

# The Hurricane Breeze

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## COUNTY COMMISSION NEWS

### Precinct Changes Approved for Rock Branch, Nitro

By Ron Allen

The very last item listed on the agenda for the January 9 meeting of the Putnam County Commission was Public Comment. Public comment was not the very last agenda considered but the call for comment waited until after the commission approved the signing and recording of an order to rezone 36 acres in Fraziers Bottom from C-1 to C-2. Nine of the speakers to address the commission following the approval of the order expressed their disapproval of the commission's decision on December 28 to rezone the Fraziers Bottom property.

The commission's first action of the day was to approve a recommendation by County Clerk Brian Wood to move 33 voters from Precinct #22 into

Precinct #23 and to transfer 202 Precinct #23 voters into #22. The moves will place all Putnam residents in the City of Nitro into the same precinct and remove non-Nitro residents from Precinct #22. Wood stated that the new state requirement that municipal elections be held in conjunction with Primary and General Elections made the changes necessary.

Commission president Andy Skidmore conducted swearing in ceremonies for two new deputy sheriffs. Sean Fletcher and Chris Campbell swore to uphold the constitutions of the United States and the State of West Virginia and to execute their duties as Putnam County deputy sheriffs.

Commission appointed Robinson Vanater to the DAEA Board and reappointed Jared Tully and Mike Steorts to the Board of

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## Trout Stocking Brings Anglers To Hurricane Reservoir



Caleb Gilkerson of Huntington poses with a rainbow trout which he caught on Thursday, January 11, at the Hurricane Reservoir on Teays Valley Road. Gilkerson's visit to the reservoir was his second after learning that it had been stocked on January 4th. He estimates that his catch will weigh a full pound.

The West Virginia Department of Natural Resources stocked the Hurricane Reservoir on Thursday, January 4, with rainbow trout that were spawned in September of 2022. Eggs were hatched indoors and grown to fingerling size and moved outside after raceways and pools were emptied and sanitized following the 2023 spring stocking season. At the time of stocking, most trout are 1 1/2 years old and weigh three quarters of a pound.

## Putnam Delegates Assume House Leadership Roles

By Ron Allen

When the West Virginia House of Delegates went into session on Wednesday, January 10, one of the first orders of business was the unanimous approval of an organizational resolution to establish the Select Committee on Artificial Intelligence (AI). Delegate Jarred Cannon, R-Putnam, was appointed as chairman of the select committee, and Delegate Jordan Maynor, R-Raleigh, as vice chairman.

"I am honored to serve as the inaugural chairman for this committee," Cannon said. "In the face of the rapid evolution of AI technology, it is critically important that West Virginia position itself at the forefront to ensure it is integrated responsibly.

"This committee will dedicate itself to a thorough

examination of potential legislative actions that align with the best interests of all West Virginians."

Cannon is also vice chairman of the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure and a member of the Banking and Insurance, Economic Development and Tourism, Health and Human Resources, and Workforce Development committees.

The Committee on Workforce Development has a new vice chairman in Delegate Kathie Hess Crouse, R-Putnam, who will work alongside chairman Evan Worrell, R-Cabell. Crouse also serves on the Banking and Insurance, Energy and Manufacturing, Government Organization, and Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security committees.

## Putnam County 2024 Spelling Bee Champions Announced

Putnam County Schools kicked off the 2024 academic event season on Tuesday, January 9, with the annual Putnam County Spelling Bee hosted at Buffalo High School and sponsored by the Putnam County Library. School Spelling Bee Champions at the elementary and middle school levels competed for the coveted county champion title and the opportunity to represent Putnam County at the 2024 Gazette-Mail Regional Online Spelling Bee.

Tamara Rader of Winfield Middle spelled the championship word "rhythmically" in the 15th round to become the 2024 Putnam County Spelling Bee Champion. The Spelling Bee Runner-Up Ava Young is an elementary student at Teays Valley Christian. Both Tamara and Ava will advance to the Regional Bee this

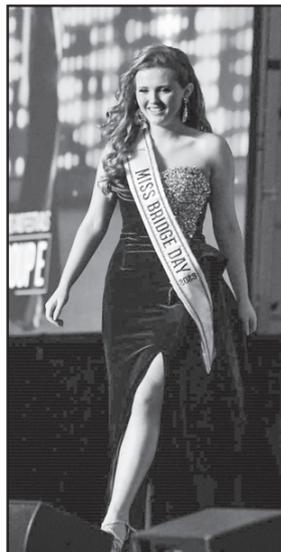
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Tamara Rader (right) of Winfield Middle is the 2024 Putnam County Spelling Bee Champion. Ava Young (left) of Teays Valley Christian is Runner-Up.

| WEATHER SUMMARY (January 9 - 15) |     |      |             |     |      |                           |
|----------------------------------|-----|------|-------------|-----|------|---------------------------|
|                                  | Low | High |             | Low | High | January 15**              |
| January 9*                       |     |      | January 12* |     |      | Hurricane 14° 21°         |
| Hurricane                        | 30° | 47°  | Hurricane   | 43° | 46°  |                           |
| January 10                       |     |      | January 13  |     |      | *RAIN/**SNOW              |
| Hurricane                        | 28° | 46°  | Hurricane   | 18° | 46°  | 1.2 inch recorded Jan. 9  |
| January 11                       |     |      | January 14  |     |      | 0.2 inch recorded Jan. 12 |
| Hurricane                        | 21° | 50°  | Hurricane   | 16° | 29°  | 2 inches recorded Jan. 15 |

## Putnam County Well Represented at WVAFF Pageant



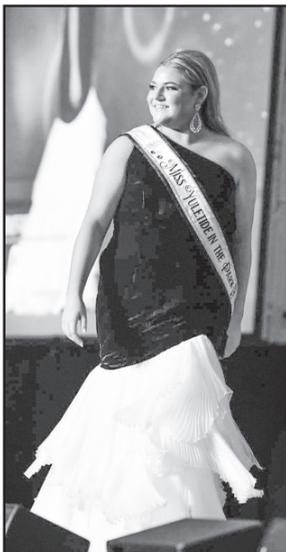
Alyssa Smith  
Miss Bridge Day



Emma Luikart  
WV Chocolate Festival Queen



Taylor Miller  
Putnam County Fair Queen



Kinley Hayhurst  
Miss Yuletide in the Park



Chloe Armentrout  
Hurricane Independence Day Queen



Autumn Wooding  
Miss WV Cupcake Festival

By Ron Allen

The West Virginia Association of Fairs and Festivals pageant is the premier statewide beauty event because every

participant is a 2023 winner of a West Virginia fair or festival.

Four of the 71 contestants promoted Putnam County events — the Putnam County Fair,

Hurricane Independence Day, Yuletide in the Park, and WV Cupcake Festival. Putnam County winners also promoted Bridge Day Festival (Fayette County) and WV Chocolate Festival

(Ripley).

The 2024 WVAFF pageant winner was Miss Alyssa Brooke Lilly, representing the WV Oil and Gas Festival (Sistersville). She will reign as Queen of

the West Virginia State Fair this summer.

Miss Putnam County Fair is Taylor Miller; Miss Hurricane Independence Day is Chloe Armentrout; Miss Yuletide in the Park is

Kinley Hayhurst; Miss WV Cupcake Festival is Autumn Wooding; Miss Bridge Day is Alyssa Smith and Miss WV Chocolate Festival is

## 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 18

The Bridge Church, 279 Dairy Road, Pocahontas, 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 - 20

The West Virginia Hunting and Fishing Show will be held at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center. Hours are Friday 12-9 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for ages 12 and up.

### 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.simplertix.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

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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 Pocahontas 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 Hurricane Civic Chorus will be holding an open house from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church, Putnam Avenue, Hurricane. New members welcome.

### JANUARY 26

Brandon Tolliver will be performing at 8 p.m. at Brooke's Bar and Grill, 13184 Winfield Road, Winfield.

The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce will be holding their annual dinner and celebration at 6 p.m. at Valley Park Conference Center in Hurricane. For tickets, go to <https://shorturl.at/gnFST>

### JANUARY 27

There will be a comic and toy show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 2833 Main Street, Hurricane.

### FEBRUARY 1

Learn about chemistry during STEMuary at 3:30 p.m. at the Eleanor Library.

The Eleanor Events Planning Committee will meet the first Thursday of every month from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Eleanor Town Hall.

The American Legion James E. Marshall Post 187 will have a Four Chaplains Memorial Service at 6 p.m. at the Winfield Presbyterian Church on Ferry Street.

### FEBRUARY 2

The Baked Flamingo will be hosting a Valentine cookie decorating class at 6 p.m. at 1267 Rentals, Route 62, Buffalo. For tickets, go to <https://the-baked-flamingo.square.site>

The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a meet up at 7:30 a.m. at the Putnam County Main Library.

PipeSounds presents A Night at the Silent Movies with guest artist Peter Krasinski on the Harrah Symphonic Organ at 7:00 p.m. at Forrest Burdette Memorial UMC, Putnam Avenue, Hurricane. Admission is \$15 at the door; students are free.

### FEBRUARY 3

Red House Baptist Church, 51 Warner Lane, Red House, will be holding a pancake breakfast fundraiser from 8 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$6 per person and proceeds go towards youth camp.

The 2024 Hurricane Polar Plunge will start at 3:30 p.m. at Hurricane City Park. The plunge will be at 5 p.m. and there will be an After Party at Fireside Grille.

## How To File A Comment

Public Service Commission Chairman Charlotte Lane's Column

I want you to know that here at the Public Service Commission, we suffer through the same concerns that many of you do about the cost of gasoline, water and power bills, groceries, and every other budget item. The Commission wants to hear your concerns, and we take your comments very seriously.

We have simple means for you to express your thoughts. You can mail comments to us at 201 Brooks St., Charleston, WV 25301. But the easiest way is to simply use your computer.

Take a look at our website at [www.psc.state.wv.us](http://www.psc.state.wv.us). Look in the yellow field to the left of the pictures of the commissioners. Under the first section, titled "Inside the PSC," you will see a highlighted section that says "Submit a Comment." Click on that. The next screen offers an easy way to submit one of two types of comments.

The first is a general comment or suggestion. Click on that and it will open a form. It looks busy, but it is fairly simple. At the bottom is a place for you to type in your comments and a submit button. The information will be directed through our internal system and will reach the proper people who are concerned with your issues.

This site also has a second button. This can be used if you are interested in a

formal case already before the Commission. Because this involves a specific case, we require that you be properly identified as a legitimate person. Again, we want your comments, but we want to ensure that those comments come from a person with an interest in the case.

Fill out this form and add your comments, then we will verify who you are. Once we complete the verification process, your comments will be added as an activity in the formal case process. We won't include crude or crank remarks, but welcome legitimate comments in any case.

So, here are two different ways you can get involved in the process and explain your position on issues before the Commission. We cannot guarantee your complaints will be fully satisfied, but you can know that your words will be heard by the Commission. We look forward to hearing from you.

We have tried to make this process as simple as possible for your convenience. We hope you'll give it a try.

## 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.

## Nominations Sought for 2024 Governor's Arts Awards

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH) is seeking nominations for the Governor's Arts Awards. This biennial awards program celebrates the importance of the arts to economic development in the Mountain State by honoring individuals and organizations whose creative achievements and significant contributions to the arts enhance life in West Virginia. A public awards ceremony will take place at the Culture Center, State Capitol Complex, on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 6 p.m.

Nominees must be West Virginia residents or organizations based in West Virginia. Members of the selection committee; members of the West Virginia Commission on the Arts; WVDACH staff; and their immediate family members are not eligible. Posthumous nominations are not accepted. Nominations for the 11 categories must be submitted through the nomination form linked below by Feb. 12, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.

For more information about the Governor's Arts Awards, contact Jenna Green, State Arts Office director, at [Jenna.R.Green@wv.gov](mailto:Jenna.R.Green@wv.gov) or (304) 558-0240.

## Available Pets at the Putnam County Animal Shelter

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

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



Midnight is a ten-month-old male neutered cat who has been at the shelter for 264 days. Why don't you give him a new home? His adoption fee has been sponsored.

## The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

Imagine... Imagine... that is my word for 2024... Imagine. I have chosen believe, love, hope, etc., in the past. This year my word is Imagine...

Imagine if I had not fulfilled my forty year dream of becoming a teacher. The students I would have never met. The joy that I experienced standing in my own classroom would have never happened. Age six years old. Mrs. Pauley's class. Hurricane Elementary School... I adored her. I wanted to be just like her. I wanted to become a teacher. Fast forward to 1994, and I graduated from Glenville State.

I did NOT care that I was the oldest person in my classes at Glenville. I did not care that I was the oldest walking at graduation. I had my degree. I have always maintained that a degree does not make one smarter than others; it gives us the license to do what we want to do. Teach.

I did not care that I was the eldest of a batch of new teachers in South Carolina. It did not bother me at all. Imagine if I had never moved there... never met those sweet kids... I taught 7, 9, 10, 11, 12th... in the south and 7-12 in WV... Imagine if I had let the years go by and listened to others... "Oh, you don't want to teach. It is different now." The naysayers never got to me. I refused to listen. One of the greatest

## Appy Hour and Computer Basics

Learn about the Putnam County Library's digital libraries such as Libby and Hoopla, as well as how to download audiobooks and e-books, during regularly scheduled classes which are held each Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley.

## Marshall Announces Graduate Tuition Waiver for Students

Marshall University is offering a new scholarship program for students who transition from an undergraduate degree into a master's degree program.

The "One of the Herd" graduate tuition waiver will provide automatic financial aid of up to \$500 for the first semester when a student completes an undergraduate degree in Spring 2024 or Summer 2024 and begins a master's degree program in Fall 2024.

"Marshall is glad to help our undergraduates continue to the next phase of their education," said Carl Mummert, assistant provost at the university. "This tuition waiver is meant to make that step a little easier for our students."

The \$500 tuition waiver will be applied automatically to each student's account, and no application for the waiver is necessary. Both face-to-face and online master's programs are included. Additional information is available at <https://www.marshall.edu/graduate/one-of-the-herd-graduate-tuition-waiver/>

"Earning a graduate degree opens up additional

professions in the world... every person has had a teacher... at school or home schooled...

Imagine if I had stopped going to college after that degree... I would not have at age almost sixty walked at Marshall U. to get my Master's Degree Certificate... probably the oldest there also... it never faded me... I wanted to learn. I took more classes after that; I just got too old to finish a doctorate...

Imagine if I had never had my two children... if I had never married Mike... 30 years together... Imagine what it would be like without these Burkes and Taylors in my life... I am glad that teenage girl met that teenage boy in 1963... sixty years ago... and became a couple... Imagine the excitement of having a little boy and a little girl... Imagine have five grandkids...

I can't imagine what my life would be like if I did not have my 9... my miracles... they are the reason I exist... they are my reason for living... Imagine this little six year old deciding to become a teacher ONE DAY... Imagine this little teenager falling for that teenage boy... going steady... pinned... engaged... married... and we know the rest of the story... Imagine...

Choices change our lives. I have made good ones... I have made some not great ones... but all in all, I am a blessed woman because the way we were is the way we are... still thinking "Imagine." I recently watched a great lady's funeral, Mrs. Carter. The song, "Imagine" was sang at her funeral... the one by John Lennon... powerful song...

Happy New Year... perhaps choosing a word is silly... but I do it every year... Happy 2024...

job opportunities and options, as well as giving each student a more in-depth understanding of their field," Mummert said.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, 25- to 34-year-olds working full-time in 2021 earned 21% more on average with a master's or higher degree compared to a bachelor's degree.

With more than 3,000 graduate students enrolled, Marshall offers over 55 master's degree programs, 10 doctoral degree programs, and 31 graduate certificates. Many programs have online options available. All degree programs are eligible for financial aid and many programs offer graduate assistantships.

The university has a national Carnegie "R2" research university designation and offers academic programs to prepare students for careers in all areas along with numerous student support services and student organizations.

For more information on Marshall's graduate degree programs, visit <https://www.marshall.edu/academics/graduate/>

# Putnam County 2024 Spelling Bee Champions Announced

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March. The winner of the Regional Bee will represent the state of West Virginia at the national competition in Washington, D.C.

Putnam County Library Director Megan Tarbett served as pronouncer. Judges were Lynda Rumbaugh, Elizabeth Hoh, and Susan

Beck. Individual School Spelling Bee Champions competing in the event were Buffalo Elementary, Caidy Wright; Calvary Baptist (Elementary), Ella Dunn; Calvary Baptist (Middle), Leah DeGroff; Confidence Elementary, Falcon McClung; Conner Street Elementary, Lilliana Kise; Eastbrook Elementary,

Jefferson Moffatt; George Washington Elementary, Ason Moore; George Washington Middle, Clover Gibson; Hometown Elementary, Harper Pickering; Hurricane Town Elementary, Luca Malhotra; Hurricane Middle, Evan Taylor; Lakeside Elementary, Lucas Easter; Mountain View Elementary, Charlotte Hunt; Poca Elementary, Eli Aliff;

Poca Middle, Ruston Fisher; Rock Branch Elementary, Aubrey Dawson; Scott Teays Elementary, Asher Knott; Teays Valley Christian (Elementary), Ava Young; Teays Valley Christian (Middle), Ashtin Atwood; West Teays Elementary, Rylee Caldwell; Winfield Elementary, Teeghan Payne; and Winfield Middle, Tamara Rader.

# County Commission

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Zoning Appeals. Terry Martin advised the commission that Phase 2 of the Jim Ridge Waterline Extension had exhausted funds from HUD and the West Virginia Economic Enhancement Grant. All future Jim Ridge funding must come from the

Infrastructure Council Grant, the County, or from WV American Water. The project is 65% complete. Jim Nagy of Terradon stated that the first taps will be made within a week and that testing of a second section will be completed before the end of January. The funding for an extension on Mud Lick is in place but an extension on Bowles Ridge will require a different funding source. Martin said that Bowles Ridge may qualify as a critical needs project but must wait until Jim Ridge is fully completed.

Terrell Ellis of Advantage Valley informed the commission of plans to establish a commercial kitchen in the region such that cottage industry food producers might become qualified suppliers of large food distributors. The next county commission meeting will be Tuesday, January 30th.

Ohio. Three months later, in Wheeling, UMWA District 17, encompassing most of West Virginia, held its first meeting, elected M. F. Moran as district president and launched what became a struggle of more than 40 years to unionize the state's coal mines.

Jan. 24, 1968: Mary Lou Retton was born in Fairmont. She made history at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles when, at 16, she became the first American woman ever to win a gold medal in gymnastics and the first native West Virginia woman to win a gold medal in Olympic competition.

**Submissions**  
Submissions may be emailed to: [hurricanebreeze@citynet.net](mailto:hurricanebreeze@citynet.net)



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

Jan. 18, 1842: Wayne County was established from part of Cabell County. It was named for General "Mad Anthony" Wayne, a Revolutionary War hero who later defeated Ohio Indian tribes at the 1794 Battle of Fallen Timbers.

Jan. 19, 1818: The Virginia General Assembly established Preston County from part of Monongalia County. The new county was named for James Patton Preston, then governor of Virginia.

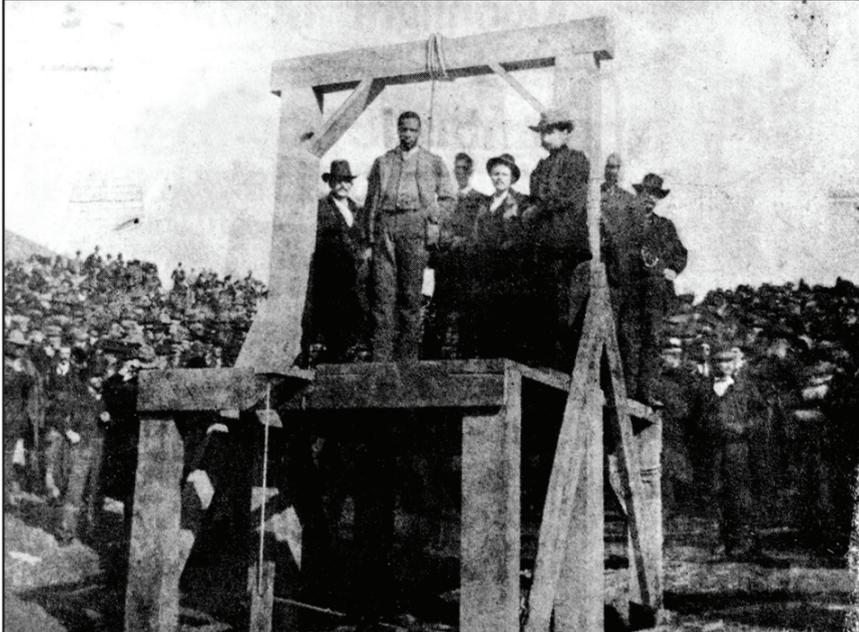
Jan. 19, 1820: Fairmont was established by the Virginia legislature on the

farm of Boaz Fleming. The original name of Middletown was changed to Fairmont in 1843.

Jan. 19, 1844: The Virginia General Assembly established Taylor County from parts of Barbour, Harrison, and Marion counties. The county was named in honor of U.S. Sen. John Taylor, a soldier-statesman from Caroline County, Virginia.

Jan. 19, 1848: Wirt County was created by the General Assembly of Virginia from portions of Wood and Jackson counties. It was named for William Wirt, Virginia statesman and a presidential candidate in 1832.

Jan. 19, 1894: Railroad worker John Hardy was hanged for killing a man in a drunken gambling dispute.



Railroad worker John Hardy was hanged for killing a man in a drunken gambling dispute on January 19, 1894.

The episode inspired the widely popular ballad "John Hardy."

Jan. 19-20, 1978: An overnight snowstorm paralyzed Charleston. Unusual in that more snow fell in the capital city than in Randolph County, total snow depth in Charleston averaged 24 inches, the deepest on record for the city. January 1978 became the snowiest month for both Huntington and Charleston, and extended cold kept snow on the ground into March, the longest known continuous snow cover for most West Virginia towns.

Jan. 20-21, 1824: West Virginia's most famous soldier, Thomas Jonathan Jackson, was born near midnight in Clarksburg. When Virginia left the Union in 1861, Jackson went with his native state. He commanded the strategically important post at Harpers Ferry until being appointed a Confederate brigadier general of infantry. He won the name "Stonewall" in the Battle of First Manassas on July 21, 1861.

Jan. 21, 1906: The first passenger train ran from Elkins to Charleston following completion of the Coal & Coke Railway. The new railroad, a project of former senator Henry Gassaway Davis, provided a much-needed north-south route through the heart of West Virginia.



Confederate General John McCausland

Jan. 22, 1927: Confederate General John McCausland died. After the fall of the Confederacy, McCausland fled the country. He returned in 1867 and spent the remainder of his life on his large farm in Mason County.

Jan. 23, 1850: Raleigh County was established

by an act of the Virginia General Assembly. The county's founder, Alfred Beckley, named it after Sir Walter Raleigh.

Jan. 23, 1888: Union leader Fred Mooney was born in a log cabin on Davis Creek in Kanawha County. He was secretary-treasurer of United Mine Workers of America District 17 from 1917 to 1924 and was a radical leader in the West Virginia Mine Wars.

Jan. 23, 1890: The United Mine Workers was organized at a meeting in Columbus,



Cpl. William B. Fulks Detachment 1474 invites all interested in becoming part of the Marine Corps League to its February 19 meeting at Hurricane City Hall at 3255 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, at 1800 hours.

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

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

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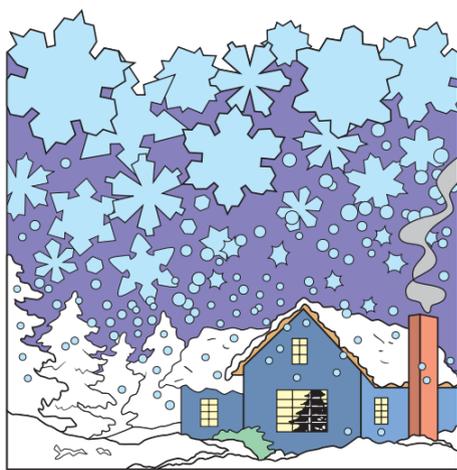
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# Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



## Snowball

Submitted by Myra Simmons

I made myself a snowball  
As perfect as could be.  
I thought I would keep it as a pet  
And let it sleep with me.  
I made some pajamas  
And a pillow for its head.  
Then last night it ran away  
But first... it wet the bed.



## Sausage Hamburger Dip

Submitted by Connie Reddington of Eleanor

1 pound bulk pork sausage  
1 pound lean ground beef  
1 cup hot salsa  
1 (10 ounce) can cream of mushroom soup  
1 (10 ounce) can tomatoes and green chilies  
1 teaspoon garlic powder  
3/4 teaspoon ground oregano  
1 (32 ounce) box processed cheese, cubed  
In large skillet, brown and cook sausage and ground beef for about 15 minutes, and drain.  
Place in 4 to 5-quart slow cooker sprayed with vegetable cooking spray.  
Add salsa, mushroom soup, tomatoes and green chilies, garlic powder and oregano and stir well. Fold in cheese.  
Cover and cook on LOW for 1 hour or until cheese melts. Stir once during cooking time.  
Serve right from cooker.

## Jokes From Linda

Submitted by Linda  
Lavender Armstead



What do you get when  
you cross a snowman  
with a vampire?  
Frostbite.

What do gingerbread  
men have on their bed?  
Cookie sheets.

What do you call a  
Baker that quits his job?  
A deserter.

## Fillers Wanted

The Hurricane Breeze always wants Fillers Page contributors. Please send contributions to The Hurricane Breeze Fillers Page, PO Box 310, Hurricane, WV 25526. You can also email submissions to [breezenews@citynet.net](mailto:breezenews@citynet.net)

## A Better-for-You Breakfast Favorite

(Family Features) Whether you're encouraging loved ones to start a new wellness kick or looking to add new ideas to an already-nutritious menu, families at any stage of a journey toward better health can use newfound favorites to bring fresh flavors to the table.

Start by ramping up your family's breakfast with these slightly sweet Mini Greek Yogurt Pancakes with Cinnamon-Maple Topping for a protein-packed way to start the day with a healthy addition of fresh berries. This dish from Milk Means More provides a delicious breakfast that allows you to bring everyone together for a tasty, nutritious meal no matter the occasion. Dairy foods, like the low-fat or fat-free milk and yogurt found in this recipe, are fundamental to good nutrition.

Constructing a better-for-you menu calls for a balanced diet with a variety of foods to get essential nutrients. This balance is important for maintaining healthy gut and immune function while optimizing overall wellness.

Find additional better-for-you recipe inspiration at [MilkMeansMore.org](http://MilkMeansMore.org).

### Mini Greek Yogurt Pancakes with Cinnamon-Maple Topping

Recipe courtesy of Marcia Stanley, MS, RDN, culinary dietitian, on behalf of Milk Means More

Total time: 25 minutes

Servings:6

#### Topping:

1 3/4 cups plain Greek yogurt (fat free, 2% or 5%)  
1/3 cup maple syrup  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

#### Pancakes:

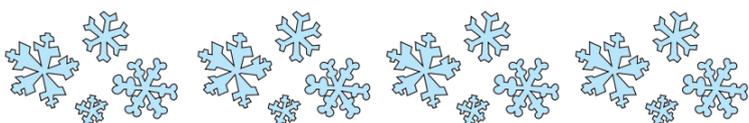
1 cup all-purpose flour  
2 tablespoons sugar  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1/4 teaspoon baking soda  
1/8 teaspoon salt  
1 egg, lightly beaten  
3/4 cup plain Greek yogurt (fat free, 2% or 5%)  
1/2 cup milk (skim, 2% or whole)  
3 tablespoons melted butter  
1 teaspoon vanilla oil  
1 cup fresh blueberries or chopped fresh strawberries

To make topping: Stir yogurt, syrup and cinnamon. Cover and refrigerate.

To make pancakes: In mixing bowl, stir flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. In separate bowl, whisk egg, yogurt, milk, butter and vanilla. Add yogurt mixture to flour mixture. Stir just until combined (batter should be slightly lumpy).

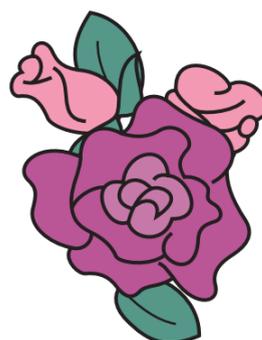
Scrape batter into large plastic food storage bag. Oil nonstick griddle or large nonstick skillet. Heat over medium heat. Cut off about 1/2 inch from corner of plastic bag. Squeeze batter, about 1 tablespoon at a time, onto hot griddle. Cook 1-2 minutes per side, or until pancakes are golden brown, turning to second sides when bubbles form on surface of pancakes and edges are slightly dry.

Serve warm pancakes topped with cinnamon-maple yogurt and sprinkled with berries.



## Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead  
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane



Keep going. Because you didn't come this far just to come this far.

You will never find peace in an environment that you aren't supposed to be in.

West Virginia is a place your feet may leave, but your heart will always be.

Friendship is a priceless treasure, never to be bought or sold, only cherished.

Music is a piece of art that goes into the ears and straight to the heart.

When I was a kid my social network was called "outside."

The good thing about books is there are no commercials.

It's not about the size of the circle; it's the loyalty in it.

When you're a good person, you don't lose people.

A balanced diet is an ice cream cone in each hand.

Some things have to end for better things to begin.

Faith can place a candle in the darkest night.

I took a DNA test, and God is my father.

Nothing gets between me and my purple!

A mistake that makes you humble is better than an achievement that makes you arrogant.

There is no market for your emotions, so never advertise your feelings, just show your attitude.

God is still writing your story. Stop trying to steal the pen. Trust the author.

Patience is an essential virtue if you hope to be at peace and find contentment.

The word of God is always most precious to the man who most lives upon it.

Success is not just about making money. It's about making a difference.

I'm so old I remember when cashiers counted your change back to you.

Listen most closely to those who know you best and love you most.

Most of the enemies you have are people you once helped in life.

Life is like driving a car. By the time you finally get into gear, you're already half-way down the hill.

I'm at that terrible age where my body is going to do whatever it wants with or without my consent.

If you can't be a pencil to write someone's happiness, then try to be the eraser to remove their sadness.

I need a day between everyday to recover from the day before, and prepare for the upcoming day.

I know everything happens for a reason. But sometimes I wish I knew what the reason was.

While the enemy is plotting your fall, God is positioning you to prosper and recover all.

A long life may not be good enough, but a good life is long enough. - Benjamin Franklin

Pay attention to who always "can't" be with you, but "can" with every one else.

When you love without question, the answers just naturally fall in the place.

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

Let your smile change the world. But don't let the world change your smile.

Keep walking through the storm. Your rainbow is waiting on the other side.

I really didn't mean to push all your buttons. I was just looking for mute.

Just stick with it. What seems so hard now will one day be your warm up.

Don't hate them back. They don't deserve a place in your mind.

People change for two reasons. They've learned a lot, or they've been hurt too many times.

Prioritize your spouse. Do not give your spouse leftovers of your time and crumbs of your attention.

When you fully trust someone without any doubt, you get one or two results: a person for life, or a lesson for life.

Dead people receive more flowers than the living ones because regret is stronger than gratitude.

If you are given the gift of growing older, accept it with grace because not everyone gets it.

Jealousy materializes when you resent the success of your peers rather than celebrate it.

Invest in yourself to the point that it makes someone else want to invest in you.

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

Never let a bad situation bring out the worst in you. Be strong and choose to be positive.

When the winds of life is pushing you back, that's when you push forward the hardest.

Every single day only happens once in a lifetime. Make the most of each and every one.

Be the reason someone feels welcomed, seen, heard, valued, loved, and supported.

Your imagination is your preview of life's coming attractions. - Albert Einstein

You can't leave those who started the problem in charge of the solution.

Spend time with people who are good for your mental health.

Sometimes you just have to rest. The world can wait.

Never follow a leader who is more in love with power than people.

Be very cautious of people whose actions don't match their words.

Don't let downstream doubt keep you from upstream blessings.

It's easier to ask a silly question then it is to fix a silly mistake.

Protect your hands; you need them to pick up your paycheck.

Every day is a little sweeter when chocolate is on the menu.

Safety is a full-time job; don't make it a part-time practice.

Everyday I am becoming a better version of myself.

Who hates speeding tickets? Raise your right foot.

God doesn't break promises. He breaks chains.

A friend is what the heart needs all the time.

Prayer changes everything, especially you.

Work safe today - heaven can wait.

You are a star amongst comets.

If you lift with your back, you'll hear it crack.

Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life.

When counting beautiful things, don't forget to include yourself.

Memories are the iridescent threads that stitch your heart together.

Add a little sunshine to someone else's day.

## Bible Verse



You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.  
— Jeremiah 29:13

**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Putnam County Commission shall sit as a Board of Review and Equalization regarding all taxes assessed (personal and real) for the taxable year 2024, on the following dates and times:

Thursday  
February 1, 2024  
9:00 AM

Monday  
February 5, 2024  
9:00 AM & 9:15 AM

Thursday  
February 8, 2024  
9:00 AM

Tuesday  
February 13, 2024  
11:00 AM & 11:15 AM

Hearing for Proposed Appraised Value of Natural Resource Property or Industrial Property from the Tax Commissioner

Thursday  
February 15, 2024  
5:00 PM

The hearings shall be held in the Courtroom on the 2nd Floor of the Putnam County Courthouse, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213. All hearings shall be by **APPOINTMENT** only by calling (304) 586-0201 or writing the Putnam County Commission at said address.

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

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

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

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

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

WV-24318

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.

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

- Cash in hand on day of sale.
- The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" condition by Deed containing Special Warranty of Title, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, validly enforceable liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, right-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.
- The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.
- The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.
- The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, or remove any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property.
- The purchaser(s) at the sale shall be responsible for paying the recording costs and also the tax on the privilege of transferring real property.
- 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.

CARL W. ROOP, TRUSTEE  
1-11-2t

**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT**

**NOTICE TO REDEEM**

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.

**DISTRICT HURRICANE CORP MAP 18 PARCEL 0011 00000000**

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:

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| 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 |

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  
*G. Russell Rollyson Jr.*  
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-118, Charleston, West Virginia, 25305.  
Questions please call  
1-888-509-6568

**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT**

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE**

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 [www.putnamcountywv.gov](http://www.putnamcountywv.gov) 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 304-586-0237 with questions and comments.

**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT**

**NOTICE**

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.

This will be a permanent change effective with the Primary Election of May 2024.

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**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT**

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

In Re: Change of Name from Alexander Matthew Neal to Alexander Michael Huffman

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING**  
Civil Action No. 23-P-128  
**Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia**

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of February, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Judge Phillip Stowers, Alexander Matthew Neal will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia for the entry of an order by said Court, changing his name from Alexander Matthew Neal to Alexander Michael Huffman, at which time and place any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire.

You are hereby notified that this matter may be rescheduled without further notice or publication.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at his office at 12093 Winfield Road, Ste. 12, Winfield, WV 25213.

ENTERED by the Clerk of said Court this 9th day of January, 2024.  
Stephanie M. Smith  
Putnam County Circuit Clerk

1-18-2t

**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT**

**HURRICANE PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING**

The Hurricane Municipal Planning Commission will have a Public Hearing on Friday, February 2, 2024 at 3:00 pm at the Hurricane Municipal Building: 3255 Teays Valley Road. The purpose of this hearing will be to review a request the Hurricane Development Authority regarding the rezoning of property at 2741 Second Street from R-1 to B-2. The public is invited to attend.

1-18-2t

**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT**

To the Creditors and Beneficiaries of the following deceased persons estates:

I have before me the estates of the deceased persons and the accounts of the fiduciaries of their respective estates as listed below:

Estate No.: 5509  
Estate Of: Connie L Chandler  
Administratrix: Connie Smith  
88 Frontier Lane  
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5515  
Estate Of: Ira Lawrence Davis  
Executrix: Leah M Davis  
316 West Moreland Dr  
Dunbar, WV 25064

Estate No.: 5533  
Estate Of: Barbara Ann Dunn  
Executors: James R Dunn  
143 Beechwood Est  
Scott Depot, WV 25560

Estate No.: 5571  
Estate Of: Dorothy Lawson  
Farmer  
Administratrix: Karen L Farmer  
"Light"  
40 Landers Lane  
Charleston, WV 25302

Estate No.: 5600  
Estate Of: Anna Grace Fogarty  
aka Armstrong  
Denise R Young  
6 Richland Drive  
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5500  
Estate Of: James E Hailey  
Executrix: Katherine L Hailey  
151 Margaret Street  
Poca, WV 25159

Estate No.: 5558  
Estate Of: Roger Alan Harless  
Administratrix: Dovetta Kay Harless  
74 Mount Vernon  
Drive  
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5517  
Estate Of: Janet Marie Hill  
Administratrix: Pamela E Rhodes  
PO Box 536  
Poca, WV 25159

Estate No.: 5506  
Estate Of: Russell Clifford  
Humphreys  
Angela C Lipinski  
308 Plantation Drive  
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5596  
Estate Of: Myrtle Lou Loudermilk  
Claude W Loudermilk, Jr  
978 Teays Lane  
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5594  
Estate Of: Dessel Adoree Myers  
Executors: Jodean K Myers  
1134 Rossiter Lane  
Wayne, PA 19087

Estate No.: 5589  
Estate Of: Connie Sue Sanders  
Administratrix: Kara L King  
356 Trace Creek  
Road  
Salt Rock, WV 25559

Estate No.: 5419  
Estate Of: Erma Jean Smith  
Executrix: Vicki Jo Hicks  
PO Box 414  
Eleanor, WV 25070

Estate No.: 5504  
Estate Of: Barbara Joyce Suits  
Starling  
Executrix: Jeri Jo Alley  
101 Caroline Circle  
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5598  
Estate Of: Shirley Jean Terry  
Executrix: Diana K Hughes  
5258 Mays Branch  
Road  
Lavalette, WV 25535

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.

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.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 3rd day of January 2024.  
Fiduciary Supervisor  
Putnam County Commission  
10293 Winfield Road,  
Winfield, WV 25213

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**Qualified Newspapers**

Only newspapers with a bonafide circulation are qualified to publish legal advertisements. A free distribution newspaper has a bonafide circulation of zero and does not meet state code requirements.

# Putnam Property Transfers

The following property transfers were recorded by the Putnam County Clerk between December 6, 2023 and December 28, 2023:

Gary and Kathy Carney to Alexandra Hodges - Two Parcels, Forest Park, Poca District for \$259,950.00.

DHB LLC to Kenneth Wilson - Lot, Alexanders Place, Teays Valley District for \$467,000.00.

Kimberly Clute to JBS Capital LLC - Two Lots, Ranch Lake Estates, Scott District for \$21,000.00.

Ann Gritt and Jame sand Ann Marie Gritt Revocable Trust to Alice Howard - Two Parcels, Union District for \$155,000.00.

Dickie Shafer to Community Minerals II LLC - Royalties, Two Lots, Union District for \$366.00.

Lonnie and Pamela Harris to Austin and Jaclyn Wine - Lot, North Park Subdivision, Buffalo Town District for \$149,500.00.

Jeffrey Moore and Veronica Thornhill to Ronald and Trinia Sigmon - Two Tracts, Poca Subdivision, Poca Town District for \$200,000.00.

Austin and Jaclyn Wine to Andrew Asbury - Lot, Curry District for \$191,500.00.

Joseph and Anne Gilmore to Jeffrey and Tauletha Chaffin - Lot, Teays Valley Meadows North, Teays Valley District for \$497,000.00.

Debra Jean Lewis Hudson to Stanley and Sherry Legg - Lot, Brierwood Estates, Scott District for \$236,000.00.

Alex and Madison Sandoro to Andrew Huff and Carly Miller - Lot, Country Cove Estates, Scott District for \$250,000.00.

John and Nancy Warner to Cory and Bailey Legg - 1.27 Acres, Buffalo District for \$161,000.00.

Ross Esposito to David and Claire Watkins - Lot, Woodridge Estates, Teays Valley District for \$721,400.00.

Double Quality Construction Inc to Bruce McGrew - 1.089 Acre, Scott District for \$50,000.00.

Robert and Alison Fisher to Rita Drake - Lot, Lakehurst Addition, Hurricane District for \$194,000.00.

James Roach and Jan Darlene Vance Trust to Robert and Lora Kidd - 2.18 Acres, Scott District for \$162,000.00.

Yonas and Eden Hailu to Michael Roman - Lot, Glenwood Subdivision, Scott District for \$389,000.00.

Andrew Orrison, Marilyn Orrison, Deborah Orrison and Thomas Orrison to Andrew Orrison - Lot, Shawnee Estates, Scott District for \$220,000.00.

Tim and Karin Weingart to Joseph and Jessica Payne - Lot, Dogwood Estates, Teays Valley District for \$385,000.00.

Stephen George and Michelle Guess to Poca Valley Bank - Parcel, Midway Addition, Poca District for \$172,312.26.

WV State Auditor, Russell Rollyson and Matthew Muck to Sunshine State Investment Group - 4.1666 interest in Parcel, Poca District for \$4,000.00.

WV State Auditor, Russell Rollyson and Perry and Judy Estep to Tara Properties LLC - Lot, Scott District for \$210.77.

Karl and Cheryl Koch to Danny and Donna Bonner - Lot, Saddle Downs, Scott District for \$425,000.00.

Sarah Riddle, Rachel Riddle and Timothy Riddle to Bridget and Madeline Cooper - Lot, Belle Meade Subdivision, Teays Valley District for \$229,000.00.

Lori Kline, Martha Ashmus, Karen Britton and Donna Goldsmith to Carol Jordan, David Jordan and Timothy Jordan - Lot, Oakbridge, Scott District

for \$270,000.00.

Joseph and Jessica Shilot to Andrew and Whitney Cox - Lot, Colonial Oaks Subdivision, Scott District for \$510,000.00.

Kayla Pennington Williams to Top Properties LLC - Lot, Helen M. Butler Subdivision, Poca District for \$13,500.00.

Pearl Gate Construction Inc to Nickolas Weeks - Lot, Scott District for \$289,900.00.

Sherri Dillon to Samms Properties LLC - Parcel, Scott District for \$41,500.00.

John and Carol Webb to Ralph and Phyllis Cobb - Lot, Scott District for \$117,500.00.

Douglas and Dawna Wilson to Ricky Degroff - Lot, Nitro District for \$30,000.00.

James Henson to Ralph and Joell Ball - Lot, Second Corbly Addition, Hurricane District for \$60,000.00.

Michelle Livingstone to Jonathan Carroll - Two Lots, Hulbert Heights Addition, Poca District for \$109,500.00.

Austin Nelson and Ginger Evans to Norman Farley - Lot, Hidden Valley Estates, Scott District for \$329,900.00.

Andrew Cox to Kevin Vance - Two Parcels, Englewood Estates, Hurricane District for \$240,000.00.

Energy Master Systems Inc to Appalachian Power Company - Scott District for \$38,100.00.

New Path Property Management LLC to Appalachian Power Company - Scott District for \$1,800.00.

Andrew Stevens to Capstone Investments LLC and Lett Property Development LLC - Lot, Scarlet Hills Subdivision, Poca District for \$16,000.00.

Janice Marsh to Austin and Megan Farmer - Lot, Bloomingdale, Hurricane District for \$426,000.00.

Christina Johnson to Dylan Miller and Whitney Hill - Parcel, Poca District for \$154,000.00.

Timothy and Rebecca Oldani to Martin Bonette - Lot, Saddle Downs, Scott District for \$399,990.00.

Serena Burrell to Dareian and Dylan Jaggie - Lot, Maple Heights Addition, Hurricane District for \$215,000.00.

Leah Richey, Philip Knapp, Benjamin Knapp and Kelly Knapp to Serena Burrell and Ravi O'Connor - Lot, Forest Park, Poca District for \$225,000.00.

Valdeacourt Farm to Velear Energy LLC - 4 contiguous tracts of mineral rights, Teays Valley District for \$1,624.00.

Valdeacourt Farm to Velear Energy LLC - 7 contiguous tracts of mineral rights, Teays Valley District for \$7,754.91.

Valdeacourt Farm to Velear Energy LLC - 5 contiguous tracts of mineral rights, Teays Valley District for \$9,323.66.

Valdeacourt Farm to Velear Energy LLC - 11 contiguous tracts of mineral rights, Teays Valley District for \$16,598.89.

Susan Antill to Craig Bailey - 21.29 Acres, Poca District for \$10,000.00.

Frances Gillenwater to Robert Hamon and Denny Merrifield - Lot, Beechwood Estates, Scott District for \$220,000.00.

Mohammad Haffar and Huda Homsy to Jared and Dina Wyrick - Lot, Cobblestone Subdivision, Scott District for \$750,000.00.

Joseph and Tabitha Gillispie to Matthew and Rebecca Tucker - Parcel, Buffalo District for \$115,000.00.

AP1 LLC to DHB LLC

- Lot, Alexanders Place, Teays Valley District for \$50,000.00.

Rebecca Lorenz to Garrett Ferrebee and Brian Cooke - Lot, Fountain Cove Subdivision, Scott District for \$165,000.00.

Cory and Bailey Legg to Luke and Alison Hull - 4.74 Acres, Eleanor District for \$450,000.00.

Teresa Thomas to Jacob and Tiara Burdette - Lot, Forest Park, Poca District for \$200,000.00.

Jordan Neal to Brayde Park - Lot, Corbly Addition, Hurricane District for \$169,000.00.

Evelyn Lawrence to Williard and Shelly Stump - 4.82 Acres, Scott District for \$405,000.00.

Christopher and Lexie Middleton to Lisa Meadows - Lot, Poplar Point Estates, Poca District for \$355,000.00.

Alexander Estep and Perry Estep to Craig Kelleher and Julie Casey - Lot, Country Cove Estates, Scott District for \$288,900.00.

Barbara Koblinsky to John Jividen - Lot, Kanawha View Addition, Union District for \$50,000.00.

Nancy Lovell to David Smith - Two Parcels, Teays Valley District for \$195,000.00.

Trevor Dailey to Michael and Sally Taylor - Lot, Timberlake Acres, Scott District for \$166,900.00.

Debra Wheeler to Jonathan McCallister - Two Parcels, Union District for \$25,000.00.

Nathan Casto to Derek Aston - 1.41 Acres, Union District for \$135,000.00.

Faye Cartwright to Lambo Properties LLC - Lot, Saunders Addition, Nitro District for \$40,000.00.

Nicholas Barth and Tamara Larch to United Bank Inc - Lot, Maple Heights Addition, Hurricane District for \$71,200.00.

Hobba Communities WV LLC to Bruce and Margo Filkins - Lot, Alexanders Place, Teays Valley District for \$334,000.00.

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Johnny and Donna Sanders to Chrisopher Sawyer and Brandy Maloney - Parcel, Scott District for \$173,000.00.

John Jividen to Sydney Wheeler - Parcel, Scott District for \$189,900.00.

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Rosa Mendoza to Logan Burford - Lot, Poca District for \$85,000.00.

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Philip and Deborah Chapa to Thomas and Sydney Johnston - Lot, Woods & Irons, Scott District for \$418,700.00.

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## BASIC BIBLE

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### A High Calling

Ephesians 4:1-16

Paul penned this epistle to the church at Ephesus, but it could have been addressed to almost any church as all churches face common issues. The Apostle describes himself as a prisoner of the Lord. As such, he beseeches individuals in the church to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith they were called.

Let there be no confusion over that which the Apostle is saying. He is addressing called individuals. Who is a called individual? The called are individuals who have heard and responded to the call of the Holy Spirit. Called individuals are believers saved by the grace of God. The vocation wherewith a believer is called is usually not his employment. The same word which is translated as vocation in verse 1 is translated as calling in verse 4. The vocation of verse 1 is the ministry or ministries that the Lord has reserved for an individual.

Walking worthy of one's calling has little to do with one's qualifications. What qualified Moses to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt and to give us the commandments of the law? Was it 40 years of tending sheep or slaying an Egyptian? What qualified Gideon to lead 300 men against the hords of Midian? God provided all the qualification that Moses or Gideon would need. Both Moses and Gideon were reluctant but both answered the call and both succeeded. Both were worthy of their calling.

One's walk is the manner in which one goes about the work which the Lord has called one to do. One's walk is to be characterized by lowliness and meekness and by longsuffering. We are to forbear one another in love. We are to do the Lord's work in an inoffensive manner, a manner that exhibits love and caring — a manner which reflects the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are to try to maintain unity of the Spirit with one another. The Spirit of God within each believer bears witness with the same Spirit which indwells every other believer. When the unity of the Spirit is manifest, there is a bond of peace which reaches from one individual to another. It is not God's will that there should be barriers separating individuals whom He has called. All are unified by Christ.

Barriers to unity existed in the early church because some Jewish converts viewed themselves in the historical context of being God's special people. Gentile converts viewed themselves as new creatures in Christ. Barriers may exist within the church of today because some esteem themselves to possess superior understandings. While not all possess the same understanding, all understanding comes from the Holy Spirit.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Paul wipes all barriers aside in verse 4. There is one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism and one God and Father of all. There is no division in God's calling. All are called by the same Spirit into one body. All are called in one hope of that calling. The one hope which all real Christians hold is the expectation of beholding their Lord and Savior face to face. The hope of our calling, however, is not the hope of having been called. As noted earlier, the word calling is also translated as vocation. The one hope of our vocation or of the ministry or ministries to which we are called is to draw others to embrace the saving grace of God. We are all called to exhibit the same righteous testimony. We are to exhibit the Christ, God the Son.

There is one Lord and one faith. Jesus is the Son and no man comes to the Father except by Him.

All who are saved have been given the gift of grace. The measure of the gift of salvation is the same for each individual. It is by that gift that men know God. There are spiritual gifts which are given to men for God's purposes. He who was victorious over the grave has given spiritual gifts to men. There are different spiritual gifts (v. 11), but the purpose for which each gift is given (perfecting of the saints, the work of the ministry and edification of the church) is to bear witness of the unity of all believers in Christ. Again, the purpose is to magnify the Son such that all men might know the Father.

Spiritual gift giving did not cease in the first century. It continues today and shall continue "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (v. 13). Spiritual gifts shall be given until grace is no longer needed.

It is His will that we mature in Him and speak the truth in love. His will for the church is that each part work in harmony with every other part such that the whole body shall increase and edify itself in love.

While we pray that His will be done, our prayers are empty and unanswered unless we do our part. Let our actions, our walk, be characterized by lowliness and meekness and longsuffering and forbearing. Paul, a prisoner of the Lord, was most certainly worthy of his calling. Let us be, likewise, worthy of our callings.

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# Obituaries

**SANDRA FAYE ADKINS**  
Sandra Faye Whittington Adkins, 80, of Teays Valley, passed away December 30, 2023.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Melvin and Opal Johnson Whittington, husband, James Moses Adkins, children, Jim Adkins, and Natchie Adkins, great granddaughter, Ellie Terry, and sister, Violet Miles.

She is survived by her granddaughter, Chelsey Terry, of Teays Valley, great grandchildren, McKenna Terry and Marshall Terry, brothers, Leonard and Kenneth Whittington.

Celebration of Sandra's life was held Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at Tyler Mt. Funeral Home with Rev. Melissa Pratt officiating. Burial was in Tyler Mt. Memory Gardens, Cross Lanes.

**TIMOTHY J. COCHRAN**  
Timothy J. Cochran, 62, of Leon, passed away Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at Cabell Huntington Hospital. He was a graduate of Buffalo High School and retired from Putnam County Schools.

He was preceded in death by his father, Herbert Lee Cochran and his siblings; Anita Cochran, Jackie Cochran and Patsy Kraft.

He is survived by his loving mother, Clara Mildred Cochran and sister, Judy Johnson.

Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at Raynes Funeral Home, Buffalo, with Rev. Randy Parsons officiating. Burial was in Manilla Chapel Cemetery, Robertsburg.

**BEATTIE LEE DEBORD**  
Beattie Lee DeBord, 82, of Winfield, passed away on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at his home.

Born March 31, 1941 in Welch, a son of the late Walter and Grace DeBord. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 57 years, Kitty.

Beattie thoroughly enjoyed his family, especially his grandchildren. He loved fishing, hunting, gardening, and spending time with his furbabies. He was a member of Nitro Masonic Lodge #170 AF & AM, a 33rd Degree Freemason, a member of Valley of Charleston Scottish Rite and York Rite Bodies.

Surviving are his sons: Stephen Beattie DeBord (Lisa) of Winfield and Timothy Roy DeBord (Jennifer) of Red House; grandchildren: Stephen Chandler DeBord, Chase and Colton Jeffries, Joshua Andrew DeBord (Baley), Brooke Elizabeth DeBord (Tevin), Mallory and Tyler; great-grandchildren: Willow Rae White and Remi Swae Thomas; brothers in law: Robert Edward "Eddie"

Wallace of Roanoke, VA, and Stephen Rodney "Steve" Wallace (Judy) of Lewes, DE.

There will be no service at the present time.

**LINDA J. SCHROEDER**  
Linda J. (McCray) Schroeder, 74, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, passed away Saturday, January 13, 2024 at Lancaster General Hospital. She was a 1966 graduate of Buffalo High School and a graduate of Marshall University.

Born January 23, 1949, in Beckley, she was the daughter of the late Herbert McCray and Fayanna Yates McCray. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Eberhard "Bud" Schroeder.

Survivors include her daughters Andrea Martin (Brian Knapple) of Lancaster PA and Laura Schroeder of Aspen CO; brother, Pat (Lois) McCray of Buffalo; grandchildren, Aidan Martin and Kiera Martin.

A private family service will be held on Saturday January 20, 2024, at Raynes Funeral Home, Buffalo, with Rev. Mark Harris officiating. Burial will follow in Buffalo Memorial Park, Buffalo.

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**VERNON TAYLOR**

Vernon Edward Taylor, 80, of Scott Depot, departed this life on Sunday, January 7, 2024.

He was born on March 3rd, 1943 in Roane County, West Virginia to the late Hubert and Tressie Taylor. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Bernard Taylor.

Vernon was a retired engineer with Union Carbide where he worked for thirty-six years. He was a Sergeant and served in the U.S. Army Reserves. Vernon was a faithful member of First Baptist Church of St. Albans for over four decades where he served on the Board of Trustees.

Surviving is his loving wife of 42 years, Teresa Taylor of Scott Depot; daughter, Katie Ethridge and her husband Scott, of Hurricane; son, Wade Taylor and his wife Melissa, of Dunbar; sister, Bernice Boggess of Dunbar; grandchildren, Tori and Logan Taylor and Ava and Sophie Ethridge; close relatives Larry and Jenny Ellis of St. Albans, and Rhett and Lisa Seel of Harrisburg, North Carolina; and many other extended family and friends.

An avid outdoorsman his entire life, Vernon loved hunting and fishing locally and abroad. A love for the outdoors is something he instilled in his children and grandchildren as well. Vernon's love of his family and friends was evident in the way he enjoyed family gatherings and vacations, traveling with

friends, and attending his grandchildren's sporting events.

A memorial service was held Thursday, January 11, 2024, at First Baptist Church of St. Albans, with Pastor Joel Harpold officiating.

**DAVID and LINDA WALTER**

David A. Walter, 78, of Hurricane, left this world to be in the loving arms of Jesus on January 10, 2024.

Linda D. Walter, 76, of Hurricane, followed her loving and devoted husband through the Pearly Gates of Heaven on January 11, 2024.

Originally from Nitro, David attended Nitro High School, while Linda grew up in St. Albans and attended St. Albans High School. Theirs was a love story that lasted 41 years. She was a single Mother of three, and he was a single father of 2. It was love at first sight, and after a whirlwind 3-week romance, they married in Pearisburg, WV on March 20, 1982

David and Linda were preceded in death by their parents, and son Adam W. Summers. They are survived by children Tina Bledsoe (Larry), Daniel Summers (Kathi), Chester Walter and Tina McDaniel, 8 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

A combined Funeral service was held Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at Allen Funeral Home with Pastor Claude Spurlock officiating. Burial was in Valley View Memorial Park.

**Proposals Open for 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grants**

The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) will accept request for proposals (RFPs) for the 2024 Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) in early February. Organizations and local educational agencies that design and implement robust academic programs across the state are invited to apply for funds.

The 21st CCLC program provides students with opportunities to expand their academic

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June 30 deadline.

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Additionally, Warner urges all business owners to be weary of third-party solicitations offering to file a 2024 Annual Report on the business's behalf. Third-party providers have been reported to charge businesses more than 500% of the statutory \$25 fee and often advertise the wrong deadline for state compliance. Solicitations from third-party vendors routinely have the appearance of an official government form, but are not government-approved, reviewed, or official notices in any manner.

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to West Virginia students and it is significant when community partners are engaged," said State Superintendent of Schools Michele L. Blatt. "Our students must be prepared to thrive and the WVDE encourages all efforts to reach that goal."

To describe the 21st CCLC expectations and requirements, a Bidder's Conference will be held in Charleston at the Kanawha County Public Library located at 123 Capitol Street beginning at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 7. An additional meeting will be held in Morgantown at the Erickson Alumni Center at West Virginia University located at 1 Alumni Drive beginning at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8. There is

no cost to attend. Interested parties may use the QR code to register online:

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All proposals are reviewed for completeness and adherence to the RFP before being entered into the competitive peer review process. The peer review process is a rigorous system of scoring to determine each proposal's quality and potential for success. Grants will be announced at the end of Jul. 2024 and

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Olive Hill, Kentucky  
Birthday January 19

KENNY JEFFREY  
Logan  
51st Birthday January 19

CALEB CONNER  
Alabama  
21st Birthday January 19

JANET DORMAN  
FAULKNER  
2902 Washington Avenue  
Hurricane  
74th Birthday January 19

CONNIE NEVILLE  
1115 Stewart Addition Rear  
Milton  
67th Birthday January 20

VICKI ARVIDSON  
266 North Poplar Fork  
Road  
Hurricane  
Birthday January 20

CLAYTON GRANT  
105 Wood Station  
Buffalo  
Birthday January 20

CHRISTINA SHEPPARD  
Route 1, Box 123  
Milton  
50th Birthday January 20

REAGAN CHAPMAN  
446 Knotgrass  
Fort Mill, South Carolina  
8th Birthday January 20

PEGGY BENNETT  
CARDEN  
1461 Sycamore Road  
Hurricane  
74th Birthday January 20

ROBERTA TAYLOR  
STRINGER  
Cross Lanes  
54th Birthday January 21

KATHY SOVINE  
ROBERTS  
189 Elva Drive  
Hurricane  
63rd Birthday January 21

BOB HIGGINBOTHAM  
132 Margaret Street  
Poca  
Birthday January 21

LANDON MATTHEW  
BRADFORD  
1004 Elm Street  
Culloden  
13th Birthday January 21

JOAN SOVINE  
2543 Montana Avenue  
Hurricane  
74th Birthday January 21

BONNIE GAIL HODGES  
LEWIS  
564 Mason Street  
Milton  
80th Birthday January 21

TERESA CAUDILL  
Culloden  
61st Birthday January 21

LESLIE LONG  
1074 Springdale Road  
Hurricane  
75th Birthday January 22

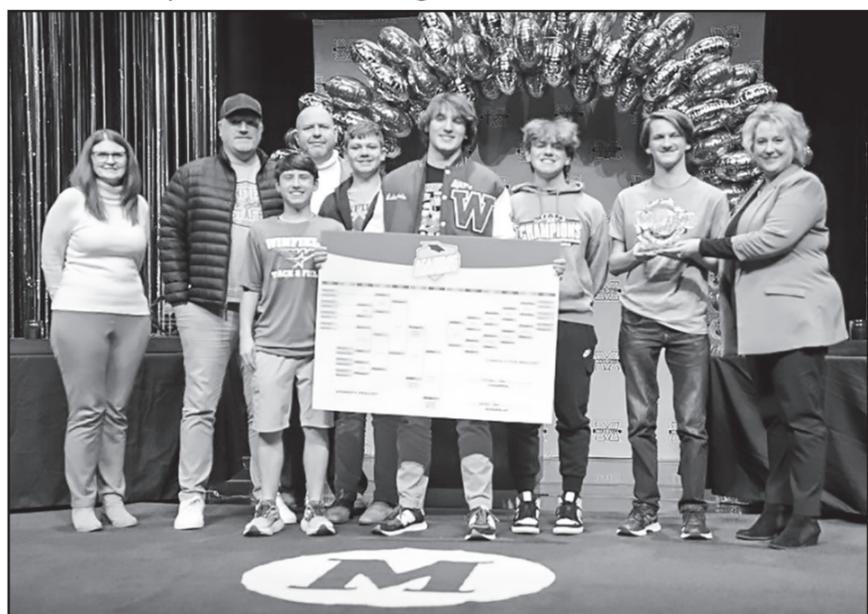
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904 Kanawha Terrace  
St. Albans  
63rd Birthday January 22

JASON VICTOR MASSIE  
4261 Stave Branch Road  
Frazier's Bottom  
42nd Birthday January 23

DR MARK CHARLES  
BROWN  
#9 Woodhaven Drive  
Huntington  
70th Birthday January 23

JEWELL EGGLETON  
CRANK  
Sissonville  
Birthday January 23

## Winfield High School Second in Marshall University Academic Regional Showdown



Winfield High School Team 1 placed second in the Marshall University regional of the 2024 Academic Showdown.

Winfield High School Team 1 placed second to Huntington High School Team 1 at the 2024 Academic Showdown regional competition on Saturday, January 13, at Marshall University. Both teams earned a spot in the finale to be held on April 23, 2024, at the West Virginia Culture Center in

ANTHONY LAWRENCE  
CHANDLER  
Kelley's Creek  
Hurricane  
29th Birthday January 23

LeANNE CHAPMAN  
GRIMMETT  
Williamson  
57th Birthday January 23

LARISSA ANN  
LIPSCOMB  
104 Hampton Lane  
Hurricane  
18th Birthday January 23

BAILEY COLEMAN  
28585 Ashton-Upland  
Road  
Milton  
Birthday January 23

CARLA GRALEY SMITH  
Barboursville  
63rd Birthday January 23

PAM GILLISPIE  
420 Whitten Ridge Road  
Frazier's Bottom  
66th Birthday January 24

MICHAEL PAUL  
GILLISPIE  
Ohio  
42nd Birthday January 24

CHRISTIAN DALE  
HEDRICK  
6994 Hurricane Creek  
Road  
Winfield  
21st Birthday January 24

## Happy Anniversary

Greg and Susan Bresth Geter of 803 Washington Hill Road in Hurricane will celebrate their twenty-seventh wedding anniversary on January 19.

Randy and Ida "Micky" Walker of 1205 Ann Street in Huntington will celebrate their fifty-first wedding anniversary on January 19.

Daniel and Karly Williamson Black of Ohio will celebrate their seventh wedding anniversary on January 21.

Donald and Melanie Trump of Florida will celebrate their nineteenth wedding anniversary on January 22.

Rev. Jason and Monetta Black of 2767 Whitten Ridge Road in Milton will celebrate their thirtieth wedding anniversary on January 22.

Roger and Kathy Grant LeGrand of 84 Twp 337

Charleston. The Marshall University event was the first of seven regionals to be held around the state this semester. Fourteen (14) teams competed in the double-elimination matches. These teams included High School Team 1 and 2, Winfield High School Team 1 and 2, Huntington High School Team 1 and 2, Point Pleasant High School Team 1 and 2, Spring Valley High School Team 1 and 2, Wahama High School Team 1 and 2 and Wayne High School Team 1 and 2.

This year's Showdown has 90 teams representing

## Singing Valentines for Your Valentine

Do you want something different for your sweetheart?

This year, surprise your special person with an "In Person," a "Virtual Video," or a Phone Singing Valentine. Kanawha Kordsmen and Harmony ReChaired Barbershop Quartets will be saying "I Love You" in song on Tuesday, February 13 and Wednesday, Valentine's Day, February 14, 2024.

The Kanawha Kordsmen with Harmony ReChaired have been delivering "in-person" Singing Valentines for over 30 years in the Greater Kanawha Valley area.

Singing Valentines can be sent anywhere in the world to anyone with an email address or telephone number. They can be sent to wives, husbands, boyfriends, girlfriends,

## Four Chaplains Memorial Service

On February 1, at 6:00 p.m., the American Legion James E. Marshall Post 187 will have a Four Chaplains Memorial Service at the Winfield Presbyterian Church on Ferry Street to mark the anniversary of the sinking of the USAT Dorchester by a U-boat in the North Atlantic on February 3, 1943. Among the 672 who died were four U.S. Army chaplains, who gave their life jackets to others. Following the service, a covered dish dinner will be held at the Winfield Community Center. The public is invited.

Road in Kittshill, Ohio, will celebrate their thirty-seventh wedding anniversary on January 23.

Leslie and Brenda McGhee Thabit of 108 Arthur Lane in Hurricane will celebrate their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary on January 24.

50 schools across 31 counties, an increase of 19 new teams over last year's field. Students in grades 9 - 12 display their academic prowess through intense rounds of questions based on math, history, sports, fine arts, pop culture and other content areas.

The Academic Showdown is a partnership between the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE), the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, West Virginia Public Broadcasting and the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History.

children, parents or anyone who is special to you. Men or women can be on the receiving end - with moving results. Just provide the name of your special person, your personal message, and we will take care of the rest.

There are three options available:

**\$55 In Person Option:** A quartet will personally deliver a sweetheart song, a silk rose, with your personalized card attached, and a box of chocolate candy. This option is available in the Greater Kanawha Valley and Putnam County.

**\$45 Virtual Video Option:** Your personalized Valentine message and a Sweetheart Song will be delivered virtually by a Virtual Quartet, online, to your special someone. They can access the Singing Valentine via a secure link from their phone, laptop, desktop, or other personal device, and see and hear the quartet sing specifically to them. This option is available anywhere in the world to anyone with an email address.

**\$35 Audio Option:** Your personalized Valentine message, and a Sweetheart Song by a quartet, will be delivered over the telephone to your special someone. The Singing Valentine will be delivered at the time of your choosing. This option is available anywhere in the world to anyone who has a telephone.

To order a Singing Valentine call 304-346-SING (7464) or 304-610-4196, visit our website [www.Kordsmen.org](http://www.Kordsmen.org), or send an email to [kkordsmen@aol.com](mailto:kkordsmen@aol.com). Singing Valentines can also be ordered by contacting any member of the Kanawha Kordsmen of Harmony ReChaired Chorus.



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