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# Circus Fun at Valley Park

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## A black and white photograph of a lake scene. In the foreground, several people are kayaking on the water. In the middle ground, a long, low building with a gabled roof sits on the shore, surrounded by dense trees. A large, dark, forested hill rises behind the building. A white buoy is visible in the water near the shore.

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## A black and white photograph of a rural landscape. In the foreground, a paved road is visible. A white fence runs across the middle ground. Behind the fence, a grassy field is covered with hay bales. A tractor is parked on the left side of the field. In the background, there are trees, a small house, and a utility pole. The sky is cloudy.

via the Upland-Ashton Road. It was the shortest flood-free route to the Ohio River from Teays Valley in the early 1800's.

| WEATHER SUMMARY |           |     |      |
|-----------------|-----------|-----|------|
| June 2 - 8      |           | Low | High |
| June 2          | Hurricane | 45° | 75°  |
| June 3          | Hurricane | 45° | 79°  |
| June 4          | Hurricane | 46° | 84°  |
| June 5          | Hurricane | 55° | 83°  |
| June 6          | Hurricane | 62° | 82°  |
| June 7          | Hurricane | 60° | 85°  |
| June 8          | Hurricane | 65° | 88°  |
| *RAIN           |           |     |      |
| None recorded   |           |     |      |



# 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.

**NOW - JUNE 13**

- The Hurricane Fire Department Carnival will be held at Hurricane High School.

**NOW - JUNE 12**

- Sycamore Missionary Baptist Church, Sycamore Road, Hurricane, will be hosting Wonder Vacation Bible School from 6:30 to 8 p.m. nightly. Classes for all ages.

**JUNE 12-14; JUNE 19-21**

- The WV Baby Animal Festival will be held at the Old School Christmas Farm, 148 Northview Lane, Red House. Admission is \$10 per person and tickets are on sale now at [oldschoolchristmas.com](http://oldschoolchristmas.com)

**JUNE 12**

- There will be free bingo at 6 p.m. at Coffee With A Twist, 101 Main Avenue, Nitro.
- There will be a nature walk and creek wading adventure at Amherst Plymouth Wildlife Management Area starting at 10 a.m. Meet up at the entrance on Route 62 outside of Bancroft.
- Putnam County resident Kevin Adkins will be discussing a fossilized ground sloth skull he found at 11 a.m. at the Eleanor Library.
- Certified Public Accountant Kathy Rittenhouse will be discussing the changes coming to QuickBooks online payroll at Area 34, 971 State Route 34, Teays Valley. Come between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to ask questions.

**JUNE 13**

- The Nitro Mini-Con Comics and Collectibles Show will be held at the Nitro High School Commons area from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- There will be a pickleball tournament from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Nitro Athletic Complex, 1650 Park Avenue, Nitro. The entry fee is \$20 per person. For more information, go to [johnfowler.org/pickleball](http://johnfowler.org/pickleball)

**JUNE 14**

- There will be a monthly bike ride starting at 2 p.m. at Ridenour Lake in Nitro. Meet up by the pump track.

**JUNE 15 - 19**

- The Nitro Church of God, 1517 15th Street, Nitro, will be holding Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8:30 p.m. each night.
- The Buffalo Church of the Nazarene, 25053 Buffalo Road, Buffalo, will be holding Down on the Farm Vacation Bible School from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. each evening.
- The Pulse Church, 5368 State Route 34, Winfield, will be holding Illumination Station Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8:30 p.m. nightly. Register by going to <https://thepulsewinfield.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3667168>

**JUNE 16 - 18**

- Wildlife & Discovery Center of West Virginia, located at Valley Park in Hurricane, will be holding Get Buggy Camp from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day. To register, go to <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/get-buggy-camp>

**JUNE 16 - 17**

- WANTED, a two-day dance camp for ages 10 and up, will be held at the Macholah Ballet, 6422 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, from 2:30 to 7:15 p.m. For more information, check out the Macholah Ballet on Facebook.

**JUNE 16**

- Children can learn more about fun vehicles like fire trucks, garbage trucks, school buses, ambulances and more during Feel The Wheels, held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Poca Library.
- The Kanawha Rock & Gem Club will be showing off part of their rock collection at 1:30 p.m. at the Buffalo Library.
- The Putnam County Development Authority will be meeting at 4:30 p.m. at Area 34, 971 WV State Route 34, Hurricane. The PCDA will be discussing the data center planned for Buffalo with the public.

**JUNE 18**

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**JUNE 19**

- Lighthouse Baptist Church, 2440 US Route 60, Hurricane, will be holding a food pantry from 9 to 11 a.m.
- There will be a Mom & Me Upbeat Yoga class at 11 a.m. at River Ridge Church, 1 Saturn Way, Hurricane.

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and click on Pickleball Tournament Registration.

- The Poca Townwide Yard Sale will be held throughout Poca.
- The Poca cheerleaders will be holding a yard sale from 7 a.m. to noon at the Poca High School auxillary gym. The Goodwill trailer will also be present for donations.

- The Mustang Club of West Virginia Open Cruise-In and Model Car Contest will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Winfield Municipal Building.

- Relative Obscurity will be performing from 6 to 9 p.m. at Emma Rae's Steakhouse, Hospital Drive, Hurricane.

- The Putnam County Democratic Women's Club will be holding their annual picnic and rally at Valley Park in Hurricane. The picnic starts at noon at Shelter #1. RSVP by June 11 by calling 304-727-2218 or emailing [pcdwc@aol.com](mailto:pcdwc@aol.com)

- The wood chipper will be at the Putnam County Recycling Drop Site, located on Midland Trail in Hurricane, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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## Red Cross: Urgent Need For Donors To Help Keep Blood Supply Stable

The American Red Cross has an urgent need for donors and is counting on people to act now and book a time to give blood. Donors of all blood types are needed to keep a strong supply of lifesaving blood products on hospital shelves into the summer.

As summer heat ramps up, so do people's plans, which could lead to postponed appointments or less opportunities to give — an especially troubling scenario at a time where the Red Cross has experienced an alarming drop in scheduled donations in recent weeks. In addition to many end-of-school year activities, travel and school breaks, June 1 marked the beginning of Atlantic hurricane season — a reminder that severe weather can also quickly disrupt the ability to donate in affected areas and potentially delay or cancel blood drives.

Take action today. To schedule a blood donation appointment, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

As a thank-you for those who step up to give, all who come to give June 1-28, 2026, will receive a \$15 e-gift card to a merchant of their choice, plus be automatically entered for a chance to win one of two \$7,500 gift cards. See [RedCrossBlood.org/June](http://RedCrossBlood.org/June) for details.

*How to donate blood*

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All

Edsel shares the effervescent experience of being inside a bubble with his Bubble Show at 10 a.m. at the Eleanor Library.

- The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce will be hosting Business After Hours from 5 to 7 p.m. at Randolph Engineering, 10401 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot. To register, call 304-757-6510.

**JUNE 19**

- Fitness Friday: There will be a Zumba class at 10 a.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane.

**JUNE 20 - 23**

- Winfield United Methodist Church, 20 Radwin Drive, Winfield, will be holding Vacation Bible School from 5:30 to 8 p.m. nightly.

**JUNE 20**

- Celebrate the land and trail expansion at Ridenour Lake in Nitro from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- There will be a Rock Branch Area Wide Clean Up from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Truck will be located in front of the Rock Branch Industrial Park, 300 Jacobson Drive, Poca.
- Main Street Church of Christ, 2582 Main Street, Hurricane, will be holding Fearless Deeds of the Defenders Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- The Keagan Gross 4th Annual Memorial Car Show will start at 9 a.m. at River Ridge Church, Saturn Way, Hurricane.
- 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.

blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood donors can save time on their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) or use the Blood Donor App.

## Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council Launches \$6 Summer Reading Challenge

This summer, Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council is inviting girls from across the community—whether they're members or not—to join a season of discovery, empowerment and fun through the 2026 Summer Reading Challenge.

Running through August 31, the Summer Reading Challenge encourages girls in grades K-12 to stay engaged while exploring inspiring stories and experiencing a sneak peek of the Girl Scout experience.

For just \$6, participants will unlock access to weekly live read-alouds on Zoom, track their progress with an online reading tracker and earn a free, exclusive Summer Reading Challenge patch upon completion.

Each week, children will tune in for a Tuesday afternoon read-aloud at 2 p.m., where they'll enjoy stories brought to life by a lineup of inspiring guest readers.

Participants can choose books from Girl Scouts of

## The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

Someone asked me the other day if I am always happy... well, of course, there is stress in my life... health of myself and my family... the budget... whew... this year has been rough... the health of my friends... yes... there is stress, but all in all, I am a happy person. I smile quite a bit... I laugh... I pray and journal faithfully... I am just thankful to be alive and to have my family and friends.

Mother used to say that if someone looked at me wrong, I would cry... yes... I still get my feelings hurt easily... I am sensitive... I want others to treat me well... just like I treat them... I do not judge. I do what I know is good for me, and for others, that is not my concern.

Living in an apartment during my golden years is not something I planned. I worked diligently to buy my homes in WV. I

Black Diamond Council's suggested reading lists, their school's summer reading assignments or books of their own choosing, making the challenge flexible and accessible for every family. Girls who complete the required number of books for their grade level and submit their reading log by the end of the challenge will earn the exclusive Summer Reading Challenge Fun Patch.

The program is open to all girls in grades K-12, regardless of Girl Scout membership status, and registration will remain open throughout the summer.

To register or learn more, visit Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council online at <https://girlscouts.info/read>.

### Articles Welcome

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

supposed I would be there when the grands came as Nana aged. That was not to be. I wished Nathan and I had kept the home on Green Acres... that being said... it was not practical... also, I cannot live in WV... too far from my children...

As apartments go, this one is new and nice... huge... I like the kitchen with stainless and granite. I like the bathroom with the big walk in shower. Having an outside space is important to me... the deck is nice. I live in the pent house on the fourth floor... lol...

This complex is close to my favorites, daughter and family... haircut... Great Clips... Dollar Tree... Target and Walmart and Meijer... libraries... shops... you name it... I live close... not too much driving... it is convenient.

Am I happy? Of course... I am a happy woman... I will be 79 this year... who would have dreamed? I still do my steps and miles... I talk to my friends... text and email... snail mail... with family and friends... oh... what a wonderful life we live...

My friends and I laugh... we remember... we share books and movies and television shows... we remember... perhaps at our age, this is a big part of life... remembering... back in the day... growing up in WV together...

I don't ask others if they are happy... it is easy to tell... by actions... words... some are just bitter about their lives... however, my friends and I are thrilled to have each other because the way we were is the way we are... enjoying these days.

I do not wear rose colored glasses... If I could change things, I would ask that Social Security would increase... insurance premiums would drop... the cost of gas and food... mercy... really? We hear excuses about why... someday maybe someone will change some of these issues... but the only thing I can do is vote... and pray... and hope... Yes, I am a happy woman...remember, having money is not that important... really?

## Putnam County Food Pantries And Clothing Banks

**Christian Community Cupboard**  
2843 Virginia Avenue  
Hurricane  
(304) 562-9373  
Food pantry open from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Fridays

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
3653 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane  
(304) 757-8829  
Call for food pantry hours.

**Light House Baptist Church**  
2440 US Route 60  
Hurricane  
304-562-3900  
Food pantry on the second Saturday of each month from 9-11 a.m. Church also offers free clothing giveaways on a regular basis.

**Teays Valley Baptist Church**  
3926 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane  
(304) 380-3100  
Call for food pantry hours.

**Heartbeat of the Valley**  
28 Mission Way  
Scott Depot  
(681) 235-2097  
[heartbeatofthevalley.com](http://heartbeatofthevalley.com)

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

**Good Shepherd Baptist Church**  
162 Tiger Lane  
Scott Depot  
(304) 757-7621  
Monday - Thursdsay, 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/BufalloBaptistWV>  
Food pantry on the third Friday of the month from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

**Five Loaves Three Fishes**  
Poca United Methodist Church  
Silver Street  
(304) 755-7341  
Food pantry open from 9 a.m. to noon second and fourth Saturday

**Heizer Creek Community Church**  
6580 Heizer Creek Road, Poca  
Food pantry on the third Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. - noon.

**Food and More At The Bridge**  
The Bridge Church  
279 Dairy Road  
Poca  
(304) 373-6068  
Church offers hot meals, food pantry boxes, and a clothing closet from 5 to 8 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month

**Bridge Family Resource Center**  
30 Mallory Lane North, St. Albans  
304-727-6991  
Resource Day is held on the third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Clothing, furniture, household, and other items



# Circus Fun at Valley Park

# Wet and Wonderful Winfield



A juggler on stilts entertains the crowd.



Children try their hand at hula hooping during a hands-on demonstration.



The Sensory Circus featured various feats of athleticism and acrobatics, including a variety of hula hoop tricks.



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).

June 11, 1769: Journalist Anne Newport Royall was born in Baltimore. At 17, she moved to Monroe

County. She later traveled across the country writing candidly about politics, people and places, all controversial for a woman journalist in the early 1800s.

June 11, 1819: Abolitionist Eli Thayer was born in Massachusetts. In 1857, he founded the town of Ceredo, Wayne County,

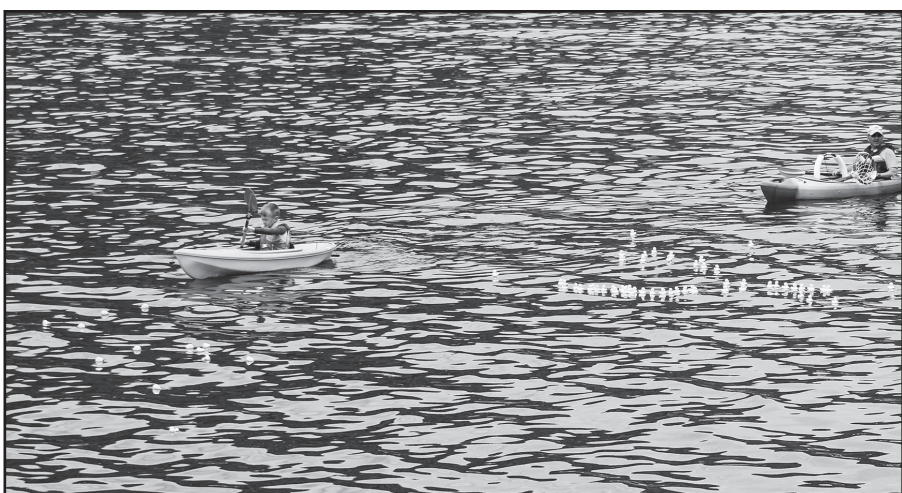
to encourage the growth of free labor communities in the South. His efforts faced strong political opposition and financial problems, and the project never grew as he had hoped.

June 11, 1866: Architect Elmer Forrest Jacobs was born in Preston County. His work can be seen particularly in downtown Morgantown, in residential South Park and on the West Virginia University campus. Most of his Morgantown buildings are now listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

June 12, 1771: Frontiersman Patrick Gass was born in Pennsylvania and later relocated to



The Winfield Watersports Weekend brought kayakers and paddleboarders to Winfield. (Photo Courtesy of Nica Burchett)



The Rubber Duck Race benefitted Backpack Buddies.

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day for races, with three different categories for competitors of all ages. There was also a rubber duck race, with proceeds going to the Backpack Buddies. An awards ceremony to honor the winners was held following

the last race.

Winners of the Youth Race were 1st Place - Eli Burchett; 2nd Place - Max Burchett; 3rd Place - Ricky Burchett. Winners of the Experienced Race were 1st Place - Carter Young; 2nd Place - Doug Kirk; 3rd Place - Shelly Kirk. Winners of the Relay Race were 1st Place - Brian

and Carter Young; 2nd Place - Doug and Shelly Kirk, Carter Jones; 3rd Place - Walker and Henry Shamblin.

The Winfield Watersports Weekend was hosted by the City of Winfield, with Mountaineer Paddle LLC managing the races.

## Advice to Data Center Protesters

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noise makers. Repeated violations of the ordinance is punishable by fines of up to \$1,000 per offense or up to \$1,000 per day if measured daily. Maybe a \$1,000 per day expense would prompt Google to implement meaningful noise abatement measures.

Maybe data center protesters should petition the county commission to increase the maximum fine for repeat noise offenders. No company should be allowed to willfully design and place in operation a data center that does not meet Putnam's reasonable standard of 60 decibels in residential areas.

I do not know that the planned data center will produce unacceptable noise levels. Anything noise over 60 decibels is unacceptable. Violations need to be rewarded with proper punishment. A copy of Putnam's noise ordinance can be found on Page 5.

Brooke County. Gass joined the Lewis & Clark Expedition in Illinois Territory and kept a daily account of the exploration. His journal, published in 1807, was the only complete published account of the expedition until 1814. Gass is buried in Wellsburg.

June 12, 2006: Robert C. Byrd became the longest-serving U.S. senator in history. He served in the Senate from 1959 until his death in 2010. His record was broken in 2013, by Congressman John Dingell, a Michigan Democrat, but Byrd still retains the Senate record.

June 13, 1861: The Second Wheeling Convention began in the federal courtroom of the Wheeling Custom House. This convention declared the Confederate

state government in Richmond illegal, created a

Reorganized Government of Virginia loyal to the United States, elected Francis Pierpont governor of Virginia, and called for the western counties to be formed into a new state.

June 13, 1928: Mathematician John Forbes Nash Jr. was born in Bluefield. In 1994, Nash was honored with the Nobel Prize in Economics. He was the subject of a best-selling biography, A Beautiful Mind, which was later made into a movie.

June 14, 1912: Botanist Elizabeth Ann "Betty" Bartholomew was born in Wheeling. Bartholomew was instrumental in building the dried plant collection at West Virginia University from 30,000 to 140,000 specimens, and she initiated a 2,000-plant seed collection.

June 14, 2025: The state government in Wheeling area was hit with a deadly flash flood causing

widespread damage and killing nine people.

June 15, 1876: Attorney and civil right activist T. G. Nutter was born in Maryland. The first Black delegate from Kanawha County, he helped establish public institutions for Blacks, crafted an anti-lynching law, and, as state leader of the NAACP, sued counties in the 1950s for not integrating their schools quickly enough.

June 15, 1880: Musician "Blind Alfred" Reed was born in Floyd County, Virginia, though he spent most of his life in southern West Virginia. He composed and recorded some of the most creative topical country songs on Victor Records between 1927 and 1929.

June 15, 1963: The Cass Scenic Railroad took its first passenger trip during the state's Centennial celebration.

Cpl. William B. Fulks  
Detachment 1474 invites all interested in becoming part of the Marine Corps League to its June 15 meeting at Hurricane City Hall at 3255 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, at 1800 hours.

The Marine Corps League provides an avenue by which members may express loyalty to one another and reach out in support to the families of those Marines who never got to come home. Through numbers the League works to protect the benefits of all veterans.

One can join at any detachment meeting by filling out and signing a MCL membership application, showing character of service with a copy of discharge papers (DD-214), and pay the annual membership dues of \$30.00

A Message from UNION OIL & GAS and TEAVEE OIL & GAS

Do You Know How To Recognize A Gas Leak?

USE YOUR SENSES!

LOOK FOR: Dirt being blown into the air, Water bubbling at a pond or creek, Fire coming from the ground, Dead or discolored vegetation

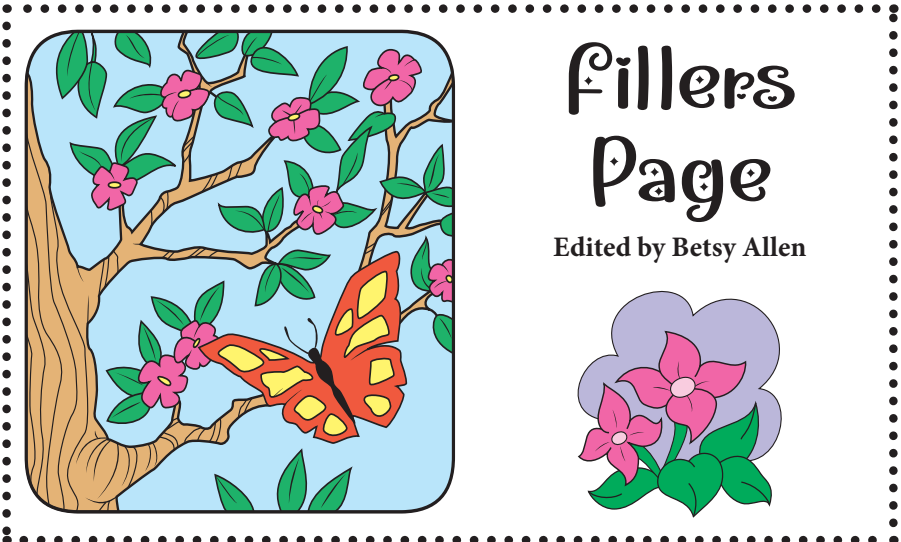
LISTEN FOR: A roaring, blowing or hissing sound

SMELL: A gas or petroleum odor, Notice any unusual odor

Walk away from the area and call 911, or 304-586-2151

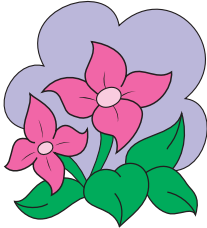
UNION OIL & GAS and TEAVEE OIL & GAS  
304-586-2151





# Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



## Jokes From Linda

Submitted by Linda  
Lavender Armstead



What is it called when  
a cat sneaks into a doggy  
show?  
A Cat-astrophe.

Troy was so excited  
that there was going to be  
a baby brother or sister in  
his house as he told his  
teacher.

His mother let Troy  
feel the movements of  
the unborn child. He was  
obviously impressed, but  
he made no comment.

Furthermore, he  
stopped telling his teacher  
about the impending event.

The teacher finally set  
the boy on her lap, and  
said, "Troy, whatever has  
become of the baby brother  
or sister that you were  
expecting at home?"

Troy burst into tears and  
said, "I think Mommy ate  
it!"

## Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead  
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane



You can't build a  
reputation on what you  
are going to do.

Life is either a daring  
adventure or nothing.

It is the power of the  
mind to be unconquerable.

A mistake is simply  
another way of doing  
things.

Live each day as if your  
life had just begun.

Nothing succeeds like  
success.

Love is a sweet tyranny,  
because the lover endures  
his torments willingly.

No matter how fancy  
your car is, it can't replace  
healthy legs.

None are so old as  
those who have outlived  
enthusiasm - Henry David  
Thoreau.

Every night I go to bed  
really late. Every morning  
I realize it was a bad idea.

I didn't mean to gain  
weight. It happened by  
snaccident.

Honesty is the fastest  
way to prevent a mistake  
from turning into a failure.

Nature always wears  
the colors of the spirit. -  
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Is an early-morning  
walk a blessing for the  
whole day?

Life is a long  
preparation for something  
that never happens.

Love is like war, easy  
to start, hard to end,  
impossible to forget.

Every believer is a  
witness whether he wants  
to be or not.

Courage is the ability  
to function when you're  
really afraid.

No matter how big your  
house is, you only sleep in  
one bed.

The enemy fears a  
couple who worships  
louder than they argue.

You don't get what you  
wish for. You get what you  
work for.

Conversation is food  
for the soul.

The most difficult part  
of having a doggy is the  
goodbye.

A bushel of patience is  
worth more than a bushel  
of brains.

Some people need  
glasses to find their  
glasses.

Focus on being  
productive instead of  
busy.

A turkey never voted  
for an early Christmas.

Where there is love,  
there is life.

Purple is my own little  
place in my heart.

You know more than  
you knew yesterday.

Small steps each day  
create big change.

You can because you  
think you can.

May your dreams shine  
bright.

Liberation is not  
deliverance.

Let your light shine.

You can do it.

Family means no  
one gets left behind or  
forgotten.

No matter how high  
your title is, it means  
nothing without peace.

Back then, we didn't eat  
organic. We ate whatever  
Grandma fried in lard.

The love of people  
often increases with  
performance and  
decreases with mistakes.

The church cannot be  
the salt of the earth if  
the gospel keeps getting  
sugar-coated.

Even when life feels a  
little crumbly, a smile can  
make it a little sweeter.

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

Live your life as an  
exclamation rather than  
an explanation.

Try to be like the turtle  
- at ease in your own shell.

I put my symptoms into  
WebMD, and it turns out  
I'm just old.

Arriving at one goal  
is the starting point to  
another.

The wound is the place  
where the Light enters  
you.

Your imagination is  
your preview of life's  
coming attractions.

Treat people the way  
you want to be treated.

Shout out to old people:  
we can't hear that well.

Missing church is a  
misdemeanor. The more  
you miss, de meaner you  
get.

Don't mess with short  
gals, they can pick up  
stones from the ground  
quicker.

Oh look: Spring is here.  
AAAnd it's gone. No wait,  
it's back. AAAAnd it's gone  
again.

You know when you  
buy a bag of salad and it  
gets all brown and soggy?  
Cookies don't do that.

The secret to living well  
and longer is: eat half,  
walk double, laugh triple,  
and love without measure.

A spoiled doggy is just  
the doggy who found the  
human they were meant  
to train and they are doing  
an outstanding job.

You will never see the  
great things ahead of you  
if you keep looking at the  
bad things behind you.

When you said the  
dishwasher was loaded, I  
thought you meant your  
mom was drunk.

I was just minding my  
own business, and then,  
all of a sudden, 1976 was  
50 years ago.

As part of this year's  
budget, the government  
is giving every pensioner  
a free bucket.

Sometimes you look at  
people and wonder how  
do they fit all that stupid  
in one head.

What did Moses say  
after encountering God  
in the burning bush? Holy  
smokes.

I finally know why  
they call me a grown up. I  
groan every time I get up.

A single lie discovered  
is enough to create doubt  
in every truth expressed.

I ate natural food until I  
found out most people die  
from natural causes.

Purple hair is not a cry  
for help. It's a cry for fun!

Family is who you  
share your life with, and  
that includes your doggie.

Have you considered  
that the "low battery  
warning" applies to people  
too?

Father, help me to  
pray healthy prayers that  
release your favor and  
open new doors.

Let's sacrifice our today  
so our children can have a  
better tomorrow.

Lead from the back -  
and let others believe they  
are in front.

Nobody's perfect but  
there is something perfect  
in everybody.

Judge your success by  
what you had to give up  
in order to get it.

People tend to forget  
their duties but remember  
their rights.

I'm not crazy. My  
reality is just different  
than yours.

Never doubt in the dark  
what God told you in the  
light.

A smile you sent, will  
most always return.

Sometimes life hits you  
in the head with a brick.

You'll never find a  
rainbow if you're looking  
down

By desiring little, a poor  
man makes himself rich.

Give out what you most  
want to come back.

You don't need eyes to  
see; you need vision.

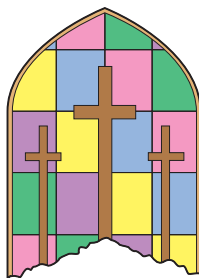
Time is the moving  
image of reality. - Plato

Leadership is all about  
courage to dream big.

Worry traps our hearts.  
Worship sets them free.

High school, those  
are your prime suffering  
years.

## Bible Verse



Even though I walk  
through the darkest valley,  
I will fear no evil, for you  
are with me; your rod and  
your staff, they comfort me.  
— Psalm 23:4



# Communities Invited to Help Shape the Valley North Project

A series of open houses will give residents the opportunity to provide input on a critical effort to strengthen the power grid in West Virginia, Virginia and Maryland

The community is invited to a series of open houses beginning June 29 to learn about the new Valley North Project – a major effort to strengthen the power grid across West Virginia, Virginia and Maryland. These open houses are designed for residents to gather information about the project and share what matters most to them in a friendly and collaborative setting.

A full list of scheduled open houses is available at [vltransmission.com/valley-north](http://vltransmission.com/valley-north).

The project is being developed by the Valley Link Transmission Company LLC (Valley Link), a joint venture of Dominion Energy, FirstEnergy Transmission LLC and Transource Energy LLC (jointly owned by American Electric Power and Evergy). PJM Interconnection, the regional transmission operator, selected the project from multiple proposals as part of a broader effort to maintain reliability and meet growing energy needs across PJM’s 13-state region.

Regional power demand is expected to double over the next decade — the fastest growth since the post World War II boom, driven by population growth, expanding industries, generation retirements and advanced manufacturing. The Valley North Project will help modernize the electric grid, helping ensure that everyone – from large companies to small business owners to families in rural communities – has the reliable power they need in the years ahead.

Connecting Communities to More Opportunity

The Valley North Project includes approximately 260 miles of new 765 kilovolt (kV) transmission lines between Putnam County, W.Va., and Frederick County, Md., and two new substations in Hardy County, W.Va., and Frederick County, Md. The route options under consideration will be available for the public to view at 23 open houses scheduled in communities along the potential routes. The new high-voltage line will provide electricity where it’s needed and create economic development opportunities for local communities along the route—similar to how highway off-ramps connect towns to new traffic and growth.

Isaac Rhoades, President of Valley Link: “The Valley North Project strengthens the region’s electric backbone and addresses a critical vulnerability that could otherwise lead to increased reliability challenges and a greater potential for outages down the road. Strengthening our grid also gives communities more flexibility to attract employers, support local economies and create opportunities for future generations. We look forward to working with residents and their communities to shape a final project route that best reflects local priorities.”

## Your Voice Matters

The final route for the project has not yet been selected and will be based on community input, extensive surveys and thorough study of environmental, cultural and historic resources. After this summer’s open houses, the Valley North

team will review all feedback, develop routes from the study segments and host a second series of open houses in late 2026 to further refine the project routes with additional community input.

The Valley North Project team remains committed to listening to the people who live and work in the project area. The upcoming open houses will give residents the chance to review early route options, speak with project experts and share feedback that will help shape project decisions. In addition to open houses, community members can stay involved through regular updates on the project website ([www.vltransmission.com/valley-north](http://www.vltransmission.com/valley-north)).

## How the Valley North Project Helps Your Community

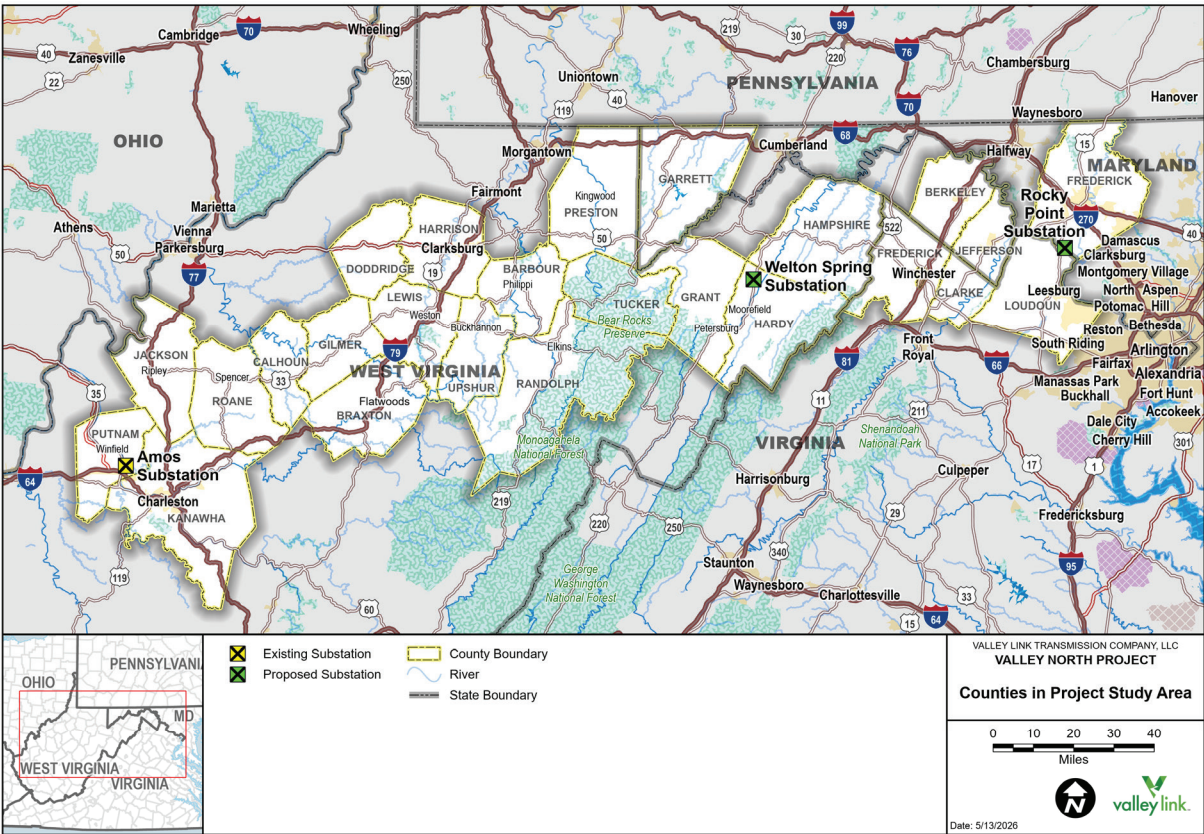
The Valley North Project is designed to deliver lasting benefits to families, businesses and essential services in West Virginia, Virginia and Maryland. By strengthening the region’s energy infrastructure, the project will help:

- Deliver more reliable, affordable electricity to the places people depend on every day: homes, hospitals, schools and local businesses.
- Increase capacity on existing power lines, reducing bottlenecks that can lead to service disruptions and outages.
- Strengthen the resilience of the energy system, helping the grid withstand extreme weather and unexpected challenges.

For communities along the potential routes, multiyear projects like Valley North bring meaningful benefits, including hundreds of local construction jobs, increased local spending at restaurants, shops and hotels, higher tax revenues and long-term support for essential services such as first responders, libraries and healthcare facilities. Industry and federal research show that every \$1 invested in infrastructure can generate up to \$1.50–\$2.50 in broader economic activity, amplifying these local benefits over time.

Bill Bissett, President of West Virginia Manufacturers Association: “Energy demand across the U.S. continues to grow, and new and enhanced transmission lines are essential to meeting that need and supporting manufacturers today and in the future. Reliable electricity powers the production of the goods we rely on every day. As a historic energy state, West Virginia must continue to expand not only how we generate electricity, but also how we deliver it through modern transmission infrastructure.”

Justin Williams, Director of Affiliated Construction Trades West Virginia: “The Valley North Project represents the type of long-term infrastructure investment our workforce is built for and depends on. It will strengthen energy reliability while creating hundreds of family-sustaining jobs and expanding apprenticeship opportunities across West Virginia. As demand grows from manufacturing and emerging technologies, projects like this ensure we have both the modern grid and skilled workforce needed to support lasting economic growth.”



## BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

### AN ORDINANCE TO ABATE EXCESSIVE RESIDENTIAL NOISE WHERE SUCH NOISE IS DEEMED A PUBLIC NUISANCE

The members of the Putnam County Commission hereby find that excessive noise which, in its decibel level or its frequency, or both, disturbs the peace and quietude of others located in residential housing, whether such housing is single or multiple family dwelling; dormitory domicile; motel, hotel or other sleeping accommodations; and, hospitals or nursing care facilities is a public nuisance and, as such, is under the jurisdiction of this body. Accordingly, upon a motion and second, the following Ordinance is adopted, as indicated, pursuant to the provisions of W.Va. Code §7-1-3kk, as amended.

## NUISANCE: EXCESSIVE NOISE IN RESIDENTIAL AND SIMILAR SETTINGS

- (a) Any person who, from any source, disturbs the peace and quietude of others located in residential housing, whether such housing is single or multiple family dwelling; dormitory domicile; motel, hotel or other such sleeping accommodations; or, hospitals or nursing care facilities and who persist in such conduct after being requested to desist by a law-enforcement officer acting in his or her lawful capacity, is guilty of causing and maintaining a nuisance, a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than \$250.00 and not more than \$500.00 for a first offense and fined not less than \$500.00 and not more than \$1,000.00 for second and subsequent offenses.
- (b) In determining whether the peace and quietude of any residential setting has been disturbed by noise, the following standards shall be used:
  1. Between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 10:00 o'clock p.m., the noise level received and measured by a law-enforcement officer at the residential setting may not exceed 80 decibels (db)[A scale], except that noise that is produced for no more than a cumulative period of five minutes in any hour may exceed that level by 5 db[A scale]; noise that is produced for no more than 1 minute in any hour may exceed the standard by 10 db [A scale].
  2. Between the hours of 10:00 o'clock p.m. and 7:00 o'clock a.m., the noise level received and measured by a law-enforcement officer at the residential setting may not exceed 60 db [A scale].
  3. Residential setting is defined as any of the housing facilities set out in section (a) above and within the cartilage of such facilities, not to exceed a radius of 100 feet outside the facility, itself, or the fenced part of the property, whichever is less.
- (c) The provisions of subsection (a) and (b) of this Ordinance do not apply to:
  1. Lawful hunting or target shooting, trap, skeet or shooting ranges as defined in W.Va. Code §61-6-23, as amended;
  2. Bonafide agricultural or forestry activities;
  3. Sounds caused by emergency work, or by the ordinary and accepted use of emergency equipment, vehicles and apparatus, regardless of whether such work is performed by a public or private agency, or upon public or private property;
  4. Sounds caused by regular vehicular traffic upon premises open to the public. The lack of a muffler system or a muffler which exaggerates sound shall not be considered to be regular traffic sound;
  5. Sounds regulated by federal and state law, including, but not limited to, sounds caused by railroads and aircraft;
  6. Lawn, garden or household equipment associated with the normal repair, upkeep or maintenance of property between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 10:00 o'clock p.m.;
  7. Construction projects for construction or excavation of public or private developments between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 10:00 o'clock p.m.;
  8. Organized athletic or recognized festival or similar activities: Sounds caused by organized athletic or other group activities, when those activities are conducted on property generally used for those purposes, including stadiums, parks, schools, churches, airports and athletic fields. These exceptions do not prohibit the county from declaring a specific event or activity in violation of this ordinance or other laws, rules and regulations and, in any case in which the athletic event or group activity extends in time beyond 10:00 o'clock p.m. and prior to 7:00 o'clock a.m. This exemption does not include motorcycle, motocross, ATV, or other vehicle racing, running and/or practice events; and
  9. Manufacturing or industrial activity, deriving from legitimate business concerns, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 10:00 o'clock p.m.

Those who are offended by violations of this Ordinance may avail themselves of any legal remedy available to them notwithstanding the fact that the violators may have been charged and convicted of a misdemeanor pursuant to this Ordinance.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

This Ordinance shall be effective on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021



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# BASIC BIBLE

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## God Renews His Covenant

Exodus 34:1-14

“And the Lord said unto Moses, Hew thee two tablets of stone like unto the first . . .” (v. 1). The first tablets of stone were destroyed when Moses cast them down upon returning to the camp of Israel (see Ex. 32:19). The instruction which the Lord issued to Moses is not a response to the destruction of the tablets of stone. The Lord’s instruction is His response to Moses’ request that He show him His glory (Ex. 33:18). The purpose for which Moses asked God to show him His glory was his desire to receive assurance that the Lord would be with him and that both he and the nation of Israel had found grace in “thy sight” (Ex. 33:16).

In the text before us, the Lord reveals His glory to Moses through words and actions. God reveals His glory to Moses (and to us) in verse 1 with the promise to write the same words upon the second tablets as were written upon the first tablets. The words which God wrote upon the first tablets are recorded in Exodus 20. The ten commandments reveal God’s perfection. God is perfection. Perfection is singular; there is only one perfect. The commandments upon the second set of tablets could not possibly differ from the first. Perfection is perfect and not subject to change.

In verse 3, the Lord instructed Moses to come upon the mount alone and forbade the presence of flocks and herds upon the mount. Moses, in asking to see the glory of the Lord, asked to see that which no man can see and live (see Ex. 33:20, I Tim. 6:16). The glory of the Lord is so holy that even innocent creatures of His making cannot live in His presence.

When Moses asked God to show him His glory, the Lord stated that He would make His goodness pass before him and proclaim the name of the Lord before him (Ex. 33:19). In verses 6 and 7, the Lord did exactly as He had said He would do. This was not the first time God proclaimed His name to Moses. At the burning bush, God proclaimed (albeit through the Angel of the Lord) “I AM THAT I AM” (Ex. 3:14). In verse 6, the singular and self-existent God proclaims: I am merciful, I am gracious, I am long-suffering, I am abundant in goodness and truth. The Lord reveals the actions which give meaning to His words in verse 7. Merciful, gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth means keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children’s children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

There are some who hear but do not understand God’s visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children. Those without understanding lack a clear picture of God’s love. “For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth” (Heb. 12:6). God visits the iniquities of the fathers upon the children and even to the fourth generation because God is love. Punishment cannot and does not undo iniquity. Punishment is a corrective action given in love. God is love and His love extends to even to the third and fourth generations of them whose iniquities He has forgiven.

In verse 9, Moses lifted a prayer to God asking that He go among “us” and pardon “our” sin and take “us” for thine inheritance. Moses did not make the image the golden calf but he chose not to separate himself from them who did. In Moses, we see a picture of the Prophet like unto Moses (Deut. 18:15), which Prophet took on the sin that belonged to a people who did not know God (Rom. 5:8).

The Lord answered Moses’ prayer immediately. God said: “I make a covenant” (v. 10). A covenant is an agreement in which the maker specifies the actions which the covenant maker shall perform. God told Moses that He would do marvels which had never before been seen in all the earth. When the Lord spoke these words, He had performed great marvels. He had brought plagues upon Pharaoh, caused Israel to come out of Egypt with great gain, and parted the waters of the sea. God’s covenant required Him to do marvels beyond every marvel of His doing recorded between the establishment of nations (Genesis 10) and Exodus 34:10.

God states, “It is a terrible thing that I will do with thee.” The Hebrew word which is translated as terrible is also translated as fearful. Terrible and fearful can be used to describe both the bad and the awesome. All the people consisted of the stiff-necked and unbelieving who would never enter the promised land and Joshua and Caleb who would see the Jordan hold back its water and the walls of Jericho come tumbling down. All would see God’s mercy, grace, long-suffering, goodness and truth during their wanderings in the wilderness. All would receive undeserved blessings and witness the Lord’s hand of correction. Only Joshua and Caleb and those under twenty years of age would see the Lord drive out the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite (v. 11).

In the closing verses before us, God issues a warning and a remedy to them who would see Him drive out the inhabitants of the land. Israel’s response to the Lord’s warning is now past history. God’s word bears record of the snare which would trouble Israel. Israel did not do as the Lord commanded. Israel experienced the hand of correction from a God whose name is Jealous.

“Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come” (I Cor. 10:11). These things (these terrible things) happened because the physical seed of Abraham did not do as the Lord requires.

New Testament believers are the spiritual seed of Abraham, born of the Prophet like unto Moses who came and spoke the words which the LORD gave Him (Deut. 18:19). Let us do as the Prophet has said. Let us love one another and declare His love to all men in all places. His name is Jealous and He is a jealous God.



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## KIDS TALK ABOUT GOD

BY CAREY KINSOLVING AND FRIENDS

*How Can We Do the Right Thing When We Are Afraid?*

“If I saw soldiers hurting Jesus, I’d want to help, but I might be too scared,” says Lucas, 9. “I’d probably hide behind a camel.”

Fear can stop us from doing the right thing. In John 19:38–42, we meet two men who were afraid, but they still found the courage to do what was right.

“Joseph of Arimathea was a secret disciple,” says Ella, 11. “He believed in Jesus but was afraid of what other people would think.”

Joseph was a rich man and a respected member of the Jewish council, the same group that had pushed for Jesus’ death. He had a lot to lose. Following Jesus publicly could mean losing his position, his reputation, or even his life. But after Jesus died, Joseph made a brave choice. He went to Pilate and asked for Jesus’ body so he could give him a proper burial.

Then comes another surprise. Nicodemus, the same Pharisee who once visited Jesus secretly at night, showed up with a mixture of spices to help bury Jesus. He brought about 100 pounds of myrrh and aloes. That’s a huge amount! It shows how much he honored Jesus.

“Nicodemus used to be sneaky about meeting Jesus,” says Mia, 12.

Both Joseph and Nicodemus had been silent before. But now, when Jesus’ closest followers had scattered in fear, these two stepped forward. They weren’t loud or flashy, but their actions spoke loudly. They showed love and respect when others walked away.

“It’s like when you stand up for someone being bullied,” says Hannah, 11. “You might be scared, but you do it anyway because it’s right.”

We all face moments when doing the right thing feels scary. Maybe someone makes fun of your faith, or you’re afraid to speak up when others are mean. Like Joseph

and Nicodemus, we can find courage by remembering who Jesus is and what he did for us.

Courage doesn’t mean we’re not afraid. It means we choose to do what’s right even when we’re afraid. Joseph and Nicodemus had stayed quiet during Jesus’ ministry, but when it counted most, they stepped up.

Most of us don’t have boldness. We want people to like us. The desire for approval from others makes us timid and cautious. Remember, Peter denied Jesus three times during his trial.

In Acts 4, we see Peter and John boldly proclaiming Jesus’ death and resurrection. About 5000 people trusted Christ as their savior. Religious leaders were astonished at their boldness. Then the Bible text simply says, “And they realized that they had been with Jesus” (Acts 4:13b).

Joseph gave his own tomb for Jesus’ burial. That fulfilled another prophecy: “And they made His grave with the wicked, but with the rich at His death” (Isaiah 53:9). Even in death, Jesus fulfilled God’s perfect plan.

God can use anyone: shy or bold, rich or poor, young or old. When we take a step of faith, even a small one, God can turn it into something big.

Think About This: Joseph and Nicodemus were afraid, but they still did the right thing. You don’t have to be fearless to follow Jesus. You just have to trust him enough to take the next step.

Memorize This Truth: “After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him permission” (John 19:38).

Ask This Question: When you’re afraid to do the right thing, how can remembering Jesus’ love help you be brave?



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Obituaries

**MICHAEL R. ARTHUR**  
Michael R. Arthur, 81, of Eleanor, passed away Saturday, May 30, 2026, at Thomas Memorial Hospital. He was a 1964 graduate of Buffalo High School and was a Christian. He worked at AC&F for over twenty years and retired from the West Virginia Turnpike Authority. Mike loved to spend time outdoors hunting and fishing. He always enjoyed family trips to Gatlinburg and the Amish country. He was a kind, loving and caring person and will be greatly missed.

He was the son of the late Jerome “Bunny” Arthur and Garnett Goff Arthur.  
Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Nancy Arthur; daughter, Pamela Arthur of Eleanor; sister, Carolyn (Don) Casto of Buffalo; brother, Roger (Jeane) Arthur of Midway; sister, Donna (Gary) Craig of Buffalo; brother-in-law, David (Sherry) Fewell of Buffalo. Mike is also survived by a special son, Landon Bailes, several nieces, nephews, cousins, extend family and many friends.

A private service will be held at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor. Burial will follow in Beech Grove Cemetery, Eleanor.

FRANCES ROSILEE CASTO

Frances Rosilee Casto, 88, of Leon, passed away Thursday, June 4, 2026. She was a Christian and was saved and baptized at a young age. She attended many different country churches over the years. Frances loved farming and took care of her farm for many years. Most of all, she loved her family and will be sadly missed by all who loved her.

Born December 12, 1937, she was the daughter of the late Jettie and Lettie Coleman. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband of 48 years, Donald Dean Casto; a brother, James “Bob” Coleman; and sisters-in-law, Eva Coleman and Roberta Coleman.

Survivors include her daughter, Betty Ann Matheny of Point Pleasant; her son, Ronald Dean (Brenda) Casto of Red House; grandchildren, Amy Rice of Point Pleasant, Chad (Chatel) Casto of

Leon, and Justin (Bridgett) Matheny of Ripley; great-grandchildren, Christopher and Allie Casto, Levi and Ryder Matheny, and Vannessa Clark; great-great-grandchild, Zaiden; brothers, Donald Coleman of Culloden, and Denver (Carolyn) Coleman of Buffalo; and an aunt, Murley Herdman of Elkhart, Indiana.

Funeral service was Monday, June 8, 2026 at Raynes Funeral Home, Buffalo, with Pastor Randy Parsons officiating. Burial was in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Given.

MARY LETT CREMEANS

Mary Francis Lett Cremeans, 83, of Sissonville, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at her home.

Mary was a graduate of Poca High School, where she was the valedictorian of the Class of 1961. She went on to enjoy a successful career with United Bank, retiring as a supervisor after many years of dedicated service.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Robert Lee Cremeans; her parents, Roy and Vivian Lett; and her brothers, Franklin Lett, Shirley Lett, and Roger Lett.

Mary is survived by her brother, Gene Lett; sister-in-law, Rosie Lett; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends who will cherish her memory. Mary’s faith, kindness, and devotion to her family will be fondly remembered by all who knew and loved her.

A tribute to the life of Mary was Monday, June 8, 2026 at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Victor Keathley officiating. Entombment was in Floral Hills Garden of Memories.

PATRICIA A. JIVIDEN

Patricia A. Jividen, 85, of Midway, passed away Thursday, May 28, 2026 at Celebration Villa of Teays Valley. She was a lifelong homemaker and a member of Midway Church.

Born July 7, 1940, in Grimms Landing, she was the daughter of the late Franklin C. Hammack and Rebecca Hudson Hammack. In addition

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to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband of 68 years, Irvin Merrill Jividen; daughter, Cheryl Anne Jividen Barnett; sister, Betty Hammack.

Survivors include her grandson, Andrew Jividen Barnett; great granddaughter, Callie Haven Barnett; great grandsons, Levi Jordan Barnett, Isiah River Barnett and Theodore Jividen Barnett all of Derby KS; sister, Mary Jividen of Eleanor; brother, Frank Hammack of York PA; son in law; Rod (Diane) Barnett of Winfield.

Graveside service was Saturday, June 6, 2026 at Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House, with Pastor Joe Rogers and Pastor Jeff Pitchford officiating. Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor was charge of arrangements.

JERRY EDWARD MILBEE

Jerry Edward Milbee, 65, of Scott Depot, passed away on June 2, 2026.

He was born to Frank and the late Nancy Beattie Milbee on August 7, 1960. In addition to his mother, he was also preceded in death by his brother, Larry Milbee; maternal grandparents: Henry and Esther Beattie; and paternal grandparents: Verna May and James Milbee.

Jerry worked for Union Carbide, sold cars for 17 years and was most recently employed with US Food Service. He loved God, his family, fishing, and rock n roll music, in which he was part of a band called Def Dog.

Jerry is survived by his loving wife Crystal; son, Michael Milbee of Orlando, FL; father, Frank Milbee; sister, Lou Ann Hoover (Jason) and their children: Bridgette Harp (Michael) and Ethan Hoover (Lisa) all of Victoria, TX; aunt, Alvetta Tribble and her children, Kelly and Jimmy; uncles: Johnny Milbee (Beth) and

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**Optimum will Cover Adoption Fees for first 5 Pets Adopted During the Event**  
**WHAT:** Rescue animals in the Putnam community are one step closer to finding their forever homes. Optimum — a local provider of internet, mobile, TV, and phone services — is partnering with the Putnam County Animal Shelter and Animal Planet to host a special community pet adoption event focused on connecting adoptable pets with loving families while giving back to the community the organizations proudly serve.

**WHEN:** Friday, June 12 from 12 – 3pm  
**WHERE:** Scott Depot Optimum Store, 168 Great Teays Blvd Ste 7, Scott Depot  
As part of the event, Optimum will sponsor adoption fees for the first 5 pets adopted onsite, helping remove financial barriers for families looking to welcome a new companion into their homes and encouraging more animals to find permanent, loving care.  
The event reflects Optimum's ongoing commitment to supporting local communities beyond connectivity by investing in initiatives that strengthen neighborhoods, support

local organizations, and create meaningful opportunities for residents to come together.  
“We're proud to support the community and partner with the Putnam County Animal Shelter and Animal Planet to help more pets find loving homes,” said Jessica Gebhardt, Vice President, General Manager of Optimum Mid Atlantic. Events like this are about showing up for our neighbors, supporting the organizations making a difference, and helping make it easier for families to welcome a new companion into their lives.”

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Precinct 2 – Buffalo Elementary to Buffalo High School

Precinct 22 – REO Logistics, Inc. Building to Rock Branch Elementary School

Precinct 24 – Camp Appalachia to Mountain View Elementary School

Precinct 34 – G. W. Middle School to G. W. Elementary School

The changes are due to availability and accessibility of polling places. This will be a permanent change effective immediately upon entry of the Order. Any interested party may appear before the Putnam County Commission during a regularly scheduled meeting held on June 30, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. and/or on July 14, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in Room 202 located on the second floor of the Courthouse in the commission chambers.

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Putnam County  
12093 Winfield Road,  
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JOYCE ANN NEWHOUSE

Joyce Ann Newhouse, 83, of Winfield, formerly of Elkview, passed away on June 6, 2026 at Hubbard Hospice House.

She was born on February 13, 1943 to the late Owen Paul Foster and Leora Elvira White Foster. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Harold Thomas Newhouse; grandson, Christopher Allen Webb; and several beloved cousins.

Joyce was a bright-eyed girl who was the oldest of three daughters. She was a proud big sister to Sue and Sherry, telling many stories about growing up together, lots of which were vivid, exciting, and made you laugh a real laugh. She had a gift for laughter: she was ornerly without hesitation.

That mischievous little girl grew into the kind of woman who turned heads when she entered a room. She was stunning and knew it. You couldn't overlook Joyce, her energy demanded attention. She had bright red hair and crystal blue eyes, the kind that are piercing yet gentle, the eyes that are easy to get lost in when the sun shines revealing vast arrays of blues and grays. Like most ladies with red hair, she had a particular color palette that was deemed acceptable and hell hath no fury like Joyce when

forced to wear red. That's not truly relevant but after 33 years of marriage her husband never picked up on it so it's earned an honorable mention.

Joyce graduated from Clendenin High School and went on to work for the Pentagon. She always spoke highly of the folks she worked with, especially the high ranking officers who treated her as family.

After leaving Washington D.C., Joyce moved herself and her two sons back home to Clendenin. Once she settled, she began a career at Elk Refinery where she worked until she married Tom. The tale of Tom and Joyce is a true testament of fate, "We were at the VFW and he asked me out. I meant to say no but I slipped and said yes. Now, here we are." After that night, they fell in love, and when he proposed, she said yes again-this time on purpose (probably). She then spent her days raising her family and dancing at the VFW.

Joyce was a proud member of the Elkview VFW Post 8516 Ladies Auxiliary. She was an active member who attended many meetings, conventions, fundraisers, and funerals where she honored those who served their country and bestowed a passion for the departed in the tiny brown eyes that absorbed her every move.

She was a former VFW Auxiliary State President

which gave her the ability to travel the United States. Joyce treasured her time as State President and used her talent for service. She was given many awards for her loving, passionate, and dutiful devotion to veterans across the country.

Joyce was many things in life, but her greatest role was that of "Granny." She was not an ordinary woman in any way, she was truly extraordinary and that shone brightest when she became a grandmother. Joyce wasn't just a Granny- she was The Granny.

She could always be found with a granddaughter in hand wherever she was and more often than not she had both granddaughters and a car packed full of their friends too.

Granny made it all possible. She put many hours into shuffling her granddaughter around but she guaranteed her girls had the opportunities she only dreamed about as a child. She showed up consistently, regardless of what extracurricular activity it was and she became Team Granny. When she bought for one, she bought for everyone: including the entire Herbert Hoover High School Marching Band on any given Friday night. She fiercely loved and supported her band kids, there was never a doubt about that.

In her later years she

enjoyed the little things: spending time with her family, going out to eat, and taking her grand girls shopping. Shopping with Granny was always a treat. She never hesitated to spend money if it brought a smile to her babies' faces. Many times Mom said no and Granny smiled, batted her lashes, and said, "Would it really hurt anything if I..." knowing the response was irrelevant. If there ever was a "no", she found a way around it.

Joyce believed in legacy. She believed in where you came from, what you carried forwards, and what you left behind. In the people who were lucky enough to love her, you will find pieces of her everywhere- her humor, her stubbornness, her generosity, her softness, and her refusal to ever love halfway. She was the perfect example of what it means to be compassionate, intelligent, generous, resilient, hilarious, and strong. She would never have called herself any of those things- but she lived them every day.

Joyce's legacy is not quiet nor small. It is loud, loving, stubborn, funny, and absolutely unmissable. It shows up in her family, her friends, and every life she touched just by being exactly who she was.

Surviving Granny are her two sons: Michael and Stephen (Amy) Foster; her granddaughters: Stephanie

Foster, Allyson (Wes) Foster McLean, Emily Blake, and Jenna Blake; grandson, Owen Foster; sisters: Karen Sue Hartley and Sharon Given; great granddaughters: Mariah and Harleigh Foster, Laney and Amelia Riffe, Zoey and Evelyn Black, and Maisey McLean; best friend, Yvonne Crawford; a family of Auxiliary Sisters; along with many more who loved our spunky Granny and will miss her immensely.

Funeral service for Joyce was Thursday, June 11, 2026 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Pastor Jonathan DeWeese officiating. Burial was in Elk Hills Memorial Park, Big Chimney.

LARRY ALLEN TROYER

Larry Allen Troyer, 67, passed away on June 6, 2026.

He was born on April 1, 1959 to the late Joseph E. and Josephine V. Newhouse Troyer in Charleston.

Larry was an electrician with IBEW Local 466, Charleston.

He is survived by his children: Joey Troyer of Kanawha City, Larry Troyer of Culloden and Jonathan Troyer of WV; 6 grandchildren; sister, Sherry Troyer Hayes of Hurricane; and a brother Jerry Troyer of St. Albans; as well as several other family members.

In accordance with his wishes there will be no public services.



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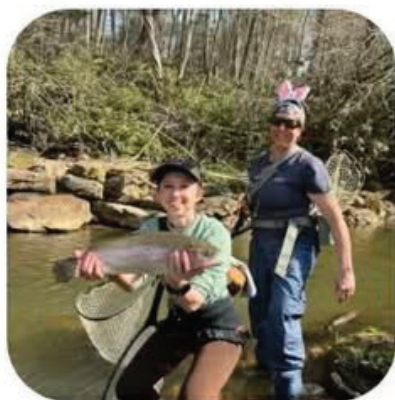
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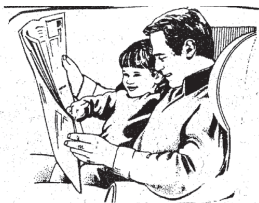


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## Happy Anniversary

Delbert and Anna Brannon of Scott Depot will be celebrating their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary on June 12

James and Yolanda Campbell of Hurricane will celebrate their twenty-seventh wedding anniversary on June 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Withrow of Huntington will celebrate their ninth wedding anniversary on June 12.

Michael and Charlene Armstead of 1047 Charley's Creek Road in Culloden will celebrate their twenty-eighth wedding anniversary on June 13.

Rev. Gary and Elizabeth Coffey of #18 Long Street in Winfield will celebrate their forty-fifth wedding anniversary on June 13.

Greg and Denise Dent of #40 Western Hills in Hurricane will celebrate their fortieth wedding anniversary on June 14.

Elza and Patty Sovine Thomasson of 58 Charley's Creek Road in Culloden will celebrate their fifty-first wedding anniversary on June 14.

Dallas and Chris Moore of #17 Stone Spring Lane in Charleston will celebrate their fifty-second wedding anniversary on June 15.

Eric and Jacki Black Frazier of Barboursville will celebrate their twenty-fourth wedding anniversary on June 15.

Clay and Mendy Sowards of 5387 Hurricane Creek Road in Hurricane will celebrate their thirty-second wedding anniversary on June 16.

## Buffalo Elementary Greenhouse Revitalization Project by Midway Meridians 4H Club



By Mason Crawford  
The Midway Meridians service project for this year was revitalizing the Buffalo Elementary Greenhouse. The club applied for and received a grant earlier this year to help with the project.

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Larry Joe and Kelly Hoscar Hodges of Foster Road in Hurricane will celebrate their eighth wedding anniversary on June 16.

Brent and Christy Smith Davis of 22435 Ashton-Upland Road in Milton will celebrate their wedding anniversary on June 17.

Paul and Kathy Taylor of Blue Sulphur Road in Ona will celebrate their twenty-sixth wedding anniversary on June 17.

Elmer and Daisy Peters of Winifrede will celebrate their sixty-sixth wedding anniversary on June 18.

Rev. Alfred (Sonny) and Joyce Sovine of 2468 Washington Avenue in Hurricane will celebrate their thirty-eighth wedding anniversary on June 18.

Kevin Ray and Maricia Erwin of 5530 Hurricane Creek Road in Hurricane will celebrate their twenty-second wedding anniversary on June 18.

David and Kim Taylor of 405 Parkview Drive in Hurricane will celebrate their thirty-eighth wedding anniversary on June 18.

Bob and Kelli Smith Carroll and 833 Washington Hill Road in Hurricane will celebrate their fifteenth wedding anniversary on June 18.

Rodney and Teresa Erwin Ball of Culloden will celebrate their eleventh wedding anniversary on June 18.

Ernest (Spud) and Marie Terry of Nitro will celebrate their forty-seventh wedding anniversary on June 18.

The My Hands to Larger Service Grant, funded by the WV 4H All Stars, provides funds to help clubs with community service projects.

In March, club members had a work party to clean up, pull weeds, and place new soil in the greenhouse and outdoor raised beds. Lettuce, radish, tomato, and flower seeds were planted by members at the April club meeting.

The month of May was busy harvesting the radishes and some

lettuce, which was used for the salad bar at BES. Club members also spent field day at the school and gave away over 100 tomato plants to BES students and families.

At their June club meeting, members harvested the remaining lettuce for the school salad bar.

The club would like to give a special thanks to Gritt's Farm, Tami Craig, Dawn Lemle, Coach Wyant and the BES students for all their help with this project.



## Library to Host Nature Walk

Walk a country mile with the Putnam County Library to go playing in the creek for this week's Fitness Friday on June 12! Meet up at 10 a.m. at the entrance to the Amherst-Plymouth WMA on Route 62 outside of Bancroft. You will walk approximately a mile down a gravel path to reach the low water bridge where you can spend some time wading, playing in the water, floating leaf boats, and searching for crawdads before heading back home for a rest on a beautiful day!

Hint: The WMA can be a little tricky to locate because it's so big, it lies within several zip codes! In your GPS, put the address 6360 Charleston Road, Red House, WV, and you should arrive right at the entrance of Plymouth Hollow on Rt 62 just outside of Bancroft.

## Mustang Club Cruise-In

The Mustang Club of West Virginia Open Cruise-In and Model Car Contest sponsored by Kevin Roberts of KARS) will be held on Saturday, June 13, from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Winfield Municipal Building. Music and entertainment by Hot Rod Grille of Winfield, West Virginia. Sponsored by Dunbar Printing, Auto Tech Imports, and the City of Winfield.

## Nitro Mini-Con

The Nitro Mini-Con will be held on Saturday, June 13, at the Nitro High School Commons area from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Forty vendors will be filling the room with your favorite comic books, toys, Pokemon and other collectibles!

There will be a Magic the Gathering pauper's tournament during the Mini-Con. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m., and game play begins at 1:30 p.m. Players have until 1:30 to build a 60 card deck from the supplied cards. No outside cards allowed. The cost to participate is \$20.

For more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/nitro.antiquemall>

## Tai Chi in Winfield

On the second and fourth Thursday of the month, the Winfield Community Center hosts tai chi lessons with certified instructor Teresa Marsh at 2 p.m.

These classes help to loosen your joints, improve your balance and create a sense of calmness mentally as you learn the components of this form of exercise.

Following the one hour class, everyone enjoys a time of visiting before dinner at 4 p.m. provided by the Putnam Aging Program.