

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.

THURSDAYS
Hope for Addiction meetings are held every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon Baptist Church, 2150 Mount Vernon Road, Hurricane.

THURSDAYS THROUGH AUGUST
The Kiwanis Free Swim Night will be held every Thursday at the Nitro Pool through Aug. 26 from 6:00-8:30 p.m.

FRIDAYS DURING SUMMER

Food Truck Friday is held every Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SATURDAYS UNTIL OCTOBER

The Putnam County Farmers’ Market will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Valley Park, Hurricane.

SUNDAYS DURING SUMMER

Thankful Valley Farms will be giving away fresh produce every Sunday this summer from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the parking lot of Stokes Grocery in Buffalo.

NOW - AUGUST 14

The Mason County Fair will be held at the Mason County Fairgrounds, 1277 Fairground Road, Point Pleasant. For a schedule of events, go to <http://www.masoncountyfairwv.com>

The Back to School Kids Consignment sale will be held at the Valley Park in Hurricane. For a list of sale hours, go to <http://amtkids.com>

AUGUST 12 - 21

The State Fair of West Virginia will be held in Lewisburg. For a schedule of events and more information, go to <http://www.statefairfwv.com>

AUGUST 13

Putnam County Schools Title I Program will host their annual Back to School Blast at Putnam Career & Technical Center from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Families and students will remain in their vehicles and backpacks

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will be distributed to them directly. For any questions, please call Putnam County Schools at 304.586.0500 ext. 1122 or ext. 1133.

Hurricane First Church of God, 3225 East Putnam Avenue, Hurricane, will be holding a Gospel concert at 7 p.m.

AUGUST 14
The Fix’Em Clinic will hold a dog swim from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the St. Albans City Pool, 931 Observatory Drive, St. Albans. The entry fee is \$10 for one dog; \$15 for two dogs; and \$20 for three.

The Nitro Antique Mall, 110 21st Street, Nitro, will be holding a Lego build contest starting at noon. The cost to enter is \$12.

The Whittington Reunion will start at noon at the Eleanor Park, Shelter #6. For more information, call 304-937-3492.

The Winfield High School Band Boosters will hold a rummage sale from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school.

There will be a community yard sale starting at 8 p.m. at 2102 3rd Street, Culloden.

Teays Valley Church of God, Connection Point, Scott Depot, will be holding their annual community event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a classic and custom car cruise-in, food trucks, and school supply giveaway.

The Hurricane Citywide Yard Sale will be held throughout Hurricane. Lists of sales around the city will be published on Facebook and hurricanewv.com

AUG. 15, 29

There will be stand up paddleboard lessons from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Hurricane Reservoir and 4 to 6 p.m. at the Winfield boat launch. The cost is \$25 for one session or \$40 for both sessions. Text 304-610-8999 to make your reservation.

AUGUST 15

The Cupcakes and Catfish Fish Off will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. at Fox Trot Fishing Lake, 3380 Scott Depot Road, Scott Depot. The cost is \$20 per person.

AUGUST 18 - 21

Summerfest 2021 will be held at the mound at South Charleston from 4 to 9 p.m. each evening.

AUGUST 20 - 21

West Virginia Hillbilly Days will be held at the Lincoln County Memorial Fairgrounds, State Route 3, Trace Creek Road, Hamlin. For more information, go to www.lcfairsandfestivals.com

AUGUST 21

Brothers In Blue River Valley Chapter will be hosting Ride to Remember for Shane “Derby” Jividen. Meeting at the Eleanor, WV Fire Department. Registration starts at 10 a.m., Kickstands up at noon.

Community Autism Resources & Education Systems (CARES) will hold a summer day camp, 167 Fletcher Road, Scott Depot, at Camp Appalachia from noon to 6 p.m. To sign up, go to www.wvcaresforautism.org

The Tri-County YMCA will be holding Healthy Kids Day & Back to School Splash Bash 2021 at Camp High-Tor, 179 Church Camp Road, Hurricane, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information and to register, go to 304-757-0016.

The Cops-N-Rodders Classic Car Club will be

Second Friday Gospel Concert

The Hurricane First Church of God would like to invite everyone to their monthly second Friday Gospel Concert on August 13th at 7 p.m.

The featured group this month will be a Trio from Point Pleasant called Covered By Love. Additional singers will include soloists Sister Wanda Cooper from Alum Creek , and Brother Jimmy Mcknight from Institute. Concert Musicians and singers include Gary Sargent, Peggy Cooper, Eddie Rushbrooke, and Dorsey Johnson.

The church features traditional church hymns and Southern Gospel music at concerts.

There will be a time of fellowship with refreshments and food after the service.

The church is located at 3225 East Putnam Ave, one block north of the former Rite-Aid store.

Please come and receive a blessing.

Crafters Needed for Fall Festival

St. John United Methodist Church in Scott Depot is requesting crafters to become a part of their Fall Festival on September 18th at 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Table reservations will be \$20.00 and food will be provided for purchase. Please contact Cindy at 304-951-8380 for information and reservations.

holding a cruise-in from 5 p.m. until dusk at the Putnam County Bank parking lot in Hurricane.

AUGUST 22

The Sidewalk Prophets will be performing at 7 p.m. at the Teays Valley Church of the Nazarene, 3937 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane. Tickets are \$17.99 - \$49.99. To purchase, go to swpgbfr-hurricanewv.eventbrite.com

River Ridge Church, Saturn Way, Hurricane, will be holding the Amazing Race, a city-wide scavenger hunt for students. For more information or to register, go to riverridge.tv/amazingrace

AUGUST 24

The Valley Park will be holding a fall kickball league starting at 3 p.m. The cost will be \$25 per person. To register, go to putnam-county-parks.ticketleap.com/fall-vp-kickball-league-21/details

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

And all because two people met... one day... a long time ago... and they lived happily ever after... for a long time...

At the turn of the 20th Century, in 1920, a young man was born in Putnam County. He met a young woman eventually... from that union, there are ten children (and spouses), twenty-one grandchildren (and spouses), and forty-eight great grandchildren with eleven great greats... too many for me to try to count. All because at one moment in time, two people fell in love, and the rest, as we know it was (is) history...

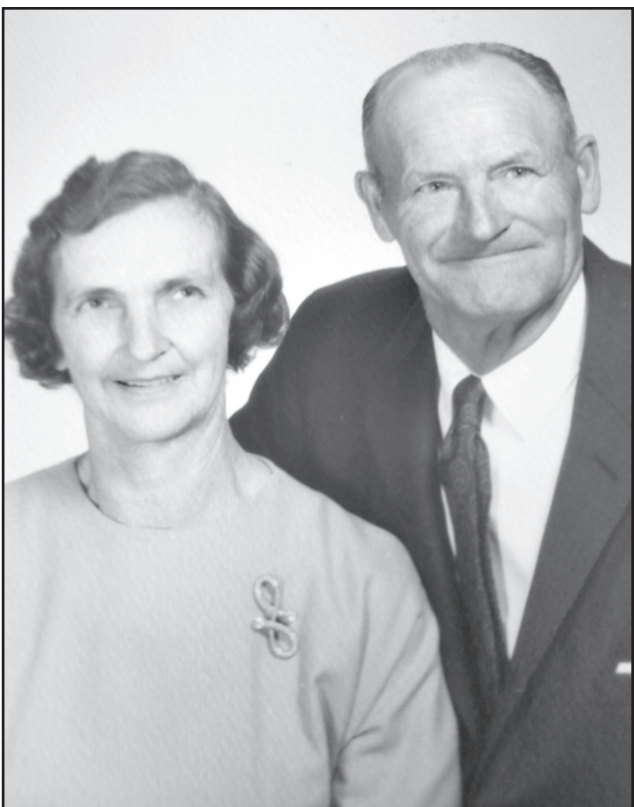
Mack Carylsle Searls was born on Turkey Creek, out the road from Hurricane, in August of 1920. I can’t imagine what that must have been like because, thankfully, I wasn’t born yet. There would have been so much going on in the world outside of Turkey Creek. One important event was that the 19th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution was passed during the month Mack was born... giving every citizen the right to vote. That was an important time in America, but I am sure nothing was as important as the birth of that son.

The population of our country was 106, 021, 5376... one more in the Searls family, a dynasty somewhat in West Virginia, Putnam County, Hurricane... and then there were more... many more... the U. S. population would grow in some part due to this young man.

On Clymer’s Creek, nine years later, a little baby girl made her entrance into this world... almost a decade after Mack Searls. Annie Bell Bird was born May 19, 1909. She would grow up to meet and marry the Searls’ boy, and together, they would make a life... together... until death did part them... Clymer’s Creek joins with Turkey Creek... two of my favorite places... two of my favorite people.

My friend, Linda, (these are her parents) is not positive, but she believes her parents met at Mt. Moriah Church... awww... one of my favorites... Mt. Moriah Church and a young couple. They married in March of 1927 and began their life together.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack



Searls had six sons, Mack Jr., Leslie, Melvin, Robert, Danny, and Randy. Their daughters (four) Kathelene, Merdith, Phyllis, and Linda. All of the kids graduated from Hurricane High School and settled in West Virginia, most of them in the Hurricane area.

Mack worked at Carbide and worked a 77 acre farm just outside of Hurricane, on Rt. 34. The Searls’ family raised a huge garden (feeding a huge family) of vegetables, crops of field corn, strawberries, and of course, they raised tobacco. Mack’s pride and joy came from raising purebred Hereford cattle. He always had a team of fine work horses. He worked at the plant, came home and worked the farm... I am sure his children were helping him.

Annie’s pride and joy came from being a homemaker, and her children maintain to this day that she was the best cook on earth. No one could surpass her delicious pies and cakes, and anyone could stop by her home for a meal. All were welcome... I know this personally, and I sat at her kitchen table many times and enjoyed the best pinto beans, corn bread, and fried potatoes. As Linda and Phyllis have told me often, “she was a wonderful mother, a peacemaker with ten children—she had to be... a nurturer and loving...”

The girls remember there being company often, aunts, uncles, and cousins... friends... she made butterscotch pies... her chocolate pies wonderful... her cakes were, of course, made from scratch... ahhh... the memories...

Saturdays were spent shopping at Sumner’s Department Store in town... I remember seeing the family there when my mother and I went shopping also on Saturdays... Main Street... Hurricane, West Virginia. The Searls family depended on local merchants to feed and clothe their family. We all did that.

This is a valiant family. Junior served in the Korean War; Robert was a Vietnam Veteran; Leslie was in the National Guard and went to Washington for Bay of Pigs... all of the Searls’ siblings contributed to the world... making it a better place... they come from good stock... Mack and Annie... a love story.

Mack Searls died in August of 1975; Annie

died in April of 2000. I have to wonder what Mack would think today... born in a new century as he was... what would he say about this century in which we live? Would he continue to farm, keep cattle, and have his horses? Would he move into town and become a city man? I doubt it... Farming was in his blood... What would Annie think if she lived in the days when we are instantly doing so much? I can see her smile, shake her head, and say, “Thanks for coming... come back soon.” They would wonder what on earth would be next.

Annie all of the years after her husband died in her home out Rt. 34. Her kids visited... Phyllis and Linda often taking her laundry home... Sundays found them at her home cooking for those who continued to come... I remember standing at her kitchen window, looking up on the hillside and wishing for a cottage there... If I was visiting Mother, I knew where I would find Linda on Thursday nights... A to Z with her Mom doing the grocery shopping... I might find her or Phyllis picking up prescriptions, cleaning her house... all they could to help... All of the kids pitched in and did things, but I was around these two girls the most...

Because this couple fell in love, married, raised a family, there are so many offspring that we can’t imagine how many. The Searls family is one that others wish they might be a part of... all because the way we were will always be the way we are... happy to know the members of this family... missing those who have gone before... Mack Jr., Leslie, Melvin, Robert, Danny, Kathelene... wishing the best for those still prospering... Merdith, Phyllis, Linda, and Randy... oh my goodness, those were the days when big families gathered at the holidays for laughter and fellowship... we are thankful this young man met this young woman, and they gave us those we love... Let’s see... ten children... ten spouses... twenty one grands... twenty one spouses... 48 great grands... some spouses...eleven great great... that adds up to about more than 120 from one couple... they should be written about in a book... and so it goes... the love story of a century... it all happened on a farm in Hurricane, West Virginia...



Normy lived in Rosewood Place in Hurricane with her caretaker, Eddie King. She was trapped by a resident of the subdivision and dropped in an unknown location. There is a considerable REWARD for her return or the location where he dropped her.

Normy is a longhair gray and white female cat with a black back and tail. She is around six years old.

If you have seen this cat, call Eddie M. King at 304-543-3529 and leave a message. Mr. King lives at 501 Rosewood Place, Hurricane, WV 25526.

Grace Randolph Receives Mayo Lester Award



Grace Randolph was joined by family members at the award ceremony. From left to right are Heather White, Jacob White, Grace Randolph, Justin Randolph, Phoebe Randolph, and Trina Grigsby. (Photo by Betsy Allen)

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have grown significantly over the years from managing a start-up company to being responsible for the day to day operations of a full service engineering firm

including management of the administrative staff as well as advertising and marketing. In addition to her many roles within the company, she is active in local professional organizations including the Putnam County

The Centennial History of Hurricane

Meet Some of Hurricane's Oldest Families

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(Betty) Carpenter on May 26, 1900. They were the parents of two daughters: Alta Mae Smallridge Johnson (August 16, 1901 - April 4, 1959) and Catha Mildred Smallridge Bird (March 29, 1903 -). His paternal grandparents were Sampson Smallridge (January, 1825 - May, 1909) and Mary Jane Arbaugh Smallridge (July, 1846 - October, 1899).

After serving his country in World War I, he came back home and married Lula Blanch Wood on March 28, 1920. She was born February 10, 1902 and died February 15, 1969. They bought a 100 acre farm on Lick Creek Road which he still owns. There they raised their five children: Velve Aline Smallridge Bird, born July 12, 1922; Vala Marie Smallridge Sloan, born May 11, 1924; Geraldine Icily Smallridge, born March 5, 1926; Sherman

William Smallridge, born February 12, 1930; and Vannalene Ellen Smallridge Garrett, born April 8, 1932. Most of his closest relatives still live in the Hurricane area. He has not remarried and he is the oldest member of five living generations. He has 5 children, 12 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Lonnie, better known to his neighbors as "Uncle Lon" and to his relatives as "Pap" is a quite reserved man. He has little formal education but can read and write. Joining Mt. Moriah Baptist Church on November 18, 1917, he has attended regularly until his health began to fail in the past two years. His livelihood has been that of a farmer but he has never owned any modern farm equipment. Tending his land with his farm horses, he raised such crops as tobacco, com, and hay as well

Chamber of Commerce and takes a dynamic role in Randolph Engineering's support of various community programs.

She is a member of the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Professional Women.

Grace is known for her kindness. She's always the first to volunteer whether it is a large community event or local blood drive. She has been an active member of the Putnam Chamber since its beginning. She has served on the board of the Putnam Chamber and many other organizations in the area.

The Mayo Lester Community Service Award was the first annual program established by the Chamber of Commerce. It is given annually to an individual who has excelled in community service to Putnam County, the award was named after one of the Chamber's founding members and first Chairman, the late Mayo

Lester.

To receive the award an individual's personal attributes and contributions to the community may include, but not be limited to:

(1) Personal involvement in county-wide or local civic improvement projects.

(2) Active participation in community organizations.

(3) Support of a community project(s) and/or organization(s). Support may include personal involvement or financial contribution, but not necessarily membership in a particular organization.

(4) An example of what a citizen and community leader should be in donating time, energy and personal resources for the betterment of their community.

(5) Showing some degree of personal sacrifice for an organization or toward the accomplishment of a community project.

Grace is all of this and more.

Generation Putnam Young Leader Award

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of the Rotary Club of Putnam County where he exemplified "Service Above Self" the Rotarian Crede. As president elect, he helped lead the construction of a comfort station (a self contained outdoor restroom fully sustainable facility) in Eleanor Park. He led and served on many other projects to help Putnam County, such as trail clean-up, bridge/walkway construction, and other outdoor projects. During the pandemic, Brandon volunteered at multiple Putnam County Health Dept. COVID-19 vaccine

as a large vegetable garden. Celebrating his 93rd birthday this past October, he has lived a long and prosperous life; loved and respected by family and friends.

A digital copy of the Centennial History can be obtained from the Hurricane City Hall for a small donation. For more information, call the City of Hurricane at (304) 562-5896.

clinics, helped fix up treat bags to support Generation Putnam's trunk at the YMCA's Boo Thru drive thru, and helped gather information from the Health Dept., Putnam Rotary, and local businesses for Generation Putnam's submission for Putnam County to WV Healthy People Healthy Places program.

Brandon has volunteered numerous times for the United Way of Central WV and led AEP employees in completing service projects in Putnam County for the United Way Day of Caring. He also serves on the United Way on Citizens Review committee reviewing grant application requests. He has helped many Putnam County community organizations such as organizing fundraising events and drives to support foster children through Mission WV, volunteering with Putnam County builds with Habitat for Humanity, and helping construct a wheel chair swing for Putnam County "raindancers" through the Sweet Julia Grace Foundation serving special medical needs. His service extends outside the county coordinating gifts for at risk youth at the Cammack Children's Center, handing out food at the Mountaineer Food

REAL ESTATE AUCTION

Thursday, August 19th at 5PM
Registration & Inspection Begin at 4PM



103 Mary Street
Poca, WV

Brick Home in Established Neighborhood

3 Bedroom, 3 Bathroom
1,857+/- Sq Ft 2-Story Brick Home
0.18+/- Acre Lot

Beautifully Well-Kept Home
Master Bedroom w/ Walk-in Closet & Full Bathroom
Kitchen w/ New Floors & Appliances
French Doors from Dining Room to New Back deck!
Downstairs Den w/ Utility Room & Full Bathroom
2-Car Garage

Built 1985
All Electric, Newer A/C Unit & Roof
250/Year HOA Fee

Questions? Please call Taylor Ramsey (304)-552-5201

RE Terms: 10% down payment made day of auction w/balance due at closing w/in 60 days. 10% BP.

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ONLINE ONLY REAL ESTATE AUCTION

Bidding Ends: Tuesday, August 31st at 6PM



433 Woodland Drive
Nitro, WV

Beautiful Horse Barn & Updated Home in Putnam County

STARTING BID IS ONLY 175,000\$!!!!!!!

Home Description:

3 Bedroom, 3 Bathroom Ranch Home
1,589+/- Sq Ft on 0.66+/- Acre Lot
All New Wiring, Copper & Insulation Throughout
Unfinished Basement
Brand New Metal Roof
Central A/C, Gas Heat

Barn Description:

46x64 Horse Barn w/ 46x56 Addition Riding Ring
Horse Barn Built w/ 2x8's
7 Total Stalls, Hay Room w/ Garage Door
Addition Added on for Riding Ring
½ Bathroom
Metal Roof
Electric & Water Available
RV & Horse Trailer Covered Port

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Bank, bell ringing for the Salvation Army, and building wooden toys for donation with the Valley Woodworkers of West Virginia.

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

Steps you should take

In the event of a pipeline release:



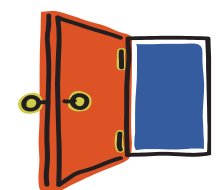
Immediately evacuate the house or building and nearby area, travel upwind and advise others to stay away.



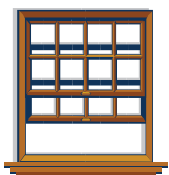
Do not use your phone from inside the house or in the immediate vicinity.



Do not turn lights on or off, or use the garage door opener.



Leave doors and windows open to allow gas to travel outside the house.



From a safe place, call Union Oil & Gas, and call 911. Wait for someone from the gas company to tell you it's safe to return to your house, building or property.

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304-586-2151 www.unionoilgas.com

PSC to Hold Public Comment Hearings on Suddenlink

The Public Service Commission is holding three public comment hearings to give customers the opportunity to express their concerns with Suddenlink's quality of service. Interested members of the public are welcome to attend. The hearings will be held in person:

Monday, August 23, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Ceremonial Courtroom at the Raleigh County Courthouse, 215 Main Street, Beckley

Tuesday, August 24 at 10:30 a.m. and at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission's main hearing room at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, WV 25301

Those who want to make their thoughts known to the Commission but choose not to participate in a public

comment hearing may send a letter to the Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, WV 25301 or they can submit a comment on the Commission's website.

"The Commission has received thousands of complaints from Suddenlink customers about the unacceptable level of service provided by the Company," said Public Service Commission Chairman Charlotte Lane. "Listening to citizens' input is a critical part of how the Commission decides cases. We provide several ways for customers to comment on the cases in front of us and actively encourage customers to be part of the process."

Intervenors in the case include the Commission's

Consumer Advocate Division; the Cities of Beckley, Charleston and Elkins; and the Kanawha County Commission.

Those attending the hearings will be required to wear a mask.

More information, including documents filed in this case and the full procedural schedule, may be found on the Commission website: www.psc.state.wv.us by referencing Case No. 21-0515-CTV-SC-GI.

Submissions

The deadline for submissions to the Breeze is Monday at noon. Submissions may be emailed to: hurricanebreeze@citynet.net or mailed to: Hurricane Breeze, PO Box 310, Hurricane, WV 25526



Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen

Recipes

Jokes From Linda

Submitted by Connie Reddington of Eleanor

German Chocolate Pecan Pie Bars

Makes about 2 dozen
Hands on time: 20 minutes
Total time: 3 hours, 40 minutes

3 cups pecan halves and pieces
1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
3/4 cup powdered sugar
3/4 cup cold butter, cubed
1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa
1 1/2 cups semisweet chocolate morsels
3/4 cups firmly packed brown sugar
3/4 cup light corn syrup
1/4 cup butter. Melted
3 large eggs, lightly beaten
1 cup sweetened flaked coconut

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake pecans in a single layer in a shallow pan 8 to 10 minutes or until lightly toasted and fragrant, stirring halfway through.

Line bottom and sides of a 13x9-inch pan with heavy-duty aluminum foil, allowing 2 to 3 inches to extend over sides. Lightly grease foil.

Pulse flour and next 3 ingredients in a food processor 5 to 6 times or until mixture resembles coarse meal. Press mixture on bottom and 3/4 inch up sides of prepared pan.

Bake crust at 350 degrees for 15 minutes. Remove from oven, and sprinkle chocolate morsels over crust. Cool completely on a wire rack (about 30 minutes).

Whisk together brown sugar and next 3 ingredients until smooth. Stir in coconut and tasted pecans, and spoon into prepared crust.

Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes or until golden and set. Cool completely on a wire rack (about 1 hour). Chill 1 hour. Lift baked bars from pan, suing foil sides as handles. Transfer to a cutting board; cut into bars.

Try This Twist
German Chocolate-Bourbon-Pecan Pie Bars
For a spirited kick, whisk 1/4 cup of your favorite bourbon into brown sugar mixture in Step 5.

Plan a Perfect Reunion for Family and Friends

(Family Features) After an extended period of social distancing, this year will be a time for reuniting with family and friends. Picnic get-togethers filled with delicious food are one of the best ways to reunite with loved ones when you're ready for those long-overdue laughs.

While planning the perfect outdoor gathering can feel overwhelming, it doesn't have to be. With these simple tips, it can be easy to organize a memorable picnic reunion.

Make it fun. Whether it's a water balloon toss or a three-legged race, organizing a few games for your guests can be a simple way to reconnect and have fun together. Outdoor games like ring toss and potato sack races or arts and crafts are activities all ages can enjoy.

Reach for pantry staples. No picnic is complete without good food. When planning your menu and packing your cooler, don't stress. Before you make an extra trip to your local farmers market or grocery store, be sure to check your pantry. You probably already have the makings for simple yet delicious meals and snacks. For example, canned fruits, vegetables and proteins – like wild-caught tuna, salmon and sardines – can help you create and elevate your picnic recipes.

Host an eco-friendly picnic. Good food and good weather help make a successful picnic, but ensuring you leave your space as you found it is equally important. To minimize waste, invest in reusable picnicware, like utensils and plates. Also consider swapping your paper napkins for cloth versions. Not only are they more environmentally friendly, but they'll also elevate the overall look of your picnic.

No grill, no problem. As more people seek out substitutes for red meat, change up your menu and serve seafood as a delicious alternative. For those taking part in the day's games and activities, try these Salmon Rollups which make perfect handheld snacks.

For more recipe inspiration while planning your next picnic reunion, visit [chickenofthesea.com](#).

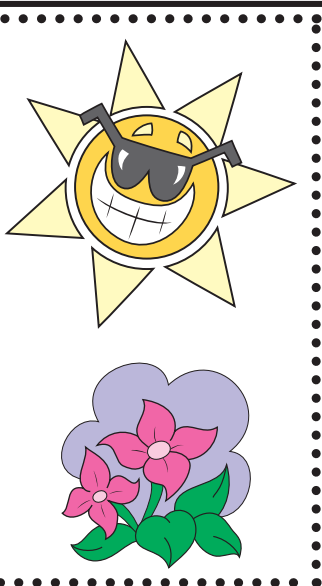
Salmon Rollups
Total time: 15 minutes
Servings: 4

1 can (5 ounce) Chicken of the Sea Pink Salmon
1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup thick and chunky salsa, plus additional for dipping (optional)
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1 cup corn chips, crushed
4 flour tortillas (8 inches)
4 large leafy green lettuce leaves, washed and patted dry

In bowl, combine cream cheese and 1/2 cup salsa until light and fluffy. Stir in salmon, cheese and corn chips.

Spread 1/4 filling to within 1/2 inch of each tortilla edge. Arrange one lettuce leaf over filling. Roll up tortillas and wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate 1-3 hours.

To serve, remove plastic wrap, trim ends from rolls and cut each into 3-4 slices. Serve with additional salsa, if desired.



Jokes From Linda

Submitted by Linda
Lavender Armstead



Six-year-old Billy was asked, "Do you know why there is no school?"

He said, "Yes, because there is no toilet paper."

Why does a rooster crow so early in the morning?

To get a word in the for the hens wake up.

Teacher – Give me a sentence using the word defense, defeat and detail.

Student – When a horse jumps over the fence, defeat goes before detail.

Alexandria went to her dad's office and asked him if he could come outside and play with her.

Her dad, Joel, told her he would in a few minutes as he was contemplating on his sermon.

A few minutes later the little girl came back to the office door and asked her dad again.

Again, the same answer was given. This went on for a few minutes. When Alexandria came back and asked her dad, "Are you still constipated?"

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

When we are open to new possibilities, we find them. Be open and skeptical of everything.

Don't let your kids grow up in a house where money matters more than love.

If overthinking situations burn calories, I'd be dead.

Perhaps the butterfly is proof that you can go through a great deal of darkness yet still become something beautiful.

A throw of the dice will never illuminate chance.

The bad news: time flies. The good news: you're the pilot.

Let God's light shine not only in your words but by your deeds.

Not sharing your gratitude is like holding a snickers bar in your mouth for a week. You'd still get cavities.

Sometimes when you're in a dark place, you think you've been buried. But you've actually been planted. Be patient - your time to grow is coming.

God does not come for us to make us comfortable but to make us comforters.

Gratitude is like a food group. It's essential for being alive.

One day or day one. You decide.

Without wisdom wealth is worthless.

You cannot know the wine by the barrel.

Abortion is the gravest human rights abuse of our time.

Happiness makes up in height for what it lacks in length. - Robert Frost

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery while on a detour.

One of the best gift you can give someone is thanking them for being part of your life.

Saying you believe in yourself does not guarantee your success, but saying you don't believe in yourself will guarantee your failure.

Some church members get more upset over sound, temperature, music and sermon length, than empty pews, prayer rooms, altars and baptisteries.

The truly wise man is he who always believes the Bible against the opinion of any man.

Making other people feel small doesn't make you big. It makes you a jerk.

Did a little mechanics work today. Put a rear end in a recliner.

The fastest land mammal is the toddler who has been asked what's in his mouth.

Never discourage anyone who makes continual progress, no matter how slow.



Don't do something permanently stupid because you're temporarily upset.

Stop trying to make everybody happy, you're not tequila.

Be who you needed when you were younger.

When you forgive you heal. When you let go you grow.

Be happy with what you have and you will have plenty to be happy about.

If you have a gun you can rob a bank but if you have a bank you can rob everyone.

Forgiveness does not change the past but it does enlarge the future.

When you make a commitment you build hope, when you keep it you build trust.

I am a woman. What's your superpower?

May your choices reflect your hopes not your fears.

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best as now.

Givers have to learn to give limits because takers don't have any.

Be bold enough to use your voice, brave enough to listen to your heart, and strong enough to live the life you imagined.

God uses broken people like you and me to rescue broken people like you and me.

The storms of life are only temporary, but the blessings of God are forever.

What God knows about me is far more important than what anyone thinks about me

Be happy with the little you have. There are people who have nothing and still manage to smile.

The best medicine in the world is a kiss from your grandchild!

Don't let the funeral director host your next family reunion.

Keep your eyes on the stars and your feet on the ground. - Theodore Roosevelt

Having a pet in your life is the same as having a child. Their welfare and safety should always come first.

Drive carefully on this road called "life" because people will switch lanes on you without a signal.

At your absolute best, you still won't be good enough for the wrong person. At your worst, you'll still be worth it to the right person.

Switch your mentality

from "I'm broken and helpless," to "I'm growing and healing," and watch how fast your life changes, for the better.

No matter what happens in life, be kind to people. Kindness is a wonderful legacy to leave behind.

If today wasn't all you wanted, don't lose hope. Tomorrow is a brand new day.

I bought a new pair of shoes with memory foam insoles No more forgetting why I walked into the kitchen.

Remember just because you went to college doesn't make you smarter than anyone else. Commonsense doesn't come with a degree.

Guess who got a lot done today. Not me, but congratulations to someone out there who did.

I'm so lovable, the doctors gave me a special jacket so I can hug myself.

One spiritual mercy is worth more than all temporal blessings.

I never realized how funny I was until I started talking to myself.

Some people suck the nice right out of you.

We live, not as we wish to, but as we can.

Your degree is just a piece of paper, your education is shown in your behavior.

When I was a child, I thought nap time was a punishment. Now as a grown-up, nap time feels like a vacation.

If you dislike someone, dislike them alone. Don't recruit others to join your cause.

Sometimes what you're looking for, comes when you're not looking at all.

Sometimes you get so busy taking care of others that you forget that you are important too.

The people whose first instinct is to smile when you make contact with them are some earth's greatest treasures.

Words and hearts should be handled with care for words when spoken and hearts when broken are the hardest things to repair.

A dead battery can't jump a dead battery. Get away from people who can't charge your spirit when you need a jump.

Stop disliking people over what you heard, and be thankful God isn't disliking you over what He knows.

Bible Verse



For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless. —Psalm 84:11

Story Booth Characters Bring Excitement to Valley Park



Kelsey Blankenhorn of Charleston, founder of the Story Booth Characters, greet visitors as Moana, along with Gavin Ramirez of Clendenin, who portrays Maui. (Photo by Betsy Allen)

Waiting on the Judge

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There is a proposal for Text Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for the Zoned Unincorporated Areas of Putnam County, WV, in order to modify Article 600 “C-1,” Article 650 “C-2,” and Article 1700 “Supplementary.” These changes would modify Permitted Principal and Special Permit Uses in the “C-1” and “C-2” zones, including, but not limited to, Automobile Service Station, Automobile Washing or Detailing, Fast Food Restaurant, Personal Storage Facility, Restaurants which serve alcohol, Retail Business size limits, Golf Course, Hospital, Hotel with conference facilities, Retail Sales/Pawnshop/Firearms, Warehousing, and Large Truck and Trailer Sales, Lease, Rental or Service.

All interested parties are invited to attend and will be granted an opportunity to speak.

The notice was published December 10 and 17, 2020.

The January 5 Planning Commission meeting resulted in a presentation of the Text Amendment to the County Commission one week later. Members of the Planning Commission are Jason Asbury, Jim Dodrill, Marnie Edwards, Ron Foster, David Hobbs, Bryan Hoylman, Vic Mays, David Meadows, Thor Meeks, David Mills, Jacob Pack, Steve Perry, and Glenn Yeager, II.

On January 12, 2021, the Text Amendments were submitted to the County Commission for approval. The Commission voted to make Retail Sales/Pawnshop/Firearms a special permitted use in C-1 zones and a permitted principal use in C-2 zones.

The ordinance does not allow the sale of firearms in a C-1 zoned area

unless a special permit is obtained.

On May 20, 2021, the Putnam County Planning Office submitted a legal advertisement to the Hurricane Breeze, notifying the public that the Board of Zoning Appeals would meet at 7:00 p.m. on July 1, to consider a request from Valley Outdoors which advertisement included the following wording:

Valley Outdoors has submitted a Variance Request from the requirement of Article 1700.07 of the Zoning Ordinance for the Zoned Unincorporated Areas of Putnam County, WV. The applicant requests to have retail sale of firearms within 300 feet of a church, school, or residential building. The retail sale of firearms is proposed to take place at 3034 Mt. Vernon Road in Hurricane, WV (Tax Map 213, p/o Parcel 71). The property is zoned “C-1” Suburban Commercial.

Valley Outdoors has requested a Special Permit for a Change of Land Use to allow retail sales of firearms at 3034 Mt. Vernon Road in Hurricane, WV (Tax Map 213, p/o Parcel 71). The property is zoned “C-1” Suburban Commercial.

Valley Outdoors asked the BZA to do two things. The first was to allow that which current zoning law forbids — sale of firearms within 300 feet of a residence. The second was to allow that which the County Commission approved on January 12 to happen — request a special permit.

On July 28, 2021, the Planning Commission’s Ordinance Review Subcommittee met. The meeting agenda included the following action: Discussion and decision on clarifying Retail Sales/Pawnshop/Firearms - in particular Article 600, Article 650, and Article

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reason, many towns and organizations began hosting neighborhood parades and drive thru events. The Story Booth Adventure Drive Thru was held several times at the park last year, and the organization participated in other events held at the park once the state began to open back up.

This year’s Story Booth Adventure featured double the number of volunteers as well as several new characters, including Baymax from the “Big Hero” movies, Megara from “Hercules,” Raya from “Raya and the Last Dragon,” and Pocahontas.

In addition to the drive thru adventure, there was also a games tent where children could play Spin the Wheel and Plinko and receive prizes of small toys and candy.

The Story Booth Characters was founded by Kelsey Blankenhorn of Charleston, who is originally from Clay County. She started the non-profit organization to help entertain children whose families could not afford to go to Disney World by bringing the characters to them. The Story Booth Players got their start at the Clay Apple Festival, and then began to spread out to other areas in West Virginia.

The Story Booth Players plan to return to Valley Park for the upcoming Cupcake Festival, as well as for Halloween.

1700.

As of Monday, August 9, minutes of the July 28 Subcommittee meeting were not available for public inspection. The Subcommittee’s last previous meeting was on May 12, 2021. Subcommittee members are Jason Asbury, Jim Dodrill, Bryan Hoylman, and David Mills.

Waiting on both the Judge and the Subcommittee minutes.



Jocelyn Cabauatan of Dunbar portrays Raya from “Raya and the Last Dragon.” This is a new character for the Story Booth Characters line up. (Photo by Betsy Allen)



Mary Poppins (Hannah Stricklin of Roan County) and Merida (Haley Ellison of Sissonville) hang out with some penguins at the park. (Photo by Betsy Allen)

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Chamber of Commerce and Secretary of State Honor Putnam’s Oldest Businesses



The Putnam Chamber of Commerce and the WV Secretary of State Mac Warner teamed up to honor four businesses that have been in continuous operation for over 100 years. Honored at the Chamber’s annual dinner on Friday, July 30, were Putnam County Bank - 1901, Hurricane Breeze - 1900, Rappolds Barber Shop - 1906 and Allen Funeral Home - 1916.



The Hurricane Breeze was honored for being in business for over 100 years. Shown above are Betsy and Ron Allen.



The Putnam County Bank was honored for being in business for over 100 years. Shown above, from left to right, are Dave Gilpin, Jarrod Summers, Gary Young, and Glen Yeager. (Photo by Betsy Allen)

High School Football Schedules

Buffalo High School

08/27	7:00pm	H - Greenbrier West
09/03	7:00pm	A - Petersburg
09/10		Open
09/17	7:00pm	H - Williamstown
09/24	7:00pm	H - Roane County
10/01	7:00pm	A - Man High School
10/08	7:00pm	A - Tyler Consolidated
10/15	7:00pm	A - Tolsia
10/22	7:00pm	H - Ravenswood
10/29	7:00pm	A - Van
11/05	7:00pm	H - Wahama

Poca High School

08/27	7:00pm	A - Nitro
09/03	7:00pm	H - Chapmanville
09/10	7:00pm	A - Independence
09/17		Open
09/24	7:00pm	A - Mingo Central
10/01	7:00pm	H - Sissonville
10/08	7:00pm	H - Winfield
10/15	7:00pm	H - Logan
10/22	7:00pm	H - Scott
10/29	7:00pm	A - Herbert Hoover
11/05	7:00pm	A - Wayne

Hurricane High School

08/27	7:00pm	H - Winfield
09/03	7:30pm	H - Huntington
09/10	7:30pm	A - Geo. Washington
09/17	7:30pm	A - Cabell Midland
09/24	7:30pm	H - St. Albans
10/01	7:30pm	A - Parkersburg
10/08	7:30pm	A - Lincoln County
10/15		Open
10/22	7:30pm	H - Capital
10/29	7:30pm	H - So. Charleston
11/05	7:30pm	A - Spring Valley

Winfield High School

08/27	7:00pm	A - Hurricane
09/03	7:00pm	H - Herbert Hoover
09/10	7:00pm	A - Chapmanville
09/17	7:00pm	H - Wayne
09/24	7:00pm	A - Logan
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10/15	7:00pm	H - Sissonville
10/22	7:00pm	H - Nitro
10/29	7:00pm	A - Scott
11/05	7:00pm	H - Point Pleasant



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Along the boardwalk and over the dunes, suddenly the sea appears in all its glory. Hidden until you are almost on top of it, it is always there waiting. Our Creator is always there waiting, too, even though we may become tired and discouraged because the path is not always clear. Learn more of God’s path for you at your house of worship this week. He can lead you to a life of beauty and peace; He will help you find your way.

Daily Devotional Reading						
Deut. 5:23-33	Deut. 7:1-26	Deut. 8:1-20	Deut. 9:1-29	Deut. 10:1-22	Deut. 11:1-32	Deut. 12:1-32
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Jesus Corrects and Commends John

Matthew 11:1-15

In verse 1, Matthew writes that Jesus made an end of commanding His disciples and began to teach and preach in their cities. The disciples were drawn to Jesus because they believed that He was the Promised One. The disciples were called for a specific purpose: they were to deliver the gospel to all who would believe. That which Jesus said in the verses before us was spoken to a much larger audience than His disciples. It is addressed to an audience that included those who had heard the message of John the Baptist and had been baptized by him.

This larger audience heard the inquiry made of Jesus by two of John’s disciples. They heard John’s disciples ask, “Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?”

John’s question would seem to fly in the face of that which John said when he baptized Jesus (Matt. 3:3). At Jesus’ baptism, John was certain that Jesus was the Messiah whose coming he was called to declare. John, now in prison and having heard the works which Jesus had done, now wondered if he should look for one other than Jesus.

Jesus’ answer is for both John and the audience which heard John’s question. Jesus said, “Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see” (v. 4). Why was there need for John to be told those things a second time? When one takes a second look, one is forced to consider information that was not fully considered previously.

Jesus made the things that John had not fully considered known in verse 5. John knew that Jesus had caused the blind to see, the lame to walk, lepers to be healed, the deaf to hear, and the dead to be raised up. He knew that Jesus had preached good news to the poor (see Matt. 5:3). He knew these things but he thought Jesus might not be the Messiah. Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah would do these things (see Isa. 29:18, 61:1). It would appear that John was looking for a Messiah who would rule with a strong hand (see Isa. 40:10). There were many in the audience who looked for a Messiah who would be their king, a king who would expunge Judea of Roman rule. They, like John, needed to consider the things which Jesus had done in a different light.

In verse 6, Jesus said that those who would not be offended because of Him would be blessed. Believers are not offended. We are blessed. This is not the case, however, for those who do not believe. One is offended by that which is contrary to one’s values and beliefs. Many scribes and Pharisees were offended when Jesus said that their righteousness was insufficient to enter the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:20).

After John’s two disciples departed. Jesus addressed the audience who had heard Him say that John needed to rethink that which he had heard. As noted earlier, this audience included many who held John in high regard and were among those baptized by him. Those holding John in high regard might be offended by that which Jesus had just said.


Jesus asked the multitude why that they had been drawn to John and then supplied the answer. They believed that John was a prophet. They were drawn to John because he declared words given to him by God.

Jesus declared that John was, in deed, a prophet. Jesus then added that John was more than a prophet. John was more than a prophet because he was a prophet whose coming had been declared by Isaiah. God, through Isaiah, said “Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee” (Isa. 40:3). John was the messenger of whom Isaiah spoke.

In verse 11, Jesus stated that there were none born of women greater than John the Baptist. John was second to no one in greatness. The Lord followed with a statement that would have surprised His audience. He said that the least in the kingdom of heaven was greater than John. John’s greatness was not of the magnitude needed to qualify for entry in the kingdom of heaven. The least in the kingdom of heaven would be greater than John. Entry into the kingdom of heaven is not dependent upon one’s greatness.

That which Jesus spoke in verses 12 through 14 is for all who have the ears to hear (see v. 15). In verse 12, Jesus said, “And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.” Suffereth violence, *biazo* in the Greek, is a single word which carries the thought of being subjected to force. The violent are those who forcibly attempt to enter the kingdom of heaven. Before John the Baptist, men sought entry into the kingdom of heaven by relying upon their own effort, by keeping the law (a forceful attempt). They sought to enter on the strength of works. John preached that entry into the kingdom of heaven was dependent upon changing one’s ways (Matt. 3:2). In verse 14, Jesus made it known that John’s ministry was that which was prophesied by Malachi (Mal. 4:5-6). John was the Elijah whose ministry would result in a relationship that did not previously exist. That new relationship is created when one repents of one’s works and comes to Christ believing that He is the supplier of the righteousness necessary to enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Only believers have the ears to hear. Let us declare the gospel such that all may hear.



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Obituaries

WAYNE J. BATTEN
Wayne J. Batten, 88, of Poca, passed away August 5, 2021 at home surrounded by his family.
Wayne is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Mrs. Bonnie Batten; daughter Vickie Clendenin of Cross Lanes; sons Tom (Debbie) of Richmond, VA and Jim (Keith) of Clearwater, FL; grandchildren Stacey Davis (Mike) of Kenna, Sara Clendenin (Frank Meadows) of Cross Lanes and Brian Batten of IN; great grandchildren Craig Haynes (Cierra), Chase Clendenin, Madison Woody and Tarah Higginbotham and great-great grandson Jayden Haynes.
Wayne is a member of the Nitro Masonic Lodge and a former employee of Monsanto Chemical Co.. He drilled water wells all over Putnam and Kanawha Counties and enjoyed his antique cars. He also had a great love for his dog Axle.
At his request there will be no services.

JERRY LEE BENNETT
Gone from our sight, but never from our hearts Jerry Lee Bennett went home to be with the Lord, Saturday, July 31, 2021. He was born in Charleston on December 3rd, 1945, to Winfred and Virginia Bennett. He was raised in Hurricane and graduated from Hurricane High School in 1963. He enlisted in the Army in August 1964 and was honorably discharged in August 1967. On September 19th, 1964, he married the love of his life, Betty Ruth Gibson. Jerry and Betty went on to have three children, Duska, Jerry Lee, and Jeremy. After serving in the military Jerry worked full time while earning a bachelor's degree from West Virginia State University. He spent 30 plus years in the Cable Television Industry and retired from the West Virginia Public Service Commission in 2010. He enjoyed traveling, riding motorcycles, playing the drums, and trapshooting, a beloved hobby he passed on to his sons. He was a loving father and grandfather known by his grandchildren as "Pa Jerry." He never missed a birthday and was never without a moon pie or some kind of sweet.
He is preceded in death by his parents: Winfred and Virginia Bennett; his wife Betty Bennett. Those left to cherish memories of him are his children Duska Arbaugh of Hurricane; Jerry L. Bennett II (Vanessa) of Bay Springs, MS; Jeremy Bennett (Bridget) of Mt. Juliet, TN; His brother Larry Bennett (Diana) of Cross Lanes; his grandchildren Bronwyn and William

Arbaugh; Raeghan and Kynlee Bennett; Ainsley and Branson Bennett.
Service was Friday, August 6, 2021, at Allen Funeral Home in Hurricane, with the Rev. Charles Larue officiating. Burial was in Valley View Memorial Park, Hurricane.

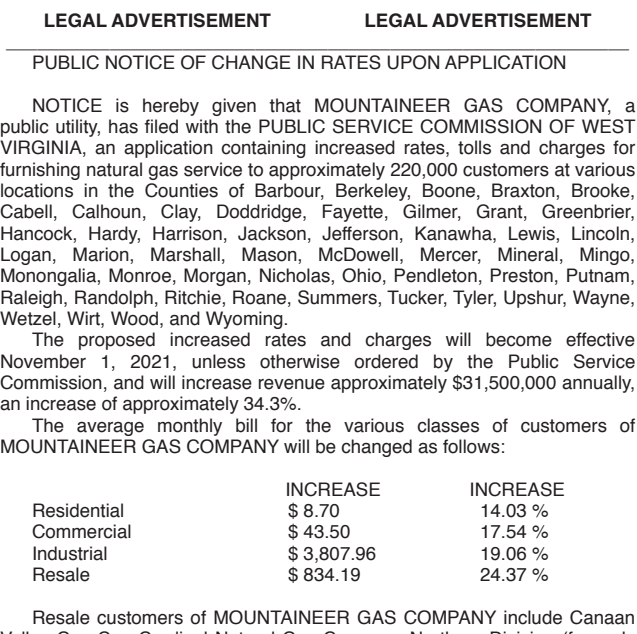
LEWIS PRESTON CROUCH
Lewis Preston Crouch, 60, of Hurricane, went home to be with our Lord August 6, 2021, after a long illness.
He was preceded in death by his father Ronald K. Crouch Sr. and nephew Alan Dwayne Stanley.
He is survived by his mother Mamie E. Johnson Crouch, brothers Ronald K. Crouch Jr., Donald K. Crouch and sisters Bonnie E. McCord (Dennis) and Malinda T Stanley (Bobby) all of Hurricane, He leaves behind 8 nephews and 2 nieces, many great and great grand nephews and nieces, cousins, Aunts Uncles and very close friends who loved and admired him.
Funeral service was Sunday, August 8, 2021, at Allen Funeral Home with Elder Harold Johnson and Anthony Edwards of Fairview Primitive Church officiating. Burial was in Carpenter Cemetery.

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Obituaries

Dawn Spaulding
Kenneth Shane Litton
to Shannon Marie Gibson
Benjamin Mark
Roberts to Mikayla Dawn
Hastings
Justin Michael Myers
to Olivia Krystine Clark
Stephen Tyler Moss to
Hollie Nicole Means
Dylan Bruce Adkins to
Jessica Lynn Martin
Scott David Farley to
Hannah Rose Atkins
Richard Kenton Ward
to Stephanie Christine
Duling
Justin Paul Gatens to
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JASON DANIEL BLACK Whitten Ridge Road Milton 26th Birthday August 11	BRIANA HAGA 1769 Butcher Road Pt. Pleasant 18th Birthday August 12
DALLAS YOUNG 1923 US Route 60 Culloden 71st Birthday August 11	KYLE NEAL Salt Rock 32nd Birthday August 12
ROGER PERKINS 473 Sunnybrook Drive Hurricane 74th Birthday August 11	JIM ROLLINS 2045 Whitten Ridge Road Milton Birthday August 12
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STEVE SMITH 2154 Washington Hill Road Hurricane 43rd Birthday August 11	LARRY FOSTER JR 5&20 Road Frazier's Bottom Birthday August 13
AMY NASH 3504 Wellington Drive Hurricane Birthday August 11	BETTY DOSS 4123 Teays Valley Road Scott Depot Birthday August 13
JAY HARVEY Cincinnati, Ohio 42nd Birthday August 12	JOSHUA RYAN

Happy Birthday, Angel



Angel Wheeler of Hurricane will celebrate her 49th birthday on August 23rd. Happy birthday!

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Two Birthdays, One On Earth And One In Heaven



Destiny Kelly of Hurricane and her late grandmother, Diana Edwards, were born on the same day, August 9.

Happy 21st Birthday, Destiny Kelly!
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Board Of Education Approves Dental And Vision Incentives For Existing And Retired Employees

For decades the Putnam County School system has been regarded as one of the premier school systems in West Virginia. The citizens of Putnam County have repeatedly authenticated their value of quality education for our children by supporting an excess levy to supplement funding of our education system. This commitment from the community, combined with the efforts of each of our employees throughout the years, has resulted in an expectation of excellence from our school system. This expectation of high achievement began many years ago and has continued well into the twenty-first century.

With the recent approval of the excess levy by the citizens of Putnam County, the Putnam County Board of Education (PCBOE) has opted to provide additional dental and vision incentives to current Putnam County Schools (PCS) employees and retirees.

“The Board of Education members and the superintendent value our employees, both past and present. We appreciate the efforts of our current employees and take great pride in the tradition and foundation our retired employees established. We revere our rich history for excellence as we look to the future with excitement and anticipation of the continued success of our school system,” said PCBOE President Rob Cunningham.

At its meeting held June 21, the PCBOE approved an increase of

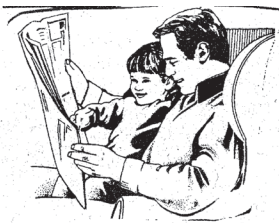
Clifton and Billie Jean Harshbarger Clark of Teays Lane in Hurricane will celebrate their thirteenth wedding anniversary on August 16.

Tom and Anne Johnson of 110 Rosewood Drive in Hurricane will celebrate their sixty-fourth wedding anniversary on August 17.

Timothy and Kristi Erwin Dunlap of 107 Laurel Crossing in Huntington will celebrate their nineteenth wedding anniversary on August 17.

dental/optical benefits affecting the 2021-2022 school year for all current employees and retirees meeting the qualifications. Additionally, each employee who completes the last fifteen (15) full consecutive years of employment in a regularly scheduled position working a minimum of seventeen and a half (17.5) hours per week immediately prior to their retirement from PCS will receive supplemental dental and optical insurance benefits. This same benefit will also be provided for current retirees who fulfilled the last fifteen (15) years full consecutive of employment with PCS in a regularly scheduled position working a minimum of seventeen and a half (17.5) hours per week prior to entering retirement. This supplemental benefit is the same dental and optical insurance benefit all present employees are offered. The coverage for retirees began July 1, 2021, and shall be consistent with the coverage (single or family) that the employee has (had) at the time of retirement.

“The decision to offer this benefit to our retirees is in recognition of the outstanding school system our current retirees created and a show of appreciation for the continued support our retirees provide to our current employees through mentoring and continued support of the improvement of our school system. This additional incentive will also provide PCS a competitive advantage with the recruitment of high-quality employees and with the retention of our most experienced employees,” said Cunningham. “Hopefully, this supplemental insurance payment and additional benefits for current employees will entice our most skilled and dedicated employees to maintain employment with PCS throughout their careers. Also, this supplemental insurance benefit imparts upon our retirees the well-deserved recognition for their efforts in shaping PCS into one of the best, if not the best, school system in West Virginia.”



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