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A Pull-Off Start to Hurricane's Independence Day Celebration



Mitch Fitzgerald used every ounce of his bulk and muscle to tow a 20-ton Hurricane Fire & Rescue firetruck during a pre-parade event on Main Street in Hurricane.

Parade and celebration photos can be found on Pages 8 and 9.

Entertainment Tent offerings throughout the fair include Bingo, Kids

Turn to Page 3 for the full schedule of events.

Hurricane City Council Approves Contested Rezoning

Traffic flow due to the frequent closure of Harbour Lane during flooding, while unrelated to the site preparation, may be relieved by constructing a connector that will provide direct access from Harbour Lane to U.S. Route 60. City

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The special operations team consists of 20 specially trained HFR firefighters and 7 specially trained HPD police officers. The Nitro Fire Department provided an additional boat to HFR

for this training event.

WEATHER SUMMARY		
June 30 - July 6		
	Low	High
June 30		
Hurricane	68°	94°
July 1		
Hurricane	69°	93°
July 2		
Hurricane	66°	97°
July 3		
Hurricane	69°	97°
July 4		
Hurricane	67°	94°
July 5*		
Hurricane	66°	93°
July 6*		
Hurricane	66°	89°

*RAIN
1.0 inch recorded July 5
0.5 inch recorded July 6

A black and white photograph of a group of approximately 12 people standing in a line in front of a building. On the left, a person is dressed in a sloth mascot costume. The group is holding a long ribbon, and one man in the center is using a pair of scissors to cut it. The building behind them has a large sign that reads 'Convenient' with a heart icon, and below it, 'Family Care Health Center'. The people are dressed in a mix of casual and business-casual attire.

The opening of the stand alone facility marks an important milestone for ConvenientCare as it expands access to convenient, affordable healthcare for residents of Putnam County and surrounding areas.

Putnam County Chamber of Commerce president Ashley Alford Glance recognized FamilyCare's 35 year's service to the community. Hurricane Mayor Scott Edwards welcomed the opening of the

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.

JULY 9

- The Nitro Women's Club will be holding a blessing box bingo event from 6 to 8 p.m. at the clubhouse, located at 2205 2nd Avenue and 23rd Street, Nitro. Bring non-perishable food items and receive bingo cards in return.
- The Putnam County Bank will be holding a groundbreaking ceremony for their new Winfield branch at 10 a.m. at 25 Summers Street, Winfield.
- Putnam Aging will be holding their 2026 Senior Picnic - "America's 250th: A Global Gathering" from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane.

JULY 10 - 18

- The Putnam County Fair will be held in Eleanor. For a schedule of events, go to <https://putnamcountyfairwv.com>
- ## JULY 10
- The Nitro Antique Car Club Cruze In will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. along 2nd Avenue in front of Nitro City Hall and Living Memorial Park.
 - Learn traditional Appalachian hoedown dancing at 10 a.m. at the Winfield Riding Club.

JULY 11

- There will be a beginner-friendly birding experience led by Michelle Platt and Laura Boggess at Ridenour Park in Nitro. Meet up at shelter #5 (near the dog park) at 9:00 a.m.
- There will be a watermelon crush fundraiser at 3 p.m. at Code 3 Health and Fitness, 236 Airgas Lane, Poca. The entry fee is \$5 and proceeds go towards women's heart health and the American Heart Association.
- The Poca River Hunting, Fishing & Recreation Club, 789 Dupont Road, Poca, will be holding a Family Fun Day that is open to the public. Swimming: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.; family bingo 4-6 p.m. Fireworks at dusk.

THE HURRICANE BREEZE

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Guest admission is \$6.36 per person.

- The Ty Strong Car Show to support Ty Laughery and his family will be held form noon to 5 p.m. at the Winfield Baptist Church. There is a \$10 entry fee for cars and motorcycles.
- There will be bingo at Valley Park in Hurricane. Doors open at 4 p.m.; games start at 5:30 p.m.
- The wood chipper will be at the Putnam County Recycling Drop Site on Midland Trail, Hurricane, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Studio LM, 1773 US Route 60, will be celebrating their one year anniversary from 3 to 6 p.m. Local vendors, food and drinks, and more.

JULY 12

- There will be a monthly bike ride at 2 p.m. at the Ridenour Lake at Nitro. Meet up at the trailhead beside the Dynamite Bike Skills Park pump track.
- Dave Edwards, candidate for Putnam County Commission, will be holding a campaign kick-off event from 12:30 to 4 p.m. at the Bancroft Town Park, 78 Jefferson Street, Bancroft.

JULY 13 - 17

- The First Baptist Church of Nitro, 2200 2nd Avenue, Nitro, will be holding Vacation Bible School from 5 to 8:30 p.m. each evening.

JULY 14

- There will be a Happy Trees instructional painting class from 6 to 9 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane. The cost is \$35 and all supplies are included. To sign up, go to <https://304tix.com/events/instructional-art-class-7-14-2026>
- The Putnam County Hooks and Needles Club will meet at 7 p.m. at St. Timothy's in the Valley Episcopal Church, 3434 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane.
- There will be a K9 police demonstration at 10 a.m. at the baseball field at Hurricane City Park.

JULY 15

- There will be a kids' nature journaling workshop at 10 a.m. at the Eleanor Library.

JULY 17

- There will be a hiring event hosted by Express Employment from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Diamond Electric, 159 Eleanor Industrial Park Drive, Eleanor.
- Fitness Friday: Walk the Meeks Mountain Trails with the Putnam County Library. Meet up at the steps at the back of the Hurricane City Park at 10 a.m.

JULY 18

- Red House Area Wide Clean Up: The Putnam County Solid Waste Authority will have a truck at the Moutain State Waste location at 1647 McLane Pike, Red House, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- There will be a social get together for adults with special needs from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Kitchen Table Cards and Games, 2940 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane (across from Big Time Bins).
- There will be a multi-family yard sale fundraiser for Girl Scout Troop 10365 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the John Henson Senior Center, 2800 Putnam Avenue, 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.

Hurricane Reservoir Stocked With Channel Catfish

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) announced on Monday, July 6, that the Hurricane Reservoir and other local lakes were stocked with channel catfish during the weeks of June 22 and June 29.

For more information about channel catfish stockings, visit at WVdnr.gov/fish-stocking. Anglers

may also find out what waters have been stocked by calling the stocking hotline at 304-558-3399.

All anglers 15 years and older are required to have a West Virginia fishing license and a valid form of identification while fishing in the state of West Virginia. Licenses may be purchased online at WVfish.com.

Families Invited to Explore the Art and Science of Flight

The Clay Center for the Arts & Sciences of West Virginia invites families to experience an afternoon of creativity, engineering, and friendly competition at Paper Pilots, taking place on Saturday, July 18, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Included with Museum admission, Paper Pilots

Deadline Approaching For State Fair Competitions

Entry deadlines for the 101st Annual State Fair of West Virginia are quickly approaching, with Home, Arts & Garden entries due by midnight on July 15, 2026.

Complete rules, regulations, premium books, and online registration are available at statefairfwv.com.

"We encourage everyone to get their entries in before the deadlines," said CEO Kelly Collins. "Competitive exhibits are one of the traditions that make the State Fair so special, and we look forward to celebrating your hard work during the 101st State Fair."

Each year, thousands of exhibits fill the fairgrounds, showcasing the talent, creativity, and agricultural excellence of West Virginians and exhibitors from across the region. Opportunities include livestock competitions for West Virginia 4-H, FFA, and Open Show exhibitors, along with a wide variety of Home, Arts & Garden classes featuring baking, canning, photography, fine arts, quilting, woodworking, floral design, agricultural produce, and much more.

The 101st Annual State Fair of West Virginia will be held August 13–22, 2026, in Lewisburg, West Virginia.

The State Fair of West Virginia is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and promoting agriculture, education, youth development, and family entertainment. A recent economic impact study found the Fair generates more than \$42.8 million annually for the state's economy.

Follow the State Fair of West Virginia on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok for the latest updates, and join the conversation using #SFWV2026.

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).

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

West Virginia is a state that seldom is mentioned in the news... so many of the ways this small state and its residents are portrayed in movies is negative. Also in books. This is discouraging to say the least. When we are featured, positively, it is exciting for me. I have thought of writing a book about growing up in this beautiful state. That has not happened. I don't think I have a book in me.

As to writing a book, I did once. It was fiction and the setting was small town, WV, during the Vietnam War. My protagonist was named Margaret, one of my favorite names. After my granddaughter, Margaret, arrived, I changed my character to Sandy, another favorite.

My book. A couple of students read it and liked it. At least, they pretended to. I let one person, a professional friend, read it. There just were not enough selling themes in my book... no violence... explicit scenes... etc. I put it away, forever I hope.

Someone should write a book about growing up in Hurricane during

A Special Social Event in Hurricane

Looking to make new connections, build lasting friendships, and have some fun? Come to Kitchen Table Games for a relaxed, welcoming social event tailored specifically for adults ages 18+ with special needs and their caregivers!

Come connect, laugh, and enjoy a fun morning together with cards, board games, and great company.

Date: Saturday, July 18
Time: 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Location: Kitchen Table Cards and Games (2940 Putnam Ave, Hurricane)

Cost: Free to attend!

Important Note: Caregivers are required to remain with special needs adults throughout the event.

Fill out the quick signup form here: <https://forms.office.com/r/sSTWZ0imrG>

Putnam County Food Pantries And Clothing Banks

Christian Community Cupboard	for more information.
2843 Virginia Avenue Hurricane (304) 562-9373	Good Shepherd Baptist Church
Food pantry open from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Fridays	162 Tiger Lane Scott Depot (304) 757-7621
Calvary Baptist Church	Monday - Thursdsay, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call before coming.
3653 Teays Valley Road Hurricane (304) 757-8829	Salt & Light Food Pantry
Call for food pantry hours.	Winfield Church of the Nazarene
Light House Baptist Church	10822 Winfield Road (304) 586-2180
2440 US Route 60 Hurricane 304-562-3900	Food pantry open second Saturday of the month; 9 a.m. - noon
Food pantry on the second Saturday of each month from 9-11 a.m. Church also offers free clothing giveaways on a regular basis.	The Pulse Church
Teays Valley Baptist Church	5368 WV Route 34 Winfield (304) 936-1679
3926 Teays Valley Road Hurricane (304) 380-3100	Food pantry open from 2 to 4 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month
Call for food pantry hours.	Putnam County Family Support Center
Heartbeat of the Valley	108822 Winfield Road Winfield
28 Mission Way Scott Depot (681) 235-2097	Hours of operation: 8:30 - 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
heartbeatofthevalley.com	Provides free resources, classes, and support to families.
Organization offers food pantry, community programs, and special events; call or go to webpage	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	for more information.
287 High Street https://www.facebook.com/BufaloBaptistWV	Good Shepherd Baptist Church
Food pantry on the third Friday of the month from 6 to 7:30 p.m.	162 Tiger Lane Scott Depot (304) 757-7621
Five Loaves Three Fishes	Monday - Thursdsay, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Call before coming.
Poca United Methodist Church	Salt & Light Food Pantry
Silver Street (304) 755-7341	Winfield Church of the Nazarene
Food pantry open from 9 a.m. to noon second and fourth Saturday	10822 Winfield Road (304) 586-2180
Heizer Creek Community Church	Food pantry open second Saturday of the month; 9 a.m. - noon
6580 Heizer Creek Road, Poca	The Pulse Church
Food pantry on the third Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. - noon.	5368 WV Route 34 Winfield (304) 936-1679
Food and More At The Bridge	Food pantry open from 2 to 4 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month
The Bridge Church 279 Dairy Road Poca (304) 373-6068	Putnam County Family Support Center
Church offers hot meals, food pantry boxes, and a clothing closet from 5 to 8 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month	108822 Winfield Road Winfield
Bridge Family Resource Center	Hours of operation: 8:30 - 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
30 Mallory Lane North, St. Albans 304-727-6991	Provides free resources, classes, and support to families.
Resource Day is held on the third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Clothing, furniture, household, and other items	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.

Putnam County Fair Schedule

Friday, July 10th			
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM - Registration of all 4-H & Open class Exhibits at the Putnam County Extension Office	11:00 AM - Gates Open	(Show/Sale Arena)	Caribbean (Midway)
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Register all Project Exhibits, Agricultural and Home Arts Exhibits (Exhibit Hall)	12:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Exhibit Hall Open	4:00 PM - Gates Open	11:00 PM - Fair Closes
12:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Register All Livestock Exhibits (except rabbits) at the Livestock barn	1:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Gambill Amusement Carnival Open	4:00 PM-9:00 PM - Exhibit Hall Open	Friday, July 17th
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Register all Market and Open Rabbit Exhibits at Rabbit Hutch	1:00 PM - Eggs/Poultry Project Judging (Show/Sale Arena)	6:00 PM - Pirates of the Coolombian Caribbean	2:00 PM - Track Gate Only Opens for Motocross
6:00 PM – 2026 Fair Officially Opens	1:00 PM & 3:00 PM - Appalachian Lads & Lassies (Entertainment Tent) (2 Shows)	6:00 PM - Appalachian Championship Wrestling (Entertainment Tent)	2:30 - 5:00 PM - Motocross Registration
6:30 PM - 11:00 PM - Gambill Amusement Carnival Open	3:00 PM - Youth and Open Pet Rabbit Show Market Rabbit Show (Show/Sale Arena) Showmanship to Follow	6:30 PM - 11:00 PM - Gambill Amusement Carnival Open	3:30 PM - Main Gates Open
7:00 PM & 9:00 PM - Pirates of the Colombian Caribbean (Midway)	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Meet and greet with Woody & Jessie (Entertainment Tent)	6:30 PM - Market Steer Show (Show/Sale Arena)	4:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Exhibit Hall Open
7:30 PM BINGO (Early Bird Games, Entertainment Tent)	3:30 PM - Pirates of the Colombian Caribbean (Midway)	Showmanship to Follow	5:00 PM - Putnam County Fair Annual Livestock Auction (Show/Sale Arena) (Registration at 4:00 PM)
7:30 PM - Mandatory Meeting for all Livestock Exhibitors and Parents at Show/Sale Arena	4:00 PM - Kid’s Kid Goat/Lamb Show (Show/Sale Arena)	6:30 PM - Kiddie Power Pedal Tractor Pulls (Located South of the Exhibit Hall)	5:00 PM - Pirates of the Colombian Caribbean
8:00 PM - BINGO (Entertainment Tent)	4:00 PM - Lawn Mower Races Registration	7:30 PM - Bulls, Broncs, and Barrels Presented by Diamond J. Rodeo (Motorized Events Complex)	6:30 PM - 11:00 PM - Gambill Amusement Carnival Open
8:00 PM - Bronco Junction (Amphitheater)	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Meet and Greet with Elsa & Anna (Entertainment Tent)	9:00 PM - Pirates of the Coolombian Caribbean	7:00 PM - 11:00 PM - Karaoke (Amphitheater)
Sponsored by Tri-State Industrial Supply	5:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Meet and Greet with Captain Jack & Moana (Entertainment Tent)	11:00 PM - Fair Closes	7:00 PM - Pirates of the Colombian Caribbean
11:00 PM - Fair Closes	5:00 PM - Lawn Mower Races Sponsored by Haven of Rest Memorial Gardens (Motorized Events Complex)	Wednesday, July 15th	8:00 PM - Line Dancing (Entertainment Tent)
Saturday, July 11th	5:00 PM - Meat Goats Show (Show/Sale Arena) Showmanship to follow.	4:00 PM - Gates Open	8:00 PM - Motocross Races Sponsored by Lovejoy Racing (Motorized Events Complex)
11:00 AM - Gates Open	5:30 PM - Pirates of the Colombian Caribbean (Midway)	4:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Exhibit Hall Open	(Riders Meeting at 6:10 PM) (Practice at 6:30 PM)
11:30 AM - Kids pageant ages newborn-24 months (Entertainment Tent) (Check in at 11:00 AM)	6:30 PM - Ewe & Me Show, immediately followed by Market Lambs (Show/Sale Arena) Showmanship to Follow	5:00 PM - Pirates of the Colombian Caribbean (Midway)	8:00 PM - The Weekend Warriors with Special Guest Paityn (Amphitheater)
1:00 PM-11:00 PM - Gambill Amusement Carnival Open (Closed from 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM for dinner)	7:30 PM - Pirates of the Colombian Caribbean (Midway)	6:00 PM - Demolition Derby Presented by J&K Promotions (Motorized Events Complex)	9:00 PM - Pirates of the Colombian Caribbean
1:30 PM - Kids pageant ages 25 mos.- 10 yrs (Entertainment Tent) (Check in at 1:00 PM)	9:00 PM - Market Hog Showmanship Practice (Show/Sale Arena)	6:30 PM - 11:00 PM - Gambill Amusement Carnival Open	11:00 PM - Fair Closes
3:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Exhibit Hall Open	9:30 PM - Fair Closes	6:30 PM - Heifer Show; Feeder Calves Show (Show/Sale Arena)	Saturday, July 18th
3:30 PM- Pirates of the Colombian Caribbean (Midway)	Monday, July 13th	Showmanship to Follow Combined classes	8:00 AM- Track Gate Opens
5:00 PM - American Farm Pullers Association Truck and Tractor Pulls (Motorized Events Complex) (Registration 4:00 PM)	4:00 PM - Gates Open	6:30 PM - Kiddie Power Pedal Tractor Pulls (Located South of the Exhibit Hall)	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM - 4-Wheel Drive Mud Run Registration (Motorized Events Complex)
6:30 PM- Pirates of the Colombian Caribbean (Midway)	4:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Exhibit Hall Open	7:00 PM - Appalachian Championship Wrestling (Entertainment Tent)	10:00 AM - Fair Opens
6:00 PM - Pet Show Sponsored by Pooch’s Resort (Show/Sale Arena) (Registration at 5:30 PM)	6:00 PM - Pirates of the Colombian Caribbean (Midway)	9:00 PM - Pirates of the Colombian Caribbean (Midway)	12:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Exhibit Hall Open
8:00 PM- Coronation of the 2026 Miss Putnam County Fair Queen (Amphitheater)	6:00 PM - Monster Trucks (Motorized Events Complex)	11:00 PM - Fair Closes	12:30 PM - Pirates of the Colombian Caribbean (Midway)
8:30 PM – LAKEVIEW (Amphitheater)	6:30 PM - 11:00 PM - Gambill Amusement Carnival Open	Thursday, July 16th	1:00 PM-11:00 PM - Gambill Amusement Carnival Open (Closed from 5:00 PM-6:30 PM for dinner)
9:30 PM- Pirates of the Colombian Caribbean (Midway)	6:30 PM - Barnyard Obstacle Course (Show/Sale Arena)	4:00 PM - Gates Open	1:00 PM - 4-Wheel Drive Mud Run (Motorized Events Complex)
11:00 PM- Fair Closes	6:30 PM - Kiddie Power Pedal Tractor Pulls (Located South of the Exhibit Hall)	4:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Exhibit Hall Open	2:00 PM - Kiddie Power Tractor Pull Championship (Show/Sale Arena)
Sunday, July 12th	7:00 PM - 11:00 PM - Off-Key Karaoke (Entertainment Tent)	4:00 PM - 10:00 PM - Motocross Registration Open for Friday Races (Motorized Events Complex)	3:00 PM - Ice Cream Eating Contest (Entertainment Tent)
7:00 AM - 9:00 AM - Putnam County 4-H Food Booth Open for Breakfast	8:00 PM - Market Hog Show (Show/Sale Arena)	5:00 PM - Pirates of the Colombian Caribbean (Midway)	3:30 PM - Pirates of the Colombian Caribbean (Midway)
10:00 AM - Cowboy Church (Show/Sale Arena)	9:00 PM - Pirates of the Colombian Caribbean (Midway)	6:00 PM - The Yates Family Gospel Night Sponsored by Solid Rock Investigations (Entertainment Tent)	5:30 PM - Pirates of the Colombian Caribbean (Midway)
	11:00 PM - Fair Closes	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - Kid Fun Barn Games (Show/Sale Arena)	7:00 PM - YEE HA-HA! Comedy Show (Entertainment Tent)
	Tuesday, July 14th	6:30 PM - 11:00 PM - Gambill Amusement Carnival Open	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Barn Dance (Show/Sale Arena)
	7:00 AM - 9:00 AM - Putnam County 4-H Food Booth Open for Breakfast	6:30 PM - Kiddie Power Pedal Tractor Pulls (Located South of the Exhibit Hall)	8:30 PM - Drew Baldrige (Amphitheater)
	9:00 AM - Market Hog Showmanship	7:30 PM - Old Timers Show (Show/Sale Arena)	9:30 PM - 11:30 PM - Exhibit Hall Projects Released
		9:00 PM - Pirates of the Colombian	10:00 PM - Fireworks Sponsored by Putnam County Bank
			11:30 PM - 2026 Fair Closes

Hurricane City Council

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manager Andy Skidmore said that he learned that a recently passed Neighborhood Access Bill by the state legislature could provide funding for the connector. The connector would be located east of the fishing pond on U.S. 60 and connect to Harbour Lane near the entrance to the rezoned property. Skidmore said the project, if approved by the State, would require the City of Hurricane and the Putnam County Commission to supply \$750,000 toward the cost of construction.

In business preceding action on the rezoning, Police Chief Mike Mullins announced that the police department will receive more than \$100,000 in seized drug money. The seizure involve two separate criminal parties. The first party traveled to Atlanta from Detroit to

deliver a large quantity of drugs. Upon payment, the first party placed the money in duffel bags and set out to return to Detroit. A second party followed the first party with the intent of stealing the \$225,000 in the duffel bags. When the first party stopped in Hurricane for gasoline and the need to answer a call of nature, the second party smashed the windows of the first party and fled with the duffel bags. A witness to the theft called 911 and the Hurricane PD responded. The witness was able to get the license plate number of the second party. The Putnam County Sheriff said that materials have been ordered for the construction of a pump track at Meeks Mountain Trails at City Park and city workers will begin construction before summer’s end. Construction by contractors on new pickleball courts at Bridge Park is also slated to begin.

In his report to council, Skidmore stated that a World Series event for Little League travel teams will be held at Bridge Park this weekend. The event will bring 60 teams from 20 states to Hurricane. Skidmore also announced that the plan to construct a bridge over Hurricane Creek to connect the two sections of Bridge Park is moving forward. The city council will next meet on Monday, August 3, at 6:30 p.m.

Putnam County Marriages

The following marriages were recorded by the Putnam County Clerk during the month of June:

Scott Gordon Richards Jr. to Lexie Britton Peterson Chase	Stephen Isaac Wallace to Lyla Brianne Watkins	Ethan Michael Young to Anna Michele Watson
Alexander Bishop to Karlie Shae Lafauci	Andrew Scott Dornbos to Bonni Lyn Roach	Jeremy Conner Walter to Emma Danielle Luikart
Adam Stephen Good to Angela Dawn Breeden	Christopher Daniel ring to Katie Lynn Murphy	Caden Dwayne Washington to Ariel Savannah Thomas
Andrew Marshall Burns to Tiffany Marie Keith	Pryce Martini Gritt to Mindy Nicole Taylor	Keegan Michael Mullins to Sydney Rose Wheeler
James Wayne McGill to Katie Elizabeth Moore	Frederick Clark Pace Jr. to Jenny Lou Chapman	Corey Jacob Wallen to Averie Lynn Hollopeter
Joshua James Kennedy to Kayla Ruth Wood	Paul David Taylor to Cynthia Jane Howerton	Winston Eugene Thomas Frampton to Kaiya Rose Henderson
Stephen Ray Loudermilk to Cassidy Jane Loften	Noah Ray Allen to Caitlin Elizabeth Blake	
Robert Lewis Richard to Arlene Evelyn Johnson	Jason Ryan Ellis to Patricia Ann Watson	Marriage Licenses were issued to the following individuals during June which marriages were recorded as of June 30, 2026:
Elijah David Crompton to Olivia Nicole Walker	Timothy Joseph Berry to Hannah Elizabeth Allinder	Ralph David Chaney II to Tina Louise Boyles
Matthew Bryan Dixon to Kari Lynne Wade	Leo Jackie Berry to Carrie Eileen Radford	Andrew Davisoon Miller to Kaylee Paige Kirkpatrick
Justin James Moore to Brielle Hope Barnett	Matthew Robert Pett to Carol Jean Ward	Brian Chase Lauerman to Isabella Angelina Hart
James Richard Givens to Takara Nicole Williams	Phillip Evan Mandt to Ashley Lynn Sinclair	Joseph Michael Reynolds to Eleanor Dee Truman
Brandon Michael Scarberry to Chelsea Marie Gillispie	Travis David Hanna to Rachel Renae Affolter	Jonathan B. Stump Jr. to Louisa Mae Smith
Norman Bruce Beck to Johanna Michelle Burdette	Bruce Allen Brown Sr. to Jodi Sue Harper	Riley Blaine Meadows to Kalei Alexis Jordan
Alec Mark Nguyen to Mahaylee Joyce Johnson	Dennis Charles Lucas to Cynthia Lynn McKenzie	Kenneth Walter Saunders Jr. to Kelly Dawn Davis
Shawn Alan Higginbotham to Marissa Lora Adkins	Bruce Harley McGrew to Destini Dawn Dailey	Robert William Palmer II to Kathy Joe Goins
Frederick Steven Adams to Daria Lynne Davis	William Hunter McDavid to Karlee Ann Edwards	Robert Seth Eugene Lewis to Kelly Beth Deal
Kimberly Lynn Ashley to Kelly Dawn Stover	Arthur Fredrick Rose Jr. to Isabella Nettie Vance	Dakota Douglas Ashley to Theresa Marie Deluca
	Hank Zachary Herald to Darian Elizabeth Wikel	
	Ronald Dexter Brunty Jr. to Sandra Lynn Jones	
	Andrew Michael Lucas to Nitalia Alizabeth Harris	

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



WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF DAMAGING OR DISTURBING A PIPELINE

If you cause or witness even minor damage to a pipeline or its protective coating during the course of an excavation project, immediately notify the pipeline company.

Even a small disturbance to a pipeline’s integrity may cause a future leak. A gouge, scrape or dent is cause enough for the company to inspect the damage and make any repairs necessary!



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Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen

Jokes From Linda

Submitted by Linda Lavender Armstead



Val was on the golf course when he took his iron and clambered down the embankment in search of his lost ball. After several minutes of hacking at the underbrush, he spotted something that was glistening in the leaves. As he drew nearer, he discovered that it was an 8 iron in the hands of a skeleton. Immediately he called out to his friend Owen, "I'm in trouble down here."

Owen asked from the edge of the ravine "What's the matter?"

Val, "Bring me my wedge; I can't get out of here with an 8 iron."

Mike was measuring the distance, figuring the wind direction and speed.

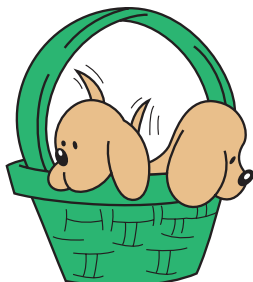
Finally, his partner Jake asked him what was taking so long to hit the ball.

Mike said, "My wife is up there watching me from the clubhouse. I want to make the perfect shot."

Jake said, "Forget it man, you'll never hit her from here."

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane



Onion Rings - fried vegetable donuts.

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

If a cop pulls over a U-Haul, do they bust a move?

Fish don't play basketball because they're afraid of the net.

The fight between electric companies turned into a power struggle.

Donald Duck was detained. Officials said he had an outstanding bill.

Relationships come and go, but zip ties, they hold things together.

Ginger tried to bake cookies. Ginger failed. Ginger snapped.

Where does the Pillsbury guy get poked? In the Ab-dough-men.

The panda who had his plants stolen was bamboozled.

I can't find the hackers; they must have ransomware.

I was fired from my taxi job; nobody thought I was fare.

If you cut off your left arm, your right arm would be left.

You can try to drive me crazy but I'm close enough to walk.

If you go to bed in a fireplace, you'll sleep like a log.

The shy pebble wished it was a little boulder.

I went to an antique auction; three people bid on me.

Elevator music bothers me on so many levels.

Pollen: When flowers can't keep it in their plants.

Dieting: mind over platter.

A criminal's best asset is his lie ability.

Venison for dinner? Oh deer!

A communist sniper is a marxman.

The virtue lies in the struggle, not in the prize.

An oak was once a little nut who held its ground.

By sheer coincidence bald sheep look familiar.

Do plumbers have pipe dreams?

Your brain gets stronger when you keep learning new things.

Pants should be worn at waist level; no ifs, ands, or butts.

Corduroy pillows are making headlines.

The bee got married because it found its honey.

Volcano exploded: it couldn't find a lavatory.

The Frenchman mauled by a lion was Claude.

Looking back, I really hurt my neck.

Do manicurists file their own taxes?

Return flights - they really take me back.

Your average potato is a commentator.

Books on tape were bound to happen. Purple has no bad shade.

Stupidity should be painful.

Faith starts with a prayer.

The best way to find love is to find God.

Hay fever is much achoo about nothing.

Ever have trouble cutting portions into thirds? Well, I halve.

I'd like to thank my legs for supporting me all these years.

Going to push a percussion instrument downhill - drumroll, please.

Does an apple a day keep the doctor away? Or is that one of Granny's myths?

Some people only talk about you because they have lost the privilege to talk to you.

Drinks spiked at roofers convention; all woke up with overhangs.

I keep planning to exercise but it's not working out.

If you eat yeast and shoe polish, you are sure to rise and shine.

Don't waste today's happiness on problems your future self won't even remember.

"Not all soils are created equal," said the top soil.

Keep a guitar in your car. It's good for traffic jams.

The parade of horses traveled down mane street.

Never play tennis with a cymbal; it makes a terrible racket.

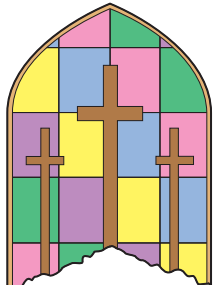
I wanted to join the debate team but I got talked out of it.

Giving away my extra vegetables. Stop by and take a leek.

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Sometimes difficulties vanish when boldly faced.

Bible Verse



Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

— Hebrews 4:16

Recipes

Submitted by Connie Reddington of Eleanor

Ain't Your Mama's Slaw
1 pkg. (12 oz.) broccoli slaw
1 cup red pepper strips
1 cup chopped fresh pineapple
1/3 cup dried cranberries
1/4 cup chopped red onions
1/3 cup Kraft Zesty Italian Dressing
1 tsp. brown sugar
1/3 cup Planters Sliced Almonds, toasted
Combine first 5 ingredients in large bowl. Mix dressing and sugar. Add to salad; toss to coat. Refrigerate 1 hour. Add nuts; mix lightly.

A Bold and Flavorful Al Fresco Favorite

(Feature Impact) Warm breezes that linger longer into the evening, wafting appetizing aromas through the air can only mean one thing: it's patio season. From casual porch gatherings to full-fledged backyard dinners, dining al fresco calls for vibrant dishes packed with flavor.

Inspired by the bold flavors of Mexican street corn, or elotes, these Street Corn-Inspired Stuffed Sweetpotatoes can serve as a hearty vegetarian entree, a colorful side dish to pair with grilled fare or the centerpiece of a casual build-your-own dinner spread alongside chilled drinks and easy conversation with loved ones. Providing a naturally creamy base, sweetpotatoes serve as the open-faced vessel for fresh (or frozen) roasted corn, lime juice, mayo, Greek yogurt, cilantro, jalapeno and Parmesan or cotija cheese.

Different from other potatoes using adjectives like white, red or russet to describe an entirely different vegetable, sweetpotatoes – one word as adopted by the National Sweetpotato Collaborators in 1989 to avoid confusion and make it part of the actual nomenclature rather than an adjective – are rich in vitamins A and C, minerals, antioxidants, fiber and potassium, all of which are good for overall health.

Find more recipes to elevate outdoor dining season at ncsweetpotatoes.com.

Street Corn-Inspired Stuffed Sweetpotatoes
Recipe courtesy of Crissy Caroll of Snacking in Sneakers on behalf of the North Carolina Sweetpotato Commission
Servings: 2

4 medium sweetpotatoes
2 tablespoons light or regular mayonnaise
2 tablespoons plain, nonfat Greek yogurt or light mayonnaise
1 lime, juice only
2 green onions, sliced
1/3 cup chopped cilantro
1/3 cup fresh shredded Parmesan or cotija cheese
1 tablespoon butter
2 ears fresh corn on the cob, husked, corn removed from stalk or about 1 1/2 cups frozen or canned corn
1 jalapeno, seeds and pith discarded, minced
1 teaspoon minced garlic
1/4 teaspoon chili powder
1/4 teaspoon smoked paprika
1/4 teaspoon salt

To cook sweetpotatoes: Use fork to poke holes and place on microwave-safe plate. Microwave potatoes 6-9 minutes, depending on size, until tender. Set aside.
In medium mixing bowl, mix mayonnaise, Greek yogurt and lime juice until well combined. Add green onions, cilantro and Parmesan; set aside.
Heat large skillet over medium heat. Add butter and melt. Add corn then cook 2 minutes.
Add jalapeno to skillet with corn, stir and cook 2 minutes.
Add garlic, chili powder, smoked paprika and salt. Stir and cook 1-2 minutes, until corn starts to lightly brown.
Remove from heat. Add skillet ingredients to bowl with mayo-yogurt mixture. Stir until well combined.
Slice cooked sweetpotatoes open and stuff with corn filling.



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Obituaries

JEAN K. GIBSON

We are heartbroken to share the news of the passing of Jean Kay Coburn Gibson, 81, who left us on July 1, 2026.

Jean was a devoted wife to her husband Darwin and deeply committed to her family. After the loss of her daughter, she became an even more important presence in the lives of her granddaughter, and two great grandsons, who she absolutely adored. She filled a space that could never truly be replaced and carried her daughter's memory forward in the way she loved and showed up for them.

She had a playful, youthful spirit that never faded. She wasn't afraid to be silly, whether it was laughing in the car, making dancing videos, before social media was even a thing, or just enjoying life in the moment. She went to movies and shopping with her daughter and granddaughter faithfully, and those shared experiences became some of the most treasured parts of their lives. Above all, she was strong in her faith, loving, patient, kind, and deeply cherished by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Jean is survived by her beloved husband of 62 years, Darwin Gibson; son in law, Randy Templeton (Sherry); granddaughter, Tatum Ferguson (Josh); two very special great grandsons: Gunner and Graham Ferguson; and sister, Lisa Johnson. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Sherri Templeton; her parents: Jim and Rosalie Coburn; and sisters: Patty Chandler and Glenna Childers.

Her life was a blessing, her memory a treasure. She was loved beyond words and will be missed beyond measure.

Funeral service for Jean was Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Rev. Jerry Losh officiating. Burial was in Valley View Memorial Park, Hurricane.

Mildred is survived

by her brother, George V. Adkins; son, Ernie Michael Hinkley (Virginia Irene); daughter, Beverly Dickerson (Steven) of Ky, and daughter Stephanie Stone (Samuel) of Maryland. She was preceded in death by her husband, Emery Ernie Hinkley; son, Steven E. Hinkley; daughter, Susan A. Hinkley; and grandson Steven Michael Hinkley. Mildred had 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She was a dedicated mother and grandmother. Mildred was much loved and will be greatly missed.

MARION PETER KING

Marion Peter King, 85, of Leon, passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday, June 27, 2026, with his loving family by his side.

Born and raised in Clay County, Marion was a retired diesel mechanic who was known for his strong work ethic and quiet nature. In his spare time, he enjoyed working word searches, woodworking, gardening, and had a lifelong fascination with trains, especially steam engines. He also had a special love for animals, particularly his dogs and his beloved cat, Mary Ann.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Nancy King; his children, Marion "Duke" King, Nancy Moore, and John King; his parents, Homer and Ina King; and his half-sister, Roseman.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Ina (David) Moore; daughter-in-law, Sandy King; son-in-law, Carlos Moore; his siblings, John King, Shelby (Ann) King, Thomas King, and Ruth (Paul) Tanner; five grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends.

Marion will be remembered for his hardworking spirit, his love of family, and the simple pleasures that brought him joy throughout his life.

In keeping with his wishes, there will be no services.

STEVEN D. NULL

Steven D. Null, 69, of Scott Depot, formerly of Buffalo, passed away Saturday, July 4, 2026, at CAMC memorial following a long illness. He was a devout Christian and

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possessed a strong faith.

Born September 16, 1956, he was the son of the late Boyd F. Null and Leota Ruth Buck Null. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two half-brothers and two half-sisters.

Steven is survived by one half-sister.

A graveside service will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, July 10, 2026, at Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House, with Danny Neal officiating. Burial will follow the graveside service.

Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor is in charge of arrangements.

CAROL SUE PICKERING

Carol Sue Pickering, 68, of Poca, passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 28, 2026, at CAMC General Division.

Born to the late Jack and Bonnie Cain, Carol was a 1975 graduate of Buffalo High School. She was a woman who found joy in life's simple pleasures. She loved traveling, spending time playing bingo, and expressing her creativity through crochet. Above all, Carol treasured her family and shared a special bond with her nieces and nephews, who brought her immense pride and happiness.

In addition to her parents, Carol was preceded in death by her grandparents, Lloyd and Lucy Cain, Alice Rau, and Abe Harris; her nephew, Jamie Cain; and her niece, Sarah Cain.

Left to cherish her memory are her devoted husband of 50 years, Joe Pickering; her siblings, Renee Horton, Duane Cain, and James (Tara) Cain; her nieces and nephews, Robert (Kaitlyn) Horton, Matison Cain, Dylan Cain, and Rachel Cain; and her beloved great-nieces, Charlotte and Emerson Horton, along with many extended family members and friends who will miss her dearly.

A Celebration of Carol's

Life was held Thursday, July 9, 2026, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel.

Carol will be remembered for her kind heart, her love of family, and the warmth she brought to those fortunate enough to know her. Her memory will live on in the hearts of all who loved her.

WILMA THOMAS

Wilma "Gay" Thomas, 78, was born on August 10, 1947, to George Catlett Jr. and Leah Briggs.

She was a college graduate and devoted 28 years of service to Marshall University, where she retired after serving as a Senior Administrative Secretary on the South Charleston Campus.

Gay was preceded in death by her mother, Jo Ann Grear; her father, George Catlett Jr.; her mother, Leah Davis Briggs; her sister, Missy Jeffries; her niece, Courtney Hatcher; and her nephew, Jaime Jeffries.

She is survived by her brother, Dale Catlett (Rusty) of Maple Fork, West Virginia; her sister, Jo Ellen Bragg (Roger) of Grandview, West Virginia; her sister, Lois Myles (Dean) of Daniels, West Virginia; her brother, G.W. Catlett III of Danville, Kentucky; her sister, Kanita Smith (Mike) of Daniels, West Virginia; her daughter, Elizabeth Karnes (Michael) of Poca, West Virginia; her son, Russell North (Wendy) of Poca, West Virginia; and her special mention daughter, Ryan Thomas.

Gay was a proud and loving grandmother to Amber North, Rachel Pudell, Erica Schau, Autumn Rollins, Erin Barbe, and Gracie North. She was also blessed with six great-grandchildren: Kohen, Annabelle, Charlotte, Karalynne, Noah, and Blake.

Gay was a faithful member of Heizer Community Church.

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smile, an infectious laugh, and countless words of wisdom, she forged unbreakable bonds and left lasting impressions on every person she encountered.

Throughout her career at Marshall University, Gay earned the admiration and respect of her colleagues for her innovation, dedication, and faithful service. Yet, if you had asked her what she considered her greatest accomplishment, she would have answered without hesitation: her family. She never missed an opportunity to brag about the people she loved or to work them into any conversation.

Gay's empathy and compassion ran deep within her heart. When her father, George, her mother, Leah, and her husband, James

Herbert, needed her most, she answered without hesitation, becoming their steadfast and strong anchor during their final days. She provided care, assistance, love, and, above all, an abundance of laughter.

Gay's friendship was invaluable, but her ability to listen, share casual chit-chat, engage in heartfelt conversations, and offer hard-hitting facts were what truly made her one of a kind.

A tribute to the life of Gay was held on Sunday, July 5, 2026, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastors Michael Karnes and David Bragg officiating. Burial was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House.

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God Sends a Righteous Branch

Jeremiah 23:1-8

The words before us should be read in the context of the Lord’s announcement that no man of the seed of Coniah (Jehoiachin) would rule from the throne of David (Jer. 22:30). Approximately four hundred years previously, the Lord had promised David that He (the Lord) would establish the kingdom of a king who would be of David’s seed whose kingdom and throne shall be forever. The promised king who would establish that kingdom would not be of the seed of Coniah who was of the seed of David. The promised kingdom and king were far future to the promise God made to David and future to the rule of Coniah.

“Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep” (v. 1). Pastors are keepers and leaders of the sheep. The pastors who had destroyed and scattered the sheep of God’s pasture were the spiritual and civil leaders of Judah whose leadership was cause for Nebuchadnezzar to carry Jews captive to Babylon. The warning, however, is directed to all pastors who would ever cause the sheep of God’s pasture to be scattered. The Lord’s judgment upon these pastors is future and shall fall upon all who would ever cause the sheep of His pasture to be destroyed or scattered.

“And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries . . .” (v. 3). The message which the Lord gave to Jeremiah to deliver was not given such that men might acquire increased head knowledge. God is speaking to an audience which needs to hear His message and respond to it. This audience includes the remnant which God shall gather. Those who are gathered need to know that their return to the land was something which did not just happen to happen. The remnant needs to know that it was God who gathered them into the land which He promised to the seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God wants the remnant to know that He is a keeper of His promises.

“ . . . and they shall be fruitful and increase.” The remnant will be fruitful and will increase. The remnant will witness God fulfilling His every promise.

“And I will set up shepherds over them . . .” (v. 4). God wants the remnant to know that the shepherds who shall lead them at this future time were chosen by Him and shall be directed by Him. More on these shepherds later.

“Behold, the days come . . .” (v. 5). The time shall come when God shall raise unto David a righteous Branch. The Branch which God will raise unto David is righteous. The Branch is the King who shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. The promised Branch is the seed of David whose kingdom and throne shall be forever (II Sam. 7:16). The promised Branch is the seed of David who will build “an house for my name” (II Sam. 7:13).

New Testament believers know the righteous Branch that God raised unto David. We know the Son of David who lived a sinless life and gave His righteousness to David and to all who believe that God counts belief for righteousness (Gen. 15:6). We know the Son of David (the Branch) who is the builder of the house of God which house shall stand forever. We know the Son of David who has and shall “justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities” (Isa. 53:11).

“In his days Judah shall be saved . . .” (v. 6). Judah shall be delivered from her earthly enemies (shall dwell in safety) and shall call the Branch, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. Judah shall know the Branch as New Testament believers know the Branch. Israel shall no longer proclaim the living God who brought them out of the land of Egypt (v. 7). Israel shall proclaim the living God who brought her out of the north country and from all other countries to dwell in their own land (v. 8). The Lord God who brought Israel out of Egypt is the same Lord God who has gathered her from the north country and all other countries. Israel shall know the Lord God in a new and marvelous way. Again, Israel shall know the Branch as New Testament believers know the Branch.

Returning to verse 4. The shepherds who shall feed the remnant shall dish out food (spiritual understanding) that shall be cause for the remnant to know God in a new way. Israel shall be filled with spiritual food. It is the same food which has been and continues to be the cause by which all nations of the earth are blessed through Abraham (Gen. 12:3).

Jeremiah was given a message that was and is for the ears of the remnant which the Branch would bring out of the north country and all other countries but it is not for the ears of the remnant alone. New Testament believers look upon Israel of today and see a remnant that has prospered and increased. We do not, however, see the shepherds of which Jeremiah prophesied. We see a remnant which continues to say: “The Lord liveth, which brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt.” If these shepherds are the 144,000 whom the Lord shall seal (Rev. 7:4), they shall not begin to feed the sheep until the Lamb (the Branch) has opened the sixth seal (Rev. 6) of the book that no man can open or look upon (Rev. 5:3).

The Lord has revealed that which shall come because the Branch desires that we be ready when He returns. Until that time, let us love one another and tell others of His love. “Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book” (Rev. 22:7).



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Nathan	Thurs 8:00 - 5:30
Robert (Al) Arnold	Fri 8:00 - 5:30
Phone 562-5707	Sat 7:30 - 3:00

KIDS TALK ABOUT GOD

BY CAREY KINSOLVING AND FRIENDS

What Can We Learn From Jesus’ First Resurrection Appearance to His Disciples?

“If I saw Jesus after he rose from the dead, I would probably scream, then faint, then scream again!” says Lily, 10. “Then I would hug him and ask if he brought snacks.”

Jesus didn’t bring snacks when he first appeared to his disciples on Easter evening, but he did bring something far better: peace, purpose, and power.

In John 20:19-23, we read that the disciples were hiding behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. They had just seen their Lord crucified. Even though they had heard rumors of an empty tomb, fear still controlled them.

Suddenly, Jesus stood in their midst. His first words? “Peace be with you.”

“Jesus said ‘peace’ because they were probably freaking out,” says Caleb, 9. “They thought he was dead, and now he’s standing in front of them.”

Yes, shocking indeed, but true. But Jesus didn’t scold them for running away during his arrest or for hiding. He offered them his peace.

“It’s like when you mess up but your parents still love you,” says Abigail, 11.

That’s the kind of peace only Jesus can give. Jesus’ peace quiets fear, forgives failure, and brings comfort even in chaos.

Then, Jesus showed them his hands and side. The scars were still there. He wanted them to know he wasn’t a ghost or an imposter.

Jesus’ scars are proof of both identity and love. He didn’t just rise from the dead. He overcame death by dying for us. And he chose to keep the scars, not as a reminder of pain, but as eternal evidence of his love.

After showing his hands and side, Jesus said again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent me, I also send you.”
That’s where the mission begins. The

disciples weren’t just forgiven and comforted. They were sent.

These same frightened disciples would soon become bold witnesses. What changed them? Jesus’ presence, peace, and purpose.

But he didn’t leave them to do this mission alone. Jesus breathed on them and said “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

The Holy Spirit is the comforter who empowers all believers. Jesus didn’t ask his followers to go out and change the world on their own. He gave them the same Spirit that had empowered him.

This marks a new beginning in the New Covenant age. Under the Mosaic Covenant or during Old Testament times, God visited his people. You could say it was a visitational culture. God’s presence came and departed upon individuals and in the temple at Jerusalem. Now, we see the beginnings of a habitational culture where God takes up residence in his people (I Corinthians 6:19).

Jesus also said, “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

That doesn’t mean the disciples could forgive sins like God does. It means they were authorized to announce forgiveness through the gospel. When someone believes in Jesus, we can confidently say, “Your sins are forgiven.” That’s the good news we are sent to share.

Think About This: Jesus appeared to his disciples not to scare or surprise them, but to prepare and send them. He still offers peace to our fears, purpose to our lives, and power through his Spirit.

Memorize This Truth: “Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace to you! As the Father has sent me, I also send you” (John 20:21).

Ask This Question: If Jesus stood in front of you today and said, “I’m sending you,” what would you do next?

Putnam Property Transfers

The following property transfers were recorded by the Putnam County Clerk between May 18, 2026 and June 1, 2026:

Triton WV LLC to New River Gorge Development Company LLC - Parcel, Hurricane District for \$5,100,000.00.

Robert and Susan Pate to Tyler and Allison Francis - Lot, White Pine Subdivision, Scott District for \$375,000.00.

Sandra Reedy and Ada Sanson to Justin Moore - Lot, Red House Farms, Union District for \$220,000.00.

James and Mary Cox to Jeff and Cherith Altizer - Two Parcel, Woodridge Estates, Teays Valley District for \$1,100,000.00.

Jerri Amburgey and Andra Lloyd to David and Terri Hensley - Lot, Woodland Forest, Winfield District for \$260,000.00.

Kalvin Watts to Cord Midkiff and Hannah Clatworthy - Parcel, Scott District for \$235,000.00.

Charles Rucker to Erin Wingate - Lot, Virginia Heights, Curry District for \$219,000.00.

Jeni Edwards and Kimberly Miles to Joshua and Sarah Mitts - Lot, Hurricane Court, Hurricane District for \$219,000.00.

Keith and Janice Ledsome to Jeromy Eagan - Lot, Teays Village, Scott District for \$225,000.00.

Shannon Sutherland to Michael and Meghan James - Lot, Steeple Chase, Teays Valley District for \$415,000.00.

Larry Jackson to Benjamin and Melissa Cohen - Lot, Rolling Meadows Estates, Scott District for \$265,000.00.

Roderick Casto to Alec Miller and Samantha Cato - Two Parcels, High School Addition, Hurricane District for \$189,000.00.

Steven McGrew to Andrea Thornton - Lot, Hickory Hills Subdivision, Scott District for \$390,000.00.

Elizabeth Mizen and Karin Riccardi to H3 LLC - Two Parcels (1/2 Oil and Gas Minerals), Curry District for \$1,000.00.

Thomas and Maria King to Qianhong Li and Landys Guo - Lot, Virginia Meadows Subdivision, Curry District for \$307,000.00.

West Virginia Warehousing LLC to Pilot Thomas Logistics LLC - Two Tracts, Poca District for \$2,100,000.00.

Gary Reedy to Roger Reed - Lot, Silver Valley Estates, Poca District for \$156,800.00.

Richard and Brenda Taylor to Kobe Stewart - Lot, Forest Park, Poca District for \$134,550.00.

Frank and Tammy Johnson to John and Suzanne Dye - Lot, Knollview Estates, Teays Valley District for \$240,000.00.

Michael Walker to Zachary and Cassidy Carr - Two Lots, Ranch Lake Estates, Scott District for \$215,000.00.

Amanda LeMasters to Cameron and Sara Roberts - Parcel, Curry District for \$310,000.00.

Matthew Duncan to Brandon and Lauren Stone - Lot, Rosehill Acres, Scott District for \$700,000.00.

Sami and Berneda Ghareeb to Poca Dental PLLC - Two Parcels, Poca Town District for \$297,000.00.

Samira Company Inc to JCLS Property Management Company LLC - Two Parcels, Mount Vernon Heights, Scott District for \$470,000.00.

Kalila Company Inc to Mounir Ghareeb - Lot, Nitro District for \$35,000.00.

Kalila Company Inc to Mounir Ghareeb - Two Parcels, Scott District for \$485,000.00.

Kalila Company Inc to Mounir Ghareeb - Two Lots, Kline Subdivision, Scott District for \$27,000.00.

CV Management LLC to EBE Investments Inc - Parcel, Winfield District for \$251,000.00.

Matthew and Angela Watters to Eric and Bonnie Harrison - Lot, Eleanor District for \$37,500.00.

Staci Clutters to Matthew and Kasey Kline - Lot, Nitro District for \$189,900.00.

Donald Rayburn to Stephanie Peterson - Parcel, Buffalo District for \$205,000.00.

Dan Duncan to Benjamin Casey - Lot, Cane Creek Crossing, Winfield District for \$329,000.00.

Chelsie McFaddin Howsare to Benjamin Burdette - Lot, River Valley Subdivision, Poca District for \$266,326.00.

HG Investment Properties LLC to Tyler and Maci Hudson - Parcel, Union District for \$120,000.00.

Lawrence and Lois Hayes to Michael Fagan and Rosan Acosta - Lot, Alexanders Place, Teays Valley District for \$405,000.00.

Katelyn Coiner Aubry to Darell Coyner - Parcel, Teays Valley District for \$80,000.00.

Lett Property Development LLC to Charles and Amber Newman - Lot, North Woods, Eleanor District for \$25,000.00.

Raymond Breckenridge and Melissa Belmont to Alec and Katelyn Moran - Lot, Thistle Woods Subdivision, Scott District for \$449,500.00.

Ryan and Christine Schwartz to Jared and Lindsey Chapman - Lot, Woods & Irons South, Scott District for \$530,000.00.

John Adams and Amy Cope to Gary and Carma Lyons - Lot, Westbury, Scott District for \$290,000.00.

Joseph and Heather Kessler to Zachary and Rachel Sallade - Two Parcels, Sleepy Hollow Township, Teays Valley District for \$480,000.00.

Southern Charm Rentals LLC to Ernest and Tammy Anderson - Parcel, Hurricane District for \$190,000.00.

Sue Brenan to Andrew and Emily Brown - Lot, Forest Park, Poca District for \$235,000.00.

Gail Harrison to Daniel Baran - Parcel, Poca District for \$48,000.00.

David and Joann Thornton to Elizabeth Jenkins - Two Parcels, Scott District for \$208,160.00.

Randy Browning to Julie Huffman - Lot, Cedar Hills Addition, Eleanor District for \$495,000.00.

PP&J Structures and General Contracting LLC to Douglas and Angela Butler - Lot, Residences at Jordan Place, Scott District for \$290,000.00.

James Fields and Lisa Yauger to James Slater - Lot, Saunders Addition, Nitro District for \$166,000.00.

Carli Withrow Rogers to John and Sherri Mays - Lot, Litton Heights, Scott District for \$267,500.00.

Lana Dunnigan to Jacob and Sasha Pitman - Lot, Woods & Irons South, Scott District for \$483,900.00.

Vanessa Higginbotham and Carla Rodman to Cee Consulting LLC - Two Parcels, Red House Farms, Eleanor District for \$31,101.89.

Joseph and Heather Kessler to Zachary and Rachel Sallade - Two Parcels, Sleepy Hollow Township, Teays Valley District for \$480,000.00.

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
NOTICE TO REDEEM 2023-C-000005 - Putnam County To: MICHAEL E. MILLER, CHARLES MILLER, LINDA WATSON, SUSAN M. CLARK, EMMA JOY TUCKER, STEPHEN TUCKER, STEPHEN TUCKER, DAVID TUCKER, DAVID TUCKER, DONALD TUCKER, DAVID MORHBACHER, OCCUPANT, ALL OF THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, CREDITORS, REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS OF ALLEN TUCKER WHOSE ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN, ALL OF THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, CREDITORS, REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS OF VIRGINIA I. SAAD WHOSE ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN, ALL OF THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, CREDITORS, REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS OF MARTHA M. MILLER WHOSE ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN, ALL OF THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, CREDITORS, REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS OF KENNETH JEFFERS WHOSE ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN, ALL OF THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, CREDITORS, REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS OF JAMES A. TUCKER WHOSE ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN, ALL OF THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, CREDITORS, REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS OF DEBORAH MORHBACHER WHOSE ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN, 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 BUFFALO MAP 113 PARCEL 0003 0000 0000
You will take notice that BACK CREEK PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, the purchaser of the following real estate, Cert. No. 2023-C-000005, located in BUFFALO District, 0.86 AC ROBERTSBURG, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of TUCKER ALLEN, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of PUTNAM County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on February 19, 2026. BACK CREEK PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after December 1 2026, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before November 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 2022 - \$123.59 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 to for tax year 2023-2030. \$52.06 Additional taxes with interest. \$0.00 Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$117.68 Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest. \$998.66 Additional Statutory Fees with interest. \$0.00 Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$1,291.99 You may redeem at any time before November 30, 2026, by paying the above total less any unearned interest. <i>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.</i> Given under my hand June 25, 2026 <i>Christal G. Perry</i> 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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District for \$495,000.00.

PP&J Structures and General Contracting LLC to Douglas and Angela Butler - Lot, Residences at Jordan Place, Scott District

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
Notice of Public Meeting The Putnam County Planning Commission will meet on Thursday, July 23, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 221 of the Putnam County Courthouse, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213 to conduct business and hold the following public hearing. PCPC REZ 2026-05 Mylissa Spradling has submitted a Zoning Amendment Application for a Rezoning for Tax Map 223H, Parcels 80.2 and 80.3, which totals 0.9953 +/- acre with the address of 125 Carl's Lane in Scott Depot, WV 25560. The request is to rezone the properties from "R-1" Single Family Residential District to "C-1" Suburban Commercial District. All interested parties are invited to attend this meeting and will be granted an opportunity to speak. 7-9-1t
LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
Notice of Public Hearing Rescheduled The Putnam County Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 6:30 pm in room 221 of the Putnam County Courthouse, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV to conduct regular business and hold the following public hearings: BZA-VAR 26-02: James Vanoy, on behalf of TJ-Tech LLC, has requested a zoning variance from the required twenty (20) foot rear setback to permit a rear setback of five (5) feet, seven (7) inches for the construction of a storage garage at 31 Weatheridge Drive, Hurricane, West Virginia (Tax Map 222, Parcel 39). The property is zoned 'C-1' Suburban Commercial. BZA-VAR 26-04: James Vanoy, on behalf of TJ-Tech LLC, has requested a zoning variance from the required 10-foot screening area to permit a screening area of five (5) feet, seven (7) inches for the construction of a storage garage at 31 Weatheridge Drive, Hurricane, West Virginia (Tax Map 222, Parcel 39). The property is zoned 'C-1' Suburban Commercial. BZA-SPC 26-03: James Vanoy, on behalf of TJ-Tech LLC, has applied for a Special Use Permit to allow contractor and building supplies storage at 31 Weatheridge Drive, Hurricane, West Virginia (Tax Map 222, Parcel 39). The property is zoned 'C-1' Suburban Commercial. All interested parties are invited to attend this meeting and will be granted an opportunity to speak. 7-9-1t
LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH A BRANCH OF A STATE MEMBER BANK Notice is hereby given that Putnam County Bank, a bank chartered in the state of West Virginia, headquartered at 2761 Main Street in Hurricane, West Virginia 25526, intends to apply to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to establish a branch at 8026 Rt. 60 East; Barboursville, West Virginia 25504. The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the application including the record of performance of applicant banks in helping to meet local credit needs. You are invited to submit comments in writing on this application to the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, P.O. Box 27622, Richmond, VA 23261. Comments can also be sent electronically to comments.applications@rich.frb.org . The comment period will not end before July 27, 2026. The Board's procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262. Procedures for processing protested applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. 262.25. To obtain a copy of the Federal Reserve Board's procedures, or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the application, contact Brent B. Hassell, Assistant Vice President, at (804) 697-2633. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the application if they are received in writing by the Reserve Bank on or before the last day of the comment period. The public is also invited to submit written comments regarding this application to the West Virginia Board of Banking and Financial Institutions. Write Commissioner of Financial Institutions, 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 306, Charleston, West Virginia 25302 7-9-1t
LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
AIR QUALITY PERMIT NOTICE Notice of Application Notice is given that Disposal Services Inc. (Sanitary Landfill Hurricane Facility) has applied to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality, for a Class II Administrative Update for a municipal waste landfill located on 1100 State Route 34 South, in Hurricane, in Putnam County, West Virginia 25526. The latitude and longitude coordinates are: 38.427248 and -81.988218. The applicant estimates the facility-wide potential emission after the Class II Administrative Update for the following Regulated Air Pollutants will be: Carbon Monoxide – 52.055 tons/yr Nitrogen Oxides – 3.5525 tons/yr Particulate Matter (PM2.5) – 8.66 tons/yr Particulate Matter (PM10) – 21.75 tons/yr Total Particulate Matter – 114.1 tons/yr Sulfur Dioxide -.05 tons/yr Volatile Organic Compounds – 38.64 tons/yr Startup of operation is planned to begin on or about August 2026. Written comments will be received by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality, 601 57th Street, SE, Charleston, WV 25304, for at least 30 calendar days from the date of publication of this notice. Written comments will also be received via email at DEPAirQualityPermitting@WV.gov . Any questions regarding this permit application should be directed to the DAQ at (304) 926-0499, extension 41281, during normal business hours. Dated this (Day) day of (Month), (Year).
By: Disposal Services Inc. (Sanitary Landfill Hurricane Facility) Adam Finley Director of Disposal Operations 100 Rangos Lane Washington, PA 15301
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for \$290,000.00.

James Fields and Lisa Yauger to James Slater - Lot, Saunders Addition, Nitro District for \$166,000.00.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
Notice of Public Meeting The Putnam County Commission will meet on Tuesday, August 25, 2026 beginning at 5:00 p.m. in Room 221 of the Putnam County Courthouse, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV The following will be on the agenda for discussion and possible decision. All interested parties are invited to attend. PCPC REZ 2026-04 Valdeacourt Farm Limited Partnership has submitted a Zoning Amendment Application for a Rezoning for 15231 Winfield Road (Tax Map 172, Parcels 2 and 3) in Winfield, WV 25213. Per the recorded Deed, the parcels total 305 acres. The request is to rezone the properties from "R-R" Rural Residential District to "C-2" High Density Commercial District. On June 25, 2026, The Putnam County Planning Commission held a public hearing for the application and voted to recommend rezoning approval to the Putnam County Commission. 7-9-2t
LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
To the Creditors and Beneficiaries of the following deceased persons estates: I have before me the estates of the deceased persons and the accounts of the fiduciaries of their respective estates as listed below: Estate No.: 6420 Estate Of: John Arbuckle Barnes Executrix: Martha J. Hill 302 Hunters Rdg Rd Charleston, WV 25314 Estate No.: 6484 Estate Of: John Raymond Francis Administrator: Joseph H. Francis 60 McClure Drive Scott Depot WV 25560 Estate No.: 6515 Estate Of: Cora Dynese King Administratrix: Lora D. Bailey 2848 Virginia Ave Hurricane, WV 25526 Estate No.: 6507 Estate Of: Kay Frances Lee Executor: Paul S Lee 18 Woodhaven Drive Huntington, WV 25701 Estate No.: 6472 Estate Of: Janet Deloris Slawter Administrator: Walter Slawter 124 Willowodd Circle Hurricane, WV 25526 Delinquent Appraisements: Estate No.: 6418 Estate Of: Opal Delores Johnson Administrator: Gregory Allen Johnson 2992 Market St Ext. Washington, NC 27889 Estate No.: 6417 Estate Of: Debora Lynn Estep Pauley Executor: Jason Pauley 2628 Montana Ave Hurricane, WV 25526 Estate No.: 6414 Estate Of: James L. Teed Co-Executrix: Joan Helmrich 2603 Claxton Drive Hermdon, VA 20171 Co-Executrix: Jerald W. Teed 42 Old Bethel Rd Newtown CT 06470 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 July 9, 2026, or if not, to exhibit the same at the office of the undersigned Fiduciary Supervisor at the address shown below by said date; otherwise any or all such claims may by law be excluded from all benefits of said estate(s). No claims against the estate shall be accepted by the fiduciary supervisor after said date. All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear either before the above-named fiduciary by the date first shown above, or thereafter before the undersigned fiduciary supervisor by the date last shown above to examine said claims and otherwise protect their respective interests. All persons seeking to impeach or establish a will must file a complaint pursuant to W. Va. Code. Any person objecting to the representative's qualifications, venue or jurisdiction must file a complaint within 60 days of July 9, 2026. Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 2nd day of July 2026 Fiduciary Supervisor Putnam County Commission 10293 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213 7-9-2t
LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA In Re: Change of Name from Angela Dawn Breeden to Gianna Sophia Good LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING Civil Action No. 26-P-50 Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of July, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Judge Mark Sorsaia, Angela Dawn Breeden will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia for the entry of an order by said Court, changing her name from Angela Dawn Breeden to Gianna Sophia Good, 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 form 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 June, 2026. Stephanie M. Smith/cs Putnam County Circuit Clerk 7-2-2t
LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA In Re: Change of Name from Brian Asher Adams to Brian Asher Smith LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING Civil Action No. 26-P-48 Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of August, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Judge Phillip Stowers, Mackenzie Smith will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia for the entry of an order by said Court, changing her child's name from Brian Asher Adams to Brian Asher Smith, 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 form the undersigned Clerk at her office at 12093 Winfield Road, Ste. 12, Winfield, WV 25213. Entered by the Clerk of said Court this 26th day of June, 2026. Stephanie M. Smith/cs Putnam County Circuit Clerk 7-2-2tw
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Hurricane Independence Day Parade



Members of Marine Corps League Detachment 1474 led the parade.



Members of the HHS and HMS Bands marched in the parade.



Patriotic lawnmowers made their appearance.



Beauty Queens promoted the Putnam County Fair.



ATVs were plentiful.



This is one of the first tractors Ford produced following World War II.



Beauty queens from near and far participated in the parade.



The Hurricane City Council had smiles aplenty for spectators.



A birthday cake fitting for America's 250th.



Hurricane Independence Day Celebration Royalty.



America's bird was part of the parade.



The most patriotic concrete truck ever.

Buffalo Independence Day Parade



Buffalo Baptist Church float featured a lot of color



Tiara Thornton rides on Buffalo VFD's first firetruck.



This pickup just might have been in a 4th of July parade 70 years ago.



The Bancroft VFD was one of four fire departments to participate in the parade.



Flags were a flying.



These bikers provided a taste of tradition.



The Bison Band made its faithful appearance in the parade.



One of three horses in the parade.

Bridge Park Independence Day Festivities



A portion of the long line waiting for free Independence Day t-shirts.



The American Song Book Kids Show was an outstanding history lesson.



Magician Mark Wood fashions balloon hats.



Customers wait in line for free ice cream.



VICKI HOLSOPPLE MORRIS Mt. Vernon Road Hurricane 73rd Birthday June 30	82nd Birthday July 12
JENNIFER NICOLE SMITH DIAL Hurricane 50th Birthday July 5	GARY EGGLETON 15 Barbara Circle Scott Depot 77th Birthday July 12
MARIE TERRY Nitro 77th Birthday on July 9	TIM MESSINGER 340 Fall Creek Branchland 59th Birthday July 12
TOMMY JOE SOWARDS Hurricane 76th Birthday July 10	CHARLENE ARMSTEAD 1047 Charley's Creek Road Culloden 53rd Birthday July 13
CHANCE GETER Englewood, Florida 13th Birthday July 10	DAVID CORNELL Route 2, Box 120-A Milton Birthday July 13
MARLENE FETTY 2737 Collis Avenue Huntington Birthday July 10	NORMAN PAUL SPENCE Box 35 Bias Fork Road West Hamlin 37th Birthday July 13
DERRICK TYLER ERWIN 5538 Hurricane Creek Road Hurricane 23rd Birthday July 10	GARY SMITH JR 19 Washington Hill Road Hurricane 58th Birthday July 13
RYAN AKERS Frazier's Bottom 47th Birthday July 10	DANNY MOORE Winfield 48th Birthday July 13
SADIE MAY FRAZIER Frazier's Bottom 14th Birthday July 10	SHIRLEY HENSON KIDD Columbus, Ohio 86th Birthday July 14
SUSIE BALL ORDERS 353 Baker Lane Charleston 93rd Birthday July 11	CONNIE WILLIAMS 913 Rear Little Fuge Creek Road Barboursville 73rd Birthday July 14
CATHY QUALLS FRALEY 183 Pine Ridge Road Scott Depot 71st Birthday July 11	JACKIE LEE ROSE SR 2662 2nd Street Hurricane 80th Birthday July 14
KIM PHILLIPS 152 Hidden Valley Estates Scott Depot 53rd Birthday July 11	JEFFREY KING North Carolina 55th Birthday July 14
DONNA HIGGINBOTHAM 1549 Spring Branch Road Leon 85th Birthday July 11	GREG BIRD 638 Sleepy Hollow Road Hurricane 56th Birthday July 14
GERI DILLON LAPELLE Huntington 43rd Birthday July 12	TITUS AARON ASHWORTH 4714 5&20 Mile Road Frazier's Bottom 11th Birthday July 14
BETTY BIAS 230 Railroad Avenue Branchland	GAVIN DUNCAN St. Albans 19th Birthday July 15



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Nitro Antique Car Club To Host Cruise In

The Nitro Antique Car Club Cruze In will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, July 10, along 2nd Avenue in front of Nitro City Hall and Living Memorial Park. There will be DJ Music and free hot dogs, chips and drinks, and plenty of good old fashion fellowship.

BEVERLY LEMLEY 1307 3rd Street Milton 68th Birthday July 15	CHELSEA PAULEY MANNON 122 Countryside Estates Scott Depot 38th Birthday July 15
D W “PEACHY” ARTHUR 1355 Hereford Road Hurricane Birthday July 15	JAMES FAULKNER Picture Rocks, Arizona 84th Birthday July 15
PATTY MILBEE SHIRKEY Flatwoods, Kentucky 77th Birthday July 16	EDDIE RUSHBROOK Scott Depot 76th Birthday July 16
HANNAH HAGE CHILDERS Hurricane 42nd Birthday July 16	

Happy Anniversary

Greg and Stacy Hambrick Losh of Culloden will celebrate their seventeenth wedding anniversary on July 11.

Brandon and Candy Scarberry of John’s Creek Road in Milton will celebrate their tenth wedding anniversary on July 11.

Michael and Lisa Spurlock Tincher of Hurricane will celebrate their thirtieth wedding anniversary on July 11.

Edward (Buddy) and Gayle Chapman of 5201 5&20 Road in Frazier’s Bottom will celebrate their fifty-second wedding anniversary on July 12.

Danny and Sue Hudnall of 78 Chapman Drive in Milton will celebrate their wedding anniversary on July 12.

Greg and Angela Sovine Bird of 193 SW Atlas Drive in Fort White, Florida, will celebrate their thirty-sixth wedding anniversary on July 13.

Mitchell and Jennifer Day Farrar of 574 Fairwood Road in Huntington will celebrate their thirty-sixth wedding anniversary on July 14.

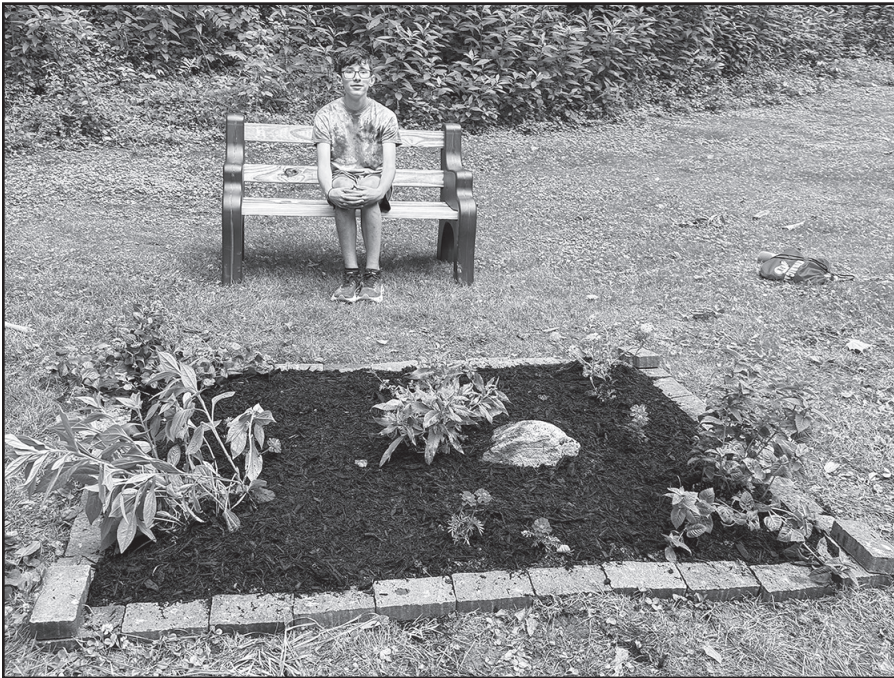
Darren Rodney and Lora Vance of 4217 Lon Bledsoe Road in Milton will celebrate their sixteenth wedding anniversary on July 14.

Rev. John and Elaine Hathaway of 1360 Hillview Drive in Milton will celebrate their wedding anniversary on July 15.

Michael and Angel Qualls Willis of Yates Crossing in Milton will celebrate their twentieth wedding anniversary on July 15.

Dan and Kathy Burdette Cornell in Key West, Florida, will celebrate their thirtieth wedding anniversary on July 15.

Local 4-H Member Completes Community Improvement Project At Valley Park



Markus LeMasters, a member of the Eleanor Explorers 4-H Club, recently completed his “My Hands to Larger Service” grant project at Valley

Stephenson Named To Wofford College’s Dean’s List

Tayven Meadow Stephenson of Winfield has been named to Wofford College’s spring 2026 Dean’s List.

Wofford College, established in 1854, is a four-year, residential liberal arts college located in Spartanburg, South Carolina. The college is nationally known for its outstanding faculty, study abroad participation, successful and supportive graduates and commitment to making college affordable and accessible; 99% of students receive some form of financial assistance. The college’s 190-acre campus, located within walking distance of Spartanburg’s thriving downtown, is home to about 1,800 undergraduates. In addition to a rigorous academic program and experiential learning opportunities (study abroad, career preparation, research and community-based learning), Wofford students enjoy Division I athletics, fraternity and sorority life and an active visual and performing arts scene.

Maggie Oduor Graduates Point Park University

Maggie Oduor, of Hurricane, graduated from Point Park University with a degree in Bachelor of Science.

Oduor was among more than 350 students to receive their bachelor’s degrees on May 8, 2026.

Point Park University, immersed in the heart of Downtown Pittsburgh, focuses on student success through innovative experiential learning opportunities. Point Park enrolls nearly 3,700 students in over 100 undergraduate, master’s and doctoral programs offered through its Conservatory of Performing Arts (School of Dance and School of Film, Theatre and Animation), Rowland School of Business, and schools of Arts and Sciences, Communication, and Education. The University’s alumni and students represent all 50 states and 34 countries around the world.

Local Students On Point Park Dean’s List

Point Park University congratulates more than 1,300 students who were named to the Spring 2026 Dean’s List. To be named to the Dean’s List, a student must have a 3.5 GPA for the semester.

Grace Knapp of Hurricane
Maggie Oduor of Hurricane

Park, leaving a lasting impact on one of Putnam County’s most popular community parks.

In addition to the grant funding he received, generous donations from community supporters helped Markus achieve his vision of enhancing the park for visitors of all ages.

As part of the project, Markus expanded the Fairy Door Trail by creating a new fairy garden and pollinator habitat designed to support beneficial insects such as honey bees and butterflies. He also beautified the area surrounding the Fairy Door Trail sign and built a bench where visitors can relax and enjoy the new garden.

The second phase of the project focused on revitalizing the park’s community garden. Markus removed weeds, overgrown vegetation, and debris from several garden beds, making them more attractive, functional, and welcoming for community members and organizations who use the space.

Markus devoted more than 25 hours of his own time to completing the project, in addition to the many volunteer hours contributed by fellow 4-H members, family, friends, and members of Girl Scout

Troop 10407.

Through his efforts, Markus hopes the improvements will be enjoyed by the more than 250,000 people who visit Valley Park each year. The park hosts numerous recreational activities and community events, including the WV Cupcake Festival, disc golf tournaments, youth and adult sporting events, 5K races, and many other programs throughout the year.

“Markus’s dedication to his community is appreciated by all the park staff and beyond. These projects have added to the experience at Valley Park and its patrons. Volunteerism, like that of Markus, makes an impact on bettering our community to continue to make it a great place to be. We are so grateful that he took the time to complete these projects and making these improvements at Valley Park,” said Rita G. Meadows, Valley Park Marketing & Events Director.

The project reflects the 4-H pledge of using one’s hands for larger service by creating a lasting improvement that will benefit both the community and the environment for years to come.



Available Pets at the Putnam County Animal Shelter

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



Jade (PCVW-A-26151) is a mixed breed medium sized female dog who is estimated to be around 6 years old.