

# The Hurricane Breeze

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PUTNAM COUNTY COMMISSION NEWS  
**More Fraziers Bottom Acreage Zoned C-2**

By Ron Allen

The December 28 Putnam County Commission meeting began at 5:30 p.m. and ended approximately 10 minutes after 9 p.m. All but about 23 minutes of that time was devoted to a single agenda item — discussion and decision regarding the rezoning of 36 acres from C-1 (Suburban Commercial) to C-2 (High Density Commercial). The property, located in Fraziers Bottom, fronts State Route 817 between Caldwell's Farm Market and the Fraziers Bottom United Methodist Church. The Putnam County Planning Commission voted to recommend the zoning change in a 5 to 4 vote on November 21.

Following a 14-minute presentation describing the zoning change request and a public hearing of 2 hours and 50 minutes, Commissioners Brian Ellis, Steve Deweese, and Andy Skidmore stated the reasons why they favored granting the change and voted unanimously to rezone the entire 36 acres.

The change to C-2 did not sit well with most in attendance. During the public hearing 38 of the 42 individuals to address the Commission spoke against the change. Those opposed included both new and lifelong residents of Fraziers Bottom and family members. The property

owner Dave Hobba, Megan Parsons of the Putnam County Development Authority, Jason Asbury, and Jacob Holdeman from Indianapolis were much in favor of the Commission's action. Holdeman is charged with developing the property for a client who was not identified.

Holdeman told the Commission that all county, state and federal regulations would be followed and that traffic and safety issues will be addressed with traffic specialists working with the Department of Highways. He said that a memorandum of understanding (MOU) had been reached with WV DOH stating that shift changes would not occur during peak traffic hours. He also stated that construction would not involve the 13.5 acres which are identified to be in the flood plane (area fronting Route 817) or the acreage furthest from the road and that wetland and historic preservation regulations would be fully met.

Many of the residents present expressed fear that Amazon may be the undisclosed client for which Holdeman is working. An internet search conducted by the Breeze reveals that Holdeman is a Director of Development at Scannell Properties. The website [scannellproperties.com](http://scannellproperties.com) lists numerous large construction

## Upper Bridge Park Poised for Spectacular New Year



Pictured above is a view from the Upper Bridge Park parking area. The inset pictures the playing field that faces the portion of Bridge Park adjacent to State Route 34.

By Ron Allen

The ribbon cutting and first use of four new ball fields in the upper section of Hurricane Bridge Park will wait until Mother Nature

replaces winter's chill with springtime warmth. There is, however, no need for members of the public to delay the experience of viewing the beauty of

projects which the company has completed. No project involving Amazon is listed but Scannell has been involved in building at least five warehouse facilities for FedEx and a \$50 million distribution facility for Home Depot.

Jason Asbury, a resident of a subdivision on the north side of the Kanawha River and a recently appointed member to the Putnam County Solid Waste Authority Board, urged the Commission's approval because the zoning change

replaces winter's chill with springtime warmth. There is, however, no need for members of the public to delay the experience of viewing the beauty of

the soon-to-be completed project. The entrance road to the park is on Main Street between the First Baptist Church parking lot and K&P Mini Storage. Upon crossing the creek at the entrance, visitors are greeted with an eye-catching outline of the State of West Virginia which is dotted with a golf disc basket. The basket is the first hole of a course which sits on the slopes of the ridge which is home to four ball fields, a 190-car parking lot, and a concession stand and

press box.

The concession stand/press box is positioned to serve all four playing fields. The fields feature dugouts and both artificial and natural turf. Visitors are cautioned against walking on the seeded turf areas since they are yet fully established.

Amanda Ramey, Director of Marketing for the City of Hurricane, reported that the playing fields and disc golf course will be available to host tournaments for both

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This sign at Caldwell Farm Market on Route 817 was the first notice of the proposed zoning change to some Fraziers Bottom residents.

## Putnam County Animal Shelter Announces New Director, New Goals

The Putnam County Commission and Putnam County Animal Shelter Board of Directors has announced the hiring of Tiffany DeBord as the first Director of the shelter.

DeBord, a Putnam County native, has a passion for helping animals and is a proven leader with a very strong work ethic. She is also a volunteer firefighter with the Pocahontas Fire Department. All shelter employees,

including the Animal Control Officers, will now report to her.

The Putnam County Commission and the Animal Shelter Board of Directors are entering into a partnership agreement with the Kanawha-Charleston Humane Association in a move to make the shelter a lifesaving facility.

A KCHA official stated, "Kanawha-Charleston Humane Association has

10 years of experience running a lifesaving shelter, and we're very eager to share our knowledge and programs. Our team is ready and willing to help the new Putnam County Animal Shelter Director successfully transition into their role. The Putnam County Commission and their community have proven they want a shelter that serves as a resource for their citizens and pets. We are thankful for the opportunity to assist in making these goals a reality."

## A Gift to Hurricane Seniors



The Putnam County Democratic Women presented the John Henson Senior Center with a cookie tray. Shown above are Sharon Bowles, Center Director Luann Willis, and Ede Lattimore. (Photo by Betsy Allen)

By Betsy Allen

The Putnam County Democratic Women's Club brought holiday joy to the John Henson Senior Center of Hurricane during the center's annual Christmas party, which was held on Wednesday, December 20. The club presented the center with a cookie tray

featuring chocolate chip, peanut butter, and white chocolate macadamia nut cookies.

Throughout the month of December, the Democratic Women's Club presented cookie trays to each senior center in the county so that everyone could enjoy some tasty holiday goodies.

## The History of the Hurricane Railroad Underpass

Editor's Note:

The railroad underpass in Hurricane is the only such underpass in Putnam County. The full story of how and why it came to be has escaped history. The following article documents a portion of its history which is certainly known. The article was first published in *History of Hurricane Continued 1994*.

**The Underpass**

We were terribly inconvenienced during the brief time required to build the new bridge in Hurricane in 1992-93. One wonders what would have happened if it were not for the underpass. This barely two-way passage between Main Street and Putnam Avenue has received little notice in recounting Hurricane's history.



The sign at the right serves as a warning to drivers of 18-wheelers not to trust their GPS systems.

Folk lore tells us that during construction of the railroad, many of the workers spent their weekends frequenting local saloons. Authorities would arrest and jail them making a short work force on Monday. Bribery was a known behavior then, so those in charge promised to build the underpass if the

workers were promised their freedom for revelry. So the story goes.

There are a few folks around who remember riding a horse-drawn buggy to visit on the "other side of the tracks." The driver applied the switch to hasten the trip lest a train come through and spook the horse.

### WEATHER SUMMARY

	Low	High
December 26 - January 1		
December 26*		
Hurricane	45°	54°
December 27*		
Hurricane	38°	49°
December 28		
Hurricane	31°	49°
December 29		
Hurricane	23°	44°
December 30*		
Hurricane	32°	43°
December 31		
Hurricane	31°	46°
January 1		
Hurricane	28°	32°

\*RAIN  
 0.1 inch recorded Dec. 26  
 0.9 inch recorded Dec. 27  
 0.1 inch recorded Dec. 30

This nondescript passage took on new meaning when train car loads of lime were shipped in for area farmers and unloaded at the underpass. Fred Coleman remembered his father hauling lime from this site to the farm on Peach

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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.

### NOW - FEBRUARY

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

### STARTING JANUARY 4

There will be a granny square crochet class from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursdays at Valley Park in Hurricane. To register, go to <https://putnam-county-parks.ticketleap.com/granny-square-crochet-class>

### JANUARY 4

A book club meets at the Buffalo Library at 5 p.m.

A book club meets at the Hurricane Library at 5:30 p.m.

### JANUARY 5 - 7

The Hurricane High School Show Choir Dinner Theater will take place at Hurricane High School. Visit [www.hurricane-showchoirs.com](http://www.hurricane-showchoirs.com) for ticket information.

### JANUARY 5

Thoroughbred Express, 3972 Teays Valley Road, will be celebrating their grand opening from noon to 3 p.m.

### JANUARY 6

There will be a men's prayer breakfast at 8 a.m. at the Buffalo Church of the Nazarene, 25053 Buffalo Road.

The Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley will be showing the movie "Big Hero Six" at 4 p.m.

### JANUARY 7

The Perrys will be performing at 6 p.m. at Teays Valley Church of the Nazarene, 3937 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane.

### STARTING JANUARY 8

There will be a beginner hand quilting class on Mondays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane. The cost is \$40 per person. To register, go to <https://putnam-county-parks.ticketleap.com/hand-quilting-class---beginner--intermediate>

### JANUARY 8

Learn about clouds in

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bottles during STEMuary at 3:30 p.m. at the Poca Library.

### JANUARY 9

The Freedom to Read Book Club meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley.

Zoology Zone Science Center, located at Valley Park in Hurricane, will be holding Junior Explorer Adventures for ages 0-6 from 9 a.m. to noon. Adults ages 13 and up - \$8; Kids 4-12 - \$6; Ages 0-3 - Free.

### JANUARY 10

There will be a computer basics class at 11 a.m. at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley.

A chess club meets from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley.

### JANUARY 11

There will be a reading journal workshop at 5 p.m. at the Buffalo Library.

### JANUARY 12

The Foam Garage, 2716 Putnam Avenue, hurricane, will be holding a foam dance party for children ages 7-14 from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$10 per child.

### JANUARY 13

There will be a food pantry from 9 a.m. to noon at Winfield Nazarene Church, 10822 Winfield Road.

The Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley will be showing the movie "October Sky" at 4 p.m.

Hurricane High School Cheerleading will be holding a bingo night at 5 p.m. at the Hurricane High School. To register, go to <https://hurricanehigh.memberhub.com/store/items/969800>

Lighthouse Baptist Church, 2440 US Route 60, Hurricane, will hold a food pantry from 9 to 11 a.m.

The Foam Garage, 2716 Putnam Avenue, hurricane, will be holding a foam dance party for children ages 1-6 from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$10 per child.

### JANUARY 18

The Bridge Church, 279 Dairy Road, Poca, will be holding a free clothing, hot meal, and food pantry event from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

### JANUARY 15 - 16

There will be a School's Out Mini Adventure Science Camp from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Zoology Zone Science Center, Valley Park, Hurricane. Cost: \$50/child for 1 day or \$95/child for both days. Register by going to <https://form.jotform.com/233605779286166>

### JANUARY 17

The Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley will be showing the movie "The Martian" at 4 p.m.

### JANUARY 19

Otter Branch Church, 2402 18 Mile Creek, Buffalo, will be hosting an escape room for kindergarten through high school from 7 p.m. to midnight.

### JANUARY 20

The River to Ridges Blizzard Blow Out Disc Golf Tournament will start at 10 a.m. at the Eleanor Park. For more information, call 304-541-3858.

There will be an informational meeting for the Tri-State Film Club from 10 a.m. to noon at Teays Valley Church of God, 185 Connection Point, Scott Depot.

There will be a workshop on "Choosing Forgiveness When Forgetting Isn't an Option" from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Zoology Zone Science Center, Valley Park, Hurricane. The cost is \$30 a seat which can be reserved by texting "Forgiveness" to 304-840-9300.

## WVU Medicine Makes Respiratory Illness Recommendation

Emergency departments (EDs) across WVU Medicine are experiencing a holiday surge in patients with respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19, influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and as a result, physicians are encouraging those who can to utilize their primary care providers, telemedicine, and urgent care centers, when appropriate.

"Most of our EDs are experiencing higher than average visit numbers with many of those patients being sicker and requiring admission. This is leading to delays in some of our departments," Christopher Goode, M.D., chair of WVU Medicine Emergency Medicine, said. "The hardest hit department is our Emergency Department at WVU Medicine Children's Hospital, which is seeing the sickest children requiring admission. Children's Hospital and Emergency Medicine leadership are working to make every treatment space on campus available for care, including an increase in outpatient pediatric acute care clinic availability."

One of the ways patients can help lessen the load at EDs is to go to their local urgent care centers, when appropriate.

Life-threatening emergencies and those that pose a risk of disability, such as symptoms of a heart attack or stroke, injuries sustained in a vehicle crash, and lacerations that cause substantial bleeding, should be treated in an emergency department.

Minor, unexpected injuries and illnesses that do not fall into those categories, including ear infections, strep throat, simple abdominal pain, urinary tract infections, minor lacerations, sprains, and simple fractures, can be treated at an urgent care center. The wait times are often shorter, and the cost

## WVSU to Launch LPN to BSN Degree Program

West Virginia State University (WVSU) will launch a new Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) hybrid degree program beginning in the summer of 2024.

The new WVSU LPN to BSN Hybrid Bridge Program is designed as a pathway for working licensed practical nurses who desire to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. The program will feature a combination of online and face-to-face classes to allow for greater flexibility in addition to clinical rotations in acute care and community-based agencies.

The program is approved to admit 30 students per year and can be completed in three years of full-time study.

This program has been provisionally approved by the West Virginia Registered Nursing Board.

The baccalaureate degree program in nursing at West Virginia State University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791.

For more information, visit [www.wvstateu.edu/nursing](http://www.wvstateu.edu/nursing) or call (304) 766-5117.

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is lower than going to the emergency department.

Those with non-urgent or emergent medical concerns are encouraged to see their primary care providers, many of whom may offer virtual care appointments.

With telemedicine appointments, adults and children can:

- Receive an examination, diagnosis, and treatment from a WVU Medicine provider

- Be treated for a variety of minor medical concerns, such as cough, sore throat, flu-like symptoms, rash, allergies, and pink eye

- Receive an after-visit summary containing a care plan and any follow-up instructions, including referrals for a specialist visit or diagnostic imaging

- Have prescriptions sent to the pharmacy of their choice

The best steps to help prevent contracting respiratory illnesses are to:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Lather for at least 20 seconds every time. If no soap is available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you sneeze or cough and dispose of the tissue in the nearest waste receptacle after use.

- Avoid contact with sick individuals.

- Utilize social distancing when possible.

- Clean and disinfect surfaces that are frequently touched, such as your mobile phone.

- Stay home if you are sick, unless seeking medical attention.

Safety during RSV season is important because there is no cure or effective treatment for it.

RSV is primarily spread through direct contact. It can survive for several hours on hands and surfaces after wiping noses, coughing, or sneezing. Once exposed, symptoms of RSV can appear within four-to-six days and last up to 14 days, depending on the severity of the infection.

Children with any of the following symptoms should receive medical care immediately:

- Difficulty breathing or breathing too fast

- Flaring of the chest while breathing

- Indentation of the skin between ribs, under the rib cage, or above the sternum

- Showing blueness in the face or body

- Long pauses when breathing

- Dehydration

Some children, like babies who are less than six-months old, premature infants, those with chronic lung or heart disease, patients exposed to secondhand smoke, and those with an immune system deficiency, are more at risk for severe RSV infections than others.

Upon diagnosis, focus on symptom relief, like staying hydrated, fever control, and nasal suctioning. Do not use over-the-counter medications to stop a cough.

"We want everyone to know that we're here for them when and if they need us. We just ask that they be patient with us as we work through this surge," Dr. Goode said. "We're grateful to our staff members who are working tirelessly to treat of all those who are seeking us out for care."

For more information on WVU Medicine, visit [WVUMedicine.org](http://WVUMedicine.org).

## The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

Happy 2024 to my faithful readers... some of you agree with me... others may not... some enjoy... some shake your heads... alas... such is life. This is a new year... 2024... who would have thought...

Some of us choose a word for the new year... some of us make resolutions... others start new journals and planners... I do all of the above except the resolutions... at this stage of my life, why make resolutions and quickly forget them?

My word is Imagine... I have used others such as love, hope, believe, etc., but for some reason, as I have written about before, IMAGINE resonates with me this year... love it...

Planners... I started my new planner in September (an 18th month one) when my daughter, as she usually does, gave it to me for my birthday. I write important dates in the planner, and I write inane chores and errands... keeps me on track... the planner sits beside my journal...

I started journaling when I was a teenager... I have so many... sometimes one lasts months... sometimes days... other times, weeks... I write daily... I scribble... happenings... events... prayers... mostly prayers... journaling should be easy... fun... not intense or difficult... some pages have ten words... other pages have a plethora of thoughts and what we remember... what we hope for... what we wish...

Journaling is good for us... it is a way to put down words that are important to us... thoughts... memories... and most of all, a million prayers...

When I taught school, my students journaled daily... there would be a prompt on the board, and they could use that

## Local Assistance Programs DHHR

Wide range of services for all members of the community.

12531 Winfield Road  
Winfield

304-586-1520

**Putnam Heart & Hand**  
Basic needs assistance and services for low-income residents.

Winfield United Methodist Church  
20 Radwin Drive  
Winfield

304-543-8770

[heartandhandputnam@wvcdom.net](mailto:heartandhandputnam@wvcdom.net)

**Enact Community Action**

Various assistance programs for low income families or individuals.

Putnam Service Office  
1701 5th Avenue, Suite 7  
Charleston

304-414-4474

Hurricane Service Office  
304-562-6037

**Faith in Action**

Free services for older adults (60+) in Putnam and Kanawha Counties.

PO Box 11623  
Charleston

[info@faithinactionkv.com](mailto:info@faithinactionkv.com); 304-881-7253

## Bridge Services

On the third Thursday of each month, the Bridge Church, 279 Dairy Road, Poca, holds a clothing closet, hot meal, and food pantry box from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

or write about what they choose. I remember taking the journals home with me on Friday to read and grade... always a good grade because they were doing something that was good for them... not a research paper... not a test... just journaling... I wonder if some of those kids still journal.

Once I have written my thoughts and prayers, I go on for the day... sometimes I go back to the pages and add more prayer requests (and thanks) and more about my day... journaling has been good for me.

There have been times in my life, rough times, when I could not put pen to paper. Impossible... it didn't bother me... I just put the journal up and waited until I could write again...

My journals are in plastic boxes in my closets. Some times, I take one out and read about the past. They are not works of a talented author... they are just my thoughts... One day, the girls will want these journals... perhaps even the boys... they can split them... they can do as they wish... Katelyn was always happy that her Nana journaled... Margaret and Sophie know also. The boys have seen the huge boxes...

I am thankful that I have words that explain to me the past, the present, and have hopes for the future. My suggestion to my readers... get a blank notebook... write... write... forget complete sentences... forget lengthy tomes... just enjoy... if one day one word suffices... so be it... we write because the way we were is the way we are... thankful for so many... enjoy your journaling... enjoy 2024... HAPPY NEW YEAR and many more.

## Putnam County Food Pantries

**Christian Community Cupboard**

2843 Virginia Avenue  
Hurricane  
(304) 562-9373

Open from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Fridays

**Five Loaves Two Fish Food Pantry**

Poca United Methodist Church

Silver Street  
(304) 755-7341

Open from 9 a.m. to noon second and fourth Saturday

**Calvary Baptist**

3653 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane

(304) 757-8829

Open from 8:30 to 11 a.m. the last Saturday of the month

**The Pulse Church**

5368 WV Route 34  
Winfield

(304) 936-1679

Open from 2 to 6 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month

**Salt & Light Food Pantry**

Winfield Church of the Nazarene

10822 Winfield Road  
(304) 586-2180

Open monthly

**Teays Valley Baptist Church**

3926 Teays Valley Road  
Hurricane

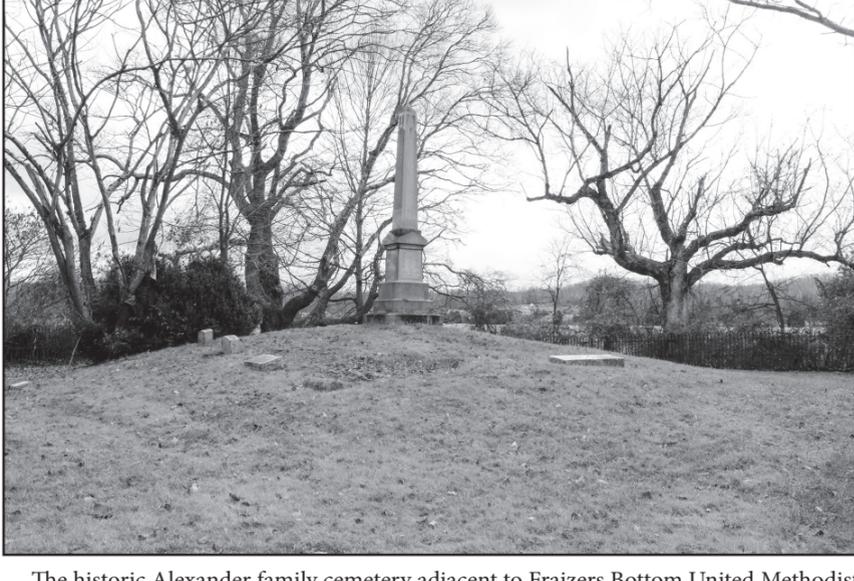
(304) 757-9306

Opens at 9 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month

# More Fraziers Bottom Acreage Zoned C-2



The 36 acres as viewed from State Route 817.



The historic Alexander family cemetery adjacent to Fraizers Bottom United Methodist was zoned C-2 many years ago.

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would bring jobs to Putnam County.

Those opposing the change argued that the C-2 zoning would destroy character of Fraziers Bottom. New residents cited the quiet, peaceful, and safe character of the area as their reason for locating there. Lifelong residents made impassioned pleas for the Commission to consider the impact of C-2 zoning upon safety and the history and aesthetics of the area. Jimmy Thaxton presented a history of zoning and zoning changes throughout the county. Thaxton stated that the Planning Commission was presented misleading and/or false information concerning the zoning description of abutting property when it voted to recommend the change.

Charlie Caldwell, an abutting property owner, stated that a portion of his farm was apparently designated C-2 without his

knowledge of how or when it was so zoned. According to another speaker, the Fraziers Bottom United Methodist Church property which is adjacent to the 36 acres that faces Route 817 received its C-2 designation when the US 35 Comprehensive Plan was adopted. At that time, all frontage within 400 feet of the road was assigned either C-1 or C-2.

Karen Thaxton shared the history of her home and the Methodist Church which was constructed in the 1840's. She said that C-2 zoning would destroy the atmosphere has brought visitors to the wedding venue on her property which has welcomed guests from neighboring states, California and Italy. Thaxton's home is opposite to the 36 acres on 817.

Her plea and the pleas others were heard by the Commission but failed to sway a single vote against the rezoning.

The Commission denied a request by Valdeacourt

Farm to rezone 130 acres of Fraziers Bottom in the same area on January 31, 2023. The Commission's stated reasons for denying that rezoning appears to be consistent with the reasons given for approving Hobba's request. At that meeting, Ellis stated that Valdeacourt's request for C-2 zoning met the general welfare requirement specified in Putnam's zoning ordinances and met the US 35 Corridor Plan guidelines that the highest value land use zoning be given preference. Dewese, on that occasion, stated that C-2 zoning did not meet either general welfare concerns or the US 35 Corridor Plan because of safety issues. Skidmore stated that Valdeacourt's request met the US 35 Plan, but the proposed jump in zoning from R-R (Rural Residential) to C-2 (High Density Commercial) was too great to be in the general welfare of the county.

Ellis' reasons for voting to rezone the 36 acres were the same as the reasons

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Ridge.

If getting lime unloaded or getting through was essential, you just might make it. However, there was a period when the underpass was treacherous. One citizen, Curtis Rumbaugh, resorted to the pen instead of a sword.

The subject here is UNDERPASS, The aim is civic pride; The duty is clean it out So taxpayers can ride.

We do not want to seem uncouth; Let fairness be our goal. We humbly ask our councilmen To fix this dangerous hole.

We see a horse that prostrate lies Because of ice and snow; We help his driver get him up So he can try to go.

And there's the cars with broken springs And fenders dented, too. We pay the bills but won't forget The job that you should do.

that he supported rezoning Valdeacourt's 130 acres. While Dewese voted differently on December 28, 2023 than he voted on January 31, 2023, his reversal was dictated by safety concerns. Dewese stated that the change to C-2 and increased traffic would necessitate the DOH to install traffic lights. Traffic lights on US 35 at both the business park entrance and Hurricane Creek Road are needed. Skidmore stated that while he recognized the effect of rezoning on Fraziers Bottom, he believed rezoning was to the benefit of general welfare of the county as a whole.

In other business, the County Attorney Larry Frye read a resolution issued by the Commission honoring the public service of Kylee Dunlap Brown who is retiring from Magistrate to take a position on the West Virginia Parole Board. Her service roles include Putnam County Deputy Sheriff, 911 Dispatcher, Eleanor Police Chief, Putnam County Field Assessor, Jail Administrator, and 31 years as Magistrate.

Commissioner Dewese reported that the Fire Service Board is discussing plans to place a Special Levy on the ballot which will eliminate the fire fee that is currently in effect.

The Commission also amended the by-laws of the Animal Shelter such that the shelter director shall be under the direct supervision of the Shelter Board of Directors.

The next Commission meeting will be Tuesday, January 9.

Now just in case suit should arise

For damage thus sustained, Could you present an honest fight And try the case to gain?

When just a load of CINDERS Or SAWDUST from the mill Would help your own constituents Get up the slippery hill.

The widely circulated poem evidently worked because the next poem was found in his treasures.

Greetings to our Mayor And councilmen of class As we view with admiration Our city underpass.

We want to thank the State Road crew Who lent a helping hand With Uncle Jodie Coyner Our good old section man.

This goes to prove what can be done When good men get better They can lick the very toughest job In any kind of weather.

Now you boys stick together And give that Guy the boot, Who's trying with his darndest To close the loading chute.

This chute should be kept open To serve our farm relations. It is a service in this town; A real accommodation.

So thanks again. I've only tried A little fun to give. Let's all join hands. Make Hurricane A better place to live.

By 1942 a young entrepreneur, Ernest Cummings, had signed on with a division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture to deliver lime to a five-county area. He built a proper chute and used trucks instead of wagons.

The big problem at this time was water gathering and standing from one rain 'til the next. Nay-sayers said it couldn't be drained. There was no place for the water to go. The city gave Judd Craddock a contract to drain and improve the surface which he did to

the satisfaction of the city and underpassers.

There is no chute to unload lime, no holes to stop your car. The underpass is still an integral part of Hurricane with a stop sign on the north end, a yellow line down the middle and only a few pigeons darting about overhead.

Post Note: If and when the history of Hurricane is updated, the events of February 23, 2014, should be included.

On that date truck driver David Paul Sexton of Mississippi discovered that his 18-wheeler was barred from taking Lynn Street to get to Virginia Avenue. Turning to his GPS for advice, he identified what appeared to be an alternate route to U. S. Foods via Putnam Avenue. He turned onto Main Street and drove past the Fire Department to the intersection of Main Street and Putnam Avenue. He soon discovered that this route was blocked by the 11-foot clearance at the railroad underpass.

Rather than backing up on Main Street, Sexton attempted to drive his truck through an alley behind Atelier Inge, an art gallery and gift shop owned by Inge Klein. He thought he could drive around the structure and pass between it and another building, which was being used by Charlotte Henson as a storage facility at that time. The truck struck the corner of Atelier Inge and sank into the soft ground adjacent to the paved alley, causing his radiator to spring a leak. Sexton did not call for help, and the truck was stuck between the two buildings for most of the day.

Klein when discovered that there was a semi stuck in the alley between her store and the building owned by Charlotte Henson. She called the police to report the matter.

After the 18-wheeler's radiator was repaired, workers from Hurricane Wrecker winched the tractor-trailer back onto solid ground. Sexton tried to pull back onto Main Street, but he accidentally ran over Charlotte Henson's front porch in the process. The truck hit one of the posts and tore off the porch roof, causing thousands of dollars of damage to the structure.

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### WEATHER SUMMARY

December 19 - 25		
	Low	High
December 19 Hurricane	17°	33°
December 20 Hurricane	14°	33°
December 21 Hurricane	19°	49°
December 22 Hurricane	22°	50°
December 23 Hurricane	30°	56°
December 24 Hurricane	33°	62°
December 25* Hurricane	45°	56°

\*RAIN 0.3 inch recorded Dec. 25



Cpl. William B. Fulks Detachment 1474 invites all interested in becoming part of the Marine Corps League to its January 15 meeting at Hurricane City Hall at 3255 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, at 1800 hours.

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

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# Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



## In This New Year... I hope You Live Louder

Submitted by Myra Simmons

I hope you laugh more. I hope you sing at the top of your lungs. I hope you drive with the windows down and let the wind rustle through your hair. I hope you hug. I hope you kiss. I hope you surround yourself with people who make you feel alive. I hope you become the type of person that brings good energy wherever you go, and the type of person people want to be around. I hope you speak what's on your mind, that you raise your voice for injustice, that you tell others that you love them, instead of waiting until it's too late. I hope you live louder, shine brighter.

THIS IS YOUR YEAR!!

## New Years

By Miriam "Connie Harbert"

Old year out, new year in  
Now we start all over again  
And as the months go passing by  
New Years comes once again  
And we celebrate it with our family and friends



## Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead  
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

To get out of being stuck, you've got to be aware of what you're thinking.

Some people can stay in your heart, but not in your life.

When you're looking for a miracle, try looking in the mirror.

It is better to offer no excuse, then a bad one. - George Washington

The older we get, the more we can't believe how old we are.

The mere sense of living is joy enough. - Emily Dickinson

If a person is prepared to die, they are ready for anything.

I'm not fat. God gave me airbags because I'm precious.

Sin is like a credit card. Enjoy it now but you pay later.

You glow differently when you're actually happy.

Let your higher self have the last word today.

A chain is only as strong as its weakest link.

A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor.

Don't try to be like others, be unique.

Stars can't shine without darkness.

People who persist do so because all the thoughts they believe.

Everyone has a stomach like an ironing board. It's just that some of us have bigger piles of ironing on ours than others.

If only you could sense how important you are to the lives of those you meet. There is something of yourself that you leave at every meeting with another person.

If you think someone's post is about you, truth is it probably isn't, but you probably see yourself in it. Don't get upset with the mirror. Fix the reflection.

You came here from there because you didn't like it there, and now you want to change here to be like there. You are welcome here, only don't try to make here like there. If you want to make here like there, you shouldn't have left there in the first place.

Remember when you couldn't wake up for school but on Saturday mornings you were up at 6 getting ready for cartoons - not so long ago.

Temptation is the devil looking through the keyhole. Yielding is opening the door and inviting him in. - Billy Sunday

One day you'll find someone that's obsessed with you. It's probably going to be a doggie. But it is what it is.



The oldest computer was owned by Adam and Eve. It was an apple with very limited memory. Just one byte and everything crashed.

When you're dead, you don't know you're dead. The pain is felt by others. The same thing happens when you're stupid.

If you wish to be disappointed, look at others; if you wish to be disheartened, look at yourself; if you wish to be encouraged, look to Jesus.

How to frighten the new generation: Put them in a room with a rotary phone, an analog watch, a TV with no remote. Then leave directions on how to use in cursive.

Hate has talked so loudly for so long. Greed has talked so loudly for so long. Liars have talked so loudly for so long. Love has got to stop whispering.

Forgive yourself for not knowing then what you know now. You weren't supposed to know, you were supposed to learn.

When you destroy someone else's life with your lies, you're taking it out on a loan. It will come back to you with interest.

The time to be happy is now. The place to be happy is here. The way to be happy is to make others so.

Some stranger somewhere still remembers how kind you were to them when no one else was.

Be careful where you get your information from about me. Remember, they used to love me, too.

We can't change the direction of the wind, but we can adjust our sails to reach our destination.

As I've gotten older, I thought I was getting lazy. Turns out I'm being more energy efficient.

Not every person knows how to love a doggie, but every doggie knows how to love a person.

Nobody watches you harder than people who don't like you. Give them a good showdown.

Faith that goes no further than the head can never bring peace to the heart.

The life in front of you is far more important than the life behind you.

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

Patience is when you're supposed to be mad, but you choose to understand.

Success is not

measured by how fast you get there, but by how far you've come.

There are friends, there is family, and then there are friends that become family.

You are not responsible for the versions of you that exist in other peoples minds.

No poison can kill a positive thinker, and no medicine can cure a negative thinker.

It isn't the size of the gift that matters, but the size of the heart that gives it.

What good are you if no one needs you?

Smiling faces are not always smiling hearts.

Someone out there feels better because you exist.

Never let your emotions overpower your intelligence.

Worry is a down payment on a problem you may never have.

A smile can open a heart faster than a key can open a door.

The most dangerous animal on this planet is a fake friend.

Respect people with glasses. They paid money to see you.

If you hate someone, then you are defeated by them.

You can't help people that won't help themselves.

Live for something rather than die for nothing.

Magic happens when you believe in yourself.

Judgment and curiosity cannot co-exist.

The world needs more of you.

Be a good friend to yourself.

A day can look a lot brighter after the first cup of coffee.

Share a smile - you never know when someone might need one.

What a beautiful world this would be if everyone had hearts like doggies.

You don't realize how fast time goes until you watch what you created grow.

True love has no expiration date.

Imagine a world where doggies took their bad owners to the pound.

## Bible Verse



In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

—Genesis 1:1

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## Solve Winter Blues with Cozy Recipes

(Family Features) Cozying up with a bowl of warm deliciousness is a perfect way to ward off the chill of winter, and it's made even better when shared with those you love. Turning to favorite chilis and soups with comforting ingredients and smoky spices can transport your family from snow and sleet to warmth and paradise.

Smoky German Potato, Sausage and Bacon Chili offers a reprieve from the cold with hearty flavor and family favorites seasoned with chili powder, cumin and cayenne pepper for classic taste with a twist. The thinly sliced potatoes and bacon of READ German Potato Salad in a sweet-piquant dressing provide a delicious new take on traditional chili.

### Smoky German Potato, Sausage and Bacon Chili



Recipe courtesy of "Dad with a Pan" on behalf of READ

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 40 minutes

Servings: 8

- 4 strips thick bacon, cut into cubes
- 1 pound smoked sausage, sliced into 1-inch segments
- 1 small onion, diced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 tablespoon ground coriander
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 2 Fresno peppers, diced
- 1 can (14 1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes, drained
- 1 can READ German Potato Salad, drained
- 1 cup beef broth
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste

In large saucepan over medium heat, cook bacon until crispy. Remove and set aside, leaving about 2 tablespoons drippings in saucepan.

Add smoked sausage and cook until browned.

Once sausage is cooked, add diced onion and minced garlic, cooking until onion is translucent.

Drain excess fat then stir in chili powder, coriander, cumin, cayenne pepper, oregano and Fresno peppers until well mixed.

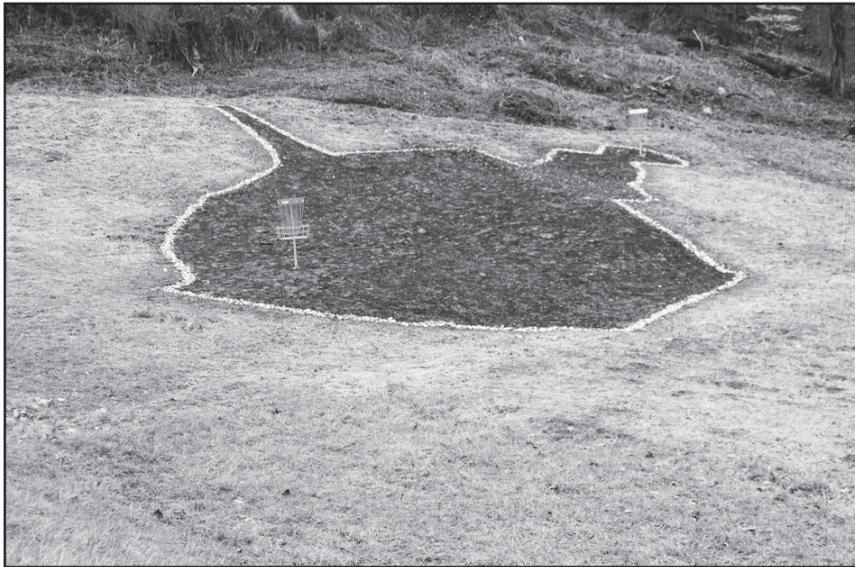
Add drained diced tomatoes, German potato salad and cooked bacon to saucepan.

Add beef broth and stir to combine. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Bring mixture to simmer and let cook about 30 minutes, stirring occasionally, until flavors are melded.

Substitution: Jalapenos can be used for Fresno peppers.

# Bridge Park Poised for Spectacular New Year



Visitors are greeted with the sight of a disc golf basket outlined by West Virginia's geographic image.



The parking lot can accommodate nearly 200 automobiles.



The disc golf course as viewed from eastern slope of Upper Bridge Park.



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](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

Jan. 4, 1897: Classes began at Montgomery Preparatory School, a state institution established to prepare students for West Virginia University. The school evolved into the West Virginia University Institute of Technology.

Jan. 5, 1810: The Virginia General Assembly recognized 20 acres of land owned by farmer and trader Thomas Buffington at the confluence of the Guyandotte and Ohio rivers as the new village of Guyandotte.

Jan. 6, 1828: Ward Hill Lamon was born in Jefferson County. Lamon was friend, law partner and unofficial bodyguard to President Abraham Lincoln. President Lincoln was assassinated when

Lamon was away in Richmond on business.

Jan. 6, 1931: An underground gas explosion killed eight men at the Glen Rogers coal mine in Wyoming County—eight years after another explosion had killed 27 at the same mine.

Jan. 7, 1955: The Cedar Lakes Conference Center officially opened, though it was not named until 1957. The name was chosen for its two lakes and an abundance of native cedar trees.

Jan. 8, 1866: William Gustavus Conley was born near Kingwood in Preston County. Conley was West Virginia's 18th governor, serving from 1929 to 1933.

Jan. 8, 1919: The West Virginia legislature ratified the U.S. constitution's 18th Amendment in the Senate, 26-0, and in the House, 81-3. West Virginia was the 21st state to ratify the amendment. National prohibition went into effect under the Volstead Act on

January 16, 1920.

Jan. 8, 1926: Comedian Soupy Sales was born Milton Supman. Raised in Huntington and graduating from Marshall College (now University), he achieved fame as a wacky television personality.

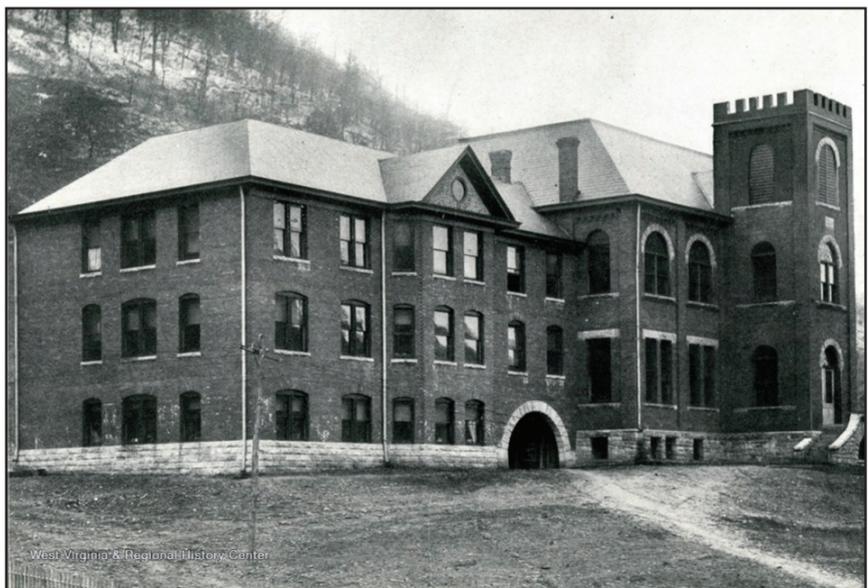
Jan. 9, 1911: Louise McNeill was born on the family farm in Pocahontas County. She was appointed poet laureate by Governor Jay Rockefeller in 1979, holding that title until her death in 1993.

Jan. 9, 2014: Hazardous chemicals were discovered leaking into the Elk River, contaminating the water supply for a nine-county region.

Jan. 10, 1925: Judge Elizabeth Virginia Hallanan was born in Charleston. She was West Virginia's first female federal court judge.

Jan. 10, 1928: Gov. Howard Gore appointed Minnie Buckingham Harper of McDowell County to fill the unexpired term of her husband, E. Howard Harper. She was the first Black woman to serve in a state legislative body in the United States.

Jan. 10, 1940: The Pond Creek No. 1 mine at Bartley in McDowell County exploded. The blast killed 91 miners, with another 47 escaping. Rescue teams worked five days to retrieve the bodies but found no additional miners alive.



Montgomery Preparatory School was established in 1897.

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local and traveling teams. Disc golf tournament plans are in place to coincide with the ribbon cutting event.

Ramey stated that the City of Hurricane will team with Valley Park to provide a suitable venue for large scale events. Bridge Park will begin hosting local tournaments this summer and has plans to host income-producing events in beginning in late summer or early fall. Ramey reports that Hurricane has received inquiries concerning availability of the park from parties in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Kentucky.

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# THE SIMPLE TRUTH



Today's world is complex; moral standards are more elastic than a rubber band. Concepts of right and wrong are stretched in convenient directions. How can we survive the whirl of conflicting philosophies and revolving door values? What is the simple truth for today? The truth for today is and has always been found in God's Word. The Bible has inspired great leaders throughout time; its unchanging principles can guide you through today and a maze of tomorrows. As you worship this week give thanks to God for His Truth, the simple truth.

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## BASIC BIBLE

By Ron Allen  
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### God's Workmanship

Ephesians 2:1-10

"And you hath he quickened . . ." (v. 1). The "you" whom Paul addresses consists of many, many more than those in the church at Ephesus who had been quickened. You consists of all who have ever been and shall ever be quickened by God. The words which Paul speaks are deep, penetrating and personal because every individual who has been quickened knows that he has passed from a state of not knowing God into an eternal spiritual relationship with Him. All who have been quickened know with absolute certainty that they have been transformed from a state in which they were hopelessly separated from God to a state in which one experiences the fullness of His love.

In verse 2, Paul reminds believers of their former walk, walks directed by the prince and power of the air, by him who said "Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods" (Gen. 3:4, 5). It was a walk characterized by trusting self and powered by the spirit of disobedience to God.

"Among whom also we . . ." (v. 3). Paul includes himself because he, like all others have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). All have been driven by lust of the flesh and possess the nature of the first Adam. Paul's words cut to the bone. No man, not one, can escape his failure to meet God's standard. Our works are as filthy rags (Isa. 64:6). Despite our failures, God reached out to us in mercy and revealed His love — His great love which exceeds our understandings (v. 4).

We were dead and He "hath quickened us together with Christ" (v. 5). There is only one quickening. Jesus died once bearing the sin of all and was raised from the dead on the third day. All believers (past, present and future) were quickened with Him. We became as He (without sin) because He became our sin. We are joined with Christ. We were raised with Him who was without sin. There is no separation. When God the Father looks upon believers, He sees Christ who is without sin. It is by grace, His amazing grace, that He has raised us up together with Christ to sit in heavenly places (v. 6). We once were dead but now we live. By grace, we are new creatures in Him. The old is transformed in the twinkling of an eye. Borrowing from John Newton, "How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed." By grace, and grace alone, we are no longer separated from God.

The opposite of grace is works. If one walks the path of works, one treads the path of the dead — eternal separation from God. The path of the dead is the wide road that leads to destruction. Before being changed by grace through faith, all are bound by chains which only God can break.

God's grace is beyond our understanding. It is an unmerited gift which is to be received. That said, Paul was moved by the Holy Spirit to state the purpose for which God has raised us up with Christ. "That in ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus" (v. 7). The ages to come extend far beyond the present realm. He has raised us up by grace through Christ to be an exhibit for all to see in times that shall unfold in eternal ages to come. We shall be and are a statement of His glory — things which angels desire to know (see I Pet. 1:11, 12). We are an unfading testimony of His love that shall ring throughout eternity.

His glory is seen in us because: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" (v. 8). His glory is seen in us (believers) because we have been saved through faith — saved through the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Heb. 11:1). We are saved through a faith which is not of our manufacture. It is not a faith which can be acquired through diligent study or self sacrifice. It is a faith that cannot be attained through works. It is a faith which is given. It is the gift of God. God does the impossible. God made our dead nothingness come to life, our blind eyes to receive vision and our deaf ears to become unstopped.

His glory shall be seen in us for ages to come because we are His workmanship (v. 10). We are created in Christ Jesus unto good works. We were created in Christ in the same manner in which He, the Word, made all things which are made (Jn. 1:3). We are created unto good works by the same power and force which brought all things into being. We are not created to perform works of the flesh (filthy rags, Isa. 64:6); we have been created anew to do good works, works which are of Christ.

By grace we are empowered to love one another as He loves us. By grace we are empowered to go, to teach, and to baptize in the name God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19). We are empowered by grace to do that which no man can do. He transforms our littleness into the brightness of His greatness.

These words were recorded such that the fullness of His love should be revealed to all. He would have all repent and receive the love that He freely gives.

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# Obituaries

**ESTEL ABSTEN**  
Estel Richard "Buck" Absten, 84, of Liberty, passed away December 17, 2023.

Buck is retired from Cabot Oil and Gas with over 30 years of service. He was a Master Electrician and Certified in HVAC. Buck is a member of Dunbar First Baptist Church, enjoyed fishing and working around the farm.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Mrs. Janet Smalley Absten; parents Charlie and Gertie Absten; father and mother-in-law Cleo and Dorothy Smalley; sisters Genevieve Stitley, Tootie Unrue, and Sylvia Turner; brothers Leroy and Don Absten; sisters-in-law Maxine Higginbotham and Hazel Absten; and brother-in-law Donald Starcher.

Buck is survived by two sons Jason Absten and Todd (Kim) Absten; brother Pete (Shad) Absten; sister Mona Starcher; two grandchildren Justin (Ashlee) Absten and Nicole Absten; two great grandchildren Max and Harrison; and brothers-in-law Deek Higginbotham, Chester (Ruth) Smalley, and Dexter (Brenda) Smalley; and a host of nieces and nephews.

A tribute to the life of Buck was held Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Scott Casto officiating. Entombment was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens.

**HAZEL A. ABSTEN**  
Hazel A. Absten, 77, of Buffalo, departed this life to be with the Lord on December 15, 2023. She was a devoted home maker. She enjoyed going to church and serving the lord, quilting, sewing, making jewelry, and spending time with kids/grandchildren/great-grandchildren.

Born September 8, 1946, she was the daughter of the late William A. Craig and Mary A. Oldaker Craig. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband of 50 years, Leroy "Web" Absten; daughter, Melissa D. Blake; brothers, Charles, James, Howard, Cleo "Rusty", William "Page", Johnny, and Roy Craig; sisters Erma Craig, Iona "Midge" Grady, Lula Belle Stover, and Elnora Hill.

Survivors include her daughters, Mary Ashworth (Terry) of Cottageville, and Kimberly Jividen (Dale) of Davisville; sister, Berna Jo Higginbotham of Leon; grandchildren, Joshua Jividen (Amanda) of Wilmington, Ohio, Jamie Elswick of Mississippi, Brandi Somerville (Nathan) of Ravenswood, Cierra Gladden (Jonah) of Ripley, Hillary Poston (Sean) Huntington, Steven Ashworth (Sabrina) of Cottageville; great-grandchildren, Annalisa Echard, Laini Gladden, Isaiah Bankston, Taylin Poston, Natalee Somerville, River Gladden, Nora Somerville,

Rilynn Gladden, and James Elswick, Jr.

Service was December 20th, 2023, at Raynes Funeral Home, Buffalo. Burial was in Kirkpatrick Cemetery, Buffalo.

**CHRISTOPHER AKERS**  
Christopher Todd Akers, 50, of Hurricane, passed away on December 27, 2023.

He was born December 10, 1973 to Nondra Akers Scharf and the late Paul "Dick" Akers.

Christopher enjoyed hanging out with friends and fishing. He was a former special member of the Buffalo Volunteer Fire Department and a member of the Fraziers Bottom Church of God.

In addition to his mother Christopher is survived by his sister Susan Smith (Joe) of Centerburg, OH; brothers, Paul Akers Jr. (Michele) of Lavalette and Gregory Akers of Eleanor; nieces, Amber Smith (Christopher) of Red House, and April Nance of Huntington; nephews, Derrick Akers of Eleanor and Austin Akers of Arizona; a great niece, Gracelyn Smith of Red House and a host of family and friends who are also left to mourn his passing.

Funeral Service for Christopher was Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane.

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**LINDA BAILEY**

Linda M. Bailey, 76, of Red House, passed away Thursday, December 14, 2023 at Hubbard Hospice House West at Thomas Memorial Hospital. She was a member of Shiloah Independent Church.

Born September 18, 1947, she was the daughter of the late Orville Thornton and Muriel Barnett Thornton. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 35 years, Harold Lee "Leroy" Bailey and daughter, Annette Lynn Bailey.

Survivors include her son, Sheldon (Wendy) Bailey of Red House; grandchildren, Tiffani (Cody) Parkins of Red House and Jarrett Bailey (Abbie Allen) of Red House; great grandchildren, Dawson and Landyn Parkins; brother-in-law, Arnold (Mary) Bailey; niece, Mandy (Danny) Watson and their children, Bailey and Jocie. Linda is also survived by her loving cat "Baby."

Funeral service was held Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at Raynes Funeral Home, Buffalo, with Pastor Larry Covert officiating. Entombment was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House.

**TOMMY BENNETT**

Tommy Wayne Bennett, 77, of Nitro, went home to be with the Lord on December 24, 2023, at home.

Tommy received his education at Winfield High School and was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. He is a former 14-year employee of Hardee's Restaurant in St. Albans where he was a pitcher for their baseball team. Tommy was an avid Cincinnati Reds fan and enjoyed volunteering at the St. Albans Riverfest and for the City of Nitro Halloween Street Parties. He appreciated his friendships made with the staff at the Nitro Go-Mart and with June at Monogram Plus.

He is preceded in death by his parents Wyatt and Grace Bennett and sisters Sharon Parog and Judith Arthur.

He is survived by his siblings Barney and wife Vicki Bennett of VA, Joan and husband Joe Savilla of Nitro, whom Tommy made his home with his adult life,

Nancy and husband Frank McLean of VA, and Charles and wife Sue Bennett of VA. Tommy is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, church family, and friends.

Funeral Mass was Saturday, December 30, 2023, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with Father Chapin officiating. Entombment was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House.

**LINDA BROWN**

Linda Lou Brown, 73, of Winfield, passed away on December 27th, 2023 in Hubbard Hospice House in Charleston.

She was born in Hamlin on March 14th, 1950. Linda graduated from Guyan Valley High School in 1968. She married the late Robert R. Brown on March 4th, 1988. Linda spent her final months in the care of Celebration Villa in Hurricane, WV in the company of her caretaker Kat Lagrand.

She is survived by her daughters, Leisa Jo Sanders and Amanda Howard (John) and son Chris Brown (Theresa), sister Essie Keister (Jerry), along with many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband Robert R. Brown and son Steven Sanders.

Funeral service was Saturday, December 30, at Allen Funeral Home, Hurricane.

**LARRY CALL**

Larry Eustace Call, 78, of Prichard, formally of Hurricane, passed away peacefully December 17, 2023 in Prichard after a short illness. Larry was born February 7, 1945 to the late Elmer and Mildred Erwin Call. He was a retired long haul truck driver and a friend to many.

Larry is survived by his daughter Robin Call of Ashley Ohio; 3 grandchildren: Cody and cory Call of Ashley, Ohio, and Daniel Call of Culloden, and a host of many more family and friends.

**DON CAVENDER**

Don L. "Butch" Cavender, 83, of Poca, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on December 30, 2023, after a

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long illness.

Butch was born on November 17, 1940, and was the youngest of eight children born to Della Faye and Nathaniel Cavender. Butch retired from NL Industries after 38 years of service. He was a devoted husband, caregiver, father, grandfather, and great grandfather.

He is preceded in death by his wife, best friend, and constant companion, Mary Carol Cavender (Zitzelsberger) who passed away in 2011. They had been married for 51 years. He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Bancroft and a long-time resident of Heizer Creek.

Butch is survived by his four adult children, Son-Jeffrey Cavender (Tammy), Daughter-Regina Cavender, Son-Chris Cavender (Tommy) and Daughter-Wendy. In addition to his four children. Butch is survived by his two grandchildren, Grandson-Curtis Cavender (Heather) and Granddaughter-Brittany Richardson (Alex) and Ben, Sophie, and Addy. A family service was held. Burial was in Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens.

**BARBARA FRENCH**

Barbara L. French, 76, of Buffalo, passed away Monday, December 25, 2023 at Hubbard Hospice House.

She was the daughter of the late O'Dell Fields and Mae Myers Fields. In addition to her parents, she

was preceded in death by her brothers, Jack, Johnny and Dennis; sister, Juanita.

Survivors include her husband of 57 years, Clarence French; sons, Deron (Starr) French and Brian French (Regina Burdette); grandchildren, Josh (Brigitte), Katlyn, Grace, Mason, Justin, Michael and Nick; sisters, Georgia "Bunny," Patty and Kathie; brothers, Wayne (Carol), Randy "Tinker" (Kathy), Ricky and Timmy; sister-in-law, Louise.

Funeral service was Friday, December 29, 2023 at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastor Paul Browning officiating. Burial was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House.

**ROY HENSON**

Roy Alan Henson, 73, of Buffalo, passed away Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at CAMC General following a short illness. He was a graduate of Buffalo High School and a U.S. Army Veteran. Roy retired from Last Drop Seamless Gutters in Carrboro NC with 22 years of service.

Born July 7, 1949, he was the son of the late James H. Henson and Bertha Burgess Henson. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, James "Bunny" Henson.

Survivors include his daughter, Shellie Puckett of Gallipolis OH; sisters, Mary Craig of Red House, Debbie Blankenship of Buffalo and

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Donna Schanz of Nitro; catholic who attended Mass brother, Joe Scott of Alum wherever he may have been, Creek. Roy is also survived although for 22 years he and his wife have been at Ascension Catholic Church in Hurricane.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

**JOHN ANTHONY HIPPLE**

John Anthony Hipple, 78, of Hurricane, passed away on December 16, 2023 at St. Mary's Medical Center, Huntington.

He was a son of the late Robert G. and Mary Helen Schmidt Hipple. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers: Thomas and Robert Hipple.

John spent 42 years working for JC Penney from the stock boy all the way up to the Store Manager in Charleston. He was a devoted

devoted caregiver and loving wife of almost 56 years: Sheryl D. Hipple; daughter: Sheri Lynn Anderson (Brett) of Roanoke, VA; grandchildren: Brooke Anderson of Midlothian, VA, Rachael and Mitchell Anderson of Roanoke, VA, and Jacquelyn Harris (Landon) of Henrico, VA.

A Mass of Christian Burial Service for John was held Thursday, December 21, at Ascension Catholic Church, Hurricane, with Rev. Vincent Joseph officiating.

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## PATRICIA B. JARVIS

Patricia Browder Jarvis, a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, went Home for a beautiful reunion on December 28, 2023. Her husband of 66 years, Bobby Jarvis, was certainly waiting for her in Heaven. Most of her 90 years were spent with him, especially as his loving caregiver in his final years.

In addition to her husband, Pat was preceded in death by her parents: RC and Hattie Browder, as well as six siblings and their spouses: Reba (Howard) North, Rachel (Morris) Mecum, Dick (Gloria) Browder, Gladys Radcliffe, Tom (Vivian) Browder and Betty Ruch; and lastly her granddaughter, Brooke Laurn Johnson, was waiting for her in Heaven with her Papaw.

Pat graduated from St. Albans High School in 1951 then attended Findlay College in Findlay, Ohio. She was employed by C&P Telephone, later retired from The City of St. Albans after 20 years of service, although her true calling was as a wonderful homemaker and in raising her children.

Pat joined St. John United Methodist Church in Scott Depot when she and Bob moved to Hurricane. Prior to that, they were members of Highlawn Baptist Church in St. Albans for over 40 years where she served on numerous boards and committees including being a deaconess, a member of the choir and the "kitchen crew," serving hundreds of meals. She was also involved in many civic organizations, such as the St. Albans Community Chorus. She was co-owner of My Friend & I Beauty Salon and Card & Gift Shop.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Cindy (Mike) Johnson of Scott Depot and son, Rob (Jennifer) Jarvis. The joys of her life were her grandchildren: Bobby (Lindsay) Johnson, Bree (Ryan) Lemmon, Taylor Johnson, Adam (Andrea) Jarvis, Matt (Chris) Jarvis and Libby Jarvis; and her adored four great-granddaughters: Presley, Parker and Isla Johnson and Sophia Jarvis. She also leaves a brother, Jack (Ann) Browder, several nieces and nephews and her best friends: Connie Skaggs and Penny Bailey.

A Celebration of Life Service will be 2:00pm Saturday January 6th 2024 at St. John United Methodist Church, Scott Depot.

## BOBBY KEENER

Bobby C. Keener, 78, of Buffalo, passed away Friday, December 15, 2023 at CAMC Memorial following a short illness. He was a graduate of Clay County High School.

Born June 24, 1945 in Clay, he was the son of the late Noah Keener and Dora Hughes Tanner. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Birdie E. Keener; brother, Ronnie Moore and sister, Charlotte Montana.

Survivors include his son, Robert Keener (Cristy Golder) of Buffalo; daughter, Crystal (Fritz) Sovine of Hurricane; son, Adam Keener of Buffalo; brother, Bill Tanner of Culloden; grandchildren, Gunnar Keener, Fritz Sovine Jr., Cora Sovine and Hudson Sovine. Bobby is also survived by nieces, nephews and extended family.

Funeral service was Thursday December 21, 2023 at Raynes Funeral Home, Buffalo, with Rev. Mark Harris officiating. Burial was in Buffalo Memorial Park, Buffalo.

## CAROLYN KIMBERLING

Carolyn L. Kimberling, 81, of Midway, passed away Monday, December 18, 2023.

Born December 26, 1941 in Kanawha County, she was the daughter of the late George and Barbara Fields. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband, of 57 years James Abner "Skeeter" Kimberling and several brothers and sisters.

Survivors include her daughter, Vicki (Joe) Carpenter of Winfield; sons; Bill (Donna) Kimberling of Red House and "Jimbo" Kimberling of Red House; 6 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild.

Funeral service was Friday, December 22, 2023 at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor. Entombment was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House.

## CHRISTINA LYNN MCGREW

Christina Lynn McGrew, 52, of Hurricane, passed away on Tuesday, December 19th, 2023 at her residence.

She was born November 13, 1971 in Charleston. In addition to her father, James Carr, Christina is preceded in death by her children Kara Ann McGrew and Craig Allen McGrew.

She was a loving wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend to many. She was an avid animal lover and enjoyed watching TV in her free time.

Surviving Christina is her loving husband of 35 years, Mark McGrew; mother, Linda Carr; grandson, Devon Lee Michael Hatfield; brother, Jack Carr of Charleston; and a host of other family and friends. Per her wishes there will be no services.

## RICHARD MILLER

Richard Wayne Miller, 55, of Bancroft, passed away December 19, 2023, at home.

Richard attended Duval High School and worked as a contractor. He loved building gas powered bicycles.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Kay Miller.

He is survived by his two children Jessica Miller and Dillon Miller; sisters Rebecca and Betty; and six grandchildren Brooklynn Miller, Alexis Brown, Jaxon Brown, Jayden Craig, Jordan Craig, and Carson Miller.

Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

## JUDY PERSINGER

Judy Kay Persinger, 74, of Scott Depot, passed away December 25, 2023, in CAMC General Division.

Judy was a homemaker and a caregiver. She graduated from Nitro High School and WV State College and loved working in her flowers and spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents Hank and Lena Gillispie; daughter Denise Ann Persinger; great grandson John David Nelson; brother Norman Wagner; and sister Jo Fore.

She is survived by her husband Dennis H. Persinger; two children Timothy Persinger and Tammy Persinger; siblings Cindy Keith, Ben Gillispie, and Diane Persinger; grandchildren Brittany Halstead, Shannon Persinger, and John Shannon; and two great grandchildren Hunter and Hadley Persinger.

At her request there will be no services.

## TRAVIS POMEROY

Travis E. Pomeroy, 40, of Poca, passed away December 23, 2023.

Travis is a graduate of Poca High School and enjoyed working with computers.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents Virgil T. Pomeroy and William George and Nellie Bennett.

Travis is survived by his two children Issac and Mason Pomeroy; parents Greg and Brenda Pomeroy; grandmother Nancy Pomeroy; sister Amber and husband Jason Casto; niece Chloe Casto; and nephew Cayden Casto.

## CHARLES RANSON

Charles "Keith" Ranson, age of 97, of Red House, passed away December 26, 2023 at Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House in Huntington.

At the age of 16 years old, he was employed with West Virginia Steel Corporation in Charleston, West Virginia. At age 18, he volunteered to enter into the United States Army on January 17, 1945 and served until retirement on June 1, 1967. Later, employed by US Civil Service at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland for approximately six years. He and his wife settled in West Virginia, and worked with Electrolux Corporation for approximately 15 years. He was a member of VFW post 10028 in Aberdeen, Maryland and Washington Lodge, No. 58 AF & AM in Saint Albans, West Virginia.

He was born in Liberty on December 14, 1926 to the late Wirt and Maude Ranson. In addition to his parents, Keith was preceded in death by his loving and beautiful wife, Katherine Wagner Ranson of 37 years; two sisters, Bernice Ranson Boswell of Dunbar, and Elizabeth Ranson Harrison of Liberty; two brothers, Kenneth Ranson and Glen Ranson both of Liberty.

He is survived by two nieces, Cindy Harrison of Walton, and Barbara Ranson Pringle of Liberty, one nephew, Ralph Ranson of Liberty, many other family members and goddaughter, Roxanna Hawkins.

Keith Ranson will be deeply missed by his friends, neighbors, and family. Always a giving and caring man to all others.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, January 6, 2024 at Emma Chapel Cemetery, Liberty, with military honors.

## JACOB REED

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Jacob David Reed of Scott Depot, born on May 23, 1994, who departed from this world on July 15, 2021. Jacob has now been joyfully reunited with his younger brother, Justin Napier Reed, who left this world on July 13, 2010. The Reed family, Jake and Holly Reed, mourns the loss of their beloved son, brother, and friend.

Jacob's departure leaves an irreplaceable void in the hearts of his family, and he will be profoundly missed by his sisters, Hannah and Emma. Jacob's words of encouragement and wisdom were a source of strength for his younger siblings, Joshua, Jabin, and Jesse, who will fondly remember the times spent playing video games with their big brother. One of Jacob's greatest passions was playing the guitar. His music touched the lives of many, whether it was playing for Mary Jo at the nursing home or entertaining Ms. Amy's preschool class. The echoes of "Sweet Home Alabama" and Johnny Cash songs will forever remind us of Jacob's musical talents and the joy he brought through his melodies.

Jacob's kindness extended beyond his immediate family. His

compassionate spirit shone brightly when he took his wonderful special needs brother, Justin, to Handicamp week. His selflessness provided Justin with the opportunity to experience moments of joy and adventure in a safe environment, leaving a lasting impact on both brothers. A bright and compassionate soul, Jacob pursued a path in nursing, following in the footsteps of his mom, grandma, and Aunt Linda. In 2017, he graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Malone University. Jacob's dedication to his patients was evident in his caring and empathetic approach, leaving a lasting imprint on those he served.

## WILMA SHEETS

Wilma Jean Sheets, 87, of Eleanor, passed away Saturday, December 24, 2023 at Hubbard House in Charleston after a long illness.

Jean was born January 28, 1936 in Sissonville, daughter of Barney E. Jones and Velcie Boggess Jones. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Romie Sheets; her sisters, Emeline Rollins and Bernice Nickell; Brothers Glen Jones, Ulen Good, Garry Jones, Jarrell Jones and Richard Jones; Grandson Stephen Turnes.

Jean worked for many years as an Executive Secretary in the life Insurance industry. She was a graduate of Sissonville High School, the Charleston School of Commerce and was a proud member of Women of the Moose.

She is survived by her son Jeff Turnes of Elkview; daughter Deloris Barrett and her husband Tim Luttrell of Charleston; Sisters Sue Parsons of St. Albans and Ruth Harvey of Sissonville; Brother Darrell Jones of Leasburg, NC; Great grandchildren Makenzie Turnes and Lelund Turnes of Louisville, KY; a great number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Per Jean's wishes, she will be cremated. Burial will be at Beech Grove Cemetery in Eleanor. She did not wish to have a funeral but said "it might be ok to have a Memorial Service so folks can talk about me", with a big smile on her face (she had a clever sense of humor). A celebration of life service will be held at a future date.

## ROBERT SHEFFIELD

Robert Clay Sheffield, 52, of Eleanor, passed away December 28, 2023, in the Hubbard Hospice House West.

Robert was born in Ashland, KY on January 15, 1971, to the late Robert Gary and Jeannie Sheffield. He is a graduate of Fairview High School in Ashland, KY and a former employee of the State of Kentucky Water Works System and former manager of Family Dollar. Robert was a devoted member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witness in Winfield where he volunteered countless hours, even after he was sick, telling people about the hope for the future found in the Bible.

He is survived by the love of his life, his wife, Mrs. Kathryn Edmonds Sheffield; daughter Olivia Johnston; mother-in-law "his mom", Mrs. Earlene Edmonds of Eleanor; brothers-in-law John Edmonds of Clarksville, TN and Tony Edmonds of Tustin, CA; sister Kimberly and her three children of FL and the congregation at the Kingdom Hall.

Services to be announced.

## BARBARA STONE

Barbara L. Stone, 71, of Jim Ridge, Leon, passed away Tuesday, December 19, 2023. She was a 1970 graduate of Buffalo High School and worked at Gritts Farm for many years. She attended Bowles Ridge Church. She was a member of the WV Farm Bureau and volunteered in the local 4-H program for several years. Barbara and Dale were awarded the Tri-County Farmers of the Year in 2011. She loved working with her flowers and will always be remembered for her green thumb. Her true love was her family and especially her grandchildren. She will be deeply missed.

Born September 28, 1952, she was the daughter of Ray Harmon and Pearl French Harmon. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her brother, Joe Harmon.

Survivors include her loving husband of 53 years, Dale Stone; daughter Stephanie (Michael) Metz of Bowles Ridge; son, Steven (Lorry Jo) Stone of Jim Ridge; daughter, Stacy (Gene) Randolph of Crown Hill; brother, Gary (Carol) Harmon; sisters, Betty (Emory) Casto, Judy (Dencil) Grady, Collene "Sue" (Mike) Stone; grandchildren, Carrie Metz, Krissy Metz, Halie Sheridan, Evan Randolph, Noah Randolph and Tyler Guthrie. Barbara is also survived by several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Funeral service was Saturday, December 23, 2023 at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastor Scott Casto officiating. Burial was in Walker Chapel Cemetery.

## DAVID STOVER

David C. Stover, 59, of Hometown, passed away peacefully at home on December 23, 2023. Born June 27, 1964, David was raised in Red House along with his four siblings.

He graduated from Poca High School in 1982. Many years of David's life were dedicated to being the caretaker of the Salvation Army's Camp Happy Valley.

David is preceded in death by his father, Everette Ray Stover, and brother, Billy Stover. He is survived by his loving companion in life, Pauline Cantley; mother, Othena Higginbotham; siblings, Roger (Lisa) Stover of Leon, Patty (Frank) Rummell of Red House, and Deborah Sumner of Leesburg, FL; nieces, Franki, Baley, Vanesa, and Ashley; and a host of extended family and friends.

Many would say, David never knew a stranger, and his friends were his world. He loved fast cars, music, and his trips to Tennessee with the love of his life. Always the life of the party, it was David's wish that his family and friends celebrate his time on Earth and live our lives to the fullest, until we meet again.

A tribute to the life of David was held Tuesday, December 26, 2023 at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel.

## HELEN TRIMBLE

Helen Eva Trimble, 79, of Hurricane, went home to be with the Lord on December 30, 2023, after a short illness. She was born in Braeholm, WV and spent her childhood in Logan County.

She was preceded in death by her husband Billie Trimble, parents Sherman and Lillie Goodman and 4 sisters. She is survived by son Tim (Jan) Trimble, 3 Grandchildren, Timothy Trimble and Seth and Jacob Lewis. 3 great grandchildren Waylon, Matix and Declan,

brother-in-law Marshall Brown and sister-in-law Sally O'Brien both of Kansas, and a host of many more family and friends.

She enjoyed anything outdoors including working in her garden, fishing, and listening to music watching movies. She was an avid football fan and loved the Mountaineers. She made many trips with her husband Billie to Africa and even to many other countries.

Funeral service was Thursday, January 4, 2024, at Allen Funeral Home in Hurricane with Claude Spurlock officiating. Burial was in Valley View Memorial Park, Hurricane.

## HELEN LOUISE YATER

Helen M. Yater, 88, of Hurricane, died on December 25, 2023.

Helen was retired from the U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. She was well known in the legal community in Charleston, having served as paralegal assistant to the Honorable John T. Copenhaver Jr., United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia from 1980-1991 and as a legal clerk in the Office of the United States Attorney from 1975-1980.

She graduated from Stonewall Jackson High School. Helen attended Marshall University while working full time and earned an A.A.S. degree in Legal Assisting, Graduating with High Honors. She was initiated into Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Fraternity.

Helen was a charter member of Cross of Grace Lutheran Church in Hurricane where she was Secretary of the Church Council for many years and where she performed a variety of services to the needy in Putnam County and throughout the world as leader of the Community Service Team. For many years, Helen represented her church on the Board of the Christian Community Cupboard and served as Secretary of the Board from 2009 through 2013.

In retirement, Helen was a dedicated supporter of the Museum in the Community in Hurricane. She held the office of Secretary of the Board of Directors for many years. Helen was an avid gardener and was a certified Master Gardener for more than 17 years.

Helen and her husband, David, traveled extensively prior to his death in 2009. They visited 53 foreign countries during their marriage, including five African photo safaris, and a Trans-Atlantic crossing on the Queen Mary 2 to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in 2004. They particularly enjoyed river cruising in Europe. Following David's death, Helen continued her international travels as long as her health permitted.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, David D. Yater and her infant son, Charles Steven Yater, who died in 1956.

Survivors include her daughter: Lea Ann Fink and husband Timothy of Tornado; niece: Patricia Yater Strawmyer and her husband, Tom; great-niece: Ashley Dailey and her husband Phillip and their daughters: Emmalyn and Abigail, all of Prosper, TX area; niece: Elizabeth Dunbar (Frank); and nephew: Chester Henry Yater, III all of the Houston, TX area. She will be missed by her family and a multitude of loving friends, neighbors, and church family.

Graveside Service was Wednesday, January 3, 2024 in the Chapel at Sunset Memorial Park, South Charleston.

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**NOTICE OF FILING**

On October 27, 2023, Hope Gas, Inc. (Hope), Standard Gas Company (Standard), and Bazzle Gas Company (Bazzle) (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 certain assets of Standard and Bazzle used to provide gas utility service. Standard and Bazzle currently provide natural gas sales service to approximately 460 customers in Lewis and Braxton Counties, West Virginia.

In the Joint Petition, Hope, Standard, and Bazzle assert that the acquisition transaction will have no adverse effect on their customers, other public utilities, or the public in general. Following the transaction, the assets acquired will be owned and operated by Hope, subject to the Commission's continuing jurisdiction and regulation. From and after the closing of the acquisition, the Customers will become customers of Hope.

Upon the closing of the Transaction, the Standard customers will continue to pay Standard's existing base rates, purchased gas adjustment (PGA) rate, and a Legacy Surcharge rate increment, which surcharge equates to Hope's pipeline replacement and expansion (PREP) price increment, as they change from time to time. Consequently, at close, based on the current base, PGA and surcharge rates proposed, the average monthly bill impact for the Standard customers as a result of the Transaction will be as follows:

Type of Customer	Increase/(Decrease)	(%)
Residential	\$13.35	21.37%
Commercial	\$25.87	17.23%

The Bazzle customers will pay Hope's existing rates, PGA rate and the Legacy Surcharge, as they change from time to time. Consequently, at close, based on the current base, PGA and surcharge rates proposed, the average monthly bill impact for the Bazzle customers as a result of the Transaction will be as follows:

Type of Customer	Increase/(Decrease)	(%)
Residential	\$60.60	170.56%

Hope proposes that the Standard customers will eventually pay the Hope base rates plus PGA rates and Legacy Surcharge as those rates change from time to time. If the Standard customers were immediately charged the Hope base rates, the current Hope PGA rate, and the current Legacy Surcharge rate, the average monthly bill impact for the Standard customers as a result of the transaction would be as follows:

Type of Customer	Increase/(Decrease)	(%)
Residential	\$28.79	46.08%
Commercial	\$64.85	43.19%

The Commission schedules this matter for evidentiary hearing to be held on February 21, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. and continuing to February 22, 2024, if necessary, in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, Public Service Commission Building, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. Interested persons should be able to view the evidentiary hearing via an internet livestream. In lieu of an in-person public comment hearing, the Commission will receive public comments online and by mail or hand delivery to the Executive Secretary's Office. All written comments should state the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323. The Commission website, www.psc.state.wv.us, contains links to "Case Information," "Submit a Comment," and "Commission Webcast."

The Joint Petition is on file with and available for public inspection at the Commission, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia, and is available online at the Commission website (www.psc.state.wv.us). Anyone desiring to intervene or protest should file a written request to intervene or protest no later than thirty (30) days following the date of this notice, unless such period is otherwise modified by Commission Order. Failure to timely intervene or protest can affect your right to participate in or protest aspects of this proceeding. All requests to intervene or protest should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene or protest and comply with the rules set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All requests to intervene and protests should state the case name and number and be addressed to the Executive Secretary at the address listed above.

In the absence of substantial protest received within thirty (30) days of the issuance of this notice, the Commission may waive formal hearing and grant the Joint Petition based on the Commission's review of the evidence submitted with the Joint Petition.

HOPE GAS, INC.  
STANDARD GAS COMPANY, and  
BAZZLE GAS COMPANY, INC.

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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 July 8, 2009, executed by Borrower(s), Jason R. Smith and Amanda Smith, spouse of Jason R. Smith, to TruClose Financial, the Trustee of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Book 911, at Page 877. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 5 Meadow Drive, Culloden, WV 25510. WV Trustee Services, LLC were appointed as Substitute Trustees by APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated September 7, 2018, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 1198, Page 10. The borrower(s) defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustees have been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustees will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Putnam County, in Winfield, West Virginia, on the following date:

**26th day of January, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.**

All that certain parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the Town of Culloden, Curry District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and being all of Lot No. Three (3) of Home Builders Estates, as shown on a map entitled "Home Builders Estates" which map was made July 1969, by N.L. Rose, R.P.E. and is of record in the office of the Clerk of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Map Book 4.

Being the same property conveyed to Jason R. Smith by the Deed dated November 16, 2004 and recorded in Deed Book 452 at Page 43 in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia.

**TERMS OF SALE:**

- 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.
- The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1.
- The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a

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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  
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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 5, 2009, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Document No. 002670260012, in Book No. 901, at Page 640 and modified in Loan Modification Agreement in Document No. 003453790008, in Book No. 1041, at Page 876 and modified in Loan Modification Agreement in Document No. 003801980008, in Book No. 1095, at Page 303 and modified in Loan Modification Agreement in Document No. 004257470008, in Book No. 1171, at Page 802 and modified in Loan Modification Agreement in Document No. 004577800009, in Book No. 1208, at Page 649, Steven W Short and Shelley D Short did convey unto Lisa Moye, Trustee(s), certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Seneca Trustees, Inc., as Substitute Trustee; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust F to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse in Winfield, West Virginia, on

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February 6, 2024 at 2:00 PM

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 13 - Winfield Town District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Winfield Town District, Putnam County, West Virginia, being more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEING known, numbered and designated as all of Lot Number Eighteen (18) of the Riverview Subdivision, as the same is shown upon a map of said Subdivision made by C.B. Holsclaw and John A. Holsclaw, Civil Engineers, and duly of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Map Book 2, at pages 74 and 75. AND BEING THE SAME property conveyed unto Steven W. Short and Shelley D. Short, husband and wife, by Jerome W. Johnson by Deed dated the 5th day of May, 2009, said Deed to be recorded simultaneously herewith.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 21 Elm Street AKA 139 Elm Street, Winfield, WV 25213.

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.

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that default having been made under the terms of a Deed of Trust dated March 11, 2022, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 1318 at page 264, executed by Shonn Cobb and Shyenna Cobb to Robert H. Skeens, Jr., Trustee, securing MCNB Bank and Trust Co., which was given to secure the payment of the note therein described, and demand having been made upon the undersigned so to do, the undersigned Substitute Trustee, Carl W. Roop will, on the 29th day of January, 2024, at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse, in the City of Winfield, West Virginia, at 9:00 a.m., sell the property hereinafter described, which property was conveyed in said Deed of Trust, all those certain tracts or parcels of real estate, together with any and all improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto, situate, lying and being in Union District, Putnam County, West Virginia, as more particularly described as follows:

2.00 Acre Parcel:

Beginning at a 5/8" iron rod found on the northerly line of an existing 40' right of way, at the southwestern corner of a parcel owned by Terry E. Miller (Deed Book 544, Page 381-Tax Map 136 Parcel 35), thence leaving said right of way and now running with the eastern line of Miller, N 26° 29' 00" E, 315.00' to a point; thence leaving Miller, and now making a new division line through the aforesaid 27.44 Acre Tract, S 58° 22' 00" E, 215.00' to a point; thence S 5° 31' 37" W, 349.37' to a 2" iron pipe found, being a corner to Eric A. Groves (Deed Book 315, Page 916 -Tax Map 136 Parcel 36), thence with Groves N 58° 22' 00" W, 340.46' to the point of beginning, containing 2.00 acres, more or less.

Included with this conveyance is an existing Forty (40) Foot Right of Way on the southern edge of the 2.0 Acre Parcel that leads to Bowles Ridge Road - Secondary Route 5/3 for ingress and utilities. Also there is a Forty (40) Foot Right on the southern edge of the 2.00 Acre Parcel for ingress and egress and utilities to the Residue of the 27.44 Acre Tract. As shown on said Plat of Survey by Timothy L. Keely WVPS No. 972 ... dated August 18, 2020.

LSOT: Deed Book 593, Page 342, dated October 28, 2020.

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And being the same property acquired by Shonn Cobb and Shyenna Cobb by Deed dated the

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28th day of October, 2020, from Shirley Cobb, Jr and Kathryn Cobb, which said Deed is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia in Deed Book 593, at page 342.

Said property will be sold upon the following terms and conditions:

- Cash in hand on day of sale.
- The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" condition by Deed containing Special Warranty of Title, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, validly enforceable prior liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, right-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.
- 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.
- 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.
- The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant

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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 23, 2008, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Document No. 002473480013, in Book No. 874, at Page 751, William Ray Carte and Carol Ann Carte did convey unto Thomas H. Gilpin, 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 JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse in Winfield, West Virginia, on

February 20, 2024 at 2:00 PM

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 06 - Hurricane Town District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

Tax ID: 6-5-226  
ALL OF THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND, TOGETHER WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND THE APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING, SITUATE IN THE TOWN OF HURRICANE, TEAYS VALLEY DISTRICT, PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, AND BEING LOT NO. 38 OF MEADOWBROOK ESTATES, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON A MAP REVISED MARCH 10, 1965, ENTITLED MEADOWBROOK ESTATES HURRICANE, W. VA. SCALE: 1 INCH EQUALS 20 FEET FEBRUARY 1, 1964 HOME CONSTRUCTION CORP. HURRICANE, W. VA., MADE BY D. T. TAYLOR R.P.E. 2714, WHICH MAP WAS RECORDED IN THE OFFICES OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, ON APRIL 20, 1965, IN MAP BOOK 1, PAGE 82 D AND 82 E, REFERENCE TO WHICH MAP IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF SAID REAL ESTATE. TAX ID: 6-5-226.

This conveyance is made subject to all of the restrictive covenants and easements shown and contained on the map aforesaid to have the same force and effect as if expressly reserved or copied herein in full, and a reference is made thereto for all pertinent purposes.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 434 Brook Cir, Hurricane, WV 25526-1201.

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: \$6000.00 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.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**

State of West Virginia, WVDHHR,

Petitioner,  
V. Civil Action Nos. 23-JA-106-107  
Gary Matheny, Respondent.

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The object of the Petition filed in this matter is to provide protection to the infant children, I.M., whose date of birth is 12/01/2010, and B.R., whose date of birth is 12/05/2008.

**To the above-named Respondent:**

Please take notice that you have been named as the purported father to the above-named children. This matter will come on for an adjudicatory hearing and any other appropriate relief before the Honorable Phillip M. Stowers, Judge of the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia, on the 24th day of January, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., at which time and place you may be present to protect your interests, if you so desire. You are further advised that the infant children and respondents in this proceeding shall have the right to counsel at this hearing and every stage of the proceedings; that if you cannot pay for the services of counsel, the Court shall appoint counsel for you; and that said proceeding could result in the permanent termination of your parental rights.

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

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
By Counsel,

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

DATE: 12-20-23 1-4-2t

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**TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE**

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in it by that certain Deed of Trust dated March 29, 2011, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Bok 967, at Page 843, Chris E. Allman a/k/a Christopher E. Allman and Jennifer C. Allman did convey unto Todd Taylor and Dan Kennedy, Trustee, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Pill & Pill, PLLC as Substitute Trustee by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse, in Winfield, West Virginia, on

January 11, 2024, at 8:04 AM  
The following described real estate, with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the Teays Valley District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All that certain lot or parcel of real estate, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Teays Valley District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and being all of Eight Hundred One (801) in Section Three (3) of Teays Valley Meadows North as shown and designated on that certain map entitled "Teays Valley Meadows - North Subdivision Section Three Developed by Danny and Linda Harshbarger Teays Valley District - Putnam County West Virginia", dated December 10, 1998, prepared by Jimmy D. Calhoun Engineering & Surveying, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia in Plat Cabinet C, Slide 698.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 801 Forestbrook Drive, Hurricane, WV 25526.

THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO A FIRST DEED OF TRUST RECORDED IN THE AFORESAID CLERK'S OFFICE IN DEED OF TRUST BOOK 956, AT PAGE 748.

AND BEING the same real estate which was conveyed to Chris E. Allman a/k/a Christopher E. Allman and Jennifer C. Allman, by Deed dated March 17, 2003, from Steerts & Son, LLC, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 436 at Page 195.

The above-described property will be sold subject to any covenants, restrictions, easements, leases and conditions of record, and subject to any unpaid 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: Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price as a deposit with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

By: Matthew R. Leonard,  
Authorized Signatory

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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 April 26, 2016, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Document No. 004036050017, in Book No. 1127, at Page 189, David J Lilly and Kayla J Lilly did convey unto Richard A. Pill, Esq., 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 Wells Fargo Bank, NA to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse in Winfield, West Virginia, on

February 6, 2024 at 2:00 PM

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 12 - Union District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

The following described lot or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Union District, Putnam County, West Virginia, as more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING, at an iron pin situate in the northerly right-of-way of West Virginia State Route 34, said iron pin marking a common corner between the lands herein conveyed and the lands of the Paradise Church of God; thence leaving said beginning point and with the northerly right-of-way line of West Virginia State Route 34, North 76 degrees 59' 06" West 103.8 feet to an iron pin; thence leaving the northerly right-of-way line of West Virginia State Route 34 North 59 degrees 2' 22" West 86.24 feet to an iron pin; thence North 6 degrees 53' 56" East 89.28 feet to an iron pin; thence North 6 degrees 27' 48" East 99.72 feet to an iron pin; thence South 86 degrees 02' 54" East 160.36 feet to an iron pin; thence North 58 degrees 23' 54" East 118.24 feet to an iron pin; said iron pin being in a common division line of the lands herein conveyed and the lands owned by Larry Rollins; thence with the common division line of the lands herein conveyed and the lands of Larry Rollins, South 50 degrees 51' East 60.75 feet to an iron pin; said iron pin being in a common corner of the lands herein conveyed, lands of Larry Rollins, and lands of the Paradise Church of God; thence the common division line of the lands herein conveyed and the lands of the Paradise Church of God, South 29 degrees 59' 14" West 309.44 feet to an iron pin; thence continuing with said line 106.44 feet to the place of beginning; and containing 1.37 acres more or less as the same is described upon that certain map or plat entitled "1.37 Acre Tract From: Betty Parkins Rollins 23 Acre Tract Deed Book 140, page 34 To: David M. and Patricia A. Rollins Union District, Putnam County, West Virginia." Said map being dated the 26th day of March, 1986; and it was prepared by J. D. Calhoun, P.E. 4782, and being attached to that certain deed of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 294, at page 123.

ALONG with that certain 1986 manufactured home, make of PTR, Title No. of P709590 [and P709591], the same having been "CANCELLED", and Vehicle Identification Numbers of 970AB. ALONG with the benefits and burdens of that "ACCESS ROAD" shown on the prior -referenced map and shown (and memorialized) in Deed Book 536, at page 96 (Putnam County). District: 12 - Union Map No.: 147 Parcel No.: 0049 0005 0000

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 7349 McLane Pike, Liberty, WV 25124.

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: \$6000.00 in cash and/or certified funds as deposit at the time of sale with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.



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| PAM ARTHUR<br>Eleanor<br>55th Birthday December 28  | REV. GIL BATES<br>Marysville, Tennessee<br>Birthday January 1  |
| ANDREA LITTON<br>HOUSTON<br>116 Woodland Forest<br>Winfield<br>48th Birthday December 31      | JASON SMITH<br>St. Albans<br>49th Birthday January 2   |
| LOGAN DYKOTA<br>JIVIDEN<br>P.O. Box 16<br>Poca<br>26th Birthday December 31                   | DUANE BOWERS<br>Route 2, Box 196-1<br>Midway<br>64th Birthday January 2  |
| LOGAN DANIEL<br>MORRISON<br>16 Davis Court<br>Luray, Virginia<br>25th Birthday December 31    | MIKE LUIKART<br>Virginia Beach<br>58th Birthday January 2  |
| DENNIS COOPER<br>Fuquay Marina<br>North Carolina<br>65th Birthday December 31                 | ALLIE PERRY BOSCHERT<br>257 TWP 1212<br>Proctorville, Ohio<br>Birthday January 2   |
| ALLISON KAY HODGES<br>London Commons<br>Hurricane<br>13th Birthday December 31                | JEAN ALLEN<br>Hurricane<br>82nd Birthday January 2   |
| COLIN JAMES ESCUE<br>165 Washington Hill Road<br>Hurricane<br>10th Birthday December 31       | SUSAN FLANNERY<br>GLENN<br>7319 Reserve Creek Drive<br>Port St. Lucie, Florida<br>57th Birthday January 3                |
| GRACIE BLACK<br>1403 Summers Avenue<br>Milton<br>20th Birthday December 31                    | KYNDALL PAIGE<br>CHAPMAN<br>1047 Heck Street<br>Milton<br>26th Birthday January 3  |
| GARY SMITH<br>Poca<br>79th Birthday December 31   | PANSY SOVINE<br>901 Sleepy Creek Road<br>Hurricane<br>81st Birthday January 3  |
| CHARLES MARKER<br>353 Belle Road<br>Pt. Pleasant<br>Birthday in January                       | ANDREA MARKHAM<br>PO Box 846<br>Milton<br>Birthday January 3   |
| BETTY KING<br>NIEDERHAUSER<br>6202 County Hwy 36<br>Sycamore, Ohio<br>80th Birthday January 1 | LUKE JEFFREY<br>Logan<br>21st Birthday January 3   |
| RENEE CHAPMAN 5085<br>5&20 Mile Road<br>Fraziers Bottom<br>56th Birthday January 1            | KAREN SUE JACKSON<br>GASKINS<br>3608 Sandy Acres Lane #23<br>Winston Salem, North<br>Carolina<br>77th Birthday January 3 |
| KRISTA WHITT<br>Milton<br>Birthday January 1  | CHERI SOWARDS<br>4015 Hurricane Creek<br>Road<br>Hurricane<br>63rd Birthday January 3                                    |

### Joshua Gallegos Graduates From Mountaineer Challenge Academy

The Mountaineer Challenge Academy is pleased to announce Class 2-23 as the 61st class to complete this West Virginia National Guard Program. Commencement exercises were held Friday, December 15th at Camp Dawson in Kingwood. A total of 101 graduates from 30 counties across the State of West Virginia successfully completed the requirements for graduation. Delegate Moore Capito congratulated the Cadets and gave the commencement address.



Cadet Joshua Adam Gallegos, son of Josie Chavira and Bobby Gallegos of Bancroft, was in Platoon 2. Cadet Gallegos was recognized for receiving the Instructor's List(2), S2C Award, Mentorship Award as well as obtaining the six Individual Values Recognition Ribbons.

All graduating Cadets have completed the residential phase of Challenge, which includes activities in eight core component areas ranging from Service to Community

to Employability Skills. Cadets in this class provided 4632.55 hours of Service to Community for such organizations as Food for Preston, American Red Cross, Gold Star, Trout for Cheat, Wreaths Across America, and the PCLA Awards Banquet. Following graduation, these Cadets will begin a one-year post-residential phase of Challenge that includes placement activities in education and/or employment.

Applications are currently being accepted for Class 1-24 South that begins in April. Call toll-free at 1-800-529-7700 for more information.

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| CAROL HOOVER<br>867 Saunders Hollow Road<br>Barboursville<br>Birthday January 3                     | 96th Birthday January 5  |
| NOAH DODDRIDGE<br>Milton<br>19th Birthday January 4   | KELLY HOLLAND<br>Barboiurville<br>54th Birthday January 5                                |
| MIKE FRANKLIN<br>Little Rock, Arkansas<br>Birthday January 4  | LACY SHAYNE<br>MCKINNEY<br>Ona<br>12th Birthday January 5                                |
| ANDY JACKSON<br>#35 Timothy Lane<br>Milton<br>67th Birthday January 4                               | TAMMY PAYNE<br>1720 Whitten Ridge Road<br>Milton<br>54th Birthday January 6              |
| NANCY FISHER<br>Milton<br>74th Birthday January 4   | MARILYN JENEAL<br>MORRISON<br>1607 W Mud River Road<br>Milton<br>86th Birthday January 6 |
| JANESSA LEA THOMAS<br>MIDKIFF<br>Teays Valley<br>35th Birthday January 4                            | JASON JIVIDEN<br>PO Box 16<br>Poca<br>54th Birthday January 6                            |
| DONALD McGEE<br>St. Albans<br>69th Birthday January 4   | CHRIS BIRD<br>Windy Jill<br>Main Street<br>Hurricane<br>41st Birthday January 6          |
| RONALD McGEE<br>North Carolina<br>69th Birthday January 4   | BOB CARROLL<br>783 Washington Hill Road<br>Hurricane<br>48th Birthday January 6          |
| EDDIE GRANT<br>280 Sugar Camp Road<br>Hurricane<br>67th Birthday January 4                          | GENE GETER<br>803 Washington Hill Road<br>Hurricane<br>53rd Birthday January 7           |
| TOM CRINER<br>Red House<br>71st Birthday January 4  | ROBERT BALL<br>PO Box 32<br>Milton<br>Birthday January 7                                 |
| JYLIANNE MILLER<br>Grayson, Kentucky<br>91st Birthday January 5                                     | KANDY JIVIDEN<br>109 Coach Place<br>Hurricane<br>Birthday January 7                      |
| SHELLEY CHAPMAN<br>376 Martin Lane<br>Culloden<br>57th Birthday January 5                           | LINDA MAYES<br>Milton<br>Birthday January 7  |
| HOWARD CHESNE<br>6702 Mud River Road<br>Barboursville<br>87th Birthday January 5                    | FRANCES PARSONS<br>JOHNSON<br>115 2nd Street<br>Culloden<br>73rd Birthday January 7      |
| EMILY BROOK CARRICO<br>#26 Township Road 1308<br>Proctorville, Ohio<br>22nd Birthday January 5      | JESSI COLEMAN<br>28585 Ashton-Upland Road<br>Milton<br>Birthday January 7                |
| ELIZABETH ANN<br>CARRICO<br>#26 Township Road 1308<br>Proctorville, Ohio<br>22nd Birthday January 5 | SHAWN COLEMAN<br>28585 Ashton-Upton Road<br>Milton<br>Birthday January 7                 |
| BOB ELSWICK<br>2041 US Route 60 West<br>Milton<br>Birthday January 5                                | ELLEN CALL WILSON<br>1159 Cow Creek Road<br>Hurricane<br>73rd Birthday January 7         |
| DORIS SOVINE<br>PO Box 192<br>Milton<br>76th Birthday January 5                                     | CARL DANA HANDLEY<br>138 Bethesda Drive<br>Ona<br>Birthday January 7                     |
| GAY LEADMON SMITH<br>8600 Sandy Glen Court<br>North Carolina  |  |

### Midway Meridians 4-H Club Has Busy December



Midway Meridians sing Christmas carols at Country Villa Care.

Submitted by Ella Grant  
Midway Meridians Reporter/Photographer

The Midway Meridians 4-H Club had a busy December. On December 15th, club members participated in the Eleanor Christmas parade. The members had a good time promoting 4-H and spreading holiday cheer.

On December 19th, the club completed two service projects. First, they went to Country Villa Care to sing Christmas carols to the residents. The people there really enjoyed it. After caroling, the members went to Blankenship Grocery Store to fill the blessing box because they realized it was almost completely empty. The box was full when members left. The members enjoyed pizza after their service projects.



Midway Meridians participate in the Eleanor Christmas Parade.

### Happy Anniversary

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| Mike and Tina Rodgers<br>Franklin of Little Rock,<br>Arkansas, will celebrate<br>their forty-seventh wedding<br>anniversary on December<br>28.      | January 2. | Dr. Mark Charles and<br>Darylene Adkins Brown<br>of #9 Woodhaven Drive in<br>Huntington will celebrate<br>their forty-eighth wedding<br>anniversary on January 2. |
| Will and Bonnie May<br>Edwards of 124 Apple Wood<br>Way in Ona will celebrate<br>their twenty-seventh<br>wedding anniversary on<br>December 28.     |            | Roy and Lesley Jefferson<br>Clark of Ashton-Upland<br>Road in Milton will celebrate<br>their eighteenth wedding<br>anniversary on January 6.                      |
| Harry Franklin and Janet<br>Rose of Joe's Branch Road<br>in Hurricane will celebrate<br>their fifty-first wedding<br>anniversary on December<br>29. |            | Kevin and Cara Dials<br>of Proctorville, Ohio, will<br>celebrate their eighteenth<br>wedding anniversary on<br>January 7.   |
| Dr. and Mrs. William<br>Dan Hill of 232 Forest Road<br>in Hurricane will celebrate<br>their forty-fifth wedding<br>anniversary on December<br>30.   |            | David Lee and Rebekah<br>Finley Lincolnogger of<br>Lenoir City, Tennessee, will<br>celebrate their thirteenth<br>wedding anniversary on<br>January 8.             |

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

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

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

Michael and Stephanie Davis of Main Street, Hurricane, celebrated their thirtieth wedding anniversary on January 1.

Roger and Gay Covey of Flatwoods, West Virginia, will celebrate their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary on January 2.

Gregory and Mary Beth Bird of 638 Sleepy Hollow Drive in Hurricane will celebrate their thirty-first wedding anniversary on

### Albertswheeler Named to Ohio Dominican Dean's List

Jazmyn Albertswheeler of Scott Depot has been named to Ohio Dominican University's 2023 Fall Semester Dean's list. In order to make the Dean's List, full-time undergraduate students must have achieved a 3.5 GPA or better after taking a minimum of 12 credit hours.

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