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## City of Hurricane Moves to Allow Outdoor Alcohol Consumption

By Ron Allen

In a first reading of an ordinance to revise Section 521.06 of the city code, the Hurricane City Council approved changes which would allow customers at Drip Cafe and Belknap Dough Company on Main Street the privilege of consuming alcoholic beverages purchased at the eateries in the sidewalk and Deck-on-Main areas. Both restaurants currently serve beer for on-the-premises consumption. The ordinance will become effective upon second reading at the September 7 council meeting. First reading vote was 4 to 2 with council members Marshall Ginn and Gerry Spears voting against the measure.

Mayor Scott Edwards stated that he will place a review of the ordinance on the agenda for the July 2022 council meeting. Council also held first reading of two ordinance which would allow the Hurricane Building Commission to issue lease revenue bonds. The ordinances, if approved at their second readings, will allow the Building Commission to issue bonds of less than \$5 million to finance the construction and equipping of the new fire station and of less than \$12 million to finance improvements at Hurricane Bridge Park.

Fire Chief Deron Wilkes informed council that Hurricane Fire

& Rescue EMS is now providing ambulance service to all residing within the Hurricane Fire District. On Sunday, August 1, ambulance service in the territory served by the District shifted from Putnam EMS to Hurricane Fire & Rescue.

Wilkes said that Hurricane EMS answered its first call on Sunday at 9:20 a.m. Wilkes added that Hurricane EMS answered four calls on Sunday, three in Hurricane and one on Sycamore Ridge. Wilkes said the Hurricane EMS anticipates about six calls per day for ambulance service. Wilkes also informed council that the Hurricane Fire Department would have less need to answer 911 calls because it will operate in conjunction with Hurricane EMS.

Police Chief Mike Mullins told council that the FBI, acting on information provided by the HPD, has seized 15 firearms, 4 vehicles, and \$331,000 in cash. Mullins said that Hurricane's CIU has been working with the FBI for a year and that the bust resulted in 21 federal indictments.

City Manager Andy Skidmore reported that fencing has been installed around the football field at Bridge Park and that the pickleball courts will soon be completed. Skidmore said that Conley's Irish

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## County Commission News

By Ron Allen

At its July 29th meeting, the Commission discussed but did not act upon a bid for the construction of a 911 Tower to be located at Confidence on Red House Hill. OES/911 Director Frank Chapman reported that Premier Construction Group of Jane Lew submitted the lone bid. Chapman said that a company from Kentucky had expressed interest but did not bid because the current shortage of steel made completing the project within the required 180 days doubtful.

Premier's bid of \$765,341.50 is about 40% higher than the cost of the State's tower of the same height on Coal Mountain which was built ten years ago. Chapman said that the price of that tower included the construction of an access road. No access road is needed for the Confidence site.

The Commission voted to table the matter until comparative construction costs can be obtained.

In other business, the Commission appointed Travis Tarr to the Putnam County

Building Commission Board, Rebecca Withrow to Visitors Bureau, and Heather Davis to the Planning Board.

The meeting agenda included taking action on a rezoning request by Timothy and Dawn Spradling. No action was taken because Commission President Ron Foster announced that a stay preventing Commission action has been issued by Circuit Court Judge Philip Stowers.

The Commission voted to donate a used Ford Explorer to the Poca Police Department. The vehicle was retired from the Putnam County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Bobby Eggleton said that the vehicle had 96,000 miles on it and had issues. Eggleton said that repairs will be needed before it can be placed in use. The Town of Poca plans to make the necessary repairs.

The Commission voted to issue notice to four property owners that failure to comply with orders to clean up cited conditions within 60 days would result in daily fines of up to \$100. The properties involved

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## Putnam Sounds Off to Joint Committee on Redistricting



Ben Barkey (left) addresses members of the Joint Committee on Redistricting. Seated (l-r) are; Jeff Billings, Attorney for the House; Delegate Geoff Foster; Delegate Gary Howell; and Senator Charles Trump. (Photo courtesy of Ed Conner)

By Ron Allen

On July 27, the Putnam County courthouse in Winfield was the site the first public hearing of West Virginia Legislature's Joint Committee on Redistricting. The Joint Committee will conduct a total of 12 public hearings before taking on the task of redrawing legislative boundary lines.

The West Virginia Constitution requires the Legislature to redraw these lines every 10 years utilizing U.S. Census data to reflect any population changes. Due to the delay in the federal government releasing Census data, specific population numbers are not available and the Committee cannot present any proposed maps.

Putnam residents let their thoughts known about legislative boundary lines that currently exist. Speakers made it known that they are unhappy and want the opportunity to vote for people who live in Putnam County and share Putnam County interests.

Currently, the county is represented by seven delegates elected from

four delegate districts which cross county lines and one district which is totally within the county. Only three of the seven delegates reside in Putnam County.

The one district within Putnam is the 15th where Geoff Foster represents 13,624 registered voters. The 13th and 22nd Districts are two-delegate districts,

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## Woman to chair Putnam County Fire Service Board

By Betsy Allen

Meghan Evelyn Hutchinson was recently named to the Putnam County Fire Board, making her the first woman to serve as chairman. In this position, she will be responsible for leading board meetings, overseeing expenditures, and helping foster a relationship between the community and the fire board.

Hutchinson has been involved in emergency management since 2006, when she joined Teays Valley Fire Department. She says she wanted to serve her community and become part of something larger than herself. Since she was under the age of eighteen, she was a junior firefighter. Though she was not allowed inside of burning structures due to her age, she received training in the operation of the fire trucks and was part of the team responding to accidents. After enrolling in Concord University, she joined the Athens Volunteer Fire Department, where she became a full-fledged firefighter at the age of eighteen. Later she returned to Putnam County, although she was unable to resume firefighting because of several skiing injuries.

While studying anthropology classes in Putnam County through Marshall University, Hutchinson met Dr. Ron Enders. He became her mentor and encouraged her to join the River Run Regional Medical Reserve

Corp, of which he was the director. She and Dr. Enders created the Radiological Response Unit, which addresses sheltering and the evacuation of citizens in the case of a radiological related accident. Now she is the Deputy Director and leads Radiological Response Unit #960.

While West Virginia does not have any nuclear power plants, there are four counties in the Northern panhandle that are within the fifty-mile planning zone for Beaver Valley Power Station in Pennsylvania. There is also always a chance of accidents involving radiological components, such as with medical equipment being carried on trains or trucks on the interstate.

In 2013, Hutchinson pursued a second Bachelors' degree from Eastern Kentucky University, where she majored in Homeland Security. She later



Meghan Evelyn Hutchinson

returned to the university in 2019, and recently completed her Master of Science in Safety, Security and Emergency Management

with certifications in Emergency Management & Disaster Resilience and Corporate Security Operations.

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The Centennial History of Hurricane

## Meet Some of Hurricane's Oldest Families

In 1988, The Centennial History of Hurricane, WV was published to commemorate the town's 100th anniversary. Since the Centennial History is now out of print, the Breeze is reprinting articles from the book as space allows. This week's selection will be the 204th installment of the Centennial History.

MACK CARLYSLE SEARLS  
Submitted by  
Phyllis Canterbury

Mack Carlysle Searls was born in Hurricane

on Turkey Creek, August 1900, and died in August 1975. Annie Bell Bird was born in Hurricane on Clymer Creek in May of 1909. Mack and Annie were united in marriage in March of 1927, and from this union ten children were born; six sons and four daughters: Mack Carlysle, Jr., Ada Kachelene, Leslie Eugene, Melvin Leon, Merdith Adline, Phyllis Jean, Robert Lee, Linda Faye, Danny Curtis and Randy Loyd.

Mack Carlysle Searls, Jr. was born in 1930.

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### WEATHER SUMMARY

July 27 - August 2

	Low	High
July 27		
Hurricane	60°	90°
July 28		
Hurricane	60°	88°
July 29		
Hurricane	64°	88°
July 30		
Hurricane	60°	83°
July 31		
Hurricane	64°	82°
August 1		
Hurricane	56°	81°
August 2		
Hurricane	54°	77°

\*RAIN  
None recorded

## Community Calendar

If you want your event listed in the Community Calendar, write to the Hurricane Breeze at PO Box 310, Hurricane, West Virginia 25526, or phone 304-562-9881. If you have email, send it to breezenews@citynet.net and mark your subject line "Community Calendar." There is no charge for posting an event in the calendar.

### TUESDAYS THROUGH AUGUST 10

Appalachian Boarding Company is holding paddleboard lessons at the Hurricane City reservoir. Session 1 is from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and session 2 is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 for one session, or \$35 for both sessions. To register, text 304-610-8999.

### 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.

### AUGUST 5 - 8

Fraziers Bottom Church of God, 19064 Winfield Road, Fraziers Bottom, will be holding Rocky Railway VBS at 6:30 p.m. nightly.

### AUGUST 5

Friends of Buffalo WV History will have a history gathering at 7 p.m. at the Buffalo Welcome Center.

### AUGUST 6

The Nitro Antique Car Club will be holding a cruise-in starting at 5 p.m. at the Living Memorial Park in Nitro.

There will be a free drive-in style movie

night at the Eleanor Pool parking lot starting at 9 p.m. The movie will be "Raya and the Last Dragon."

The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce's Business Before Business will be held from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at Valley Cakes & Cafe at Valley Park in Hurricane. RSVP by Aug. 5 by calling 304-757-6510.

There will be an Art in the Park class where participants create bird houses from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane. To register, go to putnam-county-parks.ticketleap.com/art-in-the-park-series

### AUGUST 7

There will be a vendor event starting at 11 a.m. at the Ridenour Park in Nitro that will benefit pageant queens.

The Winfield Nazarene Church will be holding an indoor yard sale fundraiser and hot dog sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be a free drive-in style movie night at the Eleanor Pool parking lot starting at 9 p.m. The movie will be "Dumb and Dumber."

The Story Booth Drive Thru Adventure will be returning to Valley Park in Hurricane from 5 to 6 p.m. Escape to the land of fairytales from your own car.

### AUGUST 8

There will be a benefit concert for the Larry and Lora Rawlings Family at Cross Lanes United Methodist Church Sanctuary on 5320 Frontier Drive in Cross Lanes at 4:00 p.m. The Concert will be a harp solo recital by professional harpist, Mark Owen Martin. For more information, call (304) 546-6249.

### AUGUST 9 - 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>

### AUGUST 9

The Putnam County Democrat Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the old county courthouse in Winfield, second floor. If you like, bring a covered dish.

The So-Kai Kidz Clubhouse will be holding an open air class at 11 a.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane. To register, go to [sokaiclubhouse.com](http://sokaiclubhouse.com)

### AUGUST 10

The St. Albans Historical Society will be holding a trivia night from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$15. To register, go to [www.eventbrite.com/event/st-albans-historical-society-trivia-night-tickets-165136576947](http://www.eventbrite.com/event/st-albans-historical-society-trivia-night-tickets-165136576947)

### 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.statefairwv.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 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.

## Commissioner Leonhardt Encourages Citizens to Support Local Farmers' Markets

West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt released the following statement leading up National Farmers' Market Week, August 1-7:

"Local farmers' markets and the producers who support them are vital to our state's economy, as well as food security. When we saw bottle necks in the national food system, it was West Virginia farmers who stepped up to feed our citizens. The pandemic proved how important local agriculture is to our communities, so this week get out and support those markets and their farmers."

During Commissioner Leonhardt's administration, the WVDA has worked with the Legislature to reduce burdens and barriers on farmers' markets. Since the WVDA, took over the full regulation of markets, the number of markets has increased by 50 percent. According

to the WVDA, there are 155 markets registered in West Virginia.

"As we continue to find ways to get the government out of the way of our farmers, we need to heighten the awareness for local food. No amount of reduction in regulations will help if we cannot increase consumer demand. That is what National Farmers' Market week is all about, supporting the local farmer."

The first National Farmers' Market week was established in 1999 by the United States Department of Agriculture. The week is a celebration of the hard work and dedication of the local farmers and agriculture businesses in making the Farmers' Markets an integral part of the communities in which they are located.

For a list of West Virginia farmers' markets, click here: <https://agriculture.wv.gov/farmers-market-search>

## Bancroft to Receive REAP Grant

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's (WVDEP) Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP) program announced the recipients of its Litter Control Matching Grants, Wednesday, July 28.

The grants were awarded to county solid waste authorities, county commissions, and municipalities. 25 applicants were approved for amounts totaling \$84,350.

The Town of Bancroft will get a \$1,500 grant to be used to assist with a town cleanup event.

The Putnam County Solid Waste Authority will get \$5,000 to assist with wages for the County Litter Control Officer.

### 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.

The Hurricane Citywide Yard Sale will be held throughout Hurricane. Lists of sales around the city will be published on Facebook and [hurricanewv.com](http://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.

## The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

School days are coming... my granddaughter starts back Monday, August 2, home school. She is a junior... her sister starts her third year of college in August. Her eldest sister graduated Purdue this year and will be working. She just returned from an internship at NYU. She has studied in Greece, Italy, and England also... she turned 22 in July. Where have the years gone? The elder grandson will start fourth grade, and the younger grandson will enter first. Both of them go back early August to the gifted school locally. The boys have enjoyed camping in Tennessee and North Carolina this summer, and they are in the Virgin Islands for a couple of weeks as we speak. They prefer camping, of course.

I am finishing online school with my student on the west coast... finished with the one on the east coast... teachers never quit. I will be online one day a week with my granddaughter in Indiana. We have worked together since she was in elementary school. Her mom does intricate lesson plans, and she does school five to six days a week at home. Self motivated...

It seems like yesterday school finished for the summer, and here we are again. The boys are eager to go in a building instead of learning online like last year. I will continue to work with them also as

does their mom. School is so different than when we attended with many options today.

When I was in the classroom, and students told me they hated school... I offered choices to him... private school... transfer to another high school... or just buckle down, study, enjoy... the time would pass quickly. they would be in the world as adults supporting themselves... growing up...

The time passes like a flash of lightning. One minute they are putting on little uniforms to go into the classroom, and the next, they are rushing out to enjoy summer... the boys continued to work with Spanish lessons, math with mom, and English with Nana, all summer... the girls have always continued school in the summer also... not as much but some... all are avid readers.

I tell them they are Burkes... Burkes study and work diligently, no complaining... the boys say, Burkes never give up... this latter when I am conceding in RISK or LIFE or MONOPOLY. The minute they get to the condo, the games come out. We sign the boards when we win... needless to say, Nana doesn't get to sign often. The other day, we were at my son's playing Risk... there on the board from the 1980's were the signatures of our family members... took me back to a time when my own kids went to school and rushed home for board games... Friday nights, we always had pizza and games... fun memories...

The first day of school is a big deal... some moms like it... I did not... it was sad when my two went back... bittersweet actually... sad for me... happy for them... it will be exciting for the boys this year... the Pandemic taught us all much.

Nana will make do this time, just as always... I will miss the boys coming to the condo to do school, running onto the patio, little hands on the glass... after school, there will be Spanish lessons and Tae Kwon Do... we will carve out time for us though.

I will delight in my Thursdays with my granddaughter, as we study American Literature this year... chatting as we work... I love this time with her... when I lived in Indy, I went to her home on Thursday's, and we did several subjects together... we still do history also... during the pandemic, we worked online... I will miss working with the grand who graduated college, as she took me with her on her four year journey... I will enjoy working with the grand still in college... learning... it is all about time and effort... parental involvement... grandparents helping... it does take a village to raise a child...

As school begins this year, maybe my readers will help their grandchildren... children... volunteer... work online... take the time to help those who want and need it... because let's face it, the way we were will always be the way we are, life long learners and teachers... prayers... mask... vaccinate... stay safe... keep others safe.

## Available Pets at the Putnam Animal Shelter

These are a few 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, these animals may have already been adopted and found their forever homes. 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.



Meet Patches (Id #45388). Patches is a six-month-old female domestic short haired cat looking for her new home.



Meet Abbie (Id #45270). Abbie is a one year old female German Shepherd looking for her furever home. She has lots of energy and would love to have a home with lots of room to run. She also needs a home where she is the only animal and isn't around young children. Come see her!

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# Woman to chair Putnam County Fire Service Board

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Over the years, Hutchinson has been involved with emergency management for various governmental offices. She worked for the West Virginia Center for Threat Preparedness, where she was responsible for ensuring coordination among all involved federal, state, and local agencies and entities. She was also the Radiological Emergency Preparedness State Agency Coordinator for the West Virginia Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (WVDHSEM), where she focused on planning, training, and exercises relating to the Beaver Valley Power Station Nuclear Power Plant. In 2019, she was recognized by Governor Jim Justice for her efforts in response to Hurricane Florence. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she served as the Logistics Chief for West Virginia's DHHR's Health Command. Last December, she received her West Virginia Emergency Manager Level 3 accreditation from the West Virginia Emergency Management Council. This September, she will complete the Center for Homeland Defense and Security, housed at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, California, Radiological Emergency Preparedness Executive Education Program. She is the only woman in this highly competitive program in this cohort.

"As time progressed, I had the urge to get more involved in our community again here in Putnam County,"

said Hutchinson. After speaking with several county officials, she applied for an opening on the fire board as the District 2 citizen representative. The County Commission appointed her to the position last year.

"We look forward to continuing to work with Meghan and the rest of our Putnam County Fire Service Board this year to help maintain and improve the Putnam County Fire Service," the Putnam County Fire Service Board wrote on their Facebook page in an announcement concerning Hutchinson's promotion.

Hutchinson takes pride in becoming the first woman named as the Putnam County Fire Service Board chairman. She says she wants young girls and women to see that there are no boundaries and that they can achieve anything. "Having a young daughter myself, I think it is really important for young girls and women to know that anything is achievable, and that there are no limits to what you can be a part of," says Hutchinson.

"The heartbeat of Putnam County lies within the residents of each community who volunteer to make their communities better," Hutchinson says. "The men and women of the eight fire departments across Putnam County exemplify this heartbeat through their sense of selfless service to their communities. The most devoted and loving hearts of any community belong to those who heed the calling to public safety and to the fire service. Through tireless and

selfless sacrifice for their fellow man, they become beacons of hope, safety, and protection for their local neighborhoods as well as for our entire county, state, and nation. The men and women who proudly answer the call day in and day out across the eight fire departments throughout Putnam County, who willingly forgo their own personal safety and needs to serve the needs of others, exemplify the very best society has to offer and are foundational cornerstones of the American way of life. It is with tremendous pride that I have accepted the position as Chairman for the Putnam County Fire Board, the first female to hold that auspicious responsibility. I am humbled by the confidence and faith put

in me by those who I am honored to call my fire family and will do all in my power to serve you as you serve our county... with dedication, honor, and love."

Hutchinson was born in Slidell, Louisiana, to parents Al and Judy Howard. She says that her parents "have always instilled in her that nothing is impossible if you are goal driven and determined." Hutchinson has been a resident of Putnam County since 1998 and lives in Scott Depot with her husband, Michael, daughter Catherine, and three rescue cats. When she is not involved in emergency management, she enjoys exploring the great outdoors, cheering on the Kentucky Wildcats, traveling, and relaxing with her family.

# Joint Committee on Redistricting

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representing 20,214 and 20,202 registered voters. Putnam is outnumbered by Mason and Jackson in the 13th by 12,589 to 7,625 and by Lincoln, Logan and Boone in the 22nd by 13,452 to 6,750. In the 14th and 38th (single-delegate districts) Putnam is outnumbered by Mason County 7,699 to 2,464 in the 14th District and by Kanawha County 5,825 to 5,425 in the 22nd District.

Members of the Joint Committee are Senators Charles Trump (chairman), Mike Caputo, Glenn Jeffries, Rupie Phillips, Chandler Swope, Dave Sypolt, Eric Tarr, Ryan Weld, and Mike Woefel; and Delegates Gary Howell (chairman), Bill Anderson, Brent Boggs,

Nathan Brown, Moore Capito, Paul Espinosa, Shawn Fluharty, Geoff Foster, Marty Gearheart, Sean Hornbuckle, Eric Householder, David Kelly, Kayla Kessinger, Daniel Linville, Zack Maynard, Jeff Pack, Matthew Rohrbach, Ruth Rowan, Doug Skaff, Joe Statler, Erikka Storch, Amy Summers, Steve Westfall, and John Williams.

The last public hearing for the Committee is scheduled for September 16 in Parkersburg. The Committee must complete its work before new districts can be drawn for the 2022-2030 election cycle.

The Committee's progress will be reported on the web at [www.wvlegislature.gov/redistricting.cfm](http://www.wvlegislature.gov/redistricting.cfm).

heritage unmatched by any other. They always put their family first and themselves last. They lived what they taught us by the fine example they always set for us.

All ten children graduated from the old Hurricane High School that has since been torn down. Of the ten children, we have two electricians, a salesperson, a millwright, an ironworker, a pastor's wife, a bank teller, a plant operator, a service personnel for our school system, and an operator

at a local water plant.

Mack and Annie's children would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all the wonderful childhood memories you have given us. But much more than that, we want to thank you for each other.

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.

## The Centennial History of Hurricane

### Meet Some of Hurricane's Oldest Families

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He married the former Imogene Belcher of St. Albans. They are parents of Stephen Carlisle and Jeffery Lynn. Stephen married the former Debbi Caldwell of Hurricane. They have two children, Becky and Stephen.

Ada Kathelene, born in 1932, married Denver Sisson of Sissonville. They have two children, Denver Alan and Anna Louise. Anna married Rowdy Despasqualo of Martinsburg. They have a daughter, Ana' Maria.

Leslie Eugene was born in 1934. He married the former Mitzi Bird of St. Albans. They have two children, Darlene and Gary. Darlene married Roger Wheeler of St. Albans, they have one daughter, Lesley Ann.

Melvin Leon was born in 1937. He married the former Phyllis Hodges of Hurricane.

Merdith Adline was born in 1940. She married Charles Marker of Hurricane. They are parents of four children, Charles Larry, 11, John William, Stephanie Ann and Vanessa Elaine. John married the former Renee Keenan of Moundsville. Stephanie married Michael Johnson and they reside in Lakeland, Florida. Stephanie and Michael have one daughter, Deanna Lynn.

Phyllis Jean was born in 1943. She married Larry Gene Canterbury of Hurricane. They have two sons, Richard Gene and Russell Alan.

in 1946. He has two sons, Travis Lee and Erich Todd.

Linda Faye was born in 1947. She married Rodney Adkins of Hurricane. They have two daughters, Lisa Dawn and Amy Beth. Lisa married Richard Carnes of Charleston.

Danny Curtis was born in 1950. He married the former Paula Jordan of Milton. They have two children, Michael Ryan and Amber Dawn.

Randy Loyd was born in 1951. He married the former Doris Quentrill of Hurricane. They have two children, Melissa Erin and Justin Randy.

Besides working full time for Union Carbide of South Charleston as a painter, Mack owned a 77 acre farm just outside Hurricane on Route 34. Of course having six sons helped in the operation of his farm. Besides raising a huge garden of vegetables, there were crops of field corn, strawberries and tobacco. Mack's pride and joy on the farm came from raising purebred Hereford cattle, and he always maintained a fine team of work horses.

Annie's pride and joy came in being a homemaker. She was and still is the best cook on earth; half the community could vouch for that. She was a fine seamstress; making clothes for her family and prize-winning quilts. And of course with ten children she was always a peacemaker.

Mack and Annie left their ten children a

# Clover STEMs 4-H Robotics Team Creates Fraziers Bottom Little Library



Pictured are team members Kathryn McClellan and Carter Takarsh. Not pictured are team members Aiden Carlson and Mason Eads.

The Clover STEMs 4-H and Pebble Creek subdivisions in Putnam County. The project was funded by the West Virginia 4-H All Stars My Hands to Larger Service mini-grant program.

# City of Hurricane

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Pub (located in the Hidden Creek Building) is now expected to open in late September.

Marketing & Development Manager Amanda Ramey informed council that the evening edition of Food Truck Friday is scheduled from 4 to 8 p.m. on August 27 with entertainment provided by the Creek Don't Rise. Ramey announced a new requirement for vendors at Hurricane's Harvest Festival on October 2. The cost to vendors will be \$50, \$20 of which will be refunded if the vendor remains on site until the close of the festival. Ramey also reminded

council that Hurricane's Citywide Yard Sale is Saturday, August 14. Participants desiring to have their addresses advertised online should contact the city at 304-562-5896. Due to the Labor Day holiday, the next Hurricane Council meeting will be Tuesday, September 7, at 6:30 p.m.

## County Commission

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include Cathy property at 1664 Hedrick Road in Scott Depot, Franklin Douglas property in Bancroft, and the Albert Tinsley property.

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# Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



## Everything Falls Away...

Submitted by Myra Simmons

There's a thread you follow. It goes among things that change. But it doesn't change.

—William Stafford

## Everything Falls Away

By Parker J. Palmer

Sooner or later, everything falls away.

You, the work you've done, your successes, large and small, your failures, too. Those moments when you were light, alongside the times you became one with the night. The friends, the people you loved who loved you, those who might have wished you ill, none of this is forever. All of it is soon to go, or going, or long gone.

Everything falls away, except the thread you've followed, unknowing, all along. The thread that strings together all you've been and done, the thread you didn't know you were tracking until, toward the end, you see that the thread is what stays as everything else falls away.

Follow that thread as far as you can and you'll find that it does not end, but weaves into the unimaginable vastness of life. Your life never was the solo turn it seemed to be.

It was always part of the great weave of nature and humanity, an immensity we come to know only as we follow our own small threads to the place where they merge with the boundless whole.

Each of our threads runs its course, then joins in life together. This magnificent tapestry this masterpiece in which we live forever.

## Fillers Contributors Wanted

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## 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 example, an Albacore Bliss Bowl made with Chicken of the Sea Solid White Albacore Tuna in Water is a versatile choice that can be topped with veggies like cabbage, cucumber and carrot then drizzled with a homemade dressing. Since there's no cooking required, you can easily prep ahead of time or even on-site.

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

### Albacore Bliss Bowl

Total time: 10 minutes

Servings: 4

- 2 cans (5 ounces each) Chicken of the Sea Solid White Albacore Tuna in Water, drained and flaked
- 2 cups cooked quinoa
- 1/2 cup chopped purple cabbage
- 1/3 cup diced cucumber
- 1/3 cup shredded carrot
- 1/3 cup diced red pepper
- 1/3 cup diced mango
- 1/3 cup chopped green onions
- 4 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 1 teaspoon sesame seeds or black sesame seeds

Divide cooked quinoa between four bowls. Top each with evenly divided tuna, cabbage, cucumber, carrots, red peppers, mango and green onions.

In small bowl, whisk apple cider vinegar, olive oil, honey, sesame oil, salt and pepper. Drizzle over each bowl. Garnish with sesame seeds.

## Jokes From Linda

Submitted by Linda Lavender Armstead



A man got pulled over by the cop. The cop asked to smell the bottle he was drinking out of. The man told the cop, "It's only water."

After the cop smelled the contents, he said, "It's wine."

The man said, "God has done it again!"

Wife: I have a bag full of use clothing I'd like to donate.

Husband: Why not just throw it in the trash that's much easier.

Wife: But there are poor starving people who can really use all these clothes.

Husband: Honey, anyone who fits into your clothing is not starving.

Husband is recovering from a head injury now.

## Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead  
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

Learn to be OK with people not knowing your side of the story. You don't have to prove anything to anyone.

Whatever and wherever we are at any given moment of any given day, God is God enough.

Each of us have particular strengths and weaknesses, and sometimes our weaknesses rule over our strengths.

The sun himself is weak when he first rises, and gathers strength and courage as the day gets on. - Charles Dickens

Be someone's sunshine when their skies are gray.

A grateful heart is a magnet for miracles.

Friendship flourishes at the fountain of forgiveness.

I couldn't afford the trip to heaven, so Jesus paid my way.

The funny thing is, when you don't let people disrespect you, they start calling you difficult.

The measure of who we are is what we do with what we have.

We don't have to agree on everything to be kind to one another.

Lovers are patient and know that the moon needs time to become full.

Be someone who make someone else look forward to tomorrow.

I need a break from my own thoughts.

The way you prepare the bed, so shall you sleep.

I put my scale in the bathroom corner and that's where the little liar will stay until she apologizes.

Life humbles you as you age. You realize how much time you wasted on nonsense.

Even the prettiest flower will die one day. It's nature's way of teaching us that nothing lasts forever.

Those who are at war with others are not at peace with themselves.

Just think how awesome life would be if biscuits and gravy made your skinny.

Prioritizing good sleep is good self love.

God is good all the time. All the time God is good.

May your day begin and end with a smile.

If you're going to "put someone down," put them down on your prayer list.

Don't be mean to people to fulfill whatever it is you don't like about yourself.

Have you ever had one of those days when you're holding a stake and everybody looks like a piñata?



Eggs are fantastic for a fitness diet. If you don't like the taste, just add cocoa, flour, sugar, butter, baking soda, and bake at 350° for 25 minutes.

When life gets hard, try to remember the life you complain about is only a dream to some people.

It is so important to love someone a little extra on their bad days.

Be the things you loved most about the people who are gone.

A child is never a mistake a surprise sometimes, but not ever a mistake.

Everyone is trying to accomplish something big, not realizing that life is made up of little things.

Nothing is final. Change is always possible if you have the courage to make it happen

The struggle you're in today is developing the strength you need tomorrow.

People who use other people for stepping stones will one day lose their balance.

The fears we don't face become our limits.

You don't have to be perfect to be amazing.

God doesn't ask about our ability, but our availability.

I find joy in every day, not because life is always good, but because God is.

If you don't like the road you're walking, start paving another one.

Do not allow negative people to turn you into one of them.

If it wasn't for the struggle, we wouldn't have the strength. God is always building you even when it seems like He's breaking you.

Any parent using children as a means to control or punish a grandparent is an unhealthy adult damaging their child.

The call to love is not so much a call to a certain state of feeling as it is to a quality of action. - R. C. Sproul

Give someone a second chance, at one point in your life you will need a second chance yourself.

Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine.

Out of intense complexities intense simplicities emerge. - Winston Churchill

More germs are transferred shaking hands than kissing.

I pray you heal from things no one ever apologized for.

I may not be perfect but I walk with the One who is!

Live your life unselfishly.

A woman will rearrange her whole life for her children.

Just because I'm nice to you doesn't mean I haven't heard what you said about me.

With truth you're able to grow and build upon it. Anything built on lies will eventually crumble and fall.

You're the only one who knows your true story. Others may think or assume they know your experiences, and what you've lived through. Yet only you know the truth of your story.

You are strong enough to handle your challenges, wise enough to find solutions to your problems, and capable enough to do whatever needs to be done.

Bless my eyes to see goodness. Bless my words to speak kindness. Bless my heart to feel compassion. Bless my soul to radiate love.

You never know what someone is going through. A few nice words can help a person a lot more than you think.

Kindness makes you the most beautiful person in the world, no matter what you look like.

When you love what you have, you have everything you need.

Love is just a word until someone comes along and gives it meaning.

It doesn't matter who you were, it only matters who you are today.

The best way to start and end each day is with a grateful heart.

Never forget who was there for you when no one else was.

You are allowed to evolve at your own pace.

If you want to be strong, learn to fight alone.

When we seek to discover the best in others, it somehow brings out the best in ourselves.

We are living in a fake environment with fake food, fake news and fake people and it is slowly poisoning our souls.

If you abound in Christ, you'll confound the devil, astound the world, expound the truth, and surround your environment with grace.

## Bible Verse



Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

— Matthew 6:33

# West Virginia Must Support the State Fair

Last June, West Virginia and the nation were facing a growing pandemic which threatened to bring our daily lives to a screeching halt. In light of public safety, many event organizers decided to cancel their gatherings including the hundreds of fairs and festivals hosted around the state. Despite getting approval from the Governor, the State Fair and its board followed suit, canceling the annual event for the first time since World War II. Thankfully, a lot has changed in the last year with the introduction of vaccines and a better understanding of the virus. This has helped keep COVID cases down allowing governments to reopen states and bring our economies back. It also means we can once again enjoy the fairs and festivals that preserve our heritage and bring communities together.

For our state's farmers this means we can once again celebrate a year's worth of hard labor and an opportunity to reach new markets. These small agribusinesses rely on fairs and festivals to turn a profit or help their businesses grow. Without these events, our farmers had to be innovative to connect with existing and new customers. Those producers were able to survive the last year and, with the return of these events, can benefit from increased demand and awareness. With an emphasis on local foods, these fairs and festivals are and will continue to be economic drivers for many small communities. That is no different for the State Fair which returns in just a few weeks.

Fairs and festivals also serve as educational opportunities for our young people and as ambassadors to would-be travelers. Many FFA and 4-H students show off

their agriculture projects and compete for top prizes. A lot of the dollars earned at these events will be put towards a college savings account. At the same time, those students not involved in agriculture can better understand where our food comes from and how local agriculture impacts their lives. For those non-residents of the Mountain State, these events are an opportunity to see the area and everything it has to offer. They can experience a true sense of Appalachia by pushing past stereotypes and really get to know the great people of the Mountain State.

Most importantly, these events bring our communities together. For many of us, the State Fair serves as a time to relax, enjoy entertainment, learn new ideas and just get to know each other again. It's an opportunity to reconnect with our fellow citizens and explore new ideas about the world. If there is anything we need coming out of this pandemic, it's an opportunity to strengthen bonds with our neighbors and friends. Let's focus on what we have in common as we enjoy the different livestock, rabbits, baby ducks and chickens. Let's bond over the fun fair rides and the great carnival food. Let's gift someone a trinket to look back on the fond memories we form.

The State Fair of West Virginia will reopen on August 12 for ten days. As we try to return to a normalcy, it is important that we continue to carry on the traditions of the state. That includes attending the State Fair, as well as the other regional fairs. If you are a regular State Fair attendee, this year's fair will serve as a reminder of what we have missed. If you have been absent



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

Aug. 5, 1958: Jennings Randolph defeated former governor William Marland in the Democratic primary for U.S. Senate. Randolph went on to become the senior senator from West Virginia.

Aug. 6, 1864: Delayed three times by the Civil War, Sisters of the Visitation of Holy Mary finally arrived in Parkersburg, where they later founded DeSales Heights boarding school for young women.

Aug. 7, 1864: In what became known as the Battle of Moorefield, Union troops under Gen. William W. Averell attacked the headquarters of Gen. Bradley Johnson. The Confederates were routed and fled south into the town; the Union captured 500 men and 400 horses.

Aug. 7, 1877: West Virginia voters chose Charleston as the state capital over Clarksburg and Martinsburg.

Aug. 7, 1893: Parsons became the county seat of

from previous fairs, take time out of your busy schedules, put aside the distractions, pack up the family and head to Lewisburg. Traverse the livestock barns, take part in a honeybee or maple syrup demonstration and support a local farmer by visiting the WVDA Country Store. The Fair board and staff and WVDA employees have been working hard to make it a memorable event. You won't be disappointed!

Kent A. Leonhardt  
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Tucker County. Parsons was named for Ward Parsons, a prominent resident and the largest landholder.

Aug. 8, 1915: Businessman Alex Schoenbaum was born in Richmond, Va. After settling in Charleston in 1943, he went into the restaurant business. His restaurants were named Shoney's when Schoenbaum's nickname was selected in an employee contest.

Aug. 9, 1916: A storm front from the northwest dumped nearly six inches

of rain in less than five hours on the headwaters of Cabin Creek in eastern Kanawha County. 71 people died and 900 homes were destroyed in the flood.

Aug. 9, 1954: Don Chafin died in Huntington. As sheriff of Logan County, Chafin was a bitter foe of union organizers and, with financial support from coal companies, used his many deputies to keep labor organizers out of the county.

Aug. 10, 1920: General Frank Kendall "Pete" Everest Jr. was born in Fairmont. Everest was a military aviator and a pioneer in U.S. rocket plane flying. In 1956, he flew the X-2 at Mach 3, exceeding 1,900 miles per hour and breaking the record of Chuck

Yeager, his rival and close contemporary.

Aug. 11, 1844: Emanuel Willis Wilson was born at Harpers Ferry. He served as the seventh governor of West Virginia.

Aug. 11, 1994: The Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge became the 500th refuge in the National Wildlife Refuge system. It is one of the largest and most diverse freshwater wetland areas in central and southern Appalachia.

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## Daily Devotional Reading

Genesis	Genesis	Exodus	Deut.	Deut.	Deut.	Deut.
28:1-22	35:1-15	40:1-38	1:1-33	4:1-14	4:15-40	5:1-22

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### Three Young Men Refuse to Bow

Daniel 3:1, 8-18

All who have attended Sunday School from an early age know the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Children know that the three young men were thrown into the fiery furnace because they refused to bow before the great image that Nebuchadnezzar built.

In Sunday School, children learn of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's faith in God. Children understand that the three young Hebrew men were saved from the fiery furnace because they placed their trust in God.

Adult believers possess deeper understandings than children. We know the reason that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego trusted God. We know that all believers are saved by grace through faith and that saving faith is a gift from God (Eph. 2:8). We know that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were saved by grace through faith given to them by the Lord God.

New Testament believers know that saving faith results from having heard the word of God (Rom. 10:17). Was the faith that saved Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego any different? Consider all that is known of the three men.

They came with Daniel to Babylon from Jerusalem following the conquest of the city by Nebuchadnezzar. The three were among those deemed to be "... skillful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science" (Dan. 1:4). If Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego really possessed wisdom, knowledge and understanding, they knew why they were carried off to Babylon. They knew that "... the Lord rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast the into another land" (Deut. 29:28). They had heard the word of God and had witnessed the curse placed upon Israel because the people turned from the Lord God. They also knew the promise of Deuteronomy 30:5-6. They knew that they would live if they loved the Lord with all their heart and with all their soul. They had heard the word of God and they believed.

We are introduced to the great idol without explanation in verse 1. The scriptures do not reveal Nebuchadnezzar's motive for making this image of gold. The dimensions, ninety feet high and nine feet wide, and its location, in a plain, suggest that the king wanted the image to be seen by all.

The golden image would not have been pure gold (an idol consisting of pure gold the size of Nebuchadnezzar's image would have weighed 179 tons and consist of gold valued at more than \$10 billion in today's currency). The image would have been fashioned from wood overlaid with gold. That said, it was no small project. It would have required months to construct. It is a project that would have involved many people.

The falling down of every member of the large assembly that had gathered before the idol at its dedication ceremony would have been a sight to behold. It was a scene which Nebuchadnezzar wanted viewed. It was a tribute to him.

The large assembly consisted of government officials from every corner of the Babylonian Empire (v. 3). Failure to bow and worship the image would result in that official being thrown into the flames of the fiery furnace – a public execution.

In verses 8-13, Nebuchadnezzar learned that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego did not fall before the idol and worship it. The accusers were Chaldeans (pagans); the accused were Hebrews (God's chosen people). The Chaldean accusers phrased their words carefully. They made it known that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were Jews. They described Shadrach's, Meshach's and Abednego's action as an assault upon Nebuchadnezzar and the gods of Babylon.

Nebuchadnezzar reacted in a predictable manner. He was furious. He summoned the three Hebrews to come before him (v. 13). He demanded to know if the charges were true and he asked them if they were prepared to face the consequences of failing to bow down and worship the golden image. He, then, directed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to identify the God "that shall deliver you out of my hands" (v. 15).

The three boldly declared "our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand" (v. 17). The God whom Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego served is the self-existent God who spoke to Moses from the burning bush. He is the creator of the Earth, the moon, the Sun, and the stars. He is the God who is able to wrest whomever He chooses from the hand of the most powerful king in all the world.

Shadrach's, Meshach's and Abednego's final words are most telling. They said they would not bow down and worship the golden image even if God were not to deliver them from the fiery furnace. Fear of death had no hold upon them. They were going to do that which God had commanded. They would not bow down. Their faith was like that of Abraham who believed that obeying God's command to slay Isaac (Gen. 22:2) would not prevent God from fulfilling His promise of an everlasting covenant through Isaac (see Gen. 17:7, 21).

The three possessed the faith of Abraham. They possessed the faith that saves. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego believed as Abraham believed and were saved. New Testament believers, likewise, are saved because we believe as Abraham believed (see Rom. 9:6-8). Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego declared their faith. Let us do likewise.



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# Obituaries

## ROBERT "BOB" BAILEY

Robert "Bob" Delano Bailey, 74, of Winfield, passed away on July 31, 2021 peacefully at his home.

Bob was a member of the Buffalo United Methodist Church, where he was the official bell ringer and loved serving others at the Food Pantry. He was a member of several gun clubs, an avid gun and knife collector, and a dog and horse lover. He was a Harley-Davidson Motorcycles enthusiast. He also owned and loved his Whizzer bicycle. He was a proud Veteran of the United States Army, based in Korea.

Bob was preceded in death by his father Leonard Ivan Bailey, his beloved dog Tiny and his adopted horse Flash.

Bob is survived by his wife and special friend, Belda Bailey; his faithful companion dog, Bailey; his step children, Jeff (Leshia) Hescht and Jennifer (Michael) Kidd; mother, Dorothy Johnson Foster; brother, Jim (Janie) Bailey; sister, Marlene Black; grandchildren, Lucrecia (Mike) Phillips, JC Hescht, Kelsi Kidd, Emma Kidd; great grandchildren, Holden Phillips and Sawyer Philips. Bob is also survived by nephews and many friends that loved him dearly.

Funeral service was Thursday August 5, 2021

at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor with Rev. Mark Harris officiating. Burial was in Beech Grove Cemetery, Eleanor.

## KATHLEEN CASTLE

Kathleen Denise Castle, 67, of Teays Valley, went home to be with the Lord on July 27, 2021.

Kathleen is the youngest of 12 children. She is a member of Teays Valley Church of God and retired from Mardi Gras Casino.

She is preceded in death by her husband Leslie Castle.

She is survived by her three children Tracy (Kenneth) Frederickson, Patrick Loveland and John Loveland; sister Geraldine Collins; 8 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

A tribute to the life of Mrs. Kathleen Castle was held Thursday July 29, 2021 at Teays Valley Church of God with Rev. Dr. Melissa Pratt officiating.

## REBECCA JUNE HUTCHISON

Rebecca June Hutchison, 63, of Red House, passed away July 30, 2021, at home.

June is a member of Elizabeth Baptist Church.

She is preceded in death by her husband H. Robert Hutchison; parents Gerald and Rebecca Martin; sister

Lisa Winters and brother Jerry Martin.

June is survived by her three children Geneva Ann Hutchison, Amy Jo and husband Brett Silvester and Robert Edward and wife Michelle Hutchison; grandchildren Abigail and Keely and her siblings Brent and wife Karen Martin, Vickie and husband Gary Rhodes, Bart Martin, Melinda Fox and Mandy and husband Dale Casto.

A tribute to the life of Mrs. Rebecca June Hutchison was held Monday, August 2, 2021 at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Jeff Arthur officiating. Burial as in Schowen Cemetery, Bancroft.

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## Deadline

The deadline for submissions to the Breeze is Monday at noon.

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**RONALD PAUL JUSTICE**

Ronald Paul Justice, 82, of Scott Depot, passed away Tuesday July 27, 2021, at Thomas Memorial Hospital in South Charleston, after a brief illness.

Ronald was born August 24, 1938, in Logan, to the late James Haskell Justice and Gladys Lorraine Hill Justice. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of over 59 years, Glenna Marie Curry Justice, and his son, James Steven Justice.

Ronald, a lifelong attendee and Church of God member for over 65 years, passionately performed various roles in the church including Sunday School Superintendent and Youth Leader, as well as Clerk, a position he proudly held for over 55 years. Often, Ronald proudly reflected on his service in the United States Air Force, traveling to the Philippines as a telephone installation specialist. True to his values, while in the Philippines, Ronald faithfully performed mission work outside of his military duties.

After completing his military service, Ronald worked professionally in the communications sector throughout Appalachia for over 50 years as an engineer and contractor for companies such as C&P, Bell Atlantic, AT&T, and Verizon. While he prioritized faith, service, and a dedicated work ethic throughout his life, Ronald will notably be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, family member and friend.

He is survived by his children Ronald Paul Justice Jr. (Jennifer) of Morgantown, Bryan Scott Justice of St. Albans, and Kristi Ann Justice of Charleston; and grandchildren, Ross Justice of Morgantown, Makayla Justice of Madison, Matthew Leaseburg of Boston, and Christopher Leaseburg of Charlotte.

Friday, July 30, 2021, at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Rev. Rod Justice, Pastor Leonard May, and Pastor Scotty Dingess officiating. Burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Logan.

**PAUL KNAPP**

Paul Gordon Knapp, 85, of Midway, passed away Saturday July 31, 2021 at Hubbard Hospice House. He was a 1954 graduate of Poca High School where he excelled in both football and basketball. Paul attended WVU for a short period of time before joining the U.S. Navy in 1955 and received an honorable discharge in 1959. During his military service he reached six out of seven continents, including Antarctica. He served on Operation Deep Freeze 2. Upon returning to West Virginia, he attended WV Tech where he graduated in 1962 with a BA in Electronic Engineering. While working for the Harris Corporation in both PA and FL he served on both the Gemini and Apollo Projects. Paul ultimately returned to WV to teach electronics at the Putnam County Vocational Center. He later became Principal of the center where he was able to triple the size of the building and the program. He later left the center to become the Director of the Putnam County Votech program. One of Paul's proudest accomplishments was when he saved Buffalo High School while serving four years on the Putnam County School Board. He was a member of the Red House Bible Church. In his free time he was an avid golfer and ultra flight pilot.

Born January 19, 1936, he was the son of the late Herfa Deering Knapp and Ada Marie Knapp. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brothers, Vandall Knapp and Kervin "Tiny" Knapp.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth "Libby" Knapp; daughters, Amy (Donnie) Newman, Kristi (Mark) Roehl; son, Tracy "TD" Knapp; brother,

Kenneth (Phyllis) Knapp; sister, Donna (Harry) Wolford; nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Thursday August 5, 2021 at Red House Bible Church with Matt Conn officiating.

**MIKEL LUIKART**

On Sunday, August 1, 2021, Mikel Glenn Luikart suddenly passed away from a medical emergency at his home in Leon, WV. Mike was born November 11, 1959 to Reba & and the late Glenn Luikart. Mike's love for Jesus & his family was extraordinary. He was a member of Faith Christian Fellowship for 25 years. He loved spending time with his 3 grandkids & was always up for some outside fun with them. He spent numerous hours in his garage piddling with any type machinery he could with his son, who was also his best friend. His love for his wife of 37 years was like none other and he would do anything for her, they were very best friends as well. He enjoyed his animals, tractors, riding ATV's, motorcycles, Nascar, football and almost any outside activity he could find.

Mike always had a smile on his face & brought happiness to everyone he knew. Whether it be a simple joke or sharing a funny memory he always brightened the day. Everyone that met Mike knew he was a good-hearted man.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie; his daughter Melody (Carl) Bruer; his son Shane Luikart; 3 grandkids, Caiden Bruer, Brentley Luikart & Carmela Bruer; his mother, Reba Luikart; brother, Tim Luikart & sister, Teresa Milam.

Funeral service was Thursday, August 5, 2021 at Faith Christian Fellowship Church, Buffalo, with Pastor Paul Boggess officiating. Burial in Walker Chapel Church

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children, Vickie Lynn Parkins (Gary) of Culloden, Willard McCallister (Melanie) of Hurricane, Kathy Clagg (Steven) of Lesage; grandchildren, Neve (Chris), Chelsea (Ryan), Shaylee (James), Jarrett (Alyssa) Alyssa, Maximus and Zai. His first great-grandchild, Baby Wells, is due to arrive December, 2021. He will also be missed by neighbors, friends and family. Funeral service was Thursday, August 5, 2021 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane with Pastor David Vickers officiating. Burial was in Mount Vernon Cemetery, Hurricane.

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## VELEAIR COURTLANDT SMITH, II

Veclair Courtlandt "Cort" Smith II, was born on June 13, 1931, in Charleston, and passed away at age 90 on July 27, 2021 at Elmcroft Assisted Living in Hurricane. An only child, he was preceded in death by his parents Veclair C. Smith and Dea M. Smith. He was also preceded in death by his son Collett V. Smith. He is survived by his three children Courtlandt L. Smith (Elizabeth), Christian V. Smith (Jennifer) and Caroline K. Smith. Cort is survived by his four grandchildren Courtlandt L. Smith Jr., Wilson C. Smith, Lauren Claire Smith and Oliver Classen as well as his former spouse and mother of his children Kemp Littlepage McElwee.

Cort spent his early years growing up in Charleston primarily in the Edgewood area where he made many lifelong friends. As his father's various business interests became more concentrated in the Putnam County area, they purchased a farm and built a home on the Kanawha River near Winfield that they named Valdeacort Farm. For his high school education, he enrolled at the Culver Military Academy in Culver, Indiana. It was here that he fell in love with horsemanship and began his association with the Black Horse Troop.

After high school, Cort earned a Bachelor's Degree in Geology from Duke University. Following graduation, he served his country in the United States Air Force as an agent in the Office of Special Investigations. At the conclusion of his active service, he took graduate studies at Lehigh University before returning to West Virginia to join the family businesses.

Cort was exposed to all aspects of the natural gas business under the Veclair C. Smith Management umbrella. With Teavee Oil & Gas, Inc. and Putnam Natural Gas Company, he was active in drilling gas wells and providing industrial gas service to the various industries in the Nitro area. With Well Service, Inc, he was involved with contract well and cement work for the natural gas industry over a multi-state area. With Union Oil & Gas, Inc, he was involved with providing gas utility service. They also developed several other gas production and utility companies in Ohio during this period.

While visiting relatives in Cali, Colombia en route to review a mining venture in Bolivia with his father, Cort seized an opportunity to purchase a used drilling rig and begin a well drilling company to provide water irrigation for sugar cane operations. Over the next years, he primarily lived in Colombia where he was active in polo. After marriage in 1963, he and his family spent the next decades dividing each year by living for several months in Cali, Colombia and the remainder on the farm in Winfield while simultaneously running companies in both countries.

Although his business interests were primarily in drilling and natural gas, he was active in either starting or providing investment money to endeavors ranging from

an early chain of ice cream parlors in Colombia, hovercrafts capable of being driven on land or water, chicken processing, jet engines, electronic gas measurement, industrial lighting, and computer contractor service. While he engaged in various agricultural endeavors on Valdeacort Farm, hay was always his main focus and its improvement, operation and production remained a priority amongst his many activities.

Cort was a founder and served on the Board of Directors of the Teays Valley National Bank from 1973 until it was acquired by Kanawha Banking & Trust in 1984. After it was acquired by United Bank, Inc. in 1987, he served on the Board of Directors of United Bank, Inc. until 2006. He was the 1980 President of the Charleston Rotary Club and long time Parliamentarian on its Planning Committee. He was an active member of the West Virginia Small Public Utility Association and Cosmos Club. Cort was a member of Edgewood Country Club and former member of Downtown Athletic Club in New York City, Club Campestre and Club Colombia Clubs in Cali, Columbia as well as many professional organizations.

Throughout his life, Cort was an active traveler. Whether accompanying his father on engineering projects from Nova Scotia to Central and South America or with his mother as a competitive golfer from the Bahamas to Hawaii, it set a pattern which took him to virtually every point on the globe. Although there are too many stories to include, his presence with his former wife Kemp in Prague, Czechoslovakia during the 1968 Russian invasion was indicative of the extent of travel which was a constant throughout his life.

In his later years, he returned to his true passion of horsemanship at Culver Academies. Concerned that it might be eliminated for budget reasons, he spearheaded a campaign to save the program by creating an impressive endowment. As an active instructor and staff member of the Culver Summer School program, he spent many years as an unparalleled cheerleader for the equitation and rough riding programs where he touched the lives of countless campers.

Following health setbacks, Cort made his home for the last several years at Elmcroft Assisted Living in Hurricane. While it may have slowed him down, he remained a constant presence on the roads with the assistance of drivers Dean, Keith and Chris. With their invaluable assistance, he was able to stay active with his hay farm, travel on the back roads in search of land to purchase, and even able to make several rewarding trips back to Indiana.

Funeral was August 3 at First Presbyterian Church, Charleston.

## PAMELA THOMPSON

Pamela Yvette (Comstock) Thompson of Hurricane, passed away July 27, 2021, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Pam was born May 15, 1955, to the late David and Eileen Comstock.

Pam is survived by her husband, Eddie, her brother Bill Comstock (Debbie Zegeer), Aunt Patricia Jones, nephew Dave Comstock (Jane), great nephews Dave IV, Emmett and Bastian, and stepdaughter Krissy Thompson. She is also survived by her friend Cyndie Vance Pepson as well as numerous other friend and family.

Pam graduated from Nitro High School and attended Marshall University. She worked at Union Carbide and was the owner/operator of Ridgeview Kennels.

Pam was hard working and adventurous. She had a flair for decorating and being a good hostess. She loved having fun with family and friends, nature, the outdoors, country living and all animals especially dogs and birds. Hundreds of hummingbirds flocked to her porch every summer.

It was Pam's wish to be cremated and to have no funeral service.

## MICHAEL RAY WHITTINGTON

Michael Ray Whittington Sr, 71, of Eleanor, passed away Monday, July 26, 2021 at his home. He was a 1969 graduate of Buffalo High a proud U.S. Army Vietnam War veteran. He retired from AEP John Amos plant with 35 years of service. He loved camping, gardening, playing with his grandchildren and hanging out on the riverbank with his dog Buddy. He will always be remembered as a jokester and the best husband, father and papaw anyone could ask for.

Born April 6, 1950 in Midway, he was the son of the late Alfred and Iva Whittington. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his son, Michael R. Whittington II and brother, Thomas "Tom Boy" Whittington.

Survivors include his loving wife, Karen Joan Whittington; daughter, Brandy N. Whittington of Charleston SC; step son, Wesley (Jessica) Velasco of Tampa FL; step daughter Christina (Gino) Montague of Justin TX; brothers, Larry A. Whittington of Eleanor, Gary W. Whittington of NV, Rodger D. Whittington of PA; sisters, Ellen L. Osborne of FL and Marlyn K. Evers of Teays Valley; grandchildren, Alex Whittington, Cameron Whittington, Carl Montague, Alexis

Roderick, Keelie Montague, Gabriele Valasco and Kayla Valasco; great grandson, Brently Roderick.

A memorial service will be held.

## KEVIN DUANE WIGGINS

Kevin Duane Wiggins, 59, of Buffalo, passed away Sunday July 25, 2021 at CAMC General. He was a 1980 graduate of Buffalo High School and served his country in the U.S. Air Force. He spent many years working as a truck driver. He loved to hunt, fish, camp and work on the farm.

He is survived by his parents Ronald D. Wiggins and Linda G. Wiggins of Red House; son, Grant D. Wiggins of Buffalo; daughter, Lacy Riggs of Hurricane; brother, Robert A. Wiggins of Eleanor; grandchildren, Carson Wiggins, Anastasia Riggs, Remington Riggs

### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

#### Notice of Short Form Settlement of Estates

To the Creditors, Distributees and Beneficiaries of the within named persons:

I have before me the final settlement of the estates of the following persons, which shall be presented to the County Commission of Putnam County, at the Courthouse, in the City of Winfield, on Tuesday the 10th day of August 2021 at 9:00 a.m. for its approval which settlements have been presented to me pursuant to West Virginia Code 44-3A-4a, as amended, (Waiver and Application for Short Form Settlement by distributees and beneficiaries) which settlements I have approved as indicated below:

Estate of Claris Ann Baum Baer Jackson L. Ellis, Jr., Executor

Estate of Hurshel Dale Boggs Steven D. Boggs, Executor

Estate of Sammie Kelly Caldwell Deanna L. Morgan, Administratrix

Estate of Evelyn Euldean Craigo David Craigo, Executor

Estate of Alma Jean Fletcher Susan L. Petrella, Executrix

Estate of Truman Oliver Garrison Roberta J. Garrison, Executrix

Estate of Beryl Hearnshaw Garfield J. Hearnshaw, Executor

Estate of Shawn Anthony Johnson John G. Johnson, Administrator

Estate of Timothy Wayne Searls Polly Searls, Administratrix

Estate of Alice Mae Smith Debra J. Casto, Executrix

Estate of James D. Smith Joanne C. Smith, Administratrix

Estate of Gladys Marie Spaulding Sheila Spaulding, Executrix

Estate of Wanda Jean Sydenstricker Gregory Scott Sydenstricker, Executor

Any persons having an interest in the estate of any such person may appear before the County Commission at the above time and place and thereupon protest his/her interest or else be forever barred from asserting such interest thereafter.

Given under my hand this 30th day of July 2021.

Fiduciary Supervisor, Putnam County

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A complete copy of the tariff, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers or their agents at 85 Ferry Street, Winfield, WV 25213. A copy of the tariff is also available for public inspection at the offices of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, WV 25301.

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8-5-21

### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

To the Creditors and Beneficiaries of the following deceased persons estates:

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Administrator

Cta: Anthony G. Audet

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Fairfax, VT 05454

Estate No.: 4666

Estate Name: Jennifer Lee Baldwin

Administrator: John L. Summers

1868 Palm Drive

Charleston, WV

25312

Estate No.: 4725

Estate Name: Charlene Cardea

Executor: David E. Sowards

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Salt Rock, WV 25559

Estate No.: 4646

Estate Name: Sharon Jean Crowell

Executor: Russell E. Crowell

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Estate No.: 4692

Estate Name: Phillip Keith Darby

Executor: Mark A. Darby

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Executrix: Fannin

Melanie S. Fannin

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Estate No.: 4688

Estate Name: Carl Murray Gagnon

Executrix: Tina L. Gagnon

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Estates

Scott Depot, WV

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Estate No.: 4732

Estate Name: Viva Louise Goddard

Administratrix: Teresa L. Wolfe

659 Bills Creek Road

Winfield, WV 25213

Estate No.: 4539

Estate Name: Mary Rebecca Layton

Administrator: Edward A. Layton

309 Pebble Creek

Drive

Fraziers Bottom, WV

25082

Estate No.: 4741

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Administratrix: Savilla, II

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Estate No.: 4742

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2408 Myers Avenue

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Estate Name: Judy Gale Ward

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167 Crandall Drive

Culloden, WV 25510

Estate No.: 4486

Estate Name: Deyxall ("Dexyall")

Executrix: Jimmy Wade

Dorinda Wade

2915 Washington

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Hurricane, WV 25526

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 August 5, 2021; 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 August 5, 2021.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 30th day of July 2021.

Putnam County Commission

10293 Winfield Road,

Winfield, WV 25213

8-5-21

and Colt Riggs. Kevin is also survived by his companion Patty Bordine.

Funeral service was Friday, July 30, 2021 at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with David Haynes officiating. Entombment was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House.

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MIKE ERWIN Hurricane Creek Road Hurricane 68th Birthday August 5	DEANNA ELKINS LACY 1670 Holderby Road Huntington Birthday August 6
GABRIEL SETH AKERS 100 Hickory Heights Scott Depot 18th Birthday August 5	TIM BALDWIN Hurricane 63rd Birthday August 6
SHERRY BLAKE Huntington Birthday August 5	KAREN LANHAM Buffalo Birthday August 7
BONNIE RUSHBROOKE 210 Cedar Drive Scott Depot 70th Birthday August 5	JOE BLACK Barboursville 48th Birthday August 7
JAMES NICHOLAS FRANKLIN Maryland 20th Birthday August 5	KYLE LAKE 303 Harbour Lane Hurricane 20th Birthday August 7
GARY JVIDEN 392 Railroad Avenue Buffalo 62nd Birthday August 5	BILL LANE 4531-C Winfield Road Winfield 73rd Birthday August 7
ETHAN RHINEHART West Mud River Road Milton 18th Birthday August 5	MICHAEL LEMLEY 1575 3rd Street Milton 44th Birthday August 7
JASON STAATS P.O. Box 183 Culloden Birthday August 5	BOBBY WARF 3116 Ferguson Road Huntington 67th Birthday August 7
CURTIS WEEKLY 1140 James River Turnpike Milton 25th Birthday August 6	SAM CHAPMAN Huntington Birthday August 7
JIM HARVEY 880 Lpswitch Street The Villages, Florida 75th Birthday August 6	LISA CANTERBURY SMITH Nitro 58th Birthday August 7
KELSI RAE TOLER Linmont Estates Barboursville	DANNY TAYLOR 1092 Cow Creek Road Hurricane Birthday August 7
	JAMES TINCHER JR 5048 Clymer's Creek Road Hurricane 72nd Birthday August 7

COLE SHUMATE  
Charlotte, North  
Carolina  
24th Birthday August 8

SHEENA  
LINCOLNOGGER  
2259 U S Hwy 60  
Culoden  
38th Birthday August 8

NORVAL "BUDDIE"  
BOWIE  
Poca  
82nd Birthday August 8

KAREN JOHNSON  
#28 Meadow Wood  
Estates  
Scott Depot  
Birthday August 8

CONI CASTO  
P.O. Box 204  
Winfield  
61st Birthday August 8

HOBERT CHAPMAN  
Box 404 Whitten Ridge  
Road  
Frazier's Bottom  
35th Birthday August 8

GREG MORRISON  
385 Old Farms Road  
Luray, Virginia  
Birthday August 8

TAMMY NISCHAN  
Louisville, Kentucky  
Birthday August 8

JIM CANTERBURY  
Dunbar  
Birthday August 8

VICKY DeHAINAUT  
ROWE  
130 Township Road 1090  
Proctorville, Ohio  
72nd Birthday August 8

EDITH FISHER  
P.O. Box 511  
Milton  
49th Birthday August 8

RUSTY CASTO  
Nitro  
Birthday August 8

BECKY CAIN  
713 - 7th Avenue  
St. Albans  
48th Birthday August 8

DR CLINT SLOAN  
369 Wood Drive  
Hurricane  
72nd Birthday August 9

KIM BLACK  
Culloden  
Birthday August 9

VIRGINIA GRANT  
PARSONS  
Hurricane  
Birthday August 9

LOUISE UNROW  
Crown City, Ohio  
Birthday August 9

ADAM HOLLEY  
2872 Cow Creek Road  
Hurricane  
36th Birthday August 9

CODY RAY ADKINS  
Hurricane  
29th Birthday August 10

MARILYN RAMEY  
1648 Charlie's Creek  
Road  
Culloden  
78th Birthday August 10

GLEN O. GIBSON  
1567 Poindexter Road  
Hurricane  
86th Birthday August 10

SHANE HUDSON  
Hurricane  
26th Birthday August 10

REV BOBBY DARRELL  
SAUNDERS  
6472 Merritt's Creek  
Road  
Huntington  
69th Birthday August 10

MENDY SOWARDS  
5387 Hurricane Creek  
Road  
Hurricane  
46th Birthday August 10

JIM HINCHMAN  
2704 McComas Road  
Barboursville  
Birthday August 10

### Master Gardener Applications

West Virginia University Extension Service in Putnam County is accepting applications for the 2021 Putnam County Master Gardener (MG) Program. This program consists of a volunteer training course designed to provide home gardeners with the information and skills necessary to share their experience and knowledge with others. In exchange for 40 hours of indoor and outdoor instruction, candidates agree to donate 40 hours (says 30 in the application) of volunteer service to West Virginia University Extension Service.

Thirteen weekly classes include topics such as soils, vegetable and fruit tree production, insect and disease control, etc. (go to <https://extension.wvu.edu/lawn-gardening-pests/master-gardener-program>) Volunteer activities include participation in: 1) community gardens to provide vegetables for the local food bank, 2) garden-based learning programs with the teachers and students of the Putnam County school system, and 3) assisting WVU Extension Service with Farmers' Markets and Putnam County Fair activities.

The Putnam County MG have assisted nearly 2100 students in garden-based learning programs. The students, plant, manage, harvest, weigh, sell and eat vegetables that they grow. There is a program fee of \$100 (\$120 for couples) to cover the cost of the training manual and other materials. Applications are being accepted through August 31st (?); classes to begin in September.

Go to the following link: <https://extension.wvu.edu/files/d/8f0c847c-1b21-4494-945e-a051aa191652/extension-master-gardener-application.pdf> for an application.

### Happy Anniversary

Frankie and Christie Frazier of Fraziers Bottom celebrated their fifteenth wedding anniversary on July 29.

Flora Adkins of Fraziers Bottom celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary on July 30.

Bernard and Wanda Mitchell of Hurricane celebrated their fifty-first wedding anniversary on July 31.

Charlie and Natalie Sheets of Huntington will celebrate their twenty-second wedding anniversary on August 7.

Travis and Misty Hobbs of 202 Country Roads in Poca will celebrate their wedding anniversary on August 7.

Joe and Marsha Leadmon of 813 Hurricane Creek Road in Hurricane will celebrate their wedding anniversary on August 7.

Cole and Lauren Bowers of Teays Valley will celebrate their sixth wedding anniversary on August 7.

### 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.

### Famous UMW Hot Dogs Coming Back!

The United Methodist Women of Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church will have a hot dog sale on Saturday, August 14th, 8:30 to 1:00 p.m., or while they last!

The UMW needs volunteers for the kitchen and Country Store and donations of baked goodies and candy to be sold for dessert! If you are interested in assisting with this project, please call Ruth Blankenship, at 304-542-8281 or Karen Lilly at 304-562-9241.

There is a program fee of \$100 (\$120 for couples) to cover the cost of the training manual and other materials. Applications are being accepted through August 31st; classes to begin in September. For more information please contact The WVU Extension Service at (304)-586-0217 or Roger Wells at 478-217-0270.

Rondle and Janice Smith of 2154 Washington Hill Road in Hurricane will celebrate their forty-sixth wedding anniversary on August 8.

Andrew and Ahsley Neville Sager of Gallipolis, Ohio, will celebrate their sixth wedding anniversary on August 8.

Mike and Diane Riddle of Candler, North Carolina will celebrate their forty-sixth wedding anniversary on August 9.

Allen and Penny Skidmore of Winfield will celebrate their thirty-sixth wedding anniversary on August 10.

Gary and Karen Jviden of 392 Railroad Avenue in Buffalo will celebrate their forty-first wedding anniversary on August 11.

Rev. Truman and Ruby Davis of 1312 Thompson Road in Culloden will celebrate their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary on August 12.

### Benefit Concert For Larry Rawlings

A benefit concert is scheduled for the Larry and Lora Rawlings Family, former educators at Andrew Jackson Jr. High School. Larry is undergoing bone marrow transplant. To raise funds to help them through this very difficult time, the concert will be held at the Cross Lanes United Methodist Church Sanctuary on 5320 Frontier Drive in Cross Lanes, on August 8th at 4:00 pm.

The concert will be a harp solo recital by professional harpist, Mark Owen Martin, and will include interesting commentary about iconic love songs from Broadway. A reception with light snacks and prizes will be held after the performance in the Fellowship Hall.

The performance is also planned to be live streamed, as well as make performance CDs available (details to follow). A GoFundMe account has been established, and may be accessed by going to the church website, [crosslanesumc.org](http://crosslanesumc.org). Masking is requested. Questions may be directed to (304) 546-6249.

There is no admittance fee, with donations going to the Rawlings family. Thank you for your support.

### Title I Backpack Giveaway

Putnam County Schools Title I Program will host their annual Back to School Blast (B2SB) Friday, August 13, at Putnam Career & Technical Center from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The B2SB will be a drive-through event. Families and students will remain in their vehicles and backpacks will be distributed to them directly. This event is for Putnam County students only. Additionally, please note that students will need to be present to receive their backpacks and supplies.

For any questions, please call Putnam County Schools at 304.586.0500 ext. 1122 or ext. 1133.

### Democrat Club To Meet

The Putnam County Democrat Club will meet on Monday, August 9th, at 6:30 p.m. in the old county courthouse in Winfield, second floor. If you like, bring a covered dish.

### Whittington Reunion

The Whittington Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 14. The reunion starts at noon at the Eleanor Park, Shelter #6.

If you have questions or need more information, call Melody at 304-937-3492.

### Back Issues of The Breeze

If you are looking for an older issue of the Hurricane Breeze, microfilm copies of the paper can be found at both the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley and the West Virginia State Archives in Charleston.



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