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Hurricane Council Honors Mid-Valley Conference Football Champions

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Townsfolk were portrayed by Lynzie Foster, Nathan Foster, Ashlie Foster, Cynthia Russell, Cowan Russell, Ava Johnson, Hayden Johnson, Leith Cater, Holly Erwin Shawver, Ryan Estep, Ethan Cottrell, and Grayson Gibson (Photo by Betsy Allen)

Beginning Monday, January 10th, candidates planning to run for office in the Primary Election scheduled for May 10, 2022, may file their Certificate of Announcement with the Secretary of State's office or the county clerk's office, depending on the office sought.

December 28 - January 3	Low	High
December 28* Hurricane	55°	60°
December 29 Hurricane	45°	58°
December 30* Hurricane	39°	57°
December 31 Hurricane	38°	58°
January 1* Hurricane	56°	58°
January 2* Hurricane	30°	51°
January 3 Hurricane	20°	36°

*RAIN
0.1 inch recorded Dec. 28
0.2 inch recorded Dec. 30
2.3 inches recorded Jan. 1
0.1 inch recorded Jan. 2

CECIL D. SULLIVAN
FAMILY
Submitted by
Marion Call

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The City of Hurricane has many things on the horizon in the new year that I'm excited about - including Phase 2 of Hurricane Bridge Park that will include a disc golf

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 IN JANUARY

There will be a Dancing Through the Decades class from 8 to 9 p.m. at Lee’s Studio of Dance, 8325 Winfield Road, Building D, Winfield.

JANUARY 7 - 9

The Hurricane Show Choir Annual Dinner Theater will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday; noon and 6:30 p.m. on Saturday; and 1 p.m. on Sunday. \$20 for adults; \$15 for children 10 and under. For reservations, call 304-859-3376.

JANUARY 7

The Putnam County Republican Women will be hosting a Law Enforcement Appreciation Day drop-in reception from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Winfield Community Center, 178 2nd Street, Winfield.

Putnam County Schools Developmental Screenings will be held at Teays Valley Baptist Church, Teays Valley Road. Please call 304-586-0500 ext. 1112 to schedule an appointment.

There will be a yarn lovers’ gathering for knitters and crocheters at 7 p.m. at My Messy Desk, 151 Dudding Avenue, Hurricane. There will also be a Crochet 101 class for \$20.

JANUARY 7 - MAY 20

There will be crafts for toddlers from 10 a.m. to noon at My Messy Desk, 151 Dudding Avenue, Hurricane. The cost is \$5.

JANUARY 8 - FEBRUARY 12

There will be a women’s self-defense six week course from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturdays at Pinnacle Karate Center, 3544 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane.

JANUARY 8

The Rhodes family reunion will be held at 3 p.m. at the Buffalo town hall.

The City of Nitro will

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be holding a community hike from 10 a.m. to noon at Ridenour Lake. Meet at the parking lot before Shelter 4.

The Putnam County Farmers Market will be holding an off season pop up market from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Area 34, 971 WV State Route 34, Hurricane.

JANUARY 9

Hurricane Crush Run 5k Course Preview and Trail Running Clinic will start at 2 p.m. at Hurricane City Park.

JANUARY 11 - MAY 24

There will be a free community Bible Study on Tuesdays from 9 to 10 a.m. and Bible art journaling from 10 a.m. to noon at My messy Desk, 151 Dudding Avenue, Hurricane.

JANUARY 13 - MAY 19

There will be a arts and crafts class on Thursdays at 1 p.m. at My Messy Desk, 151 Dudding Avenue, Hurricane. Ages 4 and up. The cost is \$5 per participant.

JANUARY 14 - MAY 20

There will be Friday Crafternoon classes for children from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at My Messy Desk, 151 Dudding Avenue, Hurricane. Ages 4 and up. The cost is \$5-10 per participant.

JANUARY 15

The Poca High School’s show choir, Visual Volume, will be holding its annual competition show premier. Desserts will be served starting at 1:00 p.m. and will be served until 4:15 PM. Show times are at 1:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m., and 4:30 p.m.. Tickets are \$7 for the general public and \$5 for students and children.

Community Autism Resources and Education Systems will be holding a pool party from 7 to 9 p.m. at Tri-County YMCA, 200 Carls Lane, Scott Depot. For more information, call 304-306-0847.

The second annual Health and Wellness Expo will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane.

JANUARY 22

There will be a free karate beginner family workshop for ages 5 and up at Pinnacle Karate Center, 3544 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane.

JANUARY 25

There will be a ribbon cutting for the National Youth Advocate Program at 12086 Winfield Road, Winfield, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Learn to Square Dance

Square Dance Classes will start Thursday, January 27, at the Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church at 2848 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane. Classes are every Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Classes are free on January 27th and February 3. Great fun, great exercise, and good friends.

For more information, call 304-389-4861 or 304-586-1131.

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.

Girl Scouts Kick Off

Cookie Season

Join the Girl Scouts of Black Diamond as the council kicks off cookie season with the entire lineup of 2021 cookies – including the brand new Adventureful.

The Girl Scout Cookie Palooza will be held on January 7 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council, 321 Virginia St. W., Charleston.

Girls will meet the new mascot for this year from the “Land Down Under,” find out about this year’s new cookie, learn about cookie marketing by making a menu board for booth sales and play safety bingo.

Additional cookie rallies will be held around the state and beyond. For more information, visit bdgsc.org

About Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council

Girl Scouts is the preeminent leadership organization for girls, with 2.7 million girl and adult members worldwide. Working in partnership with nearly 2,100 volunteers, Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council serves nearly 5,500 girls in 61 counties in West Virginia, Ohio, Virginia and Maryland. Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

News Submissions

Send announcements to the Hurricane Breeze, PO Box 310, Hurricane, W. Va.; breezenews@citynet.net; or call (304) 562-9881.

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 Belle (Id #46401), a five-year-old female domestic long haired cat awaiting a new home. She is a rather shy kitty.



This is Jessie (Id #46395), a two-year-old female domestic short haired cat who came to the shelter as a stray.

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

Happy New Year 2022 Again...

As I reflect on the past... live in the present... and dream of the future, I remember...

I can “see” Mother in the kitchen with Mama Coyner... putting pinto beans on the old gas stove... the cornbread in the oven... “wash day”... clothes hanging on the lines... hoping rain would evade that day... I can “see”...

I can “see” Mother and Mama ironing in the kitchen... piles of clothes, sheets, dish towels... everything got ironed it seemed... one or the other at that ironing board... sometimes they let me do the handkerchiefs and dish towels... I could hardly reach the board...

I can “see” Mama putting her delicious chocolate cake with the best white icing ever on that kitchen table... dessert was not a frequent occurrence in our home... that cake was a treat.

I can “see” Mama and Mother stretching starched curtains on the boards out in the yard... so starched they almost stood on their own when dried.

I can “see” Mother standing on the porch at 2612 Virginia Avenue... “Brenda Joyce, be careful... don’t break your neck skating down the street...”

I can “see” Mother walking with me to Billups Bargain Grocery Store or the A to Z... Putnam County Bank... getting a coke at Raines



Pharmacy...

I can “see” Mother taking me to church, after we moved to Cow Creek for a couple of years... that little country church down the road where I was saved at age eight...

I can see Mother packing us up to move back to Virginia Avenue with her Mother...

I can see myself walking to First Baptist Church to join my friends in Sunday School...even if the snow was over our ankles...

I can see Mother in the kitchen making that pot roast with vegetables and fixing me a bologna sandwich...

I can see the first time I met Mike...July 4th carnival... I was making cotton candy and was fifteen... we started dating later that year...

I can see Mother as she planned our wedding and shopped... it was perfect. Evening wedding at Mount Vernon Baptist Church at Christmas time.

I can see Mother when she held her first grandchildren, my son and daughter... and Mama bringing candy out to the car, even though they didn’t get candy yet...

I can see Mother on the front porch at 2634 Virginia Avenue... her foot pushing the swing... waiting for us to get there from Huntington, Summersville, Ohio, and later, Summersville again...

I can see Mother fixing those huge meals at the holidays... standing at the kitchen sink loving her family together.

I can see Mother... in the hospital... I can see... I can feel... I can KNOW... that last time... a life worth lived... she raised kids... loved us... loved her grandchildren... her friends and family... I can “see” for sure...

2022... (Mother would have been 90 on December 24, 2021)... what would she think of 2022? I can see... embedded in my heart are the memories of my beloved mother... young when she died at 60... I can “see”... I don’t just feel... I can “see” in my mind and heart...

A little piece of my heart lives in Hurricane, West Virginia... where this little girl grew up... loving family... loving my life there... but Mother gave me wings to go afar... but no matter where I live... wherever I am... I can “see” those days... those memories... I thank God everyday that He gave me the opportunity to have a beloved Mother... to marry a wonderful man... to raise two of the best the world has to offer... to have five of the best ever grandchildren... and every day, I pray my thanks... because you see.... I can “see” those moments in time that

helped me become the woman I am today... I can “see” those people who raised me and loved me dearly...I can “see” those streets in that little town where my footsteps remain...I can “see” those friends who walked those steps with me... I will always be able to “see” them... in my mind and heart and soul... because the way we were is the way we are... WV Strong. Hurricane Strong. no matter where... no matter what... thank you Lord... prayers to all this year. Happy New Year 2022... My word for the year is HOPE...

My wishes and thankfulness for the New Year 2022...

End to the Pandemic
People masking and isolating or distancing

People vaccinating—using that scientific miracle

Traveling possible for the elderly

My trip to NYC possible for my 75th...

Visiting Indiana and West Virginia and Ohio... family and friends

Eating inside a restaurant

Going to the grocery and leaving the mask at home

Back to inside a church instead of online

Hugging more

Kindness more prevalent

Politics becoming less divided

Seeing friends I have not seen

Reading even more books—Is that possible?

Walking my steps and getting my miles

Finding a doctor like Dr. Smith in West Virginia

Being thankful I have found a dentist

Thankful I have found an eye doctor (although not Mark Brown, my favorite)

Seeing more of Florida

Having family here...

Family from Indy coming to visit

Others realizing Global Warming is Real

Okay... the main idea is that we need to be more gentle and kind in the NEW YEAR... we must put others first. I am writing this toward the end of 2021, and I am still in shock as to why others won’t become vaccinated to protect themselves, family, and friends... No one will ever convince me that taking a vaccination is as bad as having the disease... I don’t like the shots... I did it anyway... this has distressed me to no end... it is not about fear; it is about preservation... I like the mandates for school and job...get vaccinated...I wonder if those who refuse to do so refuse to wear seatbelts... refuse to take Blood Pressure Meds... refuse flu shots... refuse to have school kids vaccinated for other diseases... I firmly believe this is a political issue... and that does not make sense... For 2022, I hope that people realize that this disease, Covid, is a disease... not a political problem... it is real... it is here... it is not going away by wishing it away... prayers to all my readers and hope for a new healthy and peaceful year... to a country that is united and not divided by “My rights...” Prayers... prayers...

The Centennial History of Hurricane

Meet Some of Hurricane's Oldest Families



Mr. and Mrs. Cecil D. Sullivan

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and built their present home on Morning Road. He was a miner from Boone County, a farmer and self-employed home builder and construction worker, being skilled in keeping motors running smoothly in his mine operations. In 1962 after building numerous houses in this area, he retired.

Cecil and Esther were the parents of nine children, namely Ruth Smith, married to Fred E. Smith (four children); Eweual, married to Violet Mitchell (five children); Edgar, married to Lucille Grant, (five children); John, married to Phyllis Rogers, (four children); Elaine, never married; Marion Call, married to Donald R. Call (three children); Marcelain Call, married to Denver C. Call (two children); Shirley,

married to James W. Schmidt (two children), and Buford F., married to Margaret Roach Sullivan (two children). There are 27 grandchildren and 41 great-grandchildren. All four sons served in the United States Navy.

Although 90 years old, Mr. Sullivan still enjoys sharpening saws by hand for local contractors. He also keeps busy gardening and keeping his home spruced up.

Cecil and Esther have enjoyed 69 years of married bliss, being from large families, Cecil from a family of 9 children, Esther from a family of 12 children.

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.

Hurricane Council Football Champions

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but was denied the Mid Valley Conference trophy because the game was cancelled by Covid.

Mayor Scott Edwards and council rectified the absence of a 2020 Mid Valley trophy for HMS by officially proclaiming Hurricane Middle to be the 2020 champions of the conference.

In other business, council approved the appointment of Michael E. Hoffman as Hurricane Fire & Rescue Chief. Hoffman has more than 25 years of public safety experience in fire fighting and emergency medical services. He is retired from the Dunbar Fire Department where he served as Assistant Chief for seven years.

In his report to council, City Manager Andy Skidmore reported that construction of the new fire station was slated for December 9, 2022. Skidmore also informed council that RFPs (Requests for Proposals) have been submitted to area banks for financing construction of improvements at Bridge Park. The council is expected to act on the RFPs at a special meeting on January 24.

Police Chief Mike Mullins reported that during the month, the HPD made 9 arrests which were charged to the state and 11 which were charged to the city. The city's arrests included 7 for



Mayor Scott Edwards, Hurricane Fire & Rescue Chief Michael Hoffman, and wife Lisa.

first offense shoplifting, two for possession of Meth, and two for simple possession. The state arrests included one DUI related, one prohibited possession of firearm, and

Covid

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who have recovered from Omicron infections are highly unlikely to become infected by other variants including the U.K. and Delta variants.

The Omicron, while highly infectious, appears to be little threat to the fully vaccinated.

Production Bridges Cradle to Crown



The youth of Bethel Baptist Church put on a cowboy-themed skit during the Christmas program. Shown above are Angie Godby as Calamity Claire, Hagan Wickline as Wild Bill, and Chase Brewer as Rowdy. (Photo by Betsy Allen)

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second half was a cantata performed with the church choir singing hymns and carols which honed in upon the

message of "From Cradle, To Cross, To Crown." The production culminated with an original song by Michael Ross. His composition, "Take Me to the Manger," was, indeed,



Robin Rogers leads the choir in singing Christmas songs. (Photo by Betsy Allen)

a message "From Cradle, To Cross, To Crown."

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REAL ESTATE AUCTION

Wednesday January 12th at 4:00PM
Registration & Inspection Begin at 3:00PM

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Tuesday, January 18th at 5:00PM
Registration Begins at 4:30PM

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Registration & Inspection Begin at 3:00PM

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Master Bedroom w/ 2 Large Closets & Full Bathroom
All Bedrooms have large closets

Roof is Less than 5 Years old
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Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen





Don't Quit

Submitted by Myra Simmons

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
When funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must but don't you quit.
Life is strange with its twists and turns,
As everyone of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about
When they might have won had they stuck it out:
Don't give up though the pace seems slow
You may succeed with another blow.
Success is failure turned inside out,
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are.
It may be near when it seems so far:
So stick to the fight when you're the hardest hit
It's when things seem worst that you must not
QUIT!!!

Fillers Contributors Wanted
The Hurricane Breeze always wants Fillers Page contributors. We would like to print your recipes, inspirational sayings, poems, clean jokes, fun facts, and other submissions.

Please send contributions to The Hurricane Breeze Fillers Page, PO Box 310, Hurricane, WV 25526. You can also email submissions to breezenews@citynet.net

Create a Healthier Routine With A Better-for-You Favorite

(Family Features) Taking time to nurture your health and well-being starts with building healthier habits. As the seasons change, challenge yourself to make small yet consistent choices that help you and your family through transitions at school, the office or wherever your days take you.

To help you establish (or re-establish) healthy habits during mealtime and beyond, consider these tips.

Eat Meals Together
“Making time for meals together as a family provides a chance to connect and decompress,” said Bridget Wojciak, director of nutrition at Kroger Health, a national sponsor of the American Heart Association’s Healthy for Good initiative. “In fact, regular meals at home can help reduce stress, boost self-esteem and improve feelings of connection.”

Bring everyone together with a better-for-you seasonal favorite like Turkey and Bean Tostadas.

Make Time for Yourself
Chronic stress can have a negative impact on mental and physical health, but turning lost moments – like a meal by yourself spent mindlessly scrolling through social media – into mindful moments can help. Try practicing gratitude at the table by thinking of three things you’re grateful for or putting your fork down between each bite to savor the flavor and consider the nourishment you’re receiving.

Enjoy the Cooler Temperatures
Cooler temperatures can make it more enjoyable to take advantage of outdoor exercise, which is a good way to soak in vitamin D to improve your mood and boost immunity. Going for a brisk walk after mealtime (solo or with your pet), jogging and even raking leaves are examples of activities that count toward the American Heart Association’s recommended 150 minutes of moderate physical activity per week.

Visit heart.org/healthyforgood to download more heart-healthy recipes and find more tips for a healthier you in mind, body and heart.

Turkey and Bean Tostadas
Recipe courtesy of the American Heart Association’s Healthy for Good initiative
Servings: 5

Salsa:
2 cups chopped tomatoes (about 2 medium tomatoes)
1 medium avocado, halved, pitted and diced
1 large ear of corn, husks and silk discarded, kernels removed
1-2 medium fresh jalapenos, seeds and ribs discarded, finely chopped
2 tablespoons finely chopped red onion
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice

Tostadas:
nonstick cooking spray
5 corn tortillas (6 inches each)
8 ounces ground skinless turkey breast
2 teaspoons chili powder
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon ground coriander
1 can (15 1/2 ounces) no-salt-added black beans, rinsed and drained
2 tablespoons water

To make salsa: In small bowl, stir tomatoes, avocado, corn, jalapenos, onions and lime juice. Set aside.

Preheat oven to 400 F.

To make tostadas: Line baking sheet with aluminum foil. Lightly spray foil with nonstick cooking spray. Place tortillas on baking sheet. Lightly spray tortillas with nonstick cooking spray. Using fork, pierce tortillas several times to prevent from filling with air.

Bake tortillas 5-6 minutes on each side, or until golden brown.

In medium nonstick saucepan over medium-high heat, cook turkey, chili powder, cumin and coriander 5-6 minutes, or until turkey is no longer pink, stirring occasionally to turn and break up turkey.

Add beans and water. Cook 5 minutes, or until beans are heated through. Using potato masher, coarsely mash beans. Remove from heat.

To assemble tostadas, spread turkey mixture over each tortilla. Top with salsa.

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

An extraordinary harvest can never be gleaned from a field of mediocrity.

Remember that your success begins inside you: if you can't see it first, no one else ever will.

Don't let someone treat you poorly just because you love them.

Do anything, but let it produce joy. - Walt Whitman

A million dream cannot be financed by minimum-wage work ethic.

A hard heart cannot give or receive love.

The soul, like the body, lives by what it feeds on.

Make each day your masterpiece.

God's promises are unbreakable our hope is unshakable.

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

A doggie trusts you with his life. You're his whole world. Never abuse that trust.

People may have spoken negative things over you, but the good news is, people don't determine your future, God does.

Stop always expecting your blessings to be financial or materialistic. God just may have added some time to your life instead.

The victory of success is half won when one gains the habit of setting goals and achieving them.

Everything that touches your life is an opportunity if you discover its proper use.

Children learn best when they like their teacher and they think their teacher likes them.

It is difficult to see why lace should be so expensive; it is mostly holes.

There's a way to do it better - find it. - Thomas Edison

Too much of a good thing can be wonderful. - Mae West

I went down to the paint store to get thinner. It didn't work.

Begin to be now what you will be hereafter.

Don't like the direction you're going? Change it.

Music is not only to hear; but to feel also.

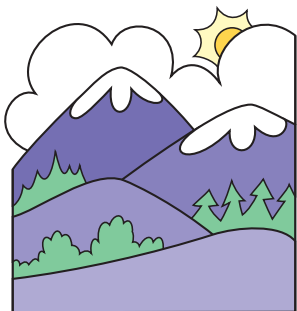
You can't conquer what you refuse to confront.

Never trust anyone who is not kind to animals.

Temptation leaves us better or worse; neutrality is impossible.

When you focus on being a blessing, God makes sure that you are always blessed in advance.

You can tell a lot about



a woman by her hands. For instances, if they're around your throat, she's probably slightly upset.

There's a reason why two people stay together. They give each other something nobody else can.

A perfect relationship is not that you never get angry, upset or irritated with each other; it's how fast you resolve and bounce back to normal.

I don't mind going to work, but the eight hour wait to go home is just ridiculous.

I'm a huge fan of saying "you're welcome" really loud when people don't say thank you.

Talk not of wasted affection; affection never was wasted. - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

We live in a time where Satan doesn't even hide and you still don't see him.

I wish more people would use their voice for love and peace, instead of hate and anger.

Stay away from negative people; they have a problem for every solution.

Change is inevitable; personal growth is a choice.

A lover will give you a kiss, a friend will give you a hug, but a doggie will give you his heart.

Some women are "once in a lifetime" type of females; there is no upgrade after her.

If the Bible calls it a sin, your opinion doesn't matter.

Classy is when you have a lot to say but you choose to remain silent in front of fools.

I don't chase people anymore. If they like spending time with me, they will do so.

Time is precious. Make sure you spend it with the right people.

Don't worry about the haters. They are just angry because the truth you speak contradicts the lie they live.

Respect your body when it's asking for a break. Respect your mind when it's seeking rest. Honor yourself when you need a moment to yourself.

Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing. - Mother Theresa

It's not what I do, but the way I do it. It's not what I say, but the way I say it. - Mae West

Enjoy every moment

you have, because in life, there are no rewinds.

Not all storms come to disrupt your life. Some come to clear your path.

Nothing compares to the stomach ache you get from laughing too hard with your best friends.

You can't use up all of your creativity. The more you use, the more you have.

Don't ever second-guess a strong feeling that you have. Trust your gut.

When we are kind to others, we feel better about ourselves.

Four things for success: working pray, think and believe. – Norman Vincent Peale

The most important single ingredient in the formula of success is knowing how to get along with people. – Theodore Roosevelt

The future doesn't belong to the faint hearted; it belongs to the brave. - Ronald Reagan

Change is the end result of all true learning.

A good decision is based on knowledge and not on numbers.

Time stays long enough for anyone who will use it. – Leonardo da Vinci

The sun does not shine for a few trees and flowers, but for the wide world's joy. – Henry Ward Beecher

Wealth is the ability to fully experience life. – Henry David Thoreau

Laziness may appear attractive, but work gives satisfaction.

Action may not bring happiness but there is no happiness without action.

The secret of genius is to carry the spirit of the child into old age, which means never losing your enthusiasm.

Remember you're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.

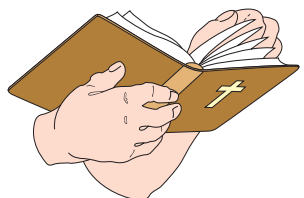
Take your time when eating; it's not a race.

Happiness depends upon ourselves.

Grief is just love with no place to go.

Always love your friends from your heart, not from your mood or need.

Bible Verse



He [God] has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. –Micah 6:8

New St. Albans I-64 Entrance and Exit Ramps Now Open

New westbound entrance and exit ramps for the St. Albans exit of Interstate 64 were opened to traffic by on Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021. The ramps are part of a massive widening project on I-64 funded through Gov. Jim Justice’s \$2.8 billion Roads to Prosperity highway construction and maintenance program.

The new ramps are part of a \$224 million project to widen I-64 to six lanes from Nitro to the US 35 interchange near Scott Depot. The project also includes construction of a new bridge adjacent to the existing Nitro-St. Albans Bridge and replacing several smaller bridges between Nitro and Scott Depot.

Site work and construction on the project began in earnest in the spring of 2021 and required massive excavation and earth work. Contractors began blasting in the area over the summer.

The new westbound St. Albans interchange replaces the existing single bridge with two



Photo courtesy of Ed Conner

new bridges, one for traffic entering I-64 and the other for traffic getting off I-64. The new westbound entrance ramp bridge is 339 feet long, while the exit ramp bridge is 167 feet long.

Contractors were completing guardrail installation and striping work during the days leading up to opening the new ramps.

New eastbound and westbound bridges at

Bills Creek opened to traffic in early December. Widening plans also include replacing bridges at Rocky Step, McCloud and at Nitro over WV 25.

Two new piers for the main Nitro-St. Albans bridge are nearly complete.

Plans call for building a new bridge just downstream of the existing Nitro-St. Albans Bridge to carry westbound traffic, then demolishing the existing bridge and

replacing it with a new span using a portion of the existing bridge piers to carry eastbound traffic. Each new bridge will be four lanes wide to allow motorists to go from the St. Albans exit to the Nitro exist and from the Nitro exit to the St. Albans exit without having to merge into interstate traffic.

The entire project is expected to be complete in late 2024.

Covid 2022: A New Year, New Fears

By Marilyn M. Singleton, MD, JD

By now, Dr. Fauci’s Covid “fearpeak” has become background noise. Yes, the new “Omicron” variant is making its way around the world. Fortunately, reports from South Africa as well as other studies indicate that Omicron’s illness is milder than Delta. Even Fauci-friendly public health physicians have cautioned that there is “absolutely no reason to panic.”

In 2022, we should panic because opioid overdoses took the lives of 100,000 fellow Americans from April 2020 to April 2021—an increase of 28 percent from the same period the year before. The statistic is appalling but not surprising given the Covid lockdowns coupled with millions of doses of fentanyl and other illicit drugs flooding across a porous border.

We should panic because one in ten Americans has diabetes and one in three Americans has prediabetes. Moreover, 89 percent of the diabetics are overweight (Body Mass Index over 25). Just over 73 percent of the U.S. population are overweight and 42.5 percent are obese (BMI over 30). Worse yet, obesity among adults, age 18 to 25 years increased from 6.2 percent to 32.7 percent over the last 40 years. Instead of Dr. Fauci telling us we have to relinquish our individual choices when it comes to the increasingly ineffective current Covid vaccines, he should emphasize the effect of obesity on Covid outcomes. According to the CDC, about 78 percent of people who have been hospitalized needed a ventilator or died from Covid-19 have been overweight or obese.

We should fear the loss of scientific medical practice, when to avoid being stressed out, patients are demanding informed consent to be weighed in the doctor’s office. Yet curiously, informed consent is not required for experimental mRNA vaccines.

We should fear the blatant abuse of power by our public servants in the name of public health. We should be afraid when our top health bureaucrat, the Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary

declared “it is absolutely the government’s business” to know people’s vaccination status.” We should panic when elected representatives jump on the medical privacy-bet damned bandwagon. The House of Representatives handily approved the Immunization Infrastructure Modernization Act of 2021 which would establish yet another government database. This one is an “immunization information system,” that can share every vaccine dose with not only with other governmental but private entities.

We should be afraid when the FDA sends threatening letters to pharmacists, trying to limit the use of a safe drug shown to be 60 percent effective in improving outcomes of Covid. Why? It has side effects such as skin rash, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain, facial or limb swelling, neurologic adverse events (dizziness, seizures, confusion), sudden drop in blood pressure, severe skin rash potentially requiring hospitalization and liver injury. We’ve seen no such letters regarding molnupiravir, the new kid on the block for Covid treatment that can cause diarrhea, dizziness, headache, hives, itching, skin rash, nausea, redness of skin, vomiting, bone and cartilage damage in children, birth defects, cancer and is only 30 percent effective.

We should panic knowing that pharmaceutical companies spent \$266,846,347 lobbying Congress, and the American Medical Association’s top corporate donors are pharmaceutical companies.

We should panic about the federal government establishing guidelines (future regulations?) for news and social media on suppression of health “misinformation.” We

should worry that Meta, the company formerly known as Facebook engages in Soviet-style silencing certain political viewpoints.

We should fear social engineering and panic about the media becoming the new form of re-education camps. It’s hard to miss the oohing and aahing over the first transgender person to make it to the Jeopardy! Tournament of Champions. Did they fawn over the first male, the first black person, the first white person, the first Asian person? No. BTW, the first Tournament winner was a woman, and a black man won years before women and blacks knew they were inferior, weak-minded oppressed persons. Someone, please come forward and enlighten us as to why a transgender person answering questions on a game show is headline news. Viewed in the most favorable light, perhaps the media were providing welcomed distraction from Dr. Fauci and his smug and smarmy self.

We should fear misguided attempts to stop racism with racism. In the name of social justice, colleges, businesses, medical schools, and K-12 schools have fallen into the trap of promoting Marxist race warfare where students and employees can learn that minorities are permanent victims of the irredeemably racist white people.

We should fear becoming accustomed to a new socially acceptable apartheid: segregation by race, vaccination status, and mask-wearing.

Most of all, we should fear how readily our fellow Americans acquiesced to unreasonable, unscientific demands at the altar of Covid-19.

When it comes to Covid in 2022, opt for prudence, not panic. Eat well, get enough vitamin D,

exercise, wash your hands, engage with your friends, cough or sneeze in your elbow, and stay home if you are feeling unwell. If you do get sick, seek medical care immediately.

Live your life. After all, there are 14 more letters after omicron in the Greek alphabet.

PHYLLIS BARTLETT

Phyllis Joanna (Mann, Martin) Bartlett, aged 87, passed peacefully with family at her side on December 26, 2021 in Hurricane. She was born June 25th, 1934 in Geneva, Ohio, and was a long time resident of Wheeling, West Virginia.

She was a 1949 graduate of Madison Grade School on Wheeling Island and a 1952 Graduate of Wheeling Highschool where she attended Secretarial classes. She continued her studies in 1977 at West Virginia Northern Community College. Phyllis was a life long learner and went on to take adult education classes at Wheeling Park High School.

Phyllis worked at many places throughout the Wheeling area and later in Columbus, Ohio where she managed apartments and office buildings.

She loved horses and participated and won many equestrian ribbons and titles in the 70’s. She enjoyed all animals, and was a gifted painter.

But who she loved most was her dear grandchildren Lily Martin of Hurricane, and Taylor Jones-Martin of South Charleston. She is also survived by her son Bruce (Becky Baller) Martin of Hurricane, and Doug Martin of Wheeling, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was the daughter of the late Mary Arnetta (Marsh) Mann and late Harold C. Mann, both of Wheeling, WV.

A Celebration of life service was held at Allen Funeral home, Hurricane, on Tuesday, January 4th, 2022.

ELIZABETH BOLLING

Elizabeth Bolling, 95, of Hurricane, formerly of Baltimore, MD, passed away January 1, 2022,

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He knew that you would never
Be well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb
So He closed your weary eyelids and whispered
Peace be Thine.

Sadly missed by Vernon E. Bird and Family

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in Cabell Huntington Hospital.

Mrs. Bolling is preceded in death by her husband William Bolling, Jr.

She is survived by her brothers John Paul and Tom Coiner and sisters Bertie Coiner and Carolyn Smith.

At her request there will be no services.

EDDIE BRADSHAW

Eddie Ray Bradshaw, 68, of Fraziers Bottom, entered his Heavenly home on Thursday, December 23, 2021 at his residence with his family by his side.

He was born at Madison to the late Arvil Ray and Lula Jean Dotson Bradshaw. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Terry Lee Bradshaw.

Eddie was retired owner/operator of Wendy’s. He was a member of Teays Valley Missionary Baptist Church, Hurricane.

Surviving are his loving wife of 50 years, Connie Roberts Bradshaw; daughter, Tera Dawn Carr (Dustin) of South Carolina; sister, Linda K. Hall of Texas; grandchildren, Zachary Austin Carr (Cassidy), Gavin Alexander Carr (Marisha), Hannah Allyse Carr, Bailey Isaiah Carr and Jacob Isaac Carr.

Funeral service was Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, St. Albans, with Pastor Chad Estep officiating. Burial was in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

LOIS JEAN CHAPMAN

Lois Jean (Godby) Chapman, 91, of Scott Depot, formerly of St. Albans, passed to her heavenly home on Sunday, December 26, 2021 at CAMC Teays Valley Hospital.

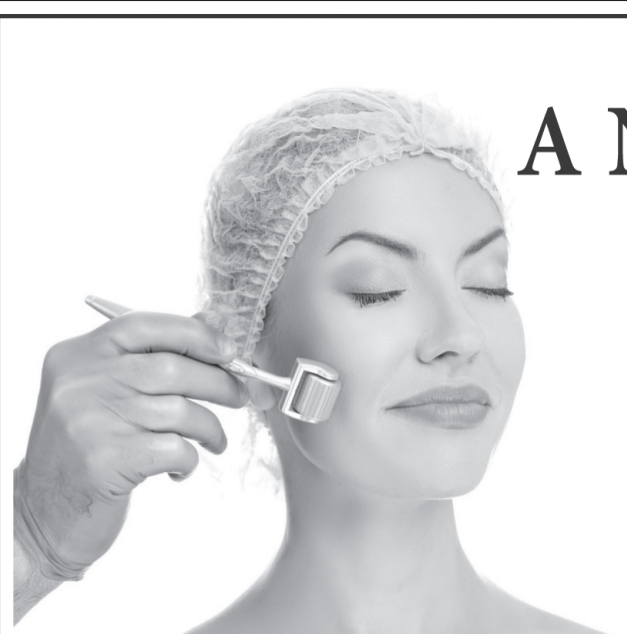
She was born April 1, 1930 in Danville and was a daughter of the late George and Julia Godby. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, William E. “Bill” Chapman, sisters: Barbara and Mary; and brothers: George, Glen, and John.

Lois was a graduate of St. Albans High School, Class of 1947. She worked for many years as a secretary for several different lawyers and also at Westvaco Corp., Putnam County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office, Putnam County Commission, Putnam County Assessor’s Office and also in the West Virginia Real Estate Commission, where she retired. She was a member of Teays Valley Church of God, where she was the church secretary for many years, as well as a member of and the Secretary of the Women’s Club of the Church of God for several years. She was a member of the Putnam County Democratic Women’s Club and an avid WVU Mountaineer football and basketball fan.

Lois is survived by her sons: Steve (Dorothy) of Winfield, Pat (Nancy) and Brad (Anita) both of Scott Depot; granddaughter: Sarah (Brandon) Young of Fraziers Bottom; grandson: Conner of Scott Depot; great-granddaughter: Remi Young; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service for Ms. Chapman was Thursday, December 30, at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Pastor Ken Toler and Rev. Dr. Melissa D. Pratt officiating. Burial was in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

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Daily Bible Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23	Ephesians 2:1-10	Ephesians 2:11-22	Ephesians 3:1-13	Ephesians 3:14-21	Ephesians 4:1-16	Ephesians 4:17-32
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BASIC BIBLE

By Ron Allen
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Abide in the True Vine

John 15:1-8

The entirety of the text before us consists of words which Jesus spoke to the eleven disciples who walked with Him to Gethsemane following the last supper. Judas was not present. The Lord’s words are for the ears of all who believe.

The picture which Jesus placed before the disciples is that of a vineyard tended by a husbandman (God the Father). It is a vineyard consisting of one vine, and that vine is Christ Jesus.

In verse 2, Jesus made it known that both productive (fruitful) branches and non-productive branches would shoot forth from Him, the vine. After a period of time, the husbandman would remove branches that failed to produce fruit. After removing these branches, the husbandman would prune (purgeth) the fruitful branches such that they might bring forth more fruit. Jesus reveals the identity of the fruitful branches by implication in verse 3 and directly in verse 5.

In verse 3, Jesus announced, “Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.” This announcement is linked to the preceding verse by “Now.” To what, in verse 2, does Jesus refer? Verse 2 is about removing unproductive branches and pruning (purging) productive branches. In verse 3, the disciples possess a new state of cleanliness. The link between the disciples’ cleanliness and that which transpired in verse 2 is made clear in verse 5. The disciples are the productive branches which were made clean by that which the husbandman did in verse 2.

The link between verse 2 and verse 3 is immediately apparent in the original Greek text of John’s gospel. The word “purgeth” in verse 2 is *kathairo* and the “clean” of verse 3 is *katharos*. The verb *kathairo* means to make clean by removal of unproductive wood and *katharos* (an adjective) means clean. The cleansing action (*kathairo*) of verse 2 produced the cleanliness that made the disciples clean (*katharos*) of verse 3.

In announcing “ye are clean through the word I have spoken unto you,” Jesus proclaimed to the disciples that they were the branches which God the Father (the husbandman) had cleansed such that they might bring forth fruit and more fruit. Knowledge that one has been selected by God to be an agent of His will is not cause for celebration. It is cause to act; it is pressure to produce fruit.

Each disciple was to produce much fruit. In verse 4, Jesus informed the disciples of the manner in which they were to produce fruit. He said, “Abide in me.” To abide in Christ, one must follow the Son’s example of obedience to the Father’s will. “Abide in me” means to do as Jesus did. He sought the Father’s will without ceasing.

The words, “Abide in me, and I in you,” are spoken to all who have the ears to hear. They are spoken to every branch which has not been removed from the vine. They are spoken to each and every branch that will ever bring forth fruit. They are spoken to all who know that they are totally dependent upon the one and only true vine. They are words spoken to all who know that they are saved by grace through faith given by God (Eph. 2:8, 9). A branch, separated from the vine, cannot produce fruit (v. 5). Believers separated from Christ are powerless.

Branches separated from the vine wither and are cast into the fire and burned (v. 6). There are some who take the burning of the separated and withered branches to mean that salvation is conditional upon being attached to the true vine. This view is not supported by the actual words of the Greek language in which John recorded his gospel. There are multiple Greek words which are translated as burn or burned. Burning for purpose of destruction is expressed by *katakaio*. Burning for purpose of producing light is expressed by *kaio*. The word used in verse 6 is *kaio*. The branches which the husbandman separated from the true vine are not destroyed; the separated branches are used to produce light for men. The light from burning branches flares up, flickers, glows, then fades. That light does not produce fruit. The branches that abide in the vine are fruitful. Fruitful branches radiate the light of the Word which came into the world (Jn. 1:4).

In verse 7 Jesus said, “. . . ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.” Receiving the desires of the heart is not dependent upon that which is asked. It is dependent upon having the right heart. When believers abide in Jesus and He in us, our hearts become right. Our hearts become as His, ever seeking the Father’s will. One cannot change the character of his heart. God transforms the hearts of them who abide in the Son and the Son in them. Evidence of that transformation is seen in answered prayer.

“Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples” (v. 8). God is glorified by the branches which bear much fruit. The branches have no strength in themselves but every branch that abides in the Son and the Son in him is given power, power unlimited to do the Father’s will. God glorifies Himself in all who ask that He purge them of all dead wood.

Let us pray and be purged such that we become vessels which glorify the Father. Let us abide in Him and He in us. Let His love be seen. Let the Son glorify the Father in the vessels He has cleansed.



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JANET HILL

Janet Marie Wilkinson Hill, age 80, of Black Betsy, left this world on December 31, 2021, surrounded by her loving family. Janet woke up in Heaven this New Year’s Eve where she was greeted by her Lord and Savior and a host of family and friends that she has longed to see. God picked the perfect day to take her and now she is having an eternal celebration.

Born April 27, 1941, on Heizer Creek, she was the daughter of the late Rev. Jesse Wilkinson and Reba Haley Wilkinson. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Connie Shaffer. On July 12, 1958, she was married to her loving husband of more than 63 years, Larry G. Hill, who survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Pamela Rhodes (Gordon), and Janette Brunty; three grandchildren, Kirsten Rhodes, Seth Rhodes (Kristin), and Jordan Babbitt (Amanda); and two great grandchildren, Solomon and Isaiah Rhodes.

Janet sang and traveled around the tri-state with a girls choir known as the United Melody Chorus. She was a member of Lett Creek Community Church and owned Poca Floral for a time.

Janet loved children

and was a teacher’s aide at Confidence Elementary and Rock Branch Elementary, later owning her own daycare center for 14 years. Known as “Nana” to her grandchildren, and countless other kids, she played a special role in each of their lives.

There was only one thing she loved more than Elvis and that was Jesus, and she loved to tell everyone about her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Janet’s Celebration of Life service was Thursday, January 6, 2022, at Cooke Funeral Home Chapel, Nitro with Pastor Jay Mace officiating. Entombment was in Tyler Mountain Memorial Gardens, Cross Lanes.

MARJORIE JIVIDEN

Marjorie D. Jividen, 86, of Eleanor, passed away Friday, December 31, 2021 at Hubbard Hospice House following a long 64 year battle with diabetes.

She was the daughter of the late Sullivan Agie Smith and Mary Stutler Smith. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her loving husband of 61 years, Lester Paul “Buddy” Jividen; infant daughter, Peggy Lynn Jividen and brother, Carroll Smith.

Survivors include her daughter, Shirley (Mick) Hager of Scott Depot;

sisters, Gloria Tribble of Leon, Brida Humphrey of Eleanor; brothers, Dean Smith (Patty) of Eleanor, Curtis (Linda) Smith of Ashville OH; granddaughter, Bridgette Jividen (Josh) and great grandson, Dominic Crouser. Marjorie is also survived by several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Service was held at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastor David Panaro Jr. officiating. Burial was in Mt. Zion Cemetery Given.

DONALD LEWIS JOHNSON

Donald Lewis Johnson, 94, of Hurricane, passed away on Monday, December 27, 2021. He was a retired Concrete Finisher and avid outdoorsman who loved Hunting and Fishing.

He was preceded in death by his sons Gerald Johnson and Dwayne Johnson. He is survived by his daughter Ruth Johnson Knowles, 3 Grandchildren and 3 Great Grandchildren.

Graveside funeral service was Monday, January 3, 2022, at Mt. Moriah Cemetery.

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JAMES ALBERT JOHNSON

James Albert “Al” Johnson, 73, of Huntington, passed away December 21, 2021, after a short battle with lung with cancer.

Al was born January 10, 1948, in Putman County, the son of the late Clifford and Cathleen Johnson. He attended Hurricane High School and spent most of his career as a truck driver. He was married to his devoted wife, Trudie Johnson, for over 21 years. They shared a loved for the outdoors. Al was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting, fishing, boating, and camping. He also had a sense of humor that would light up a room. He will be truly missed by his friends and family.

Al is survived by his wife Trudie Johnson, of Huntington; sister Kay Rice and her husband Wade of Hurricane; brother Gary Johnson of Portland, Georgia; son Keith Johnson of Glenwood; daughter Angela Johnston of Culloden; and stepdaughter Melissa Black and her husband Chad Black of Huntington; grandchildren, Michael Johnson, Kristy Jackson, Chelsea Call, Joshua Jackson, Caleb Black, Noah Black, Aden Williamson, Evan Williamson, and Riley Williamson; and many other aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two sisters Jean Day and Joanie Coyner.

Service was December 29, 2021 at Allen Funeral Home, with his cousin Robert Adkins officiating. Burial was in Mt. Moriah Cemetery in Hurricane.

BARBARA KNUCKLES

Barbara Ann Knuckles, 91, of Hurricane, went to be with our Lord and Savior December 30, 2021. She was born April 19, 1930 in South Charleston. She passes from complications due to a fall.

She was a Christian and a faithful member of Teays Valley Baptist

Church for 44 plus years. Barbara served her church in many ways including singing in the choir which she loved. Throughout her lifetime she achieved many titles, Barbara was the matriarch of her family whom she loved dearly. She was well known in town for her hotdog sauce. There are many residents in Hurricane who remember going to Barbs Hotdogs. Barbara and her husband John also worked at and helped manage Western Hills Golf Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents Edward Mallory and Gladys Cobbs Mallory, her husband John Knuckles, brothers Clark, Hubert, Frankie, Bob and Jim Mallory. Sisters Betty Knuckles, Juanita Clark, Exie McCune, June Rigsby and Greta Mallory. Children John Edward Jr. baby boy Knuckles, Doris Johnson and Joyce Macleery, Grandchildren Rusty, Glen, Johnny, Barbie and Sherri.

Left to carry on her legacy are her children, Carolyn Osborn of Hurricane, Sandra (Larry) Kirby of Culloden, Jeff (Debbie) Knuckles of Ripley, Mark (Kathy) Knuckles of Hurricane. She is also survived by 9 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and 9 great great grandchildren. Also her brother Forrest Mallory of South Charleston.

Funeral service was Wednesday, January 5th, 2022 at Allen Funeral Home with Pastor John D. Smith officiating.

WANDA LAKE

Wanda Jean Lake, 74, passed away on December 28, 2021, after a long illness. Wanda was a lifelong resident of Hurricane, and a graduate of Hurricane High School.

Wanda enjoyed volunteering at the John Henson Senior Center and made many friends there.

Wanda was preceded in death by her parents, Don and Nancy Lake, three brothers, Berchel, Eddie, and Randall. She leaves behind her nephew, Darryl Keith Lake and scores of cousins.

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Wanda was laid to rest at the Sycamore Cemetery.

MATTHEW LILLY

Matthew Curtis Lilly, 34, of Winfield, peacefully departed for his Heavenly Home on December 30, 2021 surrounded by his family and dear friends, Pastor Jeff and Karen Johnson.

Matt was born to Jonathan and Kathryn Leslie Lilly on January 14, 1987 in Huntington, WV.

He was a graduate of Winfield High School and West Virginia State University with a Bachelor's degree in accounting. Matt was a member of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, an avid WVU and Atlanta Braves fan, and a devout lover of all sports. In his spare time, he enjoyed playing golf, fantasy football/ baseball, as well as cards with the W.P.C. Most of all, Matt loved spending time with his family and friends.

Matt was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather: John Leslie, paternal grandfather: E.W. Pete Lilly, and maternal great grandparents: James and Ann Eves.

Matt is survived by his loving family, his wife: Kellie Ann Lewis Lilly; his son: Logan Rhys Lilly; his parents: Dr. Jonathan and Kathy Lilly; his younger brothers: Zach (Heather), Cameron, and Isaac Lilly, his maternal grandmother: Beverly Ann Leslie; his paternal grandparents: Patricia Nelson (Don); his mother and father in-law: Jeff and Helen Lewis, sister in-law: Tara Lewis Chapman (Adam); nieces/

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Decedent: Deloris Faye Casto Fiduciary: Lee Casto, Administrator Address: 51 Alder Lane, Winfield, WV 25213	
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DAVID WOOD
David Earl Wood, loving husband, dad, and Pawpaw, age 86, of Hurricane, passed to his eternal home on December 19, 2021. David was the husband of Jennie Wood and the son of Jessie and Ollie Pate Wood (both deceased).

After graduating in 1954 from Hurricane High School, he served two years in the U.S. Army. He earned an engineering degree from Trine University in Angola, IN. Upon graduation he worked and retired from Union Carbide where he traveled the world as a vibration analysis specialist. David was also a member of the First Baptist Church of Hurricane for 46 years.

Besides his wife, he leaves behind his children, Debbie Wertz (Bill), Greg Wood, grandchildren and the light of his life, Jennifer Desai, David Wertz, Anslee Wood, Logan Wood, and one great granddaughter Annie. He also leaves behind his siblings, Kermit Wood (Deloris), Verna Bilicki (Ray), Judy Mercer (Russell), and Betty Thompson (Martin) as well as many nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends. Dad never met a stranger.

A memorial service was held for David at First Baptist Church of Hurricane on Thursday, December 30th.

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LINDA LOU MCGREW
Linda Lou Fisher McGrew, 72, of Winfield, went home to be with the Lord on December 30th, 2021, surrounded by her loving family.
She was born on February 4th 1949 in Charleston. She was preceded in death by her parents Rex and Emma Fisher and nephew Linden Fisher.

She is survived by her loving husband of 54 years Jerry; two children Susan (Lewis) Winter of Hometown and Melissa (Chris) Zuspan of Fraziers Bottom; grandchildren Phillip, Kenzie, Anna and Andrew Winter, Timothy (Hannah) and Brooke Zuspan; sisters, Agnes (Hubert) Strickland, Ann (Jimmy) Adkins, Vicky Jo (Vernon) Good; brother Rex Allen (Becky) Fisher and sisters-in-law, Diane (Frank) Smith and Linda Akers. Linda is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Linda was a lifetime homemaker. She had a servant's heart and loved to sew for others. She made hundreds of masks and comfort caps for cancer patients. She loved The Lord and shared her faith in love with everyone she came into contact with. She always found blessings in every situation. She loved everyone and everyone loved her. She was a Godly Wife, Mother, Grammy, Sister and Friend.

A tribute to the life of Linda was held Monday, January 3rd, 2022 at Rock Branch Independent Church with Pastor Delbert Hawley officiating. Burial was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens in Red House.

CHRISTINE MIDKIFF
Christine “Chriss” Hager Midkiff passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 28th, 2021 surrounded by family at Cabell Huntington Hospital. She was 78 years old.

Chriss was the daughter of Raymond and Lennie Hager born on February 20th, 1943, in Spurlocksville.

Chriss married her teenage sweetheart, Tom Midkiff, on March 10th, 1962. They were happily married for 54 years. They had three sons: Tom III, David, and Mark. Chriss was a hard worker who excelled in many careers; notably her time spent in restaurant management. On top of Chriss's careers, her most important role was that of a “Super Mom” to her three active and athletic sons and she loved her family fiercely. She was a team mom, assistant den mother for scouts, and always had an open door for their many friends as they grew up.

Chriss was known as a very caring and loving woman by all who were lucky enough to know her. She loved to make people laugh with her quick wit, honesty, and unfiltered sense of humor. She loved to spoil her pets by feeding them whatever they wanted, whenever they wanted. She could also be caught sneaking treats to her great-grandbabies!

Chriss was a fighter. She dealt for years with many physical ailments, but no matter how bad she felt she got out of bed to spend time with her family. She taught her family how to endure suffering, persevere,

and how to focus on your loved ones when times get tough.

Chriss was preceded in death by her husband, Tom, and her siblings: Carolyn, Ellis, and Darryl. She is survived by her brother, Dale (Sharon) Hager; her sons: Tom (Jennifer), David, and Mark (Tiernee); her grandchildren Leah (Jimmy) Scheidler, Matthew (Taylor) Midkiff, Jacob Midkiff, Erin (Alan) Short, Kameron Midkiff, Aubrie Midkiff, Rachel Midkiff, and Emily Midkiff; and her great-grandbabies Owen, Hudson, and Sutton Scheidler, Mattie and Beau Midkiff, and Jackson Short; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Services was Monday, January 3rd at St. Timothy's in the Valley Episcopal Church.

DONNA MONDAY

Donna Jean Monday, 61, of Poca, passed away December 28, 2021, at home.

Donna is retired from Scott Depot Dairy Queen with 30 years of service.

She is preceded in death by her parents Oscar and Betty Gillispie; brother Cephus Gillispie and sister Debra Mason.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Mr. Ricky Monday, Sr.; two children Terry Adkins and her husband Greg and Ricky Monday, Jr. and his wife Irma; sister Mary Jett; brother Jerry Gillispie; four grandchildren Marlena Adkins, Isaiah Adkins, Ricky Monday, III and Kayli Cochran and two great grandchildren Brooklynn and Riley Monday. Donna is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

A tribute to the life of Mrs. Donna Monday was held Thursday, December 30, 2021 at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastors Darris Barker and Keith Monday officiating. Burial was in Emma Chapel Cemetery, Liberty.

ROSCOE MULLINS

Roscoe Mullins, 96, of Culloden, passed away on December 28, 2021 at his home.

He was born to the late Floyd and Stella Evans Mullins on January 28, 1925.

Roscoe was retired from Union Carbide and from the State of WV. He served his country during WWII in the 2nd Marines Corp. Division 6th Regimen.

Roscoe is survived by his children, his son, Kevin Mullins and his daughter, Patsy Ccase, granddaughter, Mallory Barney, siblings, Evelyn Harper, Francis Chapman, Conard Mullins, and Robert Mullins, as well as many other family and friends.

He will be buried at Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery, Dunbar

RICHARD N. PAYNE

Richard N. Payne, 68, of Eleanor, passed away December 21, 2021 at his home.

He was a son of the late Okey and Betty Lou Shamblin Payne.

Rick was retired from Union Carbide working in plant operations and as an Inspector with WV DOH.

In accordance with his wishes, there will be a memorial service in the

future.

LENORE PERKINS

Lenore Frances Garnes Perkins, 88, of Eleanor, passed away Saturday January 1, 2022 at her home surrounded by her family following a short illness. She was a member of Wade Chapel United Methodist Church. Lenore was an avid reader and enjoyed crocheting, quilting and bowling with her late husband and various friends.

She was the daughter of the late Ulysses B. Garnes and Evelyn Frances Ford Garnes Gordon. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her loving husband of 66 years, 1 month, 1 day and the love of her life, Charles A. “John” Perkins; son, Terrance “Terry” Perkins; grandson, Christopher Gibson; sisters, Judy Hudson, Jean Ann Hanshaw and Patty Snyder; step father, Zollie O. Gordon; stepsisters, Maxine Moore and Christine Asbury.

Survivors include her children, Charles O. “Chuck” (Karen) Perkins of Poca, Cheryl A. (Cecil “Buster”) Sovine of Scott Depot, Patricia M. (Timmy) Parsons of Red House, John M. Perkins of Eleanor, and Larry F. Perkins of Lewisburg; grandchildren, Aaron (Nicky) Perkins, Sarah (Craig) Badger, Michael J. Gibson, Rebecca A. Gibson, Jennifer (John) Frazier, Matthew (Karlle) Perkins, Marissa (Michael) Ramey and Brendon (Sam) Thomas; great-grandchildren, Dalton, Peyton, Greer, Aidan, Kaylie, Cheyenne, Zoey, Mea, Braxton, Sophia, Sawyer, Oakley, Lyla, Liam and Leo; stepbrother, Carl Gordon; stepsisters, Alberta Saunders and Elizabeth Woods.

Graveside service was Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastor Mike Miller officiating. Burial was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House.

JAMES ROAT

James Leroy “Tweety” Roat, 69, of Winfield, passed away January 2, 2022.

Mr. Roat is a retired paramedic from Kanawha County Emergency Ambulance Authority with over 40 years of service. He is also a member of the Putnam Masonic Lodge #139 in Hurricane.

He is preceded in death by his parents James and Barbara Roat; brother Michael Roat and sister Dorothy Roat.

He is survived by his three children Emily and her husband Brandon Thornton, Bryce and his wife Jessica Perks and Michael Roat and five grandchildren.

At his request there will be no services.

MORGAN SEXTON JR.

Morgan Sexton, Jr., 81, of Hurricane, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, December 31, 2021 at Hubbard Hospice House-West, South Charleston.

He was born at St. Albans to the late Harold Morgan Sexton, Sr. and Dessel Meadows Sexton. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Barbara Stone; brothers, Richard Sexton and Mike Sexton.

Morgan was a retired truck driver for PJAX Trucking and was a

former truck driver for Overnite. He was a member of Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church, St. Albans.

Surviving are his son, Morgan Sexton, III (Cindy); sister, Betty Carruth; grandchildren, Zach (Ashley) Sexton and Jeremy (Miranda) Sexton; great grandchildren, Ryleigh and Madilyn. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews, family and a host of friends.

Funeral service was Monday, January 3, 2022 at Bartlett-Nichol Funeral Home, St. Albans, with Pastor Craig Gillenwater officiating. Burial was in Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, St. Albans.

WILLIAM STARCHER

William “Bill” Starcher, 79, passed away December 20, 2021 after a short illness.

He is preceded in death by his wife Patricia; parents Buck and Palestine Starcher and brother Wayne Starcher.

He is survived by his children Lestel Earl Starcher and Melissa of Weston and Diana Starcher and Dale of Liberty; grandchildren Amber Wagner and Buger of Leon and William “Mikey” Hamon and Lynsdey of Liberty; great grandchildren Addison Wagner, Katie Hamon and Sara Hamon; brother Orval “Buster” Starcher and Ruth Ann of Liberty; sister Ida Smith and Paul of New Martinsville, Laura Kirk and Johnny of NC, Mary Smith of Red House and Patty Skeen and Kent of Ripley; sister-in-law Sharon Starcher and a host of many nieces and nephews.

A tribute to the life of Bill was held Monday, December 27, 2021 at Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens with Aaron Ovellette officiating.

GOMER A. WHITT

Gomer A. Whitt, 75, of Culloden, went home to be with the Lord on December 29, 2021 after a short illness.

Gomer was preceded in death by his parents: Robert Warren “Joe” and Gladys Lewis Whitt; and his younger brothers: Robert “Bob”, Glen and Gene Whitt.

Gomer grew up in Buffalo, then his family moved to Winfield, where he attended Winfield High School and discovered his love of music in the band. After graduating he married and moved to Scott Depot, then served his country during the Vietnam War as a US Marine, from 1966 to 1967. After returning home, he and his wife, Carolyn (Bailey) Whitt had two daughters: Kelly Whitt Vance (James) and Tracy Whitt Lanier (Greg), who gave him seven grandchildren: Kevin, Brandon, Jesse and Jordan Vance, Whitney Pressley, Tanika Lanier Phillips-Taylor (Jacob) and Cody Lanier; and four great grandchildren: Holden Phillips, Sawyer Phillips, Jaxston Taylor and Davey Taylor. Gomer retired from Monsanto after 35 years and moved to Culloden and then he became engaged to Lynda (Richards) McAllister.

Funeral service for Gomer was Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Pastor Bryan Matthews officiating. Burial was in Bowcott Cemetery, Pliny.



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75th Wedding Anniversary In Heaven



By Linda Armstead of Hurricane

This year on January 11, 2022, my parents are together again and will be celebrating their 75th wedding anniversary in heaven for the first time. Oh what a joy that must have been when Dad and Mom saw each other again on December 10, 2021, when she gained her heavenly wings and Dad met her at the pearly white gates! They had been separated since November 6, 2010 when Dad gained his heavenly wings. Mom and I had mourned the loss of Dad since his promotion. Now, they are waiting on me, their daughter, Linda Fisher Armstead, their son-in-law, George Armstead, their grandson Brad Armstead and his wife Julie and the apple of their eyes; their great-grandchildren, Kelci and Braeden Armstead.

Happy 75th Wedding Anniversary to my parents, Delmar "Vernie" "Pete" and Eva Young Fisher. You two are missed so very much but you both got what you wanted - to be together again in Heaven forever and ever!

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SHELLEY CHAPMAN Culloden Birthday January 4	BOB CARROLL 783 Washington Hill Road Hurricane 46th Birthday January 6	RICHARD CHAMBERS 1366 Adams Avenue Milton 56th Birthday January 8
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	SHAWN COLEMAN 28585 Ashton-Upland Road	KATHY BECKETT CASTO 11310 Sugar Loaf Court Jacksonville, Florida 71st Birthday January 9

Ashley Willard Joins Asher Agency



Asher Agency, a full-service advertising, marketing and public relations agency, recently grew its Charleston staff with the addition of Ashley Willard.

Willard, who has nearly 10 years of marketing experience, will join the Asher team in West Virginia as an account executive. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees at West Virginia University and was previously employed by Local Impact, John Howard Motors, BlaineTurner Advertising, and Mon Hills Records. Willard has volunteered for the Business Network Initiative, Omega Phi Alpha, and Alpha Lambda Delta.

"Ashley's enthusiasm, talent, and knowledge make her an excellent match for our clients," said Asher General Manager Steve Morrison. "She will allow us to serve even more clients in West Virginia and continue to help businesses tell their stories and connect with customers and prospects."

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Happy Anniversary

Paul and Mary Call of Precious Lane in Hurricane will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on January 1.

Roger and Gay Covey of Flatwoods will celebrate their fifty-second wedding anniversary on January 2.

Gregory and Mary Beth Bird of Hurricane will celebrate their twenty-ninth wedding anniversary on January 2.

Dr. Mark Charles and Daryl Lene Adkins Brown of #9 Woodhaven Drive in Huntington will celebrate their forty-sixth wedding anniversary on January 2.

Roy and Lesley Jefferson Clark of Ashton-Upland Road in Milton will celebrate their sixteenth wedding anniversary on January 6.

Kevin and Cara Dials of 117 Martingale Place in Bluefield will celebrate their sixteenth wedding anniversary on January 7.

David and Joyce Hodges of #5 Bexley Drive in Hurricane will celebrate their sixty-sixth wedding anniversary on January 7.

David Lee and Rebekah Finley Lincolnogger of Lenoir City in Tennessee will celebrate their twelfth wedding anniversary on January 8.

Jerry and Bea Sheets of 3346 Tacketts Branch Road in Hurricane will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on January 13.

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