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## County Commission 'Shakespeare' Visits Valley Park

### Appoints Temporary Prosecuting Attorney

By Ron Allen

The Commission's agenda for its Tuesday, July 25, meeting included discussion and possible decision to receive applications to fill the position of Prosecuting Attorney. The action was made necessary by the resignation of Mark Sorsaia who was scheduled to become the new West Virginia Secretary of Homeland Security effective August 1st.

The Commission appointed Thomas Kirk to be the temporary Prosecuting Attorney. Kirk is a former homeland security advisor to Governor Jim Justice and has served as superintendent of the West Virginia State Police. The appointment is good for thirty days. The Commission must appoint someone to finish out Sorsaia's term before the end of the thirty-day window.

The Commission will conduct interviews of candidates to fill the vacancy at its August 8th and possibly at its August 29 meeting. The new full-time Prosecuting Attorney

will be selected at the August 29 meeting.

In other action, the Commission voted to establish a Board of Directors for the Putnam County Animal Shelter. There will be a seven member board with a requirement that one member be a county commissioner, one have veterinarian experience, one have a financial background and one have experience in the legal field.

The vote to establish the Board of Directors was preceded by a public hearing which was intended to gather suggestions for the Board's make up. The public hearing did not go as planned. The hearing produced numerous charges related to Animal Shelter personnel matters and no input on the make up of the Board of Directors. The Commission is conducting an investigation of Animal Shelter operation and does not address personnel issues in a public setting.

The meeting included a swearing-in ceremony for two new deputy sheriffs. Joshua McClure

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Pictured are Dromio of Ephesus and Dromio of Syracuse as they discover each other.

By Ron Allen

The Putnam County Library brought the Rustic Mechanicals, West Virginia's only

professional touring Shakespeare troupe, to the Valley Park Conference Center this last Saturday to perform Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors."

The troupe delivered a "Shakespeare" experience similar to that which 17th Century audiences would have enjoyed).

Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors" is farcical by design. While it is not possible to make a direct comparison of

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## Teays Valley Fire Department to Reduce Service

By Ron Allen

Once upon a time (in

2012), the Teays Valley Fire Department was an all volunteer fire department which was unable to respond to more than 59% of the emergency calls it received. That changed in 2013 when the Fire Department was awarded federal grant money to employ paid firefighters. Grant money is no longer available and other funding is not sufficient to maintain a full staff of paid firefighters.

On Thursday, July 27, Fire Chief John Smoot announced that 24/7 fire coverage will be reduced to 12/7 coverage beginning August 13. In a Facebook post, Smoot stated that TVFD cannot operate its firefighting vehicles at recommended capacity. Ideally, each fire truck should be dispatched to

emergencies with four or more firefighters; at present, no more than two firefighters per truck attend an emergency call. The TVFD has two trucks available to respond to emergencies but not the personnel to operate them. Smoot and three other firefighters who were paid will continue with the department as unpaid volunteers.

Smoot said that the ambulance service which the TVFD operates will not be affected by the cutback in service.

The Facebook post states, "Without implementing significant changes, probability suggests that lives will be lost and property will be destroyed. Immediate action must be undertaken to ensure the safety of people and property in Teays Valley and all of Putnam County."

"The Devonshire apartment fire illustrates the severity of these risks. Arriving at the scene six minutes after it was dispatched, the Teays Valley Fire Department extinguished the fire quickly, thereby ensuring that no

lives were lost and that the building was saved from total destruction. The subsequent investigation revealed that the outcome would have been disastrously different if firefighting efforts were delayed by as few as five minutes.

"Had recently implemented budget cuts been in effect at the time, the Department would not have been able to respond so quickly. A truncated budget will force the Department to eliminate 24 hour per day staffing of firefighters at its firehouse. In the future, should a fire occur at 3:00 a.m. on-call firefighters will have to be summoned to the station first before deploying to the emergency."

Smoot said that the department is seeking volunteers but recruitment efforts have not produced results. Smoot is hopeful that the public safety levy which failed to receive the needed 60% approval last year can be approved by voters in a future election. The levy would provide funding for paid firefighters throughout the county.

The Centennial History of Hurricane

## Hurricane Area Church Histories

In 1988, The Centennial History of Hurricane, WV was published to commemorate the town's 100th anniversary. The publication included the histories of 16 Hurricane area churches. This week's selection is the 2nd of the church histories which were published in 1988.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Emmanuel Baptist Church had its beginnings when two students studying for the ministry at

Lexington Baptist College, Kentucky, desired to return to their native West Virginia to start a Baptist work. The two students, respectively Glen Archer and Hollis Walter, chose the Hurricane area. In August of 1966, Emmanuel Baptist Mission was established out of the mother church of Waverly Road Baptist Church in Huntington, West Virginia. The mission sight chosen had previously

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## Putnam Juvenile Court Programs achieve 100 Percent Graduation Rate

Twenty-Ninth Judicial Circuit Judge Phillip Stowers announced on Thursday, July 27, that Putnam County juvenile court programs registered a 100 percent graduation rate during the most recent school year.

Seventy-five high school students who were under

court supervision graduated with a full diploma. The students attended either a Putnam County high school, classes in a placement facility or classes in other counties as a part of their Putnam County court-ordered educational program. No matter where they were,

the students met all the graduation requirements of Putnam County Schools. The youths entered the court system through the county's truancy diversion program.

Status offense cases were handled through the juvenile delinquency system. Other

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## UVHS History Presentations



(L-r): Hotch Parkins, George Sizemore, John Joseph, and Diane Buck all made Show and Tell presentations.

By Betsy Allen

The Upper Vandalia Historical Society, Putnam County's primary historical organization, met this past Sunday, July 30, at the Bancroft Church of God Mission. The meeting featured two presentations and several items that were brought in for Show and Tell.

Ron Allen gave a presentation on the old Mit Gibson house on Hurricane Creek Road. The large white farmhouse later became the home of Dave and Irene Ambler, Cookie Ambler, and Ron Allen.

Betsy Allen gave a presentation based upon her senior thesis at Marshall University,

which was called "Caught Between North and South: Putnam County in the Civil War." The section which she discussed pertained to Calvery Gibson, who was murdered in 1863 by Confederate bushwhackers. Calvery was the grandfather of Mit Gibson.

Both articles by Ron

and Betsy were published in the July issue of the Upper Vandalia Historical Society's quarterly journal.

For a show and tell, Hotch Parkins of Poca brought documents from the old Paradise Store. George Sizemore brought documents and photos pertaining to the Civil War

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### WEATHER SUMMARY

July 25 - 31

Low High

July 25

Hurricane 61° 85°

July 26

Hurricane 62° 89°

July 27\*

Hurricane 70° 90°

July 28\*

Hurricane 65° 92°

July 29

Hurricane 64° 89°

July 30

Hurricane 62° 86°

July 31

Hurricane 54° 87°

\*RAIN

0.1 inch recorded July 27

0.3 inch recorded July 28

## Community Calendar

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

### TUESDAYS THROUGH AUGUST 29

Community Autism Resources & Education Systems- CARES will be holding a summer meet up from 10 a.m. to noon at Valley Park in Hurricane.

### FRIDAYS THROUGH AUGUST 18

Buffalo Church of the Nazarene youth group will be hosting Pickup Game Fridays at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Brisketball, flag football, frisbee, kickball, and more.

### SATURDAYS THROUGH OCTOBER 28

The Putnam County Farmers Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the field beside Exxon/Arby's on Route 34 in Teays Valley.

### NOW - AUGUST 6

Multifest will be coming to downtown Charleston. Events will be held around Haddad Riverfront Park. For more information, go to [www.multifestwv.org](http://www.multifestwv.org)

### NOW - AUGUST 5

The Wayne County Fair will be held at Camden Park in Huntington. For more information, go to <https://waynecountyfair-wv.com>

### NOW - AUGUST 4

Bancroft Mission, 5936 Charleston Road, Bancroft, will be holding Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8 p.m. nightly.

### AUGUST 4 - 5

There will be an informational meeting and open tryouts for Rogue Soccer U10 and U12 age divisions, both boys and girls at 6:30 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane.

### AUGUST 4

The Nitro Antique Car Club will be hosting a cruise-in starting at 5 p.m. at the Living Memorial Park, 21st Street and 2nd Avenue, Nitro.

The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce's Business Before Business will be held from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at City Insurance, 65 Chase Drive, Hurricane.

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## Multifest Bringing Family Friendly Festival To Charleston

The state's largest and longest-running multicultural festival, Multifest, is returning to the Capital City this summer.

Now in its 33rd year, the family friendly festival will take place in downtown Charleston at the Haddad Riverfront Park from August 3 through August 6. This year, the festival will feature four nights of free concerts on the Schoenbaum Stage with some of music's biggest names.

On Thursday, the iconic Washington, DC, based go-go E.U. band will take the stage.

Friday, "Ladies Night," will feature Keke Wyatt, Sunshine Anderson and rapper Yo-Yo.

Saturday, typically the festival's most attended evening, will feature the R&B trio NEXT, Lyfe Jennings, Jon B. and saxophonist Justin Young; and on Sunday gospel recording artist Chrystal Rucker, Gap X The Band and Rapper Yung Joc will perform.

Additionally, on Thursday, local musicians will be taking the stage to showcase their talent.

According to Multifest President David Fryson, who is no stranger to the local music scene having once been a drummer for the popular funk group Ebony and The Greek back in the '70s, local acts are always welcome to play at Multifest.

"The Stratus Band, The Unit Band, and the legendary Bob Thompson have all performed," Fryson noted.

Although Fryson said that Ebony and The Greek have no current plans to perform, there was "some talk about resurrecting" the band.

"Who knows?" Fryson said with a laugh.

Food vendors and merchants will also

Championship will be held at Sleepy Hollow Golf Club in Hurricane.

### AUGUST 8, 15, 22, 29

There will be stand up paddleboarding lessons from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. at the Hurricane Reservoir. The cost is \$29; arrive by 5:15 p.m. For more information, text 304-610-8999.

### AUGUST 9 - 12

Zoology Zone Science Center, located at Valley Park in Hurricane, will be holding a Back-to-School Summer Science Camp for ages 12-17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. To purchase tickets, go to [square.link/u/AX1sp2NZ](http://square.link/u/AX1sp2NZ)

### AUGUST 9, 16, 23, 30

There will be stand up paddleboarding lessons from 6:45 to 8 p.m. at the Winfield Boat Ramp. The cost is \$29; arrive by 6:30 p.m. For more information, text 304-610-8999.

### AUGUST 9

PreK Yay, an interactive preschool readiness event, will start at 10 a.m. at the Putnam County Main Library.

Allied Waste Sycamore Landfill, 3475 Sycamore Ridge Road, Hurricane, will be accepting the first 520 pounds of residential household trash for free on the second Wednesday of each month from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 304-562-3398.

### AUGUST 10 - 19

The West Virginia State Fair will be held at Lewisburg. For more information, go to <https://statefairfww.com>

be lining Kanawha Boulevard to provide festival-goers with the chance to enjoy different cuisines or shop in-between concerts. A "Kidz Zone," information booths and more will be available at this location as well.

A three-on-three basketball tournament will take place at the MLK Rec Center on Donnally Street on Saturday, Aug. 5. There will also be a special screening at the Kanawha County Public Library of the film "River of Hope," which tells the story of how former slave Mary Barnes Cabell and her children founded West Virginia State University.

Fryson said that the history of the festival, which celebrates diversity and enriches multiculturalism, dates back to a lack of inclusion in the popular Charleston Sternwheel Regatta.

"Thirty-three years ago, Mr. Stephen Starks led a delegation of people to negotiate with the then Sternwheel Regatta about the need to have more diversity," Fryson said. "At the end of that meeting, which did not go particularly well, Mr. Starks decided that, rather than begging for diversity in the existing institutions, that he would start an institution that was devoted to the idea of diversity and inclusion. That was the year that Multifest started."

Fryson was a practicing attorney at that time, and he accompanied Starks to that meeting with the city's leaders.

He said the first Multifest was "interesting" in that it was organized in just two weeks with local group, the Stratus Band, taking the helm as the first act to perform.

"Until 2015, Multifest was held at the Capitol grounds," Fryson stated. "From the humble beginnings of that very first festival, Multifest continued to grow literally every year. At one point, the Sternwheel Regatta actually went out of business, but over these many years Multifest has always been a summer festival."

"Everybody from Kool & The Gang to Isaac Hayes and many hip-hop artists, who have now become famous, have graced the stage of Multifest," he continued.

Today, Fryson said the best part of Multifest is that there is something for everyone.

"What Multifest really brings to the Kanawha Valley, to the State of West Virginia, to the greater Charleston area, is this whole idea of bringing in acts that otherwise would not be heard from in the Kanawha Valley. Multifest has dedicated itself to bringing in up-and-coming acts, but also many acts that are established. It brings this idea of diversity into the Charleston area. West Virginia is often not known as being a very diverse state, so it is a very important complement for the Charleston-area."

Although Multifest has had a history of ups and downs, Fryson said that it has provided continued stability for those who count on attending year

## The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

Remembering when... 1994... as school begins soon... Indiana next week... Florida soon after... I remember the day I walked into that junior high in South Carolina to teach... my first time ever.

My little grandsons will begin school here soon. They have traveled to Ireland and Scotland this summer for three weeks... a week plus camping in Tennessee... after their few days in NYC, they will enter the classroom again. The older one in middle school for the first time... the younger in third grade.

My youngest granddaughter is entering college... my middle granddaughter just graduated college... and the eldest works in her career in NYC. School begins... learning continues...

In 1994, I taught at Ronald E. McNair Junior High in Lake City, SC. I wanted to teach high school, but alas... my job was junior high... 7th grade Language Arts. I was LOST. I was living in a new city teaching at a school that was unfamiliar. I knew no one.

A sweet teacher became my mentor. She helped me along the way. (She is now superintendent of those schools...)

I fell in love with the children... they nicknamed me "Keeper of the Stars" after a country song. We stayed in touch for years. I taught there one year. It was not for me. I did well, but I knew I wanted to teach high school... thus...

I taught two years in Marlboro County at

### PreK Yay!

PreK Yay! is an interactive preschool readiness event to "test" your child's skills while setting you up for preschool success!

While this event is geared for families with preschool aged children, you are welcome to attend if you're considering preschool in the future and just want to get a head start figuring everything out.

PreK Yay! will be held on Wednesday, August 9, at 10 a.m. at the Main Library in Teays Valley.

after year.

"Right now, we are regrowing Multifest and we hope to bring it back to and beyond its former glory," Fryson said, adding that as a non-profit, help from the community is always appreciated to keep the festival going.

To learn more about ways to support Multifest, or to learn more about performance times, check out their website [www.multifestwv.org](http://www.multifestwv.org) or call 304-545-8928.

Lastly, Fryson said Multifest organizers encourage everyone to come out and support the Charleston Dirty Birds baseball team on Tuesday, Aug. 8, for African American Heritage Night.

"It's not just for the minority community. It's for everyone," Fryson said. "Everyone should come out to support Multifest."

the high school... then I returned to Lake City, at the request of my former employers there, and taught two years at the high school.

My five years in South Carolina were five of the best. I went to church with the students; I roller skated with them. I spent my weekends at the ocean... walking... it was wonderful... the best weather. Good friends. great kids.

First day of school... South Carolina... all of those little 7th graders staring at me, wondering what I had to offer, if anything. I was terrified. The mice in the room did not help... when I jumped up on my desk screaming at those mouse... whew... those students were laughing and falling out of their seats. The mice never left, no matter what my sweet janitor tried to do... another story entirely... this was an old school.

We were never outside during the day. The staff was strict. Students had to remain silent in the hallways... they were not permitted to talk in the lunch room. I know these rules sound unbelievable, so maybe in the lunch room, they could whisper. I don't remember much except that the rules were beyond this teacher.

That being said, I enjoyed getting to know the staff, the children, and their families. It was a good experience for me. One I will never forget. That summer, I traveled and sent postcards to all of my students... fun... fun...

First day of school. Students are excited to meet their teachers. Sometimes, that first day can set the tone for the rest of the year.

A smile... a frown... whatever happens can influence how the students respond.

One question that was asked of me a million times, "Why would you start teaching at your age?" My answer: Forty year dream... I love it.

Five years later, I moved to WV, and the rest is history... I can truthfully say that teaching was the most rewarding career of my life. I loved it. If I had not grown too old too soon, I would be standing in a classroom on THAT first day of school. I would smile and greet the students... I would teach... I would remember... I would plan for learning... because the way we were is the way we are... always learning... always teaching... always getting on with life and hoping that each day will be the best ever... as the first day of school begins, I wish that the students will greet their teachers with smiles; the teachers will be so happy to be there that they will make each day even better.

That first day of school is so important... oh how I wish I were at Hurricane High School setting up my classroom... posters on the walls... books on the shelves... lesson plans in three ring notebooks crowded on my desk... standing at my door smiling as those kiddos entered... I am thankful for my career...

The Centennial History of Hurricane

# Hurricane Area Church Histories



Emmanuel Baptist Church

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been a gas station and pool hall, but with the help of the Waverly Road Church and other churches the property was transformed into the four column white sanctuary it is today.

In the fall of 1967 the mission started the Teays Valley Baptist College with Hollis Walter heading up the school. The mission was organized into a church in April of 1968 with Glen Archer serving as the church's pastor. The college was a ministry of Emmanuel Baptist Church for eighteen years until it moved its location to Calvary Baptist Church in Nitro, West Virginia.

Church is credited with the establishing of three other Baptist churches during her history: Evergreen Hills Baptist Church, Culloden, West Virginia; Sovereign Grace Baptist Church, Rockford, Illinois; and Riverview Baptist Church, Point Pleasant, West Virginia.

Over the years Emmanuel has had several pastors: Glenn Archer (1966-1978), Clifford Curry (1980-1981), Joe Meyer (1983-1985) and Arthur Hunt (1987-present).

Emmanuel is an Independent Missionary Baptist Church and is located on U.S. Highway 60 in Hurricane, West Virginia.

Emmanuel Baptist

## 'Shakespeare' Comes to Valley Park

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the rendition produced by the Rustic Mechanicals to performances of 400 years ago, it is safe to say that the original would place a distant second on any farceness scale to that of the Saturday, July 29th performance at Valley

Park.

The original play tells the story of two sets of identical twins who were accidentally separated at birth, one set named Antipholus and the other named Dromio. Antipholus of Syracuse and his servant, Dromio of Syracuse, arrive in Ephesus, which turns

out to be the home of their twin brothers, Antipholus of Ephesus and his servant, Dromio of Ephesus. When the Syracusans encounter the friends and families of their twins, a series of wild mishaps based on mistaken identities lead to wrongful beatings, a near-seduction, the arrest

of Antipholus of Ephesus, and false accusations of infidelity, theft, madness, and demonic possession.

The Rustic Mechanicals version surpasses the original in buffoonery by utilizing modern day paraphernalia to depict that which passed as realism in Shakespeare's day.

## Putnam Juvenile Court Achieve 100 Percent

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cases went through the Division of Juvenile Services system. "They were either in juvenile drug court or in a regular juvenile docket. We worked with them until they graduated," Judge Stowers said.

"These are historic numbers for Putnam County courts, and everyone who

works with these programs should be proud of their efforts," Judge Stowers said. "Even if a student has been involved in the court system, making sure they graduate high school fundamentally changes the trajectory of the rest of their life."

Judge Stowers received the graduation information from the Putnam County Board of Education earlier

this month. He also learned that no students who were involved in Putnam County court programs dropped out during the 2022-2023 school year.

"This has been my mission here since becoming a circuit judge 15 years ago. The best thing we can do for Putnam County youths is to make sure they are drug-free, and they graduate high school,"

the judge said.

"It is important to thank Magistrate Linda Hunt Putnam County Schools Attendance Director Jennifer Campbell and everyone involved in the truancy diversion program, including the circuit court team of lawyers, Department of Health and Human Resources employees and circuit court officers," Judge Stowers said.

## Putnam Property Transfers

The following property transfers were recorded by the Putnam County Clerk between June 21, 2023, and June 30, 2023:

Phillip Burks to Jason and Tonya Baker - 11.40 Acres, Teays Valley District for \$8,565.00.

Brenda Cochran Lewis to Solomon Dastgheib - Lot, Seville Circle, Scott District for \$92,000.00.

Allison Harold Green Way to Ryan Moses - Lot, Wynfield Trace, Winfield District for \$176,000.00.

Nermin Moussa to Andrew Orrison and Jessica Chiang - Lot, Mill Creek Crossing, Scott District for \$65,000.00.

Seth and Mickala Hirschowitz to Gary and Dallas Stanley - Lot, Bend at Meadow Valley, Teays Valley District for \$420,000.00.

George Hinkley and Belma Sowards to Leigh Cavender - Lot, High School Addition, Hurricane District for \$50,000.00.

Daniel Winnell and Huong Luu to Swarthmore Capital LLC - Lot, Sleepy Hollow Township, Teays Valley District for \$239,227.00.

Joseph Moore to Jared and Melissa Legg - 0.87 Acre, Buffalo District for \$10,000.00.

William and Barbara Bonnett to Dennis and Tina Lesavich - Lot, Union District for \$25,000.00.

Gary and Valerie Roberts to Anthony and Kalynn Willey - Lot, Moss Creek, Hurricane District for \$215,000.00.

Janice Sayre to James and Katie Corbitt - Five Lots, Ortin Heights, Poca District for \$220,000.00.

Kyle and D J Hill to Scott Smith - Lot, Thistle Woods Subdivision, Scott District for \$263,500.00.

Jeffrey Sowards, Lisa Estes, Melissa Haynes and

Sowards Family Irrevocable Trust to Mikk Keller - Lot, Maple Heights Addition, Hurricane District for \$128,000.00.

Montena Perry to Jacob and Brooklyn Stiltner - Two Parcels, Scott District for \$162,000.00.

Pifer Properties LLC to Adam and Rachel Townsend - Lot, Curry District for \$345,000.00.

Jason and Kristin Warner to Meredith Beavers - Lot, Shawnee Estates, Scott District for \$245,000.00.

City National Bank and Lavern Meadows to Rodney and Jane Johnson - Lot, Lake Washington, Curry District for \$500.00.

Charles Willis to Samuel and Ayme Cochran - 35 Acres, Curry District for \$25,000.00.

Angela Page, Sara Boggess and Linda Boggess to Justin Hall - Lot, Henderson Subdivision, Hurricane District for \$195,000.00.

Michael Green and Daryl Haid to Michael and Rhodeda Miller - Lot, Springdale Estates, Teays Valley District for \$338,000.00.

Wesley and Rebecca Bragg to Henry Derbes - Two Parcels, Scott District for \$485,000.00.

Douglas Fitch to Steven and Michelle Richards - Lot, Moss Creek, Teays Valley District for \$440,000.00.

Ralph and Misty Whittaker to Grant and Anna Humphrey - Four Lots, Ranch Lake Estates, Scott District for \$220,000.00.

Joshua and Sheridan Waldron to Andrew Kirtley - Lot, Bryn Mawr Way, Curry District for \$231,500.00.

Kelly Ellison, Kalyn Ellison Costello to Jacob Paxton - Three Lots, North Nitro Addition, Union District for \$122,000.00.

Duane and Kiberly Boyle to Denise Westfall and Lionel McKown - Two Lots, Cane Creek Crossing, Winfield District for \$399,000.00.

Tyler and Syndey Moore to Kayleigh Cleek - Lot, Wheeler Ridge

Ranches, Curry District for \$210,000.00.

US Bank National Association to JCB Services LLC 2.10 Acres, Poca District for \$12,500.00.

Timothy and Barbara Stewart to Annie Legg - Lot, Hale Street Subdivision, Hurricane District for \$154,000.00.

Kimberly Edwards to Cynthia Vance - 78 Acres, Curry District for \$15,500.00.

David Wears to Larry Whittington and Christopher Jordan - 43.8 Acres, Buffalo District for \$57,000.00.

Noble and Nance Lanham to Halley and Dalton Young - Lot, Poca District for 90,000.00.

Ryan Mobley to Jacob Nelson and Andrea Peck - Lot, Imperial Estates, Curry District for \$230,000.00.

Kristin Canterbury to Carrie Dillard - Lot, Woodridge Estates, Teays Valley District for \$530,000.00.

Ryder Gray to Dalton Brindo - Parcel, Scott

District for \$105,000.00.

Emma Valladares to Khodiyar Real Estate 3.5 Acres, Union District for \$42,000.00.

Daniel and Karen Fitzsimmons to Vincent and Briana Cavanaugh - Lot, Meadow Terrace, Hurricane District for \$234,000.00.

Charles Parker to Kathleen Guzman - 6.03 Acres, Union District for \$135,000.00.

Sherie Goff to Hometown Builders LLC - Lot, Poca Subdivision, Poca Town District for \$107,500.00.

Jeffrey Martin and Lisa Adams to Ford and Mary Rose - Lot, Moss Creek, Hurricane District for \$252,500.00.

H2L2 Properties LLC to Brooke McComas and Seth Hoffman - Lot, Harbourland Estates, Hurricane District for \$192,000.00.

Sahley Realty Company to Third and Third Company - Parcel, Scott District for \$250,000.00.



**Cpl. William B. Fulks Detachment 1474 invites all interested in becoming part of the Marine Corps League to its August 21 meeting at Hurricane City Hall at 3255 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, at 1800 hours.**

**The Marine Corps League provides an avenue by which members may express loyalty to one another and reach out in support to the families of those Marines who never got to come home.**

**Through numbers the League works to protect the benefits of all veterans.**

**One can join at any detachment meeting by filling out and signing a MCL membership application, showing character of service with a copy of discharge papers (DD-214), and pay the annual membership dues of \$30.00**

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and Brayden Morris are now deputies and will become full members of the Sheriff's Office after completing training at the State Police Academy in Fairmont. The State Police Academy in Cross Lanes is closed until a full review of its operation is completed.

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# Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



## Passing Years

By Miriam "Connie" Harbert

As the years go passing by  
I sit and think and wonder  
Where did they go, what did they mean  
What did they take and what did they bring  
Maybe it's like the pages of a very old book  
Someday you will stop and take a look

## Dessert

Submitted by Brenda McClanahan of Poca

**Crust:**  
2 cups flour  
1/2 cups brown sugar  
1 cup butter  
1/2 cup chopped pecans  
**Cream:**  
8 oz. cream cheese  
1 cup confectioner's sugar  
1 large Cool Whip  
**Fruit:**  
Blueberry or cherry pie filling

Mix flour, brown sugar and butter and nuts until fine particles and pat in bottom of 9x13 pan. Bake at 400° for 15 minutes. Cool.

Blend cream cheese and sugar, then Cool Whip. Spread mixture over crust and spread pie filling over cream layer. Refrigerate.

## Fillers Contributors Wanted

The Hurricane Breeze wants Fillers Page contributors. We would like to print your recipes, inspirational sayings, poems, clean jokes, fun facts, and other submissions. Please send contributions to The Hurricane Breeze Fillers Page, PO Box 310, Hurricane, WV 25526. You can also email submissions to [breezenews@citynet.net](mailto:breezenews@citynet.net)



## Flavorful Grape Recipes to Take Summer Gatherings to the Next Level

(Family Features) Summertime celebrations with friends, family and neighbors are a perfect way to enjoy the sunshine, warm weather and camaraderie. To satisfy a hungry crowd, though, you'll need recipes fit for the occasion.

Turn to a versatile signature ingredient like Grapes from California, which can be used in dishes of all kinds from refreshing salads and entrees to flavorful condiments and sweet desserts. Grapes are crisp, juicy and sweet, making them a fantastic addition of flavor and texture for a wide range of recipes. Whether fresh, sauteed, roasted, grilled or even pickled, grapes make it easy to take meals to the next level.

For example, you can start the festivities with grapes as an easy, portable and healthy snack perfect for summer days or use them as a juicy addition to this all-in-one Honey-Lime Quinoa and Grape Salad that's ideal as a light appetizer or a meal all on its own.

Visit [GrapesFromCalifornia.com](http://GrapesFromCalifornia.com) to discover more summer entertaining inspiration.

### Honey-Lime Quinoa and Grape Salad

Prep time: 15 minutes, plus at least 1 hour chill time

Cook time: 22 minutes

Servings: 6 (1 1/3 cups per serving)

#### Lime Vinaigrette:

1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil  
1/3 cup lime juice  
2 tablespoons honey  
3/4 teaspoon sea salt  
freshly ground pepper, to taste

#### Salad:

1 1/2 cups quinoa  
2 cups vegetable broth  
2 cups halved Grapes from California  
1/2 cup minced red onion  
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro  
2 tablespoons minced jalapeno pepper  
1 large firm, ripe avocado, peeled, pitted and cut into bite-size pieces  
1/2 cup chopped peanuts (optional)

To make lime vinaigrette: In medium bowl, whisk olive oil, lime juice, honey, sea salt and pepper, to taste.

To make salad: In fine mesh strainer, rinse quinoa; drain well. In medium saucepan, bring broth and quinoa to boil; reduce heat and simmer, covered, 12 minutes. Remove from heat and let stand 10 minutes then fluff with fork and let cool. Transfer to large bowl.

Pour vinaigrette over quinoa; stir well to coat. Add grapes, onion, cilantro and jalapeno pepper; cover and chill at least 1 hour.

Lightly stir in avocado and transfer to decorative bowl. Sprinkle with nuts, if desired.

Notes: Salad may be prepared and refrigerated up to 2 days ahead without avocado and peanuts. Add avocado and peanuts just before serving.

Nutritional information per serving: 520 calories; 10 g protein; 52 g carbohydrates; 32 g fat (55% calories from fat); 4 1/2 g saturated fat (8% calories from saturated fat); 0 mg cholesterol; 490 mg sodium; 7 g fiber.

# Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead

Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

To love and be loved is to feel the sun from both sides.

A day of worry is more exhausting than a week of work.

A kind word is like a spring day.

Impossible is for the unwilling.

Health is not valued 'til sickness comes.

For Christian, there is no way to go but up.

Beauty isn't what you look like. It's who you are.

Taking care of yourself is part of taking care of your family.

Whatever you are, be a good one. - Abraham Lincoln

I'm exhausted from trying to be stronger than I feel.

I seem to have lost the zippity in my do-da-day.

A grateful heart is a magnet for miracles.

Peezing is sneezing and peeing at the same time.

Every time you find some humor in a difficult situation, you win.

Mistakes are the portals of discovery.

I need a leaf blower - but for people.

Live life in full bloom.

When people feel deeply, impartiality is bias.

My favorite outdoor activity is going back inside.

Some people should use a glue stick instead of Chapstick.

Our deeds determine us, as much as we determine our deeds.

If a doggie jumps into your lap it is because he is fond of you; but if a cat does the same thing it is because your lap is warmer.

Mistakes are painful when they happen, but years later a collection of mistakes is what is called experience.

Your vision will become clear only when you look into your heart. Who looks outside, dreams. Who looks inside, awakens.

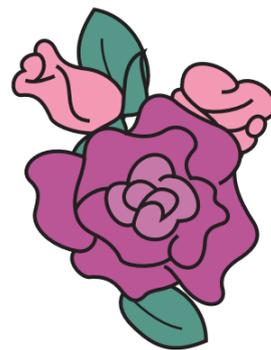
The fact that there's a highway to hell and only a stairway to Heaven says a lot about anticipated traffic numbers.

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

No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world.

So when is this "old enough to know better" supposed to kick in?

I am one step away from being rich, all I need now is money.



Believe in living today. Not in yesterday, nor in tomorrow.

Do not underestimate the determination of a quiet man.

The cat in gloves catches no mice.

I'm not lazy, I just really enjoy doing nothing.

The first wealth is health. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

I speak my mind because it hurts to bite my tongue all the time.

If we treated everyone we meet with the same affection we bestow upon our favorite cat, they, too, would purr.

When you're dead, you don't know you're dead. It's only difficult for others. It's the same way when you're stupid.

Life is an obstacle course. You succeed at one thing and then you move on to the next but you never sit down and refuse to finish.

The only thing that stands between a man and what he wants from life is often merely the will to try it and the faith to believe that it is possible.

Have you ever listened to someone for a while and wondered "who ties your shoelaces?"

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.

The key is in not spending time, but in investing it. - Stephen R. Covey

Be careful when you follow the masses - sometimes the "m" is silent.

Never put off today what you can put off tomorrow.

You're the only person you can't get away from.

Life is a marvelous, transitory adventure.

A river without banks is a large puddle.

This year is half over and sadly, not all of our family and friends made it. Never take for granted those you love.

No matter what's going on in your life, there is always something to be thankful for. Health, Home, Family, Friends, Food, God.

Don't let people make you feel bad or guilty for living your life. It is your life. Live it the way you want.

I hurt others, give me the strength to apologize. If people hurt me, give me the strength to forgive.

When spending time with your parents seems like too much effort, remember one day, all you'll have is the memories.

The sad part of getting old(er) is you stay young on the inside, but nobody can tell anymore.

We must remember everyday Jesus died on the cross for our sins, so that we can truly live.

Education is an admirable thing, but it is well to remember from time to time that nothing that is worth knowing can be taught. - Oscar Wilde

Speak softly and carry a big stick you will go far. - Theodore Roosevelt

The years teach much which the days never know. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Shopping with your husband is like hunting with the game warden.

All that we are is the result of what we have thought.

Sometimes nothing is better than something.

The things that we love tell us what we are.

Nobody can do it for you.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

One need not write in a diary what one is to remember for ever.

One way to keep momentum going is constantly have constantly greater goals.

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

Do you want to know who you are? Don't ask. Action will delineate and define you. - Thomas Jefferson

Great ability develops and reveals itself increasingly with every new assignment.

Peace is not found in alcohol or a pill, it's found in the one who died on a hill.

Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.

Never let a bump in the road be the end of your journey.

## Bible Verse



The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

-Psalms 24:1-2

# UVHS History Presentations



The 'Mit' Gibson Place

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and James Lewis Steel of the 7th Cavalry, as well as antique medicine droppers. John Joseph brought an operator's guide for a grist mill and a tool for cutting groves into the stone. These items came from the grist mill which had been located in Paradise. Diane Buck of Leon brought a pair of antique wire rim glasses from her grandmother's house.

The Upper Vandalia Historical Society meets four times a year to discuss Putnam County and local history. Anyone who has an interest in local history and trivia is invited to attend meetings. For more information about the Upper Vandalia Historical Society, visit <http://cclark8399.wix.com/uppervandalia>

Ron Allen's article on the Mit Gibson house follows.

## The 'Mit' Gibson Place

The white two-story farm house at 978 Hurricane Creek Road was originally known as the Mit Gibson Place because Mit Gibson built it and resided there until the late 1920's.

The house is about 400 yards from present day Hurricane city limits. When constructed in 1908, the corporate limits of the Town of Hurricane were more than one mile distant.

Although Mit Gibson did not reside at the home he built during the 1930's and 1940's, locals continued to refer to it as the Mit Gibson Place because there were no long-term occupants during that time period. Following World War II, Dave and Irene Ambler moved into the house and it became known as the Dave Ambler place. It continued to be known by that name until after the Amblers passed (Dave - 1993, Irene - 1995). Today, the structure is known as The Breeze because it has served as home to The Hurricane Breeze since 1982.

The original structure consisted of six rooms, three upstairs and three downstairs with a kitchen attached to the rear. Its steep gables and ornate wood scrolling are representative of the Carpenter Gothic architecture of the period in which it was constructed.

The front room featured bay windows and a fire place which would have served as the sole source of heat before natural gas became available in the 1930's. Electric service would wait until the mid to late 1930's. The house was not fully wired for electric until after the second World War when the Amblers moved in. Indoor plumbing and

a 450 square foot addition were added in 1968.

Present day owner, Betsy Allen recently learned that she is Mit's first cousin, four times removed. Betsy's mother (Cookie Allen) and grandmother (Irene Forth Ambler) were certain that they were related to Mit because their roots trace directly to Calvary Gibson, patriarch of many, many Gibsons in the Hurricane area. Neither Cookie or Irene knew how Mit was related to Calvary. Neither did they know how or when Mit came to possess the 120 acres which became the Ambler home in 1945. Their knowledge of the property's history was limited to that which they learned from Robert F. Forth (Irene's father).

R.F. Forth was born in 1890 on Coon Creek, tributary of Sleepy Creek (tributary of Big Hurricane Creek), approximately one mile north of the Mit Gibson property. R.F. witnessed the construction of Mit's home through the eyes of an 18-year-old young man. R.F. knew why Mit lost possession of his home. Mit was a pinhooker. He purchased burley tobacco directly from area farmers and resold it at auction when Hurricane's tobacco warehouses opened. Pinhookers relied upon insider knowledge of the market to make easy money by buying low and selling high. Unfortunately for Mit, his insider information was wrong. He borrowed heavily from Putnam County Bank to buy crops of burley that sold well below their purchased price. Putnam County Bank became the owner of the Mit Gibson place in 1928. The Bank sold the property to John and Lucy Gillispie in 1932. The Great Depression was in full swing and the Gillispies were forced to convey the property back to the Bank in 1935. Cash was in short supply. In 1937, R.F. Forth traded his share of ownership in the cemetery located next to present day U.S. Foods in Hurricane to Putnam County Bank in exchange for Mit's 120 acres.

Betsy did not know anything concerning Mit until Lisa Estes, an attorney and member of the Vanadalia Historical Society, researched courthouse records. Lisa uncovered Mit's given name, John Milton Gibson. J.M. Gibson was born in 1871, the son of James Jefferson and Susan Margaret Hodges Gibson. Betsy knew James Jefferson to be a son of Calvary and Lucretia Gibson. Calvary and Lucretia were parents to five sons and one daughter. Betsy is the great-great-great-great-granddaughter of Calvary

and Lucretia through their one daughter, Mary Elizabeth.

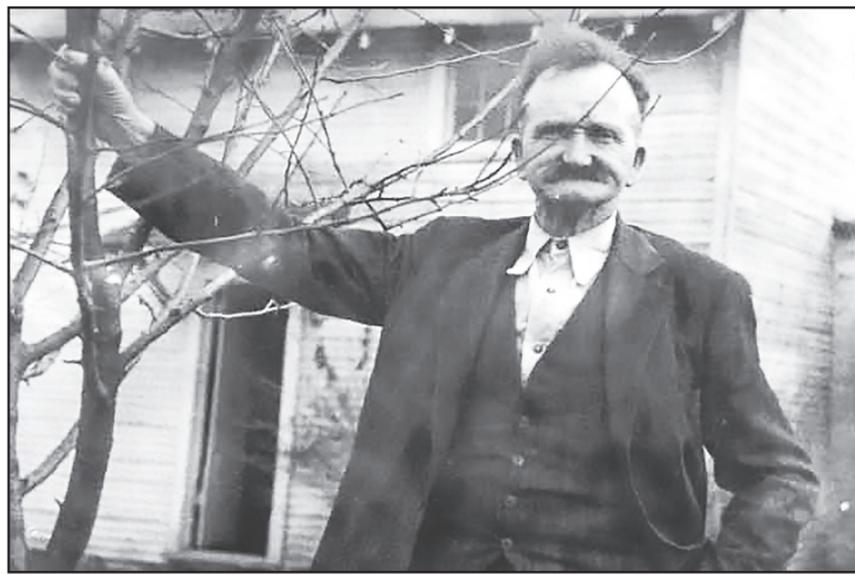
Lisa found that James Jefferson conveyed 5 tracts of land to Mit in 1898. Mit, at this time, was 27 with a wife (Nancy Catherine Hanley, m. 1890) and several children. Mit's father was 58 and a widower with an 11-year-old daughter (wife Susan Margaret, d. 1892; dau. Georgia Altia, b. 1887).

The Centennial History of Hurricane, WV family histories reveal that James Jefferson married 31-year-old Laura Bell Sovine in 1899, which marriage produced two daughters. The daughters were aunts several years younger than a number of their nieces and nephews.

The Centennial History family histories also report that James Jefferson donated acreage for the construction of present day Bethel Baptist Church which was built in 1903.

Little is known of Mit's children. That said, much is known of the era in which they were born, his 1898 date of ownership, and the 1908 construction time of his home.

The C&O Railroad



'Mit' Gibson at his father's home in the late 1920's (?)



The 'Mit' Gibson Place in 1945

was completed in 1873 and brought an economic boom with it. Hurricane Bridge transitioned to become Hurricane Station. The Town of Hurricane was incorporated in 1888. Cyrus P. Huntington found it necessary to add a second C&O track in 1905. The railroad's demand for ties produced cash and wealth for landowners. Hurricane also became the center for shipping tobacco and home to multiple tobacco warehouses.

In the early 1900's, there were three saloons, all located no further than 50 feet from the railroad tracks. If postings on Ancestry.com are correct, Mit was

a frequent visitor to these establishments. The scene changed in 1914 when West Virginia instituted statewide prohibition (six years before nationwide prohibition).

As stated earlier, hard times for Mit preceded hard times of the Great Depression. Mit lost his home when he was 57 years old. He died in Hurricane in 1942 at age 71.

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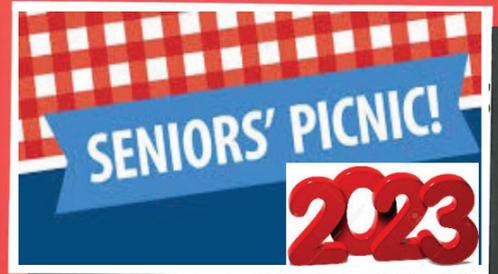
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### Daily Bible Readings

Jonah 4:1-11	Psalm 103	Isaiah 40:1-17	Isaiah 40:18-31	Isaiah 43:1-13	Isaiah 44:1-20	Isaiah 51:1-16
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## BASIC BIBLE

By Ron Allen  
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### Forgiving One Another

Matthew 18:21-35

"Then came Peter . . ." (v. 21). Peter came to Jesus with a question concerning the relationship of individuals one to another in the kingdom of heaven. Peter asked how many times that he should forgive one who sinned against him and asked if seven would be a proper number. Peter's question was very appropriate as Jesus had earlier informed Peter that he would be given the keys to the kingdom of heaven (16:18-19).

Jesus answered not seven times but seventy times seven. The number speaks for itself. Peter was not to limit forgiveness. The Lord intends the holders of the keys to the kingdom of heaven to freely forgive those who sin against them.

In the verses that follow, Jesus elaborates upon forgiveness in the kingdom of heaven with a parable. In the parable, a king forgives a servant who is in debt to the tune of ten thousand talents. How much is ten thousand talents? It is 83 times more than the 120 talents which the queen of Sheba presented to King Solomon. It is a debt too great for anyone to repay.

The servant asked for more time to repay the debt. The king did not grant more time; instead, the king totally erased the entire debt. In spite of receiving forgiveness of his indebtedness, things did not go well for the servant. The servant revealed that he was not grateful in that he refused to forgive a fellow servant of a small debt. When informed of what the ungrateful servant did, the king delivered ungrateful servant to be tormented until he should pay all that was due.

All men, save Jesus, should relate to the ungrateful servant in that we have sinned against God and have amassed a debt which we cannot pay. While we can relate to the ungrateful servant in respect to his need, we most certainly are not to do as that servant did.

In verse 35, Jesus told His listeners that failure to forgive their brothers would result in God doing to them as the king did to the ungrateful servant.

The king required the ungrateful servant to be tormented until he paid the entire debt — a debt too great for any man to pay. The parable ends with the ungrateful servant being delivered to tormentors forever. What of the initial forgiveness which the servant received? How is it that his debt was forgiven yet not forgiven? The debt was conditional.

Likewise, the forgiveness of our sins is contingent upon our forgiving others. Jesus instructed us to pray, asking, "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors" (Matt. 6:12). The manner in which we are to pray requires us to ask for conditional forgiveness.

If conditional forgiveness does not take away the salvation of believers (and it does not), how can the loss of forgiveness of the ungrateful servant be explained? In five words: he was not a believer. The parable illustrates the ungrateful servant's unbelief by his actions. In verse 26, the indebted servant fell down and worshipped the king and asked for more time to pay that which he owed. At no point, did the servant ask the king to forgive part or all of his debt. When the king forgave his debt, he refused to believe that he was forgiven. The ungrateful servant responded to his release from debt by demanding payment of a relatively small debt owed to him by a fellow servant. This is the act of one who believes that he has been given more time to pay, the act of one who is attempting to pay a personal debt. It is not the act of one who believes that his debt is forgiven.

The servant fell down and worshipped the king, but he did not know the king. He could not believe the generous forgiving nature of the king.

Believers know the king. Believers know that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (Jn. 3:16). Believers know that God is love. Believers know that we are to forgive others as He has forgiven us. Believers know both the Old and New Testaments to be the word of God. Believers know "That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment" (1 Jn. 3:23). The ungrateful servant did not know the king. The ungrateful servant did not believe the king.

We know to do good, but often fail to do so. We also know that if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins (1 Jn. 1:9). He is just and His justice requires us to forgive those who trespass against us. When we do not do as He has said, we deny Him and serve a different king, an unforgiving king. Let us serve the King of Kings who is faithful and just to forgive us when we repent of our evil ways.

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# Obituaries

**BELVA BECKNER**  
Belva "Bunny" King Beckner, 96, of Red House, went home to be with the Lord on July 29, 2023, at home.

Bunny is preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Mr. Andrew "Andy" Beckner; sisters Ethel Bonnett and Elsie Finney; brothers Perry, Doyle, Thomas, and Herbert King; and grandson Caleb Beckner.

Left to cherish her memory are daughter Janet Beckner Hanna and husband Cecil; three sons Michael Beckner and wife Anna, Richard Beckner and wife Angie, and Roger Beckner and wife Gina; brother Thomas "Tom" King; sister Wanda Wallace; 8 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; and one great grandchild on the way.

Bunny enjoyed sewing, anything outdoors, and spending time with her family and friends. She loved her church Riverside Baptist Church where she attended for 70+ years.

A tribute to the life of Mrs. Belva "Bunny" Beckner will be 11:00 AM Saturday, August 5, 2023, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Mike Hanna officiating. Burial will follow in Forest Memorial Park, Milton. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the funeral home.

**NICHOLAS SCOTT BUCK**  
Nicholas Scott Buck, 45, of Leon, passed away Sunday, July 23, 2023 following a sudden illness. He was a 17-year employee of Bullock Construction where he worked as an equipment operator. Nick loved to fish and play his guitar. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Born April 6, 1978 he was the son of James Denver Buck and Beverly Kay Buck.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his loving wife, Tabitha Buck; sons, Tyler Wade Buck and Brayden Scott Buck both of Leon, along with his granddaughter, Chloe Isabella Buck.

A memorial service will be held at a future date.

**ELEANOR CHAPMAN**  
Eleanor Ratliff Chapman, 86, of Hurricane, passed away July 26, 2023 at her home with her family by her side.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her parents,

Ernest and Eunice Archey Ratliff; husband, Jacob Leo Chapman Sr; daughter, Christine Chapman; sons, Kevin Chapman and Phillip Chapman and granddaughter Linsey Jane Hinkle; siblings Maxine Riley, Glen Roy Ratliff, Roger Ratliff, Williee Senters, Claude Russell Ratliff.

She is survived by her sons, Jacob Leo Jr (Vickie), James, Christopher, Matthew (Katrini) Chapman and daughters Diana Torman, Connie (Steve) Burgess, Kathy (Sal) Ketchem, Peggy Davis, Terry Scharton, Sherry (Mark) Bradford, and Vicki (Richard) Marion, 23 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren and sister Patty Moore.

Funeral service was Friday, July 28, 2023 at Allen Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Mark Russell officiating. Burial was in Chapman Cemetery, Trace Creek, Hurricane.

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**BETTY LOU COOPER**

Betty Lou Cooper, 86, of Hurricane, formerly of Minden, passed away on July 26, 2023. She was an active member of Springdale Free Will Baptist Church for 61 years. Betty served many years as a Sunday school teacher for small children, and enjoyed congregational singing and singing in small group arrangements.

Betty was a retired cook from the Putnam County Schools. She enjoyed preparing meals for the students, and laughing and joking with children passing through the lunch-line.

Betty is preceded in death by her husband of 63 years William Ezra Cooper, parents Roy and Virginia Howard, and her sisters Margret Sue Dunn and Kay Frances McMurray. Betty is survived by her sons James H. Cooper (Jill) and Larry E. Cooper (Anita), granddaughter Allison B. Carpenter (Daniel) and great-grandchildren Jovie and Riley Carpenter.

Funeral service was Saturday, July 29th at Allen Funeral Home in Hurricane with Dr. James H. Cox officiating. Burial was in Valley View Cemetery in Hurricane.

**JAMES O'CONNOR SR.**

James Edward O'Connor Sr., 78, of Hurricane, passed away Tuesday, July 25, 2023 in Hubbard Hospice House surrounded by his family and friends.

Jim was born December 29, 1944 in Charleston to the late Nona and John O'Connor. In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his siblings, John Pat O'Connor, Donald O'Connor, and Myrtle "Kitty" Baldwin.

Left to cherish his memory are loving wife, Shirley Ann O'Connor; children, Kimberly Starsick and James O'Connor Jr.; and grandchildren, Olivia Moore, Abigail Moore, Dylan O'Connor, and Lilly O'Connor.

Jim was a 1963 Stonewall Jackson High School graduate. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1965 where he served his country as a welder. He was honorably discharged

in 1968. Jim worked as an electrician and welder at Union Carbide until 1991 and was known by his colleagues as "Archie".

Jim married Shirley Ann Stone on September 24, 1966. They were blessed with a lifelong companionship of 56 years. They had a beautiful life full of singing, dancing, and raising their children and grandchildren. Jim's favorite past time was to work on many projects in his garage. Everyone always said "if papa can't fix, no one can". When you were Jim's friend, you were a friend for life. He could talk for hours and always knew the right thing to say. Jim was a kind and loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He will be greatly missed by everyone.

Service was Friday, July 28th, 2023 at Cunningham-Parker-Johnson Funeral Home, Charleston. Burial was in Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens, Cross Lanes, with Army Military Honors.

**TOM G. SAWYER**

Tom G. Sawyer, 87, of Hurricane, passed away on July 27, 2023 at his home.

He was born on August 2, 1935 to the late Tom and Kathryn Totman Sawyer in Lancaster, OH. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his brother: John Sawyer and his sister: Sandy Mandeville.

Tom was retired from Western Publishing, where he was over sales of the Golden Books distributed to children, he also worked tirelessly at the Community Cupboard, not only assisting with food but many needs for the community. Tom enjoyed playing golf and was a former member of Sleepy Hollow Golf Course for many years, he was also instrumental in the Winfield Football Boosters to help build Winfield Middle School Stadium and active in the Buffalo Booster Program as well. Tom was an avid fan of Marshall University and West Virginia University sports and enjoyed attending games until he was no longer able.

Tom is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Phyllis M. Chapman

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Sawyer; his children: Glenna (Kenny) Ragle, Mike Sawyer and Joan Turner all of Hurricane, WV; his grandchildren: Derek (Brittany) Ragle, Kendra (Chris) White, MacKenzie Sawyer and Tessa Turner; great grandchildren: Dawson, Cooper, Duke and Briggs; and his sister: Dixie Sawyer of Columbus, OH.

Funeral Service will be 11:00am August 4, 2023 at St. John United Methodist Church, Scott Depot, with Rev. Jim McCune officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Hurricane.

**TREASURE WIBLEN**

Treasure Wiblen, of Hurricane, died unexpectedly, July 26th, 2023 at home. He was born October 1, 1939, in Gallipolis City, Ohio.

He was the son of Treasure T. and Bonnie (Atkinson) Wiblen.

Treasure graduated from South Charleston High School, Class of 1957. Following graduation, he served with the U.S. Army in Germany. After his return he graduated from West Virginia State College. He then moved to California to work for Columbia Gas. After retiring, Treasure was Owner/Personal trainer at Treasure Bodies in Apple Valley, California. Treasure moved back to West Virginia about fifteen years ago to be with his family and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sisters, Claudia Godby and Karen Greshman.

He has many nieces and nephews.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

State of West Virginia, WVDHHR, Petitioner, V. Civil Action No. 23-JA-59

Michael Robinson, Respondent.

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The object of the Petition filed in this matter is to provide protection to the infant child, E.H., whose date of birth is 04/24/2010.

To the above-named Respondent:

Please take notice that you have been named as the natural father of the above-named child. This matter will come on for a preliminary hearing or any other appropriate relief before the Honorable Joseph K. Reeder, Judge of the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia, on the 24th day of August, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at which time and place you may be present to protect your interests, if you so desire. You are further advised that the infant child and respondents in this proceeding shall have the right to counsel at this hearing and every stage of the proceedings; that if you cannot pay for the services of counsel, the Court shall appoint counsel for you; and that said proceeding could result in the permanent termination of your parental rights.

You are further advised that if an answer or appearance is not made by you at said hearing, thereafter, judgment upon proper hearing and trial may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the petition. An original and copies of the petition have been filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Putnam County, West Virginia, at the Putnam County Judicial Building, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, West Virginia, 25213, and a copy of said petition is available for each respondent at said office upon request.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA By Counsel, /s/ Paige W. Hoffman Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Putnam County, West Virginia

DATE: 7-13-23 7-27-2t

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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.: 5413 Estate Of: Juanita Mae Boice Executrix: Darline Kay Fisher P. O. Box 236 Eleanor WV 25070

Estate No.: 5347 Estate Of: William Clifton Crouch Margaret R. Crouch P.O. Box 542 Hurricane WV 25526

Estate No.: 5326 Estate Of: Alcinous Lakin Ferguson Executrix: Charlotte "Charolette" Henson 409 Midland Trail Hurricane WV 25526

Estate No.: 5320 Estate Of: Anne "Ellen" Reed Martin Executrix: Jan Reed Hoover 3510 Sleepy Hollow Drive Hurricane WV 25526

Estate No.: 5428 Estate Of: Paul Rhoades Minigh Administratrix: Lisa Moye P. O. Box 535 Winfield WV 25213

Estate No.: 5164 Estate Of: Nina Joan Spears Administratrix: Elizabeth Saunders 10403 Charleston Road Red House WV 25168

Estate No.: 5437 Estate Of: Lois Kay Stewart Executrix: Paul William Stewart 551 Recess Drive Dayton OH 45404

Estate No.: 5322 Estate Of: Christopher Jason Thornton Administratrix: Brittany Thornton 75 Ada Dell Avenue A11 Hurricane WV 25526

Estate No.: 5433 Estate Of: Doris Ester "Esther" Young Executrix: Michelle M. Culp 518 Rosewood Place Hurricane WV 25526

All persons having claims against the estate(s) of any of the above-named or 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 July 27, 2023; 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 July 27, 2023.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 21st day of July 2023. Fiduciary Supervisor Putnam County Commission 10293 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

NEW LONDON COMMONS OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., Plaintiff,

Civil Action No. CC-40-2023-C-84 Judge: Stowers

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MYLISSA V. MESSER, THE TREVIN RHODES SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST and KELLY M. YOUNG, as Trustee of The Trevin Rhodes Special Needs Trust, in name only Defendants,

The object of this Complaint is to obtain injunctive relief from the Court and judgment against the Defendants for damages. It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that the location of Defendant, Mylissa V. Messer, is unknown, it is ordered that Defendant, Mylissa V. Messer, serve upon Eric S. Embree, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 3564 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, West Virginia 25526, an Answer or other defense to the Complaint filed in this action on or before 30 days after the date of this entry, otherwise judgment by default may be taken against the named Defendant anytime thereafter.

A copy of said Complaint can be obtained by the undersigned clerk at her office..

Entered by the Clerk of said Court on July 26, 2023.

STEPHANIE M. SMITH, CLERK CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY.

By: Christina Sibold Deputy 8-3-2t

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated June 29, 2015, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Document No. 003850700022, in Book No. 1104, at Page 337, Morgan O Plumley and Brittany Plumley did convey unto Andrew Skinner, Trustee(s), certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Seneca Trustees, Inc., as Substitute Trustee; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee of Wampus Mortgage Loan Trust to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse in Winfield, West Virginia, on September 12, 2023 at 12:30 PM

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 10 - Scott District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All of that certain lot, tract or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Scott District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows: Being all of Lot No. Twenty-Four (24), Eldorado Acres, as shown on a map prepared by E. L. Robinson Engineering, dated August 31, 1981, entitled "Eldorado Acres Scott District, Putnam County, West Virginia", and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Map Cabinet. No. 126 at Slide B.

And being the same property conveyed unto Donald E. Hager and Kimberly D. Hager, from Philip B. Hereford, Trustee, by deed dated October 2, 2008, of record in the aforementioned Clerk's office in Deed Book 486, at Page 602.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 24 Eldorado Cir, Hurricane, WV 25526.

The referenced real estate will be conveyed with no covenants of warranty, and subject to all covenants, restrictions, easements, rights of way and reservations which may be a matter of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or visible upon the ground, all prior liens and encumbrances, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, incinerator, sanitary and sewer charges. The purchasers at the sale shall be responsible for paying the recording costs and also the tax on the privilege of transferring real property (the cost of the tax stamp to be affixed to the deed). The purchasers shall be responsible for payment of all real estate taxes.

The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

TERMS: \$7000.00 in cash and/or certified funds as deposit at the time of sale with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

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Pursuant to the Deed of Trust, the Trustee may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated or by posting a notice of the same, and act by agent in the execution of the sale. The parties secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

State of West Virginia, WVDHHR, Petitioner,

V. Civil Action No. 23-JA-59-60

Brittany Harrison, Respondent.

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The object of the Petition filed in these matters is to provide protection to the infant children, E.H., whose date of birth is 04/24/2010, and K.H., whose date of birth is 03/26/2013

To the above-named Respondent:

Please take notice that you have been named as the natural mother of the above-named children. This matter will come on for a preliminary hearing or any other appropriate relief before the Honorable Joseph K. Reeder, Judge of the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia, on the 24th day of August, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at which time and place you may be present to protect your interests, if you so desire. You are further advised that the infant children and respondents in this proceeding shall have the right to counsel at this hearing and every stage of the proceedings; that if you cannot pay for the services of counsel, the Court shall appoint counsel for you; and that said proceeding could result in the permanent termination of your parental rights.

You are further advised that if an answer or appearance is not made by you at said hearing, thereafter, judgment upon proper hearing and trial may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the petition. An original and copies of the petition have been filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Putnam County, West Virginia, at the Putnam County Judicial Building, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, West Virginia, 25213, and a copy of said petition is available for each respondent at said office upon request.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA By Counsel,

/s/ Paige W. Hoffman Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Putnam County, West Virginia

DATE: 7-13-23 7-27-2t

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Notice of Proposed Settlement of Estates

To the Creditors, Distributees and Beneficiaries of the within named persons: I have before me the final settlement of estates of the following persons, which shall be presented to the County Commission of Putnam County, at the Courthouse, in the City of Winfield, on Tuesday the 8th day of August 2023 at 9:00 a.m. for their approval which settlements have been presented to me by the Fiduciary of such estates and which proposed settlements I have approved as indicated below:

Decedent: Viola Irene Wargo Fiduciary: Gloria Chapman, Executrix Address: 2416 Grandview Drive, Hurricane, WV 25526

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

Given under my than this 28th day of July 2023. Fiduciary Supervisor, Putnam County, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

State of West Virginia, WVDHHR, Petitioner,

V. Civil Action No. 23-JA-60

Anthony Robert Davis, Sr., Respondent.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

State of West Virginia, WVDHHR, Petitioner,

V. Civil Action No. 23-JA-60

Anthony Robert Davis, Sr., Respondent.

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The object of the Petition filed in these matters is to provide protection to the infant child, K.H., whose date of birth is 03/26/2013.

To the above-named Respondent:

Please take notice that you have been named as the natural father of the above-named child. This matter will come on for a preliminary hearing or any other appropriate relief before the Honorable Joseph K. Reeder, Judge of the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia, on the 24th day of August, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at which time and place you may be present to protect your interests, if you so desire. You are further advised that the infant child and respondents in this proceeding shall have the right to counsel at this hearing and every stage of the proceedings; that if you cannot pay for the services of counsel, the Court shall appoint counsel for you; and that said proceeding could result in the permanent termination of your parental rights.

You are further advised that if an answer or appearance is not made by you at said hearing, thereafter, judgment upon proper hearing and trial may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the petition. An original and copies of the petition have been filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Putnam County, West Virginia, at the Putnam County Judicial Building, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, West Virginia, 25213, and a copy of said petition is available for each respondent at said office upon request.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA By Counsel,

/s/ Paige W. Hoffman Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Putnam County, West Virginia

DATE: 7-13-23 7-27-2t

Fruth Pharmacy Holds 32nd Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament

Fruth Pharmacy readies for their 32nd Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament. Fruth has donated over \$1,000,000 in

scholarship funds for area college students.

This year Fruth will host their annual golf event at Sleepy Hollow Golf Club in Hurricane on August 7th.

Opening ceremonies will take place on the course.

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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 June 21, 2013, executed by Borrowers, Ramona D Stover and Rick L Stover, to Vance Golden, Attorney, the Trustee of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Book 1046, at Page 965. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 120 Beech St, Eleanor, WV 25070. WV Trustee Services, LLC were appointed as Substitute Trustees by APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated December 21, 2022, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 1338, Page 682 and Corrective Appointment of Substitute Trustee dated June 7, 2023 of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 1347, Page 168. The borrowers 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:

Decedent: Patricia Ann Walker Filed By: Ceason Ranson 122 South Court Street Ripley, WV 25271

Any person interested person objecting to the filing of the foreign will or Affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this state must file a notice of an objection with the undersigned fiduciary supervisor within 60 days after July 27, 2023 or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred.

Given under my than this 20th day of July 2023.

Fiduciary Supervisor, Putnam County 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213

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NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

To maintain necessary clearances for safe and reliable electric service, Appalachian Power Company plans to manage vegetation along the South Buffalo-Buffalo portion of its 34kV distribution system in Putnam and Mason Counties in WV. On or about August 1, 2023, a helicopter will begin trimming trees away from power lines. A ground crew will follow up to remove tree trimmings from streams, roads and maintained areas. In unmaintained or undeveloped areas, trimmings will remain on site so as to minimize soil disturbance and to promote biodegradation.

Rights-of-way in this area expected to be all or partially involved in the program are: Buck Rd., Tillis Rd., Ar buckle Creek Rd., Oldaker Rd., Herdman Rd., Manila Ridge Rd., Smith Rd., and 2 small sections near the intersection of Ohio Apex Rd. and Grandview Ridge Rd.

Company representatives will be present at the time of the aerial saw work. Specifics regarding your property may be discussed at that time. If you are a nonresident property owner and have questions regarding our right-of-way maintenance, they may be directed to:

Appalachian Power Company Forestry Department 1068 US Route 60 East Milton, WV 25541-0428 (304)743-7818

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Tariff Form No. 8-C (Tariff Rule 14.2 et seq. (Historical Rule 30-C))

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY, a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, an application containing decreased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing natural gas service to approximately 218,000 customers at various locations in the Counties of Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming.

The proposed decreased rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2023, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will decrease revenue approximately \$50,389,000 annually, a decrease of approximately 24.2%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers of MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY will be changed as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Resale. Rows show DECREASE in dollars and percentage.

Resale customers of MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY include Canaan Valley Gas Company, Cardinal Natural Gas Company, Consumers Gas Utility Company, Hope Gas, Inc., Megan Oil and Gas Company, City of Philippi, and Southern Public Service Company.

The decreases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive a decrease greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive decreases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested decreased rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any decrease in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. If a hearing is conducted, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the following offices of the Company:

Mountaineer Gas Company Office • 501 56th Street SE, Charleston, West Virginia 25304.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

The Rule 30-C procedure is designed to provide a procedure for changing rates charged to customers by natural gas distribution utilities based exclusively on the cost of purchased gas. Consequently, protest should be limited to the reasonableness of such costs and the method by which they are calculated. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within twenty-five (25) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate adjustments and to participate in future proceedings. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions must be mailed or hand-delivered and be addressed to Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323.

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During the ceremony, Lynne Fruth, President of Fruth Pharmacy, will recognize some of the over one hundred scholarship recipients this year.

Over the past 32 years, the Fruth Family, Fruth Employees, and Fruth Pharmacy's business partners have helped contribute over \$1,000,000 to scholarships for local universities, colleges, and trade programs.

Fruth Pharmacy first established scholarship funds in 1986 in memory of Fruth's grandparents, Henry E., and Marjorie M. Fruth at the University of Rio Grande.

The Fruth Pharmacy Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament began in 1991 and has helped with scholarship funding. Fruth Pharmacy has scholarships at Marshall University School of Pharmacy, Marshall Mid-Ohio Valley Center, West Virginia University School of Pharmacy, University of Charleston School of Pharmacy, The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy, and more.

Lynne Fruth explained, "Each year, this event has helped support hundreds of students since its inception in 1991, this year I am excited to report there are over one hundred students receiving a Fruth Scholarship this year! It is an honor to know that we are helping young adults seek an education and we want to thank everyone that has participated in making this possible."

Fruth has included new scholarships this year. Fruth also supports the Bill O'Dell Legacy Scholarship Fund in honor of the late Bill O'Dell. O'Dell worked tirelessly to educate young adults in Putnam County and surrounding areas about the dangers of addiction and the importance of education.

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NOTICE is hereby given that MOUNTAINEER GAS COMPANY, a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, an application containing decreased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing natural gas service to approximately 218,000 customers at various locations in the Counties of Barbour, Berkeley, Boone, Braxton, Brooke, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Grant, Greenbrier, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mineral, Mingo, Monongalia, Monroe, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pendleton, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Summers, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood, and Wyoming.

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Mountaineer Gas Company Office • 501 56th Street SE, Charleston, West Virginia 25304.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

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# The Town of Buffalo And The Civil War

The following article was presented at the Friends of Buffalo WV History meeting held Thursday Evening, July 6, 2023, at The Welcome Center.

## Buffalo Before the Civil War

The year is 1860. The Town of Buffalo is a flourishing site along the Kanawha River. Local farms were plentiful. Progressive Mill was providing the flour needed for the area. The Buffalo Academy was at capacity with its enrolment. Riverboats were being built along the Kanawha. The two town hotels were normally filled with riverboat travelers as Buffalo became a major stop along the Kanawha River. The Stagecoach traveling from Pt. Pleasant would make regular stops. The eight shops and sawmill stayed busy in the town with a population of 300.

Then the rumors of unrest that echoed throughout the land became a reality. Like many small Virginia towns, Buffalo became disrupted, challenged, and torn apart by becoming a major spot in the area for the Civil War. Over the next five years the town would be devastated by the changes brought about by the war and would never be the same.

## The War in Buffalo

As a part of the border territory between the North and South the Town of Buffalo became an uneasy place to reside during this period of unrest. The sympathies of Buffalo were definitely for the Southern cause. In the early part of the Civil War there were many skirmishes in the area. Churches were closed and occupied by both North and South forces. The Buffalo Presbyterian Church built in 1857 was transformed into a hospital during the war. The Buffalo Methodist Church built in 1849 was actually burned to the ground by Union forces at the end of the conflict. While the Buffalo Academy was used by both forces as a recruiting center and barracks.

General John McCausland The Buffalo Academy was built in 1849 by a joint stock company and was a leading educational institution in the Kanawha Valley. As the war began young men were soon called into service. The war effort disrupted the education system as pupils and teachers had to decide their allegiance to a particular cause. From a lack of enrollment the academy was closed. A former pupil of the Academy, John McCausland, returned to Buffalo and established a headquarters at the Academy. It was soon occupied by Confederate troops and made into a barracks. The place became known as Camp Buffalo. McCausland recruited several infantry and calvary companies. One of these was the Buffalo Guards, which would become Company A, 36th Virginia Regiment, Confederate Volunteers.

The Buffalo Guards On the grounds of the Buffalo Academy the Buffalo Guards were mustered in 1861. Made up mostly of local Buffalo citizens, Company A, Thirty Sixth Virginia Confederate Infantry, officially entered into service on May 13, 1861. On July 15, 1861 they were assigned to The Confederate States Army and assigned to General Wise as part of the Army of the Kanawha. Under the command of Major, later General John McCausland. This group saw some of the hardest fought battles of the Civil War in our area. This included

battles at Carnifex Ferry, Fort Donelson, Fayetteville, Cloyd's Mountain, and The Valley Campaigns of 1864. Many young Buffalo men were killed or severely wounded. Many died from disease and infection from wounds. Several died from being captured and imprisoned. The group disbanded on April 12, 1865 at Christiansburg, VA.

## General Albert Jenkins Jenkins VS. Turley in the Streets of Buffalo

Confederate General Albert G. Jenkins arrived in Buffalo on September 6, 1862. He and his "Raiders" camped along the Kanawha River. On September 26, Col. John A. Turley, 91st Ohio Infantry, led his regiment downriver from Pt. Pleasant. Four miles North of Buffalo he encountered Jenkins calvary pickets. Jenkins begin firing cannon's on the Federals but overshot them. Turley continued to march into town, however he became bogged down in a marshy ravine located behind the Methodist Church and The Buffalo Academy. The Confederates were unable to capitalize on the Union forces predicament and the Federals pushed Jenkins Raiders through the Town of Buffalo.

## Col. John Turley

Fighting through the town of Buffalo would have been very disorganized and challenging. With troops hiding in and around houses has the towns people hid in fear. Turley was able to capture two, killed or wounded about ten men, and took several rifles and

horses. Col. Turley would later say that he always regretted the fact that he didn't arrive to the Town of Buffalo a little earlier as Gen. Jenkins was asleep at a local residents home at the beginning of the encounter. Turley possibly could have captured or killed Jenkins.

## Lawnvale Farm The Battle at Atkeson's Gate

As the fighting continued the forces ended up at "Lawnvale." Thomas Atkeson came to the area in 1835. He married Virginia Harris Brown in 1836. They had nine children. In 1854 he built the "Lawnvale Farm" which was located 1 mile below The Town of Buffalo. On September 27, 1862 a skirmish happened at the front entrance of "Lawnvale" which became known as The Battle at Atkeson's Gate. John Turley and The 91st Ohio Volunteer Infantry battled with the Confederates who were under the command of Brigadier General Albert Gallatin Jenkins. There were no casualties recorded in the skirmish but the fighting didn't end there.

## The Battle at Buffalo

The next day Union forces had been sent through the hill country to surprise the Confederates occupying The Town of Buffalo. However, the Union force, The 40th Ohio Infantry, had gotten lost on the hill roads leading into Buffalo. They were to late to catch The Confederates in the planned trap. As they came down the hill into the Town of Buffalo, the Confederates opened fire with cannons and several men were killed or crippled in the attack. The Union

Troops retreated past the Atkeson Farm followed by the Confederates. Union forces were driven across the Ohio River. Only a short time later the Union forces returned in greater numbers and drove the Confederates out of the area. From this time forward Buffalo would now be under Union control and Confederate troops would no longer be in the area.

## Union Troops at Buffalo Mills

The Union Troops of Buffalo The 8th WV infantry Regiment was organized in Buffalo and attached to the District of the Kanawha, with men recruited mainly from central and southern counties. Their commander at this time was Colonel John H. Oley. At its formation it was originally known as The 8th Virginia Regiment of the Union Army, but it became known as The 8th WV when the State of WV was formed in 1863. The unit's most notable encounter was the Battle of Cross Keys under Lt. Colonel Lucien Loeser. They also fought battles at Second Bull Run, White Sulphur Springs, and Droop Mountain. On Jan 26, 1864 the group was reorganized into a calvary regiment and renamed The 7th WV Calvary.

## Life in Buffalo During the Civil War

The social situation during the war made daily life disorganized in the small town of Buffalo. With the young men joining the war effort, women had the task of raising the children, taking care of the farms, and doing their best to help with the war effort. Passing troops would just have their way with whatever they wanted

to feed their horses or supply their men. The only church that kept regular services was The Buffalo Baptist Church built in 1858. There were no schools open during this period. Farmers didn't know when to plant and if they did how to harvest it. Most stores were closed due to lack of supplies. There was a great deal of restlessness has many areas had "home guard" which were men who had been farmhands and roustabouts who would take over neighborhoods and commit many atrocities. They sympathized with the Yankee cause and were very hostile to farmers who had held slaves before the war. Folks had to hide valuables and keep a low profile.

## Post War Buffalo

The formation of the new state of West Virginia on June 20, 1863, brought very little excitement to the Town of Buffalo. Most folks did not consider themselves citizens of the new state but still held their allegiance to the Old Dominion. The Buffalo Academy was in a shambles after the Civil War. The Buffalo Methodist Church was paid \$204.38 by The Federal Government to rebuild their church.

Many Confederate soldiers returned home to Buffalo and resumed a normal life. Col. William Fife returned to the family farm and was elected president of the County Court in 1870. Clark Craig, son of the founder of the town, Benjamin K. Craig, returned and became a school teacher. David McCoy, a native from Jackson Co., moved to Buffalo after the war and was elected Sheriff of Putnam Co. in 1888. Sgt. Louis J. Timms returned to Buffalo opened a business and was

elected Sheriff of Putnam County and later The W.V. State Legislature. Samuel Starrett returned to the family farm just outside The Town of Buffalo.

Thomas Atkeson and his sister Mary Meek Atkeson summed up the end of the Civil war the best in their writing "Pioneering in Agriculture" in 1937. They wrote: "For after the collapse of the Confederacy at Appomattox we gradually waked up to the realization that many of the old things had been done away with forever. Then began a readjustment, economic, social, and financial such as follows all great wars. The people involved in the war never return again to the conditions existed before the war. New problems face them and new problems must be solved. And the closing of the American Civil War was no exception to this rule,"

Submitted by Mark Harris July 6, 2023

## Resources

- History of Buffalo, Putnam Co., WV. Bicentennial Edition - 1976
- Bullets & Steele. Andre, Cohen, Wintz - 1995
- Pioneering in Agriculture. T. Atkeson, M. Atkeson - 1937
- History of Buffalo, Vol I, Vol II. Upper Vandalia Historical Society, Wintz.
- The Community Magazine/Historian, Buffalo Historical Society, Harris
- Civil War Trails, signage @ Buffalo Methodist Church
- 7th WV Calvary, Website, Cunningham

Information on Friends of Buffalo WV History can be found on Facebook.



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Huntington  
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RUSHBROOKE  
210 Cedar Drive  
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Linmont Estates  
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DENVER SOWARDS  
5493 Hurricane Creek  
Road  
Hurricane  
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LACY  
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Huntington  
Birthday August 6

TIM BALDWIN  
Hurricane  
65th Birthday August 6

KAREN LANHAM  
Buffalo  
Birthday August 7

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Hurricane  
70th Birthday August 7

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Hurricane  
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Winfield  
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Road  
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Luray, Virginia  
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Louisville, Kentucky  
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Proctorville, Ohio  
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Crown City, Ohio  
Birthday August 9

ADAM HOLLEY  
2872 Cow Creek Road  
Hurricane  
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CODY RAY ADKINS  
Hurricane  
31st  
Birthday August 10

MARILYN CARTER  
McKINNEY  
Derby Road  
Hurricane  
80th Birthday August 10

GLEN O GIBSON  
1567 Poindexter Road  
Hurricane

### Summer Gardening Series

All classes will be from 10 - 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays at Putnam County Library 4219 State Route 34, Hurricane.

For further information call the Putnam County WVU Extension Service office 304-586-0217.

August 5: Growing & Cooking with Herbs Kathy Talley, Putnam County Master Gardener

August 12: Soils & Soil Fertility with Chuck Talbott, Putnam County Master Gardener

August 19: Jam Session with Sherry Wells, Putnam County Master Gardener

August 26: Perennials with Myra Simmons, Putnam County master Gardener

September 5: Preserving Your Harvest with Tim Sayre of the WVU Ext. Service, 6-8 p.m. at Teays Valley Wave Pool. (Date may change.)

The Putnam County Master Gardeners do the kids' activities the last Saturday of each month at the Putnam County Farmer's Market at the Teays Valley exit in the field by Arby's and gas station. Upcoming events will be August 26, September 30, and October 28. Hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Baby Love Pantry

The Baby Love Pantry at Cross Lanes United Methodist Church will distribute free diapers and wipes, as well as formula when available, designated mornings on Fridays and evenings on Wednesdays this summer.

August distribution dates are 10:30 a.m. to noon on Friday, August 11, and 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 23.

There are no income limits to receive items, but proof of the child's existence and an I.D. for the adult getting supplies are required. Drive through pickup of items can be made in the upper parking lot of CLUMC, 5320 Frontier Drive in Cross Lanes.

See the Baby Love Pantry Facebook page for more information, any updates, and other upcoming dates of operation.

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SAMMY RUNION  
53 Mourning Dove Lane  
Ona  
Birthday August 10

### Happy Birthday, Lori



Lori Sowards of Hurricane will be celebrating her birthday on August 3.

Love you,  
Susan

### Church of God Second Friday Gospel Sing

The Hurricane First Church of God would like to invite everyone to their church-wide yard sale on Saturday, August 5, beginning at 8 a.m. and continuing until about 2 p.m.

The sale will be held inside the church fellowship building, so it will proceed regardless of weather conditions. The sale will feature a large variety of items by the membership, as well as friends.

The church is located at 3225 East Putnam Ave, one block north of the former Rite-Aid store. Please come and visit; you may find just what you've been looking for.

### Upcoming Fairs

#### AUGUST 3 - 5

The Wayne County Fair will be held at Camden Park in Huntington. For more information and a schedule of events, go to <https://waynecountyfair-wv.com>

#### AUGUST 7 - 12

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

#### AUGUST 10 - 19

The West Virginia State Fair will be held at Lewisburg. For a schedule of events, go to <https://statefairwv.com>

### Happy Anniversary

Jimmy and Amy Carroll McCallister of Culloden celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary on July 30.

Ivan and Carolyn Jones of 739 Burns Road in Scott Depot will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on August 4.

Barry and Debbie Chapman Roberts of 100 Windy Ridge Road in Lavalette will celebrate their tenth wedding anniversary on August 4.

Christopher and Tiffany Showalter of 3921 Yellowstone Way in Lilkburn, Georgia, will celebrate their twenty-third wedding anniversary on August 5.

Bob and Kay Cory of 423 Salt Creek Parkway in Valparaiso, Indiana, will celebrate their wedding anniversary on August 5.

Josh and Elisha LaLiberty Graffius of Poca will celebrate their sixth wedding anniversary on August 5.

Josh and April Massey of Sterling Drive, Hurricane, will celebrate their twelfth wedding anniversary on August 6.

Charlie and Natalie Sheets of Huntington

The Hurricane First Church of God, 3225 East Putnam Avenue, would like to invite everyone to their monthly, second Friday Gospel Sing on August 11 at 7 p.m.

The featured group this month will be the Inheritance Quartet from Kenna. Additional singers will include Sister Wanda Cooper from Alum Creek, and Brother Jimmy Mcknight from Institute.

Staff Musicians and singers are Gary Sargent, Peggy Cooper, Eddie Rushbrooke, and Dorsey Johnson.

Gospel sings feature traditional church hymns and Southern Gospel music. It will be a time of fellowship, with refreshments and finger foods after the service.

The church is located one block north of the Dollar Tree store.

### Calling All Vendors

Mount Vernon Baptist Church, 2150 Mount Vernon Road, Hurricane, is planning for their fall harvest vendor event. Vendor spots are in the church gym, and the size is 10x10 with a \$40 rental fee. The church asks that you bring your own table(s). To get more information and fill out a form, please call Rachel Dailey at 304-419-4466.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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