

# The Hurricane Breeze

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## Renaissance Faire Coming to Valley Park

The Renaissance Faire will be held on May 23rd, from 10 am - 6 pm at Valley Park's large shelter in Hurricane. The Faire will include family friendly activities such as interactive quests, live performers, murder mystery fun with Dice & Deception, live blacksmith demonstrations by Mountain Forge, fun crafts with the Huntington Museum of Art and others, and local artists and vendors, and food trucks. The event will feature Elenna the BardTender singing tavern songs and ballads, the Wolfhounds of Appalachia, the Duelists of Appalachia, and the Sugar Sirens Mermaids. Bring your trinkets and join in the faire tradition of the trinket trade, take on a quest, shop the market and

enjoy the fun. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for 11-17 year olds, and free for 10 and under. Schedules will be posted to the Hurricane Renaissance Faire's Facebook and other social media accounts, as well as teasers for the interactive quests. The Hurricane Renaissance Faire is organized by Hurricon Inc. a WV nonprofit organization creating pop-culture and themed events designed to strengthen community and support meaningful causes, such as the American Cancer Society. Learn more about Hurricon's mission and other events at [www.hurricon.org](http://www.hurricon.org), and be sure to follow the organization's social media accounts for all the latest news.

## More Than One Hundred Jeeps Invade Hurricane



Justin Boyle of Hurricane takes his 1986 CJ-7 Jeep up the RTI ramp, which is used to determine a vehicle's suspension articulation.

### COMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

## Hurricane City Council Meeting

By Ron Allen  
The May 4 Hurricane City Council meeting was a time for commendation, recognition and congratulation. Mayor Scott Edwards read a letter from Will Dempsey, President of Wildlife & Discovery Center of WV, which cited the care displayed by two Hurricane police officers in which two special needs children were stranded at the Center in Valley Park. Officers Brent Reed and Matthew Chapman provided support to the children until the situation was resolved, a period of seven hours. Edwards stated that the officers were not obligated to remain with the children but recognized and supplied the personal attention of which the two children were in need. Wes Davis, Catlin Hinkley and Steven Hinkley were each presented a Certificate of Recognition which reads: "In grateful recognition of your time, dedication and outstanding service to preserve the dignity and

history of the cemetery behind First Baptist Church of Hurricane." The cemetery is not owned by anyone or any party. It ceased to be used more than one hundred years ago and predates the James River Turnpike (Midland Trail) which was completed in 1832. The cemetery sits on the route of the Old State Road (Teays Valley Turnpike) which was established by the Commonwealth of Virginia prior to 1800. The Hurricane High Red Hot Show Choir was honored for being named the 2026 State Champions. The Red Hots have won 18 State Championships under the direction Joseph Kincaid. The Hurricane High School Bass Fishing team of Cooper Mick and Daeshon Tuttle also received Certificates of Recognition for beating out 28 other high school teams. The team will compete for national honors in the near future. Hurricane Police Chief

By Betsy Allen  
Hurricane was overrun by an army of Jeeps last Saturday, May 9, during the annual Jeepers Invade Hurricane event. The parking lot of the Putnam County Bank Loan Center resembled a Jeep dealership as Jeep owners from near and far came to participate in this unique car show. The event came into being when Samuel Ball of Hurricane organized the first Jeepers Invade Hurricane event three years ago. He was motivated by Putnam County's lack of Jeep specific events. While other counties had meet-ups and cruise-ins for Jeep owners, Putnam did not. Jeep owners showed off their vehicles in Show N Shine, where they hoped to be chosen for one of the ten different award categories at the close of the event. While there were the usual award designations such as People's Choice and Best of Show, one of the more interesting honors one could win was Dirtiest Jeep. Hunter Rogers, a Hurricane resident who had taken his vehicle out mud running and trail riding before the event, was chosen for this honor. Over seventy Jeep owners participated

in Show N Shine. In addition to the Jeeps which participated in the competition show, an estimated number of 200 to 300 spectator Jeeps came and went throughout the day. Those attending the event could test their vehicle's mettle on a Ramp Travel Index (RTI) ramp sponsored by the West Virginia Jeep Club. A RTI ramp is used to measure a vehicle's suspension articulation (flex) by driving it with one front wheel on the ramp until a tire lifts off the ground. Justin Boyle of Hurricane won Best Flex with 47 inches up the ramp, a score of 846 out of 1000. Last year, he was one of the top contenders for the ramp, with a score of 789. In addition to offering Jeep owners an opportunity to flaunt their vehicles and meet with other Jeep fans, the event featured over twenty vendors and two food trucks. Some of the businesses represented

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## Cpl. Fulks Memorial Trail Race — Running and Remembering



5K, 10K, and 5K Ruck competitors set out to meet the challenge of Meeks Mountain Trails at Hurricane City Park.

By Ron Allen  
The Cpl. Fulks Memorial Trail Race is an annual event on the winding Meeks Mountain Trails at Hurricane City Park. The race commemorates Marine Corps Cpl. William B. Fulks who died May 18, 2006 from wounds and burns suffered while conducting combat operations in Anbar province, Iraq. The race serves as a fundraiser for the William B. Fulks Marine Corps League 1474 scholarship fund and its effort to address the needs of veterans and their families. More than seventy individuals participated in the 9 a.m., Saturday, May 9th event which featured 5K, 10K, and 5K Ruck races. Jared Bailey of Ona was the first 5K finisher with a time of 25:06.17. James Talbert of Wayne took first in the 10K with a time of 47:09.02. The 5K Ruck winner was William Blake of Scott Depot with a time of 28:20.88. The top male and female winners in each of the three races received trophies produced by

Bear Wood Company of Hurricane. Receiving trophies were: 5K males — Jared Bailey, Syllas Thomas, and Lloyd Hudson; 5K females — Taylor McManus, Amanda Cosner, and Ella Doerner; 10K males — James Talbert with a time of 47:09.02, Lincoln Parker with a time of 48:35.16, Zachary Talbert with a time of 49:37.97; 10K females — Laura King, Nicole Michaelis, and Tara Hayslip; 5K Ruck — William Blake, Vincent Gibson, and Kellie Blake.

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HHS Red Hot Show Choir members pose for a photo. Members of the choir are: Robert Barber, Nash Boyd, Brook Brown, Maya Brown, Jada Brown, Jordan Browning, Julia Carney, Jacob Carney, Braxton Carver, Brody Carver, Anna Dillard, Aidan Dunn, Brandon Eckhart, Shelby Eddy, Kalea Edwards, Peyton Edwards, Luke Elliott, Cooper Ellis, Samuel Ferris, Lena Gillispie, Kaylyn Granger, Alexander Gregory, Kathryn Grose, Levi Hanley, Talliyah Hardy, Gabriel High, Zachary Hodges, Leila Holland, Owen Howard, Dominic Johnson, Emma Johnson, Chloe Jones, Tyler Joyce, Makenna Justice, Olivia Keen, Matthew Kerrigan, Hudson Leach, Frida Leyva Morales, Brookelynn Lovejoy, Talia Marcum, Sarah McCartney, Leah Metheny, Matthew Metheny, Alexis Moyers, Arianna O'Neal, Bailey Philyaw, Alexandria Pierson, Connor Poling, Savannah Priestley, Brendon Roush, Alexis Ruby, Giuliana Santangelo, Alena Schuler, Avery Shaffer, Valerie Simpkins, Heath Smith, Christian Stark, Christian Stark, Eli Stephenson, Nathan Tuttle, Micah Wade, Ashton Warner, Timothy Wells III, Quintin Williams, David Womack, and Body Zane.

WEATHER SUMMARY		
May 5 - 11		
	Low	High
May 5		
Hurricane	50°	75°
May 6*		
Hurricane	46°	56°
May 7		
Hurricane	38°	62°
May 8		
Hurricane	32°	70°
May 9		
Hurricane	48°	71°
May 10		
Hurricane	50°	75°
May 11		
Hurricane	40°	68°

\*RAIN  
0.4 inch recorded May 6

## 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 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 - 16

- There will be a rain or shine yard sale at the Buffalo Church of God activities building (Route 62 and Church Street).

### MAY 15

- The Putnam County Library will be hosting a homeschool field day beginning at 11 a.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane.

- 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.

### MAY 16 - 17

- The First Baptist Church of Nitro, 2200 2nd Avenue, Nitro, will be celebrating their 125th anniversary. Picnic on Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m.; 11 a.m. special worship service and dinner to follow on Sunday morning. On Sunday evening, the Martin Luther King Jr. Chorus will be performing at 6 p.m.

### MAY 16

- There will be a bicycle swap meet starting at 9 a.m. at Ridenour Park in Nitro. Meet up at the bike trail.

- Valley Outdoors, 3034 Mount Vernon Road, Hurricane, will be celebrating their fifth anniversary with their first live in-person and national simulcast auction from 6 to 9 p.m.

- Faith In Motion, 3495 Teays Valley Road Ste B, Hurricane, will be offering puppy yoga at 10 a.m. Entry fee is \$20. For registration information, call (304) 760-9664.

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- The Putnam County Democratic Women's Club will be holding their monthly luncheon at noon at Sleepy Hollow Golf Club. The cost of the luncheon will be \$22 per person. To RSVP, call 304-727-2218 or email pcdwc@aol.com

- Endless Pawsabilities LLC, 3572 Hurricane Creek Road, Hurricane, will be holding their 5th annual crawfish boil starting at 2 p.m.

- There will be an American Cross Blood Drive from noon to 5 p.m. at the Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, Putnam Avenue, Hurricane. Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: hurricanecom to schedule an appointment.

- Cops N Rodders Classic Car Club will be holding a cruise-in from 5 p.m. to dusk at the Putnam County Bank parking lot behind the Hurricane McDonalds.

### MAY 17

- Fraizers Bottom Methodist Church, located at 1 Church Lane, Fraizers Bottom, will have a Song and Praise Service beginning at 6 p.m.

### MAY 19

- There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at noon for the new Poca Senior Center, at Valley Cakes and Cafe, 2887 Charleston Road Poca. Ladies' tea and women's health workshop from 1 to 2 p.m.

- There will be a free family night at Meeks Mountain Trails, with the emphasis being on polinators. Meet up at the big red barn at Hurricane City Park at 6 p.m. Register by going to <https://runsignup.com/Race/WV/Hurricane/PollinatorPowerAFamilyNightAtMeeksMountain>

- The Hurricane Civic Chorus will offer its spring concert, "Music for the Way Home," at 7:00 p.m., at Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, Putnam Avenue, Hurricane.

### MAY 20

- There will be a homeschool show and tell event at 10 a.m. at the Eleanor Library. Presentations are to be 5 minutes long.

- Black & Co. will be discussing employee benefits at 9 a.m. at Area 34, 971 State Route 34, Teays Valley. To register, call the Putnam County Chamber at (304) 757-6510.

### MAY 22

- There will be a hiring event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Diamond Electric, 159 Eleanor Industrial Park Drive, Eleanor.

- There will be a gentle hatha slow and hold flow yoga session at 6:30 p.m. at River Ridge Church, 1 Saturn Way, Hurricane.

### MAY 23 AND 25

- The Buffalo Welcome Center, located along Rt. 62 in the Buffalo Historic Square, will be open on Saturday and Monday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### MAY 23

- Amanda Smith and Relative Acoustically will be performing from 6 to 9 p.m. at Emma Rae's Steakhouse, 1101 Hospital Drive, Hurricane.

- The first ever Renaissance Faire will be held at Valley Park in Hurricane starting at 10 a.m. Admission is \$10 for ages 18 and above; \$5 for ages 11-18; and ten and under get in free.

### MAY 28

- The Night Market at Valley Park will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Local vendors and live entertainment. This month's theme is Derby

## Pollinator Power: A Family Night at Meeks Mountain

Come out for a hands-on, family-friendly evening all about pollinators at Meeks Mountain Trails on Tuesday, May 19!

This special session is led by Hailey Saxton and the team from West Virginia State University 4-H. Hailey serves as a 4-H Student Worker and, alongside Extension Educators and her team, helped install the pollinator habitat at Meeks Mountain Trails in June 2023 through a pollinator-focused grant. Since then, they've continued to monitor, maintain, and grow the habitat—providing plants, resources, and care to help it thrive.

Come learn the basics: What is a pollinator? Why are they so important? And how can you create your own pollinator-friendly spaces at home?

You'll also get a chance to see and learn from the pollinator habitat on the trails.

This event is perfect for kids, families, and anyone curious about the natural world. You won't just learn—you can take the experience home. Participants may walk away with pollinator-themed kits and ideas like DIY bird feeders, mason bee houses, and butterfly garden projects—simple, meaningful ways to stay connected to nature.

Meet at the Big Red Barn at Hurricane City Park at 6 p.m.

This is part of Meeks Mountain Trails continued commitment to outdoor education and creating opportunities for youth and families to

## 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).

## Night.

- The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Putnam County Bank on Hurricane Creek Road. To RSVP, call 304-757-6510.

### MAY 29 - 30

- The 7th Herd Immunity Livestock Show will be held at the Winfield Riding Club in Winfield. Open to youth in Putnam, Cabell, Jackson, Lincoln, Roane, and Mason Counties.

### MAY 29

- WV Birth to Three and the Putnam County Family Support Center will be hosting Stomp, ROAR, Let's Explore from 4 to 6 p.m. at Eleanor Park. Games, activities, and prizes for every child who attends.

- There will be a Paint and Praise Ladies Night from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Teays Valley Church of God, 185 Connection Point, Scott Depot. The cost is \$35 per person. To register, go to the church's Facebook page or call (304) 757-9222.

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

engage with the trails in a deeper way.

This is a free event, but space is limited. Please register in advance by going to <https://runsignup.com/Race/WV/Hurricane/PollinatorPowerAFamilyNightAtMeeksMountain>

Come out, learn something new, explore the pollinator habitat, and help support the small but mighty species that keep our ecosystems thriving.

## The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

May is here... so much happens in May... birthdays... Mother's Day... flowers... lawn mowing... spring in all its glory... it is as if God looks down and paints the green colors... love it... walking outside... although in Indiana, we are still having some cold nights and cool days... unusual for me (moving here from Florida).

I remember... memories... May meant school would be out at Hurricane High... the summer to wait to see most of our friends... the summer to relax... three months off... finish by Memorial Day... begin after Labor Day... a real rest... I enjoyed the bookmobile and later, the library... much time spent reading... time with our boyfriends and girlfriends... time at the pool... walking... biking... movies... just TIME to be young and carefree.

Unfortunately, today kids are in school in June... back as early as the end of July here and August in most other places I have lived. Imagine... such a short summer to just BE. Not sure why there has to be such a short summer, but maybe they make up for it with longer vacations throughout the school year.

I remember... memories... the excitement of the last day of school. In elementary school, we had picnics... such fun. I THINK there was a pond behind the elementary school... if anyone knows, please email me at [bburke701947@gmail.com](mailto:bburke701947@gmail.com)... Not sure if

## Paws and Pistons Car Show

The 3rd Annual Paws and Pistons Car Show is a fun-filled event which caters to both car enthusiasts and animal lovers. The event will be held in Winfield on May 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the grassy field in front of City National Bank.

If you are participating in the car show, the registration fee is \$10. All car show winners will receive a prize and a trophy!

If you want to win door prizes, there will be random trivia questions

being announced throughout the show.

All pups and cats are welcome to participate in the pup show. This show is free to enter. The DJ will announce when to bring your pets up, and everyone will line up to be judged. Every pup will receive a goody bag, and the winners of the pup show will receive a trophy and a gift basket.

The Putnam Animal Shelter will be at the event with adoptable pets who are looking for their forever homes.

there was a pond or if I imagined that in my memories... games and packed lunches... .

In junior high, we knew that we might not see those special friends until September, but we did spend time with those who lived close. I remember one thing about junior high was that the kids who came from the grade schools in the county joined us... new friends... fun...

In high school, we realized that we would be spending time with the "special person" and going to gatherings... imagine the freedom... we didn't have much money... we didn't have cars of our own... we did have fun... remembering...

May is a time of renewal... it is a time of a special birthday, my youngest grandgirl will be 21 on May 14th. She is finishing her semester (from Purdue) of her junior year in Dublin. I can't list the countries she has visited since going there... She will be home after May 18th and begin her summer jobs... she is in finals and hoping they will be over soon. She has enjoyed her time in Ireland...

My in-laws, the Burkes, celebrated their anniversary in May. We made a big deal of this, especially the 25th in 1970... dinner at a restaurant in Huntington and nice gifts... I remember... all of us together...

Mother's Day, which I have written about... what a day... My special Mother

and special Mother-in-law... great women who have been long gone for awhile... I loved both of them... awww... those were the days. I like May...

May is a time of work... getting the lawn in order... no weeds... planting annuals... after Mother's Day in Hurricane, but in Summersville, after Memorial Day... cold there... I could not wait to get my flowers... usually purple petunias in honor of Mother... I have a deck here but no flowers yet... might get some...

May is a time of celebrating the birth of the father of my children... another column already written... a life well lived... Mike Burke...

May was Mrs. Searls' birthday... a special special woman that many of us loved and adored... she raised ten children on that farm... all are gone now but three... one is my faithful forever friend, Linda... and also her sister, Phyllis... adored...

Too many birthdays in May to write about... too many celebrations... Memorial Day... time to go to the cemetery and place those beautiful flowers. I remember... Mother, we love and miss you because the way we were is the way we are... Walk (or drive) down the streets of Hurricane and Teays Valley... perhaps you will see residents out working in their yards... planting those flowers and mowing the lawns... getting rid of the weeds... bright green appearing... roses blooming... my favorite...

## 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

**Good Shepherd Baptist Church**

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

**Salt & Light Food Pantry**  
Winfield Church of the Nazarene  
10822 Winfield Road  
(304) 586-2180

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

**The Pulse Church**  
5368 WV Route 34  
Winfield  
(304) 936-1679

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

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

**Eleanor Presbyterian Church**  
647 Eleanor Circle  
Eleanor

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

**Buffalo Baptist Church**

287 High Street  
<https://www.facebook.com/BufaloBaptistWV>  
Food pantry on the third Friday of the month from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

**Five Loaves Three Fishes Church**  
Poca United Methodist Church  
Silver Street  
(304) 755-7341

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

**Heizer Creek Community Church**  
6580 Heizer Creek Road,  
Poca

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

**Food and More At The Bridge**  
The Bridge Church  
279 Dairy Road  
Poca  
(304) 373-6068

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

**Bridge Family Resource Center**  
30 Mallory Lane North,  
St. Albans  
304-727-6991

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

# Jeeps Invade Hurricane



A row of Jeeps at Saturday's Jeepers Invade Hurricane event.



Hunter Rogers of Hurricane approaches the RTI ramp.

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included Superior Detail Center, Full Bore Fabrication, Beck Fab, Appalachian Outlaw Trails, Mid-Ohio Jeepers, and West Virginia Jeep Club. There was plenty of Jeep merchandise to be purchased, including signs, t-shirts, keychains, travel mugs, and, of course, ducks.

For those not in the know, there is a custom amongst Jeep owners to

leave whimsical rubber ducks on other Jeeps. The concept of Duck Duck Jeep or "ducking" began in 2020 with a single random act of kindness meant to cheer someone's day, and now it is a tradition amongst Jeep fans. There were even two people who dressed up in inflatable duck costumes at Saturday's event.

This year, part of the proceeds from Jeepers Invade Hurricane will be donated to Hurricane's Christmas Blessings program. This will be

the first year that the organizers have donated to a cause, as in previous years the money which the event made went back into covering expenses. This year, though, Jeepers

## WVDNR Reminds Public to Leave Young Wildlife Alone

**Handling of wild animals discouraged and violates state law**

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) today reminded the public to leave young wildlife alone, noting that handling wild animals can harm them, spread disease and

# Hurricane City Council Recognitions



Mayor Scott Edwards poses with Wes Davis, Catlin Hinkley and son Steven Hinkley.

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Mike Mullins reported that HPD recorded 25 State arrests which included 10 DUI or DUI related, 4 possession, and 3 illegal immigration during April. The department registered 15 City arrests [11 possession, 4 shoplifting].

In new business, council voted to eliminate \$30,000 in B&O Taxes (300 fewer payments).

The next council meeting will be Monday, June 1, at 6:30 p.m.

Invade Hurricane had more sponsors, so the organizers could give back to the community.



Daeshon Tuttle and Cooper Mick were top high school Bass Team in the State.



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 14, 1878: Photographer Rufus "Red" Ribble was born in Blacksburg, Virginia. For nearly 40 years he traveled the coalfields making panoramic photographs of miners, towns, family reunions, church congregations and school groups.

May 14, 1906: Social reformer Mary Behner was born in Xenia, Ohio. From 1928 until 1937, Behner worked in the coal camps along Scotts Run near Morgantown, fighting poverty and creating social and educational outlets for families.

May 15, 1880: The state's first telephone exchange was placed in service in Wheeling with about 25 subscribers.

May 15, 1886: Minnie Buckingham Harper was born in Winfield. She was the first Black woman to serve as a member of a state legislative body in the United States. She was appointed by Governor Howard Gore on January 10, 1928, to fill the unexpired term of her husband, E. Howard Harper.

May 15, 1893: Albert Sidney "Sid" Hatfield, controversial police chief of Matewan and martyred hero to union coal miners, was born near Matewan, on the Kentucky side of Tug Fork.

Brett, the Hall of Fame third baseman for the Kansas City Royals, was born in Glen Dale in Marshall County. Along with Hank Aaron, Willie Mays, Stan Musial, and Miguel Cabrera, he is one of only five players in Major League history to accumulate 3,000 hits, 300 home runs and a .300 career batting average.

May 16, 1778: About 300 Wyandot and Mingo Indians attacked Fort Randolph at Point Pleasant. Unable to take the fort, they proceeded up the Kanawha River toward other settlements.

May 16, 1815: Politician Alexander Boteler was born in Shepherdstown. He served in both the U.S. and Confederate congresses, was a key adviser to "Stonewall" Jackson, and co-founded what is now Shepherd University.

May 16, 1925: Author Henry William Hoffman was born in Charleston. His first novel, *The Trumpet Unblown*, was based on his time as a medic during World War II. His short stories earned him the O. Henry Award and inclusion in *Best American Short Stories*.

May 16, 1928: Minister Robert Graetz Jr. was born in Clarksburg. He helped organize the Montgomery bus boycott and was the only White minister in the highly segregated Alabama city to support the boycott publicly.

May 17, 1773: Lawyer and western Virginia political leader Philip Doddridge was born in Pennsylvania. The

namesake of Doddridge County, he later served in Congress and, according to Daniel Webster, "was the only man I ever feared to meet in debate."

May 17, 1854: A violent windstorm swept up the Ohio River and severely damaged the Wheeling Suspension Bridge.

May 17, 1862: The Battle of Pigeon Roost took place in Princeton during the Civil War. Union soldiers were noisily approaching Princeton from the southeast, unaware that the Confederates were lying in ambush. The attack left an estimated 18 federal troops killed and 38 wounded.

May 18, 1955: While pitching for the Chicago Cubs, Monongah native Sam Jones became the first Black pitcher in Major League Baseball history to toss a no-hitter.

May 18, 1987: Science communicator, writer and TV host Emily Calandrelli was born in Morgantown. After graduating from WVU and MIT, she has hosted her own science children's shows and been a regular on Bill Nye's program. In 2024, she became the 100th woman in history to venture into space.

May 18, 2012: Ice Mountain in Hampshire County was named a National Natural Landmark by the U.S. Department of the Interior at a ceremony to mark the 50th anniversary of the program.

May 19, 1920: Ten people were killed in a shootout sometimes referred to as the Matewan Massacre. The episode occurred when Baldwin-Felts detectives came to Matewan to evict striking miners and their families. Police Chief Sid Hatfield tried to stop the evictions as being unauthorized by law, and a gunfight broke out.

violate state law.

"Watching wildlife is one of the many joys of outdoor recreation in West Virginia," said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion. "When it comes to public safety and what's best for our native wildlife, it's always best to not disturb young animals and leave wildlife alone."

May 20, 1949: Nick Joe Rahall II was born in Beckley. When Rahall first entered Congress in 1977, he was its youngest member. He remained in office until 2015.

e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia is a project of the West Virginia Humanities Council. For more

Each spring, the WVDNR receives calls about fawns, birds and other young animals that may appear abandoned. In most cases, these animals are not orphaned and are behaving as they should in the wild. For example, white-tailed deer often leave fawns hidden for hours while they feed. A fawn's camouflage and lack of scent help protect them from predators. Approaching or handling a fawn can increase its risk

information contact the West Virginia Humanities Council, 1310 Kanawha Blvd. E., Charleston, WV 25301; (304) 346-8500; or visit e-WV at [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

of harm. Similarly, many young birds found on the ground are fledglings learning to fly and should be left alone.

Touching, picking up or even approaching young animals can leave behind human scent, which may attract predators and put the animal at risk. Contact with wildlife also increases the chance of spreading diseases and parasites such as rabies, ticks, Lyme disease and roundworms.

The WVDNR reminds the public that possessing wildlife without a permit is illegal. Violations can result in fines ranging from \$20 to \$300 and up to 100 days in jail. To learn more about wildlife in West Virginia, visit [WVdnr.gov](http://WVdnr.gov).

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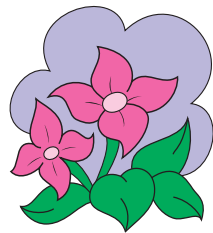
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# Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



## Laptop

By Velma Kitchens of Culloden

I finally upgraded to a laptop computer—surprise! I thought my desktop would last forever, really, I did. Well, I was wrong and I tried to ignore all the slowness the age and the frustration I had when using it. It has been a good computer, but the time had come. While I don't spend a whole lot of time on my computer, I didn't want to part with it, but now it has gone to that electronic space and a new one has replaced it.

I will tell you this thing is fast, just like the one at work. When writing a story, I don't have to wait a few seconds for the letters to appear on the screen lol. You all know what I am talking about. I am thankful for new computer and printer.

I don't like upgrading much, especially household stuff, furniture, kitchen appliances and doodads. I keep things until I absolutely have to get new ones. The things we can't do without like refrigerators, cook stoves, hot water tanks, washers and dryers. I do take my really large items

to the laundromat. My refrigerator is smaller than the normal size but bigger than an apartment size. It was less expensive and still has room. I have had it several years no problems.

Sometimes when we upgrade, it is good and sometimes not so good. Spoke with a lady few years back and she said she bought a new vehicle and it was months old and the transmission went out. Thankfully she had a warranty. Speaking of warranties, I have had a leaking faucet for several weeks and tried again to ignore it but it didn't go away. I did call and the plumber came. I had a warranty for water problems. Just remember a stitch in time saves nine.

For those of you who sew, you will understand.

I'm thankful for all that I have but God owns it all. He lets us live on a piece of His earth for a little time then it will belong to someone else. If you have something to do—do it now.

How is your Bible reading?

## Jokes From Linda

Submitted by Linda Lavender Armstead



What gets bigger and bigger as you take more away from it?  
A hole.

Gloria was withdrawing money from the bank when the teller asked her if she could identify herself.

She looked in her purse, pulled out a mirror. She looked at her reflection and replied, "Yes, that's me!"

Why did the man put sugar on his pillow?  
He wanted to have sweet dreams.

Howard went to a new doctor. After two visits of exhaustive lab tests, the doctor told Howard he was doing fairly well for his age.

Howard was a little concerned and asked, "Do you think I'll live to be 80?"

The doctor said, "Do you smoke, drink beer or wine?"

Howard said, "No, and I don't do drugs either."

The doctor asked, "Do you eat ribeye steaks or barbecued ribs?"

Howard said, "No, my former doctor said all red meat is very unhealthy."

The doctor asked, "Do you gamble, drive fast, play cards and have a lot of sex?"

Howard said, "Heck no." The doctor said to Howard, "Then why would you want to live to be 80?"

What goes up but never comes down?  
Your age.

## Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead  
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

I'm at that terrible age where my body is going to do whatever it wants with or without my consent.

No politician should ever have better healthcare than a combat veteran who risked everything.

Hot yesterday, tornado last night, cold today, pollen everywhere, and gas is \$5.00.

Grief exists because love remains.

Stress is a factor in any bad health.

A true friends is one soul in two bodies.

Be a joy germ - spread joy wherever you go.

We rarely confide in those who are better than we are.

A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds.

Honest disagreement is often a good sign of progress.

After dinner sit a while; after supper walk a mile.

You know more than you knew yesterday.

Be the one who helps others feel that there is still love and light in the world.

If you do nothing all day, you're called a bum, but if you do it in a boat, you're called a fisherman.

Never does the human soul appear so Christ-like as when it forgives an injury and loves an enemy.

A man can go to hell in his own way; but he must go to heaven in God's way through Christ the door.

Correcting fault is like tying your necktie; we can do it easier on ourselves than on anybody else.

Perseverance is not a race; it is many short races one after the other.

The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good people to do nothing.

Little minds are tamed and subdued by misfortune, but great minds rise above them.

When your values are clear to you, making decisions becomes easier.

Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises.

Wear gratitude like a cloak and it will feed every corner of your life.

A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination.

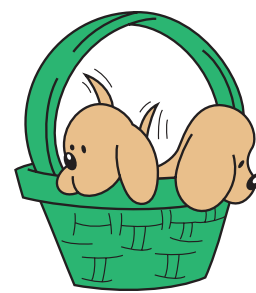
To be fully alive is to feel that everything is possible.

By associating with wise people you will become wise yourself.

Go for it now. The future is promised to no one.

An eye for an eye only ends up making the whole world blind.

Your imagination is your preview of life's



coming attractions.

He knows the water best who has waded through it.

Arriving at one goal is the starting point to another.

Rest and be kind; you don't have to prove anything.

The calmer you are, the clearer you think. Let our decisions come from a place of peace, not from reaction.

Grief is visceral, not reasonable: the howling at the center of grief is raw and real. It is love in its most wild form.

It is the wisdom to know when to pat your child on the head and when to pat him on the behind.

There is no form of sin in which we act more satanically than when we indulge in telling a lie.

People seldom improve when they have no other model but themselves to copy.

Be happy. It's one way of being wise.

Change yourself and fortune will change with you.

It is always the simple that produces the marvelous.

Change your life today. Don't gamble on the future.

The soul becomes dyed with the colors of its thoughts.

Do not suppose opportunity will knock twice at your door.

The art of being wise is knowing what to overlook.

Grow at your own pace, beautiful things take time.

Energy and persistence conquer all things.

Believe you can and you're halfway there.

Struggling means you're learning.

The time I kill is killing me.

I radiate love and positivity.

I am enough just as I am.

I believe in myself fully.

If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow.

The greatest mistake you can make in life is to continually be afraid you will make one.

You have to learn the rules of the game. And then you have to play better than anyone else.

Do not wait for ideal circumstances, nor for the best opportunities; they

will never come.

Lord, let me be a nobody telling everybody about somebody who can save anybody.

God is like Dial soap; aren't you glad to know Him? Don't you wish everybody did?

It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed.

A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination.

Hope is the dream of the waking person.

Love, the itch, and a cough cannot be hid.

Impatience never commanded success.

Where no hope is left, is left no fear.

Be an inspiration to someone.

Well begun is half done.

Every day do something that will inch you closer to a better tomorrow.

Your world is as big as you can make it.

Always desire to learn something useful.

Imagination is more important than knowledge.

Trust yourself, then you will know how to live.

A willing helper does not wait until they are asked.

The best way to predict the future is to invent it.

Arguing with a fool proves there are two.

Your mind is full of brilliant ideas.

Mistakes don't make you less capable.

If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito.

Laughter is like a windshield wiper; it doesn't stop the rain but allows us to keep going.

Stay away from people who think you're arguing every time you try to express yourself.

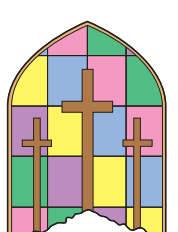
Remember the days when there were no devices to check in on; all you did was live life and have fun.

You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life.

At my age, the closest I get to pole dancing is gripping the shower bar for dear life.

The future is an opportunity.

## Bible Verse



For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

— 2 Timothy 1:7

## Ants On Peonies

Submitted by Myra Simmons

Why are there ants on my peonies?

The Peony produces extra floral nectaries (sugary snacks) on the outside of the bud. Nectaries are specialized nectar producing structures of the flower.

In exchange for the sugar, the ants protect the flower bud from thrips, aphids and beetles that would eat the petals before they can open.

Ants do not help the flower to open. The flower opens fine without them but would be riddled with holes from the insect pests, which damage the petals before they open.

This mutualistic relationship benefits both the ants and the peonies. The ants act as "body guards" by defending the peony buds from these insect pests. The ants attack and either kill or deter them, thereby protecting the flowers and allowing them to bloom without damage.

## 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

## A Simple Spring Smoothie that Packs in the Produce

(Feature Impact) If the days seem to melt together and every moment between meetings feels like a rush, it can make healthy eating seem like a chore. Getting your daily helping of greens this spring doesn't need to be a burden – with simple solutions like smoothies, you can get your nutrition back on track.

Try this Spring Greens Smoothie featuring spinach, apple, banana and dates to ramp up your produce consumption without further bogging down busy mornings. With a handful of ingredients, you can enjoy the refreshment you need while on the go and save a bit of time, to boot.

Find more ways to simplify nutrition in your home by visiting Culinary.net.

### Spring Greens Smoothie

Recipe adapted from KatieSpring.com

- 1 cup packed spinach or pea shoots
- 1 apple, cored and chopped
- 1 banana, sliced
- 1-2 dates
- 1 1/2 cups almond milk
- 1 tablespoon chia seeds
- 1 pinch cinnamon (optional)

Wash greens. In blender, blend spinach, apple, banana, dates, almond milk and chia seeds until smooth. Add cinnamon, if desired, and blend.

Leftovers can be refrigerated 1-2 days.





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### Democratic Women to Meet Saturday

The Putnam County Democratic Women's Club will be holding their monthly luncheon on Saturday, May 16, at noon at Sleepy Hollow Golf Club. The speaker will be Patti Hamilton, former executive director of the West Virginia Association of Counties. She will be talking about her recent op-ed, "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?"

Come for good food and conversation as the club shares updates and discusses ideas that matter to the community.

The cost of the luncheon will be \$22 per person. To RSVP, call 304-727-2218 or email pcdwc@aol.com

### Buffalo Welcome Center Open Memorial Weekend

The Buffalo Welcome Center, located along Rt. 62 in the Buffalo Historic Square, will be open on Saturday, May 23 and Monday, May 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in honor of the Memorial Weekend.

Stop by and discover Buffalo History through photographs. Learn about The Buffalo Bank Robbery, Historic Floods, Buffalo High School, Veterans, The Buffalo Hall of Fame and more.

Check out Friends of Buffalo WV History on Facebook for more information. Handicapped Accessible. Everyone is welcome.

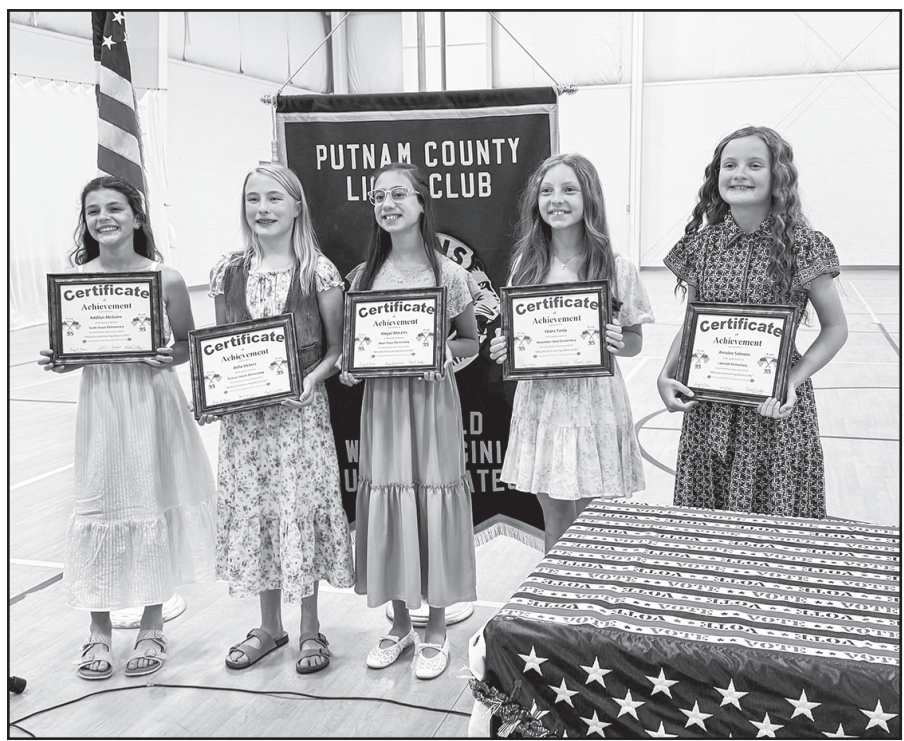
### Buffalo Methodist Church Revival

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.

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| EMILEE HODGES<br>#1 Grandview Drive<br>Milton<br>89th Birthday May 20               | DIANA FLORA ADKINS<br>Frazier's Bottom<br>Birthday May 21                            |
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### Putnam County Lions Club Announces Flag Day Essay Winners



Putnam County 5th Grade Winners: Addilyn McGuire, Scott Teays; Bella Vickers, Connor Street; Abigail Morales, West Teays; Claire Tardy, Mountain View; and Annalee Salmons, Lakeside.

The annual Flag Day Program sponsored by the Putnam County Lions Club was held on Tuesday evening, May 5th at St. John United

Methodist Church in Scott Depot. Winners from the county's five elementary schools participated in the event, and read their essays aloud.

### Free Sports Physicals

Does your child need a sports physical completed before the 2026-2027 season begins? Visit Vandalia Health CAMC Teays Valley Outpatient Center on Saturday, May 30 from 8 a.m. - noon for a FREE sports physicals clinic.

In addition to the sports physical clinic, The CAMC Mobile Mammography Unit will be in attendance and providing mammograms to those who are eligible.

Students must bring the sports physical form provided by their school,

SIGNED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN to receive a physical. Forms will be available at the clinic, but it must be signed by a parent/guardian at the clinic.

### Frazier's Bottom Song & Praise Service

Frazier's Bottom Methodist Church, located at 1 Church Lane, Frazier's 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.

### Buffalo Church of God Yard Sale

There will be a rain or shine yard sale on Friday, May 15, and Saturday, May 16, at the Buffalo Church of God activities building (Route 62 and Church Street). There will be homemade baked goods, hot dogs, household items, purses, shoes, tools, jewelry, cosmetics, nice clothing for all ages, hunting and sports accessories, and much more.

### Happy Anniversary

Rusty and Ronda Akers of 100 Hickory Heights in Scott Depot will celebrate their thirty-third wedding anniversary on May 15.

Eddie and Bonny Rushbrook of 210 Cedar Drive in Scott Depot will celebrate their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary on May 15.

Mike and Jennifer Brooks Jones of 204 Red Deer Apts. in Hurricane will celebrate their twenty-second wedding anniversary on May 15.

Ronald and Melissa Call of 2492 Sugar Camp Road in Winfield will celebrate their ninth wedding anniversary on May 15.

Jake and Alison Smith Edwards of Tennessee will celebrate their second wedding anniversary on May 15.

Sam and Wanda Chandler-Wireman of Lima, Ohio, will celebrate their forty-fifth wedding anniversary on May 16.

Dennis and Martha Morgan Cooper of Fuquay Marina, North Carolina, will celebrate their fortieth wedding anniversary on May 17.

Butch and Deborah Kincaid Siders of Lexington, North Carolina, will celebrate their forty-sixth wedding anniversary on May 17.

Jacob and Kendall Chapman Bartholomew of Milton will celebrate their first wedding anniversary on May 17.

Dallas Hoy Jr. and Becky Fellure of Evergreen Ridge in Pliny will celebrate their fifty-eighth wedding

Earlier this year, Lions Club members visited the schools to discuss the history of the American flag and offered instructions on how to properly handle, display, and dispose of it.

Master of Ceremonies Harold Walker presented each winner with a \$100 bill, and thanked teachers and administrators, including Lakeside Principal, Dr. Joseph Mastracci.

Club President Trudy Oliver distributed color printouts of the other 253 national flags of the world, and challenged students to research at least one of them during summer break, to learn about another country.

If you would like to know more about the Lions Club, please join us the first and third Mondays of each month at 4 Second Street South, at 6:30 P.M.

anniversary on May 18.

Kenny and Kayla Livingston of Hurricane will celebrate their seventh wedding anniversary on May 18.

Jonathan and Lauren White of 2102 11th Avenue in Huntington will celebrate their nineteenth wedding anniversary on May 19.

Larry and Chrissy Foster of 5011 5&20 Mile Road in Frazier's Bottom will celebrate their wedding anniversary on May 19.

Skip and Barb Setliff Smith of 4357 5&20 Mile Road in Frazier's Bottom will celebrate their fifteenth wedding anniversary on May 19.


Clarence "Bub" and Pama Hively of Box 101 Boogum Tree Lane in Frazier's Bottom will celebrate their thirty-fourth wedding anniversary on May 20.

Joe and Sharon Armstead Lennington of 1004 NE 72nd Street, Unit 50, in Vancouver, Washington, will celebrate their twenty-third wedding anniversary on May 20.

Comanche and Leslie Jefferson Elliott of West Hamlin will celebrate their fifth wedding anniversary on May 21.

Randy and Tammy Riddle Fox of Candler, North Carolina, will celebrate their thirty-eighth wedding anniversary on May 21.

Tom and Sherry Hammicks McCallister of 19 Washington Hill Road in Hurricane will celebrate their thirty-second wedding anniversary on May 21.



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### Daily Bible Readings

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## BASIC BIBLE

By Ron Allen  
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### The Second Adam

Romans 5:12-21

“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world” (v. 12). Wherefore links the atonement which believers have received to the coming of sin into the world.

The story of sin entering the world is recorded in Genesis 3. Adam, knowing God’s will (Gen. 2:17), chose to disobey (Gen. 3:6). Adam ate of the forbidden fruit. God told Adam that he would die in the day that he ate of the tree. Adam died an instant spiritual death because his sin separated him from God. Adam died a physical death at age 930 (Gen. 5:5). In II Peter 3:8, we are told that God does not keep time as man keeps time. With the Lord, one day is as a thousand years and one thousand years is as a day. We might note that Adam did not live a full one thousand year day. Neither has any other man because all are like Adam and have sinned. Death’s reign began with Adam’s sin.

Verse 13 states that sin is not imputed when there is no law. This means that sin cannot be sourced to the law of Moses. Sin is not dependent upon breaking the law. Before the law, sin was present but not imputed (could not be counted as an offense of the law). Cain did not break the law when he killed Abel. There was there was no law to break. Cain sinned before slaying Abel. Cain knew his sacrifice was not acceptable and Abel’s was (Gen. 4:4-5). God made His sacrificial requirement known when He provided a suitable offering for Adam and Eve, which offering required the death of an animal provided by Him. Cain was wroth against Abel without cause. His anger was sin and worthy of God’s judgment (see Matt. 5:22). The wages of sin is death. God told Adam the cost of disobedience before Adam disobeyed. Death’s reign began when Adam knowingly disobeyed.

Paul, in writing to Roman believers, desired that they should walk as God would have them walk. One must walk in Christ. One must know the way, the truth and the life. One must be born of the second Adam by water and the Spirit (Jn. 3:5). Adam (the first Adam) was a figure of the Christ who was to come (v. 14).

Adam brought sin into the world and would bring sin upon all who would be born of the flesh. The second Adam paid the price of sin. Because Christ was without sin, God the Father raised Him from the dead and counted the life which He willingly gave as payment for the sin of any and all who would call upon His name, believing.

Adam’s sin did not have to be. It was a sin of choice. The second Adam’s grace (payment of the sin debt) did not have to be. It was a choice of grace spawned by love (Jn. 3:16). The first Adam’s disobedience brought separation from God and eternal death to all who would be born of him. A single action of the first Adam condemned many. The second Adam’s obedience, in contrast, produced justification and gave eternal life to many (v. 16). The first Adam disobeyed, seeking to be as God. The second Adam obeyed because He was God. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (Jn. 1:1).

The parenthesis which begins with verse 13 and closes at the end of verse 17, encloses understandings linking the atoning obedience of Jesus Christ (the second Adam) to the damning disobedience of the first Adam. In verse 17, Paul, for purpose of comparison, pairs the first Adam’s offense with the second Adam’s gift. When two things are compared, there are three possible conclusions. The first is (1) greater than the second, (2) equal to the second, or (3) less than the second. For believers, the disobedience of the first Adam has become nothing. The first Adam’s disobedience which caused death to reign was completely nullified by the gift of the second Adam, whose gift of righteousness empowers us to reign in life, eternal life, by Him. The difference between the first Adam and the second Adam is the difference which separates death from life. There is no comparison. Believers have great cause to rejoice because “He that hath the Son hath life” (I Jn. 5:12).

“Therefore as by the offence . . .” (v. 18). Cause and effect reign without failure. The offence of one caused condemnation to fall upon all; but the righteousness of one caused the free gift of justification to come to all men. All is inclusive. The second Adam’s gift justified men both before and after the law was given to Moses. The law was cause for sin to abound in that it exposed the fullness of man’s disobedience and helplessness of man to justify himself. Sin imputed by the law revealed the width of the gulf which separates man from God. The great width of that gulf, however, was bridged by the second Adam’s gift of grace. Grace through the righteousness of Jesus Christ spanned the gulf, forever ending the reign of sin and death.

Recipients of this epistle were steeped in knowledge of the first Adam. They most certainly knew Jesus as the Messiah of whom Isaiah spoke. “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” (Isa. 53:10). They believed and accepted the redemptive act of Christ Jesus. We, too, believe and accept. In viewing Jesus as the second Adam, we gain a glimpse of the power of His redemptive act. The power of the second Adam’s redemptive act is far greater than the power of the first Adam’s disobedience. The head of the serpent has been bruised for all eternity by the seed of the woman (Gen. 3:15).

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## KIDS TALK ABOUT GOD

BY CAREY KINSOLVING AND FRIENDS

### Why Did Jewish Leaders Demand That Pontius Pilate Crucify Jesus?

“If Jesus healed people and fed thousands with just a few fish, why would anyone want to kill him?” asks Liam, 9. “That’s like trying to get rid of your birthday cake!”

said, “Behold the Man!” But the leaders only shouted louder: “Crucify him!” They even claimed, “We have no king but Caesar.”

Liam’s question is both funny and insightful. Why would anyone want to crucify someone who went around helping others? In John 19:1-16, we see that Jesus wasn’t crucified because he did something wrong, but because powerful people were afraid of him.

That was a shocking thing for Jewish leaders to say. Their whole faith was built around the idea that God was their true king. But in their hatred of Jesus, they were willing to side with Rome, just to get rid of Jesus.

“The Jewish leaders were jealous and didn’t want to lose their power,” says Ella, 11.

Sometimes people cling so tightly to their power or pride that they’ll do anything to keep it, even reject the very one God sent to save them.

The Jewish leaders were the religious teachers of the day. But Jesus kept challenging them. He healed people on the Sabbath, called out their hypocrisy, and taught that love and mercy were more important than their religious traditions.

We can learn a lot from this sad moment in history: Pride and jealousy can make people blind to the truth. Jesus willingly suffered, not because he was weak, but because he was strong in love.

By the time Jesus stood before Pilate, the Jewish leaders had already decided they wanted him dead. But under Roman rule, they didn’t have the power to execute anyone. So they pressured Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor, to do it.

Even though the leaders demanded Jesus’ death, and Pilate gave in to the crowd, God was still in control. Jesus laid down his life as part of God’s perfect plan to save us from our sins.

Pilate knew Jesus was innocent. He even tried to set him free. But the crowd, stirred up by the leaders, shouted, “Crucify him!”

As you think about the Jewish leaders who yelled “Crucify him,” remember that the early church was entirely Jewish as were Jesus’ apostles. Paul and John Feinburg were my professors at a Christian seminary. Their father, Charles Feinburg, was an orthodox Jew who left Judaism when he trusted Jesus as his Messiah. Every Jew and every Gentile is responsible to God for accepting or rejecting the claims of Jesus.

“Pilate didn’t want to make the crowd mad, but he also knew Jesus hadn’t done anything wrong,” says Mia, 12.

Think About This: The Jewish leaders wanted to stay in control so badly that they rejected their own Messiah. Jesus let himself be crucified to carry out God’s rescue plan for them and for us.

Pilate tried to compromise by having Jesus beaten and mocked. The soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on Jesus’ head. They dressed him in a purple robe and said, “Hail, King of the Jews!” Then they slapped him in the face. Pilate hoped that showing Jesus beaten and humiliated would satisfy the crowd. But it didn’t.

Memorize This Truth: “But God demonstrates his own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

“They thought he was a troublemaker, but he was actually their Savior,” says Jack, 11.

Ask This Question: Are you letting pride, fear, or the desire to fit in keep you from fully trusting Jesus as your savior?

When Pilate brought Jesus out again, he

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Julian, Riley and Adrienne; and his last dachshund, Scrappy. He was preceded in death by his son, Danny (Jessica Hodgson).

A tribute to the life of David will be held at 3 pm, Saturday, May 16, 2026, at his church, God's Lighthouse, at 4278 Washington St W., Charleston, with his pastor Mayfield Witt officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church. Following the service, there will be a meal in the fellowship hall served by the ladies of the church.

**DOYLENA SUE BOYER**

Doylena Sue Hardman Boyer 61, of Eleanor, passed away on May 2, 2026 surrounded by loving family.

Sue was born in Harrison County, WV on February 7, 1965, to the late Jeneth Lea Hardman Williams and the late A.G. "Bill" Hardman Jr.

She was a 1983 graduate of Lewis County High School and also a 1987 graduate of The Clarksburg Beauty Academy. She retired after 38 years of service in the beauty and cosmetology field.

She was married in August of 1993 to Christopher Joel Boyer, who preceded her in death in May of 2022.

Sue was a loving mother of her two children: Hannah Harris (Nick) of Eleanor, and Zachary (McKenna) Boyer, as well as their daughter, Chandler Grace Boyer of Hurricane. She is also survived by her sisters: Tina Chisholm (Jim) of FL, Lynn Ellis (Randall) of VA, and Dinnia Sands (Dave) of WV; and a brother, A.G. (Trae) Hardman III; as well as nephews, nieces, several great nieces and nephews that she loved dearly.

Funeral service for Sue was Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane.

**RONALD 'BUTCH' BURDETTE**

Ronald Wayne "Butch" Burdette, 82, of Buffalo, passed away Sunday, May 10, 2026 following a short illness. He was a Union Journeyman industrial mechanic and retired from General Motors Columbus plant with 15 years of service.

He was born November 18, 1943 to the late Rev. Offie Burdette and Virginia Mae Walker Burdette. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Brenna Blankenship; brothers, Kenneth Ralph Burdette and David Burdette.

Survivors include his loving wife of 60 years, Patricia Martin Burdette; daughters, Beth Burdette of Cross Lanes and Rhonda Mask of Glouster OH; grandchildren, Bryan "Bubba" (Erin) Bigham, Travis Blankenship, Michael (Courtney) Bigham; great grandchildren, Shelby Blankenship, Mason Blankenship and Zeplynn Bigham. Butch is also survived by several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Funeral service was Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastor Bill Severn officiating.

**MARY L. CRAIG**

Mary Lee Craig, 81, formerly of Eleanor, passed away Sunday, May 10, 2026 at Madison Park Healthcare in Huntington. She was a 1963 graduate of Buffalo High School and worked for several years at the Putnam County 911Center. She was a Christian and a member of Hometown Independent Mission Church.

She was preceded in death by mother, Margaret Staton Hensley and her adoptive parents, Lloyd Shinn and Ivy Shinn. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband John L. Craig, sister, Twana

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Survivors include her daughter, Barbara Tillis of Melbourne FL; son, James (Neisha) Yost of Panama; Becky Meadows of TN; son, Dale Craig of NC; sisters, Brenda Aton of Rockledge FL, Linda Jarvis of Titusville FL, Sandy Martin of Buffalo; brother, James Shinn of FL; grandchildren, Owen Tillis, Jordan Hager, Travis Yost, Shannon Yost, Brittany Yost, Courtney Yost, Tessa Jackson, Tori Tillis, Ashley Braswell, Elizabeth Ward, Diana Johnson, Zach Meadows, Dane Meadows and Annie Craig. Mary is also survived by several great grandchildren, extended family and friends.

A celebration of life was held Thursday, May 14, 2026 at Hometown Independent Mission Church with Pastor Darren Persinger officiating.

of Eleanor, passed away Thursday, May 7, 2026 at Hubbard Hospice House.

She was born February 17, 1938 in Stralsund Germany to the late Ernest Hahn and Luise Hahn. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Bobby J. Elkins; grandson, Travis Elkins; brothers, Kurt Hahn, Waltraud Wagner and Hanno Hahn; sister, Elisabeth Otto.

Survivors include her daughter, Roswitha (Klaus) Heckrodt of Germany; son, Clemens (Brenda) Elkins) of Buffalo; sisters, Marie-Luise Stark and Ruth Scheen; granddaughters, Amber (Tim) Richardson and Rachel (Cody) Gallagher; great grandchildren, Maddie, Noah, Emmie and Amelia.

Funeral service was Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Rev. Randy Parsons officiating. Burial was in Beech Grove Cemetery, Eleanor.

**HELGA H. ELKINS**  
Helga H. Elkins, 88,

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**FRANCIS ANDERSON**  
Francis "Elaine" Anderson, 71, of Winfield, passed away on May 5, 2026. She was born on September 4, 1954.

She was preceded in death by her father, Kenneth Shrader; her daughter, Christy Burns; her grandchildren, Steven Hamilton and Harley Thornton; and her sister, Beth Covert (Bill).

Francis is lovingly remembered by her mother, Mona Conkle of Winfield; her daughters, Lisa Bryant (Lewis) of Buffalo and Monica Robinson (Eric) of St. Albans; and her cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren. From Lisa's family: Anthony Randolph and his daughter, Alana; and Cody Lovejoy (Jeasha) and his daughters, Dortha and Scarlett. From Monica's family: Emily Whiting (Isaac Allen) of St. Albans and her children, Averie and Jayce. She is also survived by additional grandchildren, Timothy King and Makayla Bowling.

She is further survived by her sister, Alice Daniels (Arnold) of Ripley; her brother, John Bradley (Sherri) of Poca; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Francis had a deep love for the outdoors and country living. She found joy in horses, animals, fishing, hunting, and cooking, and she cherished the simple pleasures of life.

She will be fondly remembered by her faithful friend, Joe Bryant, and her special friends, Betty Bryant and Audie Bell.

A tribute to the life of Francis was held on Monday, May 11, 2026, at Winfield Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Scott Buell.

**DAVID ALLEN BICE**

David Allen Bice, 85, of Poca, went home to be with the Lord, Tuesday, May 5, 2026, after a short illness at WVU Thomas Memorial Hospital. Throughout his life, he loved West Virginia, history, and writing, and many West Virginians learned the history of their state from textbooks he wrote and published.

David, affectionately known as Popa to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, valued education, learning, teaching, and spending time with family and

friends. He was born in Danbury, Connecticut on August 12, 1940, the youngest of Ray and Gunhild Olander Bice's nine children. The family spent David's early years in Alabama and moved to West Virginia when he was a young boy.

Pursuing a passion for learning, David started his lifelong career in education after graduating with a bachelor's degree in education from West Virginia State College. For the next 17 years he taught history and Spanish in Kanawha County Schools. While working full-time he completed his master's in history and geography at Marshall University.

When he retired from Kanawha County Schools in 1980, he was recognized by the National Council of Geography for his outstanding contribution to geography education.

In 1977, David started what would become his second career, as a history textbook author, by writing and publishing a children's book, "The Pringle Tree," which told the pre-Revolutionary War story of the Pringle brothers and the famous hollow sycamore tree they hid out in for two years in Buckhannon, West Virginia.

David never stopped being a teacher. Wherever he and Alice went, they got involved with a local church and made lasting friendships. David inevitably ended up teaching Sunday school or Bible studies. They hosted church picnics and his famous bologna roasts at their home.

What he enjoyed most was spending time with family and friends. At home with family, David loved playing Mexican Train and watching football until late in the evening. And in his family always included a beloved dachshund companion. He would be accompanied by his ever-devoted canine. And in his later years, the dachshunds doubled in their devotion by becoming service dogs.

In addition to his wife, David is survived by his children Penny, Cheryl, Jeffrey (Roberta) and Ricky (Sandra); and grandchildren Elaine, Josiah, Caleb, Zachary (Alex), Sophie (Ben Teich), Raney; and great-grandchildren Jordan,

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## TERRI HIGGINBOTHAM

Terri Faye Higginbotham, 60, died on May 2, 2026 at WVU Medicine - Thomas Memorial Hospital.

Terri was born on November 20, 1965, to the late Gerald and Patricia Higginbotham, in Charleston, she grew up in Cross Lanes, then the family settled in Hurricane.

Terri was a woman of many passions and talents—an avid reader, always eager to learn and grow. Her intelligence shone effortlessly, paired with a natural curiosity that made every conversation meaningful.

In her younger years, she was a spirited cheerleader, full of energy and enthusiasm. She carried that same encouragement into everything she did, always supporting those around her with warmth and sincerity.

Creativity flowed through her in countless ways. She had a deep love for art, expressing herself with imagination and heart. Whether through her artistic endeavors or her unmistakable personal style. Her sense of fashion was elegant and expressive.

She also held a special place in her heart for animals, offering compassion and care.

Her kindness extended beyond words and into action, leaving a lasting impact on both people and the animals she loved.

Above all, she will be remembered for her vibrant spirit, her sharp mind, her generous heart. She leaves behind cherished memories that will continue to inspire all who were fortunate enough to know her.

She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Terri is survived by her husband, William (Bill) Leslie; sisters, many aunts, uncles, niece, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents.

In keeping with her wishes, there will be no formal services.

## PRESTON MILLER

Carley "Preston" Miller, 94, of Culloden, passed away Friday, May 8, 2026 surrounded by his family. He was born on November 1, 1931, in Hurricane to the late Joe and Dovie Jordan Miller.

He was preceded in death by his spouse Velma "Cricket" Miller. His brothers Harley Miller, Hubert Miller, and Okey Miller. He is survived by his sister Imogene Burdette, Children David (Noella) Miller, Patti (Rick) Meadows, Gary (Mendy) Miller, Grandsons Eric (Laurissa) and Brandon, G r a n d d a u g h t e r s Amy (Chris), Andrea (Anthony), Tabitha and Rachel, Great Grandsons Trenton, Maddox, and Cooper, and Great Granddaughters Alexandria, Macy, and Maria.

He was a lifetime member at Laywell Church of Christ; He was married for 62 years to Velma "Cricket" Miller. He served as First Class Staff Sergeant Cryptologist in the military and retired from Mountaineer Gas Company. He had a passion for collecting, enjoyed traveling, and exploring the country with many road trips across the U.S. and loved spending time at his vacation home in Florida.

Funeral service was Monday, May 11, 2026, at Allen Funeral Home with Minister Michael Circle. Burial was in Sycamore Cemetery.

## ALLEN LEE SIMS

Allen Lee Sims, 85, of Winfield, passed away on May 5, 2026.

He was born to the late Franklin and Sidney Sims on August 10, 1940 in Glasgow, WV. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his son-in-law, Guy Klein.

Allen is a 1958

graduate of Winfield High School. He owned and operated Winfield & Eleanor Wrecker Service, Sims Excavating and volunteered with the Winfield Volunteer Fire Department. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, showing his horses and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife: Barbara; children: Diane Klein of Winfield, Rebecca Smith of Charleston, Vickie Johnson (Jay) of Winfield, and Mary Jordan (Donnie) of Buffalo; 7 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service for Allen will be 2:00 pm, Friday, May 22, 2026 at Chapman Funeral Home, Winfield.

## BILLY STOWERS

Billy Charles Stowers, age 83, a resident of De Queen, Arkansas, went home to his Lord and Savior on Friday, May 1, 2026, at his home surrounded by family.

Bill was born to Lonnie and Lora Chandler Stowers on December 11, 1942, in Bernie, West Virginia.

62 years ago, he married the love of his life Evelyn Sue Stowers on January 8, 1964, in Harvey Creek, West Virginia. Bill was a member of the De Queen Church of Christ. He was a member of the Church of Christ for 57 years. He loved his family, golfing, the Hurricane Redskins, Marshall Thundering Herd, Cleveland Browns, and the Cincinnati Reds. He was very involved in youth sports, but his greatest love was coaching little league baseball and umpiring. He was so proud of all the kids he coached and had several who went on to play college and professional ball.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister Phyllis Forth.

Bill is survived by his wife, Sue Stowers of De Queen; two sons and daughters-in-law, Toney and Debi Stowers of De Queen and Randy

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Public Notice No.: Public Notice Date: May 14, 2026 Publication: Hurricane Breeze (May 14, 2026)

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Water and Waste Management is holding an in-person public hearing on Monarch Cloud Campus LLC's application for coverage under General WV/NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit (No. WV0116815) - Registration No. WVR312628.

The application proposes for the discharge of treated stormwater associated with a 556.5 acre earth disturbance project for the installation of natural gas pipelines in Putnam and Mason counties. The project will discharge treated stormwater into tributaries of Threemile Creek and Eighteenmile Creek of the Kanawha River and Tenmile Creek of the Ohio River.

The hearing is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday June 15, 2026 at the Mason County Courthouse, located at 200 Sixth Street Point Pleasant, WV 25550.

The WVDEP will provide information and answer questions related to the application to open the hearing. The remaining time will be dedicated to receiving official comments from the public, as required by state code. Written comments may also be submitted in addition to comments provided at the hearing.

The public comment period for this proposed activity began on April 2, 2026 and ends at 5 p.m. on June 25, 2026. Comments received within this period will be considered prior to the agency taking final action on the application.

Correspondence should include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. Comments can be submitted via email to Billy.T.Shirley@wv.gov or by regular mail to:

ATTN: Billy Shirley, Permitting West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water and Waste Management 601 57th St. SE Charleston, WV 25304-2345 Phone: 304-926-0499 ext. 43893

and Micha Stowers of Winchester, Virginia; seven grandchildren, Allison and Josh Taylor, Emily and Jordan Haugh, Cole Stowers, Kenny Brown, Chris Brown, Kevin Brown, and Landon Mitchell; a brother that was just like his son, Bruce and Donna Stowers; his siblings, Joann Chapman, Doug and Erma Stowers, Gary and Marsha Stowers, Luther and Diane Stowers, Eric and Anita Stowers, Kay and Frank Mann; very special friends, Kenny and Glenda Barton of De Queen; along with a number of nieces, nephews, and a host of friends.

Memorial services for Bill Stowers will be held 10:00 A.M., Saturday, May 9, 2026, at the De Queen Church of Christ with Jim Gardner and Greg Revels officiating. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Chandler Funeral Home in De Queen, Arkansas. Also, there will be a Memorial Service in Hamlin, West Virginia, at 10:00 A.M., Saturday, May 23, 2026, at the Hamlin Church of Christ.

## KATHERINE TAYLOR

Katherine M Taylor, 87, passed away after a short illness on May 7, 2026. She was born July 17, 1938 to the late Kenneth Collins and Helen Burns.

She is survived by Her daughter Donna K Dillon, Son-in-law Isaac Dillon Jr., and Granddaughter Aleah Jean Dillon and Issac Dillon III. She was a retired RN and enjoyed traveling, making several trips to Vegas and she also enjoying the outdoors, especially the sunflowers.

Visitation was Monday, May 11, 2026 at Allen Funeral Home.

## LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

### NOTICE TO REDEEM

2025-C-000079 - Putnam County To: JAMES DAVID BYRD % CURRENT RESIDENT, COURTNEY JOYCE BYRD, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

### DISTRICT CURRY MAP 291 PARCEL 0015 0000 0000

You will take notice that ERIC I. BOYLE, the purchaser of the following real estate, Cert. No. 2025-C-000079, located in CURRY District, 30 AC CLYMERS CRK, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of BYRD JAMES DAVID, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of PUTNAM County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 13, 2026. ERIC I. BOYLE, requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after October 1, 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before September 30, 2026 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2024 - 3923. \$600.55 Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number \$0.00 Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest for tax year 2025-3861. \$552.00 Additional taxes with interest. \$0.00 Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$208.60 Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest. \$245.41 Additional Statutory Fees with interest. \$0.00 Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$1,606.56

You may redeem at any time before September 30, 2026, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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

Given under my hand April 27, 2026 Christal G. Perry Christal G. Perry Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of PUTNAM County, State of West Virginia

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

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### ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Teays Construction, LLC 2800 Virginia Ave Hurricane WV 25526, Plaintiff v. Civil Action No. 26-M40C-00167 Madison Mowery & Unknown Occupants 200 Midland Trail Apt 10 Hurricane, WV 25526, Defendant

The object of the above entitled action is to gain possession of Real Property located at 200 Midland Trail Apt 10, Hurricane WV 25526, 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: 200 Midland Trail Apt 10, Hurricane WV 25526, 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 June 3, 2026, otherwise judgment by default will be taken against Her 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 5-14-2t

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### ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Teays Construction, LLC 2800 Virginia Ave Hurricane WV 25526, Plaintiff v. Civil Action No. 26-M40C-00168 Breanna Bays 908 Fairways Gardens Hurricane, WV 25526, Defendant

The object of the above entitled action is to gain possession of Real Property located at 908 Fairways Gardens, Hurricane WV 25526, 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: 908 Fairways Gardens, Hurricane WV 25526, 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 June 3, 2026, otherwise judgment by default will be taken against Her at any time thereafter. A copy of said complaint can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.

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### NOTICE TO REDEEM

2025-C-000078 - Putnam County To: BRENDA LEE SMITH % CURRENT RESIDENT, BRENDA L. SMITH ET AL, ANITA L. HINZMAN, WILLIAM M. SMITH, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have any interest in the subject property.

### DISTRICT CURRY MAP 273 PARCEL 0023 0000 0000

You will take notice that ERIC I. BOYLE, the purchaser of the following real estate, Cert. No. 2025-C-000078, located in CURRY District, 36.5 AC COON CRK, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of SMITH BRENDA L ET AL, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of PUTNAM County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 13, 2026. ERIC I. BOYLE, requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after October 1, 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before September 30, 2026 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2024 - 7389. \$713.84 Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number \$0.00 Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest for tax year 2025-7291. \$667.66 Additional taxes with interest. \$0.00 Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$208.60 Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest. \$245.41 Additional Statutory Fees with interest. \$0.00 Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$1,835.21

You may redeem at any time before September 30, 2026, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

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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 Administrator: Christopher A. Chelton, II 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-Executor: Anthony Landers 6138 Jim Ridge Rd Given, WV 25245

Estate No.: 6201 Estate Of: Wesley Lee Landers, Sr. Co-Executor: Anthony Wade Landers 6138 Jim Ridge Rd Given, WV 25245 Co-Executrix: Kimberly Jo Newman 159 Wood Station Buffalo, WV 25033

Estate No.: 6464 Estate Of: Martha Lea Morris Executrix: Thelma M. Hicks 3736 Tulip Tree Rd Marietta, GA 30066

Estate No.: 6378 Estate Of: Joan Paul Steven M. Harmon Executrix: 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 Administratrix: 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

## LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

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

In Re: Change of Name from Prim Elouise Albert to Prim Elouise Miller

### LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING

Civil Action No. 26-P-38 Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia

Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of May, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Judge Phillip Stowers, Avory and Jacob Miller will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia for the entry of an order by said Court, changing their child's name from Prim Elouise Albert to Prim Elouise Miller, at which time and place any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire.

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

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

Entered by the Clerk of said Court this 23rd day of April, 2026. Stephanie M. Smith Putnam County Circuit Clerk

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### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

#### CASE NO. 26-0130-E-CN

#### APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and WHEELING POWER COMPANY, public utilities.

Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a Mechanical Draft Cooling Tower at the Mitchell Power Plant

### NOTICE OF FILING

On February 18, 2026, Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company (jointly, the Companies) filed a verified Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a Mechanical Draft Cooling Tower at the Mitchell Power Plant pursuant to W. Va. Code § 24-2-11. In order to address the structural needs of the Unit 2 Cooling Tower at the Mitchell Power Plant located near Moundsville, West Virginia, and to ensure the continued operation of that plant for the benefit of their customers, the Companies intend to construct a new mechanical draft cooling tower, replacing the existing Unit 2 Cooling Tower, and then partially demolish the existing Unit 2 Cooling Tower. The need for the proposed construction project, and a more detailed description of the project, are set forth in the Companies' Application and the witness testimony provided therewith.

The West Virginia jurisdictional share of the cost of the proposed construction project is currently estimated at approximately \$95.5 million and is proposed to be recovered through the Companies' Construction Surcharge. If the project is approved as proposed, it would result in an annual increase in revenue of \$15,029,710 (a 0.76% increase), and the impact on an average monthly bill by customer category will be as follows:

	(\$) Increase/(Decrease)	(%) Increase/(Decrease)
Residential	\$1.22	0.69%
Commercial	\$3.27	0.69%
Industrial	\$2,870.17	0.90%
Special Contract'	\$5,377.13	0.87%
Other	\$0.01	0.02%

' Excludes Special Contract customers who are billed standard tariff rates.

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive an increase or decrease greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Commission. If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of the hearing.

Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within thirty days of the date of this Notice, unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely protest or intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases or to participate in future proceedings. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rule on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions may be mailed and be addressed to Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P. O. Box 812, 201 Brooks St., Charleston, West Virginia 25323, or hand-delivered. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed or hand-delivered to the Executive Secretary at the address above.

A complete copy of the Application, as well as a representative of the Companies to provide information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at any of the offices of the Companies.

A copy of the Companies' filing is also available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and WHEELING POWER COMPANY 5-14-11