

The Hurricane Breeze

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Putnam Schools Student Assessment West Virginia's Best

By Ron Allen

The West Virginia Department of Education released the 2023 student assessment results for all schools on Wednesday, August 9th. The numbers have Putnam registering the highest overall percent proficiency.

The DOE reported proficiencies in Math, Reading, and Science for every county. Putnam schools were Number One in Math and Reading, and second in Science. Statewide proficiencies were Math - 35%, Reading - 44%, and Science - 28%. Putnam's respective proficiencies were 53%, 58%, and 39%. Monongalia County placed first in Science with a 42% proficiency.

Student assessments for individual schools in

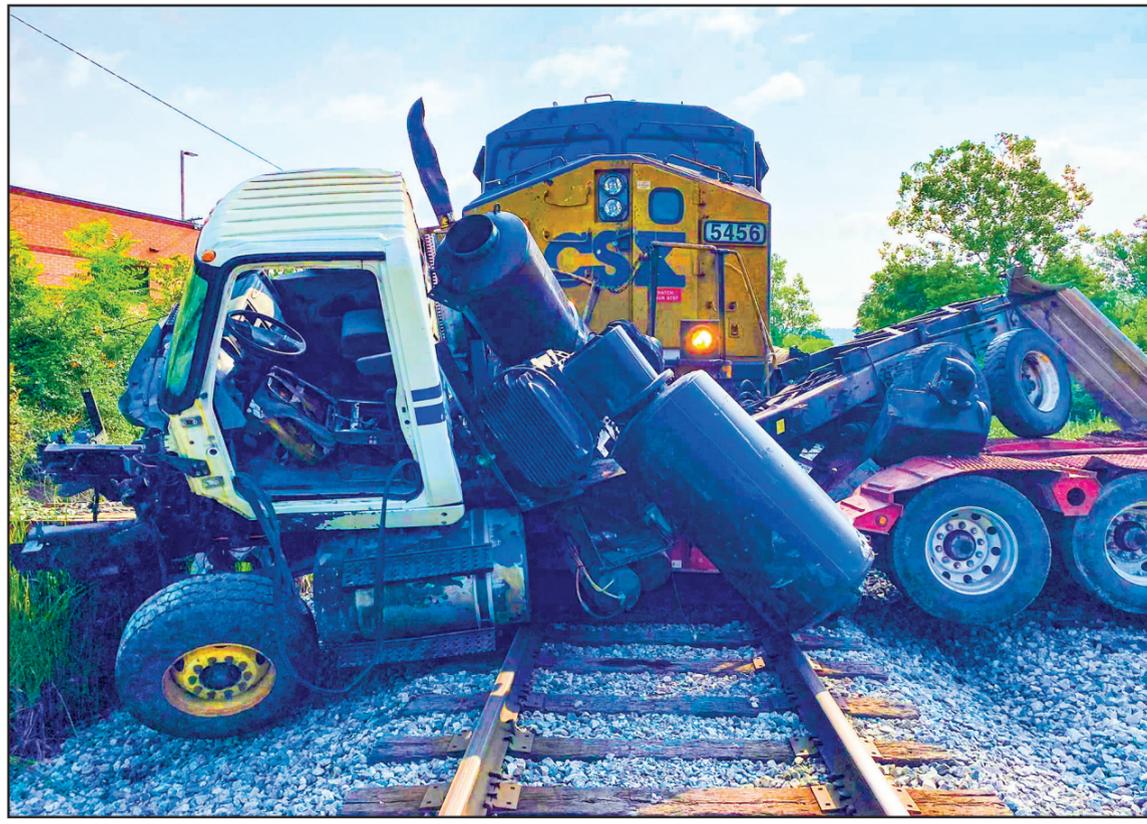
Putnam varied widely. West Teays Elementary registered a clean sweep of top proficiencies among the county's elementary schools with 80.6% in Math, 73.6% in Reading, and 61.5% in Science.

Winfield edged out Hurricane for best middle school proficiencies. The highest in Math proficiency was Hurricane Middle. Winfield Middle was tops in Reading and George Washington Middle achieved the highest Science proficiencies.

Winfield High School had the highest proficiencies in all three areas. Winfield's Math proficiency was 50.3%, 71.0% in Reading and 51.1% in Science.

Turn to Page 10 for the complete 2023 student assessments for all Putnam County schools.

Tractor Trailer Derails CSX Train



CSX Engine 5456 was derailed when it struck a tractor-trailer at the crossing near Hurricane High School on Wednesday, August 9th. The vehicle pictured was on a flatbed which failed to clear the tracks. The driver was not injured. The incident closed the crossings at Tackett's Branch and Meek's Mountain Trail Crossing at Hurricane City Park and delayed rail transport for most of the day.

Putnam County Commission Hires New Humane Officer, Fills Prosecuting Attorney Vacancy



By Ron Allen

The Putnam County Commission announced the hiring of a new chief humane officer to oversee the Putnam County Animal Shelter. County Manager introduced Jon Rutherford to the Commission and all in attendance at its August 8 meeting.

Young said Rutherford

has experience at the Huntington Cabell Wayne Animal Control Shelter and the Cabell County Sheriff's Office. "We are happy to have his leadership, his management skills, and I think he is going to work well with the public, the elected officials and most importantly, the animals," Young stated.

Rutherford said, "I know there have been a lot

of issues in Putnam County. I am happy to come up and try to take care of some of these issues. I feel like I can work with the members in this room." One of the first things he would like to do is to make the Putnam County Animal Shelter a no-kill shelter.

"I know there's been a lot

of issues in Putnam County and I'm happy to come up and help take care of some of these issues," Rutherford said. He also said he looks forward to transparency from the shelter with the community.

In other business, the Commission appointed Assistant Putnam County

Prosecutor Kris Raynes to become Putnam County's prosecuting attorney beginning August 31st. Raynes will fill the unexpired term of long-time prosecutor Mark Sorsaia who is now a cabinet secretary for

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Alex R. White, PLLC Law Firm Newest Addition to Main Street Hurricane



L-R: Mayor Scott Edwards, Steve Connolly and Alex R. White of the Alex R. White, PLLC firm.

Main Street Hurricane is now home to Alex R. White, PLLC. Hurricane city officials hosted a ribbon cutting on Friday, August 11th at noon.

The 2813 Main Street location was the home of The Hurricane Breeze from 1925 to 1984 and most recently to Cha Cha's Emporium.

Alex R. White, PLLC was founded in Louisville, Kentucky by Alex White who graduated from University of Louisville Law.

White was born and

raised in West Virginia and has strong roots to Hurricane. His mother, Linda White, was a Hurricane native and former librarian of Winfield Middle School. Alex said even though his mother is no longer with us to see it, he knows she'd be very proud that the first expansion office of his firm is in her hometown.

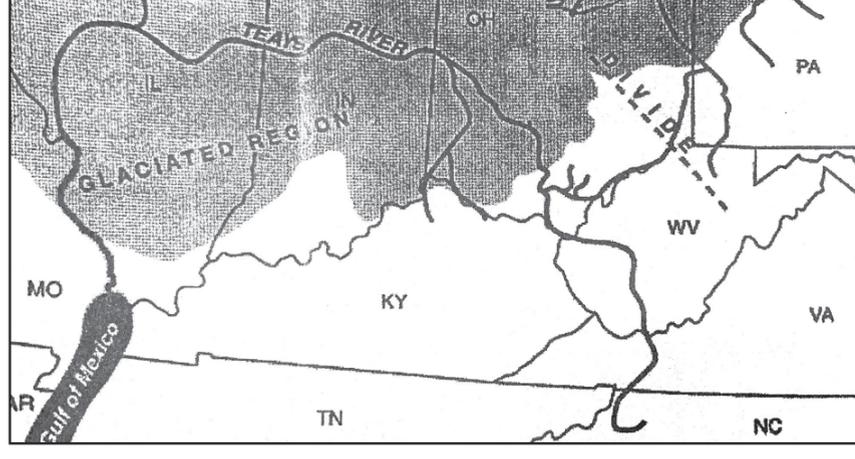
White said that the firm has been very successful in a larger and very competitive market but that he has always had a goal of coming

back home to help my fellow West Virginians.

Alex R. White, PLLC employs about 30 people including ten lawyers and has proven hard work and dedication to clients pays off. Steve Connolly will head the Hurricane office.

The law firm markets using the website www.SueDistractedDriver.com which sends a strong public safety advisory to the hazards of texting while driving.

The Teays River and Origin of Teays Valley



The original Teays River flowed from present day North Carolina through Ohio, Indiana and Illinois until it reached the Gulf of Mexico which extended inland.

By Ron Allen

The following article is an updated version of an article published in the May 5, 2005 issue of The Hurricane Breeze

River continued to flow in a subterranean channel. This idea was soundly ridiculed by geologists, but full understanding of just what happened to the Teays River was not known until the construction of I-64 and development of the valley during the late 1950's. The notion that the Teays still flows

underground was reported in a Charleston newspaper as late as 1970 and is still held to be true by a handful of old time residents of today.

Geologists have concluded that the Teays River may be the second oldest river on the face of

Early area settlers knew that at one time a river must have flowed through what is now called Teays Valley. The abundance of good well water in certain locales in the valley gave rise to speculation that the Teays

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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 5th of the church histories which were published in 1988.

FORREST BURDETTE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2848 Putnam Avenue
Hurricane, West Virginia
Methodism has been

a part of the scene in the vicinity of Hurricane for more than a century. As early as 1815 an area called Hurricane Bridge was on maps and a log building was erected to serve as a church for both Baptists and Methodists. The first Methodist Society in the community was organized in the home of one of the members in 1890 and the present church emerged from that society. The churches

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WEATHER SUMMARY		
August 8 - 14		
	Low	High
August 8		
Hurricane	60°	80°
August 9		
Hurricane	58°	84°
August 10*		
Hurricane	66°	74°
August 11		
Hurricane	64°	85°
August 12*		
Hurricane	67°	87°
August 13		
Hurricane	66°	86°
August 14		
Hurricane	62°	80°

*RAIN
None recorded

Community Calendar

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

TUESDAYS THROUGH AUGUST 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 19

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

Summerfest will be held at the South Charleston Mound. Four nights of free live entertainment and dancing in the street!

The Appalachian Trainer Face Off and Heart of Phoenix Open Fun Show will be held at the Winfield Riding Club.

AUGUST 18 - 20

Making Magnificent Marriages Conference featuring Dr. Jared Pingleton will be held at The Pulse Church, 5368 State Route 34, Winfield. To register, go to <https://thepulsewinfield.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1839173>

There will be a sneak peek of the new Zoology Zone Science Center at Valley Park from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 1 to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

AUGUST 18 - 19

There will be a revival at 7 p.m. each night at The Bridge, 279 Dairy Road, Poca.

AUGUST 18

There will be a catfish tournament from 4:30 to 11 p.m. at the Ridenour Lake in Nitro. The cost is \$15 per person.

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person.

Rock Branch Independent Church, 133 Cross Lanes Drive, Nitro, will be holding a back to school backpack giveaway from 5 to 7 p.m. Child must be present to receive supplies.

There will be praise and singing at 7 p.m. at the Bancroft Town Park.

Southridge will be performing at Barnyard BBQ, Hospital Drive, Hurricane, from 7 to 10 p.m.

The Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a meet-up at 8 a.m. at Area 34/Putnam Provisions, 971 State Route 24, Teays Valley.

AUGUST 19

Celebrate Recovery Community night will start at 6 p.m. at the Buffalo Church of the Nazarene.

Designer Purse Bingo hosted by Poca High School Show Choir Boosters will start at 4:30 p.m. at Poca High School. Tickets are \$30 at the door.

The Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley will be showing the movie "Toy Story 3" at 10 a.m.

There will be a summer gardening workshop at 10 a.m. at the Putnam County Main Library.

Cops N Rodders Classic Car Club will be holding a cruise-in from 5 p.m. until dusk at the Putnam County Bank parking lot in Hurricane (behind McDonalds). For more information, call 304-562-6903.

AUGUST 20

Sycamore Independent Missionary Baptist Church, 5839 Sycamore Road, Hurricane, will be having their 134th Annual Homecoming. The Waymarks will be performing.

AUGUST 21

Celebration Villa, 4000 Outlook Drive, Hurricane, will be observing World Senior Citizen Day with a lunch starting at 11:30 a.m. RSVP by calling 304-757-4778.

Yarn spinners meet at 5 p.m. at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley.

AUGUST 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 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 23

The Baby Love Pantry at Cross Lanes United Methodist Church, 5320 Frontier Drive, will distribute free diapers and wipes, as well as formula when available, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Bring ID and proof of child's existence.

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

AUGUST 24 - 26

The 2023 West Virginia Cupcake Festival will take place at Valley Park in Hurricane. For more information, go to wvcupcakefestival.com

AUGUST 24

The Night Market will be held at Valley Park in Hurricane from 6 to 9 p.m. The theme will be the 1980's.

AUGUST 25 - 26

There will be a free clothing giveaway at Lighthouse Baptist Church, 2440 Route 60, Hurricane. Hours are 3-7 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

AUGUST 26

The Bancroft Town

Blood Donors Awarded With Movie Gift Card

The American Red Cross has seen a shortfall of about 25,000 blood donations in the first two months of the summer, which makes it hard to keep hospital shelves stocked with lifesaving blood products. By making an appointment to give blood in August, donors can keep the national blood supply from falling to shortage levels.

Right now, the Red Cross especially needs type O negative, type O positive, type B negative and type A negative blood donors. For those who don't know their blood type, making a donation is an easy way to find out this important personal health information. The Red Cross will notify new donors of their blood type soon after they give.

The Red Cross needs donors now. Schedule an appointment to give by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

All who come to give throughout the month of August will get a \$10 e-gift card to a movie merchant of their choice.

Picnic will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bancroft Town Park.

The Winfield High School Class of 2013 ten year reunion will start at 6:30 p.m. at Fireside Grille in Teays Valley.

There will be a summer gardening workshop at 10 a.m. at the Putnam County Main Library. The topic will be on perennials in the landscape.

The Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley will

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

As I remember the days of old... as I think back on the times that were important... as I reflect on what we hoped for... I realize that most of those "thoughts" were important... or not so

Details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/Movie.

To make an appointment, simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

be showing the movie "Toy Story 4" at 10 a.m.

The "Perfect Pitch," a Putnam County Karaoke Competition, will start at 6 p.m. at 3057 Mount Vernon Road, Hurricane. Register or get tickets online at putnamchamber.org or call 304-757-6510.

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

Available Pets at the Putnam County Animal Shelter

These are a few of the many pets up for adoption at the Putnam County Animal Shelter. By the time that this issue of the Hurricane Breeze is published, these animals may have already been adopted and found their forever homes. However, there are many pets at the shelter that still need homes.

For more information, call the Putnam County Animal Shelter at 304-586-0249.



Blake (ID #51087) is a one-year-old Labrador Retriever mix. He is a sweet, playful guy, but tends to play a little too rough with younger kids and does not like cats. He does do well with older kids, other dogs, does well on leash and loves to be by your side. Come meet him! Sponsored adoption fee.



Brutus (ID #51201) is a two-year-old male Pit/Mastiff mix. Brutus loves to play! He is leash trained and housebroken. He is a little shy in the kennel, but once on a leash, he is a totally different dog. He seems to do well with other dogs, so far. He is so beautifully marked. Come give this guy a chance at a new life!

much... most of those wishes are gone... most of what we wanted to happen... did... or did not... that is what life is... wishes and hopes and wants...

I asked one of my grandsons what I had always told them about "things"... he responded, "Nana says that things are not important; people are important." I want the grands to remember this. People spend their lives accumulating "things" and in the end, those are whiffs of air... gone in an instant. The memories we make with others are the most important part of our lives.

When we are gone, we want our families to think back on the times we were together. The boys call Nana's house, "the laughing house" or "the peaceful condo"... that is what it is... never a raised voice... no tempers... no negative comments... just reinforcement... again I think about those who criticize saying, "Aww... this is constructive criticism." Really? An oxymoron because construct builds up... criticizing tears down... No such thing as constructive criticism as far as I can see. Criticism is one's way of telling the other person, "Do it my way... my way is the right way."

Thinking back, through the years, at those who criticized me... they are no longer in my life... they were few and far between actually. Most of the folks in my life have always been positive around me... what they thought otherwise... I don't know.

When we live our lives, we realize that our years... our days... are numbered... we make the most of each moment. One thing that comes to mind is people who are so impatient at stop lights. I told one of the grand girls that that always bothered me. She agreed. "Margaret, you know if that stop light takes too much time, those people won't be able to get in that restaurant; they won't have a home to go to; they won't get to work." She chuckled at my sarcasm. I spend my time at lights just being. I get in no hurry.

Each day, I am thankful for my family and friends. God has blessed me with 9 children and grands... with so many friends I can't count them. I have a text prayer group. I have written about Linda, Linda F., Margo, Flora Lee, Beverly... many times... we are there for each other. I have a snail mail prayer group in Indiana... Barbara, Pat, Ruth, and Charlotte... as to snail mail, all of my friends and I keep the postman busy with cards and notes. I have other friends... extended Burkes... Patty... another Beverly... Ruth in WV... Sonny and Craig and Lorraine. I don't see any of these often but we stay in touch.

I have not kept the "things" in my life. They are gone. My condo holds furniture from my son or daughter... a few dishes and cookware. Pictures everywhere of the family and those painted by friends and family. I mean there are so many pictures in my living room even the family has noticed that I "own" a photo gallery. Things... they are gone... the books were donated

when I moved. My "real" furniture was left in WV... I do not miss anything... the collectibles gone. This Nana is a minimalist.

What have I kept? Kathy, my darling wonderful sweet kind (no commas needed here lol) daughter... born in 1972... my best friend in the world. She visits every few weeks and oh... fun...

Nathan, my first born... my strong, kind gentle sweet son... 1970 brought him to us. He takes care of his mom. He purchased this condo and furnished it pretty much. Always there when needed. My other best friend.

(From Mike and Brenda... came Nathan and Kathy)

Yuliya is my sweet daughter in law. She drops off watermelon, scones... whatever she thinks I might want for a treat. She makes sure the boys are here and there... Pat is my great son in law... he visits also and is always fun to be with... kind and good... when I moved to Indiana, Pat set up the electronics... he and the girls... amazing help.

Now to the "also" important people in my life...

Katelyn, Sophie, Margaret, Aidan, and Nicholas... five kind, sweet, good, respectful grands... brainiacs... workers... never asking for anything... always working and saving for what they want... even college. The boys live less than a mile... Katelyn lives in NYC. I saw her when I had a quick trip to Indy in May for graduation from college (Sophie)... Margaret graduated home school. Two celebrations. Katelyn is speeding up the ladder at her job in NYC. K. is so kind...

Sophie works diligently; she is looking for a job in her career since graduation in May. She visited here, and of course, I attended her college graduation in May. KIND and nice... Sophie visited me also.

Margaret... bittersweet... going to college soon. My Thursdays with her were magnificent. She is indeed an angel... sweet and kind. She comes here with her mom or with her mom and dad. Those three take quick trips to Disney...

The boys are my gifts here. Each time they appear at the patio door... it is Christmas. We have fun. I must admit that the other day, they drenched me with water guns. Sometimes, they forget how elderly Nana is.

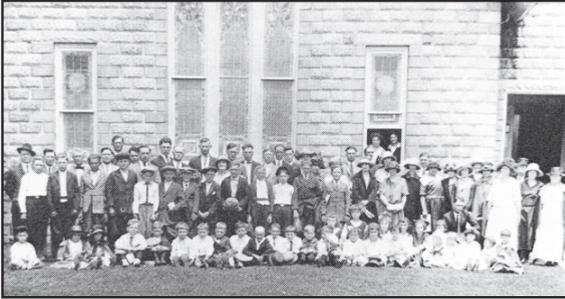
My "things" have no "material" value... I have no fancy items. I do not have a "decorated" house... Keeping things dusted pretty easy... however, my "things" are my family... my children, their spouses, and those grands... who would have thought that when a teenage boy met a teenage girl in 1963, that meeting would result in the most wonderful gifts I have ever had or could have... I count each day a gift from God... because the way we were is the way we are... all about family and friends. Thank you, Lord... prayers to you all as you spend time with your family. (One person told me that my identity rests in my family... well... they are right.)

The Centennial History of Hurricane

Hurricane Area Church Histories



Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church 1915



Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church

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in the area were visited by circuit riders and young preachers from Morris Harvey College at Barboursville.

Following the organization of the first society, the congregation worshipped in the Hurricane Baptist Church for a number of years—each congregation having part-time ministers.

The Methodist Church, North, worshipped in a building on Main Street on one of the lots now used as a parking lot for the A-Z grocery store. The church was later moved about one mile east in Teays Valley and was known as the Rock Cut Church.

The Liberty Methodist Episcopal Church, South, located on upper Cow Creek, was in our community area. Many of our past and present members originally were members of the Liberty and Rock Cut Methodist Churches.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas (Vaturia Conner) Harbour deeded the lot on Putnam Avenue to the Methodist Church, South, on November 30, 1899.

On June 6, 1915, the first Sunday School was organized with Forrest Gordon Burdette as the Superintendent. With seventy-six members, the Sanctuary was completed in 1915 at a cost of \$4,000.00. Money was raised for the Sanctuary in many ways. One of the most unusual was conducted by the ladies who had a "Sock Social." It was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Woodworth on Saturday, January 31, 1914. Socks were given out and the person was asked to multiply their sock size by two and place

cents inside the sock. The Ladies Aid pieced and quilted quilts, tacked rags and wove rugs, had dinners, and sold bottles of flavoring to do "their" share in paying for the new church.

On November 10, 1918, when the church was dedicated to the memory of young Forrest Gordon Burdette, Bishop U.W. V. Darlington stated, "I feel that I am a better man by having known Forrest Gordon Burdette." Burdette had died a short time before at the age of 22 years in World War I at a hospital in Gettysburg, Pa., from the "1918 flu."

1936-The former Liberty Methodist Church was moved from the country, repaired, and joined to the main building of the new Hurricane church. Rev. I.N. Fannin was the Pastor. That building was then named Epworth Hall and served as Sunday School classrooms and provided for church dinners with a small kitchen. The building was later sold to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clark and moved to a location on Virginia Avenue.

1938-The Rock Cut Church, located on the South side of Teays Valley Road in front of the Hurricane High School, was destroyed by a severe storm and was not rebuilt. 1940-A new addition containing classrooms and a choir loft was added to the west side of the former Sanctuary. Concrete blocks were sold to members and friends of the congregation to pay for the new addition. Rev. W.L. Phillips was Pastor. Ladies made and sold doughnuts to purchase an organ for the church.

A house on the corner of Virginia Avenue



Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church 1974

and Conner Street was purchased to be used as the church parsonage. Rev. Ralph T. McCord was Pastor. That property was sold in 1962.

1953-During the pastorate of Rev. Ira Mentz, an educational addition was begun. Pledges totaling \$43,291.00 were made for the new structure. The addition provided classrooms, multi-purpose hall, and kitchen.

1962-Additional classrooms were added, new heating system installed, and a new parsonage at 304 Ada Dell Avenue was purchased.

Rev. Allen Parrish was Pastor.

1967-The Ada Dell Avenue parsonage was sold and the Dr. Erwin property, one of the oldest houses in town, adjacent to the church property, was purchased to provide additional parking and to serve as a parsonage. Rev. Joseph Byrd was Pastor.

1974-The original Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church Sanctuary was razed. A tremendous increase in attendance and membership made it necessary to erect a new and larger Sanctuary. With the new construction of brick and beautiful stained glass window facing the highway, the church added a nursery, offices, narthex, basement with social hall and kitchen, and restrooms. The new Sanctuary speaks to all who enter and all who pass by that God in Christ is at the heart of the contemporary society. Rev. Charles Hinkle was Pastor.

1978-The former Qualls-Hodges property located on Virginia Avenue was purchased with five "Faith Partner Pledges" received for down payment. This now serves as the parsonage. Rev. William D. Slates was Pastor.

1980-A Pre-School was opened for three and four year-old children. Teachers and aids were employed and a Board of Directors was elected. The school operates under the supervision of the Church and is located on and in church property.

1981-The first Assistant Pastor, Mrs. Jan Oldham,

was sent to us by the W. Va. Methodist Conference. She later became a Pastor of the United Methodist Church.

Others who have been led into the ministry of serving God are: Ervin Conner, Leo Pauley, James Burdette, James Dumire, Mike Amory, Darrell Sovine and Frances Kiff.

The Church received recognition from the United Methodist Conference of W. Va. It was named the Conference Church of the Year. Rev. Bill Deel was Pastor.

Our first Educational Director, Miss Chris Wagner, was employed.

The Church purchased the Dakota Taylor Rice property adjacent to the Sanctuary to be used for parking.

1983-The Dr. Sam Henson property on Putnam Avenue was purchased. It is adjacent to the Rice property. This property will be razed and used for future expansion.

1986-The education building and Byrd Hall were renovated.

1987-The Alice Hall and James Dunlap properties on either side of the church property were purchased for additional parking plus future expansion. Rev. Robert Johnson, Pastor.

1987-1988-Our membership is now 612. The challenge is ours. As we approach our Diamond Anniversary in 1990, in God's name we will work toward all things to His glory. Submitted by Mrs. Grace Boggess

Origin of Teays Valley

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planet Earth. Its origin is believed to have preceded the formation of the Appalachian Mountains. Evidence suggests that the Teays began as a westward flowing stream in what is now the mountains of North Carolina. As the Appalachian chain was elevated from its marine origin, the stream chewed out and cut into the bedrock producing the New River Gorge.

The Teays followed the present day course of the New and Kanawha Rivers until it reached the present location of Scary Creek in Putnam County. The Teays carved out a valley that averaged one and a half to two miles in width from Scary to the approximate location of Huntington where it was thought to join the Ohio River.

Geologists now know that the Ohio formed much later. The Teays River of that early pre-glacial era actually continued northward into what is now the state of Ohio through Chillicothe, Circleville, and Columbus.

In the Marion, Ohio area it turned westward and followed the approximate course of what is now the Wabash River across Indiana and then followed a meandering path across Illinois where it turned southward along the course of today's Mississippi until it reached the Gulf of Mexico which extended inland to the western tip of present day Kentucky.

The building boom which accompanied the construction of I-64 in the late 1950's revealed a heretofore unknown sediment found only on lake bottoms. Alternating deposits of light and dark sediment, indicating seasonal difference in sedimentation, were discovered. The layers,

called varves, are believed to have been formed during the great ice age.

Geologists state that the great continental glacier which covered much of North America, blocked the flow of the Teays in the approximate location of the Chillicothe, Ohio, causing a great lake to form. This lake, Lake Tight (named for a Dennison University professor), covered an estimated 10,000 square miles in western West Virginia, southeastern Ohio, and northwestern Kentucky. It extended from Chillicothe, Ohio, to the New River Gorge in Fayette County, West Virginia. The overflow from the lake carved out the present Ohio Valley west of Ironton. In 2018, geologist James Erjavec created a map of Lake Tight which would have held 268 cubic miles of water, more than twice the volume of Lake Erie. The average depth was estimated to be 140 feet, with pockets as deep as 300 feet.

The lake gradually filled in and the glacier melted leaving present day Teays Valley high and dry. There are 180 feet of lake sediments in the Scott Depot area. The waters which once followed the course of the Teays, flowed northward from the present location of Nitro to form the Kanawha Valley. The runoff from the melting glacier joined the Kanawha and Pt. Pleasant to form the present river system.

When the new Hurricane Post Office was built in 1995, construction delays were encountered because builders hit a deposit of ground water trapped in the gravels of the longa go Teays River. Some oldtimers believed that builders had actually tapped into the still flowing waters of Teays River.

Putnam County Commission News

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Governor Jim Justice.

The Commission made the selection following interviews with Raynes and local attorney Brenden Long in executive session. Raynes will be sworn in at the Commission's August 29th meeting and take the job on August 31st. Raynes had already filed pre-candidacy papers to seek the office prior to Sorsaia's appointment as Homeland Security Secretary.

The Commission voted to modify the county's existing noise ordinance. The new ordinance specifies an allowable decibel level between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. to be 99 decibels in 250 feet in a housing facility. The previous ordinance specified no more than 80 decibels within a 100-foot radius. Commissioner Skidmore stated that children playing often exceed the 80 decibel limit. Commissioner Deweese said that both lawnmower

and leaf blowers register greater than the 80 decibel level.

The Commission approved the re-appointment of J.P. Owens to the Building Commission Board, Mark Smith to the Public Service Board, and James Bowyer, Allison Jones and James Vanoy to the Parks and Recreation Board.

The next Putnam County Commission meeting is 5 p.m. on August 29.



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

Aug. 17, 1944: Staff Sergeant Stanley Bender earned the Medal of Honor in southern France. Bender rushed through intense machine gun fire and grenades, and knocked out two German machine guns with rifle fire. His actions inspired the rest of his company to take out a German roadblock, kill 37 enemy soldiers, and take 26 prisoners.

Aug. 17, 1976: The National Mine Health and Safety Academy opened

at Beaver, near Beckley. The academy, located on a 76-acre campus, is the world's largest educational institution devoted solely to safety and health in mining.

Aug. 18, 1885: Artemus Ward Cox was born on a farm at Red Knob, Roane County. In 1914, Cox bought the George Ort Department Store on Capitol Street in Charleston. That store became the first in a chain of 21 A. W. Cox stores in West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky.

Aug. 19, 1863: Union cavalry under Brigadier General William W. Averell destroyed the Confederate saltpeter works near Franklin.

Aug. 20, 1851: The oldest

statue in West Virginia, a nine-foot wood carving of Patrick Henry, was dedicated at the county courthouse in Morgantown.

Aug. 20, 2004: Eldora Bolyard Nuzum died in Elkins. While working for the Grafton Sentinel in 1946, she became the first female editor of a daily newspaper in West Virginia. For three decades, she was editor of the Elkins Inter-Mountain.

Aug. 21, 1861: Confederate troops under General John B. Floyd crossed the Gauley River at Carnifex Ferry, Nicholas County, and began to entrench their position. It was the beginning of what became known as the Battle of Keslers Cross Lanes.

Aug. 21, 1915: Singer Ann Baker was born in Pennsylvania. She later operated a popular Charleston nightclub, The Shalamar, and became known as "Charleston's First Lady of Jazz."

Aug. 22, 1872: Following the Constitutional Convention of 1872, the West

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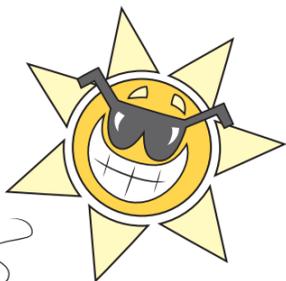
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Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



My Porch

By Sharlene Wiseman

As I set on my porch overlooking these beautiful hills,
I look back on the evenings I listened to the whippoorwills.

They would sweetly sing out their lovely song,
I knew summertime would not be long.

In the morning as the sun would rise,
I could hear in the distance the cattle's low cries.

The rooster would crow to make sure we were up,
I would sip my tea and enjoy one last cup.

I realize now my memories from that front porch setting,
Were the wonderful blessings from God I was getting.

The Wish

Written by Miriam "Connie" Harbert

If I had one wish, it would be to have you
Both back here with me.
We miss you, Mom, we miss you, Dad
Our hearts will be forever sad
But one thing we know is true
God is with the both of you
So with tears in our eyes
We want to say we will see you
Both again some day

Fillers Contributors Wanted

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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.

Visit GrapesFromCalifornia.com to discover more summer entertaining inspiration.

Creamy Vegan Grape Ice Cream



Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 10-15 minutes
Servings: 8 (1/2 cup per serving)

- 1 pound stemmed black Grapes from California
- 12 ounces vanilla oat coffee creamer, well chilled
- 12 ounces unsweetened oat coffee creamer, well chilled

In high-speed blender, puree grapes until smooth. Transfer to medium saucepan and bring to simmer. Reduce heat to low and cook 10-15 minutes, or until reduced to 1 cup. Cover and refrigerate until well chilled.

Stir creamer into pureed grapes and pour into bowl of ice cream maker. Freeze according to manufacturer's directions. Transfer to freezer-safe container; cover and freeze until firm.

Substitution: For lighter color, use 3/4 pound black grapes and 1/4 pound red.

Note: Make sure ice cream maker bowl is well chilled or frozen before making ice cream.

Nutritional information per serving: 140 calories; 0 g protein; 22 g carbohydrates; 6 g fat (39% calories from fat); 0 g saturated fat; 0 mg cholesterol; 45 mg sodium; 1 g fiber.

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane



You don't have to have it all figured out to move forward.

Never mistake motion for action. - Ernest Hemingway

May the Good Lord take a liking to you - but not too soon!

Don't judge yourself by your past; you don't live there anymore.

Down on my knees, I learned how to stand.

I'd like to actually like to see a liar's pants catch on fire.

Something will grow from all you are going through. And it will be you.

Don't stop having fun when you get older because you will get older when you stop having fun.

Men say that women should come with instructions. What's the point? Have you ever seen a man actually read them?

Love your parents. We are so busy growing up, we often forget they are also growing old.

Live without pretending, love without depending, listen without defending, speak without offending.

I'm still waiting patiently for the wisdom that supposedly comes with old age.

Do you ever just want to pack and leave out of the blue without saying anything to anyone?

It's OK to talk to yourself it's even OK to answer yourself, but when you ask yourself to repeat what you just said you have a problem.

You may be gone from my sight but you are never gone from my heart.

Every night we go to bed, without any assurance of being alive the next morning but still we set the alarm to wake up. That's called hope.

I hate that moment when you are tired and sleepy, but as soon as you go to bed your body is like, "just kidding."

When I was young we played outside, not online. Parents called our name, not our cell phone, and if you didn't eat what your mom cooked, you didn't eat.

Children: You spend the first two years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next 16 telling them to sit down and shut up.

Love and kindness go hand in hand.

Change favors those in motion.

Start everyday with prayer. Take it to God before you take it to Facebook.

Telling a Mother not to worry about her child is like telling water not to be wet.

No matter what happens in life, be good to people. Being good to people is a wonderful legacy to leave behind.

Goodness consists not in the outward things we do, but in the inward thing we are.

Never regret being a good person to the wrong people. Your behavior says everything about you, and their behavior says enough about them.

If your mother asks you a question, it's better to tell her the truth, because chances are she's asking because she already knows the answer.

There is one spectacle grander than the sea; that is the sky. There is one spectacle grander than the sky; that is the interior of the soul.

I'm not an early bird or a night owl. I'm some form of a permanently exhausted pigeon.

Seek first to understand and then to be understood. - Stephen R. Covey

If you don't fail now and again, it's a sign you're playing it safe. - Woody Allen

A library is the delivery room for the birth of idea, a place where history comes to life.

Eat the devil's corn and you'll choke on his cob.

Happiness is reflective, like the light of heaven.

At the end of the day it is what it is.

The most beautiful curve on a woman's body is her smile.

Grandchildren are like flowers, you never get tired of watching them grow.

Breaking off pieces of yourself to fit into places will not help you belong; it will only make you bleed.

Believe what your heart tells you, not what others say.

Hope is stronger than fear.

Bible Verse



Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. —Philippians 2:3-4

Jokes From

Linda

Submitted by Linda Lavender Armstead



A preacher was pulled over by a cop. The cop asked the preacher what was in the thermos he was drinking. He said, "Water." The cop smelled the liquid and said, "This is wine." The preacher said, "What do you know, He has done it again!"

Q: Why don't witches fly their brooms when they're angry?
A: Because they're afraid of flying off the handle.

Q: Can February March?
A: No, but April May.

Q: What did the triangle say to the circle?
A: You're pointless.

No act of kindness is too small. The gift of kindness may start as a small ripple that over time can turn into a tidal wave affecting the lives of many.

As long as you feel pain, you're still alive. As long as you make mistakes, you're still human. And as long as you keep trying, there's still hope.

We all have our own life to pursue, our own kind of dream to be weaving, and we all have the power to make wishes come true, as long as we keep believing.

Sometimes we need to pretend that we are OK in front of our family, to show them that we are strong.

A book is one of the easiest thing to pick up and perhaps the hardest thing to put down.

The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why. - Mark Twain

Put all your excuses aside and remember this: You are capable. - Zig Zigler

Not only does my mind wander, sometimes it walks off completely.

One of the most valuable gifts in life is having a loyal friend.

If you are content, you have enough to live comfortably.

Habit, if not resisted, soon becomes necessity.

No one has ever become poor by giving.

A positive word of encouragement can help change anyone's destiny.

Listen and silent are spelled with the same letters: think about it.

I hate it when I see some old person and then realize that we went to high school together.

Read the Bible to be wise. Believe the Bible to be safe. Practice the Bible to be Holy.

Happy are those who take life day by day, complaining little, and are thankful for the little things in life.

If you take a chance sometimes, good things happen, and sometimes bad things happen, but if you don't take a chance, nothing happens.

No matter how educated, talented, rich or cool you believe you are, how you treat people ultimately tells all. Integrity is everything.

Acknowledging the good that you already have in your life is the foundation for all abundance.

There is no personal charm so great as the charm of a cheerful temperament.

You can't start the next chapter if you keep reading the past.



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Putnam Sweep Screening

Putnam County Schools conducts its annual screening program in the areas of hearing, vision, speech, and language.

Speech-Language Pathologists will screen preschool and kindergarten students not previously screened, students new to West Virginia schools, students who have no previous documentation of screening, and those students previously identified as high-risk in grades 1-5.

The school health nurses will conduct hearing and vision screenings on the following students that do not have previous screening results: new out-of-state enterers, preschool students, and kindergarten students without documentation of vision and hearing screenings. Vision will also be screened for students in the 1st grade and hearing will be screened for students in the 4th grade.

Please note that these are only screenings, not full comprehensive evaluations. Further testing may be recommended to the parent/guardian.

The testing will be completed as a part of the regular school day with no special scheduling necessary.

Parents who do not wish for their child to participate should notify the school principal. Parents with questions may contact Sharla Shirley, Director of Exceptional Education, at sharla.shirley@k12.wv.us or 304-586-0500 ext. 1111.

Sycamore Homecoming

Sycamore Independent Missionary Baptist Church, 5839 Sycamore Road, Hurricane, will be holding their 134th Annual Homecoming on August 20.

Preaching by Jason Warner; singing by the Waymarks. Singing before and after dinner.

Everyone is welcome to come celebrate with the church.

For more information, call Pastor David Vickers at 304-824-3639; Michael Smith at 304-562-5044, or Allen Messinger at 304-562-5796.

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57th Birthday August 24

WVDEP's REAP Awards Over \$52,000 in Litter Control Grants

Grants totaling \$52,550 were awarded to 25 county solid waste authorities, county commissions, and municipalities. Putnam County entities received a total of \$5,500 in grants.

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's (WVDEP) Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP) program announced the recipients of its Litter Control matching grants, Friday.

Grants totaling \$52,550 were awarded to 25 county solid waste authorities, county commissions, and municipalities.

Funding for the litter control program is generated from 50% of civil penalties imposed upon persons convicted of unlawful disposal of litter and state agency facility recycling revenue pursuant to West Virginia Code §22-15A-4 and §22-15A-5.

The grant recipients are:

Town of Bancroft: \$1,000.00

The funding will be used to assist with hauling and disposal fees for a town cleanup event.

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.

Town of Buffalo: \$1,500.00

The funding will be used to assist with the purchase of litter cleanup supplies.

Town of Poca: \$1,000.00

The funding will be used to assist with hauling and disposal fees for a town cleanup event.

Putnam County Solid Waste Authority: \$2,000.00

The funding will be used to assist with wages for the County's litter control officer.

REAP, whose motto is 'Keeping WV Clean and Green,' was created in 2005 and strives to clean up West Virginia and rid the state of litter. The program empowers citizens to take ownership of their communities by providing technical, financial, and resource assistance in cleanup and recycling efforts.

Do You Like to Sing?

The Hurricane Civic Chorus invites music lovers from all over the area to join them this fall. Beginning August 29, the HCC will meet every Tuesday from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Forrest Burdette UMC, 2848 Putnam Avenue, in Hurricane. Men and women 15 years old and older are welcome to attend. Directed by Dr. Ilse Long, the HCC sings a wide variety of music, welcomes all singers without requiring auditions, and performs two to three concerts a year.

For more information, contact hurricanecivicchorus@gmail.com and check the Hurricane Civic Chorus out on Facebook and Instagram!

Happy Anniversary

Larry and Cindy Call of Cow Creek Road in Hurricane will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on August 18.

Rev. Dan and Jennifer Londeree of Fairwood Road in Huntington will celebrate their twenty-third wedding anniversary on August 19.

John and Margie Matovich Sutphin of Jones Cove in Hurricane will celebrate their forty-sixth wedding anniversary on August 19.

Mike and Debbie Welch of #5 Washington Hill Road in Hurricane will celebrate their forty-sixth wedding anniversary on August 20.

Rodney and Morene McCallister of Culloden will celebrate their forty-seventh wedding anniversary on August 20.

Jim and Eloise Rollins of 2045 Whitten Ridge Road in Milton will celebrate their wedding anniversary on August 20.

Drema and Raymond Justice of Hurricane will celebrate their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary on August 20.

Bob and Susan Benson Thompson of 403 Edgewood Road in Hurricane will celebrate their fifty-first wedding anniversary on August 20.

Darrell and Pat Smith of Huntington will celebrate their

fifty-seventh wedding anniversary on August 21.

Joe and Debbie Calliflower of 3149 Howell's Mill Road in Ona will celebrate their fifty-third wedding anniversary on August 21.

Brian and Pamela Day Hudson of #5 Summit Drive in Scott Depot will celebrate their thirty-fourth wedding anniversary on August 21.

Rev. Gerry and Melanie White of Charleston will celebrate their thirty-sixth wedding anniversary on August 22.

Cody Allen and Melissa Jo Taylor of Hurricane will celebrate their eighth wedding anniversary on August 22.

C.D. and Joyce Young of 6994 Hurricane Creek Road in Winfield will celebrate their fifty-first wedding anniversary on August 23.

Daniel and Deidra Plybon Simmons of Huntington will celebrate their fifteenth wedding anniversary on August 23.

Matt and Eva Ball of 120 Deer Run Road in Huntington will celebrate their seventeenth wedding anniversary on August 24.

Leslie and Sherry Perrine Long of 1074 Springdale Road in Hurricane will celebrate their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary on August 24.



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BASIC BIBLE

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God's Gracious Rewards Matthew 20:1-16

The text before us is a parable which firstly illustrates the kingdom of heaven (v. 1) and secondly explains Jesus' answer to a question asked by Peter (see Matt. 19:28-30). Peter had asked Jesus what reward could be expected by those who had forsaken all to follow Him. Jesus had answered that they would receive 100 fold and everlasting life but that there would be many who had been first which would be last and that the last shall be first.

The kingdom of heaven is like a particular householder. The householder's actions present a picture of his desires and his guiding principles.

In verse 1, we see the householder as one who desires laborers to work in his vineyard. In verse 2, we see him as one who has contracted to provide a day's wage for a day's work. In verse 3, we see that the householder returned to the marketplace in search of more laborers at the third hour of the day. There is a reason for the householder's action. Maybe he failed to estimate the human resources needed to complete the task in a single day. Perhaps the laborers that he hired at the first hour were sluggards. We only know that the householder desired more laborers. In verse 4, we see the householder as one who promised to reward his new hires with "whatsoever is right." In verse 5, we see the householder sought more laborers at the sixth hour and at the ninth hour of the day and repeated his promise to pay "whatsoever is right" to them.

In verses 6 and 7, we see an enhanced picture of the householder. It is the 11th hour. There remains but one hour of daylight to finish the task. The householder finds men standing about and inquires, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" With this question, we see the householder as one who appears to disapprove of idleness but is not quick to condemn them who are idle with cause. After learning that their idleness was not of their choosing, the householder instructs them to go into the vineyard and he will pay "whatsoever is right."

In verse 9, we see that which the householder considered "whatsoever is right." The 11th hour hires did not receive that which they deserved. The late hires deserved one twelfth of a day's wage. They received a full day's wage. They received that which was right in the eyes of the householder.

In verses 13-15, we see the response of the householder to the laborers who complained because they did not receive more than their agreed upon wages. The householder thought it right to give those who had labored 12 hours the wage that they contracted for and no more. He paid all laborers the wage to which they agreed to accept. The householder did not make a single exception. Such is the kingdom of heaven; there are no exceptions.

They which had labored 12 full hours murmured against the householder because he (in their eyes) rewarded the single hour of labor with a full day's wage. The householder reveals that he regards time in a far different manner than the laborers. The householder was aware that his eleventh hour hires had waited for 11 hours for some man to come and hire them (see v. 7). It is also apparent that the householder knew that his hires of the third hour waited 3 hours, hires of the sixth hour waited 6 hours and his hires of the ninth hour had waited 9 hours for someone to employ them. All laborers spent time in the marketplace and time in the vineyard. All spent 12 hours total. The householder's actions reveal that he rewarded hours of waiting and hours of labor in the manner of his choosing.

In verse 8, the householder called for his steward to pay the eleventh hour hires first and the first hour hires last. The householder made the first last and the last first.

Who are the first who were made last? They are the presumptuous (v. 10). They were self-righteous. They thought their work to be of greater value because they had endured the heat of the day (v. 12). They saw the householder as evil (unfair) because he was good (gave whatsoever he thought right). The first who were made last are them who thought wrongly of themselves and of the householder.

Who are the last who were made first? The last were persistent (they remained in the marketplace). The last thought their labor not to be worthy of negotiation (subject only to the whim of the householder). The last who were made first were them who set no pre-condition upon their hire. Those that were made first are those who thought correctly of themselves and correctly of the householder.

In verse 16, Jesus explains why the last shall be first and the first shall be last: many are called but few are chosen. The householder called many to work. The householder called them who thought more highly of themselves than they should have and the householder called them who thought their worth to be little. The householder chooses them who think correctly of him and themselves. The householder knows the hearts of all.

The goodness of the householder is seen in all who esteem others to be more deserving. May believers put all self-righteousness aside such that the goodness of the householder be seen in undiminished brightness.

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GARY HARLAN CHAPMAN

Gary Harlan Chapman, 76, of Hurricane, passed away on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 after an extended illness. He was a faithful and loving Son, Brother, and Uncle. He was a Milton High School Graduate and a faithful member of the One Life Church. He was preceded in death by his parents Walter and Irene Chapman and sister Rita Searls.

He is survived by his brother-in-law Paul Searls, Niece Kathy Anderson and Nephew David Searls.

Funeral service was Monday, August 14, 2023, at Allen Funeral Home. Burial was in Forest Memorial Park.

ANDY GALFORD

A. A. "Andy" Galford, of Huntersville, NC., formerly of Hurricane and Hamlin, passed away on August 8, 2023 at S. Mitchell Mack Hospice House Mooresville, NC with his family by his side.

He was born on April 12, 1932 to the late James W. and Flora A. Galford in Durbin, WV. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife: Ora Mae Galford of Mason, WV and his brothers: Ray and George Galford.

Andy grew up in Pocahontas County, and

proudly served his country in the United States Army with combat tours in Korea and was a retired WV State Trooper with 32 years of service. Andy was a member of the Hurricane Church of Christ and Mount Olivet #3 Masonic Lodge A.F. & A.M. Parkersburg.

Andy is survived by his second wife: Joan Reynolds Galford of Huntersville, NC; his children: Greg Galford (John Cup) of Christiansburg, VA and Brian Galford (Elise) and grandson: Jackson, all of Cary, NC; as well as his stepchildren: Bruce Reynolds (Susan) of Huntersville, NC and Bart Reynolds (Kim) of Denver, NC; step granddaughters: Lisa, Alexandra and Madelyn; as well as step great grandchildren.

Funeral Service for Andy will be 12:00 noon Saturday August 19, 2023 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Minister Ed Covert officiating. Burial will follow in Graham Cemetery, Letart.

GERALDINE S. HODGES

Geraldine S. Hodges, 84, of Hurricane, passed away August 8, 2023 at Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House.

She was born January 3, 1939 to the late Elza and Ethel Barringer.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband Roy Lee

Hodges.

Geraldine is survived by her son, Stephen Hodges (Carol) of Hurricane; daughters: Loraina Snowden (Mark) of California, Jerri Isaac (Lawrence) of Ohio, and Beth Midkiff of Pennsylvania; sister, Judith Scisciani of Mesa, Arizona; 7 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Per her request there will be no services.

WILMA LOU MCCLUNG

Wilma Lou Green McClung was born December 25th, 1930 in Mt. Nebo. Born to parents Velma O'Dell Green and Orval Green, she was a gift from God and Santa. One of her favorite stories was that she was delivered by the local vet, Charlie Beam. She attended Nicholas County High School and after graduation, worked in the Nicholas County Courthouse.

She married the love of her life, Boyd McClung, when he returned from service in the Navy during WWII. They moved to Charleston to begin their life together and raise their family. The young family moved to St. Albans where they lived until the children were grown and finished college. They retired to

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Hurricane and during those years, the couple traveled extensively, were active in their church, and absolutely reveled in the grandchildren coming their way.

As life would have it, Boyd passed before Wilma. After living independently for a decade, with the support of loving neighbors, Wilma moved to South Carolina to be with her children where she continued to have an active and happy life. She enjoyed helping her daughter-in-law paint reclaimed furniture, annual beach trips with the family, daily walks around the neighborhood, plays, concerts, camping and frequent trips to the family home place where she enjoyed the company of her brother and sister's in-law. She especially enjoyed whipping the pants off all comers in her favorite game, Rummikub.

Wilma finished her journey through this life on August 10, 2023, at the age of 92. She is predeceased by her husband, Boyd, a sister and two brothers. She is survived by her children, son, Stephen McClung and wife Connie, daughters, Deborah Craddock and husband Larry, Carol Hogard and husband Gordon and "adopted" daughter, Karen Higginbotham. Also, by her grandchildren, Michael and Ashley McClung, Heather Richardson-Hill and husband Phil, Deanna Hogard and Tori Wiseman and husband Keith, and five great grandchildren, Ellie, Becca, Alfie, Verity and Jameson, all of whom she adored and don't forget her grand dogs: Tankie, fTira, Ella, Kurgan, Dexter and Morgan.

A Celebration of Wilma's Life will be 11:00am, Friday, August 18, 2023 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Rev. Teresa Markins officiating. Burial was in Cunningham Memorial Park St. Albans.

NORA CHRISTINE POWERS

Nora Christine "Christy" Powers, 62, went to be with the Lord on Friday, August 4, 2023.

Christy was born on November 13, 1960, in South Charleston to the late Robert Lee Powers and Rebecca Woodfert Hayes Powers.

She was a Putnam County resident and a graduate

of Hurricane High School as well as a member of Hurricane First Church of the Nazarene.

Christy loved track and field, working hard to achieve the state shot-put record with Hurricane High School in 1977. She spent more than a decade playing softball for the Hurricane First Church of the Nazarene. Christy loved to be outdoors, especially on the Greenbrier River fishing. She had a passion for reading, 60's music, playing games with her family, crafting, and being very active with the Red House Rascals 4H club.

She is survived by her sister, Darnitta Elswick; Nieces, Tonya (Robert) Slate, Cathy (Jeff) Barr, Ron (Donna) Elswick, ReNay (Vince) Elswick, several great nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles, as well as many extended family members that she treasured.

Memorial service for Christy was Friday, August 11, 2023 at Hurricane First Church of the Nazarene, Culloden, with pastor Patrick McGue officiating.

FRANCES QUINTRELL

Frances Lorraine Beane Quintrell has won her victory. She walked through the pearly gates of heaven on Thursday, August 10, 2023 at Hubbard Hospice House, West, South Charleston.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Quintrell and great-grandson, Maverick Armstrong. She will leave behind a legacy of love and devotion, exemplified through her roles as a wife, mother and friend. Though she is no longer with us, her spirit will live on in the hearts of all she touched by her presence.

Frances Lorraine Beane Quintrell is survived by her children, Angie (Dale) Ball of Charlotte, NC, Lori (Scott) Witt of Scott Depot, and Jason (Erin) Quintrell of Poca; grandchildren, Sophia (Logan) Armstrong of South Charleston, Hanna Lockhart (Taylor) of Scott Depot, Caitlin Quintrell of Poca, Mckinzie Quintrell of Poca, Jason Quintrell, Jr. of Poca and Judson Witt of Scott Depot; 3 great-grandsons, Waylon Lane Armstrong and Ronin Everett Armstrong both of South Charleston and Paxton Jud Lockhart.

Funeral service was Monday, August 14, 2023 at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, St. Albans, with Pastor

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KATHERN ANN SANDY

Kathern Ann Sandy was born on August 18, 1948. Kathy graduated from this world into Heaven on August 13, 2023.

She did not attend public school nor obtain a degree from any university, she did however graduate Summa Cum Laude from the University of Childlike Faith. Her favorite song was "Jesus Loves Me". Each time she saw a commercial on TV with children suffering from cancer she would immediately begin singing "Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so". No matter what might be going on at the time, even if she was right in the middle of a sentence, she would just begin singing her song. This was her way of praying for children in need. Before graduating, Kathy was asked only one question, who do you say that Jesus is? Her answer was clear and honest, so much so that even a child could understand. With that truth in her heart Kathy entered with honors into the presence of God, entering a perfect place with a perfect body. She now possesses all knowledge and understanding, far greater than the combined intelligence of this world. Kathy, we are so proud of you and look forward to the day when each of us who remain

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(Billy); step-daughter, Shirl illness. He was born May 12, Lanham; step-son, Dewayne 1975.

He is preceded in death by his father Russell Stone, Maternal grandparents John and Barbara Knuckles, paternal grandparents Eugene and Jo Blount, brother Rusty Stone, sister Barbie Kennedy, Niece Britney Kennedy, and several cousins.

Surviving is his Mother, Carolyn Osborne; Daughter, Kelsey Stone; Son, Brandon Stone; Sisters, Deanna (Gary) Young and Karen Wilson. He will be greatly missed.

Graveside services were Monday, August 14, 2023, at Forest Memorial Park in Milton with Pastor Chad Estep officiating.

STEPHEN MICHAEL STONE

Stephen Michael Stone, 48, of Hurricane, passed away Thursday, August 10, 2023, after battling a long

DARLENE MICHELLE SOWARDS

Darlene Michelle Sowards, 65, Winfield and St. Albans, passed away on Thursday, August 3, 2023 at her residence.

The daughter of Otto Scipio and Helen Pritt Scipio, Darlene was also preceded in death by Charlie Dixon and her sister, Teresa Gator.

Darlene was retired from Value City Department Store. She received her Associates Degree from Bridge Valley.

Surviving are her husband, Donald Sowards; daughters, Valerie Meadows (Todd) and Careasa Nichols

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned by deed of trust dated the 31st day of October, 2016, signed by Ashley P. Meadows and Jonathan D. Meadows, wife and husband, to Marc J. Slotnick, Trustee, which said deed of trust is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 1144 at page 191, and Golden & Amos, PLLC, Trustee having been requested so to do by the Secured Creditor, and default having been made under the terms and conditions of said deed of trust, and the provisions in said deed of trust concerning acceleration having been complied with by the Secured Creditor and present holder of the note, said Trustee will sell at public auction at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the

24TH DAY OF AUGUST 2023

at the front doors of the Courthouse in Putnam County in Winfield, West Virginia the following described real estate:

All those certain lots or parcels of real estate together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging, situate in Pocca District, Putnam County, West Virginia, more fully described as follows:

Parcel No. One:

Being all of the Lot No. Fifty-Three (53) in Section One of Forest Park, as the said lot is shown an designated upon that certain map entitled "Map Showing a Part of Section Number One of Forest Park Pocca District, Putnam County, West Virginia", said map dated June, 1972, Scale: 1" = 50', prepared by N. L. Rose, R.P.E., said map being duly of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Map Book 5, page 23, and as shown upon that certain survey thereof made by Dunn Engineers, Inc., dated March 1, 1979, a copy of which is attached to that certain deed of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 241, at page 433.

This conveyance is expressly made subject to the covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, and sewer and street maintenance agreements contained in the Deed from Point Stone Company, a corporation, to Johnny King, and John Keiffer, dated May 22, 1975, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 210, page 145.

Parcel No. Two:

Being all of Lot No. 54, Forest Park Subdivision, Pocca District, Putnam County, West Virginia, as shown upon a plat of Forest Park Subdivision, Section Nos. 1 and 2, dated May 1, 1978, of record in the aforementioned Clerk's office in Plat Cabinet "A", Slide 9-A, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the southerly right of way line of Evergreen Circle and further being in the northwestern corner of Lot No. 53 of Subdivision that was conveyed to Richard E. Cook and Julia P. Cook by Deed dated April 19, 1993, of record in the aforementioned Clerk's Office in Deed Book 347, at page 716; thence running with the common boundary line between Lots 53 (erroneously referred to as Lot 3 in prior Deed) and 54 of said Subdivision; S. 49° 17' E. 191.01' to a common corner between Lots Nos. 21, 22, 53, and 54 of said Subdivision; thence running with two common corner line of Lot No. 21 S. 55° 21' W. 46' to a point; thence S. 48° 7' 37" to a point in the common corner between Lot Nos. 21, 20, 35 and 54 of said Subdivision; thence with the common line with Lot No. 55 N. 55° 21' W. 175.65' to an iron pin and the southerly right of way of Evergreen Circle; thence with said right of way line N. 40° 43' E. 100' to the place of beginning, containing 0.37 acres, more or less.

For the consideration aforesaid, the parties of the first part do further Grant and Convey unto the parties of the second part, their heirs, assigns, and successors in title, the right of use in the common with other owners in Forest Park Subdivision, all street, roads, and drives including the right of way or street extending from the property herein conveyed to West Virginia Secondary Route 32/8, all as shown upon the map of Forest Park Subdivision.

This conveyance is made further subject to the exception and reservation of the minerals in, on or underlying the real estate herein conveyed as the same were reserved by Lucy C. Warner in the Deed to Point Stone Company, a corporation, dated July 7th, 1972, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 192, at page 55.

It is expressly covenanted and agreed upon by and between the parties hereto, their heirs, and assigns as follows:

- 1. The lot herein conveyed shall be used for residential purposes only and no building shall be erected, altered, placed, or permitted to remain on said lot other than one detached single family dwelling, not to exceed two and one half stories in height and a private garage for not more than two cars, and that the lot herein conveyed shall not be subdivided in any matter.
2. No dwelling shall be permitted on said lot at a cost of less than Thirty-five thousand (\$35,000), said costs to be determined by the prevailing prices of labor and material in Charleston, West Virginia are, as of January 1, 1976.
3. No obnoxious or offensive activities shall be carried on upon said lot or shall anything be done thereon which may be or may become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood.
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6. Said real estate shall not be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish. Trash, garbage, or other waste shall not be kept except in sanitary containers. All incinerators or other equipment for storage or disposal of such materials shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition.

7. No outdoor signs, notices, placards, billboards, or other advertising media shall be erected on said premises and the said party of the first part herein and its successors shall have the right to remove any such signs, etc., without process, suit or legal action.

8. No dwelling nor any part hereof constructed on said real estate herein conveyed shall be located nearer than twenty (20) feet to the front lot line, or nearer to any adjoining property line that five (5) feet. However, the said parties of the first part expressly reserve the option and right to alter, amend, change or entirely delete the terms and provision of the foregoing in order that the real estate herein conveyed may be more efficiently utilized for the construction and maintenance of any dwelling erected upon said real estate.

9. Invalidation of any one of these covenants by judgement of a court order or decree shall in no wise affect any of the other provisions which shall remain in full force and effect.

It is further covenanted and agreed by and between the parties hereto that the foregoing covenants and restrictions shall be taken and construed as covenants running with the land and shall be binding upon the parties of the second part, their assigns, and successors in title.

The parties of the first part further Grant and Convey unto the parties of the second part, as joint tenants with the right of survivorship and not as tenants in common, and to their successors in title, the right to use in common with the parties of the first part, its grantees, successors in title, and the owners of other lots situate in Sections One and Two of Forest Park, all streets, roads, and drives, including the right of way or street extending from West Virginia Secondary Route 32/8 through a portion of the real estate of the parties of the first part herein, as shown on all maps of said Sections One and Two of Forest Park.

The parties of the first part do hereby except and reserve a right of way and easement measuring five (5) feet in width, which said right of way and easement is parallel with, adjacent to and abutting upon the side and rear boundary lines of the property herein conveyed; and the parties of the first part do further except and reserve a right of way and easement measuring ten (10) feet in width, which said right of way and easement is parallel with, adjacent to, and abutting upon the front or street lines of the real estate herein conveyed.

The said parties of the second part agree with the parties of the first part that in consideration of this conveyance, in order to create a maintenance fund for the maintenance of sewers and streets in "Forest Park", the parties of the second part covenant and agree that they will pay Forest Park Homeowners Association, Inc., its successors and assigns, a sum:
(a) Not Less per year than Sixty dollars per lot; and
(b) Not more per year than One dollar per One Hundred Dollars of the annual assessed valuation for tax purposes of the parties of the second part, lots, and improvements situate thereon if said lots and improvements shall constitute Class II property, and not to exceed Two Dollars per One Hundred Dollars of such assessed valuation if said lots and improvements shall constitute Class III property. The valuation shall be fixed and determined annually by the Assessor of Putnam County, West Virginia.

The assessment made by the parties of the first part, its successors, and assigns, may be made on an annual or monthly basis, but shall not be made for an amount greater than a sum reasonably projected to cover maintenance costs of sewer and streets in Forest Park. This agreement shall be and constitutes a covenants running with the land and binding upon the parties of the second part, their successors, assigns, and personal representatives, and upon the default by the parties of the second part or their assigns in the payment of any amount becoming due and payable by the parties hereof, then the same may be collected by the parties of the first part, its successors and assigns by action or suit against the then owners of said lot.

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All persons having claims against the estate(s) of any of the above-named deceased persons whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims with vouchers thereof, legally verified, to the fiduciary of such deceased person as shown above within 60 days of August 10, 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 August 10, 2023.
Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 3rd day of August 2023.
Fiduciary Supervisor
Putnam County Commission
10293 Winfield Road,
Winfield, WV 25213

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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:

6th day of September, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

Land in the City/Township/Village of Eleanor and the County of Putnam, State of WV, more particularly described as: All that certain lot or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the Town of Eleanor, Putnam County, West Virginia, and being a part of Lot No. 216, as shown and designated on a map or plat of Red House Farms for West Virginia Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, Morgantown, West Virginia, prepared in January, 1935, by E. H. Venable, Civil Engineer, Charleston, West Virginia, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Map Book 4, Pages 10 and 11, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an iron pin in the northerly line of East 'B' Street, marking a front common corner to Lots Nos. 215 and 216, as shown on the aforesaid map; thence leaving the line of said street and running with the easterly line of Lot No. 215, N 30 degrees E 158.07 feet to an iron pin, marking a rear common corner to said Lots Nos. 215 and 216; thence with the rear line of Lot No. 216, S 60 degrees E 75 feet to an iron pin, marking a corner to that part of Lot No. 216 previously conveyed unto Beverly J. Wright, by deed dated February 19, 1955, and of record in said Clerk's Office in Deed Book 117, Page 500; thence running through said Lot No. 216, S 30 degrees W 164 feet to an iron pin with the northerly line of said East 'B' Street; thence with the line of said street N 55 degrees 29' W 75.23 feet to the place of beginning; and being the same property that was conveyed to the parties of the first part by Bessie Wright, widow, by deed dated May 12, 1975, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's office in Deed Book 210 at page 58. This conveyance is made subject to all valid restrictions, rights of ways, reservations and exceptions contained and/or referred to in prior deeds in the chain of title.

Being the same property conveyed to Ramona D Stover and Rick L Stover by the Deed dated August 8, 1985 and recorded in Deed Book 289 at Page 133 in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia.

TERMS OF SALE:

- 1) The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.
2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1.
3) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.
4) The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.
5) The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.
6) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale.

WV Trustee Services, LLC, Substitute Trustee
BY: Dionne Reynolds, Limited Signing Officer
WV Trustee Services, LLC
McGuire Office Center
618 Tenth Street, Suite 108
Huntington, WV 25701
(304) 853-3336
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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 May 17, 2013, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Document No. 003450420011, in Book No. 1041, at Page 127 and re-recorded in Document No. MOD, in Book No. 1337, at Page 361, Brandon Tulloh and Brandi Tulloh did convey unto Vance Golden, 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 MidFirst Bank 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 26, 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 that certain lot or parcel of real estate, together with the "privileges thereof, the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the right to use (1) all of the streets, roads, and right of way shown and laid down on the hereinafter referred to map of Country Cove Estates, and as changed hereafter, and (2) the sanitary sewer lines, system and treatment plant as installed and made available to the hereinafter conveyed parcel of land, in common with the owners of all other lots shown on the hereinafter referred to map and additional maps of adjacent lands as developed hereafter, as 3T Corporation may from time to time grant the right to use the same, subject to the terms, covenants, conditions and reservations hereinafter set forth, situate in Scott District, Putnam County, West Virginia, being known, numbered and designated as all of Lot Number 67, as the same is shown and laid down upon a map thereof entitled, "Subdivision Map of Section Three Country Cove Estates, developed by 3T Corporation, near Teays Valley Situated on the waters of Rockstep Run, Scott District Putnam County, WVA., Scale 1" = 50', Wilkinson Surveying and Engineering, Incorporation, Dunbar, WVA., Bearing Date July 2, 1979", which said map is of record in the office of the Clerk of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Plat Cabinet A, File Number 39A.
LSOT: Deed Book 497, Page 939, dated April 9, 2010, Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia.
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At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 400 Country Cove Ests, Scott Depot, WV 25560.

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: \$9000.00 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.

FEDERAL TAX LIEN: In the event that there are Federal Tax Liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of 120 days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under local law, whichever is longer.

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.

SENECA TRUSTEES, INC.
5000 Coombs Farm Drive, Suite 104
Morgantown, WV 26508
(304) 413-0044
(304) 292-2918
Toll free: (888) 534-3132
Reference File No. 74287

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

In Re: Change of Name from Phala Madison Puckett-Hart to Phala Madison Puckett

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING

Civil Action No. 23-P-78 Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia

Notice is hereby given that on the 31st day of August, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Judge Phillip Stowers, Elizabeth Puckett will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia for the entry of an order by said Court, changing child's name from Phala Madison Puckett-Hart to Phala Madison Puckett, at which time and place any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so

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desire.

You are hereby notified that this matter may be rescheduled without further notice or publication. A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at his office at 12093 Winfield Road, Ste. 12, Winfield, WV 25213.

ENTERED by the Clerk of said Court this 8th day of August, 2023. Stephanie Smith/cs Circuit Clerk

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Pursuant to the authority vested by that certain Deed of Trust dated October 14, 2015, executed by Zachary Joseph Thompson to J. R. Wilson, Trustee, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia in Trust Deed Book 1112, Page 915, and the undersigned, Eric S. Embree was appointed as Trustee by Appointment of Successor of Trustee dated May 26, 2020, of record in the Clerk's Office in Trust Deed Book 1251, page 179. The borrower defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Trustee has been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Trustee will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Putnam County, West Virginia, on: Thursday, August 31, 2023 @ 11 :00 AM.

All of the following described real estate, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Scott District, Putnam County, West Virginia and being all of Lot No. Twenty (20) of Section Two (2) of the Whiterock Subdivision, as the same is set down and designated upon that certain map or plat thereof entitled, "Section Two of Whiterock Subdivision of Land for Hodges Home Builders, Inc., Being Situate on W Va Route 34, Scott District, Putnam County, West Virginia, dated May 3, 1971, Scale 1" = 60", made by E. C. Harry, R.P.E., recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia in Map Book 4, page 120.

Being the same real estate conveyed unto Benton T. Thompson and Barbara L. Thompson, by Bobby C. Folden and Laura Folden, his wife, by deed dated December 18, 1979, recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 248, page 652. The said Benton T. Thompson died on or about October 19, 1989 and title to the above described real estate vested solely in the said Barbara L. Thompson by virtue of the survivorship clause contained in the aforesaid deed. The said Barbara L. Thompson died testate, a resident of Putnam County, West Virginia and by the terms of her last will and testament, recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Will Book 50, page 384, devised the above described real estate unto Zachary Joseph Thompson.

It is the intention of this notice to sell the secured property by proper description as was intended to be transferred and conveyed in the aforesaid deed of trust.

TERMS OF SALE:

- 1) The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property. In the event that there are federal tax liens against the property, the United States would have the right to redeem the property within a period of one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under the local law, whichever is longer. Any buyer is advised to retain counsel before the sale.
2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code §11-22-1.
3) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve to submit a bid for the property at sale.
4) The Trustee reserves the right to continue the sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee. Should the Trustee not appear at the time appointed for the sale and there is no notice posted of a continuance please contact the office of the Trustee to make further inquiry. Any sale may be conducted or adjourned by the designated agent or attorney of the Trustee. The undersigned is fully vested with the authority to sell said property as Trustee by instrument of record.
5) The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate the property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.
6) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee by cashier's check, cash or the equivalent within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten percent (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale by cashier's check, cash or the equivalent. If the purchaser at the sale is unable to complete the terms of purchase within thirty (30) days, the Trustee reserves the right to transfer the property to the next highest bidder.
7) Should any party have any inquires, objections the sale or protests regarding the sale, or request regarding the sale, please notify the Trustee below.
8) The party(ies) secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property as such sale.

Given under my hand this 1st day of August, 2023.

ERIC S. EMBREE, Esq.
Tyree, Embree & Associates, PLLC
3564 Teays Valley Road Hurricane, West Virginia 25526
T: (304) 757-0021
Email: eric@tyreeembree.com Successor Trustee

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Putnam Property Transfers

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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.: 5463
Estate Of: Belva Marie Beckner
Executrix: Janet Hanna
339 River Lane
Red House WV 25168

Estate No.: 5432
Estate Of: Clarence Weeden
Bess Jr
Administratrix: Harriett Jo Bess
123 Caroline Circle
Hurricane WV 25526

Estate No.: 5343
Estate Of: Darrell Gene Harris
Executrix: Jane Harris
P.O. Box 274
Hurricane WV 25526

Estate No.: 5461
Estate Of: Norman Russell
Hendrix
Administratrix: Lyda Suzann Cole
19133 Winfield Road
Fraziers Bottom WV 25082 6842

Estate No.: 5344
Estate Of: Cynthia Renee Hunt
Administrator: Todd Smith
20841 Winfield Road
Fraziers Bottom WV 25082 7203

Estate Of: Shelba "Shelby" Jean Ketchum
Executrix: Lisa Dawn Robinson
8 Blossum Way
Hurricane WV 25526

Estate No.: 5345
Estate Of: Floyd Edwin Legg
Administratrix: Marlene Thornton
259 Cain Hill Road
Buffalo, WV 25033

Estate No.: 5460
Estate Of: Vallery Jo Massey
Administrator: Ashley Massey
2208 Kirby Road, 213 B
Milton WV 25541

Estate No.: 5450
Estate Of: Stephen Delbert Paxson
Administratrix: Mary Paxson
14925 Charleston Road
Red House WV 25168

Estate No.: 5374
Estate Of: Mary Edith Peters
Administratrix: Toni Foster
P.O. Box 68
Foster WV 25081

Estate No.: 5339
Estate Of: Roger Charles Spurlock
Executrix: Lisa Tincher
1658 Poindexter Road
Hurricane WV 25526

Estate No.: 5379
Estate Of: Frank Paul Wingo
Executrix: Melissa Melton
103 Apple Estates
Scott Depot WV 25560 9536

All persons having claims against the estate(s) of any of the above-named deceased persons whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims with vouchers thereof, legally verified, to the fiduciary of such deceased person as shown above within 60 days of August 17, 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 August 17, 2023.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 11th day of August 2023.
Fiduciary Supervisor
Putnam County Commission
10293 Winfield Road,
Winfield, WV 25213
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Public Hearing Notice

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health, Office of Nutrition Services, Women, Infants and Children's (WIC) Program is seeking public comment on its 2024 State Plan, in accordance with Federal Regulations 246.4 (23)(b). The plan outlines the program's goals, priorities and objectives for the upcoming fiscal year.

A public hearing will be held to receive public comment on the plan on Friday, August 11, 2023, in room 507 at 350 Capitol Street, Charleston, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

A copy of the State Plan may be viewed on the Office of Nutrition Services website at <https://dhr.wv.gov/WIC/policyprocedure/Pages/default.aspx>. Written comments about the plan may be sent to: WV WIC Program, Room 515, 350 Capitol Street, Charleston, WV 25301-3717, Attention: Public Comment. The deadline for submitting written comments is August 25, 2023. Those comments will be made available for public review at the above address beginning Wednesday, August 30, 2023, through Wednesday, September 6, 2023, on regular business days between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information contact:
Heidi Staats
WV WIC Program Director
304-558-0030
E-mail: Heidi.E.Staats@wv.gov
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Notice is hereby given, by virtue of the authority vested in the undersigned, J. Nicholas Barth, Successor Trustee, by that certain Deed of Trust made by Mark A. Chandler to P. Michael Pleska and F. Thomas Graff, Jr., Trustees, bearing date August 15, 2008, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 879 at pages 376-381; the said J. Nicholas Barth acting as Successor Trustee by virtue of that certain Appointment of Successor Trustee dated August 1, 2023, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Trust Deed Book 1349 at page 504; and default having been made in the payment of the Note secured by the aforesaid Deed of Trust, and having been requested in writing by the owner and holder of the Note, the undersigned Successor Trustee will offer for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder at the Front Door of the Courthouse of Putnam County, West Virginia, in the City of Winfield, West Virginia, on the 7th day of September, 2023, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., all that certain lot or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Teays Valley District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Being known and designated as Lot Number 24 of Section One of Woodclyffe Chas as the same is shown upon that map entitled, "Woodclyffe Chase, Section One Developed by Exclusive Home Design, LTD, Dorset Hodges-BUILDER Teays Valley District - Putnam County, West Virginia", dated December 14, 1987, prepared by Jimmy D. Calhoun P.E. #4782, of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Map Cabinet B, at Slide 159. Said property is also shown upon the revised map dated October 12, 1988, recorded in Map Cabinet B, Slide 196.

And being the same property conveyed to Mark A. Chandler and Kimberly A. Chandler, by Ricky L. Keaton and Deborah L. Keaton, by deed dated November 16, 2005, and of record in Deed Book 461 at page 184.

Said property having address of 24 Woodclyffe Road, Hurricane, WV 25526.

The referenced property will be conveyed with covenants of special warranty subject to all further 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.

TERMS OF SALE: Cash in hand at time of sale, subject to all prior liens and encumbrances, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, incinerator, sanitary and sewer charges.

Pursuant to the terms of the Deed of Trust, the Trustee may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated 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.

Dated this 11th day of August, 2023.

/s/ J. Nicholas Barth
J. NICHOLAS BARTH
Successor Trustee
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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 Hope Gas, Inc. (the "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 all of its customers at various locations in the Counties of Barbour, Boone, Braxton, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Gilmer, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mingo, Monongalia, Nicholas, Pleasants, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, 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 revenues approximately \$38.0 million annually, a decrease of 27.50%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

TYPE OF CUSTOMER	(\$) DECREASE	(%) DECREASE
Residential	\$ 19.60	16.93%
Small Commercial Sales	\$ 82.58	20.22%
Small Commercial Transport 1/	\$ 10.06	0.95%
Large Commercial Sales	\$ 4,401.82	26.10%
Large Commercial Transport 1/	\$ 147.70	1.69%
Industrial Sales	\$ 7,699.35	27.49%
Resale Sales	\$10,509.21	25.57%
Daily Balancing for Transport	\$ 0.00	0.00%

1/ To account for decrease in standby rate.

Resale customers of the Company include Standard Gas Co., Consumers Gas Utility Co., Cardinal Natural Gas Company - Northern Division (Lumberport), Mountaineer Gas Co., Southern Public Service Co., Cardinal Natural Gas Company - Northern Division (Blacksville), and Peoples Gas WV LLC.

The decreases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated classes. 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 (increase or decrease) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase or decrease in rates and charges will not become effective until approved 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 Morgantown office of the Company, 781 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 100, Morgantown, West Virginia.

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 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 increases or 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 the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, Post Office Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323, with copies to Daniel M. Taylor, Jr., Hope Gas, Inc., 781 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 100, Morgantown, WV 26505 and Kurt L. Krieger, Post Office Box 1588, Charleston, WV 25326-1588. 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, Post Office Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

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The following property transfers were recorded by the Putnam County Clerk between June 30, 2023, and July 17, 2023:

Todd and Andrea Combs to Eugene Wilson - Parcel, Union District for \$37,000.00.

Thomas and Jennifer Midkiff to Kenneth and Deborah Tucker - Parcel, Cedar View Farms, Teays Valley District for \$295,000.00.

Leah Chappell and Gracia Randolph to Billy Webb - Two Tracts, Union District for \$10,166.66.

Mark Sanders to Anthony Harrah - Lot, Nitro District for \$20,000.00.

Union Oil & Gas Inc to Velear C. Smith Management LLC - Parcel, Teays Valley District for \$500.00.

Adam and Milissa Jenkins to Richard Payne - Lot, Bend at Meadow Valley, Teays Valley District for \$219,996.00.

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Tariff Form No. 8-C PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION (Tariff Rule No. 30-C)

NOTICE is hereby given that Union Oil & Gas, Inc., 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 6,000 customers in the Counties of Cabell, Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia.

The proposed decreased rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2023, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will produce a decrease of approximately \$1,537,000 annually in revenue, a decrease of 21.8%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be decreased as follows:

	(\$) DECREASE	(%) DECREASE
Residential (5 mcf usage)	\$ 14.41	19.6%
Commercial (25 mcf usage)	\$ 72.05	22.8%

The decreases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated classes. 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 change in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.

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

The Rule 30C procedure is designed to provide a procedure for changing rates charged to customers by natural gas distribution utilities based exclusively on the costs 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 changes and to participate in future proceedings. Request to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention. All protests and intervention should be addressed to Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 23-0434-G-PC HOPE GAS, INC. and SOUTHERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

Joint petition for consent and approval for Hope Gas, Inc. to acquire Southern Public Service Company

NOTICE OF FILING

On May 19, 2023, Hope Gas, Inc. (Hope) and Southern Public Service Company (Southern) (jointly, petitioners) filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (Commission) a joint petition (Joint Petition) for Commission consent and approval of an acquisition transaction pursuant to which Hope would acquire all of the capital stock in Southern and merge Southern into Hope. Southern currently provides natural gas sales to approximately 6,400 customers in six counties in West Virginia.

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Roy Dentler to Gretel Alvarez and David Pauley - Two Lots, North Nitro Addition, Union District for \$257,000.00.

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Michael Bailes, Robert Bailes and William Bailes to David and Lisa Wall - Lot, Henderson Subdivision, Hurricane District for \$150,000.00.

US Bank National Association RMTPT Trust to Alexander Estep and Perry Estep - Lot, Hickory Hills

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Tariff Form No. 8-C PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION (Tariff Rule No. 30-C)

NOTICE is hereby given that Union Oil & Gas, Inc., 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 6,000 customers in the Counties of Cabell, Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia.

The proposed decreased rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2023, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission, and will produce a decrease of approximately \$1,537,000 annually in revenue, a decrease of 21.8%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be decreased as follows:

	(\$) DECREASE	(%) DECREASE
Residential (5 mcf usage)	\$ 14.41	19.6%
Commercial (25 mcf usage)	\$ 72.05	22.8%

The decreases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated classes. 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 change in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.

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

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Subdivision, Scott District for \$175,440.00.

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Heather Wiggins Raynes to Tyler and Allyson Wilson - 15.676 Acres, Union District for \$283,000.00.

Steven Gunter to Cape Henry LLC - 5 Acres, Winfield District for \$350,000.00.

Bob Humphreys to Noel and Dawnetta Cook - Two Lots, Thompson Heights Subdivision, Curry District for \$218,500.00.

Dan Duncan to Jo Ann Harrison - Lot, Scottsdale Addition of Rosehill Acres, Scott District for \$329,408.00.

Myliissa Messer to Trevin Rhodes Special Needs Trust and Kelly Young - Parcel, New London Commons, Scott District for \$35,000.00.

Seneca Trustees Inc and Graydon Duffield to Stardust Realty LLC - Lot, Litton Heights, Scott District for \$135,000.00.

Randall Cunningham and Lori Bailey to David Cunningham - 52 Acres, Union District for \$200,000.00.

Putnam Student Proficiencies

Putnam Elementary Schools

Buffalo	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	23.53	16.47	14.71
Meets	29.41	29.41	14.71
Partly	34.12	22.35	55.88
Misses	12.94	31.76	14.71

Confidence	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	21.95	24.39	20.00
Meets	43.90	41.46	20.00
Partly	29.27	26.83	50.00
Misses	4.88	7.32	10.00

Conner Street	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	32.35	22.35	16.67
Meets	18.82	30.00	31.48
Partly	30.59	23.53	37.04
Misses	18.24	24.12	14.81

Eastbrook	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	44.33	37.11	25.00
Meets	26.80	24.74	28.13
Partly	17.53	23.71	25.00
Misses	11.34	14.43	21.88

George Washington	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	36.84	23.16	13.33
Meets	24.21	30.53	23.33
Partly	29.46	34.74	33.33
Misses	9.47	11.58	30.00

Hometown	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	28.00	12.00	0.00
Meets	16.00	40.00	25.00
Partly	40.00	16.00	75.00
Misses	16.00	32.00	0.00

Hurricane Town	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	28.67	20.98	11.36
Meets	28.67	28.67	27.27
Partly	30.77	30.77	50.00
Misses	11.89	19.58	11.36

Lakeside	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	23.46	24.69	3.70
Meets	34.57	29.63	40.74
Partly	33.33	27.16	37.04
Misses	8.64	18.52	18.52

Poca	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	19.51	15.45	0.00
Meets	27.64	26.83	26.83
Partly	36.59	27.64	56.10
Misses	16.26	30.08	17.07

Rock Branch	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	46.67	40.00	22.22
Meets	26.67	33.33	36.11
Partly	17.78	21.11	38.89
Misses	8.89	5.56	2.78

Scott Teays	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	55.25	33.15	16.67
Meets	23.20	32.04	30.30
Partly	13.81	22.65	37.88
Misses	7.73	12.15	15.15

West Teays	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	56.39	49.34	37.18
Meets	24.23	24.23	24.36
Partly	13.66	18.06	26.92
Misses	5.73	8.37	11.54

Winfield	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	42.42	35.93	14.29
Meets	26.41	26.84	31.43
Partly	19.03	26.41	42.86
Misses	12.12	10.82	11.44

Mountain View	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	24.34	23.28	11.11
Meets	24.34	19.58	25.00
Partly	29.63	30.16	40.28
Misses	21.69	26.98	23.61

Putnam Middle Schools

George Washington	Math	Reading	Science	Poca	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	15.70	15.02	15.46	Exceeds	13.54	14.93	7.45
Meets	19.11	32.08	25.77	Meets	26.74	42.71	14.89
Partly	35.49	33.11	41.24	Partly	34.72	27.43	51.06
Misses	29.69	19.80	17.53	Misses	25.00	14.93	26.60

Hurricane	Math	Reading	Science	Winfield	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	28.80	18.05	13.12	Exceeds	31.06	23.10	8.25
Meets	19.78	35.45	27.66	Meets	25.27	36.28	26.39
Partly	31.03	30.53	43.26	Partly	24.91	25.99	46.60
Misses	20.40	15.95	15.96	Misses	18.77	14.62	24.76

Putnam High Schools

Buffalo	Math	Reading	Science	Poca	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	4.29	14.29	4.29	Exceeds	6.54	8.41	4.67
Meets	20.00	32.86	22.86	Meets	12.15	38.32	17.76
Partly	31.43	22.86	35.71	Partly	41.12	28.97	36.45
Misses	44.29	30.00	37.14	Misses	40.19	24.30	41.12

Hurricane	Math	Reading	Science	Winfield	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	17.69	23.46	14.23	Exceeds	16.48	31.25	20.45
Meets	20.00	40.77	21.54	Meets	23.84	39.77	30.68
Partly	35.38	18.46	38.46	Partly	33.52	18.25	27.27
Misses	26.92	17.31	25.77	Misses	26.14	10.23	21.59

A Post Card to Breeze Readers



Betsy and Ron Allen pose in front of West Quoddy Head Lighthouse in Lubec, Maine on Monday, August 14. The lighthouse is located at the most eastern point in the continental United States.

Hurricane High School wins opening event of Callaway Junior Tour High School Series

By WV Press

The Callaway Junior Tour High School Series, sponsored by Tri-State Roofing and Sheet Metal and hosted by the West Virginia Golf Association (WVGA), opened its 2023 season with the WVGA Invitational at Bel Meadow Country Club in Mt. Clare on Thursday, August 3.

Hurricane High School won the opening event of the four-event series, with a combined score of 16 over par 232. Team members were Savannah Hawkins, Tanner Sutphin, Kellen Pauley and Carson O'Dell. Each school has a team of four players, with the best three scores counting as the team's total score. The series, a partner of Callaway Golf and conducted by the West Virginia Golf Association, featured a field of 96 golfers on 24 high school teams from across West Virginia.

The remaining schools in the top five were Morgantown, Fairmont Senior, Bridgeport A and Wheeling Central.

The five players with the lowest individual scores received Tri-State Roofing and Sheet Metal Medalist trophies. Those

were awarded to Savannah Hawkins of Hurricane, Caleb Young of Fairmont Senior, Javier Crespo-Gomez of Elkins, Audrey Kerr of Bridgeport A and Landon Prager of Wheeling Central.

"We had a good crowd today, with nearly 100 kids from around the state, and the course was in great shape," said Bel Meadow's owner Randy Workman. "Lucas Ware and the

WVGA folks did a great job with this event. We look forward to having them back next year."

Teams participating in the WVGA Invitational were from the following high schools: Bridgeport (2 teams), Brooke, Buckhannon Upshur, East Fairmont, Elkins, Fairmont Senior, George Washington (2 teams), Gilmer County, Grafton, Hurricane, Morgantown, Parkersburg

(2 teams), Petersburg, Philip Barbour, Pocahontas County, Point Pleasant, Roane County, Trinity Christian, University (2 teams) and Wheeling Central.

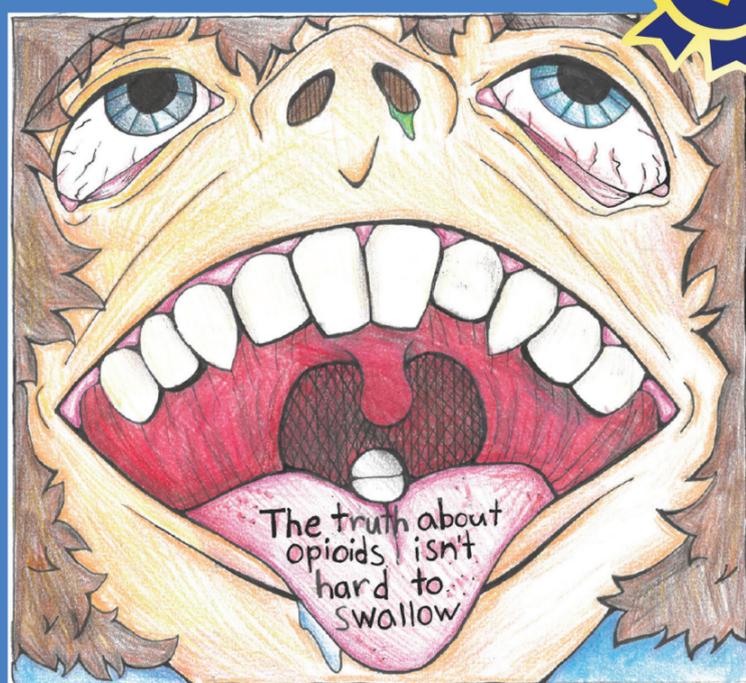
The High School Series was in action again Monday, August 7, with the Capital City Classic at Edgewood Country Club in Charleston.

For more information, please visit wvga.org.



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