

SINCE 1900 THE BEST FAMILY WEEKLY NEWSPAPER FOR ALL OF PUTNAM COUNTY AND THE WHOLE WORLD

Son, Reed, assisted by holding the Bible while husband, Cody Smith enjoys the moment.



A Christmas Birth

Words and Music by Gilbert Romero of Tucson, Arizona

It's this time of year again, where love and gifts abound,
The lights and sounds surround
He's ringing the bell by the kettle.
Can we make this world somewhat better?
Calling for you to find some change.

I won't feel good if it's not the truth.
What I need doesn't land on a roof.
Peace on Earth and good will to Men.
The Lord has come, you've been won by One.
There's some stories that often get told.
There's one story that never gets old,
How a Christmas birth changed the earth.

Does a Christmas list call you?
Or do you listen to the One who makes it all true?
It's time to lend an ear, this time of year, do you hear what I hear?

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Creator of all things, into His creation brings, a Gift, and the angels sing
The story of mistletoe, just another picture you know,
Of love hanging on a tree

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Make Holiday Memories With Sweet Eats

(Family Features) Whether your festivities include immediate family or bring together relatives from around the country, the holidays are about making memories with loved ones. From the first days of the season to the last, many families spend their precious time together with favorite activities and the best foods the holidays have to offer.

This year, you can change things up and start new traditions with a fresh ingredient like Envy apples, which provide an easy way to update classics due to their sweet taste and availability. The sweet, sophisticated flavor; uplifting, fresh aroma; delightfully satisfying crunch; beautiful appearance; and naturally white flesh that doesn't brown as quickly as other apples all lend themselves to shareable recipes like this Apple Wreath Salad, perfect for holiday parties.

Because cherished memories are made with sweet ingredients, you can turn cozy movie nights into festive and memorable events year after year by pairing Hallmark Channel's popular "Countdown to Christmas" holiday movies with delicious desserts. Find more memory-making recipes at EnvyApple.com.

Apple Wreath Salad

Recipe courtesy of "The Produce Moms" (@theproducemoms)

- Balsamic Dressing:
- 1 tablespoon honey
 - 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
 - 1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon black pepper, finely ground
 - 1 large garlic clove, minced
 - 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
 - 3/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil

- Salad:
- 10 ounces baby arugula
 - 3 Envy apples, sliced
 - 9 ounces goat cheese, crumbled
 - 3 ounces pomegranate arils
 - 3 ounces pecans, toasted

To make balsamic dressing: In small serving bowl, whisk honey, Dijon mustard, salt, pepper, garlic, balsamic vinegar and olive oil.
Place dressing bowl in center of large board or platter. Arrange arugula around dressing bowl in wreath shape.
Place apple slices on top of arugula. Sprinkle on goat cheese, pomegranate arils and pecans.

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

One unplanned pregnancy saved us all.

Are you on the naughty or nice list?

May we never forget Who Christmas is really about.

What is parents' favorite Christmas song? Silent Night

It's hard to buy your husband something for Christmas when he got everything when he married you.

I miss how Christmas felt when I was younger. I miss the good old days.

Maybe this is not the Christmas to ask for everything we want. Maybe this year we just ought to be thankful for everything we have.

What can you give Christ for Christmas? Your heart

I want to wish My Hurricane Breeze Fillers Readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2023!

I wish a lot of the younger people could experience Christmas from the 60's and 70's. The department stores, the amazing decorations, the downtown shopping. It was magical – it was such a special time.

It's hard to buy your wife something for Christmas when she got everything when she married you.

This generation will never understand what a Sears Christmas catalog meant to us 30 years ago.

What do you call a broken Santa? Saint Nickel-ness

Once the glue of the family passes away, holidays just aren't the same anymore.

Christmas isn't Christmas when you're missing someone who isn't coming back.

Kindness is like snow. It beautifies everything it covers.

God's favor is not for a season. It's for a lifetime.

Jesus was born in a king-size manger.

All the Christmas presents in the world are worth nothing without the presence of Christ.

Everything about Christmas seems harder when someone you love is missing.

Kindness doesn't cost a thing, yet it's the richest gift you can give.

Jesus became a man to secure our hope of heaven.

As I grow older, my Christmas list gets shorter, because the things I want can't be bought.

Each of us is an innkeeper, who decides if there is room for Jesus.

Without the birth of Christ, we wouldn't have



salvation from sin and the certainty of eternity in heaven with our Heavenly Father.

Christmas is a gift from above, a gift of salvation born of God's love.

No holiday should manipulate you to the point where you're going into debt just to show someone you love them.

Born as a baby, preached as a child, killed as a man, arose as a Victor, coming back as a King.

He who has not Christmas in his heart, will never find it under a tree.

How much does it cost Santa to park his sleigh? Nothing, it's on the house.

Nothing comes easy in life. Even Santa comes with a clause.

The first Christmas was simple. It's OK if yours is, too.

In the busyness of the Christmas season, make room for Him in your schedule through prayer and time in His Word.

Happy Christmas and New Year to Ron and Betsy Allen, the Hurricane Breeze owners!

Do you know where X-mas came from? X is a symbol for Christ in Greek, so to shorten the word Christmas we sometimes use X-Mas.

Christmas is a joy of giving .

Christmas is a season not only of rejoicing but reflection. - Winston Churchill

Christmas is the day that holds all time together.

Christmas isn't a season, it's a feeling.

Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly Merry Christmas in doing a little something extra for someone.

May the beautiful lights of every holiday season remind us of Him who is the source of all light.

The best present is being present.

Bright Christmas stars shone on high, golden stars in the wintertime sky; Christmas candles in windows bright, sends greetings into the night.

No other birthday has impacted the world over 2,000 years.

Christmas is not as much about opening our presents as opening our hearts.

A snowflake is one of God's most fragile creations, but look what it can do when they stick together.

Christmas is a day of meaning and traditions, a special day spent in the warm circle of family and friends.

May you have the gift of Faith, the blessing of Hope, and Peace of His Love at Christmas and always.

It's Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air.

Love the giver more than the gift.

The Son of God became a man to enable man to become the sons of God.

Three wise women would have asked directions, arrived on time, help deliver the baby, brought practical gifts, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and there would be peace on earth!

Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire; it is the time for home.

Ten little fingers. Ten little toes. On Christmas He came. On Easter He arose.

Christ sent a Savior to pardon and forgive us of our sins.

May you never be too grown-up to search the skies on Christmas Eve.

Where do snowmen go to dance in the winter? A Snow Ball.

Years end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us.

Every time you tear a leaf off a calendar, you present a new place for new ideas and progress.

Now we welcome the new year. Full of things that have never been.

Because of Bethlehem love is born, hope is here.

It's not what's under the Christmas tree that matters it's who's around it.

I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. - Charles Dickens

Christmas is not a season. It's a feeling.

A good laugh is sunshine in the house.

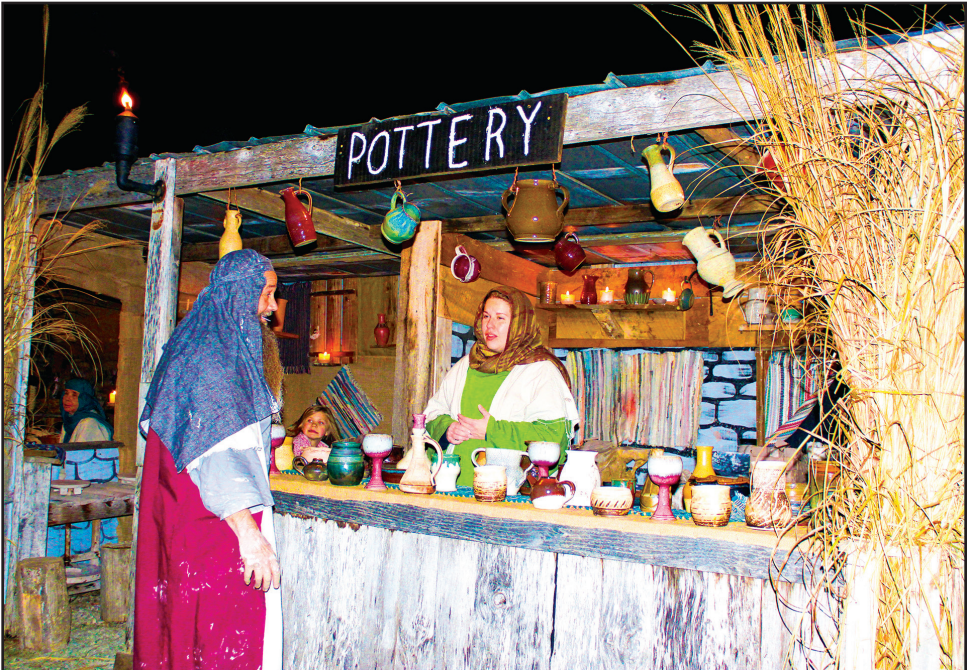
Bible Verse



Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

— Luke 2:14

More Than 3,700 ‘Walk Thru Bethlehem’



Gene Martin of Buffalo and Amie Lovejoy of Hometown have a discussion at the pottery booth. (Photo by Betsy Allen)



Russell and Robby Cobb of Red House chop up sandstone at the stone cutter's booth. (Photo by Betsy Allen)



Adam Scott of Buffalo makes olive oil with an olive press. (Photo by Betsy Allen)



Austin Morlachetta and Miranda Witt, both of Red House, portray Mary and Joseph. (Photo by Betsy Allen)



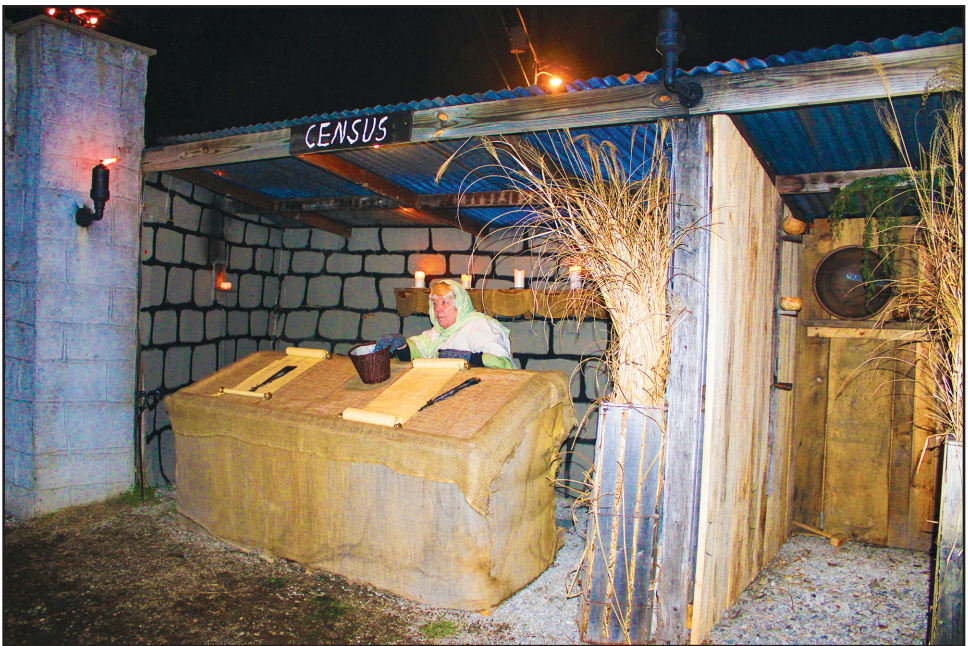
Visitors to Bethlehem got to interact with a camel from Mountaineer Safari. (Photo by Betsy Allen)



The inn certainly was crowded in Bethlehem. (Photo by Betsy Allen)



Costumed volunteers act as buyers and sellers in Bethlehem's marketplace. (Photo by Betsy Allen)



A census booth is set up near the gate of Bethlehem for visitors to sign the guest register. (Photo by Betsy Allen)

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Eastern town, was reduced to a drive-thru event in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID pandemic. For the first time since 2019, the village has been reopened to the public, allowing for the full Bethlehem experience.

“We are tickled to death to get back to the actual Walk Thru Bethlehem,” said Darrell Moore, one of the event organizers.

Hometown Independent Mission's town of Bethlehem is enclosed within a wooden stockade and features booths built along the walls. Besides the infamous inn and its stables, the town has a large marketplace which serves to give the public a glimpse

of various trades that were common in Biblical days. Demonstrations of blacksmithing, carpentry, stone cutting, pottery, basket weaving, and other crafts were performed by volunteers. New this year was an olive press, in which large quantities of olives were crushed down into a paste. The paste was then put in a strainer, where the oil could either drip down into a basin, or be manually pressed to speed up the process. The olive oil that was made during the Walk Thru Bethlehem weekend cannot be used for cooking, however, because the olive press is for demonstration only and not crafted from food grade materials. Perhaps it can be used to light the lamps at next year's event.

Over 3,700 visitors came out to visit Hometown's Bethlehem the weekend of December 9 and 10, with some coming from as far away as Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia, and Maryland. Multiple church groups from around the area were in attendance, and long lines wrapped around the church. This was not a record-breaking year for the Hometown Independent Mission, however. In 2018, over 8,000 people attended the event. Prior to 2020, Walk Thru Bethlehem was spread out over four nights.

During the event, over 2,000 food items were donated to help out local food banks. The church also took monetary donations for community activities and mission work.



The blacksmith's booth was a busy place in the marketplace. (Photo by Betsy Allen)

Baby's First Christmas

Adalynn Grace Asbury Is Excited for Christmas



Adalynn Grace Asbury is the daughter of Blake and Ashley and the sister of Kaiser and Kolter of Red House. She was born at Cabell Huntington Hospital on October 14th. She weighed 6 lbs., 15 oz., and was 19 1/2 inches long. Her paternal grandparents are Eric and Paula Asbury; Maternal James Gillispie and Michelle Bennett. Her great-grandparents are Charlie and Linda Asbury, Paula and Eileen Deal, Tom and Betty Jeffers, and Danny and Danette (Tucker) Beaver.

Merry Christmas, Sweet Girl.
We love you,
Mommy and Daddy.

Serena May Canterbury Is A Cutie Pie



Merry First Christmas to Serena May Canterbury. Serena was born in April 11, and is the daughter of Eric and Carolynne Canterbury of Phoenix, Arizona. She is the granddaughter of Robert and Rhonda Canterbury of Hurricane; great granddaughter of the late Marcel and Freda Gibson of Hurricane and Audra Canterbury of Scott Depot; the niece of the late Kristi Canterbury; and great niece of the late Tammy Gibson, both from Hurricane. Serena is joined by big sister Kaylyn and big brother Lane of Gulfport, Mississippi, and big brother, four-year-old Noah.

Merry Christmas, Serena, from all of us.

Karter Oaklynn Coleman Is Merry This Season



Karter Oaklynn Coleman was born to Jessica and Kerry Coleman on May 26 at 8:42 p.m. at only 34 weeks and 2 days. He weighed 5 lbs., 6 oz. at birth. He spent time in the NICU. He has overcome being a premie and has chunked up. He loves his mommy and daddy very much! He enjoys playing with his five siblings, Lane, Keegan, Hunter, Paislee, and Paige! His favorite toy is definitely his toy keys! He enjoys sleeping and eating! His favorite food would have to be anything baby food! He's working very hard to meet milestones. He's a very happy baby and loves to smile! He's looking very forward to his first Christmas! He loves to look at the lights on our Christmas tree!

Seasons Greetings From Truxton McCracken



Truxton McCracken was born on February 27. He is from Scott Depot. His parents are Michael and Jacey McCracken, and his big sister who thinks he's golden, Elizabeth Roy. He is loved by many aunts, uncles, and grandparents. He loves all table foods, especially when he's feeding himself. He loves to crawl up stairs, climb everything he can, and loves when his sister gets home from school.

Stella Riggs Brings Joy To The World



Hi, my name is Stella Riggs, the daughter of Lacy and Jordan Riggs. I have one sister, Anastasia Riggs, and two brothers, Colt and Remington Riggs. My birthday is October 22! My family is from Hurricane. I'm the granddaughter of Joy and Gay Wagner, Kevin Wiggins, Crystal Dempsey, and Stephen Riggs. My favorite food is mommy's milk. My favorite thing to do is sleep on mommy's chest, and, of course, I love to eat! Something interesting about me is that I'm named after my Mawmaw Crystal.

Carson Saunders Is One Of Santa's Helpers

Carson Saunders is the son of Matthew Saunders and Breanna Collins of Peach Ridge Road in Hurricane.

Carson says, "Merry Christmas, everyone!"



Sweet Holiday Wishes From Bowen Ridge Workman



Bowen Ridge Workman was born on January 23. He is the son of Alexis Smith and Bobby Workman Jr. of Hurricane. He is the grandson of Mark and Christina Kinder and Debbie and Bobby Workman Sr. all of Hurricane. Bowen has 6 teeth, is 29 inches tall, and weighs 16 lbs. He enjoys going for walks in his stroller, any and all food, and chewing on his favorite toy giraffe.

Cayson Dean Jividen Enjoys Christmas Music



This is Cayson Dean Jividen. He was born on September 16 at 3:39 p.m. He weighed 9 lb., 15 oz. His parents are Maggie and Cam Jividen of Scott Depot. Grandparents are Barb and Monk Collins from Hurricane, and Layne and Mary Jo Jividen of Winfield.

He has a dog sister, Tinkerbell. He loves Christmas lights and music.

Ilya Rose Huff Is Much Loved



Drs. Caleb Huff and Andrea Lauffer are excited to be celebrating Iyla Rose Huff's first Christmas! Iyla was born on April 8 at St. Mary's Medical Center in Huntington. She is the granddaughter of Barb and Dan Lauffer and Lisa Valentine and David Huff. She is very loved by her older sisters, Grace and Emma, as well as her big brother, Noah. We are so blessed to have our Iyla Rose celebrating her first Christmas with us this year!

Jameson Matthew Richards Is A Funny Fellow



This is Jameson Matthew Richards, getting into the tree skirt, moments after getting into the actual tree. He thinks it's so funny!

Jameson was born on March 22nd, at a whopping 8.5 lbs.

Jameson has two big sisters, ages 5 and 20, that are absolutely crazy about him.

Jameson was born in Charleston, and lives in Hurricane, where his dad Matt Richards, was raised.

Jameson is a BIG eater and will eat just about anything! He's 27 lbs! Following his sisters around everywhere is one of his favorite things to do, as well as playing in the dog water bowl. Daily. Multiple times a day.

James Braxton Hinkle Extends A Big Hello To Everyone

James Braxton Hinkle was born on August 5.

His parents are Austin and Lindsey Hinkle of Parkersburg.



Baby's First Christmas

Jovie Raye Beacom
Wishes Everyone A Merry Christmas



Jovie Raye Beacom lives in Hurricane with her parents, Elias and Mallory Beacom, and two older brothers, Ezra and Boston. She was born on June 1. Her favorite things to do are to crawl around on the floor and play with her toys. She loves laughing and playing with her brothers.



Willow Reign Watkins
Is A Happy Baby



Willow Reign Watkins was born on April 20. Her mom and dad are Lindsey Ellis and Ethan Watkins of Hurricane. Her aunt is Kyla Watkins, and her uncles are Jacob Ellis, Kane Watkins, Chad Wallace, Donovan and Cadian Shull, and Tyler Ellis. Her grandparents are Jerry and Brittany Lavender, Philip and Desirae Ellis, Heath Watkins, and Donna Watkins. Her favorite food is vanilla custard and mashed potatoes. Her favorite toy is her unicorn teether. She is the happiest baby, always smiling. She absolutely loves seeing Santa Claus and the Christmas Lights!



Korlee Ann Shingleton
Is A Fan Of Christmas Carols



Korlee Ann Shingleton was born on October 23, and she is celebrating her first Christmas. Her parents are Chris and Kelsea, and big sister Laila, of Hurricane. She currently enjoys her mommy's milk, and she loves to play with her rattles. She has such a sweet and curious personality. Korlee loves listening to her big sister sing Christmas carols, and she is excited to spend her first Christmas with family.



Ivy Addison Hill
Is A Welcome Addition

Ivy Addison Hill was born on September 26 to Adam and Ashley Hill, of Fraziers Bottom. Ivy is a sweet little soul who is always smiling, a constant reminder of the Lord's faithfulness. Big siblings Anna Blair and Noah welcomed her instantly and are excited to have another forever friend. Mommy and Daddy, treasuring their time with all three babies, know that this Christmas with Ivy will be extra special.



Happy Holidays From
Emory Rose Billups



Emory Rose Billups was born on August 1 to parents Aaron and Sochill Billups. She has one sibling, Brooks Billups. Her grandparents are Mike and Jeanette Billups, and Angel and Jaqueline Brens. Emory and her family live in Hurricane. Emory loves to smile and bounce in her bouncy seat.



Hudson Chase Taylor
Likes To Make Noise



Hudson Chase Taylor of Hurricane was born on February 28th. Hudson is the son of Maitlyn Hines and Griffin Taylor. Hudson loves Elmo, Mrs. Rachael, dancing, playing, and his mama. His favorite food is bananas, he loves making noise, and is a huge cuddle bug!



Dean Robert Lupson
Loves Sharing Smiles



Dean Robert Lupson was born on January 11 at 4:05 p.m. to Andrea and Jonathan Lupson of Hurricane. He was 7 pounds and 14 ounces, 20 1/2 inches long. Dean's sister, Naomi, is best friend. Dean's grandparents are Mark and Patty Newman and Jean Swach. He enjoys spending time with his Uncle Patrick. He is loved by his family near and out of state. Dean also loves his furry siblings (two dogs and two cats) Penny, Tana, Lottie, and Fable. If he's not running after his sister, he's trying to snag her snacks or toys. He adores Bluey and Baby Shark and is quick to share a smile.



Olivia Barr
Loves Everyone She Meets

Olivia Barr was born on May 12 to parents Cody and Katelyn Barr of Hurricane. Olivia is the happiest baby. She loves all of her toys and everyone she meets.



Her laugh is contagious, and her smile lights up a room.



Rhett Chaney Thompson
Enjoys The Lights of Christmas



Rhett Chaney Thompson of Winfield was born on September 27 at 1:56 p.m. His weight was 9 lbs., 2 oz. His parents are Kyle Thompson and Cara Chaney, and he has three human siblings, Elizabeth, Laiken, and Ryan, and one furry sibling, Millie Mae. His grandparents are Mark and Gloria Thompson; John Chaney; Darlene and Phil Geyer. He likes Christmas lights and ceiling fans. He dislikes waiting for his bottle to be made.



Kennedy Livingston
Is Adored By Her Family



Aunt Elizabeth is proud to show off her newest niece, Kennedy Livingston of Hurricane. God blessed Kaylee and Kenneth Livingston with their sweet daughter on the morning of June 11. Kennedy loves to smile, cuddle, interact with 21-month-old big sis, Kenlee Livingston, and bounce in her jumperoo. In addition to her aunt, she is adored by her cousins Ella, Ryan, and Thomas Damron, Uncle Daniel Damron, Granny and Papaw (Dawn and Kenneth Livingston), Grandparents Jeff and Kathleen Knox, and Aunt Lauren Brill and family; all of whom are looking forward to seeing Miss Kennedy celebrate her very first Christmas.

Merry Christmas From The
Armstead Family



For the last 16 years, I have put a picture of my granddaughter, Kelci Armstead, in The Hurricane Breeze, and my grandson, Braeden Armstead, in the Hurricane Breeze for 14 years. No need to stop now. Kelci is driving now. Braeden plays softball, football and basketball. But they are never too busy to wish their family and Hurricane Breeze readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2023. —Linda Lavender Armstead

HOLIDAY PET PICTURES

Holly, Jacob, and Friends



Hello! This is Holly and Jacob Shawver, Fefi, and Baby Leli. We live in Winfield. Both dogs were adopted at the Putnam County Animal Shelter, and the picture was take there also!



Cuddles



This is Cuddles. Cuddles belongs to Destiny Kelly of Hurricane. She has been a good girl all year long and is waiting for Santa to leave some treats under the tree.



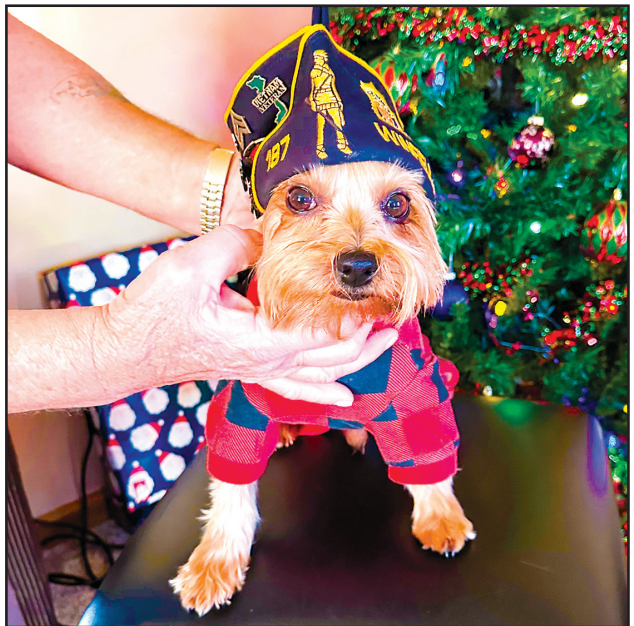
Chestnut



This is Chestnut. Chestnut is a Christmas hamster that belongs to Destiny Kelly of Hurricane. He isn't that excited for Santa this year because he is too busy eating his gingerbread house.



Kolby



Kolby Grant is owned by Sharon and Curtis Grant of Winfield. Kolby is wearing Curtis' American Legion cap in this photo.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Sophie



Sophie is a blue tick coonhound who lives on Turkey Creek with Diana Fizer.
Jamie got Sophie two years ago in Sophia, West Virginia. She was a few months old.
Sophie slept on Jamie's lap during the long 2 1/2 hour trip to Hurricane. She likes long walks, naps, and lots of treats.

Buster



This is Buster. Buster belongs to Christie Edwards and Destiny Kelly of Hurricane. He is in his Christmas sweater, waiting for Santa!



Max



Max the Doberman is the faithful companion of Glenn and Joetta Stone of Red House.



Boogie and Peppi



Boogie and Peppi are waiting for Santa. They belong to Chris Smith and Rose Persinger of Hurricane.



Sadie Joe



Hi, my name is Sadie Joe. When I went to the Ripley Cattle Market at 6 weeks old in August, I found my forever home.
I live on Turkey Creek with Jamie and Angie. They take me on side-by-side rides, play ball with me at the barn, and just let me have fun.
Mawmaw Nannie lives next door. She takes me on walks, and I take her Jersey gloves.
Everyone loves me, so maybe I will get a lot of pig ears for Christmas. A pup can only hope.
Merry Christmas.

Leo



This is Leo. Leo belongs to Destiny Kelly and Christie Edwards of Hurricane. He is trying to stay out of trouble by staying in his cat tree until Santa arrives.



In Memory of Frosty



Things have changed and are very different at our house. George and I lost our beloved and precious 13-year-old Sheltie, Frosty, on May 10, 2022. He was our last little boy. He was so happy living with us and allowing us to care for him. What did he give us in return? Unconditional Love! I rocked Frosty every night but four ever since we got him. He was so very special to us. Needless to say, George and I are heartbroken.

—Linda and George Armstead




In Memory of Brandy



In Memory of Brandy
March 24, 2005 - October 29, 2022
17 years and 7 months

Brandy was a black and tan coonhound that came from Sycmaore to live with us on Turkey Creek when she was 14 months old.
She was a good hunter in her younger years, and a gentle, loving pet in her later years.
Brandyw as loved and well taken care of, and will be missed by her mom, Diana Fizer of Hurricane.





Joy to the World

May the glory of God's love and light shine in your heart and illuminate your Christmas season!

It has been our pleasure to serve you this year, and we hope we see you again soon.

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Bill, Dana, Fred, Margie and the gang

Merry Christmas



Wishing You Health, Wealth, Wisdom & Joy

We trust this Christmas brings you peace and contentment.

Thank you for placing your trust in us.
We count your support and friendship among our blessings
this holiday season and always. Merry Christmas!

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Warmest Wishes at the New Year

To our Frontline Heroes who have kept us safe, to
our loyal customers, and to our many friends.
We wish you all the best in the coming year!

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Silent Night Holy Night

May this Christmas season bring
comfort and great joy to you and your
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Merry Christmas



*From -
Mayor Scott Edwards,
City Council,
and the City of Hurricane employees!*

Hurricane
West Virginia

Joy to the World

EXTRA, EXTRA
MERRY!



As we turn the page on 2022, we'd like to take a moment to thank you, our loyal readers, for your trust and support. Hoping this Christmas is filled with pages of blessings.

**From Ron and Betsy
at the Breeze**



As We Welcome the Holidays...

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for coming by this year. We wish you the best of the season and hope your holidays roll along smoothly with lots of happy celebrations along the way.

It's been our good fortune to have you for our customer, and we hope you have a very good new year.

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Christmas Greetings



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Joy
Peace
Hope
Love
Health
Happiness
Harmony
Prosperity

In the spirit of the season, we'd like to wish all our friends and neighbors a happy, healthy and meaningful holiday season



**3275 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane, West Virginia**

Community Calendar

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

NOW - DECEMBER 26

The St. Albans Festival of Lights is going on nightly from 6 to 8 p.m. at the St. Albans City Park, 931 Observatory Drive, St. Albans.

THROUGHOUT DECEMBER

The Buffalo United Methodist Church will be hosting an Advent Bible Study every Thursday morning at 10 a.m.

DECEMBER 23

Bethel Baptist Church, located on Hurricane Creek Road, will be holding a Christmas cantata starting at 6:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 24

The Buffalo United Methodist Church will be holding a Christmas Eve service.

Creskide Church, 488 Charleys Creek Road, Culloden, will be holding their Christmas celebration at 6 p.m.

The Winfield United Methodist Church, 20 Radwin Drive, will be holding a Christmas Eve Service of Light at 7 p.m.

The First Baptist Church of Hurricane, located on Main Street, will be holding a Christmas Eve candlelight service at 6 p.m.

DECEMBER 25

The Buffalo United Methodist Church will be holding a Christmas Cantata at 9:45 a.m.

Red House Bible Church, 51 Warner Lane, Red House, will be holding Christmas Day services starting at 10:45 a.m.

The First Baptist Church of Hurricane, located on Main Street, will be holding Christmas morning services at 10 a.m.

DECEMBER 30

The Crush Run 10 Miler Course Preview and Training Run will

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PCTC Students Win Third Place In Culineering Competition



Putnam Career & Technical Center team, The Egnoggins, won third place in the competition.

The West Virginia Department of Education (WVBE) Office of Career Technical Education is pleased to announce the winner of the first Operation Christmas Crumble Culineering Challenge. The Hundred Crumble Bots of Hundred High School in Wetzel County captured the grand championship during the event at James Rumsey Technical Institute in Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Nine teams of culinary, engineering, computer science and robotics students from around West Virginia participated in the Culineering Challenge. Students designed and constructed a mobile sleigh made from gingerbread and mechanical attachments that moved through a maze and delivered desserts. The MCTEC Bakineering Team from the Mercer County Technical Education Center won second place, and the Egnoggins of Putnam Career and Technical Center earned third place.

The competition is based on the Netflix® series Baking Impossible,

start at 8 a.m. at the Hurricane City Park Meeks Mountain Trails. Meet at the big red barn. For more information, go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/WV/Hurricane/MMTACrushRun>

DECEMBER 31

The Clay Center in Charleston will be holding Noon Year's Eve from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Celebrate the New Year at noon.

To celebrate its 70th birthday, the Town of Bancroft will have a history open house at the Town Hall from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a New Year's Eve glow foam dance party for children ages 7-14 from 7 to 9 p.m. and ages 1-6 from 10 a.m. to midnight at the Foam Garage, 2716 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane.

JANUARY 3

There will be a Vision Board Workshop at 3:30 p.m. at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley and at the Hurricane Branch Library. Set yourself up for success in the new year is by visualizing your dreams about how you want your life to look.

JANUARY 6 - 7

The 35th annual Toughman Contest is coming to the Mountain Health Arena in Huntington. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets start at \$30.

and promoted science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) as well as culinary and hospitality skills.

Participating teams included:

Calhoun-Gilmer Career Center Coyotes of Calhoun County

Hundred High School Hundred Crumble Bots of Wetzel County

Huntington High School Lead the Way Café of Cabell County

James Rumsey Technical Institute Caroling Crusaders of Berkeley County

Putnam Career & Technical Center The Egnoggins of Putnam County

Marion County Technical Center Marion County Culinary Engineers of Marion County

Mercer County Technical Education Center MCTEC Bakineering Team of Mercer County

Shady Spring High

School Tiger Treats of Raleigh County

Wheeling Park High School Oreo Speedwagon of Ohio County

Awards included \$5,000 for the grand champion team; \$3,000 for second place, and \$2,000 for third place. Additionally, each student on the grand champion team received \$250 provided by the West Virginia Hospitality and Travel Association and Education Foundation.

The event was sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Education, the West Virginia Hospitality and Travel Association and Education Foundation, and the James Rumsey Technical Institute.

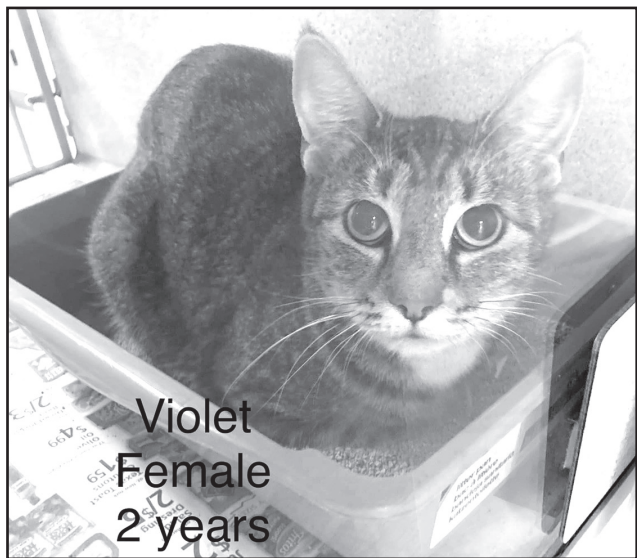
News Welcome

Send announcements to the Hurricane Breeze by writing PO Box 310, Hurricane, W. Va.; or emailing hurricanebreeze@citynet.net; or calling (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.



Violet is a two-year-old female cat.



Nessa is a seven-year-old spayed female cat. Her adoption fee has been sponsored, so she is free to adopt.

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

Merry Christmas

Merry Christmas to my readers... how many ways can I say it? Best wishes... happy holidays... just a simple Merry Christmas to you who take the time to open this paper to my column... who text or email me... thank you. A big thanks to Ron and Betsy for their diligence in making this newspaper one of the last in the nation that is read in paper form... and of course, online.

Christmas traditions are many... some like the huge meal... some like something more simple... some put up a million trees and decorations... others are minimalist like yours truly... many like to travel at Christmas... visit family and friends... or perhaps go skiing... into the mountains... there are too many traditions to list.

When our kids were at home, we always went to family... or they came to us... always... in the last few years, after THE DAY, we rented a cabin in the mountains to go skiing. The kids sometimes took

Vision Board Workshop

Set yourself up for success in the new year is by visualizing your dreams about how your want your life to look. The Putnam County Library is hosting workshops at the Main Library and the Hurricane Library to show you how to set these goals to paper in a creative and fun way by creating your Vision Board for the year.

Everyone from middle school age to adults is welcome to come to the Hurricane Library on Tuesday, January 3, or the Main Library on Thursday, January 5. Both events will begin at 3:30 p.m.

Animal Shelter Memory Bricks

Want to pay tribute to a special person or beloved pet? Make a donation in their honor? Or maybe even advertise your business? For \$100, you can engrave whatever you'd like to the Memory Bricks at the Putnam County Animal Shelter.

For more information, call the shelter at (304) 586-0249.

2023 Roadsides in Bloom Calendar Now Available to Order

The 2023 Roadsides in Bloom calendar is now available to order.

The free calendar, sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's (WVDEP) Adopt A Highway program, includes 12 pictures of West Virginia wildflowers growing naturally along state roadways. The pictures were chosen from dozens of entries submitted by photographers from West Virginia and surrounding states.

To order a calendar, visit <https://dep.wv.gov/environmental-advocate/reap/aah>, call 1-800-322-5530, or email dep.aah@wv.gov. If you call and get voicemail, please leave a message with your name and mailing address and you will be put on the

friends... a couple of times Marshall and his family met us... he is the one who got us into snow skiing. I remember Mary Elizabeth skiing in front of me and keeping people away... in case I fell... so cute... those weeks in the cabins were memorable.

When my grands were coming, my daughter and her husband came every other year for Christmas... the alternate years, they came the weekend before or after... sometimes we did Christmas at Thanksgiving to prevent the traveling... my son always came... then he moved to the West Coast, married, and when they had babies on the way, no traveling. However, they came also when they could... a week of family and food... fellowship...

Christmas is a time for gifts... for giving to others... I like that part, although the older ones now prefer money to help with college... that is fine with this Nana... easier... the little boys still like opening presents. I like that too. It does not matter to me. I don't get hyper and have to have it my way... I never have... whatever works... works.

One of the grandsons asked me what I wanted for Christmas... I told him I have everything... he looked around the tiny condo, looked at my old, aged car and grinned... he said, "You have us Nana." Aww... the wisdom of children... I have family and good friends... I have it all. To be frank, honest, whatever... if I could have a wish... it would be to see my Mother sitting at the table with everyone who has come after her because of her... that wish...

Can you imagine? What it must be like in Heaven? Can you only imagine? I cannot... It must be a feast with those we have loved and lost... Mother's birthday is Christmas Eve... we remember... we miss her every day... however...

Christmas is a time of remembering why we have the day. The Lord... worshipping the one who made it all possible. Christmas is a time for LOVE... because the way we were is the way we are... loving our Lord, our family, and our friends. Merry Christmas... to my readers...

The Centennial History of Hurricane

Meet Some of Hurricane’s Oldest Families

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his dad, Samuel Lewis, were born on Eighteen Mile Creek, just northeast of Liberty. My great-grandpa was buried in the Brown Family Cemetery on the creek.

My grandpa, William Lewis, enlisted in the army during the Civil War when he was sixteen years old.

His neighbor, George gave him two hundred dollars to take his place. He told many stories of the hardships they had to endure during the war. He lived with our family twenty-three years. William was married to Sara Florence Buckalew. They had six children. My dad, Lightburn, was one of them.

Lightburn married Marinda Hughes on September 26, 1900. They had six children: Cloda, James, Delphia, Mary & Theda. Two brothers died in infancy and were laid to rest beside of my grandparents at the Emma Chapel Cemetery. My parents also raised a granddaughter, Emmadean Bailey who lives in Hurricane with her husband, Marion Smithers, and son, Eddie, a second son, David, and two grandchildren.

My mother’s grandpa, James Hughes, was a Cavalryman during the Civil War. He married Marinda Stanley and they had ten children. David, my grandpa, was one of them. He often told us stories about his great, great, grandpa, Thomas Hughes, who was an Indian scout. David married Liza Pfoestalwaite and they had four children. My Mother was one (Liza died when my mother was eight). They lived on the ridge behind Arbuckle close to Putnam County.

I married Arnold Ray Baldwin on December 7, 1940, in Kentucky. It was a very rainy day and we had to detour through Hurricane as Route 60 was under construction. I remember crossing over the railroad bridge on Main Street and buying gas at a station nearby. Arnold grew up in Sissonville and worked for Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Company for thirty-five years. He was in the Navy during World War II. We had four children: Zinda Lewis, Marinda Kay, Arnold Ray II and Timothy Dwight. They all graduated from Hurricane High School and all but Tim graduated from Business College.



William Lewis

Tim was in the Navy four years.

Zinda married Charles (Chuck) Huff, lifelong resident of Hurricane, who graduated from Hurricane High, was in the Army for three years and attended West Virginia State College. He works for Battle Ridge Construction as a master mechanic over heavy equipment. Zinda worked twelve years for the State Library Commission and was Data Processing Supervisor. They have two sons, Charles II and Matthew. “Chuckie” graduated from Marshall University and works for RNC Vending and Matt attended West Virginia Tech and West Virginia State and is working for Battle Ridge.

Marinda married John Fallon II from Toms River, NJ. He graduated from Morris Harvey and West Virginia State and is a CPA. Marinda is working for the State Tax Department and has been there twenty-three years. They have a son, John III in high school.

Arnold II married Debra Bartos of Clarksburg. They are computer operators. He worked for Charleston National Bank for twelve years and is now working for G-Tech. Debbie worked ten years for the newspaper agency. They have two sons, David and Kevin, both in grade school.

Tim married Terry Selders of Charleston. They have a daughter, Jennifer, in grade school. They are LPNs. Tim has been working for Americare Health Care for twelve years, and Terry worked for the South Charleston Health Care since she finished her LPN training.

We all live in Hurricane and like it very much and are proud that our roots are in Putnam County. We have been married 52 years. It was raining the day we were married and the Lord is still showering us with blessings!

Submitted by: Theda Lewis Baldwin



The Arnold Ray Baldwin Family

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Each Time A New Baby Cries, We Know That God Is Not Quite Ready To Give Up On Man

The following article was first published in 1992, but its message is forever current and places a special accent upon this feature.

**By Irene Ambler
Hurricane Breeze Editor and Publisher 1984-1995**

This is the eighth year that we have featured “Baby’s First Christmas.” We wanted to have something memorable for loving parents and grandparents to put in Baby’s Books to be treasured for many years; and we are proud of all the beautiful, loved little ones whose pictures and stories we are publishing.

It has been a very difficult job in that (although I do not wish to emphasize handicaps) it has been necessary for me to read and set into type on the phototypesetter each and every word appearing in First Christmas. Cookie, my daughter, usually reads to me, as I am legally blind; but she developed a severe case of laryngitis and cannot speak above a whisper. We have really enjoyed reading about and publishing the pictures and stories about the many babies. We want to thank all the parents, grandparents, ants and uncles and cousins who have cooperated so wholeheartedly with us. We hope to have even more next year.

I cannot help but wonder at what kind of world in which these innocent little babes will grow up. What will this planet be like in twenty years? Will humanity be

able to solve its problems? Will there be wars and rumors of wars? Will mankind still be struggling and competing for more deadly and devastating means by which to destroy and to mutilate? Will the hungry and the homeless millions still be walking the streets in big cities in tattered clothing, seeking wherever they can a bit of warmth and a meager meal?

Will drugs and alcohol still be stealing the minds and the bodies of promising young people? And will promiscuity and homosexuality still be in style? Will heartless lawmakers realize the inhumanity they evidence with their laws allowing the slaughter of unborn innocents of the world – two million of which are preformed in our own country each year? Will the piranha-minded females continue to submit their babies to the instruments of the butcher-doctors, not accepting the fact that their babies are gifts from God and that they are sacrificing life’s greatest treasures?

Will cures be found for dread diseases which wrack bodies and break hearts? Will medical science find cures for cancer, high blood pressure, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, rheumatoid arthritis, cirrhosis, nephritis, blindness, or even the common cold?

Will ministers of the gospel in twenty years or so, come back to preaching the Word of God instead of being so immersed in their social events, their building

funds, their super-now accounts and their little cliques? Will preachers return to preaching about hell and fire and brimstone instead of speaking in muted tones the soothing words that the pious wish to hear? Will preachers talk about love and kindness and mercy, one to another, instead of making money? Will people cease the everlasting parroting about peace where none exists? Will they preach about salvation of souls or will spiritual bankruptcy still be a most prevalent malaise?

Man has shown throughout the ages that he cannot control himself. He cannot handle his own affairs. He cannot give to himself peace of mind and purity of purpose. Only God can do that. Only from God do we find the strength to overcome, or at least live with, our handicaps, our losses, our sorrows and our tragedies. Each day of my life I know that God is with me. For how else could I exist in a world which sometimes seems hopeless.

But there is hope and there is love and there is mercy and there is kindness. There are untold thousands of people who are fighting abortion.

Many doctors and scientists work day and night in their oft times hopeless fights against the pains of mankind. Untold numbers are living selfless lives in order to help the orphan, the unwanted, the hungry, the runaway, the narcotic addicts, the alcoholics, and the unwanted, uncared for

elderly and sick. And many are working for the outlawing of abortion, although they are maligned and made fun of and laughed at.

Every time I get depressed about world conditions, I still know that God is with us and He loves us. Why else did He send His Only Son into a world which could not believe by faith but only through physical vision? Why does He send the soothing rain, the comforting sun, and the beautiful snow to cover the ugliness? Why does He instill in men’s hearts the burning desire to help others? The solving of the world’s problems is one big job; and I firmly believe that some people are specially endowed to help the unfortunate, the sad and the downtrodden.

God has not given up on man. Every time a baby cries or smiles or chuckles or bubbles or gurgles there is evidence that God loves us and will never forsake us. In His Magnificent Love for us He sends His Greatest Creation – life and love in the same form in which He appeared as a Tiny Baby two thousand years ago.

I want again to express our appreciation for the wonderful Baby’s First Christmas pictures and stories. You have already given your little ones Life’s Greatest Gift – your love and your desire that they be born into loving homes to loving parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, and all the other proud relatives.

God Bless all of you and your wonderful babies!

Macholah Ballet Performs ‘The Navity’



Shepherds perform a joyous dance. (Photo by Betsy Allen)

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who wish to use their gift of dance to minister to others. We don’t compete or go after trophies or awards; instead, we hope to cultivate ministry minder performers who want to share the good news of the Gospel through dance.

“The Nativity Ballet has been toured throughout the state of West Virginia and now seeks to remain local as our gift to the community. Because we desire to bless our community and share the gospel through ballet, there is no admission fee.”

Brotsky would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the Macholah dancers. “We have four graduating seniors we’d like to recognize: Kate Grant, Aliah Robinson, Abigail Rock and Avery Carter.



Shepherds, wise men, and angels come to worship the baby Jesus. (Photo by Betsy Allen)

These four dancers have been a special part of our dance family and have grown into wonderful, strong young ladies. We

wish them the very best as they start a new chapter of their lives!”

The Macholah Ballet is located beside Save-A-Lot

in Scott Depot. The studio offers classes in jazz, ballet, tap, and lyrical. It is also one of the few studios in the local area which offers classes for adults.

A MANGER FOR A KING



He entered the world in a humble setting but would grow to be called the Son of God...the Prince of Peace. Jesus would bring a message of forgiveness and love; His life and teachings would change the world. As you worship this Christmas season, may the words of the angel of the Lord ring in your heart: “I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.” (Luke 2:10-11)

Daily Bible Reading						
Isaiah	Isaiah	Isaiah	Luke	Luke	Luke	Luke
7:1-25	8:1-20	8:21-9:7	1:1-25	1:26-56	1:57-80	2:1-20
Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society X Daily Devotional at DailyBible.AmericanBible.org						
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BASIC BIBLE

By Ron Allen
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Birth of the Savior

Luke 2:1-17

The text before us references a decree made by Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. Cyrenius was governor of Syria when this taxing took place. The Holy Spirit moved Luke to write what he wrote such that we might believe with confidence that Jesus is the promised Messiah (Lk. 1:4).

At the time in which Luke wrote, there would have been many who, like Joseph and Mary, undertook long journeys to comply with the decree. Luke’s account of Christ’s birth would not have made reference to this disruption of lives unless it was commonly known.

The prophet Micah prophesied seven hundred years earlier that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem. God spoke to both Joseph and Mary through the angel Gabriel. God could have directly instructed them to go to Bethlehem. Instead, God moved the heart of Caesar to issue a decree which required them to journey there. God, not men, chooses the manner in which His prophecies shall be realized. In this instance, God moved the emperor of the Roman Empire to issue an order which would result in the literal fulfillment of His word.

The Savior was wrapped in swaddling clothes and placed in a manger. There is no scripture given by any prophet which would have required that Jesus be born in a stable. Isaiah stated that there would be nothing special about the Messiah that would attract men to Him (Isa. 53:2). Birth in a stable qualifies to the lowly state of the Lord’s birth.

The appearance of the angel of the Lord to the shepherds is significant. Search the Bible. The appearances of angels before men is an uncommon event. The angel’s message was “Fear not: for, behold, I bring good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.” The shepherds were told that they would find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes.

The angelic host appeared and proclaimed “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.” Two thousand years have passed and some men ask where is this peace. Either the peace has never come or it was so fleeting that no one noticed.

What is the explanation of this peace that seems to have escaped us? The physical peace and glory of which the angel speaks is promised by the prophet Isaiah. This shall be when the Messiah rules for one thousand years from the throne of David as the king of kings. This fact is revealed to us in the 20th chapter of the Revelation.


Knowledge of something which is two thousand years in the future hardly lends itself to establishing the certainty of things most certainly believed. But there is a peace and a glory which has reigned within men from the cross onward. This peace and glory is unknown to them who are without Christ. Men without knowledge of God struggle. Some struggle hoping that their efforts will result in pleasantness in the afterlife. Others, frustrated with failure, struggle hoping that they shall find mercy. Still others live without thought for the hereafter hoping that the present accounts for all existence. All men without Christ struggle.

Men of the first century and men of today who know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior have a spiritual peace. That peace came when they gave up all hope based upon their own works and placed their trust in the work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Every born again heart experiences joy and glory with the reunification of each lost soul with God. This is the glory to God and peace on earth and good will toward men which the angelic host proclaimed. The angelic message to the shepherds also affirms that the Savior was born in Bethlehem.

The shepherds acted upon the words of the angel; they came and they found Mary and Joseph and the babe in swaddling clothes in the manger. And having witnessed it, they made it known that the angel had appeared to them and that the Savior had been born.

The birth of Jesus was good news for them in Judea who waited upon God and it is good news today for all who will believe that Jesus paid their sin debt.

The Holy Spirit moved Luke to record the Lord’s birth such that we may know with certainty that Christ Jesus is the Promised One. All who know Him are called to proclaim that certainty to all men in every season.



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Obituaries

RAY ASBURY

Ray Asbury, 78, of Liberty, passed away Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at his home. He was an U.S. Navy veteran and a longtime member of the Liberty Lions Club. He was a retired employee of the U.S. Postal Service working for many years at the Sissonville Post Office. Ray enjoyed spending time on his farm and was a longtime successful farmer. He was an animal lover and never hesitated to care for the animals he came in contact with.

He was preceded in death by his parents Douglas M. Asbury and Maud M. Page Asbury. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Doris Ann Asbury; his infant twin sister, Fay Asbury; sisters, Lenore Taylor and Eleanor Casto; brothers, Vatron Asbury, Bert Asbury, Orville Asbury and Hershel Asbury.

Survivors include, his daughters, Michelle Rae McCallister of Scott Depot and Rachele Anne Hill and her husband Vince of Jackson, OH; sisters, Loretta Wheeler, Audrey Myrice and Jane Asbury; brothers, Donald Asbury and Frank Asbury; grandchildren, Tyler Ray McCallister, Isaac Dean McCallister, Owen Douglas Hill and Savannah Grace Hill.

JAMES BROWN

It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of James “Jimmy” Edward Brown (also known to many as “Beau”) of Scott Depot, originally of Nitro. Jimmy passed away at the age of 80 on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, after a hard fight against a short illness. Jimmy was a graduate of Nitro High School, was a veteran of the US Air Force and a faithful member of the Masonic Lodge with ties to both the St. Albans and Hurricane Lodges. He is retired from Monsanto Plant of Nitro. When he was able in his spare time you could find him tinkering in his shop, working around the yard, and during his younger days chasing trout, deer, and turkeys around the woods and waters of WV.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his mother and father Ernest and Camilla Brown of Nitro and his loving daughter Dea-Anne Brown, all of which I am sure he is enjoying his reunion with as you read this.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years Janet Marie Brown of Scott Depot, originally of St. Albans, son Jason Edward Brown of St. Albans, Grandson (his pride and joy) Nicholas James Brown of St. Albans, younger Brothers “Bud” Brown and Joe Brown originally of Nitro, niece and nephew Amy Young, & John Johnson, nephews Chris & Eric Brown, Sister-in-law Linda Handley and nephews John, Tim and Chuck Handley

and many great nieces and nephews.

A tribute to the life of James Brown was held Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel.

GEORGE EDDY

George William Eddy, 87, of Culloden, passed away on December 16, 2022 at Hubbard Hospice House-West.

He was born to the late John and Edith Harris Eddy on September 1, 1935 in Marietta Ohio. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Sally Sue Reed Eddy.

George was retired as a project manager with Motorola. He loved shooting sporting clays at The Huntington Rifle and Pistol Club along with traveling all over the US competing in all events. He could be found working at the club repairing the traps or working on anything there.

He is survived by his children, his daughter: Cindi (Tony) Hantke of Scott Depot; his son: John (Sonja) Eddy of Alexander, Arkansas; grandchildren: Leslie Oaks, Matthew (Sara) Oaks and Ethan Lawson; great grandchildren: Olivia and Anna Richardson and Chloe and Ethan Oaks.

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JOHN 'JAY' ECKHART JR.

John John "Jay" Edward Eckhart Jr., 55, of Hurricane, passed away on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at Cabell Huntington Hospital. He was born June 6, 1967, in Parkersburg, to John E. and Shirley Eckhart.

Jay was a loving, dedicated husband, father, and grandfather. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Hurricane and in the choir of both his church and the Hurricane Civic Chorus. He had a passion for cooking, singing, and traveling. Jay also enjoyed riding his motorcycle. He was a state employee for nearly 20 years at various state agencies and held his current position as the fiscal officer for the West Virginia Senate for over seven years.

In addition to his parents, those left behind to cherish his memory are his wife Robin Shelton Eckhart; children John (Meagan) Eckhart of Oklahoma, Madelyne Eckhart of Oklahoma, Kayelin Ryder of Huntington, and Brandon Eckhart of Hurricane; grandchildren K. Cason Eckhart, Jacob June Eckhart of Oklahoma; brothers Jeff (Natalie) Eckhart of Colorado and Jeremy (Michelle) Eckhart of North Carolina; brothers-in-law Craig Shelton of Ona and Stephen Shelton of Milton; nephews Derek and Wyatt Eckhart of Colorado; and nieces Cameron and Morgan Eckhart of North Carolina.

Funeral service was Sunday, December 18, 2022 at First Baptist Church of Hurricane. Entombment was in Forest Memorial Park.

JANET HARMON

Janet Pennington Harmon, 81, of Eleanor, formerly of Cross Lanes, has gone to her heavenly home on Saturday, December 17, 2022, to be with Jesus, her savior and be reunited with her husband Arden L. Harmon, parents Tennis "T.K." and Beulah Warner Pennington and an infant sister.

Janet was a 1958 graduate of Poca High School and a graduate of Charleston School of Commerce. She was a former employee at Vocational Education

Department. She also volunteered at Thomas Hospital for 16 years. Her hearts desire was helping others, encouraging people, witnessing to the public about Jesus and his blessings, teaching Sunday School and being involved in church events. She loved everyone and told them.

She is survived by her daughter Kimberly Harmon Taylor and grandson Isaac Lee Taylor.

A funeral service to honor her life was held Thursday, December 22, 2022, at West Virginia Home Mission Church with Pastors Joey Scarberry, Delbert Hawley, and Adam Null officiating. Burial was in Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens.

ROGER LEE LEWIS

Roger Lee Lewis, 66, of Liberty, passed away December 14, 2022, at home.

Roger was retired from Oakwood Homes. He loved to hunt, fish, and spend time with his family. Roger was an avid Cincinnati Reds and Bengals fan.

He is preceded in death by his parents Stanley and Susan Lewis and two sisters Evelyn Lucas and Diane Walker.

Roger is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Mrs. Barbara Lewis; two sons Roger Lee Lewis, Jr., and Russell Lee Lewis; two brothers Jack and wife Elizabeth Lewis and Jerry Lee and wife Loretta Lewis; five grandchildren Jacob Reynolds, Morgan Lewis, Matthew Lewis, Lucas Lewis, and Isaiah Lewis; two great granddaughters Kynleigh Johnson and Paityn Reynolds and his loyal companion, his dog Pee.

At his request there will be no services.

MARY JANE LUCAS

Mary Jane Mynes Lucas, 58, of Hurricane, went to be with the Lord after an extended illness with Cancer. She was a graduate of Hurricane High School Class of 1982. She was a member of the Otter Branch Church in Buffalo.

She is survived by her Husband Dennis Lucas and Sons Justin (Stefanie) Lucas, Alex (Hannah) Lucas and Dylan (Kristina) Lucas, 4 Grandchildren, Sora, Lillian, Hunter, and Blakely who is due in March, Parents,

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Harold and Martha Mynes, Brother, Harold Mynes and Sister, Becky Erwin.

She was so brave and never stopped giving her dedicated strength towards her husband and children, her fight was unmatched.

A Celebration of her Life was held Wednesday December 21, 2022, at Allen Funeral Home with Pastor Mike Tucker officiating.

TERRY ALLEN MURPHY, II

Terry Allen Murphy, II, of Hurricane, departed this life and entered his heavenly home at the young age of 41 on December 12, 2022.

Terry loved all things sports and was a loyal WVU fan, whether it was football or basketball. He excelled in many sports growing up including, baseball, wrestling, and football. Football was his passion starting at a very young age and he played until he was ready to start high school, and the ongoing joke was that the only reason he chose to stop was because he feared the coach over silly rumors that he had heard. To look at him, you would never think that he was scared of anything. He was just a big teddy bear with an even bigger heart. If you were lucky enough to be his friend, you were a friend for life. Terry was a graduate of Hurricane High School, class of 2000. He attended Spring Fork Missionary Baptist Church and gave his heart to the Lord in 2017. We have comfort in knowing that we will see him again one sweet day.

Left behind to cherish his memory are his loving parents John and Susie

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laws: Nikki (Josh) Sampson of Bloomingrose and Kendra Pannell of Charleston, WV; and his niece and nephew: Ava and J.O..

Funeral service was Tuesday December 20, 2022 at the Little Theater at Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center Charleston with Chaplain Keith Witters officiating. Burial with Firefighter Honors was at Sunset Memorial Park, South Charleston.

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JOE R. SCALF

Joe Ronald Scalf Jr., 75, of Madison, passed away on December 15, 2022 at HospiceCare at CAMC Memorial Center Charleston.

He was a son of the late Joe and Marian Parsons Scalf who was born on August 8, 1947 in Logan. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters: Marion “Sissy” Rietstetter and Bernice Marshall.

Joe honorably and proudly served his country in the United States Navy, worked as a roof bolter in the coal mines and belonged to UMWA Local #1889. Later he went to work for the State of WV with WV WorkForce.

Joe is survived by his loving wife: Deborah F. Woodrum Scalf; their sons and families: CJ (Crystal) Scalf of Scott Depot, their sons: Hunter and Bentley and Shannon (Felicia) Scalf of Madison, their children: Jeremiah, Brianna, and Shannon Skylar; his daughters: Vickie (Bob) Hunt of Thomasville NC their children: Justin, Shawn, and Brittany Buckner and Marian (Tim) Holston of Mooresville, WV their children: Jeremiah and Joseph Harris; his great great granddaughters: Anna and Isabelle Harris and Charlotte Buckner; his brother: Donald (Rosalie) Scalf of Foster, WV; his sisters: Laura (Lars) Bales of Clearwater, FL and Diana (Terry) Scalf of Roanoke, VA.

Funeral service for Joe was Wednesday December 21, 2022 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Pastor Eugene Spurlock officiating. Burial was in the O.A. Eastep Cemetery, Ridgeview, WV.

DAVID LEE STRATTON

David Lee Stratton, born April 8, 1952, in Lincoln County, walked into eternity with His Savior on December 12, 2022. He is preceded in death by his parents, Rev. Clarence and Freda Stratton and his elder brother, Larry Stratton.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy, and three children; Karrie (Peter) Hogue, Rebekah (Jeremy) Crouch and Benjamin (Lindsey) Stratton. There are six living grandchildren, (Haleigh, Jonathan, Clara, Eliot, Leo and Charlotte) and three babies in Heaven. David is also survived by his siblings, Glenda Wellman Conn and Gregory Stratton, as well as his sister-in-law, Joyce (Larry) Stratton.

David retired from CSX Railway as a conductor after 36 years. Before that, he was in the U.S. Air Force. He also worked many years as a volunteer in Oklahoma for The Voice of the Martyrs ministry to persecuted Christians. He was currently serving with Alpha Ministries, a mission organization that evangelizes worldwide.

In accordance with David’s wishes a private family service is being planned through Raynes Funeral Home in Eleanor with family friend, Evangelist Mike Manuel, officiating. Friends wishing to honor David’s life and love for God’s Word may sponsor a Bible for New Believers through Alpha Ministries (alphaministries.com).

OKEY DALE TRIBBLE

Okey “Dale” Tribble, son of Okey Cleveland and Octavia Venus (Shank) Tribble, was born in Liberty, on April 10, 1941, and departed the confines of his earthly vessel December 17, 2022. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his two infant sisters

and his ‘Big Bro,’ Harvey Lee Tribble, whom he respected and admired throughout his entire life.

Dale was a graduate of Winfield High School, Class of ’58, and was always an avid supporter of the Generals. He was proud of his service to his country, as a US Navy veteran having participated in President Kennedy’s blockade of Cuba as his last tour of duty prior to his honorable discharge.

Following retirement from the Putnam County Board of Education, he enjoyed twenty-one years of retirement with his wife, Alveta. They particularly enjoyed camping with a multitude of friends and always wintering in Florida.

All who knew Dale were aware of the most salient characteristic of the man: his unwavering dedication and devotion to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. One need not speak with him long before an abrupt segue to the Gospel of salvation would become the topic of discussion. He lived every day for his Savior, sharing the Good News with all who would listen - even strangers he may have only a brief encounter – and some he would never know, as he was never without a tract to leave with the hope that he might positively affect someone’s eternal destiny.

Dale was a long-time attender of Teays Valley Baptist Church for greater than forty years, and a member for many of those. The highlight of his year was always Jubilee – oh, how he looked forward to that fellowship. He especially enjoyed going to Manilla Ridge to just sit on the porch and visit with his sister-in-law, Gloria, nephew Randy and niece Brenda, as well as his missionary friends Michael and Donna Adams and Larry and Diane Stikeleather.

While we as a family are with heavy hearts, we find peace and solace in knowing that Dale is now in presence of the Creator of all things, and this will be but a brief separation. We know he is joyfully reuniting with loved ones and friends gone on before him and reaping the reward and blessing of being with those he had the privilege of introducing to his Savior.

Dale is survived by his beloved wife of forty-four years, Alveta (Beattie) Tribble, son and daughter-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Skyler Dale (Kimberly) Tribble; daughter: Sue Cline; grand-daughter: Amber Huddleston; great-grandchildren: Kira & Beau; and one great-great granddaughter. He is also survived by his stepchildren: Debbie Holloway (Rick), Jimmy Thomas (Kathern) and Kelly Jo Kuhl; step-grandson: Chris Freeman (Brittnie); step granddaughters: Sarah Holloway and Ellie Holloway; and step great granddaughter, Abby. We will always cherish and honor his memory, character and principles.

2 Timothy 4:7-8: I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Funeral Service for Dale will be 1:00pm Friday December 23, 2022 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Rev. Dr. John D. Smith officiating. Burial with Military Honors will be 1:00pm Tuesday, December 27, 2022 at Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery Dunbar, with

Local Author’s New Book, ‘As I Walk Through My Mind’ Available

Newman Springs Publishing of Red Bank, New Jersey, has announced the release of “As I Walk Through My Mind” by Y.A. Joseph. The book is a compelling collection of poetry that expresses inner feelings that the author seemed unable to vocalize to those who inspired, befriended, loved, and hurt him.

Joseph’s collection of poetry includes a few poems from his youth, as well as several poems about love and love lost.

Joseph attended St. Brenden Catholic School during his first eight years of school. He next attended Elkins High School where he was active in numerous sports. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army. He then attended Potomac State College and continued his education at West Virginia University.

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The free calendar showcases state’s wildflowers. Orders are limited to one calendar per household with WV residents as a priority

The 2023 Roadsides in Bloom calendar is now available to order.

The free calendar, sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection’s (WVDEP) Adopt A Highway program, includes 12 pictures of West Virginia wildflowers growing naturally along state roadways. The pictures were chosen from dozens of entries submitted by photographers from West Virginia and surrounding states.

The winners in this year’s calendar photography contest include entries from Pocahontas, Pendleton, Tucker, Randolph, Harrison, Lewis, Upshur, Monongalia and Braxton Counties.

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However, he has traveled to many countries as well as all fifty states. Y.A. believes that West Virginia is the most beautiful and is truly where he belongs.

Mr. Joseph taught as a Special Education instructor in public schools for forty-five years. He was also instrumental in the Special Olympic Movement in parts of West Virginia. He also coached football, baseball, track, golf, and girls’ volleyball. Since retiring from the school system, Y.A. can be found at his Putnam County home or at his retreat in Tucker County. This is his second book of poetry to be published.

Readers who wish to experience this engaging work can purchase “As I Walk Through My Mind” at bookstores everywhere, or online at the Apple Books Store, Amazon, or Barnes and Noble.

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Co-sponsored by the WVDEP and the state Division of Highways (DOH), the Adopt-A-Highway program is administered by the WVDEP’s Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP) and improves the quality of the state’s environment by encouraging public involvement in the elimination of highway litter. Since the program’s inception in 1988, state citizens have cleaned up close to 70,000 miles of state highways and roads during annual spring and fall Adopt-A-Highway events.

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The DMV requires a minimum of 250 pre-orders by April 21, 2023, for the production of the license

November Divorces

The following divorces were finalized in Putnam County Circuit Court during the month of November:

Mark Stephen Ford from Jessica Lynn Ford
Rachel Christine Mitchell from Scott Weston Mitchell
Michele Renee Crockett from Corey Lee Ford.

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‘Tis the Season

By Charlotte Lane
Public Service Commission Chairman

The holiday season is here. Unfortunately, for many that only added to the burden of trying to make ends meet in this difficult economy. Many of us like to make charitable contributions this time of year to benefit the less fortunate. Should you be so inclined, I would like you to consider a contribution to the Dollar Energy Fund.

Dollar Energy Fund is a non-profit organization founded in 1983 in Pennsylvania to provide assistance to those struggling to afford their gas, water and electric bills. In 2008, Dollar Energy Fund expanded its services and established the West Virginia Utility Assistance Program to provide comprehensive utility assistance to low-income West Virginians.

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West Virginia American Water.

Over the last 15 years, the program has provided \$30 million in utility assistance to more than 95,000 West Virginia households. The need for utility assistance continues to grow. According to the National Energy Assistance Directors Association, the average household will pay about 17% more this winter to heat their property. Currently more than 20 million families are behind on their utility bills and 20% of U.S. households have missed or made a late payment on their utility bill in the last month.

The efforts of Dollar Energy would not be possible without individual donations. Those wishing to make a donation can do so by adding a dollar or more to their monthly utility payment by checking the box on your bill, visiting www.dollarenergy.org/donate and submitting a donation online via credit card or mailing a gift to P.O. Box 42329, Pittsburgh, PA 15203. All donations receive a dollar-for-dollar match by Dollar Energy Fund’s utility partners, doubling the impact of each contribution. All donations coming from West Virginian are used to provide utility assistance grants for West Virginians.

Wishing you and yours a wonderful and warm holiday season.

Attorney General Morrissey Warns Veterans of PACT Act Scams

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey is urging veterans to be on the lookout for potential scams targeting those who are eligible for benefits under the Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act.

The PACT Act expands health care and benefits to an estimated five million veterans exposed to toxins such as Agent Orange or burn pits during the Vietnam, Gulf War and post-9/11 eras. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs indicated the target of the scams usually are older veterans.

“These scammers are stooping to a new low by focusing their schemes on our veterans, our men and women who have served and sacrificed for our country,” Attorney General Morrissey said. “These fraudsters will stop at nothing to earn a buck, and my office will not leave any stones unturned to go after these criminals. Those who defraud veterans must be held accountable to the full extent of the law.”

The scams being reported by the VA include phishing (email), vishing (phone) and social media—scammers use these methods to contact veterans and claim to be

representing the VA.

The scam would then shift to offers of rapidly facilitating the extra benefits for a fee. There are also reported instances of identity theft as a result of the fraudulent contacts.

The VA offers these tips:

Do not provide personal, benefits, medical or financial details online or over the phone. Federal agencies will not contact you unless you make a request. Do not click on online ads or engage with social media that seem suspicious. Check for “https://” at the start of website addresses. Enable multi-factor authentication on all accounts. Work with Veteran service providers you already know. Submit any suspected fraud to ftc.gov.

Here’s the official source of PACT Act information: www.VA.Gov/PACT.

Anyone who believes they have been the victim of a scam should contact the Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Division at 800-368-8808 or visit the office online at www.ago.wv.gov.

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Notice of Self Storage Sale Please take notice Rhino Self Storage - Hurricane located at 316 Putnam Village Dr., Hurricane WV, 25526 intends to hold an auction of storage units in default of payment. The sale will occur as an online auction via http://www.storageauctions.com/ on 12/28/2022 at 10:00am. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. 12-22-1t
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Public Auction A to Z Storage 2823 Main St., Hurricane WV Seven abandoned storage units will be sold at public auction. All sales are final. Cash only. Units must be emptied by 5 pm, 1/14/2023. For additional information, call 304-539-7136. Auctioneer, Wayne Harrison-WVAL 1724. Auction to be held Saturday, January 14, at noon. 12-22-1t
LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
To the Creditors and Beneficiaries of the following deceased persons estates: I have before me the estates of the deceased persons and the accounts of the fiduciaries of their respective estates as listed below: Estate No.: 5155 Estate Of: Clara Faye Blackshire Administrator: Roger Johnson 3561 Rangoon Drive Westerville OH 43081 Estate No.: 5102 Estate Of: Patricia Ann Davis Co-Executrix: Debora A. Lipscomb 113 Florence Farley Lane Fraziers Bottom WV 25082 6988 Co-Executor: Scott A. Davis 8 Adrian Lane Culloden WV 25510 Estate No.: 5223 Estate Of: Virginia Grace Groves Executrix: Okey Groves 314 Cedarview Lane Fraziers Bottom, WV 25082-6897 Estate No.: 5208 Estate Of: Anna Lee Hughes Executrix: Leella Wyant 109 Eastside Drive Poca WV 25159 7297 Estate No.: 5148 Estate Of: Johnny Herbert Lacy Executrix: Vicky Anderson 815 Strawberry Road St. Albans WV 25177 Estate No.: 5209 Estate Of: Donnie Joe Matthews, Sr. Executrix: Gaye C. Matthews 103 Christian Lane Buffalo WV 25033 Estate No.: 5162 Estate Of: James Dale Mitchell Administratrix: Jennifer Nazarewycz 1758 Bear Branch Road Buffalo WV 25033 Estate No.: 5097 Estate Of: Clifford Henry Muck Executrix: Diana J. Smith P. O. Box 333 Poca WV 25159 0333 Estate No.: 5203 Estate Of: Loretta Frances Payton Executrix: Derek Lee Miles 1005 Parkside Place Cincinnati OH 45202 Estate No.: 5140 Estate Of: Timothy Dale Riddle Co-Executrix: Sarah E. Riddle 1024 8th Street Apt 4 Huntington WV 25701 Co-Executrix: Rachel E. Riddle 723 Brawley Walkway Apt 402 Charleston WV 25301 Estate No.: 5080 Estate Of: Brenda Darlene Smith Executrix: Celia D. Cochran 265 1st Ave N Hometown WV 25109 Estate No.: 5220 Estate Of: Walton Maxie Taylor Executrix: John H. Taylor, Sr. P.O. Box 402 Poca WV 25159 9402 Estate No.: 5077 Estate Of: Caroline E. Williams Administratrix: Dawn Lemle 249 Spruce Lane Poca WV 25159 9640 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 December 15, 2022; 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 December 15, 2022. Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 9th day of December 2022. Fiduciary Supervisor Putnam County Commission 10293 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213 12-15-2t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
IN THE FAMILY COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA IN RE: The Marriage of: Jenna Marie Reed Petitioner and Joshua Marshall Reed Respondent Civil Action No. 22-D-135 ORDER OF PUBLICATION THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE. THIS IS A PUBLICATION BY CLASS II LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT To the Above-Named Respondent: It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that Joshua Marshall Reed is a non-resident of the State of West Virginia or has an unknown address. It is hereby ordered that Joshua Marshall Reed serve upon Jenna Marie Reed, Lincoln County Circuit Clerk's Office, whose address is 8000 Court Avenue, Hamlin, WV 25523, an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition For Divorce filed in this action on or before January 25, 2023. If you fail to Answer the Petition For Divorce, a judgment may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's Office. Entered by the Clerk of said Court on December 6, 2022. CHARLES BRUMFIELD Clerk of the Court pob338 12-15-2t
LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, WV Trustee Services, LLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated November 29, 2018, executed by Borrower(s), Carolyn Sue Dickens, to L. Richard Dorsey, II, the Trustee of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Book 1203, at Page 104. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 107 Eastwood Acres, Nitro, WV 25143. WV Trustee Services, LLC were appointed as Substitute Trustees by APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated November 28, 2022, of record in the Clerk's Office. The borrower(s) defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustees have been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustees will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Putnam County, in Winfield, West Virginia, on the following date: 3rd day of January, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. All that certain lot, tract, or parcel of real estate, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Poca District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and being all of Lot 107, Part One, Eastwood Acres, as shown upon a map thereof of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Plat Cabinet A, Slide 32-B. Being the same property as conveyed unto The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by Fifth Third Mortgage Company, by Deed dated September 15, 2017, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia in Deed Book 569, at page 429. Being the same property conveyed to Carolyn Sue Dickens by the Deed dated November 28, 2018 and recorded in Deed Book 572 at Page 598 in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia. TERMS OF SALE: 1) The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property. 2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1. 3) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale. 4) The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee. 5) The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY. 6) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale. WV Trustee Services, LLC, Substitute Trustee BY: _____ Dionne Reynolds, Limited Signing Officer WV Trustee Services, LLC McGuire Office Center 618 Tenth Street, Suite 108 Huntington, WV 25701 (304) 853-3336 dionne.reynolds@wvtrustee services.com 12-8-3t


Santa Claus gave his reindeer a break and let Hurricane Fire & Rescue pull his sled around the streets of Hurricane last week. Despite his busy schedule, Santa found time to tour Hurricane neighborhoods. (Photo by Betsy Allen)
WVDEP Accepting Applications for Environmental Teacher of the Year Awards The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) is accepting applications for the 2023 Make It Shine Environmental Teacher of the Year awards. The deadline to apply is February 14, 2023. Winners will be chosen on the elementary, middle and high school levels, with each winner receiving a \$500 personal award, plus a \$1,000 award to be used in promoting STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) programs at their school. Educators eligible for nomination must teach either full-time or part-time, or volunteer in a classroom setting in a West Virginia public, private or charter school and have had their program established for at least one year. Teachers can be nominated by themselves, colleagues, principals, students, or anyone familiar with their environmental program. Awards will be presented to educators who have demonstrated exemplary environmental leadership through the creation of lesson plans, implementation of school programs, or participation in activities that promote environmental stewardship. The 2022 Environmental Teachers of the Year were: Sarah Wamsley, Midland Elementary, Randolph County; Erin Stewart, New River Gorge Learning Co-Op, Fayette County; and Kiersten Potter, St. Albans High School, Kanawha County. To nominate yourself or a fellow educator for the 2023 awards, applications are available at: https://dep.wv.gov/environmental-advocate/reap/wvmis/Pages/default.aspx For more information, contact Annette Hoskins at: Annette.L.Hoskins@wv.gov or call 304-926-0499 ext. 49759.
Putnam Property Transfers The following property transfers were recorded by the Putnam County Clerk between November 18, 2022, and November 30, 2022: AB Contracting Inc to Miranda Kimble - Lot, Bend at Meadow Valley, Teays Valley District for \$399,900.00. Sam Corp Development Inc to PP&J Structures and General Contracting LLC - Parcel, Winfield District for \$28,500.00. Karen Workman, Betty Workman and Stephen Neu to Stephen and Wanda Deahl - Lot, Maplewood Estates, Scott District for \$285,000.00. Gregory and Elizabeth Robinson to Robert Evans and Lisa Sowards - Lot, Kingswood Estates, Curry District for \$165,000.00. AM Investments LLC to Dustin Mitchell - Parcel, Scott District for \$252,000.00. Elemental Resources LLC to David Gadbois - Minerals, Union District for \$1,100.00. First American Funding LLC to Sharon Henson - Lot, Poca District for \$20,000.00. Toney Scott and Rhonda Fisher to Arionna Hatfield and Tony Messer - Lot, Cane Creek Crossing, Winfield District for \$300,000.00. Omar and Nancy Bradley to Wright Patt Credit Union Inc, Dale W - 2 Acres, Scott District for \$8,000.00. Adam and Lisa Short to Mark and Tammy Davis - 7.16 Acres, Union District for \$100,000.00. Clarence and Amie Dixon to Beverly Bowman and Joanna Stover - Lot, Curry District for \$282,000.00. Cynthia High, Molly Pauley, Daniel Pauley Richard Pauley and Jennifer Pauley to Bethany McDaniel - Lot, Teays Valley Meadows, Teays Valley District for \$154,000.00. Katelyn Coiner Aubry to Michael and Micayla Dewitt - 0.63 Acre, Hurricane District for \$332,400.00. Timothy Trimble to Joshua and Meredith Ferrell - Two Parcels, Curry District for \$228,000.00. Armstrong Investment Properties LLC to Braden Hamm Fleming - 0.217 Acres, Ortin Heights, Poca District for \$139,999.00. Jacob Ashcraft to Sabastian and Miranda Young - Two Lots, Ranch Lake Estates, Scott District for \$194,000.00. Robert Sheets to Duane and Samantha Bennett - Partial Lots, River Street, Buffalo Town District for \$15,000.00. Larry Aleshire to Robert and Brandy Thomas - 16.75 Acres, Scott District for \$200,000.00. Danielle Crouse to Lauren Childers - Lot, Willow Creek, Curry District for \$240,000.00. Alice Clagg to Jonathon Richardson - Partial Lot, Orchard Park Acres, Teays Valley District for \$94,680.00. Eugene and Karan Beaver to Michael and Melissa Lauhon - Lot, Rustic Highlands, Scott District for \$384,000.00. Gregory and Ashley Fertig to Jesse and Tina Bailes - Lot, Woodridge Estates, Teays Valley District for \$539,900.00. Danny Wymer to JCRW LLC - 0.50 Acre, Scott District for \$42,500.00. Tedra Stuck, William Stuck, Kendra Stuck and Thelma Gandee to Steven and Ann Walker - 2.0 Acres, Buffalo District for \$120,000.00. Brian and Ashley Dillon to Amber Higginbotham - Lot, Belle Meade Subdivision, Teays Valley District for \$247,500.00. Charles Franklin to Eric Smith - 0.96 Acre, Poca Town District for \$59,900.00. PP&J Structures and General Contracting LLC to Codus LLC - Lot, Paulis Place, Scott District for \$284,900.00. Beverly Casto to Kevin and Sandra Casto - 19.78 Acres, Union District for \$20,000.00. Ian Enterprises LLC to SMBC Leasing and Finance Inc - Two Tracts, Scott District for \$2,350,000.00. Resources LLC - Lot, Cannaday Subdivision, Buffalo District for \$500.00. Russell Rollyson, WV State Auditor and Pamela Dolan to Rising Sun Investment Corp. - Plot, Scott District for \$1,225.00. Russell Rollyson, WV State Auditor and T H Harmon to H3 LLC - Min 37.25 Acres Reserved, Poca District for \$1,400.00. Russell Rollyson, WV State Auditor and R F Harmon to H3 LLC - 26.75 Acres Reserved, Poca District for \$900.00. Tammy McCracken to Christina Caruthers - Lot, Devonshire Townes, Scott District for \$258,000.00. Deloris Arthur to Pifer Properties LLC - Lot, High School Addition, Curry District for \$8,000.00. Deborah Young Hoffman, Megan Young Riddle to James and Brandi Cummings - Lot, Lexington Addition, Curry District for \$97,000.00.



MARY CHILDERS
493 Fudge's Creek Road
Barboursville
Birthday December 7

DAVID (BUTCH) JOHNSON
#53 Wingfoot Drive
Hurricane
75th Birthday
December 25

DANNY NEVILLE
Milton
42nd Birthday
December 28

MARK ARMBRESTER
Route 1, Box 64
Mud River Road
Milton
26th Birthday
December 25

SAVANNAH YOUNG
Hurricane
11th Birthday
December 22

ANGIE GRANT JONES
Huntington
53rd Birthday
December 25

MARY QUEEN CRADDOCK
Hurricane
83rd Birthday
December 23

JAYVEN XAVIER HANCOCK
Tennessee
6th Birthday
December 25

AMY CARROLL McCALLISTER
Culloden
45th Birthday
December 23

JARED COLLINS
Milton
Birthday December 25

DOUG CANTERBURY
205 White Pine
Pliny
60th Birthday
December 23

RUSTY AKERS
100 Hickory Heights
Scott Depot
55th Birthday
December 26

ANGEL QUALLS WILLIS
Huntington
36th Birthday
December 24

RACHEL HOBBS MARCUM
21549 Winfield Road
Frazier's Bottom
41st Birthday
December 27

LORETTA COVINGTON
5 Bates Drive
Huntington
68th Birthday
December 24

AMBER HOBBS
1415 Route 35 North
Pliny
41st Birthday
December 27

BONNA TATUM
306 Sansom Avenue
Wayne
53rd Birthday
December 24

AMY THOMAS NORDEN
St. Albans
38th Birthday
December 27

ROGER THEVENIN
1669 Washington Hill
Road
Hurricane
48th Birthday
December 24

NICK DAVIES
61 Iroquois Trail
Ona
Birthday December 27

REV TROY NICELY
1833 Sunset View
Milton
Birthday December 24

DORENDAMOSESLLEE
8424 Hurricane Creek
Road
Winfield
66th Birthday
December 27

ABBY GRACE SHEPPARD
Route 1, Box 123
Milton
17th Birthday
December 27

AINSLEY JAIDE JACKSON
1217 Glenwood Street
Milton
15th Birthday
December 27

DAVID LEE RADCLIFF
6106 Baker Road
Huntington
Birthday December 27

JUDY HOLLEY HOUCK
Hurricane Creek Road
Hurricane
78th Birthday
December 27

BRITANY CARPENTER
1902 Pine Grove Drive
Culloden
39th Birthday
December 27

HENRY THOMAS JONES
Mankato, Minnesota
7th Birthday
December 27

CLINTON WILLIAMSON
Milton
Birthday December 27

AARON SPURLOCK
Lesage
Birthday December 28

STEPHANIE MORRISON
411 Brian Drive
Hurricane
Birthday December 28

JOHN MARK ARMSTEAD
111 Hamon Drive, Apt. D
Scott Depot
60th Birthday
December 29

JASON YOUNG
304 Merrywood Lane
Hurricane
42nd Birthday
December 29

PEGGY SETLIFF
Box 4583 5&20 Mile
Road
Frazier's Bottom
Birthday December 29

SCOTT HENDERSON
2621 Montana Avenue
Hurricane
Birthday December 29

KAREN ELAINE HODGES
4208 Teays Valley Road
Scott Depot
74th Birthday
December 29

BARBARA WYANT
Ohio
77th Birthday
December 29

BETHANY NOEL DRURY HENSON
904 Kanawha Terrace
St. Albans
29th Birthday
December 29

DORIS CHANEY
1014 Happy Drive
Culloden
78th Birthday
December 29

KAYLA CREMEANS
Milton
Birthday December 29

GENE ADAMS
3473 Norman Drive
65th Birthday
December 30

ZACHERY KEELING
#52 Revere Road
Hurricane
29th Birthday
December 30

KEITH SMITH
2603 Main Street
Hurricane
74th Birthday
December 30

ANGELA DUKE BECKETT
Hurricane
54th Birthday
December 31

Putnam County Republican Women Honor Local Military



By Nancy Bradley

On November 10th, the Putnam County Republican Women ventured to the two military units located in Eleanor and arrived there with cakes, fruit baskets and other items, to thank them for their service!

This is an event we look forward to every year, as we've done this for many years. It's not that we bless them, but they truly are blessings to us! These brave men and women, and their families, make great sacrifices in order to keep us safe, and able to move about in freedom!

So, thank you from the bottom of our heart! May God continue to bless you and keep you safe, no matter where you are — in Jesus's Name.

Bethel Baptist Cantata

Bethel Baptist Church, located on Hurricane Creek Road, will be holding a Christmas cantata starting at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, December 23.

After the cantata, there will be refreshments, special entertainment, and a special visitor in the activity building.

KIETH ANN WORDEN
24 Woody Oak Drive
Milton
Birthday December 31

ANDREA LITTON HOUSTON
116 Woodland Forest
Winfield
47th Birthday
December 31

LOGAN DYKOTA JIVIDEN
P.O. Box 16
Poca
25th Birthday
December 31

LOGAN DANIEL MORRISON
16 Davis Court
Luray, Virginia
24th Birthday
December 31

DENNIS COOPER
Fuquay Marina
North Carolina
64th Birthday
December 31

ALLISON KAY HODGES
London Commonsn
Hurricane
12th Birthday
December 31

COLIN JAMES ESCUE
Washington Hill Road
Hurricane
9th Birthday
December 31

GRACIE BLACK
1403 Summers Avenue
Milton
19th Birthday
December 31

GARY SMITH
Poca
78th Birthday
December 31

CHARLES MARKER
353 Belle Road
Point Pleasant
Birthday in January

BETTY KING NIEDERHAUSER
6202 County Hwy 36
Sycamore, Ohio
79th Birthday January 1

RENEE CHAPMAN
5085 5&20 Mile Road
Fraziers Bottom
55th Birthday January 1

Happy 93rd Birthday



Shirley Casto of Hurricane will celebrate her 93rd birthday on Christmas Day. Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary

Justin and Brooke Williams Chapman of 4733 Aspen Road in Charlotte, North Carolina, will celebrate their thirty-second wedding anniversary on December 23.

Christopher and Brenda Armstead Casto of Bancroft will celebrate their twenty-sixth wedding anniversary on December 24.

John and Karen McClung of 148 Woodland Forest in Winfield will celebrate their fifty-second wedding anniversary on December 26.

John "Jay" and Brenda Roberts Dlugos of 134 Leslie Drive in Scott Depot will celebrate their fifty-second wedding anniversary on December 26.

Bradley and Julie Armstead of 6220 Walmott Drive in Huntington will celebrate their twentieth wedding anniversary on December 27.

Love to our Parents - KELCI & BRAEDEN & ROCKY

Rev. Bob and Sue Ann Withers of 313 Main Street in Huntington will celebrate their fifty-third wedding anniversary on December 27.

Billy and Teresa Caudill of Culloden will celebrate their forty-second wedding

anniversary on December 27.

Mike and Tina Rodgers Franklin of Little Rock, Arkansas, will celebrate their forty-sixth wedding anniversary on December 28.

Will and Bonnie May Edwards of 124 Applewood Way in Ona will celebrate their twenty-sixth wedding anniversary on December 28.

Harry Franklin and Janet Rose of Joe's Branch Road in Hurricane will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on December 29.

Dr. and Mrs. William Dan Hill of 232 Forest Road in Hurricane will celebrate their forty-fourth wedding anniversary on December 30.

Jeffrey Dustin and Andrea Marie Young Campbell of 7068 Hurricane Creek Road in Winfield will celebrate their first wedding anniversary on December 30.

Rex and Erica Brown Justis of Patriot, Ohio, will celebrate their first wedding anniversary on December 31.

Bill and Joyce Marcum of Route 1 in Milton will celebrate their fifty-first wedding anniversary on December 31.

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