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HURRICANE, WEST VIRGINIA

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By Ron Allen

At its March 14th meeting, the Putnam County Commission heard budget requests for the upcoming fiscal year from the Sheriff, the County Clerk, the Assessor, and the Prosecuting Attorney. The county's budget must be submitted to the State before the end of March.

Sheriff Bobbie Eggleton asked for an increase sufficient to allow him to hire five additional deputies and to fund a program which would address deputy retention. Eggleton stated that the increase was necessitated by Putnam's growth. The Sheriff reported that law enforcement in Kanawha County is giving out \$15,000 signing bonuses to address retention needs. "We're going to have to do something," Eggleton said.

Commission president Andy Skidmore responded, "I meant to say this before you came up. Just for a basis, our initial numbers from what we have received from the Assessor's Office from the increase in real estate tax and the requests that have been put in, we are about a million and a half short of all the requests." Skidmore added that the Commission has difficult funding decisions

and that the Commission is aware of the Sheriff Department's need.

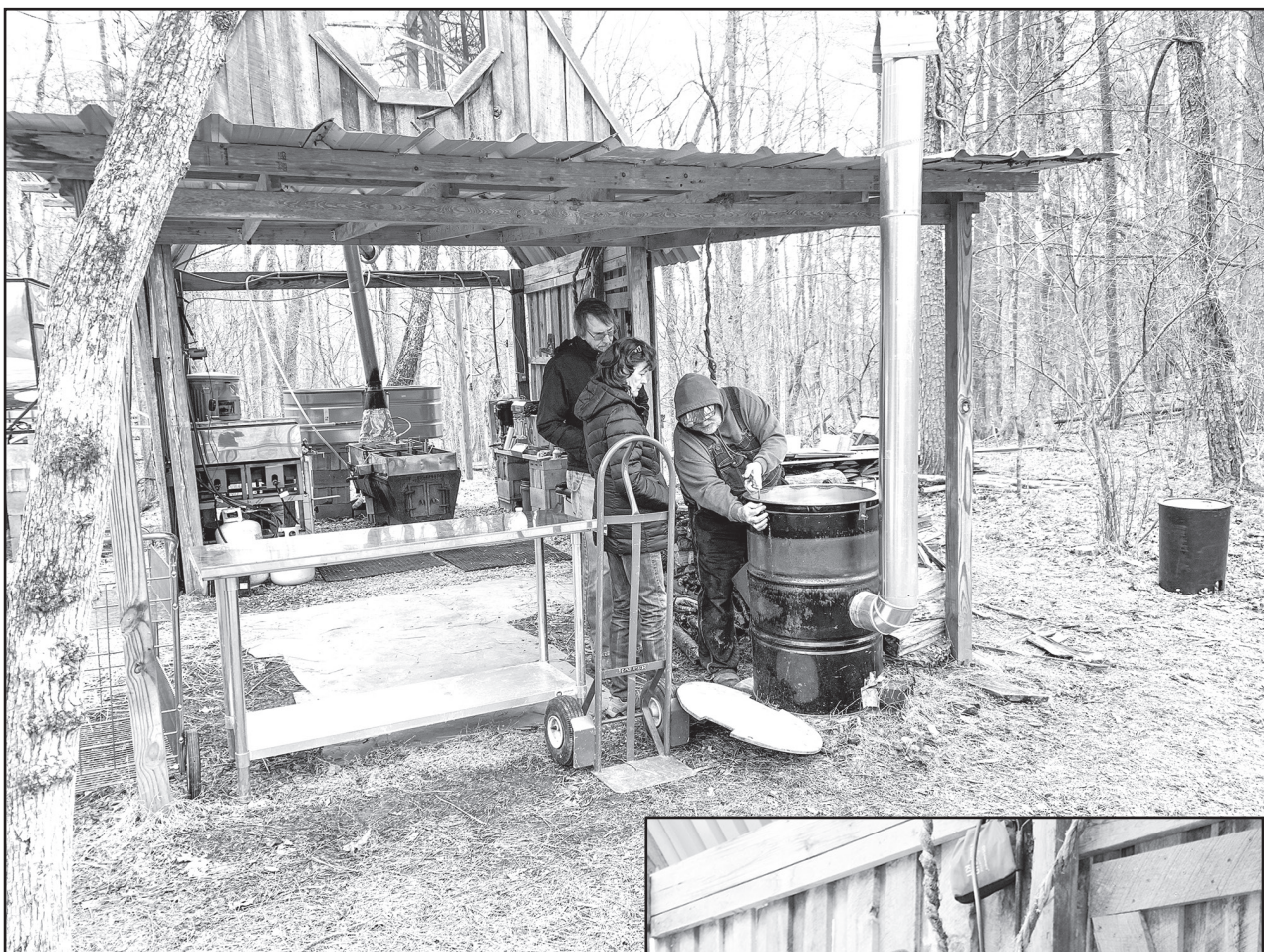
At its meeting on February 28, the Commission heard budget requests from Libraries, the Putnam County Health Department, Putnam County Fair, Parks & Recreation, County Day Report, WVU Extension Service, the Development Authority, and the Solid Waste Authority.

County Clerk Brian Wood asked for increases that would offset the increase in PEIA premiums to his staff and reduce the loss of purchasing caused by increased costs. Wood said that next year's Presidential Election would require additional funding.

Assessor Gary Warner requested a base pay for his employees. Warner said that the present starting pay of \$11.50 per hour is too low to interest applicants. Warner asked for an increase to \$13 per hour for starting pay and an overall pay increase of five percent.

Prosecuting Attorney Mark Sorsaia asked for a \$70,000 increase to allow him to add another attorney. Sorsaia said that the Magistrate Court case load is requiring his attorneys to put in 10 to 12-

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Above: Paul Ronk explains the operation of an evaporator which he employs to convert sycamore sap into sycamore syrup. Ronk's maple sap evaporator is pictured in the background.

Right: Ronk uses plastic taps and tubing to collect sap.

By Ron Allen

Saturday, March 18, was WV Maple Syrup Day at the Ronk Family Farm at 725 Whispering Pines Drive in Alum Creek. The event was originally scheduled to

be a second Maple Syrup Day at the farm but the first day, February 18th, was canceled by flood waters.

The actual sap-gathering season ended prior to February 18 when several days of continuously above-freezing temperatures caused maple tree buds to break dormancy. When buds come to life, an off-flavor develops and the resulting syrup cannot be marketed.

The season for area maple syrup producers is always short — usually from mid-January to late February. This year's early ending caused Paul Ronk's production to be one-third of 2022.

Visitors to Saturday's event were treated to a free pancake and sausage breakfast, a complete step-by-step explanation of maple syrup making and an education of why maple syrup producers do what they do. The early season

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Strong.

Her organization helped her comprehensively respond to the needs of West Virginians as she learned of them. With the help of other organizations, businesses, and individuals, Jones provided hundreds of West Virginians with meals, supplies, clothing, and more.

A black and white photograph of a man and a woman sitting in a living room. The woman, on the left, is wearing a dark blazer and high heels, holding a document. The man, on the right, is wearing a light-colored shirt and a dark jacket, looking at the document. A large dog is sitting on a chair to the right. The room features a fireplace, a lamp, and a patterned rug.

Babydog looks on approvingly as Governor Jim Justice presents the Rhododendron Award to Braqundi Jones.

Gov. Jim Justice presented the latest Rhododendron Award to Brandi Jones Thursday, March 23.

“Brandi, you are so very deserving of this honor,” Gov. Justice said. “I want to thank you for your dedication to helping people in your community and all across West Virginia.”

The Rhododendron Award, created by First Lady Cathy Justice, recognizes individuals in West Virginia who have demonstrated goodness and worked for the betterment of

their communities. In particular, this award seeks to recognize the “unsung heroes” throughout West Virginia, whose work has made a significant difference in the lives of others.

"I am very honored and blessed to be receiving this award," Jones said. "At the end of the day, I am just a person helping other people who need it. I truly believe that if you cannot find the resource, you can be the resource and make a difference in your community."

Jones is a native of Hurricane. She has been

a member of the Board of Directors and Fundraising Committee at the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Huntington for over seven years. She has organized and hosted community-wide fundraisers, collections, and programs, and has invited the community to join her in those efforts.

When a devastating flood swept across many parts of West Virginia in June of 2016, Jones facilitated fundraising efforts to help West Virginians impacted by the flood, including an organization called Friends Helping Friends - WV

Vernal Equinox Misnamed

Spring officially arrived on Monday, March 20, at 5:24 p.m. The time is exact because 5:24 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time was the precise moment in which the sun crossed the Earth's equator in its northward journey. Time hours, however, are far from equal on the vernal equinox. A check of sunrise and sunset for Hurricane reveal 12 hours, 10 minutes, and 52 seconds of daylight. The closest that Putnam County came to having 12 hours of day-

The event is termed the vernal equinox — equinox meaning equal day and equal night. The length of daylight and night-
and 12 hours of night was Friday, March 17. The only place on Planet Earth

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The Centennial History of Hurricane

Meet Some of Hurricane's Oldest Families

In 1988, The Centennial History of Hurricane, WV was published to commemorate the town's 100th anniversary. In 1994, the Centennial Committee published a follow up book which included family histories which were not submitted in time for the 1988 Centennial History. This week's selection is the 36th history from The Centennial History of Hurricane WV Continued — 1994.

THE MYNES FAMILY
The Mynes Family has a
long history in the criminal

Police Officer and
Putnam County Sheriff

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WEATHER SUMMARY		
March 14 - 20		
	Low	High
March 14		
Hurricane	25°	32°
March 15		
Hurricane	18°	47°
March 16		
Hurricane	20°	60°
March 17*		
Hurricane	33°	53°
March 18		
Hurricane	21°	48°
March 19		
Hurricane	15°	36°
March 20		
Hurricane	13°	48°

*RAIN
0.2 inch recorded March 17

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.

SATURDAYS THROUGH MARCH

There will be a free open gym for 1st through 5th graders from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at ZoneOut Sports, Morris Court, Hurricane.

MARCH 24
Can You Outsmart the Librarians? Trivia Night will be held at 6 p.m. at the Eleanor Library.

Hard Reign will be performing at 6 p.m. at Connolly’s Irish Pub, 2801 Main Street, Hurricane.

MARCH 25
The Hurricane High School Cheer Spring Craft Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the old Big Bear building in Liberty Square in Teays Valley.

Calvary Baptist Church, 3653 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, will be holding a food pantry at 8:30 a.m.

MARCH 26
First Baptist Church of Hurricane, located on Main Street, will be holding their Easter cantata, “On A Hill Too Far Away” at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church, Putnam Avenue, Hurricane, will be holding a family movie night starting at 5 p.m. The movie will be Narnia: The Lion, The Witch & the Wardrobe.

MARCH 27
Facing Hunger Foodbank will be holding a mobile food pantry from 11 a.m. to noon at the Buffalo United Methodist Church, 27 High Street, Buffalo.

MARCH 28
The Pulse Church, 5368 State Route 34, Winfield, will be holding a food pantry from 2 to 6 p.m.
Manpower, 58 Mission Way, Suite 100, Scott Depot, is hosting an open interview day from 8 a.m.

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MARCH 29
There will be an Intentional Grandparenting class at 5:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Nitro, 2200 2nd Avenue, Nitro.

MARCH 30
River Ridge Church, Saturn Way, Hurricane, will be hosting Tailand Trail at 6 p.m. Children ages 2 through 5th grade will enjoy an interactive Easter stage show and then go on a Trail Egg hunt.

MARCH 31
Kanawha Valley Community Band will be in concert at Teays Valley Church of God, 185 Connection Point, Scott Depot. The concert begins at 7 p.m., but come early for dessert provided by the church.

Crafts of the Coal, a mobile food trailer that serves premium handcrafted ice cream, will be holding their opening night from 5 to 9 p.m. at The Garage, 3057 Mount Vernon Road, Hurricane.

APRIL 1 - 2
Guest speaker Lynn Hiles will be speaking at the Bancroft Mission, 5936 Charleston Road, Bancroft, at 6 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. on Sunday.

APRIL 1
The City of Nitro will be holding a veteran’s outreach program from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Nitro War Museum, 2003 20th Street, Nitro. Veterans can learn about programs and benefits.

Mount Union Church, 19268 Jerry’s Run Road, Pliny, will be holding their annual pancake breakfast at 9 a.m. and Easter egg hunt at 11 a.m.

The Buffalo Nazarene Easter Bazaar will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Pulse Church will be holding an Easter Egg hunt at 4 p.m. at the Winfield Middle School.

Heartbeat of the Valley, Inc. will be holding a baby things sale from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at 58 Mission Way, Scott Depot.

There will be an AMT Kids Consignment Discount Day at Valley Park in Hurricane from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Light Up the Night for Autism will be held at 6 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane. There will be an egg hunt from 6 to 7:45, and lantern decorating from 7:45 to 8 p.m. Meet at Shelter 2 for the egg hunt, and at the pond for Light Up the Night.

Hurricane First Church of the Nazarene, located on Route 60, will be holding a Rise up With Jesus Family Easter Event at 2 p.m.

The Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, Putnam Avenue, Hurricane, will be holding their spring festival from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

APRIL 2
Buffalo United Methodist Church will be hosting an Easter egg hunt after Sunday worship.

Friends of Buffalo WV History will meet at the Buffalo Welcome Center, to celebrate the town of Buffalo’s 186th Birthday.

Faith Christian Fellowship, Route 62, Buffalo, will feature Pastor Mitchell Burch preaching at 6 p.m.

West Virginia Symphony Orchestra Presents “Blockbuster Adventures”

The West Virginia Symphony Orchestra (WVSO) presents the final offering in this season’s ZMM Architects & Engineers Pops Series, Blockbuster Adventures on Saturday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Charleston and Sunday, March 26 at 2:30 p.m. in Parkersburg.

Guest conductor Troy Peters joins the WVSO as the orchestra explores the music from our favorite blockbuster films, including pieces from E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial, Star Wars, Lord of the Rings, Harry Potter, Star Trek, and more! The Marshall University Orchestra appears as a special guest for a side-by-side during the first two pieces of the concert: Silbelius’ Finlandia and the theme from Pirates of the Caribbean.

Peters is currently the Director of the UTSA Orchestra at the University of Texas San Antonio and Music Director of Youth Orchestras of San Antonio. Peters is also active as a composer, and he holds degrees from the Curtis Institute of Music and the University of Pennsylvania, where his primary compositional mentors were Ned Rorem and West Virginia native George Crumb.

The ZMM Architects and Engineers Pops Series concert on Saturday, March 25 is

Drug Disposal Options

Turn in your unused or expired medications for safe disposal at the Putnam County Sheriff’s Department. Hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Sheriff’s Department is located at 3389 Winfield Road, Winfield.

Available Pets at the Putnam County 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.



This is a one-year-old orange male cat.



Venus is a three-year-old female cat.

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

Do you remember the first time you held your baby in your arms? Do you remember the first time you held your grandchild? My goodness. The joy. Some blog writers state that they choose joy. I do not have to choose joy. I have joy in my life every day.

This past weekend, I saw the boys in their latest race. Usually, they get to run in their age group. When they do, the elder comes in first... the younger second. When they were called up for their awards, the announcer pronounced their name: BURKEY not BURKE... the BURKEY BOYS... we chuckled as this happens often.

When The Burke Boys run in 19 and under, they come in fourth and fifth or thereabouts. I have seen them win first and second often. I do not attend all of the races, of course.

The elder grandson is ten; he will be eleven in April and move up. The younger grandson was eight in December. They are really fast. It is amazing. I remember holding each of them when they were babies; the years have flown by.

These grandsons are brainiacs (Nana calls them that). They attend a new school that is for gifted students...fifth and second grade. The elder will go to a gifted middle school this fall, in another town, close to us. They have studied Spanish for years. One tutor comes to the house once a week for several hours. The other tutor meets them at the library.

The grandsons enjoy Lacrosse after school. The elder did Karate for years, but now both boys do TKD each night during the week. They swim also and bike and have finished one triathlon... to me... like their parents...

They like the tennis courts and basketball court here at the condo. Whether they are on skateboards, scooters, bikes, or out on their boat, they are happy campers. Speaking of camping, that is their favorite vacation. They enjoyed the Virgin

Buffalo United Methodist Church Easter

The congregation of Buffalo United Methodist Church would like to invite everyone to spend Easter with them. The church will have an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids after worship on Sunday, April 2. Then the church will host Holy Week Services on Monday, April 3 at 7 p.m.

The church will have its doors open for the community on Good Friday, April 7, from noon till 3 p.m., for anyone to come and have some quiet time of prayer and meditation in remembrance of Jesus’ last few hours on the cross.

Then on Easter morning, the Church will be serving FREE Breakfast after the Sunrise Service at Buffalo Memorial Park.

If you’re looking for a new church to attend this Easter, consider Joining Buffalo UMC. Sunday Morning Worship begins at 9:45 a.m. and the church is located in the Buffalo Historic Square.

Islands, the Keys, and other special places, but their favorite is camping in WV. This year, they will camp, go to NJ/NY for a concert, and they plan a trip to Ireland/Scotland. I know which the boys will like best.

Holding a grandchild... watching that grandchild grow in strength and character. These are kind boys. They know how to treat their Nana. They are special boys. The Burke Boys... always doing something...

I was happy the other day when the boys joined friends at the roller rink. That was something I did all of my life—until my 50’s... loved it... they were surprised to learn that Nana actually liked roller skating. They have not seen me do sports... I walk... oh, I join them on the tennis courts, but I walk... no running... so skating was something they never dreamed I could do. After all, this Nana is closing in on 80...

C h i l d r e n a n d grandchildren are our gifts from God. We pray for them; we love them... after having three granddaughters, it has been different having grandsons. Not better... not less... just different... the fact that they live within walking distance is fantastic... they can be here in a minute... this is their place to come and be... to enjoy... we walk around the complex... go to the courts... or read... play board games... laugh and laugh and laugh.

The first time I held my son... the first time I held my daughter... I laughed... my laugh... Mom’s laugh... Nana’s laugh... I was so joyous that I thought my world might burst. Every day since... I have been thankful for that son and daughter... they are the joys of my life... my reason for living. They have always been good to me... kind and sweet... respectful... we did not live the teenage angst that I have heard from others... I am thankful for these two gifts from God.

The first time I held each of the five grandchildren, I laughed. My daughter has mentioned that often. “Mom, when you held Katelyn, Sophie, Margaret for the first time, you laughed out loud... it was a joyous sound...” It was a joyous feeling to know that those grands were mine. (I never pleaded or asked for grandchildren and had my own children not had any... it would have been fine...) My son and his wife had Aidan and Nicholas when he was in his forties... I was already an “elderly” Nana... I laughed when I held those boys... it was as if God looked down and decided I needed five more miracles... they are fantastic... wonderful... I do not have the adjectives to describe...

Whether I am watching the boys race... playing games with them... I am thankful that her in paradise, Florida, I have two little fellows who are the best of the best... because the way we were is the way we are... knowing that family is what life is about... we do not take anything with us when we leave this world, but we sure do leave the memories behind.

The Centennial History of Hurricane

Meet Some of Hurricane’s Oldest Families



Frank Mynes



Patrick and Stewart Mynes



Ernie and Jerry Mynes

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Department auxiliary Deputy, and Frank Mynes, (Deputy Dog), is a former Hurricane Police Officer, Constable for Putnam County and currently Putnam County Sheriff Deputy.

Frank Mynes has two sons, Patrick and Stewart who started their careers in the criminal justice system in 1989, after they both left Ft. Bragg, NC, where they were stationed as Paratroopers. Patrick moved to Brandon, FL, and gained employment with the Tampa Police Department and has since transferred to the Hillsborough County Sheriff Department as a Deputy Sheriff. Stewart lives on Harbour Lane and is employed at the Putnam County Sheriff Department as a Correction Officer and is a student of Criminal Justice at West Virginia State College.

All five of these officers were molded here in Hurricane and they reflect the Christian morals and values of the people in

Sour Season for Local Maple Syrup Producers Putnam

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shutdown prevented live demonstrations of syrup production which past Maple Syrup Days have featured.

In addition to maple syrup production, Paul Ronk is experimenting with sycamore syrup manufacture. Sycamore sap is lower in sugar content than maple sap and requires much more sap to produce a marketable syrup. Ronk says that sycamore syrup has a distinctive butterscotch flavor.

Maple syrup products on sale at the event included maple cotton candy and whipped maple cream in addition to made-on-the-spot syrup.

Putnam residents do not need to visit the farm to make purchases. Ronk Family Farm Maple Syrup is available at Area 34 in Teays Valley.



A visitor awaits a free breakfast of pancakes and sausage topped with fresh maple syrup.



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

March 23, 2003: Private Jessica Lynch of Palestine, Wirt County, was serving as a supply clerk with the Army's 507th Maintenance Company when she was captured by Iraqi forces after her group was ambushed.

March 24, 1890: Confederate General William Lowther “Mudwall” Jackson died in Louisville. Jackson, who was born in Clarksburg, joined the Confederate

Army as a private. After helping to organize an infantry unit, he was promoted to colonel. He served on the staff of his cousin, Gen. Thomas J. “Stonewall” Jackson, and was jokingly nicknamed “Mudwall.”

March 25, 1878: Attorney General Armistead Abraham “Cousin Abe” Lilly was born at Jumping Branch, Summers County. Lilly appealed the Virginia Debt Suit to the U.S. Supreme

Court; when settled, it was estimated that Lilly had saved the state a large sum of money.

March 26, 1851: Upshur County was created from parts of Randolph, Lewis and Barbour counties, with Buckhannon as the county seat.

March 26, 1863: The state's first constitution was overwhelmingly ratified by the voters, by a majority of 28,321 to 572. The constitution was drafted during the state's first Constitutional Convention at the federal custom house in Wheeling.

March 26, 1920: Aviator Rose Agnes Rolls Cousins was born. She was the first Black woman to become a solo pilot in the Civilian Pilot Training Program at West Virginia State College (now University).

March 27, 1826: Laura Jackson Arnold,

Commission

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hour days on Wednesdays.

The heard, but did not act upon, a request by Judith Pauley to hire a veterinarian for the Putnam County Animal Shelter.

In other business, the Commission appointed Jacob Pack and Heather Davis to the Putnam County Planning Commission and re-appointed Bryan Hoylman and Dave Hobba to the Planning Commission. Commissioner Steve Deweese voted to oppose Hobba's re-appointment. A motion to re-appoint Jason Asbury to the Planning Commission failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Brian Ellis announced that construction of the new Sheriff's facility is expected to be completed in late June or early July.

The next scheduled county commission meeting will be Tuesday, March 30.

Vernal Equinox Misnamed

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that experiences equal day and night on the vernal equinox is at the equator. All other locations have more than 12 hours of daylight because the Earth's atmosphere acts as a lens that allows the sun to be seen after it has set.

the younger sister of “Stonewall” Jackson, was born in Clarksburg. During the Civil War, she was a staunch Unionist and opened her home to care for sick and injured troops.

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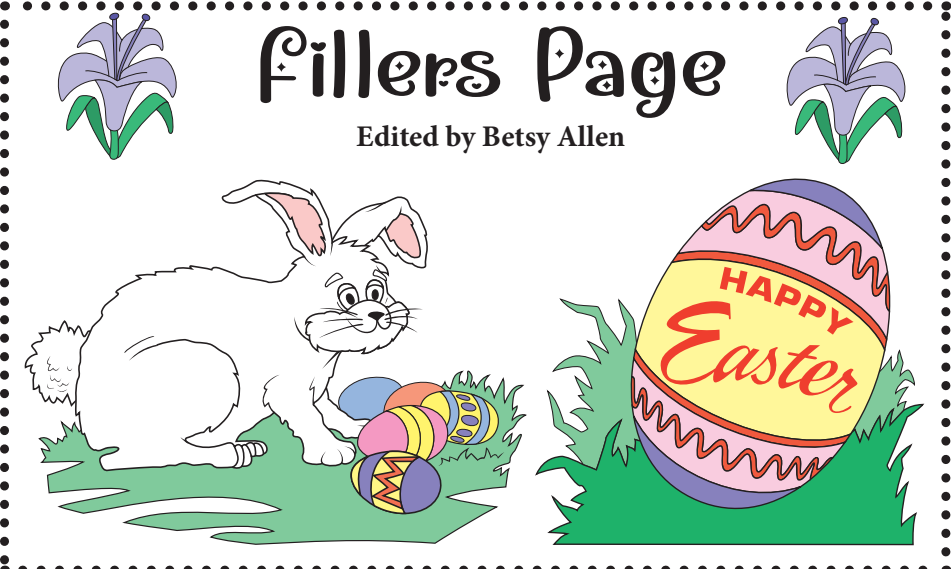
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Old-Fashioned Chicken Potpie

Submitted by Connie Reddington of Eleanor

1-1/2 cups sliced fresh mushrooms
1 cup sliced fresh carrots
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/3 cup butter
1/3 cup all-purpose flour
1-1/2 cups chicken broth
1-1/2 cups milk
4 cups cubed cooked chicken breast
1 cup frozen peas
1 jar (2 ounces) diced pimientos, drained
1 teaspoon salt

BISCUIT TOPPING:
2 cups all-purpose flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
2 teaspoons sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
1/2 cup cold butter
2/3 cup milk

In a large saucepan, sauté the mushrooms, carrots and onion in butter until tender; sprinkle with flour. Gradually stir in broth and milk until blended. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Add the chicken, peas, pimientos and salt; heat through. Pour into a greased shallow 2-1/2-quart baking dish; set aside.

In a large bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, sugar, salt and cream of tartar. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs; stir in milk just until moistened. Turn onto a lightly floured surface; knead 8-10 times. Pat or roll out to 1/2-inch thickness; cut with a floured 2-1/2-inch biscuit cutter.

Place biscuits over chicken mixture. Bake, uncovered, at 400 degrees for 15-20 minutes or until biscuits are golden brown. Yield: 6-8 servings.

Jokes From Linda

Submitted by Linda Lavender Armstead



Little Elliott fell off his bike and cut his knee. His mother bathed and dressed the cut and gave Elliott a pill to soothe him. After he swallowed the pill, Elliot asked, "How will the pill know which leg to go down?"

It seems the manager at the vegetable apartment at the store doesn't tolerate picky customers. He posted this sign that read, "Notice: Take lettuce from top of stock or heads will roll."

Principal: "Young man, you are different from the rest of the class."

Student: "How is that?"

Principal: "They are graduating."

Jen: It's very dark tonight, isn't it?

Howard: I don't know. I can't see a thing.

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

Learn to talk to yourself instead of listening to yourself.

Your words start to lose value, when your actions don't match.

Falling down is an accident. Staying down is a choice.

The world is full of good people. If you can't find one, be one.

The reason our families aren't the same anymore is simply because we buried those who kept our families together.

Every few days it would be smart to put your jeans on to make sure they still fit. Pajamas and sweats will have you believe all is well.

Intuition is when you don't know how you know, but you know you know, and you know you knew, and that's all you needed to know.

Don't hurt your parents in order to please other people. Those other people didn't spend their lives building yours.

You are his pal. The doggy is going to stick to you, to comfort you, guard you, and give his life for you if need be.

Some people want a big house, a fast car and lots of money. Some people want a tiny cabin in the woods away from those kind of people.

The young have aspirations that never come to pass, the old have reminiscences of what never happened.

To make a difference in someone's life you don't have to be brilliant, rich, or beautiful. You just have to care.

You're never going to remember to do that thing later – do it now.

When you become frustrated with older people because of what they can't do, think of how they must feel because they can no longer do it.

Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence. - Helen Keller

No amount of physical beauty will ever take the place of a beautiful heart.

Just because it pops into your head doesn't mean it should come out of your mouth.

Obstacles are put in your way to see if what you want is really worth fighting for.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationary.

You will be free the moment you no longer care about what people think about you.

Take the time to be kind. You can make all the difference in someone's day.

Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes including you.



There is no shame in beginning again, because you get a chance to get bigger and better than before.

There is no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end.

A smile is a light in your window that tells others that there is a caring, sharing person inside.

Love is not about how much you say "I love you," but how much you prove it's true.

When our world around us feels shaky, may we turn our eyes to God.

Do you ever feel like you aren't even family with some of your family?

Beautiful faces are everywhere, but beautiful hearts are hard to find.

People who have no life will always try to start drama in yours.

I just noticed if I die, I don't even have six friends to carry my casket.

Don't do anything for me if you're going to throw it in my face later.

Some people are still mad at you because you survived after they threw you under the bus, but the bus ran over their lies.

The heart is like a garden. You can grow compassion or fear, resentment or love. What seeds will you plant there?

The goal of personal Bible study is a transformed life and a deep and abiding relationship with Jesus Christ.

Children did not ask to be here. That is why you change and rearrange your life for them.

It doesn't matter if the glass is half empty or half full. Be grateful that you have a glass, and there is something in it.

Hugging is the most beautiful form of communication that allows the other person to know beyond a doubt that they matter.

A moment of patience in a moment of anger saves you 1,000 moments of regret.

It's not our job to fix people. It's our job to love them even when they are broken.

The beach is the only place where salt lowers your blood pressure.

In winter's chill or summer's heat, a farmer works so the world can eat.

Acquiring a doggie may be the only opportunity a human ever has to choose a relative.

I myself am made entirely of flaws, stitched together with good intentions.

When your children are teenagers, it's important to have a doggy so that someone in the house is happy to see you.

How many tomorrows would have been lost if nobody had stepped forward to do something about it yesterday?

Our Commander in Chief has already won the war, and He wants us to get in on the victory every day that we live. - Dr. David Jeremiah

To go wrong in one's own way is better than to go right in someone else's.

You have no idea how long something you say can stay in someone's mind.

Sharing tales of those we've lost is how we keep from really losing them.

The leading cause for injury in old men is them thinking they are still young men.

Who am I to judge another, when I walk imperfectly?

When we fill our minds with Scripture and live according to its principles, Satan's schemes lose their power over us. - Charles Stanley

May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears.

The most important thing is to look ahead. The past is your anchor.

Keep looking up – that's the secret of life. – Charlie Brown

Every moment is a fresh beginning.

It's the start of a brand new day and I'm off like a herd of turtles.

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

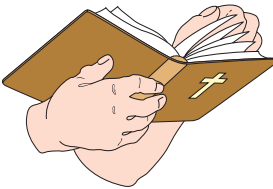
Push yourself because no one else is going to do it for you.

There are two types of days, those we want to finish last, and those that we want to never end.

We need a Legislature that looks out for us, not for themselves.

A happy marriage is the union of two good forgivers. – Ruth Bell Graham

Bible Verse



Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. — Psalms 23:4

Produce Shopping on a Budget

5 strategies to save on fresh fruits and veggies

(Family Features) Cooking meals that bring your loved ones joy is often objective No. 1 but creating those flavorful favorites on an appropriate budget is an important aspect of well-rounded, family-friendly recipes. A few simple steps, like developing good grocery shopping habits, can put smiles on hungry faces without leaving a dent in your finances.

Consider these tips from the experts at Healthy Family Project along with its produce partners, which are on their 2023 Mission for Nutrition to improve access to fresh produce that's essential in alleviating many public health and personal wellness challenges. This year's partners are striving to be part of the improvement efforts by donating funds to increase the accessibility to fruits and vegetables in schools through the Foundation for Fresh Produce.

Make a List (and Stick to It)

When buying fresh produce, remember some items have a shorter shelf life. Limiting purchases to items on your list can help lower grocery spending while alleviating food waste.

Buy Local

Transportation cost is one of the biggest factors in the price of produce, meaning buying local, when possible, can help reduce your total at checkout.

Stock Up on Seasonal Produce

Although you can generally find any produce item at any time of year, this isn't always an affordable practice. Knowing when your favorite fruits and veggies are in-season can save you money and allow you to use the freshest ingredients in family breakfasts like Protein-Packed Sausage Breakfast Muffins and Savory English Muffins.

Know Your Produce Department

The front or feature table of the produce department often offers the best deals. Don't forget to look at the end caps on each produce aisle, which sometimes display seasonal items.

Befriend the Produce Manager

Throughout each week, a "hot buy" may come into the store that didn't make it into the weekly ad. This happens with items at the end of their seasons, in particular, or if a crop is doing well. Chat with the produce manager at your local store and he or she may inform you of special prices.

Find more grocery savings strategies and family-friendly recipes at HealthyFamilyProject.com.

Protein Packed Sausage Breakfast Muffins

Recipe courtesy of Healthy Family Project

Nonstick cooking spray
1 sweet onion, diced
1 pound turkey sausage
4 eggs
1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1 cup protein pancake mix

Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray 12-cup muffin pan with nonstick cooking spray. Set aside.

In skillet over medium heat, cook sweet onion until translucent. Add turkey sausage and cook until no longer pink. Remove from heat.

In large mixing bowl, lightly beat eggs. Add shredded cheese, pancake mix and cooked sausage; mix well.

Fill prepared muffin cups about 3/4 full with mixture. Bake 18-20 minutes, or until golden brown on top.

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On the days that we are feeling especially happy perhaps we could challenge ourselves to share a smile with someone who needs one. Joyfulness is contagious! Paul writes in his letter to the Romans (1:11-12), “For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you, that it, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith, both yours and mine.” Share your joy with others at your house of worship this week.

Daily Bible Readings						
Psalm 88	Psalm 90	Psalm 91	Psalm 120	Psalm 122	Psalm 126	Psalm 127

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Submitting to the Father’s Will
Matthew 26:36-50

All that transpires in the text before us took place at Gethsemane in the space of about three hours. We see Jesus praying to God the Father and hear His words. We see Peter, James and John slumbering while Jesus prayed. And lastly, we see Judas delivering Jesus into the hands of the chief priests and the elders of the people.

“And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee . . .” (v. 37). There was a reason, perhaps multiple reasons, why Jesus selected these three. The same three were with Him upon the mount when Jesus was transfigured (17:1, 2). Matthew 20:20-21 reveals that James and John sought seats of honor, above the other disciples. Shortly before coming to Gethsemane, Peter proclaimed that he would never deny Jesus. The verses which follow do not state why Jesus drew these three aside. That said, the instruction to tarry and to watch (v. 38), has been preserved in scripture for God’s purposes.

Jesus had told all of His disciples that the time for the Son of man to be betrayed and to be crucified was now. The time had come for Psalm 22 to be fulfilled. The three were to wait and to watch so that they might be ready for the scriptures to be fulfilled.

The three fell asleep. They could not watch and wait a single hour (v. 40). In verse 41, Jesus told the three to watch and to pray that they not enter into temptation. Jesus went away to pray a second time. When Jesus returned, the three were sound asleep. They had failed again. Jesus returned to pray a third time. When He returned, they were again asleep. They were not ready for the hour of temptation.

God wants believers to see the failure of these three and reflect upon it. These three had seen the vision of Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus. Despite having been chosen to see that which the other disciples did not see, the three failed to wait and to watch. They saw what the others did not see by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, yet, they failed to wait and the watch.

All believers are saved by grace through faith (Eph. 2:8). Jesus has told all to “Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh” (Matt. 25:13). We are called, not to sleep, but, to watch. We are to be ready for His return. The scriptures shall be fulfilled. Some shall be taken and some shall remain. Some shall have oil in their lamps and some shall be dry (Matt. 25:1-13). The oil of the Spirit burns in the darkest of times. The best of the flesh dies with the flesh.

“And he left them . . . and prayed the third time” (v. 44). Jesus prayed the same words each and every time. He prayed, “Father, if possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt” (v. 39). These are words of God the Son directed to God the Father. Jesus, God manifest in the flesh, prayed that He not drink of “this cup” if possible. The cup was the death upon the cross. God’s word states that the Messiah would be cut off, but not for Himself (Dan. 9:27). Another scripture states, “. . . because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors: and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors” (Isa. 53:12). The Messiah would die a sacrificial death. The cup could only pass from Jesus if He were not the Messiah of whom the prophets spoke. God does not lie. The cup did not pass from Jesus. It is not possible that He not be God the Son! The Son could not place the will of His flesh above the Father’s will.

The Father wants all men to know that He and the Son are one. This prayer has been preserved as scripture for all who shall believe. The Father wants all to know that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life (Jn. 14:6). God counts belief for righteousness (Gen. 15:6).

When Jesus returned from praying the third time, He found the disciples slumbering again. It was time that He should be betrayed into the hands of sinners (v. 45). Judas and a great multitude from the chief priests and the elders had arrived.

What follows is an unexpected question. Jesus asked, “Friend, wherefore art thou come?” Jesus knew the answer to His question (see Matt. 26:25). Jesus knew that Judas had come to deliver Him into the hands of the chief priests and the elders.

Why did Jesus ask the question? Jesus knew that Judas had come to betray Him and the reason that Judas had come to betray Him. Why (to betray Jesus) was made known to us and to the disciples in verse 21. Judas did not choose to follow Jesus with the intent that he be the one who would fulfill the words of Psalm 41:9. Judas chose to lift up his heel against Jesus when Satan took control (see Lk. 22:3 and Jn. 13:27). Judas became an instrument of Satan because he did not believe in the God who so loved the world that He would give His only begotten Son such that all who should believe would receive life eternal.

Judas did not answer Jesus’ question. There is no answer for them who believe not. Believers are to “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding” (Prov. 3:5).

Obituaries

RETHA DICKERSON
Retha Mae (Beller) Dickerson, 90, of Nitro, passed away on March 14, 2023 at CAMC Memorial Hospital.
She was born on April 30, 1932 in Paradise and spent most of her life in Putnam County, living in the Nitro community for many years. She was a homemaker and a greenhouse worker but most importantly she was a devoted and loving wife, mother and grandmother; always providing support to those she loved.
Retha was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years: Denny Lee Dickerson; parents: David and Mary Thornton Beller; as well as 10 brothers.
Left to cherish her memory is her daughter, Annette Buirge (Tony) of St. Albans; Sons: Keith Scantlin (Artie) of Tennessee and Glenn Scantlin of Eleanor; 8 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren; sister: Deloris Holmes; and many nieces and nephews.
Retha’s Funeral Service was Saturday March 18, 2023 with Rev. Ron McClung officiating. Burial was in Barnett Chapel Community Cemetery, Liberty.

CHARLES ‘PETEY’ HARRIS
Charles Franklin “Petey” Harris, 42, of Buffalo, passed away Thursday, March 16, 2023 at St. Mary’s Medical Center Huntington following a sudden illness. He loved fishing and spending time outdoors, riding 4-wheelers and just being outside. Music was also a big part of his life. Most of all, Petey loved his family and friends and will be sadly missed by many.
Born August 14, 1980, he was the son of Charles L. “Pete” Harris of Buffalo, and the late Effie G. Williams Harris.
In addition to his father, he is survived by his wife, Bethany Rickard; his daughter, Caitlyn Harris (Damion Saunders) of Buffalo; his aunts, Mary (Arnold) Bailey of Red House, Margaret Ann Miller of Buffalo, and Cora Young of Red House; his best friend Jeremy (Laura) White of Culloden; as well as extended family and many friends.
Funeral service was Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at Raynes Funeral Home, Buffalo, with Pastor Mark Harris officiating. Private interment was in Buffalo Memorial Park.

WILLIAM JOHNSON
William Asa Johnson, 86, of Hurricane, went peacefully home in the loving arms of his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 after a short illness. Bill was born in Huntington on April 18th, 1936 to the late Moses and Elizabeth Johnson. He was preceded in death by his brothers Layton, Eldon, Lewis and sister Arbutis Carpenter. He was also preceded in death by his loving wife of 63 years, Loretta Torman Johnson.
Bill was a faithful member of Fairview Baptist and absolutely loved serving beside his brothers and sisters in Christ. He served in the Army from 1955 through 1957. He was retired from Union Carbide Corporation with 33 years of service.
He is survived by his sons Curtis (Denise) of Hurricane, Dean (Janet) of Red House, and Perry (Melissa) of Hurricane. Grandchildren Camron (Kyonna) of Hurricane, Jenna of Red House, Bradley & Philip of Hurricane. Great Grandsons Kane and Ronan of Hurricane. Surviving siblings, his brothers Willard (his twin) of St. Mary’s and Harold of Hurricane. Sisters Mamie Crouch of Hurricane and Mae McCoy of Sod. Sister-in-Laws Bonnie Johnson, Ann Johnson & Joyce Burdette all of Hurricane. And many, many nieces and nephews as well. Bill was so proud and dearly loved all of his family. He often said how blessed he was when truthfully we were the “Blessed” ones.
Funeral service was Saturday, March 18, 2023 at Allen Funeral Home. Burial was in Mt. Moriah Cemetery.

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CHARLOTTE LAMBERT

Charlotte Lambert, 80, of Winfield, passed away March 11, 2023, at home following a long illness.

She was a Christian but was unable to attend church the past few years. Charlotte was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Preceding her in death were her father, Roy Basil Price; mother, Mary Elizabeth Simmons Price Kincaid; sister, Sue Regan; and step-father, Lester Kincaid.

Surviving are her husband of sixty years, John Paul Lambert; sons, Greg Lambert (Becky) of Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina, Tim Lambert of Bealeton, Virginia; brother, Lester 'Butch' Kincaid (Patty) of Elkhardt, Indiana; sister, Sandy Kincaid of Kanawha City; grandchildren, Caleb Lambert of Clarksville, Tennessee, Janette Lambert of Apex, North Carolina, Kristen Sumpter (Jon) of St. Johns, Florida, Nicole (Nikki) and Jacob Lambert both of Fuquay-Varina, and Alex Lambert of Bealeton; great grandchildren, Rhett Lambert and Magnolia Sumpter.

Charlotte and John married in 1962 and lived in Richmond, Virginia for seven years where their two sons were born. Later they moved to Dale City, Virginia and lived there for eighteen years before moving to West Virginia in 1987. While in Virginia, Charlotte was very active in her church's music program, singing in the choir, small groups and solos. She loved being a stay-at-home mom but entered the workforce when Greg and Tim entered middle school. She was a secretary to the Vice-President of Halifax Engineering.

Charlotte loved her family, gospel music and concerts, the yearly family vacations, bowling in her younger years, watching westerns and Hallmark movies, flowers and the many four-legged pets she had through the years.

Funeral service was Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at Fidler and Frame Funeral Home, Belle, where by Pastor Jim Simmons officiating. Interment was in Kanawha Valley Memorial Gardens, Glasgow.

JANE ANN MOORE

Jane Ann Pritt Moore, of Scott Depot, passed away peacefully on March 15, 2023 at Hubbard Hospice West. She was born on June 1, 1935 in Ward, WV to the late Harry and Elizabeth Pritt.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Ralph L. Moore; sisters: Nancy Beckner and Dorothy Samples; stepsister-in-law: Doris Walker; and stepson, Danny Moore.

Jane Ann was a long-time employee of Carbon Fuel. She was a devoted member of Winfield Baptist Church and enjoyed spending time there, serving with her friends. Jane Ann treasured her family and their special holiday dinners she had with them. She loved making things for other people, especially cooking, sewing, and crocheting. She was always smiling and could make friends with anyone and was every child's mawmaw.

She is survived by siblings: Virginia Pritt, Linda Pritt, and Harry Pritt; stepdaughter, JoLonda Locker, sister-in-law, Carol Fish; grandchildren: David Locker, Kevin Locker, and Damien Moore, and her many cherished nieces and nephews.

Funeral Service for Jane Ann will be 12:00 noon, Saturday, March 25, 2023 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Pastor David Johns officiating. Burial will follow in Cunningham Memorial Park St. Albans

MICHAEL SHAWLER

Michael E. Shawler, 71, of Hurricane, passed away peacefully in his sleep on March 19, 2023.

He was preceded in death by his parents William Thomas and Mary Laverne Shawler.

Mike grew up in Louisville, Kentucky, where his beloved nickname "Mickey" originated and is still used by his sisters today. After attending Flaget High School in 1969, he was accepted into the University of Louisville where he received his bachelor's and master's degrees in chemical engineering. His education

led him to South Charleston where he worked over 30 years as a Process Engineer for multiple chemical companies including Union Carbide and Dow. He took a short 'retirement' in 2008 before returning as a Sr. Consultant at Belcan, continuing his support to the production engineering team at the Institute Plant.

He is survived by his wife, Sally A. Shawler of Hurricane. Sisters: Michele Raymer (Mike) and Patricia Garlitz of Louisville, KY, children: John Shawler (Chotika) of Hurricane, Ann Marie DeNardi (Kristopher) of Wheeling, and Paul Shawler (Lesley) of Carbondale, IL, grandchildren: Morgan and Preston, one uncle, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Mike gave generously and devoted his time to charitable organizations such as the Knights of Columbus and the Kentucky Colonels. He was a member of Ascension Catholic Church in Hurricane, where his guitar filled Mass for the past 40 years. His gift in music cascaded through the community. He loved an open-mic night at the local pub, strumming with the "Almost Heaven" Dulcimer Club, and playing clarinet with the community band; he graciously shared his talent with everyone he met.

Mass of Christian Burial was Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at Ascension Catholic Church, Hurricane, with Rev. Father Vincent Joseph officiating. Burial was in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Scott Depot.

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JOANN COTTRELL WACKENHEIM

Joann Cottrell Wackenheim, 87, formerly of Norwalk, Ohio, passed away Sunday, March 12, 2023, in Hartland, Michigan, after a long illness.

She was born October 14, 1935 in Hurricane, the daughter of the late Carson L. and Ivel Foster Cottrell. She was also preceded in death by her loving husband, Harold W. Wackenheim and great-grandson, Tyler Dean.

She graduated from Hurricane High School and St. Mary's School of Nursing. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Hurricane and First United Methodist Church in Norwalk. She was an avid hand quilter winning many awards at local and state fairs. She loved gardening and canning. She loved cooking for her family, especially at Thanksgiving where she would cook for up to 40 family and friends each year.

She is survived by three daughters, Mary Beth Proctor, Sheri Lynn (Matt) Germane, and Susan Leigh (Greg) Hinshaw and a sister, Sharon Lee (Harold) Basham. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, Emily Jade Proctor, Elizabeth Marie Proctor, Katherine Ilene (Alex) Fenech, Jonathan William (Alexandra) Germane, Joanna Leigh Germane, Robert Gregory Hinshaw, Claire Joanne Hinshaw, and Ellen Leander Hinshaw along with seven great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

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Service was Friday, March 17, at Lewis Memorial Baptist Church, Huntington, with Pastor Tim Yates officiating.

She was laid to rest in Valley View Cemetery in Hurricane.



DANIELLE EDWARDS Hurricane Birthday March 20	Milton 55th Birthday March 25
MARILYN HARTLEY CALLISON Hurricane 71st Birthday March 21	AMANDA PLANTS RAMEY 4357 5&20 Mile Road Frazier's Bottom 42nd Birthday March 25
DIANA LEADMAN BECHER Hurricane 70th Birthday March 22	JON CALEB MIDKIFF Scott Depot Birthday March 25
PHILLIP BRADLEY FRANKLIN Maryland 65th Birthday March 24	HAYLEE CAI NI MAYS 2095 County Road 118 Chesapeake, Ohio 22nd Birthday March 25
BETSY ALLEN 968 Hurricane Creek Road Hurricane HAPPY 41ST BIRTHDAY on the 24TH From your Hurricane Breeze Fans	HARRIS QUADE DIEHL 286 Rocky Step Road Scott Depot 24th Birthday March 25
CHRISTOPHER JACOB (JAKE) CHAPMAN Green Drive Hurricane 43rd Birthday March 24	MARCY FROST Huntington Birthday March 25
LAURA DISNEY 813 Glade View Court La Vergne, Tennessee Birthday March 24	JIM BARACH Florida 67th Birthday March 25
GEMMA DAMRON Cannonsburg, Kentucky 8th Birthday March 24	FRANCESCA LUCINDA JONES Chaska, Minnesota 10th Birthday March 25
AUDREY ANN ERWIN Hurricane 7th Birthday March 24	CECIL TAYLOR 1400 Taylor Street Hurricane Birthday March 25
JASON BOGGESS Frazier's Bottom Birthday March 24	SCOTT ADAMS Hurricane Creek Road Winfield 59th Birthday March 26
DENNY WARD Milton Birthday March 24	DANIEL BLOSS 75 Scott Drive Hurricane Birthday March 26
REV ALFRED (SONNY) SOVINE 2468 Washington Avenue Hurricane 85th Birthday March 25	RODNEY LEE SOWARDS Hurricane 38th Birthday March 26
BILL HALL Barboursville 89th Birthday March 25	EDDIE RANSON Box 20-A State Route Poca Birthday March 26
LORA VANCE	AMY WARD 3032 Blooming Hill Ona 54th Birthday March 26



By Linda Fisher Armstead
In my opinion, and from experience, the best dad in the whole world was my dad and he would have been 99 years old on March 25, 2023. His name is Delmar

REV. STEVE HARVEY Ironton, Ohio Birthday March 27	ISAAC LEE BOSTIC 104 Hope Lane Milton 21st Birthday March 27
SETH McELHANEY 155 Lakeside Drive Wazanachie, Texas 33rd Birthday March 27	ANGELA SOVINE BIRD 193 SW Atlas Drive Fort White, Florida 52nd Birthday March 27
NANCY HARBOUR- RILEY Huntington 86th Birthday March 27	LEVI MCKINLEY TATUM 306 Sansom Avenue Wayne 26th Birthday March 28
RUSSELL RADFORD AKERS III Scott Depot 26th Birthday March 28	IVAN JONES 739 Burns Road Scott Depot 75th Birthday March 28
VICTORIA ILOFF OSTEEN Houston, Texas 62nd Birthday March 28	ANGELA EASTER Eleanor Birthday March 29
GINNY ADKINS 114 Mount Zion Road Frazier's Bottom 55th Birthday March 29	ROD SOWARDS Hurricane Creek Road Hurricane 78th Birthday March 29
CAROL LEIGH SHORT 107 Poplar Drive Scott Depot 65th Birthday March 29	JOHN GODFREY US Route 60 Hurricane 50th Birthday March 29
KINLEE CARLSON 15 Poplar Hills Hurricane 13th Birthday March 29	GABE RUNYON Frazier's Bottom 24th Birthday March 29
C D "DALE" YOUNG 6994 Hurricane Creek Road Winfield 74th Birthday March 30	SHARON CLAY 942 Florida Street Milton Birthday March 30
Vernon "Pete" Fisher. His parents, Ken and Lola Fisher, called him "Vernie." My dad was called to his heavenly home on November 6, 2010, at the age of 86 - much too young.	
I can imagine the thrill Dad would have had to celebrate his 100th birthday in 2024. I would have baked him a white cake and decorated it in his favorite color yellow, with a splash of purple to "set it off." My mother, Eva Fisher, would have been there, along with my husband, George Armstead, Dad's one and only grandson, Brad Armstead, and his wife Julie and the "apple of his eyes," his great-grandchildren, Kelci aka "Dap's Darling" and Braeden aka "Little Man." If Dad could see how much his great-grandchildren have grown and matured since he had to leave, he would be thrilled and amazed.	
Dad would be getting thrilled to start planting veggies in his garden any day now. He certainly had a Green Thumb!	
In this photo, you can see the love Dad and I had for each other! I cannot express how much I loved him and how much I miss him. I enjoy hearing stories from my older friends telling me how proud dad was to carry me around when I was a little girl beaming from ear to ear with his beautiful smile. The feeling was mutual even then, I am sure. I can never remember ever not loving him. Dad and I got along so well — like 2 peas-in-a-pod. That's why I miss him so much.	
Until we meet again I will remain sad, Dad. Your Loving Daughter, Linda Fisher Armstead	

Happy Anniversary

Chuck and Sharon Mannon of Clymer's Creek in Hurricane will celebrate their thirty-ninth wedding anniversary on March 24.

Bob Jr. and Susan Mays of Ocala, Florida, will celebrate their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary on March 25.

Eric and Beth Morrison of Indian Meadows in Ona will celebrate their thirty-first wedding anniversary on March 27.

Darrell and Sarah Meadows of 5727 Whitten Ridge Road in Milton will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on March 30.

Shepherd University Student is Truman Scholarship Finalist



Shepherd University political science major Chloe Bailey is one of 199 students from 133 institutions across the country selected as a finalist for the Harry S. Truman Foundation's 2023 Truman Scholarship.

Bailey, a senior from Red House, West Virginia, is one of four college students from the state in the finals. She first learned about the Truman Scholarship her freshman year at Shepherd and made it her goal to apply.

"It's really exciting," she said. "To get this far is a huge accomplishment. I hope to be the first from Shepherd to be a Truman Scholar."

Among her accomplishments are interning at the West Virginia State Capitol for the Senate Judiciary Committee and Secretary of State's Office. Bailey is the first Shepherd student to earn the Judith A. Herndon Fellowship to intern at the West Virginia State Capitol, which she did during the spring 2022 semester. She also interned in West Virginia U.S. Sen. Shelley Moore Capito's Washington, D.C., office.

"Those are experiences that not many can say they have," Bailey said. "I am from a small high school, a small county, and then I'm the only West Virginia finalist this year who's from a university that's not West Virginia University. I think the experience I have coming from a small school is going to help me stand out because it just proves that I'm willing to put in the work and effort to succeed."

Bailey is on the Shepherd University Debate and Forensics Team and is a member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society. She has competed in fair and festival pageants across the state, including in her home

Card Shower Requested



A card shower has been requested for Jenny Roberts. She fell on the 27th of February and broke her hip. She is still in the hospital.

Send cards and letters to:
Jenny Roberts
6505 McClellan Hwy
West Hamlin, WV 25571

county of Putnam, and believes those pageant experiences will give her an advantage.

"Public speaking and interviewing aren't new to me and I'm hoping that those skills and the practice I've received on how to be professional in an interview and also bring out my personality is going to help me," she said.

Bailey's long-term goal is to attend law school and become a public servant.

"My experiences have shown me how much passion and desire I really have to serve my community and the government," she said. "I want to stay in West Virginia and work in Charleston."


Dr. Sam Greene, chair, Department of Political Science, will coach Bailey over the next month as she prepares for an April 4 interview in Washington. The Harry S. Truman foundation will announce the winners on April 19.

"Chloe's selection as a finalist for this very competitive national award recognizes her academic excellence, her commitment to a career in public service, and her skills in leadership," Greene said.

The Paul and Lisa Welch Distinguished Awards Program at Shepherd University was established to provide targeted assistance to Shepherd students and faculty preparing for competitive prestigious scholarships, fellowships, and award programs such as the Truman Scholarship. For more information, contact Greene at sgreene@shepherd.edu.

About the Truman Scholarship:

Established by Congress in 1975 as the living memorial to former President Harry S. Truman and a national monument to public service, the Truman Scholarship carries the legacy of the 33rd President by supporting and inspiring the next generation of public service leaders. Truman Scholars demonstrate outstanding leadership potential, a commitment to a career in government or the nonprofit sector, and academic excellence. Each Truman Scholar receives funding for graduate studies, leadership training, career counseling, and special internship and fellowship opportunities within the federal government.



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