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Milken Award

A black and white photograph of a woman with blonde hair and glasses, looking surprised with her mouth open. She is wearing a dark, patterned top. In the background, a person wearing a white cap is partially visible.

A surprised Janna Hamrick

Franks who received her Award on October 31 in Petersburg (Grant County).

“Janna Hamrick epitomizes the important role educators play today,” said State Superintendent of Schools Michele L. Blatt. “Her enthusiasm for learning is infectious and the relationships she builds with her students establish connections that strengthen their learning. She creates a safe learning environment and allows them to take risks and become more self-reliant. We are proud she has earned this stellar award.”

There are 75 recipients across the country this school year who will receive awards as part of the Milken Family Foundation's Journey to the 3,000th Milken Educator. Milken Educator Award recipients are sought out while early to mid-career for what they have achieved — and for the promise of what they will accomplish given the resources and opportunities afforded by the Award.

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Photo: Don Kinnard (upper left) as a member of the Governor's Advisory Council for Veterans in 2005. In the Viet Nam era (lower right), Kinnard was a member of the elite Navy Seals.

By Ron Allen

What does Veterans Day mean to a veteran's veteran? Just locate a veteran's veteran and ask him. That's what the Breeze did. We asked Don Kinnard of Hurricane.

Don did not begin his military career with the intent of becoming a veteran's veteran. He joined the Marine Corps on July 28, 1952, with one thing in mind — fighting. At the time, the Korean War was in full swing. He did serve in Korea, but not until 1954 when combat operations had largely ended.

What started as a fighting mission turned into a 22-year military career. After his tour with the Marines, Kinnard went into the Navy as a frogman. Shortly after the Navy Seals were commissioned in 1961, he became a member of this elite force.

As a member of Underwater Demolition Team 12 in Vietnam, Chief Kinnard saw plenty of action in the heat of enemy territory. His job was to search out the enemy, locate his structures and supplies and assess his capabilities.

On one occasion, under the cover of darkness and accompanied by about twenty mercenaries, Chief Kinnard located two enemy sampans (flat bottom boats) and opened fire, knocking out their motors and killing several men. Approximately nine of the enemy escaped into the night as the disabled sampans drifted downstream.

| WEATHER SUMMARY | | |
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| November 7 - 13 | | |
| | Low | High |
| November 7 | | |
| Hurricane | 39° | 66° |
| November 8 | | |
| Hurricane | 35° | 73° |
| November 9 | | |
| Hurricane | 43° | 66° |
| November 10 | | |
| Hurricane | 29° | 52° |
| November 11 | | |
| Hurricane | 26° | 52° |
| November 12 | | |
| Hurricane | 27° | 55° |
| November 13 | | |
| Hurricane | 24° | 59° |
| *RAIN | | |
| None recorded | | |

rights, privileges, duties, and responsibilities as franchised citizens, attendees have the opportunity to apply for scholarships, accumulate extra merit points for admission to military service academies, and build a diverse network of connections across the state. Over its 84-year history, The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State has empowered approximately 31,000 individuals with the tools for success.

Last year's graduates
from Putnam County

Pictured: Row 1 (L to R): Benjamin Shumaker (Hurricane High School), Nicholas McWhorter (Winfield High School), Connor Pickens (Buffalo High School), Isaac Bailey (Poca High School); Row 2 (L to R): Sonja Adkins (ALMBS Staff), John Huff (ALMBS Counselor), Scot Meadows (ALMBS Staff), Ryan Meadows (ALMBS Staff), Adam Cook (ALMBS Counselor)

The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State (ALMBS) is recruiting candidates for its 85th session, scheduled for the week of June 11 to June 17, 2024, at Jackson's Mill. ALMBS, renowned as "West Virginia's premier Leadership Academy," is actively seeking enthusiastic young men from across West Virginia to participate in an immersive week of learning and growth.

Established in 1936, ALMBS is dedicated to educating and training West Virginia's youth in the democratic republic form of

government, emphasizing the importance of our nation's most cherished freedoms. With the guidance and sponsorship of The American Legion, the largest wartime veteran's service organization, ALMBS nurtures and mentors the leaders of tomorrow, promoting patriotism, honor, and civic engagement.

The program offers a transformative experience that shapes the lives of its participants, providing them with numerous benefits that last a lifetime. Beyond gaining a comprehensive understanding of their

Chief Kinnard and his mercenaries turned their attention to the drifting sampans and set up an ambush 100 meters downstream. When the boats came near, Kinnard yelled, “La De!” The men in the sampan stood up and were greeted by deadly gunfire. The larger of the two sampans started to drift away. Kinnard swam to it and tied the bowline to a stump on the shore. Automatic weapons

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Mark Burdette and Andrew Branard provided bagpipe music for the Veterans Day dinner. (Photo by Betsy Allen)

Veterans turned out en masse for a free dinner Hurricane teamed up to make the event possible.

at Hurricane High School on Saturday, November 11. Putnam County Bank, L&R BBQ, and the City of In addition to the delicious meal, the veterans received Cards of Thanks crafted by elementary school pupils.

The Centennial History of Hurricane **Hurricane Area Organizations**

In 1988, The Centennial History of Hurricane, WV was published to commemorate the town's 100th anniversary. The publication included the histories of 7 Hurricane civic organization. This week's selection is the 2nd of the these histories which were published in 1988.

HURRICANE CHAPTER
NO. 116 ORDER OF
THE EASTERN STAR

On the evening of September 30, 1927, Mrs. Kate Gates, Associated Grand Matron; and Mr. D. H. Gates, Past Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, met with members

of various Chapters of the Order, and prospective members, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Draper, 2711 Main St., Hurricane. The purpose was to ascertain the desires of Master Masons and their eligible relatives residing in Hurricane, and community, to establish a new Chapter in Hurricane.

A petition for a dispensation to the Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, Order of the Eastern Star, was presented with the names of those desirous of becoming members of the order.

Having petition

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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.

NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY

There is a free open gym for 1st through 5th graders every Saturday from to 11 a.m. at ZoneOut Sports, Morris Court, Hurricane.

NOVEMBER 17
There will be a basket making workshop at 6 p.m. at 1267 Rentals, 17588 Charleston Road, Buffalo. The cost is \$30. Register by going to https://www.eventbrite.com/e/basket-making-workshop-tickets-748149303707

Horseshoe Heaven Farm, 121 Banjo Lane, Scott Depot, will be holding a parents’ night out event from 5 to 9 p.m. Drop children off for a showing of “The Grinch.” The cost is \$50 per person with a multi child discount. RSVP by calling 304-421-5733.

The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce will be holding a meet up event at 8 a.m. at Area 34, 971 Route 34, Teays Valley. Putnam Wellness Coalition will meet at 10:30 p.m. at Area 34, 971 Route 34, Teays Valley.

There will be a ribbon cutting for Classically Curated Furniture by Steph, 150 Morris Court, Hurricane, at 3 p.m.

NOVEMBER 18
The PIT CrawlZone Remote Control Car Course, 1102 11th Street, Nitro, will be holding a Gobblers and Crawlers charity food drive starting at noon.

Buffalo Church of God, Route 62 and Church Street, will hold their annual Fall Bazaar from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m at the church fellowship hall.

The Perfect Pitch, a karaoke competition, will start at 6 p.m. at The Garage, 3057 Mount

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

Hurricane Reformed Church will be hosting a family psalm sing at noon at Valley Park in Hurricane, shelter 1.

NOVEMBER 19
Gospel Brass will be performing at 4 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Nitro, 2200 2nd Avenue, Nitro.

Nik Walker Ministries will be coming to the Bridge Church, 279 Dairy Road, Poca, for morning and evening services at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Teays Valley Church of the Nazarene, 3937 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, will be holding their annual community Thanksgiving dinner starting at 5 p.m.

NOVEMBER 20
The Putnam Regional Family Resource Network will meet at 1 p.m. at Heartbeat of the Valley, 28 Mission Way, Scott Depot.

NOVEMBER 23
The Bancroft Thanksgiving Parade will go through the neighborhoods of Bancroft starting at 11 a.m.

There will be a Wobble Before You Gobble Zumba class at 8 a.m. at Power Up Sports and Wellness, 87 Comemrce Drive, Hurricane. Bring a canned food donation.

NOVEMBER 24
There will be a Wobble After You Gobble Zumba class at 9:15 a.m. at Power Up Sports and Wellness, 87 Comemrce Drive, Hurricane.

NOVEMBER 25
Poca High School Show Choir presents Breakfast in Whoville from 8 a.m. to noon at Valley Cakes and Cafe, 165 Main Street, Poca. To purchase tickets, go to https://phsshowchoir.ticketspice.com/breakfast-in-whoville

Shop Small Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Area 34, 971 Route 34, Teays Valley. Many local businesses and vendors will have booths.

There will be a Yuletide in the Park Vendor event from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane.

Social Event Space, 2833 Main Street, Hurricane, will be holding Shop Small Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

NOVEMBER 26
Rodney Barbour will be performing at 3:00 p.m. at Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church, Putnam Avenue, Hurricane, for their annual Christmas Organ Concert on the Harrah Symphonic Organ.

DECEMBER 1 - 2
The Macholah Ballet will be performing “The Nativity” at 7 p.m. on Friday and 2 p.m. on Saturday at King’s River Ministries, 777 Mallory Lane, St. Albans.

Word of Light Church will be hosting a live nativity from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane.

DECEMBER 1
The Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Business Before Business meet up at 7:30 p.m. at Sleep Inn & MainStay Suites, 1211 Liberty Park Drive, Teays Valley.

“Narnia” Ballet Coming to Huntington This December

True Impact Dance Studio of Huntington is celebrating its 20th year of business this season. The studio is pleased to be hosting its 9th annual Christmas in Narnia ballet production this winter. Christmas in Narnia will take the stage on Saturday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m., at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center, 1600 5th Avenue, Huntington. The show is inspired by the famed children’s novel, *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* by C.S Lewis.

Full of wonderful life lessons, Christmas in Narnia is a wonderful holiday adventure that will take its audience on a journey through a land where snowflakes dance, reindeer prance, flowers bloom, and good conquers evil. Christmas in Narnia, the ballet, has become a Huntington tradition that families look forward to sharing each year!

West Virginia Division of Forestry Reminds Residents to Use Caution During Fire Season

The West Virginia Division of Forestry (WV DOF) reminds residents that Fall fire season started on October 1 and continues through December 31 and asks that West Virginians use caution at this time. In 2023 to date, West Virginia has experienced 916 fires, burning approximately 11,340 acres, with 114 of those fires happening since October 1.

“Right now, we are asking West Virginia residents to refrain from calling local county emergency services centers for smoke complaints in an effort to reduce false alarm calls that can pull resources away from local volunteer fire departments,” said State Forester and Director of WV DOF, Jeremy Jones. “However, if you see a fire or column of smoke rising from a specific place, please call 911 immediately.”

Debris burning is the single most common cause of wildfires in West Virginia, averaging more than 35% of all wildfires over the past 10 years. WV DOF reminds West Virginians to confine their outdoor burning to the hours of 5 p.m. to 7 a.m. according to the West Virginia State Code Chapter 20-3-5. Fires set during that time must be put out before 7 a.m.

Burning is banned during the day because even in fall, relative humidity typically increases in the evening.

A summary of forest fire

The idea for the ballet came about from studio owner and director, Amy York, who was seeking to create a festive and Christ centered production.

True Impact is a faith based establishment that offers a family friendly environment for classes and audiences. Come for a Christ centered holiday ballet!

Ticket costs are \$22 per seat. Children aged 3 and under may sit on a lap for free. Tickets are now on sale for the production.

For advanced ticket reservations, you may phone 304-633-1238, email trueimpactdancestudio@gmail.com, or visit the True Impact Dance Studio during regular hours of operation (4 - 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 5 to 6 p.m. Fridays; and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. True Impact Dance Studio is located at 6326 East Pea Ridge Road, Huntington.

laws and safe fire practices can be found on the state Division of Forestry website.

The forest fire law includes:

- No outdoor burning from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Any fire set between 5 p.m. and 7 a.m. must be extinguished before 7 a.m.
- Before leaving any fire for any length of time, the fire must be completely extinguished.
- Clear at least a 10-foot area (safety strip) around the fire and make sure all burnable material has been removed.
- Any equipment that can throw sparks and operating on land subject to fire by any cause must be provided with an adequate spark arrestor.
- If your fire escapes, you are liable for the costs of fighting the fire and any damage the fire may cause.
- Violation of the burning law is punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.

To burn during prohibited periods for commercial burning, a permit must be obtained from the Division of Forestry.

The Division of Forestry protects nearly 12 million acres of forestland across West Virginia. More information on fire safety and programs such as forest legacy, logging and landowner assistance, visit the website wvforestry.com

Pet Photos Wanted For Christmas Issue; Deadline December 7

If you have a picture of your pet dressed in holiday attire, or posing beside a Christmas tree or other seasonal decoration, the Breeze would like to include it in the Christmas issue, which will be published on December 21.

The deadline to turn in pictures is December 7. Besides a photograph, we would need the name(s) of the pet(s), the owners’ names, town in which the owner resides, and any information you would like to share about the pet or pets. This is a free service, and there is no charge.

If you wish to have your

pet’s picture returned, you must do ALL the following: (1) have the pet’s name on back of the picture, (2) name and address of person to whom the photograph is to be returned, and (3) a stamped, addressed envelope which matches the address on the back of the photograph.

Photographs and information may be mailed to: Holiday Pet Pictures, Hurricane Breeze, P.O. Box 310, Hurricane, WV 25526.

Photos and information may also be submitted to our email address: hurricanebreeze@citynet.net

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

I was writing several columns the other night. I realized that there are so many Burkes from Hebron and Maxine. I was surprised. I decided to write about one of the families from Hurricane, the Burkes. I had never thought about what a large family they had. Only four children... married... but then the grands and the great grands. I was amazed. Sitting at their table, there were six of them. I made seven... then Betty... later Becky... and then Sandy... that was a large family... in the meantime, we had Nathan and Kathy... the first grandchild. Then ended up with eleven grands... I am still counting the greats...

Hebron and Maxine met as teens... married in 1945... May 12... Mike was born the next year on May 2... Marshall was born August 1, 1949... Dale on Dec. 20, 1953... Patricia in November 1956... I probably do not have the dates right... alas... I do remember that there were ten years between their first and last children.

So many birthdays and anniversaries to remember... I loved it... we were close until...

Hurricane has families that have been there forever. The Burkes moved to Teays Valley when Mike was ten years old... from Fort Hill, Charleston. Hebron drove to Carbide with other workers... a car pool. Often the family had one car... sometimes two... I do remember the fun times we all had together... a close family. Hebron died suddenly in 1986... Maxine died in 2012. She remarried to a great person, Lat... what a family...

My grandchildren have never experienced the huge family gatherings... those ended with Hebron... Maxine usually visited her four and spent holidays with all of us... when she remarried, she divided her time among her kids and his... the Burke family times were gone... mostly.

Mike is remarried, but he and I had Nathan Daniel (Yuliya) and Katherine Kristen Burke Taylor (Pat)... our grandchildren are Katelyn Jessica Taylor, Sophie Olivia Taylor, and Margaret Taylor. We also have Aidan Connor Burke and Nicholas Michael Burke...

Marshall and Betty had Jennifer Lynn Moeschberger (Scott), Jonathan Blair (Kristy), Mary Elizabeth Auxier (Jonathan), and Christina Dawn Cudney (Steven). Their grandchildren are Jackson, Grace, Eva, Andrew, Ciaran, Ronan, Penelope, Matilda, Hazel, Finnegan, Adeline, and Nadia.

Dale and Becky had Bethany (Josh), Paul (Becca), and Jaime (Tom). Their grandchildren are Alli, Caleb, Josiah, Maggie, Molly, Asher, Sam, Sophia

Patricia and Sandy had Harrison and Sarah. Harrison is married to Gabriella with a child...

That numbers almost 60.

Imagine that. One young couple met long

ago... they married... now there are all of these children from that couple... Hebron would be so excited to see all of his family, and I have no doubt that he would plan his own family reunions for all of the family to be together.

Their home in Teays Valley, across from the golf course, has been sold. Before I left West Virginia, I used to walk in that area and remember... I could hear the laughter... and even remember the tears. I could remember sitting on that porch swing... eating in the kitchen... washing dishes... opening gifts at Christmas... hugs... good times... and then...

That fateful time in August, 1986... Hebron died in Ohio... but after the funeral at Mount Vernon Baptist, we all gathered at the home... no more with Grandpa... he was gone... he was the center of the family... he was gone too soon... but we know that he lived a great life... he centered his life around his wife and family... he was the best father-in-law... he was the best Grandpa... best husband... best dad... it would be difficult for anyone to fill his shoes... we remember him...

We remember my mother-in-law who was one of my best friends for 30 years... she was the best wife and mother... no one could measure up... trust me... she was amazing... she is missed...

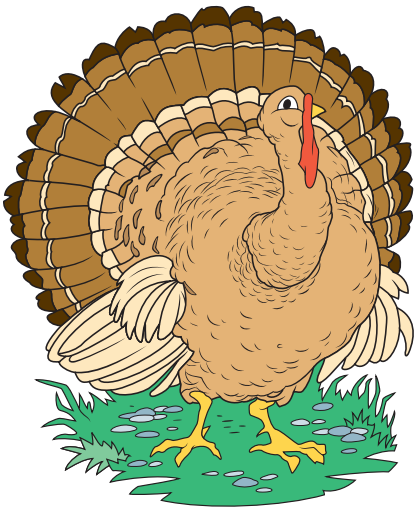
Once the two of them were gone... the house changed... the shadows were obvious because the family was gone... we know that a house does not make the home... the family does... I can hear the echoes of all of us sitting around the dining table... I can remember the laughter as we played numerous games of Canasta... I can remember Hebron’s stories... learning to make those chocolate chip cookies with Maxine... and learning to make the best apple pie from the one who did it best...

I remember those times... they will never be forgotten... not only were they my in-laws, they were the grandparents of my two children... they were the great grandparents of my grands... they left a legacy of love and caring... I remember because we do remember always... the way we were is the way we are... I hope and pray that each of their descendants go into the world and make a difference... that they all become good people like their ancestors...

My son and daughter are the best of the best... they take care of me and are loving caring children... in their fifties... lol... they are magnificent... anyone who knows them know that they come from good stock... their children are productive, not spoiled, and are hard workers... they work for what they want... they expect nothing to be given to them... I am blessed, and I know that I have Maxine and Hebron to thank for raising Mike... my kids’ dad... prayers for this huge family.

Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



Moth Word Search

By Gerry Stover

Gerry Stover of Hurricane is a Boy Scout leader for Troop 236 and the resource person for scouts seeking to attain the Insect Study Merit Badge. Over the course of time, he has developed puzzles which serve as tools in helping scouts document that they have met Insect Study Badge requirements.

Gerry has submitted the following sample of his puzzles such that readers might joy what numerous scouts have enjoyed in pursuit of the badge.

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Word List

Bats

Caterpillar

Clubbed

Cocoon

Lepidoptera

Luna

Sonar

Mimicry

Moths

Nocturnal

Plumose

Pollination

Proboscis

Metamorphosis

Scales

Ring in the Holidays with Regionally Inspired Recipes

(Family Features) When Thanksgiving hosts and their guests ponder must-have desserts, one of the most common favorites is an oh-so-delicious pie. More specifically, with nearly endless possibilities and its familiar festive flavor, pecan pie is one of America’s most beloved holiday treats.

From nods to the Northeast’s love of maple to celebrating sweet tastes of the West Coast with a citrus twist, the American Pecan Promotion Board is celebrating regionally inspired recipes. While the classic pecan pie is a hit at the Thanksgiving table, you can make it a perfect palette for creativity this year by enjoying local flavors that take the festivities up a notch.

For example, putting a festive spin on the holiday favorite can be as easy as this sweet and savory Bourbon Bacon Pecan Pie that’s a mouthwatering take on tradition.

When it comes to pecans, great taste is just the beginning. They’re the ultimate supernut due to their flavor versatility and nutritional benefits. Next time you’re shopping for pie ingredients, remember you can pick up an extra bag to add to favorite appetizers, snacks, meals, desserts and more all holiday season long.

Find more regional recipe inspiration by visiting eatpecans.com.

Bourbon Bacon Pecan Pie

Recipe courtesy of Emily Caruso of “Jelly Toast” on behalf of the American Pecan Promotion Board
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 70 minutes
Servings: 10

- 1 pie dough (9 inches)
- 4 strips thick-cut bacon
- 1/2 cup dark corn syrup
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons bourbon
- 3 large eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 1/2 cups raw pecan halves

Place baking sheet in oven. Preheat oven to 350 F.
Gently line pie pan with rolled out pie dough. Press into edges and up sides. Use fingers or fork to create decorative edge. Set aside.
In skillet, fry bacon until crisp. Remove from pan and drain on paper towels then chop into small pieces and set aside. Reserve 1/4 cup bacon grease.

In large bowl, whisk dark corn syrup, light corn syrup, brown sugar, reserved bacon grease, butter and bourbon. Add eggs and salt; whisk until mixture is even. Fold in pecan halves and chopped bacon.

Pour mixture into pie crust and spread evenly with spatula. Gently cover edges of pie crust with aluminum foil. Place pie on preheated baking sheet and bake 60-70 minutes, or until pie is set in center.

Remove pie from oven and cool completely before serving or chilling.

Notes: Pie can be made 1 day ahead and refrigerated overnight. Allow pie to come to room temperature before serving.

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

Today’s little moments becomes tomorrow’s precious memories.

Be with someone who chooses you every day, not just when they are in the mood.

When you lose your excuses, you will find your results.

Always believe something amazing is about to happen.

In a world filled with hate, we must dare to hope.

When people know they did you wrong, they avoid you.

A bad attitude makes you ugly on the inside.

My life is mine to remember.

A warm smile is the universal language of kindness.

In a world filled with distrust, we must still dare to believe.

Butterflies are the heaven-sent kisses from an angel.

The first ever cordless phone was created by God. He named it “prayer.” It never loses its signal and you never have to recharge it. Use it anywhere.

It’s not about when you start. It’s about where you’re headed.

You can’t solve a problem unless you know the problem.

Do all you can to be your best – with confidence and preparedness you’ll enjoy success.

“Old” is when you give up; until then, you are spectacular.

Great attitude is like a perfect cup of coffee. Don’t start your day without it.

Don’t let what’s happening around you get inside and take you under.

Be comfortable with not sharing your side of the story. God saw it all.

Your home is living space, not storage.

In the end, you only have yourself.

How much of God do you see in your future?

Inspiration exists, but it has to find you working. - Pablo Picasso

More churches have died because of their music than any other one thing.

Soul winning is not winning an argument, but winning a soul.

Sometimes you don’t need words to feel better; you just need the nearness of your doggie.

Dream more than others think practical. Expect more than others think possible. Care more than others think wise .

A man’s mind,



stretched by new ideas, may never return to its original dimensions. - Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

Have you ever had one of those days when you thought you were on the right track, only to find out you’re on the wrong train?

I’m getting too old to be around people who don’t understand the concept of loyalty and honesty.

When you give someone everything and they treat you like nothing, something inside of you really breaks.

God is bigger than your problems. Whatever worries you may have, put them in His hands and leave them there.

Sometimes we’re tested not to show our weaknesses, but to discover our strengths.

Preachers shouldn’t preach for the income. Preachers want to preach for the outcome.

Success does not come to you. You go to it.

They are able because they think they are able.

Never let an old flame burn you twice.

Family is not an important thing. It’s everything!

The greatest wealth is to live content with little.

In a world filled with anger, we must dare to comfort.

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

God made you different. Don’t ruin that by trying to be like everybody else.

You need to start hanging out with people who fit your future, not your history.

Don’t love what you can’t trust. Don’t hate what you can’t have. Don’t say what you can’t show. Don’t judge what you don’t know.

Doubts are the ants in the pants of faith. They keep it awake and moving.

I’d rather be by myself then questioning where I stand in someone’s life.

I owe myself the biggest apology for putting up with what I didn’t deserve.

If you’re wrestling your conscience, let’s hope it wins.

A smooth sea never made a skillful sailor.

A hug can say what words cannot.

Believe in yourself and stay true to yourself.

You will never regret being kind.

When all is said and done - more is said than done.

You know you’re getting older when you feel like the morning after but there was no night before.

Jesus isn’t a knight in shining armor. He’s the risen Kind of the Ages.

Life moves pretty fast. If you don’t stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.

Actions speak louder than words. Next time someone tries to convince you that they care, look at what they do, not what they say.

Nature never intended for us to pat ourselves on the back. If she had, our hinges would be different.

Celebrate the happiness that friends are always giving; make every day a holiday and celebrate just living.

How beautiful it is to find someone who asks for nothing but your company.

Sleep is such a wonderful thing that it is a shame you cannot keep awake to enjoy it.

Jesus endured a hard life on earth so we could enjoy an eternal life with Him.

It’s during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light.

Kindness begins with the understanding that we all struggle.

I overthink because I overlove and I overcare.

We are all tall enough to reach God’s hand.

Obey God, and get done what others tell you can’t be done.

Some of the most generous people have very little money.

Stop seeking approval from people that in the end don’t really matter.

What you do in private determines how high God will take you in public.

Use the word of God against the world, the flesh and the devil.

No one ever notices when you’re being provoked, only when you retaliate.

Sometimes you have to sit back, watch, and observe. People will show you who they are without you saying a word.

Bible Verse



Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.
— Psalm 25:5

Local Democrat Receives Statewide Recognition

Marcia Duran from Putnam County received special recognition from Democratic leaders in honoring her as one of West Virginia's Outstanding Democrats of the Year. This Outstanding Democrat was selected by local county leaders for hard work and dedication to the Democratic Party in Putnam County. Marcia received tribute from Democrats assembled at the recent Roosevelt-Kennedy Dinner Celebration held at the Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center, in Charleston, WV on Saturday, October 28, 2023. This year's keynote speaker was Chair Anderson Clayton, from North Carolina, the youngest Democratic Chair in the country.

Karen Coria, a Putnam County Democratic leader and coordinator of the 38th Annual Awards Ceremony



Marcia Duran

indicated that the award was established to recognize local party officials and volunteers whom Democratic leaders feel have contributed most to the party's efforts. "Our goal is to recognize these special people who have distinguished themselves by contributing to our society, by working within the framework of our democracy and political party system," Coria said.

Property Transfers

The following property transfers were recorded by the Putnam County Clerk between October 2, 2023 and October 5, 2023:

Joshua and Tabettha Marcum to Monica McBryde - Lot, Sunset Heights, Curry District for \$243,000.00.

Nicholas Bragg to Nathan and Erinn Barry - Lot, Hurricane Estates, Hurricane District for \$222,000.00.

Majo LLC to Anthony Lauriti - Lot, Forest Park, Poca District for \$198,000.00.

Karen McMillion to David and Christi Dennison - Lot, Alexis estates, Hurricane District for \$289,000.00.

Hobba Communities WV LLC to Georgia Tucker - Lot, Alexanders Place, Teays Valley District for \$409,000.00.

James and Carolyn McCallister to John Serls - Parcel, Walnut Grove Farms, Scott District for \$187,000.00.

Sharon Lord to Debra Chapman - Lot, Cheyenne Valley, Scott District for \$204,000.00.

Eric Embree and Zachary Thompson to Teays Construction LLC - Lot, White Rock Subdivision, Scott District for \$94,000.00.

FBD LLC to AP1 LLC - 11.22 Acres, Alexanders Place, Teays Valley District for \$200,000.00.

AP1 LLC to DHB LLC - Lot, Alexanders Place, Teays Valley District for \$57,450.00.

AP1 LLC to DHB LLC - Lot, Alexanders Place, Teays Valley District for \$51,300.00.

AP1 LLC to DHB LLC - Lot, Alexanders Place, Teays Valley District for \$55,890.00.

AP1 LLC to DHB LLC - Lot, Alexanders Place, Teays Valley District for \$55,890.00.

Mike Hall and Pamela Ross to Earon and Cara Knolles - Lot, Teays Farms Subdivision, Scott District for \$301,800.00.

R O Robertson Jr to Buffalo PFE LLC - 10.8 Acres, Teays Valley District for \$150,000.00.

Michael Savilla to Matthew Rowsey and Kendra Withrow - Lot, Beacon Hill, Scott District for \$465,000.00.

Nicholas Klein to Atlas Ventures LLC - Two Lots, Conner Heights Addition, Hurricane District for \$248,000.00.

PP&J Structures and General Contracting LLC to Lindsey Meadows and Kimberly Clark Gray - Unit, Residences at Pauls Place, Scott District for \$265,000.00.

Dennis Bozic to Dawn Lemle - Lot, Eleanor District for \$110,000.00.

Connie Huston to

Clinton Shrewsbury - Two Parcels, Scott District for \$194,630.00.

Patsy French to Thomas and Mary Miller - Lot, Eggleston Acres, Scott District for \$295,000.00.

Steven Murphy to Darin Lester - 41 Acres, Teays Valley District for \$65,000.00.

John and Jessica Plantz to Prasart and Phaiwan Amnakha - Lot, Sleepy Hollow Subdivision, Teays Valley District for \$408,800.00.

Kenneth Nance and Leona Jordan to James Nance - Two Parcels, Teays Valley District for \$6,000.00.

George and Kathy Shamblin to Sammie Caldwell - Parcel, Bancroft

District for \$8,000.00.

Jorge Haikal to Swayne and Serinity Sisco - Lot, Ranch Lake Estates, Scott District for \$1,000.00.

Russell Rollyson, WV State Auditor and Stefanie Reger to Sunshine State Investment Group LLC - Lot, Woodridge Estates, Teays Valley District for \$997.49.

Russell Rollyson, WV State Auditor and Stefanie Reger to Sunshine State Investment Group LLC - Lot, Woodridge Estates, Teays Valley District for \$1,024.18.

Russell Rollyson, WV State Auditor and Rita Parsons to Sunshine State Investment Group LLC - Interest, Poca District for \$1,700.00.

Obituaries

RUSSELL RADFORD AKERS

Russell Radford Akers, 79, of Pliny, eft his Earthly Home and walked into his Heavenly Home on Sunday, November 5, 2023 after a courageous 4 year battle with Pancreatic Cancer.

Russell was born November 4, 1944 in Cabin Creek to the late Paskel Ward and Jocelyn Harlin Akers, a coal miners son with Irish red hair and blue eyes.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded death by his siblings: Ward "June", Dewey and Steve Akers, Francis Gallehugh, Sherry Cooper and Shelly Kay Adkins.

Russell is a 1962 graduate of Hannan High School and upon graduation he left home to find work in Columbus, Ohio. His first job was a dishwasher at Jerry's Drive Inn on High Street, then worked 12 years at Westinghouse Corp. as a machinist and Union Steward. In 1975 he moved the family to WV and worked various jobs until 1977, when he took the position of tank cleaner for Union Carbide and Chemical Tanklines in Institute. He then retired to his farm at the age of 68 after building houses with Ferguson Brothers Construction for 20 years.

Russell had many talents and hobbies that included driving race cars, bowling, an avid hunter, gardner, watching WVU, NASCAR, driving his John Deere Tractor, and his F-150. He considered Ford Motor Co. the only auto maker. He was a family man and his greatest joy was loving his grandchildren and their visits. A handyman, Mr. Fixit, a good neighbor could always be counted on.

His greatest decision came in 1974 when he accepted Jesus in his Heart and was baptized on a cold snowy October day in Delaware, Ohio. He attended church at Eastside Mission and after moving to WV, he and the family became members and still attend 5 & 20 United Baptist Church in Fraziers Bottom, where he served as Sunday School Superintendent and Trustee.

When the cancer diagnosis came in 2019 he said "I'm a Winner either way, if I go or if I stay!"; his faith in God NEVER wavered.

He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years: Alice Faye; daughter: Angie (Johnny) Hodges; Sons: Rusty (Ronda) Akers and Chad (Melissa Milam) Akers; eight grandchildren: Allison (Cam) Clendenin, Ashley (Chad) Humphrey, JohnJohn (Lasaia) Hodges, Russ (Madison) Akers, Elijah, Gabriel and Ella Akers and Emma Hearn; five great grandchildren: Caroline and Jude Clendenin, Drake and Brady Humphrey and Russell Radford IV, as well as one coming in May 2024.

Russell's Funeral Service was Saturday November 11, 2023 at Mount Union Church, Fraziers Bottom,

with Rev. Donnie Akers and Rev. Jim Perry officiating. Burial was in Bowcott Cemetery.

DAVID PAUL EGNOR

David Paul Egnor, 59, of Culloden, passed away Friday, November 3, 2023 at Cabell Huntington Hospital. He was a 1982 graduate of Buffalo High School. David was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunting, fishing and camping.

Born June 23, 1964, he was the son of the late Lionel Paul Egnor and Marlene A. Brown Egnor. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ronald Brown, Emogene Brown, Harry Gibson and Myrtle Gibson; sisters, Linda Egnor and Brenda Egnor.

Survivors include his longtime companion of over 18 years, Lisa Roach; daughters, Heather Egnor (Chance Andrews) of Teays Valley and Breanna Egnor (James Newman) of Charleston; sisters, Pauline (Joe) Moles of Red House, Betty Jean (Rusty) Craig of Cross Lanes, Barbara Lynn (Dale) Harper of Winfield and Beverly Stanley (Danny Walk) of Eleanor; grandchildren, Christian Godwin, Aaron Andrews and Alia Andrews.

Funeral Service was Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Evangelist Joseph Moles officiating. Burial was in Beech Grove Cemetery, Eleanor.

SARAH MARGARET GILLMAN

Sarah Margaret Gillman, 80, of Hurricane, passed away on November 7, 2023 at OSU James Cancer Center Columbus, Ohio.

She was born on June 12, 1943 in Grundy, VA to the late William and Loraine Hurley. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother and grandmother; always providing support to those she loved.

In addition to her parents Sarah was preceded in death by her husband: Clifford Gillman; and a brother, Kenneth Lee Hurley.

Left to cherish her memory is her daughters, Billie Miller (Angelo) of Hurricane and Jeanie Gillman (Angela) of Hurricane; granddaughter: Crystal Scalf (CJ) of Scott Depot; great grandchildren: Hunter Burdette and Bentley Scalf; her beloved furbaby Romeo, as well as many other family members.

Sarah's funeral service was Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Pastor Bryan Matthews officiating. Burial was in Highland Memory Gardens, Chapmanville.

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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.

Nov. 16, 1734: Samuel Washington was born at Pope's Creek, Virginia. Samuel, a younger brother of George Washington, was the first of several members of the Washington family to live in what is now the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia.

Nov. 16, 1823: Politician and industrialist Henry Gassaway Davis, known in the early 20th century as West Virginia's "Grand Old Man," was born in Baltimore, Md.

Nov. 17, 1927: Composer and performer Robert Drasnin was born in Charleston. He performed with classic combos and big bands such as Tommy Dorsey and Les Brown, and scored music for movies and television.

Nov. 18, 2007: Country singer Chickie Williams died. As wife of musician Doc Williams, she performed with his Border

Riders band and appeared on the Wheeling Jamboree radio show.

Nov. 19, 1909: The Lincoln County Courthouse was burned. With coal, oil and gas, and timber booming, arson was suspected for the purpose of destroying land records and confusing titles.

Nov. 19, 1921: The USS West Virginia was christened. It was one of six battleships at Pearl Harbor on the morning of December 7, 1941, that suffered massive damage from torpedoes and bombs in the surprise attack. It was rebuilt and joined the Seventh Fleet for the invasion of the Philippines.

Nov. 20, 1917: Robert C. Byrd was born in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1958 and remained in office until his death in 2010.

Nov. 20, 1968: An explosion at Consolidation Coal Company's No. 9 mine near Farmington killed 78 men. The disaster brought national attention to the issue of mine safety.

Boys State Recruitment

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were Benjamin Shumaker (Hurricane High School), Nicholas McWhorter (Winfield High School), Connor Pickens (Buffalo High School), Isaac Bailey (Poca High School).

These young men displayed outstanding dedication, leadership, and a commitment to the principles of Americanism and citizenship.

To learn more about The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State and to apply for this life-changing experience, please visit our official website at <https://wvboysstate.org>. For inquiries, interested individuals may contact the American Legion Post in Winfield, their high school guidance counselor, or The American Legion Department of West Virginia Headquarters at <https://wvlegion.org>. Are you ready to be part of the "Men of Tomorrow"?



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MATTHEW E. LEARY

Matthew Everett Leary, 44, of Hurricane, formerly of Clarksburg, passed away very unexpectedly at home on November 7, 2023.

He was born to Carol A. Ramsey Dean and Danny R. Leary in Clarksburg on September 4, 1979.

Matt was the Owner/Operator of Farley's Famous Hotdogs in Hurricane and was formerly the store opening General Manager of Cabela's in Charleston. He was a friend to many and will certainly be missed within our community, as well as with his family.

In addition to his parents: Matt is survived by his loving wife of 22 years: Lori Weese Leary; daughters: Madison Leary, Emma Leary and Payton Leary all of Hurricane; his brothers: Danny R. Leary Jr. of Clarksburg, and Brandon Leary of Jane Lew; and his mother in-law: Lois Weese of Scott Depot, as well as many friends and other family members.

Funeral Service for Matt was Sunday November, 12, 2023 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane.

SURILDA KAY MOBLEY

Surilda Kay Mobley, 64, of Winfield, passed away November 9, 2023 at St. Mary's Hospital.

She was born December 6, 1958 to the late Robert Blaine and Sylvia Bell Edwards. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her sister, Theresa Mobley.

Surilda loved to fish, spend time with her family and loved her grandchildren.

Surilda is survived by her loving husband of 47 years, David Richard Mobley; loving daughter, Madah Meadows of Charleston; brothers, Harold Edwards of Winfield, Robert Edwards Jr. of Hurricane; and grandchildren, Olivia (OJ) Thompson, Josh Meadows, and Angel Meadows.

In keeping with her wishes, there will be no services.

JOSHUA GLEN SIZEMORE

Joshua Glen Sizemore, 38, of Columbus, Ohio, passed away on November 3, 2023 at Doctors Hospital West Columbus, OH.

Josh was born to Glen and Mitzi C. Sizemore on October 19, 1985 in Charleston.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather: Paul E. Moore and maternal grandmother: Peggy Pettry; and several Brothers and Sisters from 101st Airborne Division.

Josh was a 2003 Graduate of Hurricane High School, Graduate of Marshall University and proudly served his country in the US ARMY, where he ultimately earned a Combat Purple Heart. His love of motorcycles led him to work at Moto Boutique Motorcycles in Columbus, OH and ride with Ohio Rocket Riders, as well as loving to watch and attend football games while using his Cincinnati Bengals season pass tickets.

In addition to his parents, Josh is survived by his sister: Angela Sizemore and his niece: Adalynn Sizemore both of St. Albans; special aunt: Peggy Watson of Cannelton, WV; paternal grandmother: Dorma Moore of Lizmores, WV; and maternal grandfather: Bobby Pettry of Powellton, WV.

Service with military honors provided by American Legion Post #73 and VFW Post #6418 both of St. Albans was Monday November 13, 2023 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane.

LEWIS OTTO WILSON

Lewis Otto Wilson, 76, of Hurricane, passed away peacefully following a brief illness on Sunday, November 5, 2023, surrounded by friends and family. Lewis was born August 3, 1947, in Spencer to Otto and Geneva Wilson.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Kathleen (Smith); his daughters Melanie Mulcahy and Rebecca Anderson (Dan); his six grandchildren: Paul, John Lewis, Catherine, Clare, Caitlyn, and Abi; great grandchildren Chelsea and Teddy;

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brother Leroy Snodgrass (Loretta); sister Leona Campbell (Paul); sister-in-laws Sallie Brown, Norma Ferrell and Judy Ferrell; and extended family John Mulcahy, Jacklynn Mace and her children Braylynn and Brenley, and many special cousins, nieces and nephews. Lewis was predeceased by his father, mother, and his sister Donna Shank.

Lewis proudly served in the US Army from 1966 to 1968. On July 26, 1969, he married his high school sweetheart, Kathleen. Following a career of 37 years in the telephone industry, he retired from Verizon in 2002.

Lewis was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, photography, and fishing. He volunteered with his local Trout Unlimited chapter and enjoyed trips supporting the Healing Waters veterans' programs.

Lewis had a quick wit coupled with a spark of good-humored mischief. He was a loving husband, generous and supportive father, and doting grandfather. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Services were held Monday, November 13, 2023 at Allen Funeral Home in Hurricane. Burial was in Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery, Dunbar.

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Organist Rodney Barbour to Perform at Forrest Burdette

PIPESOUNDS Organ Concert Series of Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church, Hurricane, has arranged the return of Rodney Barbour for their annual Christmas Organ Concert on the Harrah Symphonic Organ. Sunday, November 26th's PIPESOUNDS Concert at 3:00 pm is a gift to the community (with no charge to attend). Barbour has chosen the theme "CHRISTMAS PRESENCE," and indicates it will "feature Christmas carols which remind us of the presence of Jesus in our lives during the Holiday Season." PIPESOUNDS Concert at 3:00 pm is a gift to the community (with no charge to attend). Barbour has chosen the theme "CHRISTMAS PRESENCE," and indicates it will "feature Christmas carols which remind us of the presence of Jesus in our lives during the Holiday Season." Rodney Barbour, one of our audiences' favorite performers has played over the past twenty years for PIPESOUNDS a dozen and half times at Forrest Burdette Mem. UMC. This Concert will also include the singing of familiar carols and traditional Christmas Holiday tunes.

Rodney is a native of Huntington. His background includes degrees in Music Education and Trombone (Marshall University), Organ Performance (Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music), and additional study at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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Take a few minutes out of your holiday for the fastest and most satisfying parade of the season, the Bancroft Thanksgiving Parade!

Join us on your ATV or golf cart, your bicycle or roller skates, or just grab your dog and walk the route to say "hello!" to your neighbors as we get ready for the feast. The parade will leave the Bancroft Baseball Field at 11 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning for a quick jaunt up Jefferson Street, turning at 7th Avenue, and back down on Washington Street. The whole shebang takes less than 30 minutes!

This parade moves fast so if you're watching from your front porch or the tailgate of your car, get ready! You won't want to miss us, or you could just hop on in to earn that pumpkin pie.

Questions? Call the Town Hall at (304) 586-1227. Everyone is welcome, and you don't need to be flashy (although decor and costumes are welcome!). Just be ready to wave and smile and say "Happy Thanksgiving!" to your neighbors and friends.

Happy Anniversary

Tod and Carol Green of Ohio will celebrate their forty-fourth wedding anniversary on November 17.

Kevin and Lisa Osteen Comes of Houston, Texas, will celebrate their thirty-third wedding anniversary on November 17.

Rodney and Janie Counts Culp of Milton will celebrate their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary on November 17.

Greg and Marsha Grant Bostic of Huntington will celebrate their forty-first wedding anniversary on November 19.

Krellas and Angela Dawn Smith Brock of Milton will celebrate their second wedding anniversary on November 19.

Charlie and Shelly Moore Capito of Charleston will celebrate their forty-seventh wedding anniversary on November 20.

Charley and Kari Kauffer Shumaker of #1 Garwood Drive in Huntington will celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on November 21.

John and Bonnie Gail Hodges Lewis of 564 Mason Street in Milton will celebrate their sixty-first wedding anniversary on November 21.

Sreet, Buffalo. The church will be serving hot dogs, beans (pinto and navy), macaroni salad, potato casserole, cornbread (plain and Mexican). There will be homemade candy: chocolate covered peanut butter balls, chocolate covered cherries, Bavarian Cream, peppermint patties and rock candy. Variety of homemade baked goods, crafts and more!

Come stock up for the upcoming holiday and deer season. Enjoy a day of fellowship with the Buffalo Church of God.

Babies First Christmas Deadline Dec. 7

The Hurricane Breeze special Christmas edition featuring Baby's First Christmas has been published every year since 1984. This year's Baby's First Christmas will be published on December 21st. Proud parents or grandparents or anyone else who wants to do something nice can enter baby by sending a photograph and some information about the baby such as birthday, parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents, favorite baby food, favorite toys, or just about any interesting material that you have about the baby or babies. Be sure to list the town in which the baby lives in the information that you submit.

You may write up baby's Christmas message, but it is not necessary. We can do the write up if we have the information. This is a free service. There is no charge. It is our gift to the community.

The deadline to submit a write up or information and photograph is December 7. The photo may be submitted by email or by the USPS. If a physical photo is submitted and you wish to have baby's picture returned, you must do ALL of the following: (1) have baby's name on back of picture, (2) name and address of person to whom the photograph is to be returned, and (3) a stamped, addressed envelope which matches the address on the back of the photograph. The picture should be of the baby alone unless it is baby posed with a pet. The only multiple person photos that we allow are for twins.


Photographs and information may be mailed to: Baby's First Christmas, Hurricane Breeze, P.O. Box 310, Hurricane, WV 25526.

Photos and info may also be submitted to our email address: hurricanebreeze@citynet.net

To be eligible for Baby's First Christmas, a baby must be born after December 25, 2022.

Some late November and December babies born in 2022 may not have entered last year's Baby's First Christmas because photographs were not available in time to meet the deadline. These babies and these babies only are eligible for Baby's Second Christmas. The deadline for Baby's Second Christmas is the same as for Baby's First Christmas, December 8.

Please try to enter early and avoid the last minute rush.



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