encourage them to keep moving. I chuckled, and I said to her, "I am the elderly." I can't do that because when I need to rest... I rest...that is important also.

If I could say anything to my readers, I would say that it is important to keep moving... keep moving... no matter the pain... use a cane as I do much of the time... walk and rest... just don't sit 24 hours a day. (I know there are exceptions.)

I am thankful the Lord has kept me around so many years. Would Mother believe I am walking this way? Well... she might as I did walk when she was living... That being said, I am the most unathletic person living... I don't like doing sports... I don't like getting hot... it is good that I have four floors and many steps inside here... and I can walk around the building easily... it is safe and close.

Well... another goal met... 10,000 miles and counting... I will keep you posted... get that Fitbit... not sure how we ever did without them... because the way we were is the way we are... always moving.

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A Hidden Historic Putnam Home



The 1927 fireplace was replaced by a wood burning stove in the 1950's.



Antique displays project the feeling of long-past history.

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the original color and the clay filler replaced with concrete. The hand-sawed

boards and joists, while painted reveal the labor which was expended more than 175 years ago. Caldwell plans to remove

the asphalt siding, fill the cracks in the ancient logs, paint them to mimic their original tone.

"I do not want this history to be lost," Caldwell said. "Now that I have cut back upon my green house activities, I have more time to devote to the project.

Federal Trade Commission Urges Car Dealers to Report Competitors Using Misleading Pricing Tactics

When shopping for a car, the price you see in advertisements may be far from the price you'll pay at the dealership. In a new federal action push, the Federal Trade Commission is now urging car dealers to report competitors who use misleading pricing tactics, including hidden fees, mandatory add-ons, and bait-and-switch advertising. The agency has already sent warning letters to nearly 100 dealer groups, signaling just how widespread the issue has become.

For everyday car buyers, this confirms a frustrating reality. The price advertised online is often not the price you get when you walk into the showroom. By the time paperwork is presented, costs can climb thousands of dollars higher due to fees that were never clearly disclosed upfront. For consumers, the takeaway is simple and urgent. The burden is still on you to protect yourself. Automotive retail analysts Zach Shefska and Ray Shefska are available to discuss hot consumers can navigate this industry-wide scourge, including (but not limited to) topics like

How to demand a true out-the-door price upfront before ever stepping into a dealership

What to say when a dealer refuses to provide full pricing digitally

How to identify hidden fees and mandatory add-ons buried in fine print

The most common bait-and-switch tactics and how to spot them early

Why you should always get pricing in writing and what qualifies as "real" documentation

How to walk away strategically without losing leverage or momentum

What fees are legitimate vs negotiable or

removable

How to use competing dealer quotes to force pricing transparency

What to do if the final paperwork doesn't match the advertised price

How to escalate issues or report deceptive practices to regulators if needed

Why timing matters and how to avoid pressure tactics once you are physically at the dealership

How to avoid emotional decision-making that leads to overpaying

The role of AI and pricing tools in verifying whether a deal is fair

How to protect yourself from post-negotiation add-ons in the finance office

The FTC is now emphasizing that dealers must present true all-in pricing, including document fees and required charges. But there is a critical concern. If deceptive pricing is as common as regulators suggest, asking dealers to police each other may not be enough to fix the problem.

"Hidden fees, inflated add-ons, and last-minute price changes remain some of the most common and costly pitfalls in car buying," notes Ray Shefska. "Many buyers do not realize they are overpaying until it is too late. Others feel pressured to move forward after investing time at the dealership, even when the final price does not match what they expected."

New data reinforces just how significant these gaps can be. "Research demonstrably shows that pricing for the exact same vehicle can vary by thousands of dollars depending on the dealership, driven not by the car itself but by dealer behavior," adds Zach Shefska. "In many cases, more than a third of quotes include add-ons

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

April 30, 1774: Relatives of Mingo Chief Logan were murdered by settlers

that were never requested, while a large percentage of dealers refuse to provide transparent pricing digitally at all."

This is where free online consumer empowerment tools like the Car Dealer Transparency Index are gaining traction. The platform ranks thousands of dealerships based on real pricing behavior using verified out-the-door quotes, giving consumers a clearer picture of which dealers consistently provide honest, upfront pricing and which do not.

As regulators increase scrutiny, the car buying experience is at a turning point. But meaningful change may take time. In the meantime, consumers should approach every advertised price with caution, ask for full out-the-door pricing before visiting a dealership, and be prepared to walk away if numbers change.

The bottom line is this. The FTC's warning is not just for dealers. It is a wake-up call for car buyers. This is a consumer story about flailing pricing transparency, uncontrolled costs, and a deeper look at how one of the largest household purchases is still largely unregulated at the transaction level.



Asphalt siding of the 1950's hide the hand-hewn logs of the 1850's.

West Virginia State Parks Foundation Announces Spring & Summer 'Mountains Are Always Free' Photo Contest

The West Virginia State Parks Foundation is pleased to announce the launch of its Spring & Summer Mountains Are Always Free Photo Contest. Running from May 1 through August 7, the contest invites photographers to capture and celebrate the beauty of West Virginia's state parks, forests, and rail trails during the vibrant warmer months.

"We recently wrapped up our winter photo contest," said Foundation Executive Director Brad Reed. "We received hundreds of incredible submissions that showcased our state park areas as true four-season destinations."

Reed added, "As warmer weather arrives, visitation from both residents and tourists increases significantly. We

encourage park guests to enjoy everything these special places have to offer—and to capture those unforgettable moments through photography to share with others."

The contest is open to both amateur and professional photographers. Winners will receive prizes provided by the West Virginia State Parks system and the Foundation. Awards will be presented in the following categories:

Summer Beauty – Scenic spring and summer landscapes and facilities from across WV state park areas

Outdoor Recreation – Favorite warm-weather activities such as hiking, fishing, and more

Wildlife – Animals in their natural park habitats

Plants – Native flora

and seasonal blooms found throughout park areas

Pets in Parks — Your companion enjoying West Virginia's great outdoors

For more information and official contest rules, visit: <https://www.lovewvstateparks.com/events/>

About the WV State Parks Foundation:

The West Virginia State Parks Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to "preserve, protect, and enhance West Virginia State Parks by providing leadership in communication, funding, and advocacy in partnership with individual Park Foundations." Find them at www.lovewvstateparks.com.

Happy Retreat near Charles Town but did not live to see it completed.

May 2, 1925: Flying saucer investigator Gray Barker was born in Riffe, Braxton County. Barker became interested in unidentified flying objects in the 1950s after investigating sightings of the Flatwoods Monster.

May 2, 2002: The Tug Fork River in McDowell County crested at a record 22.1 feet. The flood killed four people and destroyed or damaged hundreds of homes and businesses. The river reached this same level again in 2025.

May 3, 1843: U.S. Postmaster General William Lyne Wilson was born in Smithfield, Jefferson County. Wilson joined President Cleveland's cabinet as postmaster general in 1895. The following year, he introduced Rural Free Delivery in Jefferson County, an experiment quickly instituted nationwide.

May 3, 1917: Fire

destroyed the West Virginia Preparatory School in Keyser. The school was rebuilt, and it evolved into the institution now known as WVU Potomac State College.

May 4, 1896: The Children's Home Society of West Virginia was formed by a group of Charleston ministers. Their goal was to place orphaned and neglected children with caring families rather than crowd them into county poorhouses.

May 5, 1923: A fire started by welders working on a new swimming pool destroyed most of Luna Park, an amusement park in Charleston. Although Luna's owners announced they would rebuild, the park never reopened.

May 5, 1923: Golfer Bill Campbell was born in Huntington. He won more than 30 championships over a seven-decade career and is considered one of the best amateur players in history.



Secured Party Real Estate Auction

Tuesday, May 12th at 11:00AM

Registration Begins at 10:30AM

AUCTION HELD AT THE KANAWHA COUNTY COURTHOUSE



Property Address:
402 Bow Hunter Rd
Charleston, WV

3 BEDROOM CONDO IN HUNTERS RIDGE

3 Bedroom, 2 Baths
1,251+/- SF
Attached Garage

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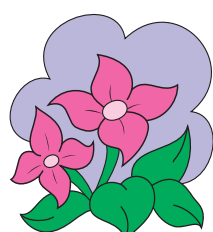
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Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



Jokes From Linda

Submitted by Linda Lavender Armstead

Three-year-old Ivan didn't like the routine of being scrubbed, especially when soap was applied.

"Ivan, don't you want to be nice and clean?" His mother asked.

"Sure," replied Ivan, "but can't you just dust me off?"

What is as big as an elephant that weighs nothing?

Its shadow.

What has one head, one foot and four legs?
A bed.

What invention lets you look right through the wall?
A window.

Why is basketball a messy sport?
Because you dribble all over the floor.

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

Dive Into Healthy Eats With Mediterranean-Inspired Dishes

(Feature Impact) The warm weather season offers a perfect opportunity for a meal reset. Inspired by the vibrant flavors and traditions of the Mediterranean, the aptly named Mediterranean Diet zeroes in on nourishing foods long touted as some of the healthiest by dietitians and health organizations.

Inclusive of vegetables, fruits, whole grains, beans and other legumes, as well as low-fat or fat-free dairy products, non-tropical vegetable oils and nuts, poultry and fish – such as Genova Wild Caught Yellowfin Tuna – Mediterranean-focused dishes fit beautifully into a colorful, healthy diet. The Mediterranean Diet has also been associated with many benefits, as it includes key nutrients such as omega-3 fatty acids that support brain, eye and heart health. Because this way of eating also prioritizes fiber and lean protein, it also can support a healthy weight, which can fuel overall health and well-being for years to come.

Packed with protein and omega-3s, Genova Yellowfin Tuna in Olive Oil is wild-caught and inspired by the flavors and traditions of the Mediterranean. Free from additives and preservatives, this convenient protein makes an easy and delicious addition to meals inspired by the region's fresh, vibrant ingredients.

A simple, elegant Flatbread Nicoise lets tuna take center stage, melding together fresh, foolproof ingredients like baby potatoes, green beans, baby arugula, kalamata olives and red onion on top of a warm, doughy crust. Or take the taste of the Mediterranean further at lunch time with this Mediterranean Tuna, Feta and Dill Salad. It combines the big, bright flavors and textures of arugula, cucumber, feta, fresh dill, lemon and tuna to give your tastebuds a happy zing and keep you satisfied until dinner.

For more information, including recipes, serving suggestions and a product locator, visit GenovaSeafood.com.

Flatbread Nicoise

Total time: 50 minutes

Servings: 4

- 4 ounces baby potatoes, well-scrubbed
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 1 pound store-bought pizza dough, at room temperature
- kosher salt, to taste
- freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 2 ounces green beans or haricot verts, trimmed
- 1 can (5 ounces) Genova Yellowfin Tuna in Olive Oil
- 1 1/2 teaspoons red wine vinegar
- 1/2 cup baby arugula
- 1/2 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1/4 cup pitted kalamata or nicoise olives, halved
- 1/4 small red onion, thinly sliced

Preheat oven to 450 F. Using mandolin, thinly slice potatoes.

Drizzle 9-by-13-inch baking sheet with 1 tablespoon olive oil and spread pizza dough to edges. Shingle potatoes over dough, leaving 1/2-inch border. Season with salt and pepper, to taste, and drizzle with remaining olive oil.

Bake pizza until cooked through and crust is golden, about 25 minutes. Remove and let cool slightly.

Bring small saucepan of salted water to boil. Add green beans and cook until bright green and crisp tender, about 3 minutes. Strain, rinse with cool water and drain well. Transfer to work surface and cut each bean into thirds on bias.

Strain oil from tuna can into small bowl and whisk vinegar into oil. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Sprinkle slightly cooled pizza with arugula, tuna, tomatoes, olives, green beans and red onion. Drizzle with vinegar dressing then slice and serve warm.

Mediterranean Tuna, Feta and Dill Salad

Total time: 20 minutes

Servings: 4

- 3 cups arugula
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, each cut in half
- 1/2 English cucumber, cut into 1/2-inch chunks
- 1/2 cup feta cheese chunks
- 1/4 cup sliced red onion
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill or 1 teaspoon dried dill, plus additional for topping (optional)
- 2 cans (5 ounces each) Genova Yellowfin Tuna in Olive Oil

Dressing:

- 2 tablespoons fresh-squeezed lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon fresh chopped dill
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

In large bowl or on platter, lay arugula. Place cherry tomatoes, cucumber, feta, red onion and dill over arugula. Top with tuna; reserve oil from cans.

To make dressing: In small bowl, combine lemon juice, dill, salt and pepper. Whisk in reserved olive oil from tuna cans until mixture is well blended.

Before serving, drizzle dressing over salad and top with additional chopped dill, if desired.

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane



Friend: Such a simple word for one of the great necessities of life.

When the roots are deep there is no reason to fear the wind.

Life is so much brighter when we focus on what truly matters.

No matter how old we get, we are still our young self on the inside.

Wrinkled was not one of the things I wanted to be when I grew up.

If we loved each other like our pets loved us, the world would be a better place.

I grew up when our mom's wooden spoon had more authority than Congress.

Farmers deserve the same respect as doctors, engineers, and every profession we admire.

I'm thinking about starting a taxi service for old people and called it Oldsmobile.

Before you lend someone money, hug them. It might be the last time you see them.

Let the sweet fragrance of lilacs remind you to find beauty in the moment.

Apparently, staying to yourself and not bothering people bothers people.

Once farmland is covered in concrete and solar panels it's gone forever.

Pray to God even after He gave you what you were praying for.

The average man has five senses: touch, taste, sight, smell and hearing. The successful man has two more: horse sense and common sense.

I pulled out a nose hair last night to see if it hurt. Judging by how fast my husband woke up screaming, it seemed pretty painful.

You may be able to load the bases in every inning, but if you don't cross Home plate, you don't score a run: that's what counts.

Despite weighing less than a penny, hummingbirds fearlessly defend their families against hawks and eagles.

When it came to your life on earth, you weren't given a voice or a vote. But when it came to life after death, you were.

America has more experts on marriage than any other country and more divorces.

It takes only 17 muscles to smile, 43 muscles to frown. Conserve energy.

If fault finding were electrified, some people would be power houses.

It's important to realize you can miss something, but not want it back.

Each day you must chose the pain of discipline, or the pain of regret.

God's dream isn't just

to get you into heaven, but to get heaven into you.

The how-to-do it always comes to the person who believes he can do it.

Memorizing pothole locations is a survival skill from where I'm from.

To climb steep hills requires a slow pace at first. - William Shakespeare

Don't stay in the boat when God is calling you to walk on water.

Act the way you'd like to be and soon you'll be the way you act.

Nobody watches you harder than people who doubted you.

When you let go of what you are, you become what you might be.

The salvation of man is through love and in love.

Retired and rebuilt: Body contains aftermarket parts.

As we get older, it's not just the years we miss, it's who we were, where we were, and who we were with.

Everyone has a friend during each stage of life. But only lucky ones have the same friend in all stages of life.

Purple is the color my heart chooses every time.

You can't fix stupid, but you can numb it with a 2x4.

A liar will not be believed, even when he speaks the truth.

What is it called when people hate you for no reason?

If God helped you start, He will help you finish.

My fashion style is called "whatever still fits me."

May God's love comfort you as you go to sleep tonight.

Sometimes it is much harder to wait than it is to do.

Happiness is the richest thing we will ever own.

Some days we thrive some days we survive.

No man ever got lost following a straight road.

Cleaning is just putting stuff in less obvious places and then wondering where you put them.

Humans invented mirrors, then started using filters because the mirror was "too honest."

We used to teach kids how to respect their elders. Maybe it's time we brought that back.

At my age, getting lucky means walking into a room and remembering what I came in for.

Trust as you will, you cannot annihilate that eternal relic of the human heart, love.

I've already walked the walk and talked the talk. Now, I'm just gonna sit the sit.

Children are a gift from God.

Nature is meant to be enjoyed.

Stay strong and wear purple.

Always trust yourself.

When you love yourself, the world is yours.

At their best, that is what doggies do: they make us happy.

You are worth the effort to become the best version of yourself.

Everyone wants to win until they realize how many losses it takes.

Allow yourself to be a beginner. No one starts off being excellent.

Always make a total effort, even when the odds are against you.

Comfort kills more dreams than failure ever will.

I've never met a stronger person with an easy past.

Don't stop when you're tired. Stop when you're done.

Don't underestimate the power of your own instinct.

Accomplishment will prove to be a journey, not a destination.

Winners don't wait for motivation; they create it.

Great things never came from comfort zones.

Dreaming, after all, is a form of planning.

Your mindset decides your limits.

We should just cancel April Fool's - there is no prank that can top our present reality.

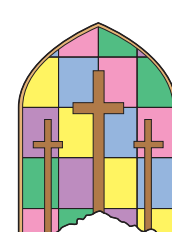
Do you realize that we are the last generation on Earth that knows what life was like before social media?

Think back when you were younger, you were living some of the best days of your life and you didn't know it.

Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love.

I can't decide whether to lounge around all day thinking about the stuff that need doing, or just lounge.

Bible Verse



I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.
— Psalm 145:1

UVHS Gets Firsthand Look at Buffalo's History



Sue McKeever, Carolyn Null, and Larry Wayne Jeffers pose for a photo in the Historical Square Community Church.



Mark Harris discusses the history of the Buffalo Bank.

Continued from Page 1

assist people in boarding the truck and a bench for passengers to ride. He hopes that the truck will be ready in time for this year's Buffalo Fourth of July parade.

Jeffers' father, Alby, drove the fire truck for many years, and it was used to transport his body to Buffalo Memorial Park after he passed away. Sue McKeever recounted the story of her father's funeral, and how people lined the roads on Cross Creek and saluted as the procession went by. The fire truck stalled after crossing over the railroad tracks, and had to be pulled up the hill to the cemetery by another truck. She related that her father had always said he was the only one who kept the fire truck running.

McKeever also discussed the history of the Historical Square Community Church, which was built in 1856 and was formerly the town's Presbyterian church. The church was originally built with the intention that men and women would sit on opposite sides of the building, and the divided pews which were built for this purpose are still used today, although now anyone can sit where they wish. The church also had a balcony where slaves could watch the services. At one time, a tower which housed a 400-pound bell sat atop the roof, but the tower has since been torn down, and the bell currently resides within the sanctuary.

After McKeever concluded her discussion

of the church's history, Mark Harris, president of the Friends of Buffalo WV History group, led visitors to the Buffalo Welcome Center. He discussed the history of the building, which once housed the Buffalo Bank. The building was recently renovated after extensive water damage due to various leaks, and was opened to the public during a special Founders' Day Celebration held earlier this month. The Welcome Center features historical displays, photographs, and artifacts; a photo directory of Buffalo veterans; a Hall of Fame for notable Buffalonians; and the town's first piano, which was owned by Caroline Frazier and her family.

After concluding the tour of the Welcome Center, Harris led visitors to the Buffalo United Methodist Church next door. He discussed the history of the church, which was founded in 1833 and was the first congregation in Buffalo. The original church building was made out of logs and located in the nearby bottom, but it kept flooding. A new building was later constructed in the same location of the current church, but it was burnt down by Union troops during the Civil War. The church was rebuilt in 1870, and added onto over the years. Harris, who is the current pastor, briefly discussed the history of Methodists in this region.

After the tour of the Buffalo Historic Square was over, visitors went back to the Historical Square

Community Church for refreshments. The event had a very good turnout, with forty-three people in attendance. In addition to the regular members of the Upper Vandalia Historical Society, the St. Albans Historical Society and Friends of Buffalo WV History groups were also represented.

The Upper Vandalia Historical Society meets four times a year to discuss Putnam County and local history. Anyone who has an interest in local history and trivia is invited to attend meetings. If you have Facebook, you can also become a member of the "Upper Vandalia Historical Society (Putnam County, WV)" group by going to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/431246375713984>



Mark Harris discusses the history of the Buffalo Methodist Church.

Governor Morrisey Signs Infrastructure, Work Zone Safety Legislation

Announces \$125 million to help roads and fill in potholes

Governor Patrick Morrisey joined transportation officials and industry partners at Triton Construction to sign legislation supporting work zone safety while outlining ongoing efforts to strengthen West Virginia's transportation system.

"West Virginians deserve a transportation system they can rely on," said Governor Morrisey. "With these investments and reforms, we are delivering immediate relief for drivers while building a stronger, more stable foundation for the future."

West Virginia maintains one of the largest state-owned highway systems in the country, with more than 38,000 miles of public roads and over 7,000 bridges, creating significant maintenance demands across the state's mountainous terrain.

Since January, Division of Highways crews have patched more than 18,000 miles of potholes, with the state on track to address all reported potholes by the

end of May. A \$125 million supplemental investment requested by the Governor during the legislative session is supporting more than 350 projects and over 580 miles of paving, delivering immediate relief for drivers and helping stabilize road conditions for the long term.

Governor Morrisey signed Senate Bill 692, which authorizes the use of green flashing lights on Division of Highways vehicles to improve visibility during road work and snow removal, and House Bill 4538, which increases penalties for speeding and distracted driving in active work zones when workers are present.

"These measures strengthen safety for the men and women working on our roads and ensure there are real consequences for dangerous behavior in work zones," Governor Morrisey said.

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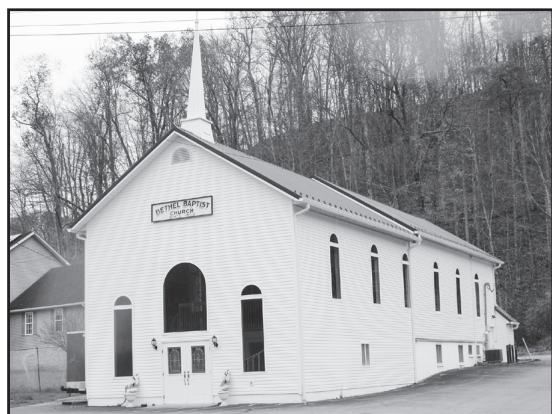
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KIDS TALK ABOUT GOD

BY CAREY KINSOLVING AND FRIENDS

What Can We Learn from the Conversation Between Jesus and Pontius Pilate?

"If Jesus is the King, why didn't He just order an army of angels to rescue Him?" asks Caleb, 10. "He could've blinked and zapped everybody!"

Caleb's question might be exactly what Pontius Pilate was thinking during his famous conversation with Jesus in John 18:28-40. Pilate was the Roman governor who had the authority to set Jesus free or send him to die. But the more Pilate talked with Jesus, the more confused he became.

"Jesus told Pilate that His kingdom was not of this world," says Lily, 11. "That means Jesus is a king, but not like any king Pilate had ever known."

Let's look at what happened. Pilate tried to figure out who Jesus was and why the Jewish leaders wanted Him dead. When Pilate asked, "Are You the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world." Then Jesus said something amazing: "Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice."

Jesus didn't try to impress Pilate. He didn't beg for His life. Instead, he spoke calmly, clearly, and with authority. That's because Jesus knew exactly who he was and why he came, to die for the sins of the world.

"Pilate was confused because Jesus didn't act like someone trying to save himself," says Ava, 10. "He acted like someone on a mission."

Pilate didn't know what to do. He even said, "I find no fault in him at all." But instead of setting Jesus free, Pilate offered to release him as part of a Passover tradition. The crowd chose Barabbas, a criminal, instead.

Sometimes people want truth until it costs them something. Pilate was face-to-face with the Truth (Jesus), but instead of standing up for him, he gave in to the crowd.

"Pilate knew Jesus was innocent, but he didn't have the courage to do what was right," says Natalie, 12.

Pilate even asked, "What is truth?" but he didn't wait for the answer. Truth was standing right in front of him, and he missed it.

Today, we face the same question: "What is truth?" In a world where people say, "Believe whatever you want," Jesus tells us he is the truth (John 14:6). Truth isn't just an idea. It's a person. It's Jesus.

"Jesus was on trial, but really Pilate was the one being tested," says Evan, 11. "Jesus knew the truth, and Pilate had to decide if he believed it."

Jesus didn't come to build a kingdom with castles and armies. His kingdom is made up of people who listen to his voice and believe in him as their savior. That's why Jesus didn't fight back. He came to sacrifice himself so we could be born again into his forever kingdom.

We can learn a lot from this conversation: Jesus didn't panic or argue, even when facing death. Pilate cared more about pleasing people than doing what was right. Truth isn't always popular, but it's always powerful. God's kingdom is bigger than anything in this world.

"I think Jesus was showing Pilate and us that real power comes from God, not from governments or crowds," says Hannah, 12.

Think About This: Jesus didn't fight to save himself. That's because he came to save us. Truth stood before Pilate, but he cared more about popularity than doing what was right.

Memorize This Truth: "Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not of this world'" (John 18:36).

Ask This Question: Are you so captivated by the lies of this world that you cannot hear the true voice of Jesus that is calling you to his forever kingdom where his light and love reign supreme?

BASIC BIBLE

By Ron Allen
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Righteousness Through Faith

Romans 3:21-31

The law of Moses reveals God's righteousness and man's unrighteousness. In verse 21, Paul states that there is a way separate from the law by which man may know God's righteousness. Before examining this way, let us consider the specific audience which the apostle is addressing. It is Jewish believers — individuals who were rooted in the law of Moses. They were individuals who possessed knowledge and understanding of the law and believed upon Jesus. It is to this audience that Paul declares the righteousness of God is apart from the law but is witnessed by the law and by the prophets.

The righteousness that the law reveals is that it is impossible for man to keep the law at all times. The prophets reveal that man is wanting and must look to God to do that which man cannot. Moses and the prophets reveal the means by which man can escape the consequence of failing to keep the law. Moses prophesied of a prophet like unto himself to whose words men must harken (Deut. 18:18, 19). The promised prophet said: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil" (Matt. 5:17). The prophets testified of the things which the promised prophet should do. The promised prophet radiates a righteousness which fully satisfies the righteousness required by the law.

The God of the Old Testament is the God of the New Testament. The Old Testament gives witness to the same righteous God who is more clearly revealed in the New Testament. Devout, but unbelieving, Jews of today know of God's righteousness through the law. Faith, not knowledge of God's righteousness, separates the Christian from the Jew. A Jew believes that his best will overcome his failure to keep the law. Christians know better. Our faith is not in our own efforts. We know that the redemptive work of Christ alone removes the barrier separating man from God.

In verse 22, Paul states that the righteousness of God is revealed by faith, a faith dependent upon believing Jesus is the Messiah, the promised prophet. The righteousness by faith of which Paul speaks is that of which the law and the prophets bear witness. The Jewish believers in the church at Rome accepted Jesus as the Messiah because they believed the prophets.

The Holy Spirit reveals truth to all believers. The Holy Spirit does not reveal one thing to the Jews and something else to the Gentiles. There is no difference.

What does the Holy Spirit reveal? Look at verse 23: "... all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." The truth is naked. It is totally revealing; all have fallen short of God's righteous requirements. The revelation given to believers does not terminate with the knowledge that all have failed to meet God's standard. In verse 24 and 25, the Spirit through Paul declares that Christ Jesus has done for men that which all have failed to do for themselves. Believers are justified by God's grace through faith in the redemptive work of Christ Jesus whom God the Father set forth to be a propitiation to declare God's righteousness.

A propitiation is an act that has been prescribed. Christ is God the Father's prescription to remedy man's failures. This prescription, when believed, produces a 100% success rate in the remission of past sins. The cure (remission of sins) is activated by faith in the blood of Christ (His sacrifice). God the Father set forth His only begotten Son to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins. The Son declared the Father's righteousness by satisfying every requirement of the law.

The righteousness of God which is made known through the Son was witnessed by the prophets. Believers of every era rejoice in the words of the prophet Isaiah: "Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. He shall see the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities" (Isa. 53:10, 11). Believers rejoice because believers are justified.

It is with consideration of that which God the Father has declared through God the Son that Paul asks, "Where is the boasting then?" One does not boast of failure. The law of Moses testifies of man's failure. The law of faith excludes boasting because faith is rooted in believing God.

God declared the justification of many, not because of their works, but because many would believe in the righteous works of His Son. There is no boasting in believing God. God states that all have come short. Being a single unit of all who have come short of God's glory is nothing to brag about. God states that He will count the righteousness of the Son for all who believe. Again, there is no cause for man to boast in himself. God has done it all.

Justification requires men, both Jew and Gentile, to believe God. There is no difference in the faith required.

In verse 31, Paul asks if faith invalidates the law. The apostle supplies the answer: "God forbid!" Faith establishes the law. The reason that faith establishes the law is because faith is counted for righteousness. Without faith there is no righteousness because all have sinned.

God has removed the sin barrier which separates believers from Him. God has revealed through the Son that righteousness is through faith.

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WILLIAM CLINTON BALLARD

William Clinton "Clint" Ballard, 82, of Red House, passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2026.

Clint was born and raised in Chemical City, St. Albans, before making his home in Red House. He worked as a mechanic at Harrah's Garage in South Charleston. Clint enjoyed anything NASCAR, spending time outdoors with his dogs, working in his yard, playing golf, and traveling to Pigeon Forge, Watoga, Babcock, and other state parks.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Becky.

Clint is survived by his son, Ronald; his life partner, Gipsy Williams; his brothers, Jim, Wayne, and John; his close friend, Pete Absten; and his beloved dachshund, Lucy.

A tribute to the life of William Clinton Ballard was held Monday, April 27, 2026, at Gatens-Harding Chapel. Burial was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens in Red House.

leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, friends and family that will miss his presence every day.

Tom loved spending time with his "Grands".

Funeral Service for Tom was Monday, April 27, 2026 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Dr. Seth Polk officiating. Burial was in Valley View Memorial Park, Hurricane.

GARY LEE COOPER

Gary Lee Cooper, 77, of Hurricane, Wpassed away on April 27, 2026 at CAMC General.

He was born to the late Clyde and Madge Cooper on July 4, 1948 in Charleston. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his sister, Vickie; and brothers: Randy Bailey, Ronnie Bailey, and Billy Selby.

Gary was a member of Teays Valley Church of God in Scott Depot, and a retired Coal Miner. He loved to fish and spend time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Barbara Jean Buzzard Cooper; children: Shawn, Jeffrey, and Michael Cooper; step-children: Michael and Tammy Brown; 10 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; sister, Jody Pauley; brothers: Charles Cooper and Roger Bailey; as well as a host of extended family and friends.

Funeral Service for Gary will be 12:00 pm, Monday, May 4, 2026, at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, WV with Pastor David Bowen officiating. Burial will follow in Kanawha Valley Memorial Gardens, Glasgow, WV.

CORA KING

Cora Dynese King, 27, of Hurricane, passed peacefully on April 18, 2026. Cora was born on June 19, 1998, to Steven King and Ellen "Marie" Mitchell and was raised by her loving Uncle Joe and Aunt Lori Bailey. She is preceded in death by her father Steven King, great grandparents Charles and Verna Hale, grandparents Josephine "Josie" Neil, Virginia "Jenny" Bailey and Elaine Hale. She is survived by her precious daughter Daisy Mae, beloved fiancé John Miller, her Aunt Lori and Uncle Joe Bailey, mother Marie Mitchell and grandfather

Jerry Mitchell. She was lovingly called "Sis" or "Sissy" by her brother Joey (Meghan) Bailey and their children Carson and Josie, Lucas (Lee) Walker, Marcus & Mindie Riley, Trinity Jordan, Kaylee Runyan and Kiera & Braxton King. Cora was also very special to many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Cora was a member of the 2016 Hurricane High School graduating class where she was student body president and a member of the Red Hot Show Choir. She was also named the 2015 Miss WV Teen USA during high school where she went on to the national pageant and received the honor of becoming Miss Congeniality Teen USA. During her reign she created the program "Christmas Blessings" in her hometown of Hurricane. This tradition still grows and continues today. Growing up Cora attended Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church where she loved to attend youth group and volunteer with her Uncle Joe in the REACH program. Recently, Cora, John and Daisy enjoyed attending Bridge Church in Scott Depot.

Cora has made a huge impact on her family and community. She spent most of her recent days having the best adventures with Daisy and John. She also loved supporting local businesses, helping to run her family's business, photography, enjoying nature and being kind to the Earth, and spending as much time with family and friends as possible. She leaves a legacy of love and kindness to all those she's ever met.

Please join us in celebrating the beautiful life of Cora on Saturday, May 2nd at 3:00 p.m. at Bridge Church in Scott Depot, following a visitation from 1 until 3 prior to the service.

WANDA MAE KINSER

Wanda Mae Kinser, 94, of Red House, passed away Saturday, April 25, 2026 following a short illness. She was a graduate of Nitro High School. She was owner/manager of Country Mart in Red House for several years and worked at a local loan company in Nitro. She enjoyed spending time outdoors working in her flowers. Wanda loved her family and will be greatly missed.

Born February 26, 1932, she was the daughter of the late Beecher Hill and Stacia Turley Hill. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, William A. Kinser; daughter, Sheri D. Kinser and sister, Vada Lee Hill Muck.

Survivors include her daughter, Tara Kinser Thornton and her husband Leslie of Red House; brother, Ray Hill of Orville OH; grandson, Jonathan Matt (Lauren) Davis; granddaughter, Skye Kinser; great grandchildren, Jackson Lawson and Logan Davis.

Graveside service was Thursday April 30, 2026, at Wade Chapel Cemetery, Red House, with Rev. Randy Parsons officiating.

MAT EVERT KITCHEN

Mat Evert Kitchen, 49, of Scott Depot, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, April 22, 2026.

Mat was a dedicated member of Pipefitters Local #538 and was employed by Ames Goldsmith Catalyst Refiners. He was also a faithful member of Teays Valley Church of the Nazarene. A quiet and humble man, Mat lived with a servant's heart, often working behind the scenes without seeking recognition. He found joy in life's simple pleasures—riding his Harley on country roads, reading, walking his dog, playing video games, and most importantly, spending time with his beloved

family. He was preceded in death by his mother, Linda Geyer; father, Carl Kitchen; grandparents, Edward and Doris Geyer; and father-in-law, David Vannatter.

Mat is survived by his loving wife, Stefany Kitchen; children, Drusilla Kitchen, Lewis Kitchen, Aaron Kitchen, and Alexandra "Dot" Kitchen; mother-in-law, Dru Vannatter; brothers, Robert Kitchen, Seth Kitchen, and Adam (Ashley) Kitchen; sister, Amy (Ron Bayes) Kitchen;

special friends Nicole Bishop, the Caufield family, the O'Brien family, and the Lemasters family; along with a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends who will cherish his memory.

A tribute to Mat's life was held Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at Teays Valley Church of the Nazarene, with Pastor Charles V. Williams officiating. Burial was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens in Red House.

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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
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$ 704,698

COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND

REVENUE SOURCE

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

ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES

	General Fund	Coal Severance Fund
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	-
TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	\$ 704,698	\$ 3,300

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
Class I			
Personal Property	\$ -	12.05	\$ -
Public Utilities	-	-	-
Total Class I	-	-	-
Class II			
Real Estate	21,866,310	24.10	52,698
Personal Property	431,422	-	1,040
Total Class II	22,297,732	-	53,738
Class IV			
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
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$ 32,887,322		\$ 104,779

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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ORDER AND NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR AN ADDITIONAL CITY OF HURRICANE LEVY TO THE VOTERS OF HURRICANE

That at a regular meeting of the City Council of Hurricane, Putnam County, State of West Virginia, held on the 5th day of January 2026 as provided by law, the following order was made and entered of record, to-wit:

The City Council, of Hurricane, being of the opinion that the maximum levies for current expenses authorized by Article 8, Chapter 11, of the Code of West Virginia, as amended, will not provide sufficient funds for the payment of current expenses of the City of Hurricane including expenditures for the purpose or purposes hereinafter set forth, and that an election should be held regarding the proposed Additional Levies under the provisions of Section 16, Article 8, Chapter 11 of the Code, as amended, it is hereby ordered:

- That the purpose or purposes for which additional funds are needed is: (1) Street Department and (2) Public Safety
 - That the approximate annual amount for each purpose after a \$50,947 allowance for tax discounts, delinquencies, exonerations and uncollectible taxes is: (1) \$350,576.55 (Street Department) and (2) \$336,828.45 (Public Safety)
 - That the total approximate amount for said purpose or purposes during the term of the levy is: \$2,749,620.00 (1) \$1,402,306.20 (Street Department) and (2) \$1,347,313.80 (Public Safety)
 - That the separate and aggregate assessed valuation of each class of taxable property within the City of Hurricane is:
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|--------------|----------------------|
| Class I | \$0 |
| Class II | \$257,153,436 |
| Class III | \$0 |
| Class IV | \$166,764,011 |
| Total | \$423,917,447 |
- That the proposed additional rate of levy in cents per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation on each class of property is:
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| Class I | 6.25 cents |
| Class II | 12.5 cents |
| Class IV | 25 cents |
- That the proposed years to which the additional levy shall apply are the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2027 - June 30, 2031
 - That the City of Hurricane will not issue bonds upon approval of the proposed levy
 - That the question of such additional levy shall be submitted to a vote at a **Primary Election** to be held on the **12th day of May 2026**.
 - That notice calling such election shall be given by the publication of this Order at least once each week for two successive weeks next preceding said election in two newspapers of opposite politics and of general circulation in the territory in which the election is held. If there is only one newspaper published in the municipality/county, said publication shall be made therein. All the provisions of the law concerning general elections shall apply so far as they are practicable.
 - That the ballot to be used at such election shall be in the following form:

OFFICIAL LEVY BALLOT
LEVY ELECTION

CITY OF HURRICANE
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026

A special election to authorize additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2027-2028, 2028-2029, 2029-2030, 2030-2031, and for the purpose of (a) Street Department expenses and (b) Public Safety expenses, according to an Order and Notice dated January 5, 2026 of the Council for the City of Hurricane.

The total approximate amount of said purposes being Street Department \$350,576.55 and Public Safety Department \$336,828.45 per fiscal year.

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The Additional Levies, in cents per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation, shall be on Class I property, 6.25 cents; Class II property, 12.5 cents; Class IV property, 25 cents.

FOR THE LEVIES
AGAINST THE LEVIES

SCOTT EDWARDS
Scott Edwards, Mayor

Attest:
RACHEL GRAY
Rachel Gray, City Clerk

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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

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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	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.: 6368 Estate Of: Barbara Ann Brillhart Deanna S. Cunningham 9 Carriage Way Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6421 Estate Of: Anberklyn Edmonds Administrator: David B. Richardson 134 Marshall Manor Winfield, WV 25213	Estate No.: 6411 Estate Of: Sue Anna Chandler Executrix: Benjamin Mark Wilson 82 Clarmor Street Culloden, WV 25510
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Estate No.: 6355 Estate Of: Susan Oliver Hayslett Executrix: Walter T. Hayslett PO Box 3 Hurricane, WV 25526	Estate No.: 6442 Estate Of: Irene Belle Cobb Administratrix: Sandra Hurley 270 Fisher Ridge Rd. Liberty, WV 25124
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Estate No.: 6371 Estate Of: Charles Harrison Meadows Executrix: Judith A. Meadows 16144 Winfield Rd. Winfield, WV 25213	Estate No.: 6462 Estate Of: Joan Allen Engel Executrix: Robert E. Engel 17 Charlo Drive Hurricane, WV 25526
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Estate No.: 6449 Estate Of: Donal Ray Moore Executrix: Ethel M. Moore 219 Moore Lane Winfield, WV 25213	Estate No.: 6450 Estate Of: Michael Pierre Pallis Administratrix: Donna L. Fewell 2429 N. Poplar Fork Rd. Hurricane, WV 25526
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Estate No.: 6375 Estate Of: Colleen Annette "Ann" Reel Executrix: Ray T. Light 301 17th St. Dunbar, WV 25064	Estate No.: 6434 Estate Of: Danny Ray Smith Administratrix: Patricia D. Smith 3044 Poca River Rd. Poca, WV 25159
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Delinquent	Estate No.: 6446 Estate Of: Winsford Taylor Administratrix: Jane Jarvis Taylor 75 Hodges Branch Rd. Hurricane, WV 25526
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Estate No.: N/A Estate Of: Mary Ruth Gallagher Executrix: Thomas J. Gallaher 160 Burns Rd. Scott Depot, WV 25560	Estate No.: 6471 Estate Of: Gladys Thomas Executrix: Darrell Thomas 12807 Austin Forest Circle Auburn, CA 95602
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Estate No.: 6327 Estate Of: Susan Ellen Young Administrator: John Nathan Young 4989 Hurricane Crk Rd Hurricane, WV 25526	Estate No.: 6369 Estate Of: Malcolm Ray Wood Administratrix: Vickie L. Wood 3907 Kimber Rd. Hurricane, WV 25526
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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 30, 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

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 22nd day of April 2026
Fiduciary Supervisor
Putnam County Commission
10293 Winfield Road,
Winfield, WV 25213

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Fiduciary Supervisor
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CITY OF HURRICANE
Public Hearing
Municipal Planning Commission
The Hurricane Municipal Planning Commission will have a Public Hearing on May 18th at 4pm at the Hurricane Municipal Building: 3255 Teays Valley Road. On the agenda of this hearing will be to review a request from AB Holding, LLC requesting that the City of Hurricane allow variances in the height requirements, parking spaces and dimensional standards along with rezoning from R1 to R2 at 370 Harbour Lane in Hurricane, WV.

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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

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.

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Reference File No. 95211

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.

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, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.

2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-2.

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
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Charleston, West Virginia 25301
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Obituaries

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ANITA D. LANHAM

Anita D. Lanham, 63, of Red House, passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at CAMC Memorial following a short illness. She was a graduate of Buffalo High School. She loved children and worked in the childcare field for several years. Anita loved crafting, sewing and trips to the beach in the Otter Banks of North Carolina. She loved the Lord, her children and her beloved cats.

Born November 19, 1962, she was the daughter of the late Phillip K. Darby and Betty F. Odell Darby. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years, Barry E. Lanham.

Survivors include her daughter, Brooke (Craig) Goldsberry of Seebert; son, Ben (Ica) Lanham of North Page; daughter, Alexa Lanham of Red House; brothers, Mark (Lynn) Darby of Florida and David (Berna) Darby of Eleanor; grandchildren, Hailey Goldsberry and James Goldsberry.

Funeral service was Monday, April 27, 2026, at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastor David Panaro Jr. officiating. Burial was in Beech Grove Cemetery, Eleanor.

FREDDIE JOE NEWMAN

Freddie Joe Newman entered peacefully into the presence of his Savior on April 17, 2026, at the age of 92, in Greenville, South Carolina (formerly of Hurricane).

He was born to the late James G. Newman and Goldie Mae Walker Newman on December 19, 1933, in Salt Rock. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Barbara Ellis Newman. They were married 61 years before her passing in 2019. Also, preceded in death by his brothers: James, Robert, David, and Douglas Newman.

He was the beloved father of his daughter, Rhonda Newman Groves and son-in-law, Scott Groves; grandson, Collin Groves; and granddaughter, Cara Groves. Also, survived by his sister, Dreama Newman Landacre of Greensboro, North Carolina; and his nieces: Amber Dawn Williams, Angela Newman, Sandra Coombs, Christin Landacre, and Laura Sergott.

After high school graduation, Freddie served in the United States Marine Corp. achieving the rank of Corporal and was honorably discharged in 1956. He followed in his father's career path of operating heavy equipment. He loved machinery, mechanics, and working outdoors.

While studying the Bible on his lunch breaks with a co-worker, Freddie trusted Christ as his Lord and Savior. He now served as a new Master, and that direction was seen in all aspects of his life. Freddie had a true servant's heart and was ever willing to help someone in need or with a task. In his later years he kept busy with lawn care for neighbors and friends and was the neighborhood repairman - from bikes to mowers. If he could fix it, he would.

After his wife Barbara passed in 2019, he continued living in Hurricane. He enjoyed the fellowship of his church family, neighbors, and friends at the Putnam Senior Center and participated in the Annual Senior Games.

After suffering a mild stroke in 2023, he moved

to South Carolina to live with his daughter and son-in-law. Friends and caregivers knew him to be a sweet and kind man and enjoyed his quiet sense of humor. Freddie will be remembered for his love for Christ and his selfless love for others.

Funeral service for Freddie was Saturday, April 25, 2026 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane. Burial was in Forest Memorial Park in Milton.

DAVID LESTER PATRICK

David Lester Patrick, of Poca, passed away on April 21, 2026 at the age of Seventy Three. He was born on December 03, 1952 to the late Nellie and Rhee Patrick and is also preceded in death by three siblings, Loretta Patrick, Wanda Siders, and Ken Patrick.

David pastored many churches throughout his life, retiring as pastor from Harmons Creek Church of the Nazarene in Poca. He was in the US Army Reserves, afterwards working as Charleston firefighter and worked a long career retiring from Constellium, formerly known as Ravenswood Aluminum, where he served as president for the steel workers union. He was an avid coin collector, active in the Kanawha Valley Coin Club.

Those left to cherish his memory include his beloved wife, Judith Lynn Patrick; three children, Gregory Scott Patrick, April Dawn Webb and Shawn David Patrick; one brother-in-law Bruce Siders; one sister-in-law, Vickie Patrick; five special grandchildren; Desiree, Gavan, Christian Evan, Jackson; and seven grandchildren; Austin, Hailey, Caleb, Haiden, Lilly, James and Julian.

A Memorial Service was Friday, April 24, 2026 at Harmons Creek Church of the Nazarene, in Poca.

Rhonda Kay Quentrill Rhonda Kay Quentrill, 66, of Culloden, passed away on Friday, April 24, 2026 at home surrounded by her family.

She was born to the late Forest L. Vance and Bethel G. Jenkins-Vance on April 26, 1959. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her brother, Rusty L. Vance; and her grandson, Xavier Quentrill.

Surviving Rhonda are her children: Michael R. Quentrill and Jessica C. Quentrill; grandchildren: Ty, Tre, Madison, Mason, and Scotty; two great-grandchildren; brother, Dusty Vance; her three dogs: Daisy, Capone, and Doosha; as well as a host of other family and friends.

In keeping with her wishes, Rhonda will be cremated. There will be no services at this time.

ROGER THORNTON

Roger Dale "Tiny" Thornton, 73, of Red House, passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at CAMC Memorial Division.

He was a 1972 graduate of Poca High School and retired from Parkline in Eleanor with over 30 years of service. He will be remembered for his love of singing, old cars, fishing, and, most of all, the time he cherished with his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Houston and Gladys Thornton; and his brothers and sisters, Gilbert Thornton, Donna Wilson, Sue Wick, and Richard Thornton.

Roger is survived by his loving wife, Gail Thornton; his sons, Dicky Thornton

and Jesse Thornton (Casi Marker); and his special niece, Karin "Missy" French. He also leaves behind many other nieces and nephews who will fondly remember him.

He was a proud grandfather to Maverick Thornton, Ryder Ennis, Nevaeh Thornton, Dominic Thornton, and Serenity Thornton.

He is also survived by Paige Ennis, mother of Maverick and Ryder.

At his request, there will be no service.

ERNEST PORTER WEST, SR.

Ernest Porter West Sr. began his pilgrimage on June 19, 1941, ending April 23, 2026. He is the son of the late Lowell and Helen West. Dad was raised in the Nitro United Methodist church and was active in Boy Scouts, through which he earned many honors including the Order of the Arrow, Eagle Scout, and in his adult life, troop leader.

In his youth, Dad met and later married the love of his life, our late mother, Barbara Grace West on May 31, 1963, who preceded him in ending her pilgrimage July 29th, 2015. Together, they built a life centered on faith, family, and service, and we take comfort in knowing they are together again in the presence of our Lord.

Dad and Mom attended Poca Methodist, Rock Branch Independent, and Mineral Baptist Church in Virginia. Dad served faithfully in many roles, including youth teacher, deacon, elder, church choir and even in a singing quartet.

Dad began his working life as a paper boy for the Charleston Newspaper, and later as an ambulance attendant for Cooke Funeral Home. He went on to work at FMC Corporation of Nitro, and then the Monsanto plant in Nitro until its closing. He and Mom later moved to Lousia, Virginia, where he continued working before returning to Poca, West Virginia, where he served at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home. There, Dad touched many lives by sharing the love and peace of God until a stroke led to his retirement in 2021.

The following property transfers were recorded by the Putnam County Clerk between April 1, 2026, and April 17, 2026:

MAJO LLC to Christian Williams - Two Parcels, Curry District for \$255,000.00.

McKenzie Lewis to Adam and Kelsey Dowdy - Parcel, Curry District for \$192,000.00.

Renee Gorrell Chandler to Jack and Robyn Davis - Parcel, Scott District for \$125,000.00.

Margaret Ball to Robert and Sherry Lilly - 2.28 Acres, Scott District for \$3,500.00.

Gary and Shirley Garrison to Matthew Smith - Parcel, Union District for \$65,000.00.

Amanda Shirkey to Joseph and Ashley Rogers - Parcel, Scott District for \$176,000.00.

As Dad and Mom walked hand in hand through life, they introduced a family of their own into the pilgrimage. He is survived by his children retired Colonel Ernest "Jay" (Pam) West, Janice (Tim) Christy, Shawn (Becky) West, and Matthew (Kathy) West. Their legacy continues through Dad's grandchildren and great-grandchildren Zach (Nikki) West and their son Ethan; Sami (Ryan) Hoilman and their children Luca and Shep; Raegan Christy; Madi (Briggs) Badurski and their daughter Miller Grace; Tracy (Brent) Bechtel and their children Claire and Rylie; Tori (Clint) Thaxton and their children Emma, Gracelynn, and Easton; Lissi (Matt) Hambrick; Austin West; and Gabe West. Dad also shared a special bond with his "baby girl," 3 year old Mckena, whose love, songs, and laughter brought him comfort and joy in his final days.

Dad ensured his home was a Godly one and raised us to be servants of the Lord. He remained steadfast in his faith and, in his final hour, professed his love for God.

A tribute to the life of Ernest Porter West, Sr. was held Sunday, April 26, 2026, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with his son Jay West and Pete Thompson officiating. Burial was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House.

Property Transfers

\$1,700.00.

Dennis and Marian Smalley to MBH Resources LLC - 38 Acres, Union District for \$3,250.00.

Bobbie Deel Boggs to MBH Resources LLC - 38 Acres, Union District for \$3,250.00.

Bradford Denning and Matthew Denning to Justin Riddle - Two Lots, Sunset Heights, Curry District for \$140,000.00.

Kenneth and Linda Spencer to Ray and Robin Kulchuk - Lot, Woodland Forest, Winfield District for \$284,900.00.

Travis and Alexandria McGrath to Andrew and Brittany Pickering - Lot, Middlebrook Subdivision, Teays Valley District for \$536,000.00.

Marc and Casey Norman to Douglas Wilson - Tract, Maplewood Estates, Scott District for \$305,000.00.

Matthew and Kathleen Campbell to Eric and Ashleigh Campbell - Lot, Woods & Irons, Scott District for \$510,000.00.

Heather Smith Thumm to Walter and Courtney Martin - Lot, Silver Valley Estates, Poca Town District for \$197,000.00.

Bobby Damron and Velda Ellis to William and Jenore Davis - Parcel, Ortin Heights, Poca District for \$176,000.00.

WV Cash Sale LLC to Matthew and Maranda Haynes - Lot, Teays Meadows Subdivision, Scott District for \$345,900.00.

Charles Vallandingham to James Colucci and Madison May - Lot, Woods & Irons South, Scott District for \$509,000.00.

Jeremy McClanahan to AM Investments LLC - Lot, Maple Heights Addition, Hurricane District for \$125,000.00.

Charles Lipford to William and Mary Morris - 6.5 Acres, Buffalo District for \$15,000.00.

Richard and Tammy Holtzapfel to Daniel and Madalyn Carpenter - Lot, Saddle Downs, Scott District for \$475,000.00.

MAJO LLC to Jacob and Brandy Rieser - Lot, Brookside Addition, Curry District for \$386,500.00.

Kenneth and Alexis Lupson to Daniel McManus and Gabrielle Hallberg - Lot, Meadow Wood

Estates, Scott District for \$235,000.00.

James Orwig and Susan Marshall to Todd Willard - 7.828 Acres, Scott District for \$90,000.00.

Todd and Amberly Coburn to Cathy Johnston - Lot, Alexanders Place, Teays Valley District for \$530,000.00.

Willie Goodson to Barbara Truman - Lot, Hurricane Heights, Curry District for \$5,000.00.

Mag Property Holdings LLC to Michael Lively Lot, Eleanor District for \$332,000.00.

Donna Leslie to Megan Watters - Lot, Deer Valley Subdivision, Scott District for \$270,000.00.

Alan Hedge and Lisa Walker to Tyjak Construction LLC - Lot, Poplar Valley Gardens, Scott District for \$100,000.00.

Cheyenne Doniff to Dakota and Brittany Whitten - Parcel, Curry District for \$15,000.00.

Southern Charms Rentals LLC to Christian Bohorquez - Lot, Hurricane District for \$95,000.00.

Loandepot.com LLC to Milgus Inc - Lot, Winsor Court, Teays Valley District for \$260,000.00.

Zachary and Katelyn Brotsky to Devin and Nickole Wayne - Two Parcels, Buffalo Town District for \$325,000.00.

Carol Adkins to Colton and Kayla O'Brien - Two Parcels, Hurricane District for \$153,500.00.

Seth and Raquel Mack to Michael and Jamie Nutter - Two Parcels, Scott District for \$289,000.00.

Richard Hanson Jr. to Anita Callicoat - Lot, Scott District for \$257,500.00.

Rosalee Juba Plumley to Corey Jackson - Parcel, Eleanor District for \$7,500.00.

Travis and Kacy Johnson to Shane and Kylei Peacock - Lot, Seven Oaks Subdivision, Scott District for \$330,000.00.

Russell Jones to Zachary and Nora Thomas - Lot, Stone Gate Subdivision, Scott District for \$675,000.00.

Tamara Epperly to Alene Hedrick - Parcel, Scott District for \$275,000.00.

Elemental Resources LLC to Roland Romick - Parcel, Curry District for \$800.00.

Marine Corps League Det #1474 presents the

CPL Fulks Memorial

5K / 10K Trail






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MAY 9, 2026

MEEKS MOUNTAIN TRAILS

HURRICANE, WV



ANNIE ODELL ERWIN Hurricane Birthday April 24	81st Birthday May 1
GARY HODGES 6254 Hurricane Creek Rd. Hurricane 68th Birthday April 30	COLE TATUM 306 Sansom Avenue Wayne 27th Birthday May 1
TODD NISCHAN Crestwood, Kentucky Birthday April 30	MIKE RIDDLE Candler, North Carolina Birthday May 1
ROY NEACE HC 68-Box 6 North Springs, West Virginia 68th Birthday April 30	PATSY PERKINS 473 Sunnybrook Drive Hurricane Birthday May 1
CURTIS GRANT #3 Riverdale Estates Winfield 79th Birthday April 30	SARAH BOSTIC 104 Hope Lane Milton 49th Birthday May 2
CONNIE BIRD PO Box 703 Hurricane Birthday April 30	TAMILA MAYS WILLIAMS Hurricane 67th Birthday May 2
BOBBY GLENN 4020 Kanawha Road Fraziers Bottom 51st Birthday April 30	MARSHA ARMSTEAD 1123 Turkey Creek Road Hurricane 65th Birthday May 3
TYLER MORRISON Indian Meadows Ona Birthday April 30	DR JAN HARBOUR Huntington 78th Birthday May 3
DRAKE JORDAN HUMPHREY 57 Crandall Dr. Culloden 13th Birthday April 30	EMILY ANN STRICKLIN Florida 24th Birthday May 3
JOE COX Winfield 78th Birthday April 30	MARY CALL Precious Lane Hurricane 75th Birthday May 3
JODIE GILLESPIE BOGGESS Maysville, Kentucky 49th Birthday April 30	CARSON LONG 6300 Rager Road Groveport, Ohio 18th Birthday May 3
ROGER KELLEY Cape Coral Florida 57th Birthday April 30	GREGORY MARTIN 2143 US Route 60 Culloden 77th Birthday May 3
LINDSEY REED 187 Jones Cove Hurricane 38th Birthday April 30	ALICE TAYLOR 1400 Taylor Street Milton Birthday May 3
KEITH GWINN Winfield 72nd Birthday April 30	SUSAN HANDLEY BENNETT 2753 5th Street Hurricane 77th Birthday May 4
LOIS HORN BRIDGEMAN 773 Highlawn Drive Milton	PHILLIS FRANKLIN North Carolina Birthday May 4
	JERRICHA MORRISON 1230 Georgia Avenue Milton

Main Street Spring Festival

Hurricane will be welcoming and celebrating the spring season at the annual Main Street Spring Festival, which will be held this Saturday, May 2! The event area will be between A-Z Storage and Jo's Belknap/the old fire station on Main Street.

Enjoy all the shopping and dining that Main Street has to offer — plus entertainment, vendors, fun spring decor, carnival games, inflatables, cotton candy and more. It's all free! There will also be a couple food trucks onsite to buy a meal or snack.

You are also encouraged to check out the awesome locally owned restaurants on Main Street while you're downtown.

37th Birthday May 4

WESLEY GEER
2208 Kirby Road, #174
Milton
68th Birthday May 4

JUDY SOWARDS
5493 Hurricane Creek Road
Hurricane
67th Birthday May 4

MONA ERWIN
5538 Hurricane Creek Road
Hurricane
74th Birthday May 5

ROGER SHAWN ERWIN
5538 Hurricane Creek Road
Hurricane
54th Birthday May 5

NATHAN YOUNG
Hurricane
44th Birthday May 5

JANICE SMITH
2154 Washington Hill Road
Hurricane
70th Birthday May 5

LABERTA STEWART
SALAMACHA
#12 Bridle Way
Hurricane
77th Birthday May 5

WAYNE TURLEY
208 Riverview Drive
St. Albans
77th Birthday May 5

SENECA ANN STOVER
Charleston
6th Birthday May 5

DANIEL KEITH JIVIDEN
P.O. Box 744
Poca
33rd Birthday May 6

GARY RAMEY
195 Fudge's Creek Road
Ona
85th Birthday May 6

JORDAN CLARK
St. Albans
29th Birthday May 6

REV GARY HALE
Scary Creek
Scott Depot
79th Birthday May 6

PAULA JEAN
CHAPMAN JOHNSON
Dry Ridge Road
Milton
69th Birthday May 6

COLE DENNISON
Huntington
27th Birthday May 7

GAIL MEES ENOCKS
Salt Roc
Birthday May 7

JON MIDKIFF
Teays
Birthday May 7

BRIAN FOSTER
Hurricane
40th Birthday May 7

JULIE FRAZIER
Frazier's Bottom
24th Birthday May 7

SANDRA MILLER
Ashland, Kentucky
Birthday May 7

Lighthouse Baptist Clothing Giveaway

Lighthouse Baptist Church, 2440 Route 60, Hurricane, will be holding a free clothing giveaway on Wednesday, May 6, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Free clothes, shoes, books, and household goods for anyone in need. No residence or income guidelines. Clothing is sized from newborn to adult, mixed seasonally.

Top parking lot of church at the pavilion. Remove the clothing from the hangers as we replenish as they empty. Bring your own bags or boxes.

Spring Pumpkin Festival

The 2026 Spring Pumpkin Festival will be held on May 2nd and 3rd at Pumpkin Park in Milton. Come out for a weekend full of fun, food, and community to celebrate the arrival of spring!

The festival is open 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. both days. Admission is \$5 per person, and children 12 and under get in free. Bring the whole family out to enjoy local vendors and artisans, delicious food trucks & treats, live entertainment, family-friendly activities, and more.

Whether you're shopping, eating, or just soaking in the spring vibes, there's something for everyone!

Happy Anniversary

Sam and Lisa Craddock of Hurricane will celebrate their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary on May 1.

Robert and Pamela Hallman of 5086 Township Road 313 in Millersburg, Ohio, will celebrate their fifty-second wedding anniversary on May 1.

Dennis and Laura Disney of 813 Glade View Court in La Vergne, Tennessee, will celebrate their forty-second wedding anniversary on May 5.

Doug and Robin Richmond of Hurricane will celebrate their forty-seventh wedding anniversary on May 5.

Gary and Claudia Lovejoy Stowers of Newberry, Florida, will celebrate their fifty-ninth wedding anniversary on May 6.

Bradford and Leslie Ord Deel of Scott Depot will celebrate their twenty-sixth wedding anniversary on May 6.

David and Sue Smith Hill of 2021 Washington Hill Road in Hurricane will celebrate their twenty-sixth wedding anniversary on May 6.

Mark and Cari McDowell Reed of Huntington will celebrate their twentieth wedding anniversary on May 6.

Jon and Hilda Minano Gillispie of Peru will celebrate their tenth wedding anniversary on May 6.

David and Kay Mitchell Edwards of Scott Depot will celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary on May 6.

Billy and Diana McCarty of Blooming Grove, Texas, will celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary on May 7.

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

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.

Tai Chi to Be Offered in Winfield

The Arthritis Foundation Tai Chi Program is an ancient practice proven to reduce pain and improve your mental and physical well being. The Arthritis Foundation Tai Chi Program, developed by Dr. Paul Lam, uses gentle Sun-style Tai Chi routines that are safe, easy to learn, and suitable for every fitness level.

Tai Chi will help you reduce stress, increase balance and flexibility, feel relaxed, and improve your overall mind, body, and spirit. The Winfield Senior Center, 178 Second Street, Winfield, will be offering free tai chi lessons on every other Thursday from 2 to 3 p.m., May 14 through August 13. Classes are one hour each.

For more information, call Putnam Aging at (304) 755-2385.

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.

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

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



Locks (PCWV-A-27268) is a young male shorthair tabby.

Jaime Meeks Joins Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Jaime Meeks of Hurricane was recently elected to membership into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society, at West Virginia University.

Meeks is among approximately 20,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

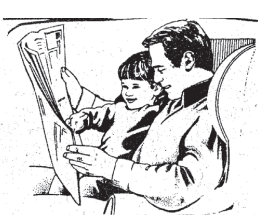
Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and its territories. Its mission is to "cultivate a community that celebrates and advances the love of learning."

About Phi Kappa Phi

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Cooking With Kathy

Master Gardener Kathy Talley will be hosting Cooking with Kathy at the Putnam County Main Library on Saturday, May 2, at 11 a.m. Samples will be provided, and the program will be followed by a seed and plant swap.



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