

# The Hurricane Breeze

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## ELECTION WATCH 2024 Candidate Filing Period Ends on Saturday, Jan. 27

By Ron Allen

Come May 14th regardless of party affiliation, every registered voter, will have the opportunity to vote for candidates running for the non-partisan offices of Board of Education, Magistrate, Circuit Court Judge, and Family Court Judge. When the votes are tallied, there will be two candidates elected to the Board of Education and one to Magistrate Division 1, Magistrate Division 2, Magistrate Division 3, Circuit Court Judge Division 1, Circuit Court Judge Division 2, and Family Court Judge.

As of 10 a.m., Tuesday, January 23, a total of 11 candidates have filed for the 8 openings. The three contested races would be Board of Education, Magistrate Division 3, and

Circuit Court Judge Division 1.

Voters will also select Republican and Democratic candidates to be listed on the November General Election ballot for federal, state and county offices. Putnam voters will determine the candidates for County Commissioner, Assessor, Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney, State Senate (4th and 8th Districts), and House of Delegates (19th, 20th and 21st Districts).

As of January 23, only two of a possible 18 races for a spot on the General Election ballot offer a choice of candidates — Republican candidate for House of Delegate District 19 and Republican candidate for House of Delegate District 20.

If no more candidates file, House of Delegates District 19 Republican voters must

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## PHS Show Choir Turns Winter Into Summer with 'Melt'



Poca High School's Visual Volume donned blue and white attire to represent snow and ice.

By Betsy Allen

Poca High School's show choir Visual Volume premiered their 2024 competition show last Sunday, January 21. In addition to offering two

performances, the Dot Debut also featured a spaghetti dinner, a Poca High School tradition that has gone back for many years.

Entitled "Melt," the show depicted the seasonal transition from winter to spring and then summer. The show started out in the winter. Wearing blue and white costumes representing snow and ice, the performers opened with the hymn "In the Bleak Midwinter." Other wintery songs chosen for the performance included "Hazy Shade of Winter" by Simon & Garfunkel, "Frozen" by Madonna, and "Cold Hearted Snake" by Paula Abdul.

"Here Comes the Sun" by the Beatles represented the transition from winter to spring as dancers changed their blue costumes for yellow ones. Music selections for this part of the performance were chosen to convey a sense of hope and sunny days to come.

As spring transitioned to summer, the atmosphere of the performance became

more energetic. One of the songs chosen for this section, "Getting Hot in Here," was written by arranger David Legg, one of Visual Volume's previous directors. Other songs featured in medleys included "Some Like it Hot" by The Power Station, "Burning Up" by Jesse J., "Hot Hot Hot" by Buster Poindexter, and "Fireball" by Pitbull.

Visual Volume Director Michael Rose says that he had always wanted to do a show about the polar opposites of fire and ice, and had entertained the concept for this production for a number of years. He had originally planned for the theme to start in the summer and then transition through fall to winter, but as he began searching for songs to use in the production, he decided that it would be easier to go from winter to summer. Show Choir season is from January through March, and Rose felt that this would be a good way for the students to be able to relate to the production as the seasons

changed.

"It is nice to see that the kids are finding ways to relate to this material through experience in their own lives," Rose related.

Rose says that the Dot Debut is a way for Visual Volume to premiere their show in a non-competitive format for friends and family. In addition to offering a production for the community, the Dot Debut also served as a fundraiser to raise money for the show choir.

Poca High School's show choir has existed for forty years now, having been started in the 1983-4 school year by Kim Edwards, who later went on to become the director of Hurricane's Red Hot Show Choir. Michael Rose became the director of Visual Volume in August of 2020, and he has focused on continuing to grow and improve the show choir. One addition he has brought to Visual Volume is a dedicated band for the show choir: The

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## Hurricane Man Pleads Guilty to Drug Trafficking in Federal Court

Denzil Roger Grant II, 50, of Hurricane, pleaded guilty in federal court in Huntington on Wednesday, January 17, to possession with intent to distribute a quantity of methamphetamine. Grant admitted to his role in a drug trafficking organization responsible for distributing large quantities of methamphetamine and fentanyl in the Huntington area.

According to court documents and statements made in court, Grant called co-defendant Derrell Cashawn Massey on September 27, 2023, and asked to purchase fentanyl and methamphetamine. Grant admitted that after

arranging the transaction, he traveled from Hurricane to Huntington where he met with Massey and bought methamphetamine.

Grant was returning to Hurricane from Huntington when law enforcement officers stopped his vehicle in Putnam County. Grant consented to a search of the vehicle, and a female passenger in his vehicle gave officers approximately 13.5 grams of methamphetamine. Grant admitted that he intended to distribute the seized methamphetamine and further admitted that the passenger had hidden the methamphetamine on her person at his request.

Grant is scheduled for sentencing on May 6, 2024,

and faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, at least three years of supervised release, and a \$1 million fine.

On January 22nd, Kayla Dawn Powell, 37, of Hurricane, and Donald James Duty, 52, of Huntington, pleaded guilty to drug trafficking charges in the same 53-count indictment naming Grant. Powell admitted to participating in the distribution of methamphetamine and fentanyl with others from June 2023 through November 2023. During that period, Powell received quantities of methamphetamine and fentanyl from a source or from others at the source's

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## Dueling with Winter and Winning



William Taylor is pictured fighting winter with winter itself. His giant ice sword was the result of temperatures rising into the 40's on Monday, January 22nd, at the Ranch (Breeze Office).

The single-digit mercury readings of last week will cause for January 2024 to be remembered.

The Breeze weather station registered below zero readings on both the 17th and the 20th.

Below zero readings have been rare in recent years. There has not been a

single occasion on which the temperature has dipped to a double-digit minus reading since February 15, 2015, when it plunged to -15°. The -15° reading is the lowest at the Ranch since the turn of the century.

The plus-6 inches of snow that fell during the week is the highest accumulation

in at least three years. The most white stuff to fall in a 24-hour period since 2000 was 11 inches on January 22, 2016.

Winter is far from over. Hopefully, climate change and global warming will team to prevent any new low temperature or high snowfall records.

## Putnam Man Enters Guilty Plea to Lying to FBI

Timothy Priddy, 49, of Buffalo, pleaded guilty on January 22nd to making a false statement. Priddy admitted that he lied to federal investigators about the verification of invoices for COVID-19 testing that he certified while an official with the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (WVDHHR).

According to court documents and statements made in federal court, on August 2, 2022, Priddy was director of WVDHHR's Center for Threat Preparedness when he was interviewed by federal agents. Priddy had previously been deputy director, and his duties in that position had included reviewing and verifying the accuracy of certain invoices submitted to WVDHHR by vendors supplying COVID-19 testing and mitigation services prior to certifying the invoices for payment. The agents asked Priddy about invoices submitted by a particular vendor that had billed the State of West Virginia for tens of millions of dollars for COVID-19 testing and related services.

Priddy admitted that

he knew the agents were investigating the vendor for suspected fraudulent billing, and that information relative to the invoices and subsequent payment was material to that investigation. One series of invoices of interest to the federal investigation related to a COVID-19 testing program for K-12 students, faculty and staff returning to school after the winter holiday break. Priddy certified the K-12 testing program invoices without making any effort to verify their accuracy. Priddy falsely told the agents that he certified the invoices only after two individuals working with the K-12 testing program verified the invoices involved. Priddy admitted that he knew that statement was false.

"After completely failing to verify invoices seeking tens of millions of public dollars, Mr. Priddy significantly affected an important investigation into that spending with his false statement," said United States Attorney Will Thompson.

Priddy is scheduled to be sentenced on May 9, 2024, and faces a maximum penalty

of five years in prison, three years of supervised release, and a \$250,000 fine.

Special Agent in Charge Mike Shanahan stated, "No matter your job or status in the community, it is a federal crime to lie to the FBI. Priddy lied to the FBI during a critical moment in the investigation. This conviction should serve as a reminder that those who lie to federal agents will face serious criminal consequences for their actions."

WEATHER SUMMARY		
January 16 - 22		
	Low	High
January 16**		
Hurricane	6°	19°
January 17		
Hurricane	-3°	21°
January 18**		
Hurricane	7°	33°
January 19**		
Hurricane	15°	30°
January 20		
Hurricane	-1°	20°
January 21		
Hurricane	4°	27°
January 22		
Hurricane	1°	40°
**SNOW		
2 inches recorded Jan. 16		
1/2 inch recorded Jan. 18		
4 inches recorded Jan. 19		

## 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. at ZoneOut Sports, Morris Court, Hurricane.

### JANUARY 26

The Nitro High School Show Choirs will be premiering their 2024 competition shows at 6 and 8 p.m. A dessert reception will follow each performance. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

Brandon Tolliver will be performing at 8 p.m. at Brookse'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

Zoology Zone Science Center, located at Valley Park in Hurricane, will be hosting a kids' night out from 6 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$35 per child.

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

### JANUARY 28

There will be a Clover STEMs 4-H fundraiser event from 12:30 to 6 p.m. at Reed's Entertainment in Putnam Village, Teays Valley. The cost is \$10 to play. Mention Clover STEMs when you check in.

### JANUARY 29

Elizabeth Baptist Church, 410 Washington Street, Bancroft, will be holding a ladies' fellowship starting at 6:30 p.m.

### 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

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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.

The Board Room, located behind the Hurricane Walmart, will be holding a Comic Trade Day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### FEBRUARY 7

The Buffalo Library will be hosting STEMuary: Coding Hearts from 9 a.m. to noon. Create a valentine using written binary code.

The Dress for Success River Cities Clothing Drive will be held from 7 to 4 p.m. at Area 34, 971 WV Route 34, Teays Valley.

### FEBRUARY 9

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

Social Event Space, 2833 Main Street, Hurricane, will be holding a Market Series from 6 to 9 p.m. Local crafts, food, and business vendors. Live music by Holly Forbes.

There will be a Highland Cow painting class from 6 to 8 p.m. at Social Event Space, Main Street, Hurricane. The cost is \$40. For more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/AltoDesignPaintingandCraftClasses/events>

### FEBRUARY 10

Bake My Day, 14 Bank Street, Nitro, will be holding a Make Your Own Macarons Party from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost to attend is \$35 per person.

Gritt's Midway Greenhouse, Route 62, Midway, will be holding their 3rd Annual Hearts and Houseplants event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

River Ridge Church, 1 Saturn Way, Hurricane, will be holding a Daddy Daughter Dance from 6 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$25 per family. To register, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/daddy-daughter-dance-tickets-792006642187>

## West Virginia State University to Host FAFSA Workshop on Feb. 1

West Virginia State University (WVSU) will be hosting a free workshop on Thursday, Feb. 1, for students and families on filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The event will take place from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Drain-Jordan Library (building No. 4 on the campus map found here) and is being conducted as part of FAFSA Day events throughout West Virginia.

Any student wanting to receive federal, state and institutional financial aid towards their degree should attend this free workshop. Those planning to attend are asked to bring their 2022 federal tax information with them. The workshop is open to any students, not just those

planning to attend WVSU.

Students planning to pursue a postsecondary education in the fall of 2024 should try to

complete the FAFSA before May 1 to be considered for the West Virginia Higher Education Grant.

To be considered for the Promise Scholarship, students must submit the FAFSA and the Promise application before May 1.

Students and parents can learn more about financial aid by visiting the state's free college and career-planning website at [www.cfww.com](http://www.cfww.com).

Follow West Virginia State University on Facebook, Instagram @wvsu\_official, and Twitter @WVStateU.

## Read Aloud Launches BookBaby Campaign to Support Literacy

Read Aloud West Virginia has launched its 2024 BookBaby Snapshot Shirt campaign as both a fundraiser and reminder of the value of reading to children.

Baby shirts are available for purchase here: <https://www.bonfire.com/2024-bookbaby-onesie-1/>

The cotton baby shirt featuring a design by Charleston artist Brenda Pinnell of HepCatz Design, makes an ideal gift. Proceeds support Read Aloud WV.

Research shows that children who connect reading with pleasure and have access to print books read more and become more proficient readers. The habit starts early as parents and caregivers read to babies.

"Singing, rhyming words, naming things, and reading books to children all help prepare children to read by school age," said Read Aloud Executive Director Dawn Miller. "It's astonishing sometimes how beneficial just reading for fun can be."

Neuroscientists have found that reading to children causes the brain to establish networks of brain cells that are used later when children learn to sound out words. Researchers have also found that the vocabulary and background knowledge that children learn from listening to

stories is one of the most important factors in reading comprehension later.

"A Read Aloud onesie is a nice, gentle reminder of creating healthy reading habits," Miller said. "You can hang the sign right on the baby's belly. Also, you can never have too many onesies."

"We hope grandparents, aunts, and uncles like the shirts as gifts," Miller said. "By giving a shirt to a future reader in the family, they are spreading the word about the importance of reading to kids, and at the same time supporting Read Aloud in helping kids all over West Virginia discover pleasure in reading."

Read Aloud's mission is to motivate children to WANT to read, because motivation is the critical first step in developing any skill. Read Aloud involves families, the medical community, businesses, civic groups, and the society at large in building a culture that values reading.

Read Aloud is a statewide nonprofit and volunteer network working to improve childhood literacy since 1986. Hundreds of Read Aloud volunteers visit classrooms all across West Virginia to read to children each week. Read Aloud distributes more than 20,000 books to children every year.

## West Virginia State University Brings Weekly Speaker Series to Downtown Charleston

West Virginia State University is launching a Lunch and Learn Speakers Series beginning Wednesday, Jan. 24, at the new WVSU Center located at 107 Capitol St. in downtown Charleston.

The weekly speakers series will run each Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. through March 6.

The following speakers and topics are scheduled for the weekly series:

Jan. 31 -- Entrepreneurship and Taxes, presented by Susan Graves, CPA, WVSU Assistant Professor of Accounting;

Feb. 7 -- Safeguarding your Digital World, presented by Dr. Ali Alsinayyad, Director, WVSU Cybersecurity Innovation Center;

Feb. 14 -- What Read Aloud Does for Reading, presented by Dawn Miller, Executive Director, Read Aloud West Virginia;

Feb. 21 -- Writing to Learn: Discovering, Meaning, and Understanding, presented by Dr. Robert Wallace, Dean, WVSU College of Arts and Humanities;

Feb. 28 -- Why Capitol Street Has Its Name: A History of Our Capital City, presented by Dr. Billy Joe Peyton, Retired WVSU Professor of History; and

March 6 -- Self-Care for Social Workers, presented by Crystal Price, MSW, LICSW, Mountain Care Network, Clinical Director. The sessions on Jan. 24, Jan. 31, Feb. 7 and Feb. 21 qualify for Continuing Professional Education for Certified Public Accountants.

The weekly Lunch and Learn series is free.

Audience members are encouraged to bring a lunch and learn more about the topics being discussed. Light refreshments will be available on site.

## The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

The last funeral I attended (in person) was that of my son-in-law's father, early 2020, in Indiana. Living in Florida, I am too far away from Indy and West Virginia to attend the funerals of my friends. That being said, I have watched a few on You Tube... the last was for Jim McGehee, a long time friend.

I was happy when they named the football field after Jim, at Hurricane High School. An honor to a wonderful man... When I return to WV in the spring, I will visit the field in his honor...

Jim had an illustrious and long career... coach and teacher... principal... and on... then "my pastor"... He was always there for everyone... I imagine he and his lovely wife, Joy, moved away to have some real family time. I am not sure how involved he was in his church in North Carolina, but I know that he was needed and wanted at First Baptist Church.

I met this man when I was in junior high school. His sister was a friend of mine, and we walked to school together. Mary Margaret was a year behind me in school and one of my friends. I knew Jim throughout my life, but when I really came to know him was when I moved back to WV in 1998. I returned to the church of my youth, First Baptist, and Jim was Associate Pastor or Assistant... not sure of his title, but for me, he was it.

Through the years, I leaned on Jim for pastoral support. He and Dr. Hendricks were the best ever when it came to helping in any way possible. I miss both of them... two men who truly cared about all of us. (I must insert here that the reason I returned to First was because of Pastor Mike, Flora Lee, and the Hogsetts...

Truly, I do not have the words to express what Jim McGehee meant to me and to others. He was bigger than life. That smile... that calming voice... that reassuring attitude... that Christian life... he was something else.

Jim was a husband to one of the sweetest women one could know... he was a father to his children (I did not know them)... he

## 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.



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# Hurricane Man Pleads Guilty to Drug Trafficking

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direction in the Huntington area that she distributed to various customers in the Southern District of West Virginia.

On June 6, 2023, Powell sold approximately 3.6 grams of fentanyl to a confidential informant for \$250 in a vehicle parked at a business on MacCorkle Avenue in St. Albans. Powell admitted to the transaction and to arranging it with the confidential informant

beforehand.

On November 15, 2023, law enforcement officers executed a search warrant at Duty's Jackson Avenue residence in Huntington and seized 19 firearms, approximately 73 grams of suspected fentanyl and approximately 108 grams of suspected methamphetamine. Duty admitted that he intended to distribute the seized fentanyl and methamphetamine.

Powell is scheduled to be sentenced on May 28,

2024, and Duty is scheduled to be sentenced on May 20, 2024. Each faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, at least three years of supervised release, and a \$1 million fine.

United States Attorney Will Thompson commended the investigative work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Cabell County Sheriff's Department, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Metropolitan Drug

Enforcement Network Team (MDENT), the West Virginia State Police, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. MDENT is composed of the Charleston Police Department, the Kanawha County Sheriff's Office, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, the Nitro Police Department, the St. Albans Police Department and the South Charleston Police Department.

# Judge Stowers Files for Re-Election to Circuit Court

Putnam County Circuit Judge Phillip M. Stowers filed for re-election on Tuesday, January 16, at the Office of the West Virginia Secretary of State. Stowers, who has served as judge for the past 15 years, touts his experience and innovative juvenile court programs as key reasons for seeking another term.

"Experience in running a fair and efficient courtroom is important to our community's future," said Stowers. "I inherited an enormous backlog when I was first elected Judge and I completely understand the value of having an experienced judge efficiently moving important to expeditiously handle criminal cases to keep our community safe," added the two-term judge.

Stowers has been recognized by his peers with distinction. He has served as President of the West Virginia Judicial Association, elected to this top position by other circuit judges in the state. In addition, the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals has appointed him multiple times to serve as a temporary Justice. He has also been invited to sit on the newly created Intermediate Court of Appeals.

Since 2015 he has been appointed by the Supreme Court to serve as the Chair of the West Virginia Juvenile Justice Commission to oversee the well-being of juveniles that have been placed in state custody. However, he considers among his most notable achievements the innovative juvenile programs created under his judicial leadership.

Judge Stowers created one of the first Juvenile Drug Courts (JDC) in West Virginia and has graduated a total of 117 students. In 2023, the Juvenile Court programs presided over by Judge Stowers, were recognized for having 100 percent of its participants earn a high school diploma. His success in administering juvenile programs has prompted

Putnam County Schools and other community leaders to create a pilot program in Putnam County to address truancy among middle school students.

"I value the important investment we can make in young people," said Stowers. "The court can have a meaningful impact by getting kids off drugs and back in school. The Putnam JDC changes lives and I'm seeking another term to continue this important work."

Born in Charleston, Stowers attended Lincoln County public schools and later attended Morehead State University on a four-year Presidential Debate Scholarship. As a Magna Cum Laude graduate at Morehead with a BA in Business Administration and Economics, he went on to attend law school at The West Virginia University College of Law.

While at the college of law, Stowers won the prestigious Baker Cup Award for appellant advocacy. He was also a member of the West Virginia University Law Review and a member of The West Virginia University College of Law Moot Court Board.

After graduation from law school in 1986, Stowers was employed as an associate for the Huntington law firm of Huddleston & Bolen. In 1989, Stowers moved to Charleston and continued with his private practice of law. Stowers formed Stowers & Associates Attorneys at Law in 1991 and continues to practice with Stowers & Associates primarily engaged in civil litigation. He also served as counsel to the West Virginia State Senate and as a special assistant to two West Virginia Attorney Generals.

Stowers has been active in many school and church activities including coaching soccer for the Great Teays Soccer Club and volunteering as a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader. He has served on various boards and commissions.

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choose between Kathie Hess Crouse and Debbie Deweese and House of Delegate District 20 Republican voters between Jacob Losh and Sarah Drennan.

The full list of Putnam filings follows:

## Non-Partisan Filings

Board of Education  
Christian Wells - District 1; Chuck Hatfield - District 3; Jacob Fertig - District - 1

Magistrate - Div. 1  
Linda Hunt

Magistrate - Div. 2  
Jean Luikart

Magistrate - Div. 3  
Larry Wingo

Circuit Judge - Div. 1  
Jon Hoover

Phillip Stowers

Circuit Judge - Div. 2  
Joseph Reeder  
Family Court Judge  
Rick Witt

## Partisan Filings

County Commission

Andy Skidmore [R]  
Sheriff

Bobbie Eggleton [R]  
Prosecuting Attorney

Kris Raynes [R]  
Assessor

Gary Warner [R]

State Senate (4th)

Amy Nichole Grady [R]  
State Senate (8th)

Glenn Jeffries [R]  
House of Delegates Dist. 19

Kathie Hess Crouse [R]  
Debbie Deweese [R]

House of Delegates Dist. 20  
Sarah Drennan [R]  
Jacob Losh [R]

House of Delegates Dist. 21  
Jarred Cannon [R]  
Michael Mosteller [D]

# PHS Show Choir

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Sound Waves, which is made up of eight student horn players from the marching band.

Visual Volume has won the festival division at the West Virginia State Show Choir Competition for the past three years. Although the choir only has twenty-six members, they compete with groups twice as large and have continuously placed in the top six in the festivals they have attended.

"We are always very thankful for the Poca community and their support of the program," says Rose. "The school has really embraced us as part of the school culture, and I am very thankful for the administrative support as well. Putnam County is

home to some of the best show choirs in the state. For me personally, it is an honor to be a part of that tradition, and making sure that Visual Volume is still recognized for their tradition of excellence."

Visual Volume will perform on January 27 at the Emerald Classic at Winfield High School. Their schedule for the rest of the season includes Marion-Harding High School in Ohio on February 2; the Show Choir Festival at Poca High School on February 17; Cabell Midland High School on February 24; Sissonville High School on March 9; Herbert Hoover High School on March 16. On March 23, Visual Volume and Poca High School will be hosting the West Virginia State Show Choir Festival, where they will also compete.

# THIS WEEK IN THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

For the week ending Jan. 19, 2024

Members of the West Virginia House of Delegates passed four bills in the first full week of the regular legislative session.

House Bill 4190 would direct the Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety to create a statewide "Purple Alert Plan" for cognitively impaired, at-risk individuals who go missing. The framework would be similar to existing Amber Alert and Silver Alert programs. House Bill 4252 would close a gap in the current law related to Domestic Violence Protective Orders. It would create a mechanism for West Virginia law enforcement officers to be able to recognize and enforce a Canadian Domestic Violence Protective Order.

House Bill 4274 continues the work that began last year in the separation of the former West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources. It would restructure state code to reflect the newly reorganized and renamed Department of Health,

Department of Human Services and Department of Health Facilities.

House Bill 4433 would allow private practices to acquire and use certain tomography scanners as well as allowing mobile facilities to perform mammography and low-dose tomography both without going through the state's certificate of need process.

Delegate Heather Tully, R-Nicholas, is vice chair of the House Health and Human Resources Committee and a sponsor of the bill. She spoke in favor of it just before the vote, saying increased access to scans for lung and breast cancers saves lives. "This does bring health care into the rural communities, and even though we do have a hospital, we still have individuals who are not willing or do not have transportation to get to the hospital," she said.

All four measures passed unanimously and now are with the Senate for debate.

The week started with newly appointed Delegate Thomas C. Clark, R-Webster, taking the oath of office to represent the 48th House District just before the day's floor session.

House Majority Leader Eric Householder, R-Berkeley, announced new leadership roles for two members this week. Delegate Jon Paul Hott, R-Grant, has been named an Assistant Majority Leader, serving in that role with Dean Jeffries, R-Kanawha, and Laura Kimble, R-Harrison. Delegate Jonathan Hinson, R-Mason, has been tapped to serve as a Deputy Majority Whip, alongside Delegate Chris Pritt, R-Kanawha.

"The hard work of

thoroughly deliberating important bills while efficiently managing our time began last session as members of the House rolled up their sleeves to perform the work the people of West Virginia sent us here to do," Householder said. "That level of organization is only possible with a well-organized leadership structure that helps coordinate each of the many pieces that make up a Legislature and a legislative session."

A total of 936 bills have been introduced in the House, and the deadline for bills to be introduced is Feb. 13. The 60-day, regular legislative session ends at midnight Saturday, March 9.

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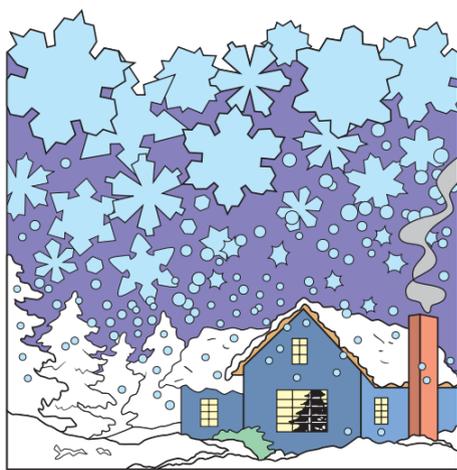
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3109 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane  
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# Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



## Spell Check Checking

By Jeff Burkhart

Submitted by Myra Simmons

When I am at my computer  
Or texting on my phone  
The automatic spell-check thing  
Just won't leave me alone

I know that it's just trying to help  
But please just let me finish  
Sometimes things that it assumes  
Make outcomes be diminished

It's changing "our" to "are" at will  
And "these" to "those" and worse  
Unwanted edits may occur  
In my poetic verse

I can't turn it off it seems  
It's always keeping vigil  
If the thing was human  
I'd "unfriend" the individual

One day I'm sure the engineers  
Will fix what it's about  
Till then I'll check the checker  
Every time I send stuff out

## Indian Corn Dip

Submitted by Connie Reddington of Eleanor

1 pound lean ground beef  
1 onion, finely chopped  
1 (15 ounce) can whole kernel corn, drained  
1 (16 ounce) jar salsa  
1 (1 pound) box processed cheese, cubed  
In skillet, brown and cook ground beef on low  
heat for about 10 minutes and drain.  
Transfer to slow cooker and add onion, corn, salsa  
and cheese.  
Cover and cook on LOW for 1 hour. Remove lid  
and stir. Serve with tortilla chips.

## Jokes From Linda

Submitted by Linda  
Lavender Armstead



Tom's wife, Barbara said, "That's the fourth time you've gone back for dessert. That doesn't embarrass you?"

Her husband Tom said, "No, I keep telling them it's for you."

A woman told her husband that his get up and go has gone.

He replied, "What do you think I do all night along?"

What did the explorer say when he found water in three different places in the desert?  
Well, well, well.

## 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)

## Quick, Easy Recipes to Add to Your Dinner Rotation

Simple, nutritious meals to make more time for family

(Family Features) Making time for meals together can have a positive impact on the well-being of families, including children and adolescents. In fact, regular meals at home can help reduce stress and boost self-esteem, according to research published in "Canadian Family Physician."

Mealtime conversations are also a perfect opportunity to connect with your loved ones. A study published in "New Directions for Child and Adolescent Development" showed these conversations help improve children's vocabularies more than being read aloud to.

Making time for meals together shouldn't require spending all night in the kitchen, however. A simple-to-prepare ingredient like eggs can help you spend less time cooking and more time with family.

For example, these heart-healthy recipes from the Healthy for Good Eat Smart initiative, nationally supported by Eggland's Best, are ready in 15 minutes or less. They include a wide variety of vegetables, fruit, whole grains and healthy protein sources, which are recommended by the American Heart Association to help prevent heart disease and stroke.

To find more tips for family mealtimes and recipe inspiration, visit [heart.org/eatsmart](http://heart.org/eatsmart).

### Poached Egg Tostadas with Avocado-Tomatillo Salsa

Servings: 4 (1 egg and 1/2 cup salsa per serving)

Nonstick cooking spray  
4 corn tortillas (6 inches each)  
4 cups water  
1 tablespoon white vinegar  
4 large eggs

Salsa:  
1 medium avocado, diced  
1 medium Anaheim or poblano pepper, seeds and ribs discarded, diced  
1 medium tomatillo, papery husk discarded, washed and diced  
1/2 medium tomato, diced  
1/4 cup diced red onion  
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro  
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice  
1 medium garlic clove, minced  
1/8 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 400 F. Line baking sheet with aluminum foil. Lightly spray foil with nonstick cooking spray.

Arrange tortillas in single layer on foil. Lightly spray tortillas with nonstick cooking spray. Using fork, pierce tortillas to prevent from filling with air. Bake 5-6 minutes on each side, or until golden brown. Transfer to serving plates.

In large skillet over high heat, bring water and vinegar to boil.

Once water is boiling, reduce heat and simmer. Break egg into cup then carefully slip egg into simmering water. Repeat with remaining eggs, avoiding eggs touching in water. Simmer 3-5 minutes, or until egg whites are completely set and yolks are beginning to set but aren't hard. Using slotted spoon, drain eggs. Place each egg on tostada.

To make salsa: In medium bowl, gently stir together avocado, pepper, tomatillo, tomato, red onion, cilantro, lime juice, garlic and salt. Serve with tostadas.

Nutritional information per serving: 185 calories; 11 g total fat; 2.5 g saturated fat; 3 g polyunsaturated fat; 5 g monounsaturated fat; 186 mg cholesterol; 169 mg sodium; 15 g carbohydrates; 3 g fiber; 2 g total sugars; 9 g protein.

## Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead  
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

The power of love is one of the greatest things on earth.

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

We may change our plans, but God never changes His.

No beauty shines brighter than that of a good heart.

Don't listen to those who only see your mistakes.

Kindness has been called the small coin of love.

Be a Fruit Loop in the world of Cheerios.

Jealousy destroys the qualities of love.

Be good to people for no reason.

Sleep is a blanket for the eyes.

That breath you just took is by God's grace.

You're only as pretty as you treat people.

God wants full custody, not just weekend visits.

A kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal.

Start the day off with a song in your heart and a giggle in your wiggle.

Those who disrespect our flag have never been handed a folded one.

You are built to handle the pressure that comes with your calling.

Without private worship, public worship is just a performance.

In the fabric of Christianity, every thread is woven with grace.

Happiness is having my husband who is also my best friend.

The ones doin' the accusin' are usually the ones doin' the doin'.

Just because you're offended, doesn't mean you're right.

You can't fix yourself by breaking someone else.

Be less like the world, and more like The Word.

Your actions are a reflection of your values.

Wherever you go, leave a heart print.

From little seeds grow mighty trees.

Every veteran is a thread that intertwines to make our flag.

Listen to advice, but follow your heart. – Conway Twitty

The happiest place in the world is inside a hug.

Whoever gossips to you will gossip about you.

Don't wait for perfect conditions to get better.

It takes a long time to



grow an old friend.

When love is absent, life is unbalanced.

The real revenge is massive success.

I wish heaven had visiting hours.

Kindness never goes out of style.

Life is a book. We fill the pages.

If you want to be happy, be.

Kids do well if they can.

Kindness is sweeter than honey.

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

At a movie theater, which arm rest is yours?

It's not the age that makes you mature, it's responsibility.

Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.

Your children will make you the happiest and the saddest in your life.

Spend time with your elders. Not everything can be found on Google.

Not every woman can post this, but I can: my husband has a great wife.

Fastest way to mess up someone's knock knock jokes? "It's open."

The crazier the world becomes, the easier it gets to find the nuts.

You can't take a step forward with both feet on the ground.

Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?

The world is round so that friendship may encircle it.

Love is God's language spoken in every dialect.

Giving is how we live life to the fullest.

Keep your distance from people who will never admit they are wrong and always try to make you feel like it's all your fault.

Peace is not when everyone agrees. It is when we can respect our disagreements and still play in the sandbox together.

Before you spread gossip about someone else's life and their failures, remember there are chapters of your life you don't want to read out loud.

Sometimes it's not the lyrics of the song that makes you emotional. It's all the faces and places

that flood your mind when you hear it.

There are no perfect husbands and no perfect wives, but if you will keep believing in each other, there will be plenty of perfect moments in your marriage.

Don't put your pastor on a pedestal where he can't be knocked off. Put your pastor on the Prayer List where he can be lifted up.

The wrong one will find you in peace and leave you in pieces, but the right one will find you in pieces and lead you to peace.

A good woman is by your side during bad times to tell you that if you had just listened to her this wouldn't have happened.

It's a shame children these days don't know their cousins. When I was younger, my cousins were the closest thing to a sibling.

Only trust someone who can see these three things in you: The sorrow behind your smile. The love behind your anger. The reason behind your silence.

It's more important to understand the imbalances in your body's basics systems and restore balance, rather than name the disease, and match the pill to the ill.

Your body is what makes you sexy. Your smile is what makes you pretty. But your personality is what makes you beautiful.

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

Progress is progress, even if it's slow. Don't let what you think should happen take away from what is happening.

If someone really wants to see you, they will find a reason, they will find a way, and they will make the effort.

Setbacks are not the end. They are meant for you to get back up.

God's grace covers all the mistakes and wrong decisions we could ever make.

Some flowers bloom in the morning and some at night, but they all still have their time.

## Bible Verse



Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

— James 5:7-8



# e-WV The West Virginia Encyclopedia

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. 25, 1814: Francis Harrison Pierpont was born near Morgantown. On June 20, 1861, Pierpont was unanimously elected as governor of the unionist Reorganized State of Virginia,

Jan. 25, 1878: Activist

Lenna Lowe Yost was born in Basnettsville in Marion County. She held key leadership roles in the woman's suffrage and temperance movements.

Jan. 25, 1889: Anna Johnson Gates was born in Kanawha County. The state's first female state legislator, Gates was elected to the House of Delegates in 1922 and served a single term.

Jan. 26, 1850: Wyoming County was formed by the Virginia General Assembly from part of Logan County.

Jan. 26, 1960: Burnsville High School basketball player Danny Heater scored 135 points in a varsity game

### 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 June 12, 2018, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Document No. 004427290020, in Book No. 1191, at Page 279, Jeffrey Woody and Doris G Woody did convey unto Robert H Skeen Jr, 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 Flagstar Bank, N.A. 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 27, 2024 at 12:30 PM

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 10 - Scott District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All that certain lot or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, and being a parcel of land situate in Scott District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and being all of Lot No. One Hundred Twenty (120), Section One, Ranch Lake Estates, as said lot is shown and designated upon that certain map entitled, "Map Showing Section One Ranch Lake Estates As Developed By West Virginia Land Corporation, Scott District, Putnam County, West Virginia As Recorded in Map Book 4, page 54, Scale: 1" = 100' June 26, 1967", said map being of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia in Map Book 4 at page 54.

This conveyance is made subject to the restrictive covenants, conditions and reservations set forth in the deed from West Virginia Land Corporation unto Benjamin F. Collins and Vickie S. Collins, his wife, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Deed Book 199 at page 245.

LSOT: Deed Book 564, Page 91, dated December 26, 2017, Office of the Clerk of the County Commission, Putnam County, West Virginia.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 107 Ranch Lake Blvd, Scott Depot, WV 25560.

The referenced real estate will be conveyed with no covenants of warranty, and subject to all covenants, restrictions, easements, rights of way and reservations which may be a matter of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or visible upon the ground, all prior liens and encumbrances, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, incinerator, sanitary and sewer charges. The purchasers at the sale shall be responsible for paying the recording costs and also the tax on the privilege of transferring real property (the cost of the tax stamp to be affixed to the deed). The purchasers shall be responsible for payment of all real estate taxes.

The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

TERMS: \$9000.00 in cash and/or certified funds as deposit at the time of sale with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

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

Pursuant to the Deed of Trust, the Trustee may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated or by posting a notice of the same, and act by agent in the execution of the sale. The parties secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale.

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against Widen, setting a national record. Heater went on to receive an academic scholarship to attend the University of Richmond.

Jan. 27, 1925: Bernard L. Coffindaffer was born in Nicholas County. In the 1980s and 1990s, Coffindaffer erected clusters of crosses along the highways of West Virginia and much of the Southeast.

Jan. 27., 1933: Folk artist George Connard Wolfe was born in Standard, Kanawha County. A self-trained sculptor, he made his own tools from automobile leaf springs and engine valves and worked in stone and wood.

Jan. 27-28, 1998: Flat Top on the Mercer-Raleigh county line received a record snowfall of 35 inches in a 24-hour period.

Jan. 28, 1902: Miners Hospital No. One opened at Welch, with a young Dr. Henry Hatfield as president. The legislature had passed a law requiring state hospitals for those engaged in

dangerous occupations, and eventually three hospitals for miners were built in different sections of the state.

Jan. 28, 1937: In a flood that drove a million Ohio Valley residents from their homes, the Ohio River crested at Huntington at 69.45 feet, more than 19 feet above flood stage. By the time the water receded, five people were dead, and the city was in ruins. Parkersburg, Ravenswood and Point Pleasant also were badly damaged.

Jan. 29, 1903: The great rhododendron was designated the official state flower of West Virginia, after

being recommended by the governor and voted on by public school schools.

Jan. 30, 1818: Nicholas County was created by the Virginia legislature from parts of Greenbrier, Kanawha and Randolph counties. The county was named for Wilson Cary Nicholas, a Virginia governor and U.S. senator who lived from 1761 to 1820.

Jan. 30, 1895: Mingo County was created from the southern part of Logan County. Mingo is the youngest county in West Virginia.

Jan. 31, 1878: Educator William Woodson Trent

was born in rural Nicholas County. He served as state superintendent of schools from 1933 until 1957.

Jan. 31, 1922: Movie and television actress Joanne Dru was born Joan Letitia Lacock in Logan. Her movie career included more than 40 films. Her brother, singer and TV host Peter Marshall, is also a West Virginia native.

Jan. 31, 1945: Sergeant Jonah Edward Kelley of Mineral County was killed in action while leading his squad against German positions during World War II. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his "superb courage."

## Putnam Property Transfers

The following property transfers were recorded by the Putnam County Clerk between December 28, 2023 and January 3, 2024:

Teddy Flowers to Kathy Savilla - Two Lots, Grassie Riverside Addition, Poca District for \$140,000.00.

TG Home Buyers LLC to Affinity Builders LLC - Lot, Sycamore Lane Subdivision, Curry District for \$17,500.00.

Janet Hanna, Michael Beckner, Richard Beckner and Roger Beckner to Rock Victory Ministry - 1.75 Acres, Union District for \$148,000.00.

JCRW LLC to Edgar and Ada Poe - Two Lots, High School Addition, Hurricane District for \$244,900.00.

Sam Corp Development Inc to Jeffrey and Susan McLane - Tract, Scott District for \$225,000.00.

Mark Hitchcock to Libby Cooper, Tina Rolando and Pamela Ochs - Lot, Hanshaw Addition, Poca Town District for \$121,000.00.

Joyce Lester to Astech Corporation Inc - Two Parcels, Union District for \$100,000.00.

Rickey Estep to Jeremiah Hatfield - Lot, Precious Acres, Scott District for \$315,000.00.

DHB LLC to Ian and Kelli Carroll - Lot, Alexanders Place, Teays Valley District for \$350,000.00.

Stephen Farley to WV Cash Sale LLC - Lot, Red House Farms, Eleanor District for \$45,000.00.

Jason Canada to Timothy Holmes - 8.52 Acres, Scott District for \$53,000.00.

Scotty Hatfield to Melissa Johnson - Two Lots, Second Corbly Addition, Hurricane District for \$120,000.00.

API LLC to Robert and Kathleen Becker -

### 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.

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### 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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### 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

#### 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:

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 Rollinson 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

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### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

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

In Re: Change of Name from Trena Gaynell Ashley to Trae Ashley

#### LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING

Civil Action No. 24-P-5  
Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia  
Notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of February, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Judge Phillip Stowers, Trena Gaynell Ashley will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia for the entry of an order by said Court, changing her name from Trena Gaynell Ashley to Trae Ashley, 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 18th day of January, 2024.  
Stephanie M. Smith  
Putnam County Circuit Clerk  
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### 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.: 5565  
Estate Of: Anna Jean Buzzard  
Executrix: Traci Buzzard  
510 Lindsay Bridge  
Poca, WV 25159

Estate No.: 5575  
Estate Of: Richard Avery  
"Johnny" Ferguson  
Executrix: Tina M Nutter  
19798 Buffalo Road  
Buffalo, WV 25033

Estate No.: 5584  
Estate Of: Mark Edward Johnson  
Administratrix: M Kathryn Johnson  
3639 Turkey Creek Rd  
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5576  
Estate Of: Wayne Darrell Rooper  
Executrix: Deloris N Rooper  
2295 Country Road 10  
Peidmont, AL 36272

Estate No.: 5595  
Estate Of: John Stephen Strobe  
Executrix: Tonnie L (Strobe) Bowman  
5423 Robbins Way  
Grove City, OH 43123

Estate No.: 5607  
Estate Of: Lewis Otto Wilson  
Executrix: Kathleen A Wilson  
202 David Street  
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All persons having claims against the estate(s) of any of the above-named deceased persons whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims with vouchers thereof, legally verified, to the fiduciary of such deceased person as shown above within 60 days of January 25, 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 25, 2024.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 17TH day of January 2024.

Fiduciary Supervisor  
Putnam County Commission  
12093 Winfield Road,  
Winfield, WV 25213

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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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Oh, how many of us love sweets! Birthdays bring cakes frosted with clouds of icing; holidays have their special sweet treats. Of course, sometimes we enjoy them too much and pay weighty consequences.... In Psalm 119:103 we read, "How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" Don't pass up on the richness of God's love and the sweetness of His peace. Indulge your spirit in God's house of worship. Faith in Him will satisfy you without any side effects!

### Daily Bible Readings

Mark	Mark	Acts	Acts	Acts	Acts	Acts
10:13-34	10:35-52	8:4-25	8:26-40	9:1-25	9:26-43	10:1-33

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### God-Honoring Families

Ephesians 5:21 - 6:4

The opening words before us are the tail end of a sentence. The instruction to submit one to another in the fear of God is linked to that which comes before. It is linked to a command, "...but be filled with the Spirit" (v. 18).

If one were to read all of Ephesians 5 (and one should), one would find that every bit of the instruction given is with the intent that we exemplify the love of Christ. Paul is speaking to believers. He is speaking to them who follow Christ.

The instruction to submit one to another in fear of God is not intended for them who have no fear of God. Being filled with the Spirit and submitting to the will of one who has little or no respect for God is not going to work, and it is not what Paul is telling us to do. Paul's words are directed to the born again.

All born again Christians are to submit themselves one to another in the fear of God. Believers trust God to do that which He has promised. Believers should fear God because God shall do all that He has promised to do. He has promised to chasten all who do not do as He has instructed. The command to submit one to another is not from Paul; it is from God.

The Apostle Paul has incurred the wrath of self-willed women with the instruction of verse 22. Paul, however, is not speaking to the self-willed women. He speaking to them who love God and want to honor Him. If a woman does not love God and does not want to honor God, the instruction to submit to one's husband as unto the Lord, really does not apply. Paul is speaking only to them who know that the Spirit of God authors all scripture.

That said, is the Spirit of God requiring more of the wife than of the husband? I do not think so, but I do know that God requires much from them to whom He has given the most. If God is requiring more of the wife, it is because He has given her the grace to fill those requirements.

One thing which is very clear, however, is that God intends for the Christian family to be a portrait of His church. The husband is to head the family as Christ heads the church. Christ does not rule with a club of terror; He wields love. Men are to head the family in like manner. The husband is to bestow love upon his wife as Christ so loved the church.

Christ's love of the church is made manifest by His actions. Christ gave himself for the church. Verses 26 and 27 state the reason that Christ gave Himself. He did not give Himself for the church such that the church should go its separate way. He gave Himself with the express purpose of making the church holy and pure. His bride is to be glorious and without blemish. He washes His church with God's word such that it might be without spot or blemish. The Son desires good things for Himself.

As Christ's love results in action, so should the love of believers. Men should love their wives as they love their own bodies because he that loves his wife, loves himself. If one considers verse 28 with the wisdom of this world, it makes absolutely no sense. How can loving one's own body be equated to the love that Christ has for the church? Paul answers this question with the wisdom of God in verse 30. The church is the body of Christ. Individual believers are not apart from the body. Believers are individual members of His body. When one looks upon a body, one sees interconnected flesh and bone. Believers are the flesh and bone of Christ. Believers are not separate from Christ; we are joined in Christ. A husband (who is a believer) cannot love his wife (who is a believer) without loving himself because both are of Christ.

In verse 31, Paul cites Genesis 2:24 to illustrate that husband and wife are not independent but are joined in a single body. The joining of husband and wife into one flesh in Genesis 2 is a mystery — something which God has made known from the beginning, but kept the understanding hidden until the Holy Spirit revealed that the church is the body of Christ. It is God's intent that the love and concern that Christ has for the church be mirrored by every husband and wife.

The spirit of God directed Paul to address the relationship between child and parent and parent and child. Children are to obey their parents in the Lord and parents are to avoid discouraging their children as they nurture them in the Lord. The Lord intends the focal point of parent/child relationships of believers to be doing as He has instructed.

Believers are the only Christ that the lost can see. May His glory be seen in us.

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**NANCY BAIR**  
Nancy Geraldine Wickline Bair, 86, of Hurricane, passed away January 16th, 2024 peacefully at home surrounded by her family under the care of Hospice.  
Born March 18, 1937, daughter of Elza and Birdie Wickline, she is preceded in death by her husband Ralph Bair, brother Edmond Wickline, sister-in-law Frances Wickline, brother Bryan Wickline, brother Jack Wickline, sister Virginia Halstead and brother-in-law Vermont Halstead.  
She is survived by her brother Hubert Wickline and his wife; MaryAnn Wickline. Her niece Jeanette Waller who has been her caretaker for the past 9 years and her husband Jerry Waller who made sure she was always on time to any appointments she needed. Nephews Mark Halstead and Leon Halstead. Her great nephew Jeremy Waller and wife Georgia Waller and their 3 children, Bohannon, Raelynn, and Magnolia whom she loved very dearly.  
Nancy was a member of the Washington Street Church of Christ in St. Albans. As a devout Christian her whole life, she always was eager to attend any and all services and activities put on by the church. After the passing of Frances husband Edmond; Nancy moved in with Frances back on the family farm in Hurricane, where she grew up, The Wickline Farm. She always

enjoyed working outdoors, especially in the garden, flower beds and always was a helping hand of the produce to cook and the yearly canning.  
Having worked at Morris Memorial in Milton, she always had an attitude for caring for others. Later working at Rose City Cafeteria for 10 years where she met her good friend Donna Thaxton, she retired to stay home and continue her hobbies and passions. Nancy enjoyed literature and writing; making sure to send out cards for any occasion to friends and family. Always making sure her great great nephew and nieces had all the toys so she could watch their faces light up with a smile.  
Services will be held at Allen Funeral Home in Hurricane on January 26th with visitation 6pm-7pm followed by Minister Scott Pauley.  
**TRACIE LYNN CASTO**  
Tracie Lynn Casto, 60, of Buffalo, passed away January 21, 2024.  
Tracie is a graduate of Poca High School and retired from Reiss-Viking, Poca. She enjoyed vacationing at Myrtle Beach and watching her grandson play baseball for Buffalo High School.  
She is preceded in death by her son Philip Casto; parents Philip and Yvonne Flowers; brother Phil Flowers and mother-in-law Rosita Casto.  
She is survived by her

husband of 42 years, Dave Casto; daughter Samantha Martin and her husband Jay; three grandchildren Alec Richardson, Cooper Martin, and Davy Martin; and father-in-law David Casto, Sr.  
At her request private services will be held.  
**BENJAMIN THOMAS COBB**  
Benjamin Thomas Cobb, 58, of Hurricane, passed away unexpectedly on January 18, 2024 at his home.  
He was born on June 11, 1965 to the late Lloyd R. and JoAnn Ballengee Cobb.  
Ben was a 1983 graduate of Winfield High School and graduated from Marshall University with his Bachelors and Masters degrees. He then retired from the Putnam County Board of Education after teaching chemistry and coaching at Winfield, Hurricane and Buffalo High Schools. He also coached basketball, baseball, softball and golf over his career. He was a lifelong member of Teays Valley Presbyterian Church, where he was currently serving as Clerk of Session.  
Ben is survived by his loving wife, Tina Beasley Cobb; son, Benjamin Thomas "Trey" Cobb (T'Asia); daughters, Meredith Gabrielle "Gabi" Cobb, Cassie Williams (Taylor Collins), Lexi Lewis (Coty Lewis); son,  
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Richie Williams; grandson: Leo Collins; sister: Diann Hodges (Randy); brother, Charles "Chuck" Cobb (Nancy) and Lloyd Raymond "Ray" Cobb (Diane); also several nieces and nephews, and other family members.

Funeral Service for Ben was Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at Teays Valley Presbyterian Church, Scott Depot, with Rev. Ray Cobb and Kyle Keys officiating.

## JAMES EDGAR DENNING

James Edgar Denning, 83, of Hurricane, known as "Clipman", to those in the firearms world, passed away on the 17th day of January 2024, at the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House, after a brief illness.

Jim was born the son of the late Howard and Elsie (Sharko) Denning, on September 2, 1940. He was a graduate of Conneaut (Ohio) High School, after which, he went on to serve in the United States Navy, as an Electronics Technician. After his service to our country, he spent his life working in the IT field.

Jim leaves behind his two sons, Bradford (Sarah) Denning of Lake Oswego, Oregon and Matthew (Ashley) Denning of Lavalette, West Virginia, as well as his favorite granddaughter, Evelyn.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 28 years, Kathy, his brother, Thomas, and numerous other relatives and loved ones.

A private family ceremony will held at Jim's request.

## JOSHUA DAVID FIELDS

We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of Joshua Fields, a beloved son, brother, and friend. Joshua left this world far too soon at the age of 34, leaving behind a void in the lives of those who loved him. He unexpectedly passed away on January 17, 2024.

Born on August 13, 1989, Joshua was the son of the late Samuel David Fields and his surviving mother, Kimberly Dawn Fields of St. Albans. He attended Poca High School and later obtained his GED. Joshua's infectious laughter and compassionate nature left a lasting impact on the lives of those around him. He made lifelong friendships and will always be remembered for his kind and empathetic heart. Joshua found joy and fulfillment working for construction and lawn care services with Holstein's Landscaping. His accomplishments were impressive, but his true legacy lies in the way he touched the hearts of those who knew him. He had an incredible ability to bring

happiness and laughter to any room he entered, and his magnetic personality drew people towards him. He was a friend to all, ensuring that everyone felt heard and loved. Outside of his work, Joshua had a deep passion for football and music. His love for singing and his ability to bring joy to others with melodies from Breaking Benjamin, Crossfade, and other unique Rock bands will always be cherished.

His departure has left an irreplaceable void in the hearts of his family and friends. Joshua is survived by his family, including Emily Fields of Hurricane, Brittany and Wolf Haas-Fields of Springfield, NJ; Tabitha Fields of St. Albans, Justin and Ashley Fields of Brooklyn, NY; Randall Fields of Alum Creek, and SNH of Nitro. He is also survived by his niece Haley Holstein and his nephews Kayden Brace and Laiken Fields, his uncle James Hanshaw of Nitro, his grandmother Norma Bennett of Charleston, and his aunt Melissa Hill as well as his cousins Stevie and Stephanie Hill all of Charleston. Joshua was preceded in death by his father Samuel David Fields and his grandfather Arba Gene Comer. His warm and compassionate nature touched the lives of many extended family members, friends, and colleagues, all of whom will deeply miss him.

A memorial service to honor Joshua's life was held Monday, January 22, 2024, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Charles "Sonny" Williams officiating.

## JEAN HARRAH

Jean "Gail" Harrah, 79, of Hurricane, passed away on January 11, 2024.

Gail was the daughter of Jim and Pauline Meeks and a member of the South Charleston High School Class of 1962. Gail was an avid bowler and looked forward to her weekly trips to the bowling alley. She loved spending time with her grandchildren, and was always up for a road trip. Gail was quick witted, with a great sense of humor, a quick smile, and an infectious laugh.

Gail was preceded in death by Charlie Harrah, her loving husband of 59 years. She also was preceded in death by her parents, Jim and Pauline Meeks, and her brother, James Richard "Dick" Meeks.

Gail is survived by her children: Allen Harrah, Chris Harrah Turner (Robert), and Deby Quick; her grandchildren: Grayson Epperson (Jordan), Abigail Turner, Katherine Turner, and Willow Meade; her brother, John Meeks (Jennifer); sisters-in-law,

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## RONNIE QUENTRILL

Ronnie P Quentrill, 77, of Culloden, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, January 21, 2024, in Emogene Dolan Jones Hospice House after a long illness. He was born on September 10, 1946, in Cabell County and was a longtime farmer and a member of Peaceful Valley Freewill Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife Judith Quentrill.

He is survived by his son Ronnie P Quentrill Jr. of Culloden and daughter Annette Torres of Hamlin, 6 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and special friends Dustin Miller and Hunter Miller.

Funeral service will be 11:00 Friday, January 26, 2024, at Allen Funeral Home with Pastor Mark Terry and Rev. Darrell Quintrell officiating. Burial will follow in Burns Peaceful Valley Cemetery on Coon Creek. Visitation will be Thursday from 6 til 8 at Allen Funeral Home.

## GILLIAN MARIE RICHARDSON

Gillian Marie McCoy Richardson, 90, of Scott Depot, passed away January 16, 2024.

She is a graduate of Matewan High School and Southland Bible College. She attended Scary Creek Church of God and had previously worked for Sharpie in Chicago, IL. Gillian held several jobs throughout her life, but her main and most rewarding job was taking care of her family.

She is preceded in death by her father Orville D. McCoy; mother Etta Green;

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and siblings Charlene Zimmerman, Herbert McCoy, Glen McCoy, and Dick McCoy.

She is survived by her husband Ray Russell Richardson; three children Perry Wayne (Angela) Richardson, Robin Marie Crede, and Rita Lynne Reynolds; eight grandchildren Heather, Summer, Josh, Shawn, Seth, Sarah, Zachary, and Patrick and a host great grandchildren.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

## THOMAS WARREN RUMBAUGH

Thomas "Honest Tom" Rumbaugh, 89, of Hurricane, passed away on January 20, 2024 at the VA Medical Center in Huntington after a short illness.

Tom was a Christian and retired from Valley Bell/United Dairy of Charleston and proudly served his country in the United States Army.

He was preceded in death by his brothers: Jack, Wayne and Robert (Bob); and sisters: Jean Sigman and Sue Carter.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years: Gloria "Louise" Rumbaugh; son: Andy (Wilda) Rumbaugh of Jonesboro, TN; daughter: Sandy (Mark) Smith of Hurricane; grandchildren: Alex and Jacob Rumbaugh of Nashville, TN, Trevor Smith of Hurricane and Audrey Smith of Nitro; and sisters: Nancy Smith of Winifrede and Barbara Rumbaugh of Scott Depot. Tom also leaves behind many beloved special nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be 11:00am Saturday January 27, 2024 at Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane, WV with Pastor Jerry Medley officiating.

Friends may visit with the family one hour prior to the

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The family would like to recognize the loving staff of the ICU at the VA Medical Center who treated Tom with the utmost respect and care anyone could receive. The family truly thanks you VA Medical Center and all your staff for the wonderful treatment Tom has received for years.

In lieu of flowers, "Honest Tom" requested a memorial donation in his name to Volunteer Services c/o Hershel Woody Williams VA Medical Center 1540 Spring Valley Drive Huntington, WV 25704 or the Putnam County Animal Shelter 12908 Charleston Road Red House, WV 25168.

## WILLIAM 'PAUL' STAPLETON

William "Paul" Stapleton, 82, of Poca, passed away peacefully on January 18, 2024, after a long battle with kidney failure at the age of 82.

He is preceded in death by his parents William "Arthur" Stapleton and Erna "Mable" Slater Stapleton and son Paul Ryan Stapleton.

He is survived by his wife Rosa Chapman Stapleton; daughter Melissa Stapleton Holstin of Nitro; step son Rob Wilkinson of Poca; sister Gertrude and husband Jack Legg of Nitro; grandchildren Ryan Wilkinson of Hurricane, Alex Wilkinson of Eleanor, Jessica Wilkinson of Poca and Colton Cordell of Poca;

great grandchildren Landon Wilkinson and Audrey Wren Wilkinson; and his chosen son and daughter, much loved by Paul, Richard and Michele Shamblin of Alabama.

Paul lived his life just as he pleased and still was a little untamed. He was a proud Army Veteran and a member of the Masonic Lodge #58 in St. Albans. He retired from the WV State Department of Highways with 36 years of service, then worked for Site Blauvelt Eng. and Johnson, Mirmiran, Thompson Eng. Paul loved fishing and antique cars.

At his request there will be no services.

## PATRICIA ANN WHITT

Patricia Ann Whitt, 66, of Winfield, passed away on January 20, 2024 at CAMC Memorial Division.

She was born on May 12, 1957, to the late Brent E. and Rosemary Smith Vincent.

Patricia had worked at Hecks, then with WV DHHR and was a member of Poca Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband: Paul R. Whitt; stepsons: Paul A. (Robin) Whitt and Mark R. (Janice) Whitt

Funeral Service for Patricia was Thursday, January 25, 2024, at Poca Baptist Church with Rev. Tom Moore officiating. Burial was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House.



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493 Fudge's Creek Road  
Barboursville  
31st Birthday January 31

AUSTIN JAMES GEFFS  
413 W Red Oak Road, Apt. 73  
Red Oak, Texas  
20th Birthday January 31

DALE FISHER  
292 Ada Dell Avenue  
Hurricane  
82nd Birthday January 31

BARBARA YOUNG ROSE  
2662 2nd Street  
Hurricane  
76th Birthday January 31

JANET ERLEWINE  
Winfield  
73rd Birthday January 31

JOHN WILLIAM HAGEE  
Texas  
17th Birthday January 31

COURTNEY ADAMS  
DANIEL  
Helen Drive  
Hurricane  
35th Birthday January 31

ROBIN HARDWICK  
Huntington  
55th Birthday January 31

CHRISSY WRAY  
Huntington  
45th Birthday February 1

EDWARD (BUDDY)  
CHAPMAN  
5201 5&20 Road  
Frazier's Bottom  
71st Birthday February 1

ASHLEY NICOLE AUSTIN  
MOORE  
Hurricane  
39th Birthday February 1

CHARLENE BIRD  
BURTON  
141 Bayside Drive  
Huntington  
74th Birthday February 1

GARY SHEPPARD  
Milton  
49th Birthday February 1

BRENDA RUSSELL  
#6 Mockingbird Drive  
Milton  
Birthday February 1

## Poor Man's Meal

### Fundraiser

Please help Buffalo Church of the Nazarene send their pastor, Jon Nelson, to Israel this year by stopping by the fellowship hall Saturday, February 17 and picking up lunch or dinner for the family during the church's Poor Man's Meal Fundraiser. Dine in or carry out. The church will be serving pinto beans, white beans, cornbread, Mexican cornbread, corn muffins, keilbasa, sauerkraut, and fried potatoes.

While you wait, be sure to check out the Silent Pie Auction! You read that right. Buffalo Nazarene will have several delicious homemade pies (pumpkin, pecan, and coconut cream, just to name a few) up for auction. Place your bid, and at 3 p.m., the church will notify the highest bidders so they can claim their pies!

\*NOTE: If this trip is canceled due to current events in Israel, the funds raised will be donated to Buffalo Nazarene's children's Bible quiz team to help fund their annual trip to the regional quiz at Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

### 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.

### Virginia Clark Named to Dean's List

Virginia Clark of Hurricane, was named to the Fall 2023 Dean's List at Cedarville University. Students receive this recognition for obtaining a 3.5 GPA or higher for the semester and carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 5,456 undergraduate, graduate, and online students in more than 150 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is recognized nationally

## Happy Anniversary

Robert and Della Taylor of 105 Merrywood Lane in Hurricane will celebrate their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary on January 25.

D J and Michelle Leary of 6717 MacCorkle Avenue in St. Albans will celebrate their thirty-third wedding anniversary on January 26.

Ted and Christine Fizer Byrd of 6647 State Route 34 in Culloden will celebrate their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary on January 28.

Fred and Phyllis Taylor Bailiff of 418 George Durham Road in Westmoreland, Tennessee, will celebrate their forty-fourth wedding anniversary on January 30.

## STEMuary Events at the Library

At the Putnam County Libraries, January and February are STEMuary: a series of STEM events for all ages!

Chemist Heather Henson is at it again with double the chemistry experiments! Play around with liquid stacking to make your own lava lamp, and make something weird called elephant toothpaste on Thursday, February 1, at 3:30 p.m. at the Eleanor Library.

The Putnam County Main Library's STEMuary event on Friday, February 2, at 11:00 a.m. is going to be a blast with the WVSU Extension. Create your own straw rocket and launch them through the library! All ages welcome and encouraged! The Main Library is located on Route 34 in Teays Valley, just past Liberty Square going towards Winfield.

The library has love down to a science with the ALL DAY STEM event at the Buffalo Library on Wednesday, February 7. Create a valentine by following the written binary code to craft a bracelet or ornament to give to someone special. All ages welcome and encouraged! (Remember, the library will close for

## Putnam County Master Gardener Fruit Tree Fundraiser

Spring is just around the corner! Time to think of planting those fruit trees! The Putnam County Master Gardener Association annual fruit tree fundraiser is going on now through the end of February. Apple, pear, peach, cherry, and plum are available.

A list of available trees is located on the Putnam County Master Gardeners Facebook page. The public is invited to be a part of a bulk order with the Master Gardeners for trees from Adams County Nursery.

## Walker James Graduates from Ohio Wesleyan

Walker James of Hurricane graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in December. James earned a Bachelor of Arts degree.

## University of Kentucky Dean's List Students

More than 1,900 undergraduate students have qualified for the Fall 2023 College of Arts and Sciences Dean's List at the University of Kentucky. Among them are:

Gracyn Courtright of Hurricane. The student's major is Economics.

Katelyn Keen of Hurricane. The student's major is Chemistry.

Carly Jones of Scott Depot. The student's major is Linguistics.

Ava Smith of Scott Depot. The student's major is Psychology.

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lunch between 12:30-1:15pm, so plan ahead.)

Explore how architects and engineers work with the nature around them by creating your own cantilevered structures based on Frank Lloyd Wright's house Fallingwater. Let's build together on Thursday, February 8, at 5:30 p.m. at the Putnam County Main Library. All ages welcome, middle school and up encouraged.

STEM doesn't have to be cut and dry, and in fact, it's definitely getting a bit messy as the library teams up with Triad Engineering to become Environmental Detectives. In this STEM event, eliminate any contaminants that you find on a fictitious job site. Put on your hard hat on Thursday, February 15, at 3:30 p.m. at the Putnam County Main Library. All ages welcome, upper elementary through high school encouraged!

You're in the pilot's seat as you create and fly your own paper airplanes at the Putnam County Main Library on Monday, February 19, at 11:00 a.m. How far will yours go? All ages welcome and encouraged!

Any questions can be discussed with Master Gardener representatives Roger and Sherry at rogerandsherry@frontier.com To place an order or for further information, call 304-786-3707 or email Roger and Sherry.

Pricing includes delivery and high-quality tree guards and there is no sales tax. The sooner the orders are placed, the more likely the variety will be available. Delivery of trees is expected in March 2024. Orders must be received by February 28th. By supporting the Master Gardener fundraiser, you help the organization promote gardening in local schools.

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## At Ohio Wesleyan, James majored in Business - Management Concentration.

Founded in 1842, Ohio Wesleyan University is one of the nation's premier liberal arts universities. Located in Delaware, Ohio, the private university offers more than 70 undergraduate majors and competes in 24 NCAA Division III varsity sports. Through its signature program, The OWU Connection, Ohio Wesleyan teaches students to integrate knowledge across disciplines, build a diverse and global perspective, and apply knowledge in real-world settings. Ohio Wesleyan is featured in the book "Colleges That Change Lives" and included on the U.S. News & World Report and Princeton Review "Best Colleges" lists. Connect with OWU expert interview sources at www.owu.edu/experts or learn more at www.owu.edu.



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