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## Predicting Turnout For the May 12th Primary Election Festival Makes Main Street Fun

By Ron Allen

Come Tuesday, May 12, the vote will be counted and the May Primary will be history. Turnout is expected to be low because it is an off-year election. There will be no candidates seeking the office of President on the ballot.

Voter turnout is, historically, much lower for the May Primary in off-year elections. Voter turnout in the last off-year Primary (2022) was 22.9% statewide and 22.8% in Putnam County.

Turnout is driven by voter interest. Competitive races are more interesting. Putnam voters, regardless of party affiliation, will elect three members to the Board of Education. In 2022, the Primary Election ballot featured five candidates seeking the three seats. This year, seven candidates are seeking election to the three seats.

Candidates, both the Republican and Democrats, will be selected to have their names placed on the General Election ballot in November. Candidates with Putnam County residency will be selected for the 4th Senatorial District; the 19th, 20th, and 21st House of Delegate Districts; the County Commission (Magisterial District 3); and unexpired term for County Commission (Magisterial District 1).

In 2022, the Republican ballot listed five contested races and the Democratic ballot, one race. This year, there are three contested Republican races and zero Democratic races.

City of Hurricane voter turnout maybe influenced by the presence of a continuing special levy which must be renewed every five years.

Putnam County Clerk

Brian Wood reported that 188 residents cast ballots on the first day of Early Voting, April 29. WV Secretary of State Kris Warner issued a news release stating that 4,858 residents statewide participated in early voting on April 29. Putnam's 188 is 0.33% of the county population. The statewide number of 4,858 is 0.33% of West Virginia's total population.

The first day Early Vote numbers, coupled with the similarity of contested races in 2022 and 2026, suggest that the turnout for both the county and the state will be between 20 and 25%.

The Breeze does not endorse any candidate or predict winners. That said, the most competitive race in 2022, that for the six-year term for county commission, was determined by anti-incumbent voting. The 2022 Board of Education winners were incumbents or candidates supported by incumbents. The 2026 winners will, likewise, be determined by voter favor or disfavor of incumbency.

The winners for the Board of Education will likely be the top three finishers. Only two members can serve from a district. There are five candidates from Magisterial District 2. In the event that the three top vote getters are from District 2, the highest vote getter in District 1 or District 3 would be awarded the third seat on the Board.

Sample ballots for Republican and Democratic parties and non-affiliated voters can be found on Pages 8-10.

### Comparing 2022 with 2026

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Bounce houses and slides were part of the inflatable fun at Hurricane's Main Street Spring Festival.

By Betsy Allen

Hurricane's annual Main Street Spring Festival was held last Saturday, May 3.

The festival featured many activities for

children, including games such as checkers and bean bag toss, face painting, balloon art, and inflatable slides and bounce house. There was also a mobile gaming trailer provided by

WV Mobile Gaming LLC which featured a variety of video games to play.

Festivalgoers enjoyed sweet treats such as cotton candy, as well as food from Jo's Belknap and

Sergio's Cucina Italiana & Steaks, the two restaurants located on Main Street.

There were also numerous vendors who were selling nicknacks, accessories, Continued to Page 3

## Celebrating May the 4th on May the 3rd

By Betsy Allen

In recent years, May 4 has become an informal Star Wars holiday for fans due to the day's similar sound to the series' famous benediction, "May the Force be with you."

Last Sunday may have been May the 3rd, but that did not change the theme of the second annual Wookie Wobble, a 5K fundraiser for the Putnam Aging program. The 5K was held on Sunday afternoon at Valley Park in Hurricane, with O Such Tri-state Race Planners keeping score. While most participants wore standard athletic gear to the event, others dressed up in Star Wars inspired outfits. Over sixty people participated in the event.



May the Force be with them: Wookie Wobble 5K participants set off on the race course.

The Wookie Wobble benefits Putnam Aging's home-delivery meal program that serves 220

senior citizens in Putnam County. There is currently a wait list for new recipients, and fundraisers

like these help get people off the list so they can start receiving meals.

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## Putnam County Farmers Markets Open for the Season



Petunias from Northridge Farm in Pliny provided a splash of color to the Country Roads Market opening.

By Ron Allen

Country Roads Farmers Market at Valley Park and Putnam County Farmers Market at 971 State Route 34 in Hurricane opened for the season on Saturday, May 2. The markets are open each Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. until the end of October.

The Country Roads Market was well stocked with a variety of petunias

produced by Hoy Fellure at his Northridge Farm in Pliny. Crago Country Farms offerings included corn plantings designed to give home gardeners a 3-week head start on summer. Early-planted Serendipity corn, a home garden favorite, is usually ready to eat in late July. With Allen Crago's plantings, first harvest date can be moved up to early July or

before. His watermelon plants shift harvest time from September to August. Crago's offerings also include perennials (horseradish, asparagus, rhubarb, gooseberries, blueberries, raspberries, strawberries, and grapes). Radishes, Swiss chard, green onions, turnip greens, and spinach were among the ready to eat produce

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Several Wookie Wobble participants dressed up in Star Wars inspired outfits.

Pictured from left to right are Lacey Nicholson of Huntington as Princess Leia; Jenni Sutherland, executive director of Putnam Aging as Chewbacca; Adam Berry of Wayne, and Shane Badger of Flatwoods, Kentucky, with Bailey.



Putnam County Farmers Market at 971 State Route 34 in Hurricane opened for the season on Saturday, May 2.

### WEATHER SUMMARY

April 21 - 27

Low High

April 28\* Hurricane 55° 72°

April 29\* Hurricane 48° 68°

April 30 Hurricane 34° 63°

May 1 Hurricane 32° 64°

May 2 Hurricane 30° 53°

May 3 Hurricane 28° 61°

May 4 Hurricane 38° 72°

\*RAIN

0.4 inch recorded Apr. 28

0.3 inch recorded Apr. 29

## 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.

### MAY 7 - 9

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

### MAY 7

- There will be a meeting to discuss strategies against the data center in Buffalo at 6:30 p.m. at the Eleanor Volunteer Fire Department.

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

- V a n d a l i a 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 - 9

- Putnam County Family Support Center will be holding their annual resource fair Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to Noon at the center, located at 960 Roosevelt Blvd., Eleanor.

- Hannah's Pottery, 6 Thoroughbred Road, Scott Depot, will be holding an open house from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

- Quilts by Phyllis, 2643 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane, will be holding their Mother's Day event from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

### MAY 8

- There will be a mother daughter painting event for Mother's Day with artist Donna Linsell at 6 p.m. at Coffee With A Twist, 101 Main Avenue, Nitro. The cost is \$20 per person. For more information, call (304) 759-9002.

- Bridget's Dance Academy and Wildlife & Discovery students will be holding a student art and music exhibition from 6 to 8 p.m. at Valley Park Conference Center in Hurricane.

### MAY 9

- Charleston Pickleball

Club's Spring Serve and Socialize will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Nitro Athletic Complex, 1650 Park Ave, Nitro. Free and open to everyone.

- Volunteers are requested for the Nitro Community Clean Up. Meet up at 8 a.m. at the Nitro City Pool.

- There will be a Mother's Day peony arranging workshop at Mountain State Flower Farm starting at 6 p.m. The cost is \$130. To sign up, go to <https://www.mountainstateflowerfarm.com/shop/spring-field-to-vase-workshop-thursday-may-16th-6pm>
- The Eleanor Presbyterian Church, 204 Eleanor Circle, Eleanor, will be holding a BBQ and yard sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Riverside Baptist Church, Route 62, Red House, will be holding a Mother's Day brunch and devotional at 10 a.m.

- Hotworks infrared fitness studio, 100 Great Teays Blvd., Scott Depot, will be offering a free Mother's Day workout from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Book ahead of time by texting 304-550-6828.

- Online comedian Sarah Beth Terry will be doing songs, stories and comedy at 6 p.m. at Emma Rae's Steakhouse, 1101 Hospital Drive, Hurricane. For tickets, go to <https://wix.to/SRThte6>

- There will be a work party starting at 8 a.m. to help clean up the old Hurricane Cemetery located behind the First Baptist Church, 2635 Main Street, Hurricane.

- The wood chipper will be operational from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Putnam Recycling Drop Site located on Midland Trail in Hurricane. Natural growth 8" and below in diameter; no lumber at all.

- The 6th Annual Cpl. Fulks Memorial Tral Race will start at 8:45 a.m. at Meeks Mountain Trails, located at the Hurricane City Park. To register, go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/WV/Hurricane/CplWilliamBFulksMemorialRace>
- Sycamore Missionary Baptist Church, Sycamore Road, Hurricane, will be holding a women's tea starting at noon.

- Jeeppers Invade Hurricane at Putnam County Bank Loan Center parking lot from 2 to 8 p.m.

### MAY 11 - 13

- Buffalo Methodist Church, located at 27 High Street in the Buffalo Historic Square will be having a Spring Revival beginning at 7 p.m. each night.

### MAY 11

- There will be a session on retirement planning for self-employed business owners at noon at Area 34, 971 WV Route 34, Teays Valley. To register, call the Putnam County Chamber at (304) 757-6510.

- There will be a genealogy meet-up from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley.

### MAY 12

- Nolan Rose, House Candidate for District 19, will be holding a primary day party from 3 to 6 p.m. at Bancroft Community Park.

- Alex Schnulo of Family Wealth Group will be bringing useful information to attendees about retirement planning for self-employed small businesses owners. Session will be held at noon at Area 34, 971 WV Route 34, Teays Valley. RSVP by

## West Virginia State Parks Foundation "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](http://www.lovewvstateparks.com).

## West Virginia State University 4-H Announces Free Summer Day Camps

West Virginia State University's (WVSU) 4-H program will host a series of free summer camps for students. The Mind Marvel Neuroscience Camp, Yellow Jacket CyberDefender Camp and 4-H Summer Day Camp will offer hands-on experiences in science and technology to inspire future leaders and innovators.

### Free Ad Space

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

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

Space is limited. Submission by email is preferred (breezenews@citynet.net).

calling the Chamber of Commerce at (304) 757-6510.

- The Putnam County Crochet Club will be meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. at St. Timothy's in the Valley Episcopal Church, 3434 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane.

### MAY 15 - 17

- Paddles With Purpose Pickleball Tournament will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Nitro Athletic Complex. For more information, call Recovery Point at (304) 523-HOPE (4673).

- The First Annual Appalachian Gold Barrel Rush will be held at the Winfield Riding Club in Winfield.

### MAY 15

- The 2026 Putnam County Senior Prom will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. at the John Henson Senior Center in Hurricane. Music and refreshments provided.

Mind Marvel Neuroscience Camp, to be held June 22-26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the WVSU campus, lets students explore brain anatomy, learn about synaptic networks and investigate how the brain perceives pain, responds to addiction and recovers from injury. Sessions develop critical thinking and foster curiosity about neuroscience and medical issues.

Yellow Jacket CyberDefender Camp, to be held June 8-12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the WVSU campus, introduces the basics of cybersecurity. Students

## Putnam County Food Pantries And Clothing Banks

for more information.

**Christian Community Cupboard**

2843 Virginia Avenue Hurricane (304) 562-9373

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

**Calvary Baptist Church**

3653 Teays Valley Road Hurricane (304) 757-8829

Call for food pantry hours.

**Light House Baptist Church**

2440 US Route 60 Hurricane 304-562-3900

Food pantry on the second Saturday of each month from 9-11 a.m.

Church also offers free clothing giveaways on a regular basis.

**Teays Valley Baptist Church**

3926 Teays Valley Road Hurricane (304) 380-3100

Call for food pantry hours.

**Heartbeat of the Valley**

28 Mission Way Scott Depot (681) 235-2097

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

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

## The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

Mother's Day and Father's Day...

Two days to celebrate... I remember when we used to drive to WV from Ohio to see Mother on Mother's Day and Mike's Mom. Usually, we went to church with the Burkes. We ate breakfast with the Burke family. Yummm... We then met Mother for lunch, and often, as she would do, she paid the restaurant bill before we could. We liked Shoney's... delightful... Her gift was her favorite, Estée Lauder. Mike's mom liked a variety of colognes or a pretty gown or robe. They were easy to shop for. Fun...

Mother's Day is different now. Our mothers are long gone. The last one I spent with Mother was in Putnam General Hospital where she was a patient with cancer. She never left... another story. I remember that day vividly. Whew... Mike's mom is also gone. She lived many years after Mother. We were blessed with great mothers.

My Mother's Day is with my family in Indiana or with my Florida family when I lived there. Kids and grands, cards and gifts... meals out or at home. This will be my first one in Indiana since 2021 when I left here to live in Florida. We are not big on huge celebrations, and I

prefer low key.

Father's Day was celebrated with my son and his boys in Florida. I helped them get cards and gifts, and we surprised him. The boys chuckled as they watched their dad open his gifts.

I used to help the grand girls shop for their mom for Mother's Day. They knew what she liked and always made sure she chose her favorites. Now the girls shop themselves, and I know the boys will be fine without Nana in Florida on these holidays.

The boys and I shopped for their mom on her day also. She was surprised and thankful. We had such a good time. The girls and I also shopped for their dad... he was easy because he had favorites.

Two important days... we celebrate because the way we were is always the way we are...thankful for these holidays.

Happy Mother's Day and Happy Father's Day to my readers. Take a moment to remember that parent who loved and cherished you... to your spouse who helped you raise those lovely kids...

We are thankful for these days... we celebrate loved ones, and we are now celebrated. What great times and wonderful memories.

## Lighthouse Baptist Clothing Giveaway

Lighthouse Baptist Church, located on Route 60 in Hurricane, will be giving away clothing on Thursday and Friday, May 7 and 8, from 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, May 9, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

planetarium experience, nature walks, outdoor skills, gardening and nutrition.

Details and registration for each camp are available at [wvstateu.edu/4h](http://wvstateu.edu/4h).

For more information, contact 4H@wvstateu.edu.

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**Buffalo Baptist Church**

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

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

**Five Loaves Three Fishes**

Poca United Methodist Church

Silver Street (304) 755-7341

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**Heizer Creek Community Church**

6580 Heizer Creek Road, Poca

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

**Food and More At The Bridge**

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

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

**Bridge Family Resource Center**

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

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

# Festival Makes Hurricane Main Street Fun



One of the activities at the festival was Pick-A-Duck and win a prize.



Festivalgoers play a bean bag toss game.

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decor items, plants, jewelry, cat toys, and pottery.

The festival generated

a lot of foot traffic for the shops on Main Street, with many of those who came for the event stopping in to check out

what these establishments offer. Several of the shops also offered festival day specials, such as sales and fun activities.

## Farmers Markets Open



Plantings offer home gardeners an early start.



Face painting was a popular activity at the festival.



Pepperoni rolls, bread, buns and more.

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available. Farm fresh and wood craft were also for sale. All items are produced locally by area residents.

## Predicting Turnout for the May Primary Election

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District 1 [Republican] 2022 - (Six-year term) Steve Deweese, Ron Foster, Edward Absten, and Todd Dillon

2026 - (Unexpired term) Wesley Lee Landers, Mike Stone, Zach Crede, and Doug Pierson  
Circuit Clerk [Republican] 2022 - Stephanie Smith, Michael Thompson, Donald Lee Underwood, and Mike Reynolds

2026 - not on ballot  
Board of Education 2022 - five candidates seeking election to three seats (Brad Hodges, Rosalee Wade, Juba-Plumley, Neal, Rob

Cunningham, Melissa District (Democratic) 2022 - Seth King and Josh Martin

2026 - seven candidates seeking election to three seats (Connie Breck, Brad Hodges, Sarah Brown, Karen Dillard, Tammy Sowards, Jake Fertig, William "Butch" Legg)

4th State Senate District (Republican) 2022 - Jacob Losh and Geoff Foster

2026 - Sarah Drennan (unopposed)  
House of Delegates 21st District (Republican) 2022 - Brenden D. Long, Michael Kidd, and Jarred Cannon

2026 - Michael Kidd, and C. D. Caldwell  
2022 - Jesse Lovejoy, Kathie Hess Crouse, and Nick Withrow

2026 - Kathie Hess Crouse (unopposed)  
House of Delegates 19th

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**8 a.m. - noon**  
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Outpatient Center  
3948 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane, WV 25526  
*Walk-ins only (no appointment needed)*

**Vandalia Health**

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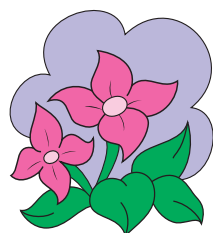
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# Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



## A Magic Word (Mother)

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

As I write I realize  
The power of a word  
To bring about strong feelings  
When it's written or it's heard

Well on this special day let's think  
About one like no other  
A day that's dedicated to  
A person we call Mother

The word that makes us all recall  
The many sacrifices  
Our Mothers made to separate  
Our goodness from our vices

The special foods the little jokes  
The many acts of kindness  
The ever lasting memories  
As Mothers stood behind us

So God bless all the Mothers  
That are here or ever were  
And what we might have all become  
If it were not for her

## Jokes From Linda

Submitted by Linda  
Lavender Armstead



Jackson was worried  
when there was smoke in  
the kitchen.

His cousin, Robbie said,  
"Don't worry. When the  
smoke alarm goes off, we  
know it's time for supper."

Mr. White came out of  
his office and asked his new  
receptionist why she wasn't  
answering the phone.

Martha said, "Nine times  
out of 10, it's for you!"

## Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead  
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane



A mother's arms are  
more comforting than  
anyone else's.

If evolution really  
works, how come mothers  
only have two hands?

Life goes on after you  
died, Mom, but it is never  
the same again.

Happy Mother's Day  
in heaven, Mom. - Eva  
Young Fisher

Being a single mother  
is twice the work, twice  
the stress and twice the  
tears, but also twice the  
hugs, twice the love and  
twice the pride.

Only mothers can think  
of the future because they  
give birth to it in their  
children.

No matter how many  
people are in the house: If  
Mom isn't there anymore,  
the house feels really  
empty.

I'm not a motherless  
daughter. I'm a proud  
daughter to a mother with  
wings.

There's no way to be  
a perfect mother and 1  
million ways to be a good  
one.

I walk down memory  
lane because I love  
running into you, Mom.

Motherhood: all love  
begins and ends there.

A life without a  
mother is a silent ache,  
an emptiness no love can  
ever replace.

Why was the house so  
neat on Mother's Day?

Because Mom spent  
Saturday cleaning it.

Mom, your wings were  
ready, but my heart was  
not.

Being a mom means  
that your heart is no  
longer yours, it wanders  
wherever your children  
are.

Mother is a verb. It's  
something you do. Not  
just who you are.

Sometimes I miss Brad  
when he was little, not  
because of his age, but  
because I wish I could  
go back and hug him  
tighter, fix my mistakes,  
and relieve every laugh,  
smile, and hug.

I may look normal, but  
your death hurt me badly,  
Mom.

Thank you for being  
my Mother, Eva Fisher.

Why did the boy  
put the Mother's Day  
cupcakes in the freezer?  
His sister told him to  
ice them.

For a mom, an  
unexpected hug from her  
child no matter their age  
is worth far more than  
gold.

When you move away  
and take a piece of my  
heart with you, I'm still  
your mother.

When a mother asks,  
"Do you want a piece  
of advice?" it is a mere  
formality. It doesn't  
matter if you answer yes  
or no, you're going to get  
it anyway.

When your Mother  
dies, you never quite get  
over it. You just slowly

learn how to go on  
without her. But always  
keep her tucked safely in  
your heart.

People who still have  
their Mother's have no  
idea how blessed they are.

The tears in my eyes, I  
can wipe away. The ache  
in my heart will never go  
away.

A man who has been  
the indisputable favorite  
of his mother keep for life  
the feeling of a conqueror.  
- Sigmund Freud

Mom, Heaven may be  
your home now, but you  
live in my heart.

One day, I'll just be a  
memory to my son, Brad  
Armstead. I hope he will  
remember me as someone  
who deeply loved him.

Mom had a way of  
making everything feel  
okay. I miss that. I miss  
her.

A good mother will  
leave her imprint on her  
daughter for the rest of  
her life.

When your Mother  
says she doesn't need  
anything for Mother's  
Day or a holiday, what she  
means is that she wants  
a phone call, a hug, a  
smile, a meal together. She  
just wants to hear from  
you and know that you're  
doing well, because you  
mean the world to her.

Happiness is mother  
and son time. When your  
grown son makes time  
to check in on you, you  
know you've been blessed  
with one of life's most  
precious gifts.

I miss my Mom. That's  
a scar I know will never  
heal.

Mom, thank you for  
everything you did for  
me.

It's such a lonely road  
without you here, but I  
promise one day, I'll get  
to where you are.

I miss my Mom's voice.  
I miss my Mom's humor.  
I miss my Mom's advice.  
I miss my Mom's cooking.

Mom, Heaven may be  
your home now, but you  
live in my heart.

A mother's arms are  
made of tenderness and  
children sleep soundly in  
them. - Victor Hugo

A mother's greatest  
masterpiece is her  
children.

Mom, thank you for  
everything you did for  
me.

If I turn into my mother,  
or even half the woman  
she was, I'll consider my  
life a successful one.

As your mother, Brad  
Armstead, I promise that  
I will always be in one  
of three places: in front  
of you to cheer you on,  
behind you to have your  
back, or next to you so  
that you are never alone.

That proud moment  
when someone says, I  
knew your mother, she  
was a good woman.

What the mother sings  
to the cradle goes all the  
way down to the coffin. -  
Henry Ward Beecher

Don't ever hurt your  
mother: with your words,  
with anger, or through  
silence. You lived inside  
of her for nine months,  
and she loves you  
unconditionally; take care  
of her while you still have  
the chance.

No goodbye is final,  
Mom. One day, Heaven  
will bring us back together  
again.

My Mother signed my  
birth certificate; I signed  
her death certificate. She  
chose my first outfit; I  
chose her last.

Value your Mom. She  
doesn't have a copy.

In God's own time, he  
formed a plan; and soon  
on earth appeared a man;  
but after this there came  
another His special gift. -  
God made a mother

As your mother, Brad,  
I can't save you from  
everything, but every day  
I place your name in the  
hands of the One who  
can.

A mother's love is  
forever.

The value of a mother  
is priceless.

Losing my mother  
then didn't just break my  
heart once; it's something  
I quietly feel in moments  
no one else sees.

Nobody's got your  
back like your mama.

To the world, you are  
a mother. To your family,  
you are the world.

To my mom in heaven,  
I still look up and talk  
to you because loving  
you never ended - it just  
changed.

A mother is your first  
friend, your best friend,  
your forever friend.

Be the reason this  
mothers day feels  
different.

Some of the best days  
come from spending time  
with your mother.

On this Mother's Day,  
my heart holds only  
one prayer. Please God,  
protect my son, Brad and  
my grandkids, Kelci and  
Braeden. They are my  
everything.

My Mother raised me,  
taught me, protected me  
and always loved me.

Never hurt your  
mother, not with words,  
not with anger, not with  
silence. She's the one  
woman who loves you  
unconditionally. Love her.  
Care for her while you  
still can.

Do you feel that your  
mother was the best cook  
in the world?

You have such a kind  
and generous mother's  
heart - may it be filled  
with sunshine and joy on  
this Mother's Day.

## Bible Verse

Defend the weak and  
the fatherless; uphold the  
cause of the poor and the  
oppressed.  
— Psalm 82:3

## 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

## Say 'Yes, Please' to The Grilled Cheese of the Year: Goey Goodness with a Protein Punch

(Feature Impact) A grilled cheese sandwich isn't just a lunchtime staple; it's a beloved cultural icon. There is a universal magic in the combination of ooey-goey cheese, golden bread and a little butter – but in 2026, this comfort food classic is getting a functional upgrade.

It's also safe to say nostalgia is delicious and addicting, which is why Borden Cheese is sharing not one, but two, prize-worthy recipes, one of which packs a protein punch and another that's a pure classic, perfect for spreading smiles and happy bellies.

Protein, Please: The Protein Powerhouse is the Grilled Cheese of the Year, and it's easy to see why. It's a protein-packed masterpiece designed for the modern appetite. Featuring a creamy, dual-cheese combo of mild cheddar and Borden Mozzarella Cheese Melts, the sandwich is melted over 5 ounces of tender sliced chicken breast and delivers more than 40 grams of protein and about 8 grams of fiber when paired with the right bread. Served with a tangy Greek yogurt and Dijon mustard "powerhouse sauce" and pressed between golden, crispy bread, this grilled cheese isn't your ordinary melt. It has been transformed into a massive protein boost.

Tried n' True: While modern flavors and trends are delicious, nostalgia is too. In fact, a whopping 20,000 fans cast their votes for America's Favorite Grilled Cheese, asserting a fervor that's unmatched when it comes to their perfect melt, and awarded The Classic the title of "America's Favorite." This comforting recipe pairs extra sharp melts with American singles on sliced white bread for a perfect, ooey-goey bite that reminds you the cheese truly "makes" the sandwich.

Visit [BordenCheese.com/grilled-cheese-day](https://www.bordencheese.com/grilled-cheese-day) for other ooey-goey grilled cheese recipes created for 2026.

### The Protein Powerhouse

- 1 tablespoon butter, softened
- 2 slices bread fortified with protein and fiber
- 2 Borden Mild Cheddar Slices
- 1 slice Borden Mozzarella Melts
- 5 ounces sliced chicken breast (deli-shaved or thinly carved)

### "Powerhouse" Sauce:

- 2 tablespoons non-fat Greek yogurt
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika

Heat griddle to medium heat. Butter bread. Layer cheeses and chicken on top of bread.

Place bread on griddle and cook until lightly toasted. Flip and cook other side.

Remove sandwich from skillet or griddle.

To make powerhouse sauce: Mix Greek yogurt, Dijon mustard, garlic powder and smoked paprika until well blended. Slice sandwich in half and drizzle with Powerhouse sauce.

### The Classic

- 1 tablespoon butter, softened
- 2 slices white bread
- 2 slices Borden Extra Sharp Melts
- 2 slices Borden American Singles

Heat skillet or griddle over medium heat.

Spread butter on one side of each slice bread.

Place cheese slices on unbuttered side of bread. Top with other slice of bread with butter facing upward.

Place sandwich on skillet or griddle and cook 3-4 minutes on each side. Using spatula, lightly press sandwich down gently while cooking to melt cheese better.

Remove from skillet or griddle and slice in half.

# WVSU Spring Commencement set for Saturday, May 9

West Virginia State University (WVSU) will host its spring commencement on Saturday, May 9, 2025, beginning at 10 a.m. in the D. Stephen and Diane H. Walker Convocation Center.

The ceremony will recognize the university's approximately 240 spring graduates, including the first doctoral degree program graduates in the school's history.

The commencement speaker will be WVSU alum Mike Taylor who currently serves as the vice president, team marketing and business operations, for the National Basketball Association (NBA). In this role, Taylor helps drive profitability and long-term business growth across the NBA, WNBA, and the NBA G League.

Before joining the NBA in 2016, Taylor spent five years with Palace Sports & Entertainment, where he oversaw the Group Ticket

Sales department across the Detroit Pistons, The Palace of Auburn Hills, and DTE Energy Music Theatre. He also held sales roles with the Atlanta Hawks and the Atlanta Thrashers, and began his NBA career as a sales intern with the Chicago Bulls.

Taylor earned a bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in management from WVSU. He was also captain of the men's basketball team, leading the Yellow Jackets to a conference championship while earning Division II All-American honors.

In 2014, Taylor was inducted into the West Virginia State University Sports Hall of Fame. After college, he spent three years playing professional basketball in Europe, including stops in The Netherlands, Germany, and Austria.

WVSU holds commencement ceremonies in December and May of each year.



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

May 7, 1857: William Alexander MacCorkle was born in Rockbridge County, Virginia, on his father's plantation. He served as West Virginia's ninth governor.

May 7, 1928: The Keith-Albee Theater opened in Huntington. The opening program featured a comedy called Good Morning, Judge, a newsreel and five stage acts. But the theater itself, with its elaborate interior, clearly was the star of the evening.

May 7, 1983: The New River Gorge National Park and Preserve began operations when the first visitor center opened near Fayetteville.

May 8, 1864: Clarence Wayland Watson was born in Fairmont. Watson was a prominent coal baron and served in the U.S. Senate from 1911 to 1913.

May 8, 1998: Former U.S. Senator Jennings Randolph died at the age of 96. He was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1932 and served a total of 40 years in Congress.

May 9, 1800: Abolitionist John Brown was born in Torrington, Connecticut. His 1859 raid on Harpers Ferry galvanized the nation, further alienating North and South in the lead-up to the Civil War.

May 9, 1843: Confederate spy "Belle"

Boyd was born in Martinsburg. On July 4, 1861, Boyd shot a Yankee soldier and started her spy career.

May 9, 1863: Confederate raiders arrived at Burning Springs, Wirt County. There they set fire to 150,000 barrels of oil, oil tanks, engines for pumping, engine houses, wagons and oil-laden boats.

May 10, 1863: Just before dying of wounds suffered at the Battle of Chancellorsville, Stonewall Jackson uttered

the words, "Let us cross over the river and rest under the shade of the trees." He is buried in the Stonewall Jackson Cemetery in Lexington, Virginia.

May 10, 1908: The first official observances of Mother's Day were held at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton and later that day in Philadelphia. The holiday resulted from a vigorous campaign by Anna Jarvis, who wanted to commemorate the spirit of her mother's life and work.

May 10, 1960: John F. Kennedy defeated Hubert Humphrey in the West Virginia primary. It dispelled the widely held belief that being a Roman Catholic was an insurmountable obstacle to becoming president.

May 11, 1909: Filmmaker Ellis Dungan was born. After years of

working in the feature film industry in India, he settled in Wheeling, where he shot documentaries and produced films for the state and the region.

May 11, 1930: Physician John C. Norman, Jr., was born in Charleston. A noted thoracic and cardiovascular surgeon and researcher, he was best known for his work toward creating an artificial heart.

May 12-14, 1921: Bullets peppered down on about a dozen mining towns in the Matewan-Williamson area of Mingo County, and nonunion miners fired back, in what became known as the Battle of the Tug. Three people were shot and killed.

May 13, 1962: Editorial cartoonist Henry Payne was born in Charleston. In 1989, Payne was the first editorial cartoonist in the country to make his work available via computer.

# Celebrating May the 4th

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"Our goal is to raise enough money to get rid of the wait list," said Jenni Sutherland, executive director.

Putnam Aging would like to thank local businesses and organizations which sponsored the Wookie Wobble: Absten Services LLC, Eye Associates of Teays Valley, Shaffer and Shaffer PLLC, West Virginia Health services, Genesis, Metro Area Agency on Aging, City of City of Winfield, O

Such Race Planners, Graphic Solutions, C&T Designs, Putnam County Lions Club, Kim Quillen Photography, Trulieve, Putnam County Bank, and Teays Valley Storage.

Putnam Aging operates the county's senior centers and hosts various events for older individuals. The next big event that the organization will be hosting is the 2026 Senior Prom, which will be held on Friday, May 15, at the John Henson Senior Center in Hurricane from 4 to 7 p.m.

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# MAY 9TH

## EVENT SCHEDULE

**2PM GATES OPEN REGISTRATION BEGINS VENDORS OPEN**

**2PM-7PM RAFFLE TICKETS SOLD 50/50**

**2PM-6PM SHOW N SHINE REGISTRATION**

**4PM RTI RAMP PRESENTED BY (WV JEEPCLUB)**

**5PM PAPER AIR PLANE CONTEST (KIDS & ADULTS)**

**6:00PM JUDGING FOR SHOW N SHINE**

**7PM RAFFLE DRAWING**

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# RESOURCE FAIR

Putnam County Family Support Center is hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Resource Fair. We would like to invite and encourage our community to come out and enjoy this great opportunity.

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*For more information contact us at (304)936-1048*

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**3948 Teays Valley Road Hurricane, WV 25526**

*Walk-ins only (no appointment needed)*

# Vandalia Health



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| LEONA VICKERS<br>Hurricane<br>90th Birthday May 6                                    | SHELLI DISNEY<br>CALHOUN<br>Fairfield, Ohio<br>Birthday May 11                              |
| JAMES EARL "BUZZY"<br>CRIST<br>Hurricane<br>68th Birthday May 8                      | TRACY CLARK<br>St. Petersburg, Florida<br>63rd Birthday May 11                              |
| DONNA SHULL<br>P.O. Box 855<br>Culloden<br>Birthday May 8                            | WILLIE CRANE<br>4019 Chelsea Crossing<br>Hurricane<br>64th Birthday May 11                  |
| PATRICIA CARNES<br>SOVINE<br>Hurricane<br>Birthday May 8                             | PATTY SMITH ESCUE<br>1596 Washington Hill<br>Road<br>Hurricane<br>64th Birthday May 11      |
| DEBBIE KESSLER<br>STARKS<br>2601 Larwood Road<br>Charleston<br>77th Birthday May 8   | PATRICK RAMSEY<br>Ravenswood<br>79th Birthday May 12  |
| PATTY JOHNSON<br>109 Patton Road<br>Sandy Lake, Pennsylvania<br>Birthday May 8       | ANN RAY<br>2796 Latulle Avenue<br>Huntington<br>55th Birthday May 12                        |
| CARL ANDERSON<br>1751 Cow Creek Road<br>Hurricane<br>71st Birthday May 8             | REV HAROLD<br>JOHNSON<br>Turkey Creek Road<br>Hurricane<br>80th Birthday May 12             |
| JORDYN YOUNG<br>Teays Valley<br>27th Birthday May 8                                  | RICK LORD<br>Charleston<br>Birthday May 12  |
| MARSHA EGGLETON<br>2427 Violet Street<br>Hurricane<br>73rd Birthday May 9            | BRODY STEWART<br>Barboursville<br>18th Birthday May 12                                      |
| LINDA COYNER<br>Eau Claire, Wisconsin<br>Birthday May 9                              | REV DeWAYNE<br>LAVERTY<br>P.O. Box 683<br>Milton<br>40th Birthday May 13                    |
| SUE MOSES McDOWELL<br>1087 Davis Road<br>Carrollton, Georgia<br>81st Birthday May 10 | BETTY GIBSON<br>1567 Poindexter Road<br>Hurricane<br>88th Birthday May 13                   |
| DARRELL MEADOWS<br>5727 Whitten Ridge Road<br>Milton<br>75th Birthday May 10         | GRACELYNN NICOLE<br>JOHNSON<br>1045 Clymer's Creek Road<br>Hurricane<br>8th Birthday May 13 |
| DEAN LEGG<br>Frazier's Bottom<br>63rd Birthday May 10                                | RONNIE KEARNS<br>4610 Glen Coe<br>Leesburg, Florida<br>84th Birthday May 13                 |
| JENNY GLENN<br>4020 Stave Branch Road<br>Frazier's Bottom<br>Birthday May 10         | TESSA RIFFE<br>Malcolm Springs<br>Milton<br>37th Birthday May 13                            |
| CARRIE HARVEY<br>POWERS<br>Proctorville, Ohio<br>48th Birthday May 11                | JANET CHAPMAN<br>743 Washington Hill Road   |

### Lions Club Meeting Focuses on Agriculture



The guest speaker at the Putnam County Lions Club's meeting on April 21 was Maggie Parsons Blankenship, Assistant Director for Programs in the Business Development Division of the West Virginia Department of Agriculture. Ms. Blankenship had previously been scheduled for the March meeting, but snowy weather resulted in cancellation, which Maggie thinks might have been brought on by the impetuous pet reindeer on her farm.

Maggie presented an excellent overview of the long arm of agriculture, which covers almost everything from A-Z (apiary to zoonosis). There are 14 Divisions and more than 300 employees, with offices in Guthrie, Moorefield, Morgantown, Inwood, Weston, and at the State Capitol.

Among the Department's many programs are Vets and Heroes to Agriculture, Winter Blues, WV Grown, and Farm to School. Other notable facts: they also perform water quality testing for the Chesapeake Bay watershed—the largest estuary in North America—and house 250,000 insect specimens at the Guthrie location.

The Putnam County Lions Club invites those who are interested in volunteerism to attend one of our meetings, listen to an inspiring speaker, and consider joining with us to serve the people of Putnam County.

Meetings are held at 4 Second Street South, Winfield, the first and third Mondays of each month, at 6:30 P.M. Please call Trudy Oliver at 304-380-6782 for further information.

### Fraizers Bottom Song & Praise Service

Fraizers Bottom Methodist Church, located at 1 Church Lane, Fraizers Bottom, will have a Song and Praise Service on Sunday evening, May 17, beginning at 6 pm. The featured group is Four the Gospel. The church is handicapped accessible and everyone is welcome. For more information check out the church Facebook Page.

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| Hurricane<br>72nd Birthday May 13  | D J LEARY<br>P.O. Box 9395<br>Spring Hill<br>58th Birthday May 14            |
| CONNIE JACKSON<br>BACK<br>147 Larkspur Drive<br>Huntington<br>77th Birthday May 14 | JENNIFER BAKER<br>1311 Walnut Street<br>Kenova<br>53rd Birthday May 14       |
| DAN COOPERRIDER<br>Kentucky<br>69th Birthday May 14                                | HERSHEL GRANT<br>3605 Poindexter Road<br>Frazier's Bottom<br>Birthday May 14 |
| MICAYLA DAVIS<br>Main Street<br>Hurricane<br>24th Birthday May 14                  | BEVERLY AGEE<br>Clendenin<br>Birthday May 14                                 |
| BECKY EDWARDS<br>Culloden<br>91st Birthday May 14                                  | JACOB CAMPBELL<br>Louisville, Kentucky<br>Birthday May 14                    |
| JOSHUA CAMPBELL<br>Parkersburg<br>Birthday May 14                                  |  |

### Federated Republican Women Of the Valley Hold April Meeting



Pictured from left to right: Jackie Johnson—associate member-FRWV, Scott—veteran, Becky Richmond—FRWV-VP. Nancy Bradley—FRWV-Pres.

By Nancy Bradley

The Federated Republican Women of the Valley is affiliated with The National Federation of Republican Women and has been in existence for a little over three years.

Since being installed as President, in December, 2025, we are continuing to be "women on the move." Our main goal is to promote Republican values, as is explained in our pamphlets and our by-laws, and to help elect Republicans to office.

In February, March and April, we had Republican Candidates to speak, who were running for U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, WV Senate and House of Delegates, Judicial, County Commissioner, and County Executive Committees. It has been a busy three months.

We have set some goals for the rest of this year, which will not only be helpful to our Republican Party, but to our County and our local communities.

At our April meeting, we also collected a lot of games, coloring books, colored pencils, and other items, to be presented to The Veteran's Home at Barboursville. A few of us went to the Veteran's Home, presented the donations for their game room, and they were greatly appreciated.

Our Federated Republican Women of the Valley meets the third Thursday of each month, at The Heartbeat of The Valley, located in Putnam Village. For more information, please call Nancy Bradley, President, at 304-546-6914.

### Buffalo Methodist Church Revival

Buffalo Methodist Church, located at 27 High St., Buffalo, in the Buffalo Historic Square will be having a Spring Revival on May 11-13, beginning at 7 pm each night. The evangelist is Pastor George Webb and there will be special singing each service. Come and Get Ready, Get Set, and Go!

The church is Handicapped Accessible and everyone is welcome. For more information check out the church Facebook page.

### Calling All Dots!

The Poca High School Alumni Association would like to invite you to their annual Alumni Dinner & Dance, which is being held on June 13, at Poca High School, 1 Dot Way, Poca.

Doors will open at 4:30 pm with the evening events starting at 5:30 pm. Please RSVP by June 1. The cost for the evening's festivities will be \$25 per person.

You can mail your check to the following address: Poca High School Alumni Association, PO Box 427, Poca, West Virginia 25159.

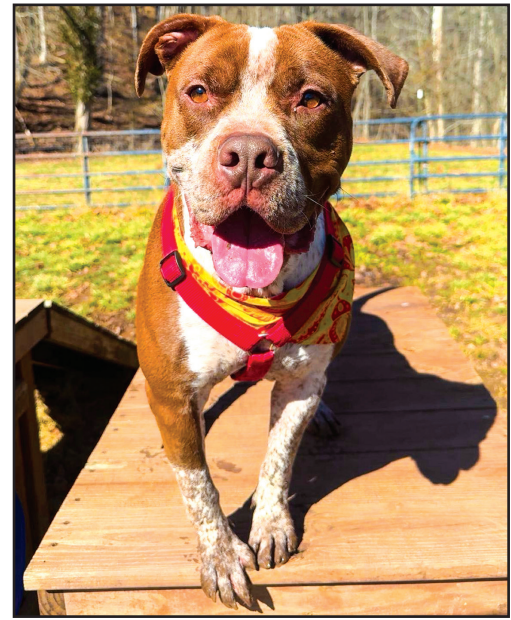
For additional information or confirmation of your RSVP, please contact Dale Parkins - Secretary 304-755-5497, Sharon Bowles - Treasurer 304-543-6574, Ramona Hickman - Vice President 304-205-2280 or Chuck Perkins - President at: chuckperkins@heritagepaintingwv.com

### Union PSD Meetings


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

### Available Pets at the Putnam County Animal Shelter

These is one of the many pets up for adoption at the Putnam County Animal Shelter. By the time that this issue of the Hurricane Breeze is published, this animal may have already been adopted and found a forever home. However, there are many pets at the shelter that still need homes. For more information, call the Putnam County Animal Shelter at 304-586-0249, or visit animalshelter.putnamcountywv.gov



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Born on December 31, 1946 in Morgantown, to the late William Edgar Frye of Clarksburg, and Ruth Frye of Beckley. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her grandparents: Kenley E. Smith and Grace Lilly Smith of Beckley and John Baker and Nettie Hirt Frye of Clarksburg.

Becky is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, Todd Lilly; cherished daughters: Stephanie Kress and Alison Kinneer; wonderful son in laws: Larry Kress and Michael Kinneer; and Dayton Kress, her only grandchild, who was loved beyond description as was the love of his life, Grayce Slone. Becky is also survived by several nieces, a nephew and many cousins. Becky also cherished numerous furry 4 legged dogs, cats and grand dogs of which she had many throughout

Becky loved life, having many passions including listening to music, traveling, playing card games with the family and relaxing on the beaches of Hilton Head Island. She will be missed and fondly remembered by all her family and friends.

Service was Thursday, May 7, at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Dr. Ellis Conley officiating.

**PAMELA TABOR**

Pamela Sue Perry Tabor passed away peacefully, surrounded by family on April 29, 2026. Born in Wayne County, on September 7, 1936, Pamela lived a life defined by love, dedication, and service to those she held most dear.

Pamela was preceded in death by her loving husband of 61 years, Cole Tabor; her grandchildren, Yana Scofield and Tyler Scofield; and her nieces, Cheryl Wolfe and Dr. Patricia (Chris) Bell.

She is survived by her loving children: her sons, Greg Tabor (Midlothian, VA), Jeffrey (Leah) Tabor (Mesquite, NV), and

Matthew (Melissa) Tabor (Taylorsville, NC); and her daughter, Leslie (Brian) Scofield (Wheeling, IL). She also leaves behind her cherished grandchildren: Joshua (Danielle) Tabor, Heather (Eric) Tabor, Brandon (Erica) Tabor, and Tesana Tabor; her great-grandsons, Leyton Tabor and Cole James Tabor; her nieces and nephews: Christa (Scott) Sumner (Casper, WY), Joy (Clayton) Good, Chelsey (Jackson) Lilly, Patrick C. (Rachel) Oxley, Angela (Tom) Burton, Sara (Paul) Dempsey, Jim (Debbie) Tabor, Bev Lewis, Kim Tabor, and Nathaniel Bannister; and her great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews, Ella Good, Jada Good, Avelene Lilly, Ollieah Lilly, and Bennett Lilly.

A graduate of Vinson High School, Pamela began her working life as a telephone operator at C&P Telephone Company. It was there she met the love of her life, Cole Tabor, to whom she was happily married for 61 years. Following her time at C&P Telephone Company, Pamela dedicated herself to the noble and challenging calling of a homemaker. She was the heart of her home, serving her family as amother, coach, doctor, teacher, and everything in between. As her husband Cole so lovingly stated at their 60th anniversary, she did an outstanding job raising their four children. Pamela never stopped pursuing knowledge. During her time as a homemaker, she furthered her education, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from Marshall University, along with five minors a testament to her intellect and lifelong curiosity.

She had a deep and abiding love of music, sharing her talent with the community as a member of the Bell Atlantic Choraliers and the Hurricane Civic Chorus, where she served as secretary and sang for approximately 10 years.

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**Marshall Partners with Berkeley County Schools on New Aviation Program**

Marshall University and Berkeley County Schools announced April 30th the kick-off off the inaugural class of the AviationX career pathway program.

The AviationX program is a free, two-year career and technical education pathway that provides students with hands-on training and real-world experience in aviation. Developed through a partnership among Berkeley County Schools, Marshall University and The Education Alliance, the program offers a direct pathway to aviation careers after graduation. Students in the program will explore opportunities

such as pilot training, aerospace engineering and aviation operations, with the option to specialize during their senior year. Two other higher education institutions, Shepherd University and Blue Ridge Community and Technical College (BRCTC), are expected to participate in the program's future offerings.

During a ceremony at the Eastern WV Regional Airport, students from Martinsburg, Musselman, Hedgesville, and Spring Mills high schools, signed their commitment to the program and were celebrated in front of friends and family members.

pursuits, Pamela was a dedicated volunteer. She was an active volunteer for Literacy Volunteers of America, helping others discover the joy of reading. Furthermore, she possessed a gentle spirit and a giving heart, which she expressed by knitting

countless baby hats for local hospital NICU units. A funeral service will be held on May 9th at 11:00 a.m. at Allen Funeral Home in Hurricane. A reception will be held immediately after funeral services at Wingate by Wyndham Hurricane.

**Obituaries**

**CARL S. KIMBERLING**

Carl S. Kimberling, 90, of Red House, passed away Friday, May 1, 2026, at his home. He was a 1955 graduate of Pt. Pleasant High School and a proud U.S. Army veteran. Carl retired from Columbia Gas with many years of service. He loved to hunt and was a member of the Southern West Virginia Beagle Club. He loved to spend time on his tractor and spending time with his beagles.

Born July 21, 1935, in Leon, he was the son of the late Hoyt Kimberling and Louise Bennett Kimberling. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Sarah Alice Peck-Higginbotham, Oselene Devan, Trilba Greenlee and Ray Kimberling.

Survivors include his sons, David (Marcie) Kimberling of Scott Depot and Darren (Tammy "Peachy") Kimberling of Winfield; his significant other of 25 years, Teresa Forbis; grandchildren, Owen Kimberling, Grant Kimberling, Miranda (Jeremy) Sexton; great grandchildren, Madilynn and Kase.

Funeral service was Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at Raynes Funeral Home, Buffalo, with Pastor Greg Johnson officiating. Burial was in the Bennett Cemetery, Leon.

**NANCY GAIL PLANTS**

Nancy Gail Plants, 88, of Hurricane, passed away on April 27, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of faith, love, and friendship that will be cherished by all who knew her.

She was born on March 7, 1938, in Charleston, to the late Jennings and Virginia Gillenwater. In addition to her parents, Nancy was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Kenneth Plants; and her brother Daniel Gillenwater.

Nancy had a deep appreciation for the simple beauties of life. She found joy in flowers, often admiring their colors and quiet grace. Spending time in her garden creating beauty was one of her favorite pastimes. She also had a special place in her heart for animals—especially her beloved cats, who brought her endless comfort and companionship.

Her faith was a cornerstone of her life.

Nancy was devoted to her church and her Bible study group, where she not only grew spiritually but also built meaningful, lasting friendships. She treasured her friends dearly and valued the fellowship, laughter, support, and love they shared.

Nancy's greatest love was her family. She adored her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchild, taking pride in their lives and finding happiness in every moment spent with them. Whether it was a simple outing, a shared meal, or a shopping trip. Nancy made every moment count.

She is survived by her children: Dr. Cheryl A. Hickman (Dr. David) of Daniels, and Michael E. Plants of Scott Depot; grandchildren: Chelsea Zsoldos (Dr. Christopher) of Boone, NC, and Christian Vargo (Kyleigh) of Morgantown; and her great-granddaughter, Lilly Vargo of Morgantown.

A Celebration of Life for Nancy will be 1:00 pm, Saturday, May 23, 2026, at Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Hurricane, with a reception to follow.

**DIANNA LYNN SOWARDS-JOHNSON**

Dianna Lynn Sowards-Johnson, 68, of Hurricane, passed away on April 30, 2026, at Cabell Huntington Hospital.

Dianna was born to the late Denver and Judy Sowards on May 6, 1957, in Hurricane. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her son, Paul Leroy Dial Jr.

She is survived by her husband, Brennen Johnson; step-daughters: Brittany Hussaini of Hurricane and Sierra Johnson of Cross Lanes; step-grandchildren: Alim, Brylee, Alexander, and Annabelle; as well as a host of extended family and friends.

Funeral service for Dianna was Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Pastor Keith Torman officiating. Entombment was in Valley View Memorial Park.

**REBECCA ANN LILLY**

On May 2, 2026, in Hurricane, Rebecca "Becky" Lilly was welcomed into the loving arms of her Heavenly Father.

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SAMPLE BALLOT OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY Primary Election

Putnam County, WV

May 12, 2026

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER
To vote you must darken the oval (●) completely next to the candidate or issue of your choice.
NATIONAL TICKET
FOR U.S. SENATOR (Vote for ONE)
BRYAN McKINNEY Inwood Berkeley Co.
JANET McNULTY Martinsburg Berkeley Co.
TOM WILLIS Martinsburg Berkeley Co.
ALEXANDER GAASERUD Parkersburg Wood Co.
SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO Charleston Kanawha Co.
DAVID PURKEY Fairmont Marion Co.
FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)
CAROL MILLER Huntington Cabell Co.
LARRY JACKSON Hanover Wyoming Co.
STATE TICKET
FOR STATE SENATOR 4TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)
The following precincts vote in the 4th Senatorial District: 3, 5, 6-1, 6-2, 7, 8, 9, 10-1, 10-2, 11, 12, 24, 25-1, 25-2, 26-1, 26-2, 27, 28, 29-1, 29-2, 30, 31, 32, 33-1, 33-2, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45 and 47
PHILLIP SURFACE Winfield Putnam Co.
TRAVIS WILLARD Hurricane Putnam Co.
ERIC J. TARR Scott Depot Putnam Co.
FOR STATE SENATOR 8TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)
The following precincts vote in the 8th Senatorial District: 1, 2, 4, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 34, 37, 38 and 40
LANCE WHEELER Charleston Kanawha Co.
T. KEVAN BARTLETT Sissonville Kanawha Co.
STEVEN CARDER ESHENAUER Dunbar Kanawha Co.
FOR MEMBER OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES 18TH DELEGATE DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)
The following precincts vote in the 18th Delegate District: 30
JIM BUTLER Gallipolis Ferry Mason Co.
FOR MEMBER OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES 19TH DELEGATE DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)
The following precincts vote in the 19th Delegate District: 1, 2, 4, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 28, 34, 37, 38, 40 and 47
KATHIE HESS CROUSE Buffalo Putnam Co.
FOR MEMBER OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES 20TH DELEGATE DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)
The following precincts vote in the 20th Delegate District: 3, 11, 12, 25-1, 25-2, 26-1, 26-2, 27, 29-1, 29-2, 41, 43 and 44
SARAH DRENNAN Winfield Putnam Co.
FOR MEMBER OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES 21ST DELEGATE DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)
The following precincts vote in the 21st Delegate District: 5, 6-1, 6-2, 7, 8, 9, 10-1, 10-2, 24, 31, 32, 33-1, 33-2, 42 and 45
MICHAEL KIDD Hurricane Putnam Co.
C. D. CALDWELL Hurricane Putnam Co.
FOR STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 4TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT (Female) (Vote For Not More Than TWO)
Two males can be elected and two females can be elected, but not more than two people (male or female) of any one county can be elected.
The following precincts vote in the 4th Senatorial District: 3, 5, 6-1, 6-2, 7, 8, 9, 10-1, 10-2, 11, 12, 24, 25-1, 25-2, 26-1, 26-2, 27, 28, 29-1, 29-2, 30, 31, 32, 33-1, 33-2, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45 and 47
LOUISA FOSTER Fraziers Bottom Putnam Co.
CARLA LINVILLE Milton Cabell Co.
SHELBY HILL Milton Cabell Co.
JESSICA HODGE Hurricane Putnam Co.
ANNA MARIA BUTLER Gallipolis Ferry Mason Co.
Write-in, If Any

STATE TICKET
FOR STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 4TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT (Male) (Vote For Not More Than TWO)
Two males can be elected and two females can be elected, but not more than two people (male or female) of any one county can be elected.
The following precincts vote in the 4th Senatorial District: 3, 5, 6-1, 6-2, 7, 8, 9, 10-1, 10-2, 11, 12, 24, 25-1, 25-2, 26-1, 26-2, 27, 28, 29-1, 29-2, 30, 31, 32, 33-1, 33-2, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45 and 47
TONY HODGE Hurricane Putnam Co.
ISAAC TINCHER Scott Depot Putnam Co.
GUNNAR FOSTER Fraziers Bottom Putnam Co.
ROY L. RAMEY II Lesage Cabell Co.
JIM BUTLER Gallipolis Ferry Mason Co.
Write-in, If Any
FOR STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 8TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT (Female) (Vote For Not More Than TWO)
Two males can be elected and two females can be elected, but not more than two people (male or female) of any one county can be elected.
The following precincts vote in the 8th Senatorial District: 1, 2, 4, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 34, 37, 38 and 40
KRISTIN KING Lizemores Clay Co.
JEANETTE RAINES ATKINSON Reedy Roane Co.
ERICA J. MOORE Spencer Roane Co.
KATHERINE S. McCORMICK Dunbar Kanawha Co.
Write-in, If Any
FOR STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 8TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT (Male) (Vote For Not More Than TWO)
Two males can be elected and two females can be elected, but not more than two people (male or female) of any one county can be elected.
T. KEVAN BARTLETT Sissonville Kanawha Co.
STEVEN CARDER ESHENAUER Dunbar Kanawha Co.
MARTIN 'RICK' ATKINSON Reedy Roane Co.
ANDY SHAMBLIN Nitro Kanawha Co.
RANDY WAYNE HALSTEAD Ripley Jackson Co.
Write-in, If Any
NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS
NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA - DIVISION 1 UNEXPIRED 6 YEAR TERM (Vote for ONE)
GERALD TITUS Charleston Kanawha Co.
TODD A. KIRBY Beckley Raleigh Co.
H.L. "KIRK" KIRKPATRICK Beckley Raleigh Co.
LAURA V. FAIRCLOTH Martinsburg Berkeley Co.
MARTIN P. "RED HAT" SHEEHAN Wheeling Ohio Co.
Write-in, If Any
NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA - DIVISION 2 UNEXPIRED 2 YEAR TERM (Vote for ONE)
TOM EWING Edmond Fayette Co.
BILL FLANIGAN Wheeling Marshall Co.
Write-in, If Any
NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF JUDGE OF THE INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEALS - DIVISION 1 (Vote for ONE)
JIM DOUGLAS Charleston Kanawha Co.
DAN GREEAR So Charleston Kanawha Co.
Write-in, If Any
NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE - 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - DIVISION 2 UNEXPIRED 6 YEAR TERM (Vote for ONE)
MARK A. SORSAIA Hurricane Putnam Co.
Write-in, If Any

COUNTY TICKET
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER
Not more than one resident of any magisterial district may be elected (Vote for ONE)
BRIAN ELLIS Hurricane District 3
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER UNEXPIRED TERM
Not more than one resident of any magisterial district may be elected (Vote for ONE)
WESLEY LEE LANDERS Given District 1
MIKE STONE Leon District 1
ZACH CREDE Red House District 1
DOUG PIERSON Buffalo District 1
FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Female) (Vote for ONE)
JESSICA HODGE Hurricane
Write-in, If Any
FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Male) (Vote for ONE)
BRIAN WOOD Winfield
Write-in, If Any
FOR SENATORIAL DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 4TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT (Female) (Vote for ONE)
SABRINA MANUEL Hurricane
Write-in, If Any
FOR SENATORIAL DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 4TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT (Male) (Vote for ONE)
BRIAN WOOD Winfield
Write-in, If Any
FOR SENATORIAL DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 8TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT (Female) (Vote for ONE)
KRIS RAYNES Eleanor
Write-in, If Any
FOR SENATORIAL DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 8TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT (Male) (Vote for ONE)
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED
Write-in, If Any
OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
NONPARTISAN BOARD OF EDUCATION (Vote For Not More Than THREE)
Maximum eligible to be elected from districts: Dist. I (2); Dist. II (1); Dist. III (1)
CONNIE BRECK Hurricane District 2
BRAD HODGES Hurricane District 3
SARAH BROWN Hurricane District 2
KAREN DILLARD Winfield District 2
TAMMY SOWARDS Scott Depot District 2
JAKE FERTIG Scott Depot District 2
WILLIAM "BUTCH" LEGG Poca District 1
Write-in, If Any
OFFICIAL NONPARTISAN BALLOT
FOR CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR WESTERN DISTRICT (Vote for ONE)
JAMES WITHROW Leon
CHRISTINE WELCH Scott Depot
Write-in, If Any

FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISTRICT I (Female) (Vote For Not More Than TWO)
The following precincts vote in the 1st Magisterial District: 1, 2, 4, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 28, 30, 34, 37, 38, 40 and 47
KENESSA THOMPSON Poca
KRIS RAYNES Eleanor
Write-in, If Any
FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISTRICT I (Male) (Vote For Not More Than TWO)
MARK HIGGINBOTHAM Eleanor
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED
Write-in, If Any
The following precincts vote in the 2nd Magisterial District: 3, 11, 12, 25-1, 25-2, 26-1, 26-2, 27, 29-1, 29-2, 41, 43 and 44
FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISTRICT II (Female) (Vote For Not More Than TWO)
SABRINA MANUEL Hurricane
NO CANDIDATE(S) FILED
Write-in, If Any
FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISTRICT II (Male) (Vote For Not More Than TWO)
KYLE LONG Fraziers Bottom
VASILIOS "BILLY" MANUEL Hurricane
RON STONE Winfield
Write-in, If Any
FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISTRICT III (Female) (Vote For Not More Than TWO)
The following precincts vote in the 3rd Magisterial District: 5, 6-1, 6-2, 7, 8, 9, 10-1, 10-2, 24, 31, 32, 33-1, 33-2, 42 and 45
FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISTRICT III (Female) (Vote For Not More Than TWO)
ILSE LONG Hurricane
JESSICA HODGE Hurricane
BECKY RICHMOND Hurricane
Write-in, If Any
FOR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DISTRICT III (Male) (Vote For Not More Than TWO)
CALEB A. TURNER Hurricane
TONY HODGE Hurricane
Write-in, If Any
OFFICIAL LEVY BALLOT
The following precincts vote in the City of Hurricane: 5, 7, 8, 9, 42, 44 & 45
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.
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

I, Brian Wood, Clerk of the County Commission and Ex-Officio Chairman of the Putnam County Board of Ballot Commissioners, hereby certify that the foregoing is a facsimile of the Official Ballot for the Primary Election to be held on May 12, 2026, as provided by Chapter 3, Section 5, and Article 10 of the West Virginia Code.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court this 12th day of March 2026.

Brian Wood, Clerk Putnam County Commission Ex-Officio Chairman of the Putnam County Board of Ballot Commissioners

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Table with 4 columns: Putnam County, WV; STATE TICKET; COUNTY TICKET; May 12, 2026. Rows include instructions to voters, state and county executive committee tickets, judicial officer ballots, and levy election information.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF PUTNAM, TO-WIT:
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Given under my hand and seal of said Court this 12th day of March 2026.
Brian Wood, Clerk
Putnam County Commission
Ex-Officio Chairman of the Putnam County Board of Ballot Commissioners



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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.: 6425  
 Estate Of: Charles Rankin Asbury  
 Executor: Charles Allen Asbury 94 Whitbury Lane Red House, WV 25168

Estate No.: 6458  
 Estate Of: John Millard Howard Bayliss, Jr.  
 Administratrix: Susan E. McCracken 204 Reynolds Street Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 6470  
 Estate Of: Sarah Ann Chelton Christopher A. Chelton, II  
 Administrator: 119 Timberlake Circle Scott Depot, WV 25560

Estate No.: 6478  
 Estate Of: David Walter Deyerle  
 Administratrix: Lan D. Deyerle 315 Joshua Way Winfield, WV 25213

Estate No.: 6457  
 Estate Of: Bonnie Lee Frazier  
 Executrix: Kimberly J. Cartmill 2503 Grant Ave. St. Albans, WV 25177

Estate No.: 6465  
 Estate Of: Darrell Lee Goodwin  
 Executrix: Brandy L. Presley 9455 Heizer Creek Rd Poca, WV 25159

Estate No.: 6475  
 Estate Of: Barbara Sue Landers  
 Co-Executrix: Kimberly J. Newman 159 Wood Station Buffalo, WV 25033  
 Co-Executrix: Anthony Landers 6138 Jim Ridge Rd Given, WV 25245

Estate No.: 6201  
 Estate Of: Wesley Lee Landers, Sr.  
 Co-Executrix: Anthony Wade Landers 6138 Jim Ridge Rd Given, WV 25245

Estate No.: 6476  
 Estate Of: Joan Maureen Rogers  
 Executrix: James A. Rogers 99 Beechwood Estates Scott Depot, WV 25560

Estate No.: 6439  
 Estate Of: Patricia Lynn Rogers  
 Administrator: Christopher W. Rogers 133 Dawn Heights Scott Depot, WV 25560

Estate No.: 6378  
 Estate Of: Joan Paul  
 Executor: Steven M. Harmon 1305 B Main Avenue Nitro, WV 25147

Estate No.: 6476  
 Estate Of: Joan Maureen Rogers  
 Executrix: James A. Rogers 99 Beechwood Estates Scott Depot, WV 25560

Estate No.: 6439  
 Estate Of: Patricia Lynn Rogers  
 Administrator: Christopher W. Rogers 133 Dawn Heights Scott Depot, WV 25560

Estate No.: 6436  
 Estate Of: Russell Leonard Watson  
 Executrix: Julie Ann Smith 510 Heather Drive Elkview, WV 25071

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 May 7, 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 May 7, 2026.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 29th day of April 2026  
 Fiduciary Supervisor  
 Putnam County Commission  
 10293 Winfield Road,  
 Winfield, WV 25213

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**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT**

**NOTICE**  
 April 29, 2026

The West Virginia Health Care Authority announced that it has received a Letter of Intent from ProSource Staffing, LLC, CON File #26-3-13614-Z, for the provision of skilled Home Health Services in Putnam County, West Virginia. Capital Expenditure \$125,000.

Further information regarding the Letter of Intent, including the Certificate of Need application when submitted, is on the Authority's website at www.hca.wv.gov.

5-7-11

**Putnam Property Transfers**

The following property transfers were recorded by the Putnam County Clerk between April 20, 2026 and May 1, 2026:

Joseph Randazzo to Ublester Pineda - Parcel, Nitro District for \$30,000.00.

Dwight and Lou Anne Pauley to Lou Anne Pauley - Lot, Laurel Ridge Subdivision, Scott District for \$75,000.00.

Ilene Golden to Robert Ballard - Lot, Teays Valley Meadows North, Teays Valley District for \$405,900.00.

Christopher and Kristin Rock to Austin and Katelyn Green - Lot, Aarons Corner, Scott District for \$400,000.00.

Anthony and Audrey Waters to Joshua Weaver - Lot, Mulberry Square, Teays Valley District for \$365,000.00.

Richard and Joan Spilman to Evan and Kayla Smith - Two Lots, Corbly Addition, Hurricane District for \$310,000.00.

Walter and Kimberly Taylor to Eastland LLC - Parcel, Nitro District for \$10,000.00.

Pamela Cook to Rock Ministries Inc - Four Parcels, Poca District for \$216,000.00.

Lisa Moye and Charles Hale to Parrish Capital LLC - Two Parcels, Scott District for \$65,000.00.

Cecil Walker and Richard Walker to William and Shelda Martin - Parcel, Curry District for \$519,000.00.

Santanah Gardner Atkins to Austin and Kayla Eads - Lot, Rolling Meadows Estates, Scott District for \$285,000.00.

Stephen and Claudette Young to Mmotsa and Alexis Makhene - Lot, Saddle Downs, Scott District for \$390,500.00.

Noah and Jordan Luikart to Brandon and Michaela King - Lot, Longstreet Subdivision, Winfield District for \$260,000.00.

Jose Sanchez to John Adkiins - Parcel, Curry District for \$133,000.00.

Traci Buzzard to Sarah Meeker and Adam Rhodes - Two Parcels, Poca District for \$28,000.00.

Greg and Willa Shumate to Allen and Staci Jordan - Lot, Weatheridge Park, Scott District for \$335,000.00.

AM Investments LLC to Marcus and Cecilia Matthews - Lot, Springlea Hills, Scott District for \$200,000.00.

Kimberly Pauley and Lucy Moore to Richard Rach - Lot, Saunders Addition, Poca District for \$70,000.00.

Sara Labrecque Whalen to Glennis Peters - Lot, Rolling Acres Townhouses, Scott District for \$163,500.00.

Jason and Kristi Brouse to Madelyn Mobley - Two Lots, Teays Valley District for \$296,000.00.

Glenmont Properties LLC to Cameron Wallace - Lot, North Woods, Union District for \$7,500.00.

Johnson Properties LLC to Joel and Janet Conley - Lot, Scott District for \$70,000.00.

Braley Care Homes Inc to David and Angela Collins - Parcel, Scott District for \$350,000.00.

Glenmont Properties LLC to Cameron Wallace - Lot, North Woods, Union District for \$7,500.00.

Amanda Postlethwait to Markahala McCormick - Parcel, Poca District for \$6,000.00.

Jeffery Moore to Walter and Kimberly Taylor - Lot, Poca District for \$45,000.00.

Jeffery Moore to Walter and Kimberly Taylor - Parcel, Poca District for \$5,000.00.

Oak Tree Properties LLC to Jennifer Sang - Lot, Maple Heights Additon, Hurricane District for \$160,000.00.

WV State Auditor and Michael Workman to Gold Enterprises LLC - Lot, Nitro District for \$1,542.91.

WV State Auditor and NAJ LLC to Nitro Land Reuse Authority - Two Lots, Nitro Heights, Nitro District for \$3,847.47.

WV State Auditor and Troy McCormack to Nitro Land Reuse Authority - Parcel, Nitro District for \$300.51.

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Resources LLC - Parcel, Union District for \$179.70.

Jennifer Singletary to Bold LLC - Lot, Imperial Estates, Curry District for \$120,000.00.

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company and New Century Home Equity Loan to Bryan and Misty Price - Lot, Saunders Addition, Nitro District for \$40,000.00.

Donald and Cathy Peal to Teays Holdings LLC and Cathy Smith - Lot, Mesa Manor Subdivision, Hurricane District for \$280,000.00.

Green Valley Properties Inc to Teays Construction LLC - Two Lots, Lynnhurst Addition, Hurricane District for \$117,500.00.

David and Lisa Hill to Dannis Gillispie - Lot, Scott Creek Subdivision, Scott District for \$360,000.00.

Blake and Victoria Warden to Yousing and Youhak Eng - Lot, Preston Place, Hurricane District for \$207,500.00.

Nacy Chapman to Tabitha Koval - Lot, Missy Dawn Acres, Scott District for \$236,200.00.

Jason Withrow to Ryan Logan - Parcel, Eleanor District for \$285,000.00.

Bradford McElfish and Charles McElfish to Roger and Melody Bias - Parcel, Scott District for \$100,000.00.

Safique Ahmed to Un Kyung Corns - Parcel, Scott District for \$600,000.00.

John Walker and Regina Gibson to Harrison Home Properties LLC - Parcel, Scott District for \$60,000.00.

Cason Dent to John Snyder - Parcel, Scott District for \$20,000.00.

Avani Patel to Spencer and Abigail Murphy - Lot, River Valley Subdivision, Poca District for \$259,000.00.

Kraye Properties LLC to Cole Ash Enterprises LLC - Lot, Hurricane Estates, Hurricane District for \$155,000.00.

John and Tonja Bossie to Danielle Grubb - Two Lots, Charlo Acres, Scott District for \$300,000.00.

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc to Chadwick and Aubrey Morris - Parcel, Teays Valley District for \$100,000.00.

Rickie and Karolee Burton to Samantha Cain - Lot, Timberlake Acres, Scott District for \$263,000.00.

Matthew Johnson to Hunter Owens - Two Lots, Ranch Lake Estates, Scott District for \$220,000.00.

Erniest Hurley to Jacob Stone and Faith Wilson - Lot, Poca District for \$35,000.00.

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### Daily Bible Readings

Romans	Ephesians	Genesis	Romans	Proverbs	Philippians	Luke
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## BASIC BIBLE

By Ron Allen  
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### Saved from Wrath

Romans 5:1-11

“Therefore being justified by faith” (v. 1). Paul is speaking to believers. Being justified by faith is the starting point of every believer’s walk with Christ. Being justified by faith establishes a relationship with God the Father that is not dependent upon the law. Jesus satisfied the law for all who believe. Believers are justified in the sight of God because God counts belief for righteousness (Gen. 15:6). God views the hearts of men and sees all. God knows those who trust Him and those who lean to their own understandings.

Being justified by faith means God sees the righteousness of His Son in all who believe. Being justified by faith means that one will be changed in the twinkling of the eye when Jesus returns (1 Cor. 15:52). It means that one will dwell in the presence of the Lord for all eternity. Being justified by faith means that one is sealed by the Holy Spirit whose presence is evidence that one belongs to God (Eph. 1:13-14). It means one has been purchased by the price which Jesus paid upon the cross.

Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Faith is the avenue by which believers have access to grace — access to the unmerited favor of God. Because we stand in God’s unmerited favor, we rejoice in hope of His glory (v. 2). Hope, by itself, is colored with hews of uncertainty. God is not willing that believers be uncertain. It was for this purpose that He sent the Comforter (Jn. 14:16). For believers, hope of His glory is certain — as certain as His creation. The sun, moon, stars, the earth, and all life speak of the certainty of His glory. We rejoice in the expectation (certainty of hope) of His return.

In verse 3, Paul states that we (believers) glory in tribulation. No one, believers included, relishes the stresses which tribulation brings. Everyone rejoices when troubles disappear. Believers, alone, rejoice during tribulation because, standing before God in grace by faith, we know that all things work together for good to them that love God (Rom. 8:28). Believers can rejoice in tribulation because God is true to His every promise. Good shall come from tribulation. It is as certain as the sun, moon, and the earth itself.

Tribulation produces patience (v. 3). Patience is the ability to endure hardship without getting angry or upset. Patience is an unnatural thing. Jesus demonstrated patience by enduring the slow understanding of the disciples and by answering the Pharisees with grace rather than wrath. Jesus willingly suffered death upon the cross, forgiving those who crucified him (Luke 23:34). His patience is characterized as “long-suffering,” choosing love over immediate judgment. Through tribulation, believers are empowered to become more like Jesus.

Patience, in turn, produces experience. Experience, in this instance, is manifested in Christlike behavior — the behavior of Him who came to reveal God’s love to all men. When we witness Christ in ourselves, we see that which is not of our doing. We see and we have hope, the expectation that we shall be transformed like unto Him (Phil. 3:21). Our hope is certain, evidenced by the work of the Holy Spirit which dwells within our hearts (v. 5). We become increasingly aware of the love which is He has bestowed upon us. Awareness of His love is cause to grow in knowledge of His love and to be moved to love one another as He loves us.

In verses 6 through 8, Paul iterates upon the love which the Holy Spirit has revealed to believers. The apostle describes the spiritual condition of all men before Christ paid the sin debt upon the cross. All were helpless, unable to find God. When we, the ungodly, were without remedy, Christ died for us. Verses 7 and 8 capture a picture of God’s love. It is contrary to human nature for one man to lay down his life for another. One might consider dying for a righteous cause. Some men might be willing to die for a good man, but that is not what the Son did. Jesus Christ laid down His life, not for good or righteous men; He died for ungodly sinners who knew Him not. Such was the love of God before we knew Him.

God’s love is beyond measure. Because His love is beyond measure and because God responds to our believing Him, it is with absolute certainty that Paul declares: “Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him” (v. 9). Because believers are justified, we are not subject to the wrath which is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness (see Rom. 1:18). There is wrath, however, which believers store up, which wrath shall be judged (see Rom. 2:5). We know to do good but do not do it. “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins” (1 Jn. 1:8-9). Jesus arose from the dead to sit at the right hand of the Father. Because Jesus lives and serves as an advocate for all whom He has made atonement, we have a better standing than when we did not know Him as Lord and Savior. Christ suffered all of the wrath which was reserved for us. We need merely ask, and forgiveness is given. His blood is sufficient to cover all transgression.

Our hope is based upon both what Christ has done and what He shall do. Our hope is certain. Because He died, we are reconciled. Because He lives, we joy in His promise: “I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also” (John 14:3). Again, His love is beyond measure.

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## KIDS TALK ABOUT GOD

BY CAREY KINSOLVING AND FRIENDS

### How Does Your Mom Show Love Like God Does?

“If my mom loves like God, that means she probably needs a nap sometimes too,” says Olivia, 6. “Because loving people all day is hard work!”

Moms are some of the hardest-working people on earth. They love, serve, and care for their families in a way that often reminds us of God’s love. The Bible says, “As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you” (Isaiah 66:13). God chose a mother’s tenderness to describe His own love for His people.

“I think my mom shows love like God when she forgives me,” says Ethan, 9. “Even when I do something bad, she still loves me.”

That’s one of the best pictures of God’s love we’ll ever see. Moms forgive quickly because love always wins over anger. God forgives us the same way when we trust in Jesus. The Bible says, “He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9).

God’s forgiveness doesn’t depend on how good we are but on how loving He is.

“I think my mom loves like God because she takes care of everybody before she takes care of herself,” says Mia, 7.

That’s another beautiful reflection of God’s heart. Moms sacrifice daily (cooking meals, folding laundry, helping with homework, driving to practices) to serve others. Their quiet sacrifices point us to Jesus, who gave His life to serve and save the world. When we see a mother giving up her own comfort to care for others, we catch a glimpse of the heart of Christ.

“My mom prays with me when I’m scared,” says Caleb, 8. “She says God can help us be brave.”

When moms comfort and encourage us, they remind us that God is near. The Bible calls God “the Father of mercies and God

of all comfort” (2 Corinthians 1:3). A mom’s hugs and gentle words are often God’s way of showing His presence through someone we can touch and hear.

God’s love always takes the first step. When moms notice what we need without being told, they’re reflecting the same loving attentiveness that God has toward His children. Jesus said, “Your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him” (Matthew 6:8).

Moms aren’t perfect. They get tired, frustrated, and sometimes need forgiveness themselves. But even in their weakness, they show us something wonderful about God’s strength. As the Apostle Paul wrote, “When I am weak, then I am strong” (2 Corinthians 12:10).

Bible teacher Charlie Bing once said that grace means “God gives us what we don’t deserve.” That’s exactly what moms do every day. They give grace when we forget chores, patience when we’re cranky, and love when we don’t act lovable. A mom’s grace helps us understand God’s amazing grace.

Even Jesus experienced a mother’s love on earth. Mary cared for Him as He grew up. She stood near the cross when He took upon himself the sins of the world that we might be adopted into God’s family (Romans 8:15).

So, how does your mom show love like God does? Maybe she forgives you, comforts you, or prays for you. However she does it, every act of love points to the One who first loved us.

Think About This: A mother’s love is one of God’s greatest gifts because it shows us how much He cares for us.

Memorize This Truth: “As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you” (Isaiah 66:13).

Ask This Question: How does your mom show love like God does?