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# Candidate Filing Period to Close on January 27

A single vote has a much greater chance of deciding a local election than a national one. Come May 14, county voters and county voters alone will elect a Circuit Court Judge (8-year term), a Family Court Judge (8-year term), three Magistrates (4-year terms), and two members to the Board of Education (4-year terms). Putnam voters will also select Republican and Democratic candidates to be listed on the November General Election

Filing with the Secretary  
of State in Charleston were

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## A black and white photograph capturing a large-scale stage performance in a gymnasium. A group of approximately 40 students, mostly young women in white, short-sleeved dresses and young men in dark suits, are arranged in several rows on a raised platform. They are all striking a synchronized dance pose, with arms extended and legs in various dynamic positions. Behind them is a large, detailed set of a two-story house, complete with windows, doors, and interior furniture like a bed and a desk. The gymnasium's high ceiling with its metal truss system and various lights is visible above the stage. In the foreground, the backs of several audience members' heads are visible, looking towards the performance. A man in the lower left foreground is seen from the side, holding a video camera on a tripod to film the event. The overall atmosphere is one of a formal yet energetic school production.

Hurricane High School's  
award-winning show choirs,

The theme of Heat Wave's competition show was "Sunday Night Football," and featured songs and dance routines which captured the excitement of watching the big game. Some of the songs included "The Winner Takes

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# Hurricane Water, Sewer Rates Set to Jump in February

The Hurricane City Council approved an ordinance increasing water and sewer rates to customers at its January 2nd meeting. All customers of the City of Hurricane utility will see their bills increase in three increments with the first in 45 days from the January 2nd meeting, which will be February 16, 2024 to be followed by a second and third increase in February of 2025 and 2026. In dollar amount, minimum bills (2,000 gallon water usage) will increase by \$5 each time for water. Minimum sewer bills will increase as follows: February 16, 2024 - \$3.28, February 2025 - \$3.30, and February 2026 -

Council acted after hearing from Michael Griffith who serves as a consultant to the city on financial matters. Griffith advised the council that the current rates are not in compliance with legal requirements. A city run utility is deemed to be out of compliance if its enacted rates cannot generate 12% reserve in revenue. A city utility is not eligible for

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# HHS Cheerleading Team Captures Class AAA State Championship



The Hurricane High Cheerleading Team was honored at the January 2 city council meeting for winning its first ever State Championship. The team is composed of seniors Brynn Beckman, Makayla Bennett, Maddie Conley, Katie Gabhart, Taylor Thompson, Shayden Griffith, Haylee Osborne and Kennedy Randle; juniors Carly Dingess, Pressley Adkins, Haley Vedral, Owen Woodburn, Gracie Thornton and Autianna Hollins; sophomores Faith Taylor, Bella Whittington, Kennedy Warner, Ava Ison, Jenna Simms and Kaylee Eldridge; and freshmen Cassidy Davis, Amyah Persinger, Kendra Rainey and Ella Humberston.

# Putnam Beauty Queens to Compete in WVAFF Pageant

Miss Bridge Day, Alyssa Smith, is a junior at Poca High School; Miss Putnam County Fair, Taylor Miller, is a Winfield High graduate and attends Bridge Valley;



Pictured (l-r): Alyssa Smith, Miss Bridge Day; Taylor Miller, Miss Putnam County Fair; and Emma Luikart, Miss WV Chocolate Festival.

and Miss WV Chocolate Festival, Emma Luikart, is a Buffalo High graduate and attends Marshall University.



The alarm was called in around 4 a.m. by a neighbor who was awakened by the brightness of the flames.

“We preach working fire alarm safety. Here is a case

Insurance investigators will attempt to determine the cause of the blaze.



# 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.

**JANUARY 11**  
There will be a reading journal workshop at 5 p.m. at the Buffalo Library.

**JANUARY 12**  
There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 12:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. at Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church, Putnam Avenue, Hurricane. Call 1-800-733-2767, or visit redcrossblood.org and enter “hurricanecom” to schedule an appointment.

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 14**  
Winfield High School’s show choir, General Admission and Emerald Elegance, will be hosting their premiere show at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

**JANUARY 15 - 16**

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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 16**  
The Board Room, located behind Walmart in Hurricane, will be holding a board game night from 6 to 9 p.m.

**JANUARY 17**  
The Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley will be showing the movie “The Martian” at 4 p.m.

**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.

The Bancroft Mission, 5963 Charleston Road, Bancroft, will be holding an evening of praise and thanksgiving starting at 7 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.

There will be a Taylor Swift ERA Party from 6 to 11 p.m. at Social Event Space, 2833 Main Street, Hurricane. Tickets are \$30. Register by going to <https://www.simpletix.com/e/swiftie-era-party-tickets-148514>

**JANUARY 20**  
There will be a bee hotel and hive painting workshop from 10 a.m. to noon at the West Sattes Community Center, 234 Lee Avenue, Nitro.

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.

Local historian Philip Hatfield will be discussing his new book, “A History of Putnam County, West Virginia, in the Civil War,” at 12:30 p.m. at the Hurricane City Hall.

**JANUARY 21**  
Visual Volume, the Poca High School Show Choir, will be hosting their Dot Debut dinner theatre and show choir performance. Dinner will be served from 1 to 4 p.m., with shows at 2:30 and 4 p.m. Tickets are \$25 at the door for adults and \$20 for children ages 5 - 10.

**JANUARY 23**  
Junior Explorers ages 0-6 can learn about the wonders of the universe and experience amazing animals from around the world from 9 a.m. to noon at Zoology Zone Science Center, located in Valley Park in Hurricane. Adults ages 13 and up: \$8. Kids 4-12: \$6. Ages 0-12: free.  
The Huriricane Civic Chorus will be holding an openhouse from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church, Putnam Avenue, Hurricane. New members welcome.

## “90 Years of the CCC in West Virginia” Exhibit at the Culture Center in Charleston

West Virginia Archives and History and the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History is pleased to announce a new exhibit on the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in West Virginia. The exhibit is currently on display in the Archives and History Library, located inside the Culture Center, State Capitol Complex, in Charleston. In honor of the 90th anniversary of the establishment of the CCC, the exhibit features many documents and photographs relating to CCC camps in West Virginia. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

The Civilian Conservation Corps was established on April 5, 1933, as part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s First 100 Days. Single men, ages 18-25, from all over the nation enrolled

in the CCC. Paid \$30 per month, these young men mostly participated in work projects on state and federal lands and laid the foundation for hundreds of state parks around the country. The CCC had 65 camps in West Virginia between 1933 and 1942, the majority in the eastern portion of the state. The new library exhibit features photographs and documents from the Calvin White Collection, the Tillman Diamond Collection, the Civilian Conservation Corps Museum Collection, and several additional collections.

The exhibit will remain until March 20, 2024. Library hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. For additional information, please contact Archives Director Aaron Parsons at (304) 558-0230.

## West Virginia Symphony Presents Pay What You Wish for Musical Sweets & Treats

The West Virginia Symphony Orchestra (WVSO) continues its 2023-24 season in the new year with a Pay What You Wish concert, Musical Sweets and Treats on Saturday, January 20, at 7:30 p.m. in Charleston.

Music Director Maurice Cohn leads the WVSO in an eclectic program that includes Brahms’ Tragic Overture, a piece from contemporary composer Jessica Hunt, Haydn’s Symphony No. 104, and will feature Concerto for Bandoneon with Astral Artist Iwo Jedynecki on accordion. The concert also showcases the return of the WVSO’s popular “Pay What You Wish” promotion where patrons can choose their price for any available seat. This Pay What You Wish offer is only accessible by visiting the Clay Center Box Office in person or calling (304) 561-3570. Online ticket orders are processed at standard concert pricing.

“This is a terrific program which exemplifies the breadth of music we play at the WVSO. The opening and closing pieces are classic works by well-known composers Brahms and Haydn,” said Music Director Maurice Cohn. “In between these two pieces are less familiar but equally thrilling works—a contemporary

piece by Jessica Hunt that is something of a love letter to orchestral music, celebrating all the miraculous sounds this ensemble can make, and a concerto by Astor Piazzolla for which we are very pleased to feature Iwo Jedynecki. It is a rare treat to see an accordion onstage with an orchestra, and we are very excited to share this piece with you!”

The Elliot Foundation Symphonic Series concert is made possible by the generous support of Keith and the late Jim Straw and AC&S Incorporated.

This concert weekend also includes another session of the Maier Foundation’s A Look Behind the Curtain. The music preparedness program is open to current undergraduate and graduate college students studying music and/or arts administration who plan on pursuing a career in performance, conducting, arts management, etc. High school juniors and seniors interested in these career paths are also welcome to attend. Please visit <https://forms.gle/ub8YycNXZ8rnnOck8> to register for this session before the deadline on Thursday, Jan. 18 at midnight. For more information on this program and all sessions, please visit [wvsymphony.org](http://wvsymphony.org)

## High Achieving Students Encouraged To Apply For Fairmont Scholarship

Each fall and winter, Fairmont State University offers West Virginia seniors an opportunity to apply for their premier academic scholarship, the Charles J. McClain Scholarship. Through a highly competitive process, twenty students will be invited to campus to compete for the scholarship. All applicants invited to campus will receive an academic scholarship, with three students being named McClain Scholars. McClain Scholars will receive tuition and fees, room and board for on-campus students, and a \$500 per semester book scholarship for the on-campus Bound for Success Bookstore. The McClain Scholarship will cover up to four years (eight semesters) for the selected three students, estimated at approximately \$80,000 per student.

“The Charles J. McClain Presidential Scholarship provides West Virginia students who have excelled academically

the opportunity to attend Fairmont State University at no cost,” said Fairmont State University Assistant Vice President for Student Success, Tresa Weimer. “Fairmont State University is pleased to be able to offer this opportunity to students who have made exceptional academic achievements.”

Eligible candidates must:

- Be a graduating senior from West Virginia
- Be a PROMISE Scholarship recipient.
- Promise recipients must have their FAFSA completed by May 1, 2024.
- Submit a completed Charles J. McClain Presidential Scholarship application and essay
- Have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.5 or higher
- Have an ACT composite of 26 or higher or 1180 SAT total score
- Participate in on-campus interviews

All first-year recipients must maintain an overall

## The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

I have written about so many of my friends... not all... as students at Hurricane High, eons ago, we had our bests... I had several... we were all pretty much alike... I do not remember, as I have written previously, poor or rich...

I usually write about the girls... the other day, a friend asked me if I graduated with Clarence Wordsworth... I did... this person has worked with him and admired him. That is Clarence... we graduated with some really nice guys... good job Clarence...

Clarence... Sonny... Stephen R... Karol C... David G... Jim Sampson... Steve S... James K... John... Vess... sweet... boys... I still think of Sonny and Clarence as sweet boys... all of these years later... too many to write about.

I still wonder what became of Herman Burns... in my classes in junior high... I saw Clarence when we started the HHS alumni group in 1999.

I saw Sonny a couple of times... saw David at the all school reunion... the others are gone before us or I have no clue. Jim Sampson was at a multiple class reunion... I think Karol also. Saw Stephen at the barber shop. He gave my grandson his first haircut. They were visiting from California or Seattle, and I told them about Steve. Thanks friend.

Steve Sovine was my nephew... he married Linda, and we became good friends... just like Billie Sue and I were... I miss them... Linda fixed veggie lasagna for me... we went to WVU games together... not sure where they live now. Steve was blessed with two darling wives...

The class of 1965 at HHS was made up of a group of students who lived in town, yours truly... Teays Valley... Clymers Creek... Rt. 34... we lived all over the area... I do not remember the students having cars and driving to school. We walked or rode the bus.

I remember we were students. We did not work to pay for cars... we did not state we needed cars to go to work... vicious

## The Breeze on Microfilm

Microfilm copies of the Breeze can be found at both the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley and the West Virginia State Archives in Charleston.

GPA of a 2.75 at the end of their first year. An overall GPA of 3.0 is required for renewal during subsequent years. A minimum of 30 credit hours must be obtained each year of enrollment for renewal. The Charles J. McClain Presidential Scholarship and the McClain Finalist Scholarship can only be awarded up to eight semesters.

To learn more and apply for the Charles J. McClain Scholarship visit [www.FairmontState.edu/](http://www.FairmontState.edu/) premier. The application is now live and will remain open until February 1, 2024.

circle now... I know some students worked on their family farms... I worked that summer before senior year at the diner at the bowling alley for my mother.

I did not have to work. I enjoyed it. Especially when a certain football player came in after practice. Another story indeed.

The class of 1964 was important to us as most know we dated those guys. The class of 1966 gave us good friends also. Marshall was in class of 1967 and other great students... when I was a little sophomore, I knew few of the members of class of 1963, but I remember being in awe of them.

I stopped teaching ten years ago. I subbed until six years ago. My career took me to many schools... I taught the kids in South Carolina... those others might not want to teach... I taught in a prison at night there... trust me others don’t want to do that. Nitro High for six years. I repeat myself when I brag on my principals...

Putnam County was difficult at first because I was at two schools, Buffalo and Winfield... that schedule was rough with no prep... Poca Middle one year was sweet... then finally one school... high school... Winfield... but my heart took me to HHS... Mr. Hart and Mr. Ellis hired me... thank you guys for bringing me home. I was offered a job at HHS when I moved to WV... on a cart... No thanks... so NHS was my home... later, I was on a cart for several years in Putnam County... don’t get me started on that horrendous thought...

Do I have a favorite? Each school was unique... from the day I graduated Glenville, my dream was to be at HHS... Thanks to Chuck Hatfield I ended up there...

Teaching was different from when I went to school. Some schools had strict rules... others did not... difficult to teach when students are not held accountable.

Also, I do not like lowered averages for grades... we were held to a standard at HHS... we did it or not...

As I remember those sweet boys mentioned above, and more, I cannot imagine them acting out in class. Perhaps I just do not remember. Yes, I know there was paddling in elementary... I cried for those kids... memories..

Imagine what it would be like for all of us to be in school... the way things have changed... imagine how we would act... imagine because the way we were is the way we are... always learning and always remembering... also let us not even discuss the way the dress code has changed as we say in WV, lawdy mercy... as we continue to age, we reflect on the days of old... memories... sweet classmates... we were with them 180 days a year for 12 years and you know what? Some of us really knew little about the others... yet I think of them... I wonder where they are and what they are doing... when one of my classmates dies, I mourn... we are just too young... 76...



ELECTION WATCH 2024

Candidate Filing Period to Close on January 27

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Amy Nichole Grady (R) for State Senate, 4th District; Glenn Jeffries (R) for State Senate, 8th District; and Kathie Hess Crouse (R) for 19th House of Delegate District.

While not filing on January 8th, a number of individuals filed pre-candidacy papers during 2023.

Pre-candidacy filings allow a candidate to solicit and accept political donations for their campaigns.

Candidates who filed pre-candidacy papers and the date on which they filed follows: Assessor - Gary Warner (10-11-23); Sheriff - Bobbie Eggleton (6-9-23); Prosecuting Attorney - Kris

Raynes (4-13-23); Magistrate [Division 3] - Sarah Weaver (11-29-23), Magistrate [Division 3] - Eric Weaver (12-4-23); Circuit Judge - Phillip Stowers (4-10-23), Circuit Judge - Jon Hoover (6-2-23); State Senate District 4 - Amy Nichole Grady [R]; State Senate District 8 - Glen Jeffries [R]; House of Delegates District 19 - Kathie Hess Crouse [R] (1-6-23), House of Delegates District 19 - Jesse Lovejoy [R] (7-7-23), House of Delegates District 19 - Debbie Deweese [R] (12-1-23); House of Delegates District 20 - Sarah Drennan [R] (9-11-23), House of Delegates District 20 - Jacob Losh [R] (10-11-23); and House of Delegates District 21 - Jarred Cannon [R] (10-16-23)

Hurricane Council News

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throughout the state.

The City of Hurricane last increased water rates in 2019. Sewer rates have been unchanged since 2017.

Assistance to low-income households for utilities is available through a number of utility assistance programs. The programs include Putnam Heart & Hand - 304-543-8770; Enact Community Action, Hurricane Service Office - 304-562-6037; Faith In Action - 304-881-7253; DHHR - 304-586-1520 and Mountaineer Rental Assistance, Renters: 1-866-623-6284, Homeowners: 1-844-542-0035.

In other business, council recognized Hurricane High School's Ty Steorts for setting a State Record in the Class AAA Cross Country

championship meet. Council also recognized the Hurricane High School Cheerleaders for winning the State Cheerleading Championship and the Hurricane Middle School Soccer Team for winning the MVAC championship.

Hurricane Police Chief Mike Mullins presented council with a summary of his department's activities for the calander year 2023 in addition to his December report. Mullins stated that in 2023, HPD made 183 arrests charged to the State, 128 arrests charged to the City, responded to 232 EMR calls, took 319 accident reports, issued 653 citations and 1,747 warnings, and seized \$54,952 in cash with \$19,550 being forfeited to the department. Drug seizures for the year were 477.8 grams of Meth, over 19 pounds of Marijuana, 32

HHS Red Hot and Heat Wave Show Choirs Make Winter Disappear



The girls of Heat Wave portrayed opposing football teams in their Saturday Night Football themed show. (Photo by Betsy Allen)

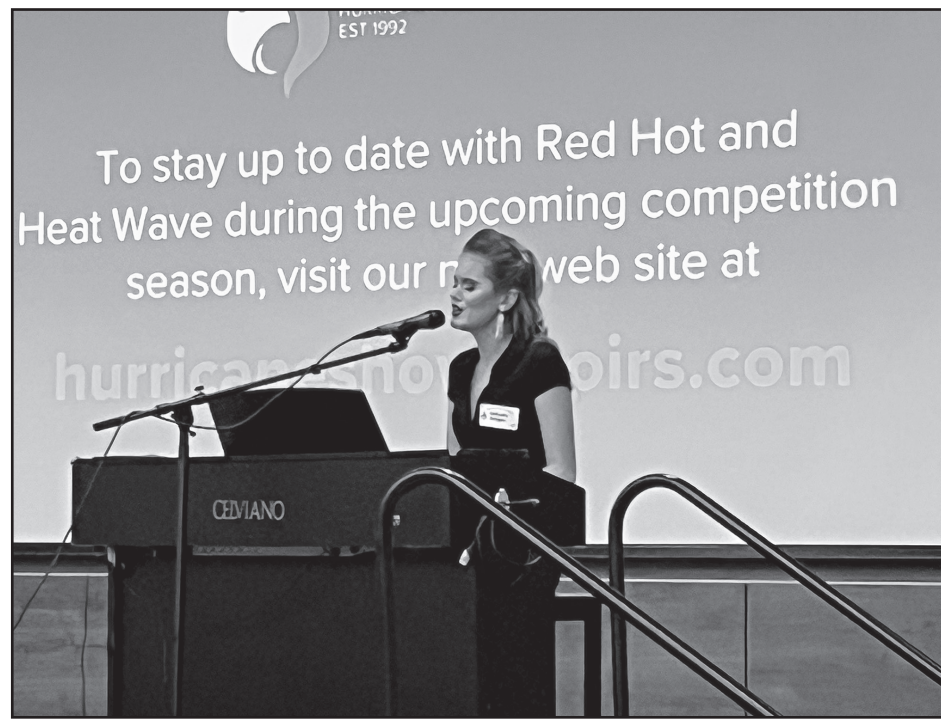
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routines which captured the excitement of watching the big game. Some of the songs included "The Winner Takes it All" by ABBA and "Get'cha Head in the Game" from High School Musical.

The theme of Red Hot's competition show was "Our House." Students performed in front of a backdrop of a stylized house to a medley of songs which were chosen to convey themes such as spending time with family and friends, hosting parties, and memories of home. Some of the songs chosen for medleys included "Our House of Memories" by Panic! At the Disco, and "Family Table" by the Zac Brown Band.

Throughout this next few months, Red Hot and Heat Wave will be traveling

grams of Fentanyl, 16 grams of cocaine, 5.5 grams of Heroin, 4.3 grams of Yellow



Autmn Cooper plays the piano and sings "House of the Rising Sun." (Photo by Betsy Allen)

to various competitions Virginia and the Midwest. This weekend, the two show

Fentanyl, 1.7 grams of Blue Fentanyl, and 18 grams of Crack Cocaine.

City offices will be closed on January 15th in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday. The next council meeting will be Monday, February 5, at 6:30 p.m.

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Varsity of HMS Soccer Team are Ian Huffman, Raylan Lusher, Chase Jones, Brock Estep, Ethan Oaks, Allison Hodges, Mason Halstead, Dakota Wilson, Gage Robertson, Emsley Conley, Payeton Marion, Austin Street, Aubrey Coyner, Tyler Henderson, Owen Thompson, Riley Slayton, Cooper Turner, Blake Benson, Tanner Gum, Carter Borchers, Laurel Cummings, Julia Smith.

Junior Varsity members are Afton Escue, Lucy Barnes, Esther Berg, Adina Johnson, Isabella Lemon, Aubree Welch, Riley Slayton, Weston Hale, Holden Fife, Max Willits, King-sley Fuller, Korbyn Powell, Brenleigh Copley, Maddox Woollard, Jackson Green, Tucker Davis, Lane Hansford, Riley Perry, Eli Stephenson.

Coaches are Rob Benson, Steve Gum, Greg Harkins.

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## More and More

By Velma Kitchens of Culloden

Are you as tired as I am seeing all the commercials on TV about updating, getting discounts, saving money? Well, I bet you are. A wise man once said, when you come out of a store and say you saved money, well, guess what, you didn't - you spent money. You save by not spending. I know we all need food, but how much stuff can you own? Most of us have enough clothes in our closets to last many years; we just want clothes, we really don't need them.

Don't get me started on shoes - especially women. I know women who have many, many pairs of shoes, and again it's the clothes. The shoes must go with the outfits. Did you ever wonder why most men don't have a lot of shoes? Most men have work boots, a pair of tennis shoes, and then a pair of dress shoes or some kind of shoes to wear to church or somewhere else when the need arises. I always tell the menfolk in my family, do not wear white socks with dress shoes and dress pants. Shoes and pants should match.

I am not anti looking good, but I just don't see all the hoopla about clothes, shoes, purses, and all that stuff we accumulate. I will admit I used to have more shoes than I do now. I find as I get older the flat shoes are not going to help back problems. A pair of good tennis shoes are great. But then again how many pairs can you own?

Furniture is another thing that we need to change every now and then, but have you priced all the couches and chairs, tables, end tables, beds, nightstands, and what about kitchen cabinets? Look out! Just keep what you have - save the money. Paint the cabinets or shine them up. These are just a few tips that I suggest but then again I am a simple person and I like simple things - most of the time, but that does not mean that I dislike shopping or getting what you want as long as you can afford it.

Eating out is another thing entirely. Cooking meals is really a lot less expensive than eating out, at least in my opinion. Think of the money a family could save. When we were growing up, pop and ice cream was a treat for us kids. I know times have changed, but when you work hard for your money, you should spend wisely, especially in this economy when things are so expensive. I wonder what our forefathers would think about all this? They probably would say we need to plant more crops.

## 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.

A bit on the lighter side but equally satisfying, Tuscan 3 Bean Peasant Soup calls for shallots, diced tomatoes, spinach, cannellini beans, cooked small pasta and more for a true winter warmup. Served with toasted bread cubes, it's sure to warm loved ones up from the inside out.

Its key ingredient is Aunt Nellie's 3 Bean Salad, featuring premium green, wax and kidney beans in a light, sweet-tangy vinegar dressing. As a ready-to-eat solution, it can be served chilled, at room temperature or as part of comforting winter recipes.

Visit [READSalads.com](#) and [AuntNellies.com](#) to find more cozy cold-weather dishes.

### Tuscan 3 Bean Peasant Soup

Recipe courtesy of Sarah Meuser on behalf of Aunt Nellie's

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 27 minutes

Servings: 8

- 10 ounces day-old crusty bread, such as ciabatta, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus additional for drizzling (optional)
- 2 medium shallots or 1 small yellow onion, peeled and chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped
- 1 can (15 1/2 ounces) cannellini beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 can (28 ounces) diced tomatoes
- 3 cans (14 1/2 ounces each) low-sodium chicken broth (about 6 cups)
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup small pasta, such as ditalini, uncooked
- 2 cups frozen cut leaf spinach or chopped fresh spinach
- 2 jars (15 1/2 ounces each) Aunt Nellie's 3 Bean Salad, drained
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest (optional)

Preheat oven to 375 F. Place bread cubes in single layer on large baking pan. Bake until bread cubes are lightly browned, 8-12 minutes. Set aside.

Heat large saucepan or Dutch oven over medium heat. Add 2 tablespoons oil; swirl to coat. Add shallots; cook 5 minutes, or until soft, stirring occasionally. Add garlic; cook 1 minute, or until fragrant. Add cannellini beans, tomatoes, broth and black pepper; bring to boil. Add pasta; cook 8 minutes, or according to package directions. Stir in spinach and bean salad. Simmer 5 minutes, or until heated through.

Ladle soup evenly into bowls. Top with toasted bread cubes and lemon zest, if desired. Drizzle with additional olive oil, if desired.

## Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead  
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

Now we welcome the new year, full of things that have never been.

Don't ignore the effort of a person who tries to keep in touch. It's not all the time someone cares.

Raise your children to be impressed by kindness, loyalty and humility, not just wealth, possessions and power.

People change for two reasons: their minds have been opened, or their hearts have been broken.

Some succeed because they are destined to, but most succeed because they are determined to.

Sometimes the scars on the inside take longer to heal than the ones on the outside.

There are some things that money can't buy. Like manners, morals and integrity.

We are living in a day when people are proud of what they should be ashamed of.

A true friend will tell you what you need to hear, not just what you want to hear.

Anger doesn't solve anything. It builds nothing but it can destroy everything.

Losing someone who doesn't appreciate you is actually a gain, not a loss.

I married my wife for her looks, but not the ones she's giving me lately.

Doggies are the best friends. They ask no questions, they pass no criticisms.

You never know how much someone cares until you are under the weather.

Old age isn't so bad when you consider the alternative.

Always love your friends from your heart, not from your mood or need.

There's no such thing as government funded; it's all taxpayer funded.

I am extremely busy doing not very much while feeling very overwhelmed.

Never trust your tongue when your heart is bitter. Hush until you heal.

My husband thinks I'm crazy, but I'm not the one who married me.

The heaviest burdens that we carry are the thoughts in our head.

Memorizing pothole locations is a survival skill where I'm from.

Wisdom has always been chasing people, but some are faster.

I'm not wearing glasses anymore - I've seen enough.

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



Each day comes bearing its gifts. Untie the ribbon.

Mind your own biscuits and life will be gravy.

Got life insurance? Check out John 3:16.

We don't plant trees for ourselves; we plant them for those who come there after.

Don't judge yourself for what you didn't get done. Applaud yourself for what you did get done.

One of the worst feelings in the world is knowing you did the best you could, but it still wasn't enough.

Sometimes I want to treat people how they treat me, but I can't because that's not my character.

In life it's important to know when to stop arguing with people and simply let them be wrong.

You can't rewrite your past, but you can grab a clean sheet of paper and write your future.

Always notice the people who are happy for your happiness, and sad for your sadness.

I just want to be surrounded with people whose priority is to be a good person.

Two things in life change you, and you are never the same. Love and grief.

Don't ever lie to someone to protect their feelings. They deserve the truth.

Your strength comes from who you are, not who others think you are.

When you find that people have failed you, turn to shelter pets. People have failed them, too. You can heal together.

Putting your phone away and paying attention to those talking to you. There's an app for that. It's called respect.

Did you know by replacing your potato chips with grapefruit as a snack you can lose up to 90% of what little joy you still have left in your life?

Don't be impressed by money, followers, degrees and titles. Do be impressed by generosity, integrity, humility and kindness.

If there's even a slight chance of getting something that will make you happy, risk it. Life is short and happiness is too rare.

Sometimes, the bad things that happen in life can open your eyes to the good things you weren't paying attention to before.

Once you make the

decision to move on, don't look back. Your destiny will never be found in the rear view mirror.

The worst person to be around is someone who complains about everything and appreciates nothing.

Before you share your secrets, make sure that your listener is not a speaker, and definitely not a script writer.

Don't devalue or hurt anyone in life. You may be powerful today, but remember, time is more powerful than you.

After a certain age, your body is like a garbage can. Some stuff looks old, some stuff doesn't work, and some stuff you can't even identify.

Maturity is when you have the power to destroy someone who did you wrong but instead you breathe, walk away, and let life take care of them.

Find someone who is proud to have you, scared to lose you, will fight for you, appreciate you, respect you, care for you and loves you unconditionally.

No one really knows what you have been through. They may have heard the stories, but they didn't feel what you felt in your heart.

Don't confuse your path with your destination. Just because it's stormy now doesn't mean that you aren't headed for sunshine.

Having a two-year-old is like having a blender that you don't have the top for it.

Humor is one of the most serious tools we have for dealing with impossible situations.

Falling in love is like going deep into a river. It is much easier to get in it than it is to get out of it.

It's hard to hear God's voice when you've already decided what you want Him to say.

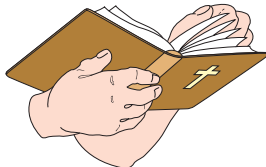
Just because I disagree with you, does not mean I hate you. We need to learn that in society.

You never know how strong you are until being strong is the only choice you have.

Kindness is not an act, it's a reflection of your soul.

Warning: old age is like your underwear. It'll creep up on you.

## Bible Verse



Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:18-19



# Marshall University

## President's and Dean's List

The following students were named to the President's List at Marshall University for the 2023 fall semester. Students must have a 4.0 Grade Point Average with a minimum of 12 hours of class.

For the fall of 2023, students from Putnam County who attained the President's List are:

**Buffalo:** Jenna Hayes.  
**Eleanor:** Cecelia Burke,  
 Ian Thompson.  
**Fraziers Bottom:** Julie  
 Frazier, Lauren Gorman,  
 Calia Hagley.

Hurricane: Tyce Allen,  
Melia Beckford, Karin  
Bird, Asha Bora, Keegan  
Browning, Yilin Cai, Sarah  
Davis, Maggie Dickerson,  
Kierstyn Doss, Shaylen  
Dunbar, Christopher Hall,  
John Huff, Ashton James,  
Paige Jennings, Robert  
Jividen, Caden Johnson,  
Jenna Johnson, Madisyn  
Johnson, Kendall Legg,  
Alyson Long, Hunter Miller,  
Ayanda Nnachi, Olivia Noel,  
Rachel O'Dell, Katelyn  
Parker, Cade Parlato,  
KrisAnna Parsons, Mary  
Pauley, Brady Pinkerman,  
Mason Powell, Madelaine  
Riddle, Jonathan Rigney,  
Cambelle Rooper, Allyson  
Sexton, Paige Sexton,  
Madison Shamblyn, Connor

Stonestreet, Ian Stover,  
Elizabeth Swick, Mattison  
Wilcox, Nicholas Williams,  
Kaleigh Womack, Emily  
Woods.

**Liberty:** Jacob Blizzard, McKenzie Bowman, Hannah Smalley, Nikki Spradling.

**Poca:** Brock Bearhs, Jonathan Garlow, Sullivan Richards, Kenley Thompson.

**Red House:** Timothy Ford, Harley Justice, Lillian Wyant.

**Scott Depot:** Addyson Aftanas, Kaylee Babbitt, Carlianna Boggess, Kennedy Briscoe, Ryan Cook, Veronica Coping, Delaney Corlis, Allison Cramer, Eden Ellis, Matthew Fielder, Isabella Fields, Madison Garnes, Ryleigh Isaacs, Emma Leary, Jacob Losh, Karli Neal, Ashley Nelson, Marcella Rader, Kaitlyn Ritter, Callie Rooper, Joseph Rumble, Maddox Shafer, Luke Skidmore, David Warner, Tyler Weiford.

**Winfield:** Allie Alderman, Thessa Bennett, Chloe Bills, Gwyneth Capehart, Molie Cline, Jaxon Cunningham, Jacob Foy, Mia Francis, Kaleb Frye, Stella Kincaid, Alex McGovern, Thomas Moore, Nicco Petrozelli, Avery Porter, Nathanael Ridenour, Lynndsa Taylor, Nickolas Vance.

## Dean's List

The following students were named to the Dean's List at Marshall University for the 2023 fall semester. Students must have a grade point average of 3.3 or above with 12 hours of classes to be named to the Dean's List.

For the fall of 2023, students from Putnam County who attained the Dean's List are:

**Buffalo:** Cameron Barnett, Chase Casto, Jana Fortner, Reaghyn Pauley, John Reggi.

**Fraziers Bottom:** Cody Griffith, Abigail Kirkpatrick, Abigail Lloyd, Olivia Norris, Austin Weikle.

**Hometown:** Tara Brown.

**Hurricane:** Hayden  
Alford, Adrick Allie,  
Katelynn Atwell, Kyra Baber,  
Sydney Bell, Grace Bennett,  
Amanda Bird, Taylor Blake,  
Isabella Boehm, Kenneth  
Burgess, Ella Burns, Isaiah  
Burns, Britnee Burrell, Brody  
Clagg, Brayden Clinger,  
Alexandria Cook, Isabella  
Cortellesi, Dominic Cosco,  
Caleb Cox, Emma Cox,  
Madelyn Cox, Alex Daeng,  
Hailey Darst, Micayla  
Davis, Grace Dickerson,  
Blake Dobert, Sylar Elliott,  
Isabella Estes, Jacob Fields,  
Kaden Fields, Bailey Fisher,  
Sierra Fisher, Mason Foster,  
Richard Francis, Michael  
Franklin, Ashley Gabhart,  
Tessa Gardner, Peyton  
Bigson, Angie Gilkerson,  
Dakota Gilliam, Madison  
Gilliam, Emily Glandon,  
Brooke Godbey, Zachary  
Green, Zoe Green, Kyle  
Hagerman, Jonathan Hale,  
Bailey Harless, Nathaniel  
Harrah, Isabella Harris,  
Judson Helper, Angela  
Henning, Madison Hill,  
Reagan Hines, Karlie  
Hoskins, Kaylin Hoskins,  
Aaron Jackson, Tyler Paul,  
Reid Pennington, Quarrier  
Phillips, Emily Poe, Chloe  
Pomeroy, Haley Prather,  
Olivia Pratt, Brandon  
Redden, Liam Renick,  
Alanna Roberts, Erin  
Roberts, Isabella Ruggier,  
Macy Saunders, Savannah  
Scaggs, Chase Scites,  
Gabriella Sevilla, Grant  
Simmons, Kaitlyn Simmons,  
Madison Skeen, Lila Smith,  
Trevor Smith, Mackenzie  
Taylor, Jonah Tinchier,  
Randy Trout, Makayla  
Vaughn, Anna Watson,  
Abigail Watts, Aiden West,  
Kennedy Wheeler, Caden  
Williams, Allison Wiseman,  
Connor Wiseman, Jenna  
Witt, Cassandra Workman,  
Ethan Young.

**Liberty:** Chloe Lafferty,

# Open Letter to Governor Justice

Roger and Sherry Wells  
9945 Hurricane Creek Rd  
Winfield, WV 25213

January 4, 2024

The Honorable James Justice  
Governor of the State of West Virginia

Dear Governor Justice,

As a resident of Putnam County in the Fraisers Bottom area myself and my neighbors are turning to our governor for help. It has recently come to our attention that a piece of property totaling 36 acres in a beautiful, residential, and historic area of Fraisers Bottom is being rezoned to C2 from RR. Once we became aware of the designs on this property by our County Commissioners we mobilized hundreds of residents to attend the rezoning hearing to voice our opposition. Although more than 300 residents attended (with very little notice given of the meeting) and 42 spoke passionately against this rezoning it was to no avail. The express wishes of the people were callously ignored.

The purpose of the rezoning is purportedly an Amazon Distribution Center. These centers are notorious for their destructive effect on the communities in which they are placed. It is estimated 400-800 trucks will be coming and going, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The area will be brightly lit and totally paved. The noise and pollution will be tremendous. This area is in a 100-year flood plain and the danger to the surrounding historical buildings and structures is great, as well as the residences in the surrounding area. The roads connecting to this facility are inadequate to handle this traffic and the area is already well known for continuous truck accidents on Rt 35. Imagine another 800 trucks in that area. With that increased traffic, the damage to the roadways, the danger to the residents, and the increased traffic congestion will effectively destroy the community. And to add insult to injury, very few if any, jobs will be created as Amazon facilities are fully automated and very little taxes are realized but a TIF has been already arranged. A 10 million dollar sewer extension has already been planned to service this area, 8 million of which is a grant. The

Fowlkes, Dianna Goodman,  
Ava Hall, Cassidy Harper,  
Zoie Higginbotham, Eric  
Hill, Baylie Hoffman, James  
Howell, Leah Huffman,  
Zander Huffman, Jared  
Hunter, Jacob Ingram, Geary  
Jack, John James, Carley  
Jarrell, Ian Johnson, Mar  
Jones, Ivy Keen, Grace  
Mason, Kaylea Medley,  
Hannah Misner, Thomas  
Morris, Brooklyn Parsons,  
Ryan Parsons, Alexee  
Powell, Joshua Pratt, Jacob  
Priddy, Taylor Ritter, Trevor  
Rosenhagen, Alexander  
Samson, Brianna Shamblin,  
Seth Shilot, Richard Smith,  
Mya Strobe, RYanne Surface,  
Shelton Tenpenny-Haddix,  
Denver Wagoner, Abree  
Walczak, Molly Wallace,

Nathaniel Wills, Destiney Wolfe.

**Winfield:** Mike Allie,  
Jeffrey Armstrong, Clara  
Blankenship, McKenzie  
Brooks, Bryson Browning,  
Brett Bumgarner, Emma  
Carr, Emma Conley, Abigail  
Crouch, Abby Darnley,  
Brooklynne Hanshaw,  
Christian Hedrick, Miranda  
Hill, Emily Hodges, Alyssa  
Hudson, Logan Jackson,  
Brett Jividen, Grant  
Lavender, Benjamin Legg,  
Olivia Miller, John Moccio,  
Hunter Morris, Brooke  
Mullins, Emily Redford,  
William Rice, Kailee  
Roberts, Marissa Shamblin,  
Kelsey Shrewsberry, Peyton  
Stover.

people of WV will be paying for everything with no benefit accruing to us. Amazon disavows responsibility for the vehicles it uses for delivery as they are almost all independent contractors, thereby skirting the expense of the damages caused and forcing the citizens to deal with hundreds of different companies instead of one. A short search on the internet of communities with these facilities will confirm all I have said. In addition, there have been no archaeological surveys, hydrological studies, ecological studies, or traffic impact studies. There seems to be a rush to get this rezoned and many meetings were held covertly, between parties who have a financial incentive to proceed with undue haste. Unbelievably, at the public hearing one of the parties (the owner of the property) offered to meet privately with the commissioners instead of speaking at the hearing.

I do not wish to weary you with a litany of violations that have plagued this situation, but it is clear to us all that the spirit of the law was trampled on. This goes back many years. We have had to fight for our community more than once. People have even had their farms “spot rezoned” without their knowledge! Hundreds of families will be impacted and none for the better. Many people including a law enforcement officer specializing in child crime testified to the destructive danger of this situation, and a professional trucker testified to the inevitable destruction of the roadways. Our commissioners do not care, one going so far as to say we were ungrateful for the 10 million dollar road (Rt. 35) as though it was built by the county expressly for us! It is our understanding the bulk of that project was state and federal monies. It certainly wasn't built for the benefit of the residents of Fraisers Bottom.

Governor Justice, your record as an innovative and fiscally responsible governor is admirable. The jobs you have brought to our state have been a credit to you. This project is the exact opposite of the kind of project we need or want in this state. Having no other place to turn, and being at the mercy of a system in this county in which the recourse to appeal is to the same people who passed this rezoning in the first place, we are turning to you. Please help us stop this rezoning effort. You will gain the undying gratitude of the good citizens of Fraisers Bottom and the blessing of knowing you helped a worthy cause.

Sincerely,  
Roger and Sherry Wells

## WV Secretary of State Mac Warner Reports Record Filing

A record number of candidates have formally announced their candidacies for public office, according to WV Secretary of State Mac Warner. “Early interest in our

Warner reported that 132 candidates filed Certificates of Announcement with his office on Monday, January 8, the first day of filing for eligible West Virginia candidates to be placed on the ballot for the May Primary Election is higher than we've seen in recent years," said Secretary Warner. "Monday saw the highest number of first-day candidate filings since the Elections Division began tracking that data in 2012."



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# Obituaries

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## ROGER MCKINNEY

Roger Eugene McKinney, formerly of Rand, and Gaffney, SC, passed away at his home in Hurricane on January 3, 2024, at the age of 61 from Pleomorphic Sarcoma.

He was born on June 15, 1962, in Charleston to the late Johanna Ursula Langer and the late Horace Eugene McKinney. He attended Rand Elementary and Dupont Middle and High Schools.

He had worked as a bag boy at Harry Ford’s Key Market. After graduating in 1980, he moved to Gaffney, SC and that is where he met his first wife, Tammy, his first true love. He had two precious children, Brianna and Bryson with his second wife, Mancy McSwain. He worked for years as a line manager for Stouffers. He also leaves behind his third wife, Susan McKinney. He was working as a forklift operator for Old Castle in Cowpens, SC, where he loved his work family.

Gene loved his Lord, his pastor, Ron Culbertson, and his church family in SC. He loved riding his motorcycle, he had the greenest of thumbs when it came to flowers. He loved writing poetry and could name the song and singer before anyone else. He loved music, especially his brothers, Slick Fitzwater’s. He was a true New England Patriots fan and loved watching Tom Brady play. He loved all kids and would treat the kids in his SC neighborhood to ice cream. He never met a stranger and was a true southern gentleman to the end.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his grandmother, Maggie McKinney, uncle Carl McKinney, and cousin Genie McKinney.

He is survived by his children Brianna (Jason) McIntosh of Honolulu, Hawaii and Bryson McKinney of Fort Mill, SC; his step-mother Dee McKinney; his brother Karl (Linda) Fitzwater whom he lived with on Hurricane Creek Road, Hurricane; his brother Andy (Drema) Fitzwater of Hopewell, VA; his brother Mike McKinney of Boston, MA; his uncle Dean McKinney of Gaffney, SC and his uncle Johannes Langer and family of Alaunwerksweg, Germany. He will be missed by his grandchildren, Kayleigh McIntosh of TN, and Weston, Savannah, Julie, Wyatt, Gunner, and Charlotte of SC. His cousins, nieces, nephews, and many friends will miss him, but will have many memories to share.

A memorial to Gene’s life will be held at a later date.

## DALE MILTON

Dale Edward Milton, 62, of Milton, went home to be with The Lord on January 4, 2024 after a long and valiant battle with ALS. A member of the Class of 1980 at Hurricane High School, he spent 30 years as a Journeyman Sheetmetal Worker with SMWLU33, 28 of those years being with Rock Branch Mechanical in Nitro.

Dale’s passions included hunting and fishing, his dogs, and cars, specifically his Camaro. For several years Dale was an assistant coach and then head coach for softball with Milton Little League. He is preceded in death by his father, Robert, and survived by his wife Debbie, daughter Lauren Freeman (Davey), granddaughter Olivia, mother and stepfather Patsy and Carl Davis, sister Teresa

Milton Gooch, half-sister Janet Witt (Robert), and nephew Keith Fisher.

## NINA PAINTER

Nina Faye Painter, 96, of Culloden, went home to be with her heavenly Father on January 1, 2024. She was born November 16, 1927 to Mary DePriest and Fred Shirkey. She was preceded in death by William Alfred Painter. The were married on June 1, 1950. She was also preceded in death by 5 brothers and 3 sisters.

She is survived by her daughters Martha (Marty) Eloise Painter of Culloden and Brenda (Bryan) Haye of Jacksonville, FL; Grandchildren, Brandon (Katie) Haye and Bryce Haye all of Jacksonville, FL; special family Barbara and Greg Barringer of Culloden; Erica, Josh, Isaac, Samuel and Nathanael Kessler and Blaine, Tina and Benjamin Barringer all of Hurricane and Bethany McClave of Cazadero, CA and many nieces, nephews and friends.

She enjoyed life to the fullest and loved her many friends.

Funeral service was Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at the First Baptist Church of Hurricane. Burial was in Valley View Cemetery.

## JACOB ALEC REED

Jacob Reed, 25, of Scott Depot, departed this Life on Friday, December 29, 2023. This was a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He now resides in the hearts and minds of those who love him and will miss his infectious smile, sense of humor, and appreciation of fun, for the remainder of their lives.

He graduated from West Virginia University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering. Jacob was employed by Eaton Corporation within the Leadership Development Program in Technical Sales within the Cincinnati, OH office.

Jacob is survived by his mother: Kara; his father: Brian; his sister: Emily and brother: Kagen. Missing him dearly are also his grandparents: E.L “Papaw Mac” & Mary Ann McMillen, Terry Reed and Teresa Reed; uncles & aunts: Kevin & Diane McMillen, Ken and Melissa McMillen; Cousins: Evan, Hannah, Aaron, Cade and Lainey McMillen. There are also many other cousins, aunts and uncles too numerous to mention by name. Finally, he is survived by his longtime girlfriend and partner in adventure, Valerie Gress and their dog: Chauncey who everyone referred to as “The Big Guy”, as well as Valerie’s mother, father and brother.

A Celebration of Jacob’s Life was held Saturday, January 6, 2024 at United Disciples of Christ Church, South Charleston.

## KENNETH SMILEY, JR.

Kenneth Richard Smiley, Jr., 76, of Scott Depot, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 27, 2023 at Hubbard Hospice House.

Ken was born November 29, 1947 to the late Olga Imogene (Laird) and Kenneth Smiley in Corpus Christi, Texas. He was preceded in death by his mother and special family members Marie and Bill Dotson of Houston, Texas.

Ken was a U.S. Army veteran and served in Heidelberg, Germany where he met his wife Mary Ellen Gray Smiley. After marriage in Basile, Switzerland, they shared more than 48 years of marriage. He often told others that he gave up the sand and ocean in South

Texas for the mountains and snow in Mary’s West Virginia.

In addition to his wife, Ken is survived by daughter Jennifer Smiley and granddaughter Caitlyn of Corpus Christi, Texas; sister Bobbie Squyres and niece Sonya (Larry) of Woodsboro, Texas; brother Eldon Heaston of Claremont, CA; nieces Tina Rodriguez and Katie Heaston and nephew Greg Heaston, all of CA.

Ken was a lifelong avid sports fan and participated in several competitive sports throughout public school and college. His competitive spirit was recognized as early as 6 years of age when he earned an F in “Play” for being more competitive than playful on the playground. He was active in bowling leagues for more than 20 years, and he enjoyed traveling with friends across the country to participate in ABC’s annual championship tournaments.

He will be remembered not only for his competitiveness, but the kind, giving nature that he shared with so many. Ken spent the last 15 years of his life after retirement giving particular attention to the elderly in nursing homes or assisted living facilities where he recognized so many residents had no visitors. He began showing up weekly to one facility to play gin with his “little ladies.” He was actively involved in fundraising activities for CAMC Teays Valley Cardiac Rehab. He frequently provided transportation for those in need. He always gave voluntarily and from the heart without waiting to be asked to do so. He loved surprising others with thoughtful gifts just because he had been thinking of them.

## WILMA JEAN STANLEY

Wilma Jean Stanley, age 73, was called home on December 31, 2023. She was a lifelong resident of Hurricane. She is survived by her childhood sweetheart and husband of 54 years, Gary E. Stanley, her children: daughter, Tonya J. Casto (Mark) and son, Gary E. Stanley II.

Wilma Jean loved the Lord and her family fiercely, her grandchildren: Kyle Casto of Los Angeles, CA, Lauren Casto of Morgantown and Grayson Stanley of Hurricane as they were her entire world. She never missed an opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments or share their endeavors with anyone who listened.

Also, surviving are her devoted brothers: Mike McDaniel (Elaine) and Greg McDaniel, as well as several aunts, uncles, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

Wilma Jean was preceded in death by her parents James and Vivian Doris (Grant) McDaniel; sister, Sandra McDaniel; and brother, Danny McDaniel.

Funeral services for Wilma Jean was Friday, January 5, 2024 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane. Burial was in Valley View Memorial Park, Hurricane.

## KATHY THOMPSON

Kathy Jo Thompson, 68, of Poca, passed away suddenly on December 29, 2023.

Kathy loved her family and especially her grandkids. She loved to travel and was always up for a dance. She was our biggest cheerleader, our rock, and our calm in the storm. Kathy was a great cook, genuine friend, and most of all a wonderful Mom and Nan. She took care of her family to the very end, and we will forever love her.

She was preceded in death by her parents Paul Lett and Sue Ranson Lett and her

husband Denny Thompson.

Left behind to cherish her memory are her children Denielle Jarvis and husband Gregg Church and Bobby Thompson and wife Hollie Thompson, grandkids MaKayla Moss, Taylor Thompson, Braxton Jarvis, and Rylee Church, siblings Mike Lett, Fred Lett, Vicki Shamblin, and Debbie Lett. She is also survived by her mother-in-law Helen Sayre, brothers-in-law Randy Shamblin and wife Jane, Kenny Sayre and wife Tracie, and Butch Thompson and wife JoAnn, sister-in-law Dee Payne and husband Tommy. Kathy was blessed to have a life-long friend Kathy McClane and two of her closest cousins Diane Horvath and Anna Lou Petry.

A Celebration of Kathy’s life will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at 2:00 PM at Rock Branch Independent Church Activity Building, Nitro.

## ROBERT LEE WALKER

Robert Lee “Bob” Walker went home to the Lord in the early hours of Sunday, December 31, 2023. He was born on the 26th of August 1935, to his parents Fred and Helen Walker. Bob was the fourth-born of six children. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister: Exie; and brothers: Major, Richard, and Rick.

Bob is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Ellen; of sixty-eight (68) years; his brother: Dan (Jackie Walker); his four (4) children: Lynn (Ron Chin), Bobby (Penny Walker), Cindy, (David Martin), and Joe; ten grandkids: Nicholas, Josh, Emily, Katie, Caleb, Luke, Jacob, Colin, Olivia, and Dylan; and thirteen great-grandkids: Jonas, Ellery, Raegan, Brayden, Kendall, Kenzlie, Kolton, Ezra, Emmett, Lincoln, Ella, Clara, and Hallie.

Bob lived a life only

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CASE NO. 23-0843-G-PC  
HOPE GAS, INC., STANDARD GAS COMPANY,  
and BAZZLE GAS COMPANY, INC.  
Joint petition for consent and approval for Hope Gas, Inc. to acquire Standard Gas Company and Bazzle Gas Company, Inc.

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) rate 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)	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)	Increase/(Decrease)
Residential	\$60.60	170.56%
Commercial	\$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.

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appropriately described as the American Dream. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in February 1954, valiantly devoting his life for the cause of freedom. In April 1955, he delivered his vows and married the love of his life, Ellen. Following his honorable discharge from the USAF, he returned to work in the private sector, being employed by Union Carbide where he would remain until his retirement. After Bob retired, he remained active around the household and was invested in the lives of each of his kids, grandkids, and later on, his great-grandkids.

Bob was an individual gifted with a wise mind. He was always someone you could call on in a time of great difficulty. He was dependable, strong-willed, and always seemed to have the answer for anything troubling your mind. He was an open-ear to troubles with your job, doubts in your Faith, or any other issue that was troubling your peace of mind.

Bob loved to tell stories of his youth. He would tell his family stories of how he met his dearest wife, Ellen; his time in the U.S. Air Force, where he worked on aircraft systems, specifically the autopilot-and would regularly perform compass swings; and other stories about how he and his friends entertained themselves growing up.

Bob devoted his life to the Lord, making that a foundational pillar of his household- something each of his four kids carried on to his/her respective household. He loved the Lord with unwavering strength, and he used his knowledge of the word to bring others closer to the gospel. At the time of his passing, he was a member of Gateway Christian Church in Teays Valley.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 states, “He has made everything beautiful in its time. He

has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.”

While we find it a challenge to say goodbye, we know the goodbye is only temporary. The promise of eternal life is the promise of meeting again. When our respective time comes, Bob will be waiting at the Gates of Heaven to give each of us his signature embrace of love. We love you, Bob, Dad, Grandad.

Funeral Service for Bob was Thursday, January 4, 2024 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Pastor Dave McCormick officiating. Graveside service was Friday, January 5, 2024 at Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery, Dunbar, with Military honors.

## LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

### 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.

SENECA TRUSTEES, INC.  
5000 Coombs Farm Drive, Suite 104  
Morgantown, WV 26508  
(304) 413-0044  
(304) 292-2918  
Toll free: (888) 534-3132  
Reference File No. 81880



<div>LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT</div> <div>TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE</div> <div>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</div> <div>February 6, 2024 at 2:00 PM</div> <div>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:</div> <div>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 attested 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.</div> <div>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</div> <div>Parcel No.: 0049 0005 0000</div> <div>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.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>SENECA TRUSTEES, INC. 5000 Coombs Farm Drive, Suite 104 Morgantown, WV 26508 (304) 413-0044 (304) 292-2918 Toll free: (888) 534-3132 Reference File No. 80355</div>	<div>LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT</div> <div>NOTICE TO REDEEM</div> <div>Cert. No. 403117 - Kolten Saunders To: DAVID LANHAM, DAVID LANHAM - REGUALR MAIL, DAVID LANHAM - PERSONAL SERVICE, DAVID LANHAM, DAVID LANHAM - REGUALR MAIL, DAVID LANHAM - PERSONAL SERVICE, DAVID G LANHAM, DAVID G LANHAM - REGUALR MAIL, DAVID G LANHAM - PERSONAL SERVICE, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.</div> <div>DISTRICT HURRICANE CORP MAP 18 PARCEL 0011 00000000</div> <div>You will take notice that Kolten Saunders, the purchaser of the following real estate, Certification No. 403117, located in HURRICANE CORP District, .388 AC NR HURRICANE, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of EDWARDS BRIDGET ET AL LANHAM DAVID (2019), and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of Putnam County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on 08/30/2023. Kolten Saunders requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after 06/03/2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before 06/03/2024 will be as follows: Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the sale, with interest to 06/03/2024 \$2105.21 Amount of taxes paid on the property, since the sale, with interest to 06/03/2024 \$0.00 Amount paid for Title Examination and preparation of the list to be served and for preparation and service of notice with interest to 06/03/2024 \$1173.72 Additional statutory fees with interest to 06/03/2024 \$0.00 Total Amount Payable to Sheriff - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check must be made payable to the The Honorable Robert Eggleton, Sheriff of Putnam County. \$3278.93</div> <div>You may redeem at any time before 06/03/2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest. Given under my hand 1/4/2024 <i>G. Russell Rollyson Jr.</i> G. Russell Rollyson Jr. Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of Putnam County, State of West Virginia Please return this letter and payment to West Virginia State Auditor's Office, County Collections Division, Building 1, Room W-1108, Charleston, West Virginia, 25305. Questions please call 1-888-509-6568</div> <div>1-11-3t</div> <div>LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT</div> <div>NOTICE</div> <div>Please be advised that on February 13, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., in its Chambers on the 2nd Floor of the Putnam County Courthouse, Room 221,12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV, the Putnam County Commission will consider entry of an Order for precinct boundary alignment and possible voting location changes for Precinct Number 22 and Precinct Number 23.</div> <div>This will be a permanent change effective with the Primary Election of May 2024.</div> <div>1-11-2t</div> <div>LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT</div> <div>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA</div> <div>State of West Virginia, WVDHHR, Petitioner, V. Civil Action Nos. 23-JA-106-107 Gary Matheny, Respondent.</div> <div>LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT</div> <div>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.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA By Counsel,</div> <div>/s/ Paige W. Hoffman Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Putnam County, West Virginia</div> <div>DATE: _ 12-20-23 ____</div> <div>1-4-2t</div>	<div>LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT</div> <div>Notice of Proposed Settlement of Estates</div> <div>To the Creditors, Distributees and Beneficiaries of the within named persons: I have before me the final settlement of estates of the following persons, which shall be presented to the County Commission of Putnam County, at the Courthouse, in the City of Winfield, on Tuesday the 30th day of January 2024 at 5:00 p.m. for their approval which settlements have been presented to me by the Fiduciary of such estates and which proposed settlements I have approved as indicated below:</div> <div>Decedent: Billy Conn Adkins Sr Fiduciary: Bobby Adkins, Administrator Address: 257 Sue Drive, St. Albans, WV 25177</div> <div>Any persons having an interest in the estate of any such person, may before the County Commission at the time and place hereinabove specified and thereupon protest his interest as they may appear or else may forever thereafter be barred from asserting such interest.</div> <div>Given under my than this 3rd day of January 2024.</div> <div>Fiduciary Supervisor, Putnam County 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213</div> <div>1-11-1t</div> <div>LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT</div> <div>NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE</div> <div>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:</div> <div>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.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>LSOT: Deed Book 593, Page 342, dated October 28, 2020.</div> <div>WV-24318</div> <div>And being the same property acquired by Shonn Cobb and Shyenna Cobb by Deed dated the 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.</div> <div>Said property will be sold upon the following terms and conditions:</div> <div>1. Cash in hand on day of sale.</div> <div>2. 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.</div> <div>3. The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>5. The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, or remove any personal property and/ or belongings remaining at the property.</div> <div>6. The purchaser( s) at the sale shall be responsible for paying the recording costs and also the tax on the privilege of trnsferring real property.</div> <div>7. In the event 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.</div> <div>CARL W. ROOP, TRUSTEE</div> <div>1-11-2t</div>	<div>Putnam County Marriages</div> <div>The following marriages were recorded by the Putnam County Clerk during the month of December:</div> <div>Christopher David Smith to Teresa Gail Tucker Zachery Cameron Garrison to Kelsey Renee Templeton Michael David Blackshire to Courtney Leann Francisco Bradley Wayne McDaniel to Megan Elizabeth Witt Nathaniel Elijah Simmons to Stacy Leigh Butler</div> <div>LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT</div> <div>COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE</div> <div>The Putnam County Planning Commission is updating its Comprehensive Plan to guide the county's development over the next ten years. We want to hear the opinions of as many residents of Putnam County as possible, as it is through active participation from citizens like you that we can plan for the future of our county. Please visit <a href="http://www.putnamcountylvv.gov">www.putnamcountylvv.gov</a> to complete the Comprehensive Plan Update 2024 Public Input Questionnaire to let your voice be heard today! The questionnaire will be available through Friday, February 9th 2024. Please feel free to contact the Office of Planning and Infrastructure at 304-586-023 7 with questions and comments.</div> <div>1-11-2t</div> <div>LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT</div> <div>NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE</div> <div>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:</div> <div>26th day of January, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>TERMS OF SALE:</div> <div>1) The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.</div> <div>2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1.</div> <div>3) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>WV Trustee Services, LLC, Substitute Trustee BY: _____ Dionne Reynolds, Limited Signing Officer WV Trustee Services, LLC McGuire Office Center 618 Tenth Street, Suite 108 Huntington, WV 25701 (304) 853-3336 <a href="mailto:dionne.reynolds@wvtrusteeservices.com">dionne.reynolds@wvtrusteeservices.com</a></div> <div>1-4-2t</div>	<div>Michael Eugene Pauley to Hannah Nicole Ball James Warren Truman II to Katelyn M. Pence Cameron Brent Booker to Samantha Renee Grose</div> <div>Marriage Licenses were issued to the following individuals during December which marriages were not recorded as of December 31, 2023:</div> <div>Everett Jennings Campbell to Elizabeth Ann Bradley Curtis Randolph Hill Jr. to Jennifer Lynn White Jonathon Mark Ratliff to Erica Renee Merritt</div> <div>LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT</div> <div>To the Creditors and Beneficiaries of the following deceased persons estates:</div> <div>I have before me the estates of the deceased persons and the accounts of the fiduciaries of their respective estates as listed below:</div> <div>Estate No.: 5509 Estate Of: Connie L Chandler Administratrix: Connie Smith 88 Frontier Lane Hurricane, WV 25526</div> <div>Estate No.: 5515 Estate Of: Ira Lawrence Davis Executrix: Leah M Davis 316 West Moreland Dr Dunbar, WV 25064</div> <div>Estate No.: 5533 Estate Of: Barbara Ann Dunn Executor: James R Dunn 143 Beechwood Est Scott Depot, WV 25560</div> <div>Estate No.: 5571 Estate Of: Dorothy Lawson Farmer Administratrix: Karen L Farmer "Light" 40 Landers Lane Charleston, WV 25302</div> <div>Estate No.: 5600 Estate Of: Anna Grace Fogarty aka Armstrong Executrix: Denise R Young 6 Richland Drive Hurricane, WV 25526</div> <div>Estate No.: 5500 Estate Of: James E Hailey Executrix: Katherine L Hailey 151 Margaret Street Poca, WV 25159</div> <div>Estate No.: 5558 Estate Of: Roger Alan Harless Administratrix: Dovetta Kay Harless 74 Mount Vernon Drive Hurricane, WV 25526</div> <div>Estate No.: 5517 Estate Of: Janet Marie Hill Administratrix: Pamela E Rhodes PO Box 536 Poca, WV 25159</div> <div>Estate No.: 5506 Estate Of: Russell Clifford Humphreys Executrix: Angela C Lipinski 308 Plantation Drive Hurricane, WV 25526</div> <div>Estate No.: 5596 Estate Of: Myrtle Lou Loudermilk Executor: Claude W Loudermilk, Jr 978 Teays Lane Hurricane, WV 25526</div> <div>Estate No.: 5594 Estate Of: Dessel Adoree Myers Executor: Jodean K Myers 1134 Rossiter Lane Wayne, PA 19087</div> <div>Estate No.: 5589 Estate Of: Connie Sue Sanders Administratrix: Kara L King 356 Trace Creek Road Salt Rock, WV 25559</div> <div>Estate No.: 5419 Estate Of: Erma Jean Smith Executrix: Vicki Jo Hicks PO Box 414 Eleanor, WV 25070</div> <div>Estate No.: 5504 Estate Of: Barbara Joyce Suits Starling Executrix: Jeri Jo Alley 101 Caroline Circle Hurricane, WV 25526</div> <div>Estate No.: 5598 Estate Of: Shirley Jean Terry Executrix: Diana K Hughes 5258 Mays Branch Road Lavalette, WV 25535</div> <div>All persons having claims against the estate(s) of any of the above-named deceased persons whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims with vouchers thereof, legally verified, to the fiduciary of such deceased person as shown above within 60 days of January 11, 2024; or, if not, to exhibit the same at the office of the undersigned Fiduciary Supervisor at the address shown below by said date; otherwise any or all such claims may by law be excluded from all benefits of said estate(s). No claims against the estate shall be accepted by the fiduciary supervisor after said date. All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear either before the above-named fiduciary by the date first shown above, or thereafter before the undersigned fiduciary supervisor by the date last shown above to examine said claims and otherwise protect their respective interests.</div> <div>All persons seeking to impeach or establish a will must file a complaint pursuant to W. Va. Code. Any person objecting to the representative's qualifications, venue or jurisdiction must file a complaint within 60 days of January 11, 2024.</div> <div>Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 3rd day of January 2024.</div> <div>Fiduciary Supervisor Putnam County Commission 10293 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213</div> <div>1-11-2t</div>	<div>Ethan Andrew Barker to Katelyn Brianna Sheltz Hayden Lee Summers to Rikki Namon Harie Jackie Lee Willis III to Janelle Renae Hopkins Richard Alan Kline to Sara Elizabeth Koster Bruce Eric LeMaster II to Paul Ray Mallett Jr. Sir Roger Lee Goldizen to Victoria Lynn Sook Vincent Reigh Schwamberger to Emily Grace Moles James Willis Thomas to Stephanie Michelle Coleman</div> <div>The Breeze is qualified to publish all legal advertisement pertaining to Putnam County.</div> <div>LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT</div> <div>TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE</div> <div>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</div> <div>February 6, 2024 at 2:00 PM</div> <div>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:</div> <div>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.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>SENECA TRUSTEES, INC. 5000 Coombs Farm Drive, Suite 104 Morgantown, WV 26508 (304) 413-0044 (304) 292-2918 Toll free: (888) 534-3132 Reference File No. 36636</div>	<div>1-4-2t</div>
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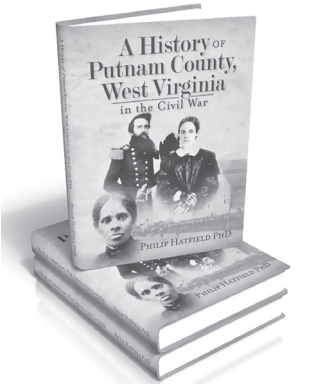




KENDRA HUNT Hurricane 20th Birthday December 13	21st Birthday January 9	KATHY BECKETT CASTO 11310 Sugar Loaf Court Jacksonville, Florida 73rd Birthday January 9
JANE ELLEN BILLUPS FOSTER 2007 Mt. Vernon Road Hurricane Birthday December 29	KELLY SMITH Hurricane 41st Birthday January 9	ROY YOUNG 37 Winfield Avenue Winfield 66th Birthday January 10
BRADLEY THOMAS KEELY 5517 Aryshire Drive Dublin, Ohio 59th Birthday January 8	REV FRANKIE EDMONDS 3803 Grapevine Road Huntington 81st Birthday January 10	DORIS PAULEY 1047 Charlie's Creek Road Culloden 76th Birthday January 10
BRENNON CALL Buffalo 14th Birthday January 8	ANESSA ELAINE DEEL Timberlake Estates Scott Depot 14th Birthday January 10	JALEN ELLIS #56 Twp Road 342 Proctorville, Ohio 21st Birthday January 10
JANIEE COURTS CULP Milton Birthday January 8	CALI ELLIS #56 Twp Road 342 Proctorville, Ohio 17th Birthday January 11	SANDRA SPURLOCK Kenova 75th Birthday January 12
SARAH NICOLIS DRENNAN Winfield Birthday January 8	MARY MORENE MCCALLISTER P.O. Box 859 Culloden 69th Birthday January 12	GERALDINE CHAPMAN 1804 Poindexter Road Hurricane 88th Birthday January 12
RICHARD CHAMBERS 1366 Adams Avenue Milton 58th Birthday January 8	REV SIMON MORRISON Route 2 Milton 66th Birthday January 12	FRED BIAS 46 Mackenzie Court
SETH EDGAR #14 Haynes Lane Hurricane 26th Birthday January 8		
REBEKAH LINCOLNOGGER Lenoir City, Tennessee Birthday January 8		
TED JONES 117 Jones Cove Hurricane 80th Birthday January 8		
BETTY BLACK COWAN P.O. Box 179 Hurricane Birthday January 9		
DON KINSER Hurricane 65th Birthday January 9		
TOMAS' RAMIREZ Dominican Republic 40th Birthday January 9		
SYDNEY ADKINS 558 Kanawha Road Frazier's Bottom		

Milton 83rd Birthday January 12	STEVE CALL 980 Old Kanawha Trail Culloden Birthday January 12	BETTY KIDD 3830 Sleepy Hollow Drive Hurricane 78th Birthday January 12
MAUNA GUE DAILEY 5108 Route 10 Barboursville Birthday January 12	CLINTON FOSTER 3015 Middle Road Culloden 78th Birthday January 12	CAROLINE CLENDENIN P.O. Box 932 Eleanor Birthday January 12
GINETTE BERRY 667 Washington Hill Road Hurricane 70th Birthday January 12	BRENDA MCGHEE THABIT 108 Arthur Lane Hurricane 74th Birthday January 12	PEGGY SUE FIZER CREMEANS 5413 Sycamore Road Hurricane Birthday January 13
IMOGENE BURDETTE 4863 Sycamore Road Culloden 90th Birthday January 13	SUSAN MILLER RUNION 53 Mourning Drive Ona 45th Birthday January 13	CHARLIE THOMAS 1004 Elm Street Hurricane 62nd Birthday January 13
CINDY RENEE TUCKER 2502 Hurricane Creek Road Winfield 44th Birthday January 13	LOGAN ORUS GIBSON Poindexter Road Hurricane 13th Birthday January 13	HILDA GILLISPIE Katy, Texas Birthday January 13
LONNIE HOLLEY 2609 Montana Avenue Hurricane 84th Birthday January 14	TONYA RAY 2796 Latulle Avenue Huntington 54th Birthday January 14	NATHANEL FRANKLIN Florida 34th Birthday January 14
BRITNEY CLAGG HAZELETT St. Augustine, Florida 36th Birthday January 14	LURLENE GRIMES 3714 Blue Sulphur Road Ona 97th Birthday January 14	MATTHEW MARKS Route 2, Box 575 Milton Birthday January 14
VIRGIE OLLIE 150 Wyngate Drive Barboursville Birthday January 14	OWEN JONES 5 & 20 Mile Road Frazier's Bottom 25th Birthday January 14	GILBERT JR. "SKIP" SMITH 4357 5&20 Mile Road Frazier's Bottom Birthday January 14
TOBY MAYNARD NITARDY #4 Major Court Wilder, Kentucky 74th Birthday January 14		

## Local Historian to Discuss Civil War



Local historian Philip Hatfield will be discussing his new book, “A History of Putnam County, West Virginia, in the Civil War,” on Saturday, January 20, at 12:30 p.m. at the Hurricane City Hall. There will be a book signing after.

## Blood Drive in Hurricane

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive this Friday, January 12, from 12:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. at Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church, Putnam Avenue, Hurricane. Call 1-800-733-2767, or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter “hurricanecom” to schedule an appointment. The need for donations is great.

ADALEE FAITH MCOMAS #42 Kinwood Drive Milton 15th Birthday January 14	JARED BEAVER 1033 Coleman Creek Road Frazier's Bottom Birthday January 14	KATHRYN NICELY Milton Birthday January 14
JOHN EASTER 469 Lake Hollow Road Hurricane 57th Birthday January 14	NICHOLL MEADOWS 5759 Whitten Ridge Road Milton Birthday January 15	GREG GRANT Huntington 54th Birthday January 15
LUANNE BLACK RUNYON Frazier's Bottom Birthday January 15	BETTY JEAN CROWDER FELLURE Frazier's Bottom 92nd Birthday January 15	DR. DEVIN KING 3660 Teays Valley Road Hurricane 53rd Birthday January 16

## Happy Anniversary

Grey and Darlena Ledsome of Kenna will celebrate their forty-fourth wedding anniversary on January 12.

Jerry and Bea Sheets of 3346 Tackett's Branch Road in Hurricane will celebrate their fifty-second wedding anniversary on January 13.

David and Marcella Lincolnogger of 2259 US Hwy 60 in Culloden will celebrate their forty-first wedding anniversary on January 15.

John and Stephanie Naylor Burks of Hurricane will celebrate their forty-third wedding anniversary on January 15.

Allen-Joe and Joan Bennett Savilla of Nitro will celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary on January 18.

## Remembering Delmar and Eva Fisher



January 11th would have been my parents’ 77th wedding anniversary. We would have been planning a nice family get together at dad and mom’s house.

Delmar “Pete” and Eva Young Fisher were my wonderful parents! To say I miss them is an understatement. Lots of us are at the age where we understand each other’s pain. As we know, life is never the same after we lose a parent, and then the other parent. If you still have a parent or both parents, don’t leave them alone thinking they can get along fine without you. It is a struggle to go through life without parents or children who won’t visit their parents often. As we all know everyone’s time will come when we are parent-less. But then it’s too late to go back and try to make up for lost time we are given, but some of us don’t have enough “time” with our parents. I lived close to Dad and Mom and visited them almost every day.

Dad and Mom were married almost 64 years until God called Dad home on November 6, 2010. Mom was devastated and no longer wanted to live without Dad. His death affected me forever, too. Dad was the cornerstone of our family. Then when Mom passed on December 10, 2021, and my family-time was lost forever. Those empty chairs.....

I don't know if anniversaries are celebrated in heaven, but if they are, this would be a big day for Dad and Mom. I love and miss you two so very much.

Your Loving Daughter,  
Linda Fisher Armstead

## Fairmont State Honors Putnam Students

Putnam County residents Lizbeth Magana, Riley Neal, Kyler Saunders, Noel Woods, and Greyson Shepherd were among more than 1,000 students who were honored for their academic achievement at Fairmont State University after completing the Fall 2023 semester.

President Mike Davis and Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Diana Phillips released the President’s List and the Dean’s List to recognize high-achieving students for their academic distinction. Full-time students who earned a 3.4 or better grade point average are named to the Dean’s List. Full-time students achieving a perfect 4.0 grade point average are named to the President’s List.


The 120-acre main campus of Fairmont State University sits on a hillside in Fairmont, West Virginia, the county seat of Marion County. The University turns opportunity, passion and hard work into excellence in a vibrant, close-knit campus community where students and teachers become your friends for life. Students enjoy the opportunities offered by a comprehensive state university combined with the personal attention and campus atmosphere expected from a small, private school.

Local students include: Sarah Johnson of Liberty Amie Bowling of Hurricane Alex Ghavami of Hurricane Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with a 91-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults.

Now serving more than 225,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as one of the “Most Innovative” regional universities by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner. Learn more at [www.snhu.edu](http://www.snhu.edu).

## SNHU Announces Fall 2023 President’s List

It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Fall 2023 President’s List. The fall terms run from September to December. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.



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