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'Polar Plunge' Produces \$22,000 for Special Olympics

Bernon Casey (left) disguised as Uncle Sam makes the plunge for Special Olympics.

By Ron Allen

The annual 'Polar Plunge' at Hurricane City Park produced \$22,000 for the support of the Special Olympics program and on Saturday, February 3. John Corbett, Special Olympics WV Head, reported that 112 brave souls put fear aside and jumped into a pool filled with water extracted from the Hurricane Reservoir. Corbett stated that the event generates revenue needed for Special Olympic athletes to compete in the Winter Games which are held in January at Canaan Valley State Park, the Summer Games which are

held in Charleston during June, and in Cheering Competition at WVU in Morgantown in March.

Corbett is pleased to announce that Shawn Bayliss earned the top fundraiser title by soliciting more than \$3,300 from supporters who enjoy

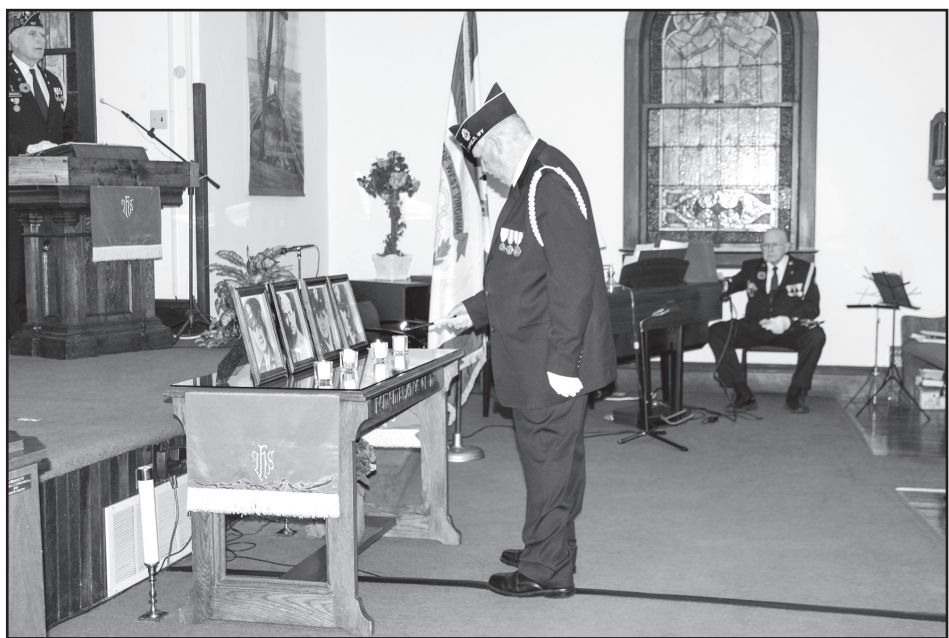
making their favorite
attorney become really

cool. Corbett said that Bayliss has been the top fundraiser in each and every Hurricane Polar Plunge. Hurricane has been the home to a February Polar Plunge for the last seven years. The event also

produced a costumed
plunger winner.

The chilled plungers and supporters gathered at the Fireside Grille after the event to warm up and enjoy the Fireside offerings. The costume contest winner was Uncle Sam aka Bernon Casey.

Time to Remember Four Chaplains



American Legionnaire Shirl Snodgrass lights a candle in memory of the Four Chaplains. (Photo by Betsy Allen)

By Betsy Allen

During the height of World War II, Allied troop transport ship SS Dorchester was traveling in the North Atlantic near Newfoundland when it was struck by torpedoes fired by a German submarine. The attack took out the ship's electrical system, and many men were trapped below decks. The crew's four chaplains helped with the evacuation of the ship, and acted as a calming influence to the frightened sailors. The chaplains handed out life jackets and helped their fellows into lifeboats. Unfortunately, there were not enough jackets to go around, and the chaplains selflessly gave up their own jackets so that others might have a chance of survival. Making the ultimate sacrifice for their fellow sailors, the chaplains stayed on board the SS Dorchester, singing hymns as they went down with the ship.

Legion posts all around the country hold Four Chaplains Memorial Services to commemorate the sacrifice of these brave men. Emphasis is placed upon the various faiths practiced by the four chaplains, and how differences of religion did not matter to them when they helped their fellow sailors.

On Thursday, February 1, American Legion James E. Marshall Post 187 held a Four Chaplains Memorial Service at the Winfield Presbyterian Church. Commander David Bush gave a brief history of the sinking of the SS Dorchester and the efforts that the four chaplains made to help evacuate the ship. The service featured a table with photographs of the four chaplains and memorial candles dedicated to each man. As the candles were lit, American Legion members read the biographies of the chaplains. Kenny Bright honored Methodist minister Reverend George

L. Fox; Curtis Grant honored Rabbi Alexander D. Goode; Arnie Harrison honored Reformed Church in America Minister Reverend Clark V. Poling and Jason Caulfield honored Catholic Father John P. Washington. Jim McDade read the poem "Four Special Chaplains." The service ended with the playing of "Taps." A reception was held afterwards at the Winfield Community Center.

WEATHER SUMMARY		
January 30 - February 5		
	Low	High
January 30		
Hurricane	30°	41°
January 31		
Hurricane	33°	36°
February 1		
Hurricane	27°	51°
February 2		
Hurricane	24°	46°
February 3		
Hurricane	20°	49°
February 4		
Hurricane	20°	55°
February 5		
Hurricane	20°	50°
*RAIN		
None Recorded		

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 12 p.m. at ZoneOut Sports, 2716 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane. Register at 12:30 p.m.
FEBRUARY 9 - 11
The West Virginia Auto Show will be held at the Charleston Civic Center. For more information, go to <https://westvirginiaautoshow.com/show-info/>

FEBRUARY 9
There will be a board game night for adults at 6 p.m. at Hometown Apostolic Church, 204 2nd Avenue N, Hometown. Bring a covered dish and your favorite game.

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 9 - 10
There will be a murder mystery at Sleepy Hollow Golf Club. Times are Friday at 7 p.m., and Saturday at 5 and 8 p.m. For more information, call (304) 757-9416.

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

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from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Putnam County Farmers Market will be holding a pop up market from 9 a.m. to noon at Area 34, 971 WV Route 34, Teays Valley.

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.

Groovin in Green Zumbathon will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at HellaFit Boxing Cardio Fitness, 2704 Main Street, Hurricane. Register at 12:30 p.m.

There will be a fun free family workout at 11 a.m. at Social Event Space, 2833 Main Street, Hurricane. All ages welcome.

The Board Room, located behind the Hurricane Walmart, will be holding a comic trade day from noon to 5 p.m.

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>

FEBRUARY 11
Red House Bible Church, 51 Warner Lane, will be holding a dessert auction starting at 1 p.m. Funds raised go towards the church’s youth.

FEBRUARY 12 - 13
There will be an advanced medical life support course at Putnam County EMS, 100 Emergency Lane, Winfield. The cost is \$125. For more information, call (304) 586-0248.

FEBRUARY 12
The Putnam County Rotary Club is hosting Pizza for a Purpose - a fundraiser for their scholarship fund - from 6 to 8 p.m. at Belknap Dough Company, Main Street, Hurricane.

FEBRUARY 13
There will be a Valentine cookie decorating class at 6 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane. To register, go to <https://putnam-county-parks.ticketleap.com/valentine-cookie-decorating-class>

FEBRUARY 15
The Bridge Church, 279 Dairy Road, Poca, will be holding a free clothing, hot meal, and food pantry event from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce Network of Women will be holding a blood drive from 1 to 6 p.m. at Area 34, 971 WV Route 34, Hurricane.

FEBRUARY 16
Bancroft Mission, 5936 Charleston Road, Bancroft, will be holding an evening of praise starting at 7 p.m.

There will be an adult Mardi Gras foam party from 9 p.m. to midnight at the Foam Garage, 2716 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane. Tickets are \$29. To purchase, go to <https://square.link/u/UIt6RaMR>

FEBRUARY 17
The Buffalo Church of the Nazarene, 25053 Buffalo Road, will be having a Poor Man’s Meal Fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Fear on the Farm, 8325 Winfield Rd, Winfield, will be holding Monster Mash Prom from 8 p.m. to midnight. \$30 single; \$45 couple. To reserve tickets, call 304-437-2860.

The Tri-State Film Club will meet at 10 a.m. at Teays Valley Church of God in Scott Depot.

West Virginia Symphony Presents Great Movie Soundtracks

The West Virginia Symphony Orchestra (WVSO) continues its ZMM Architects & Engineers Pop Series with a trip through the world of movie music with Great Movie Soundtracks on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Clay Center.

Music Director Maurice Cohn leads the WV Symphony as they explore the music from our favorite movies, including pieces from *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*, *Star Wars*, *Harry Potter*, *Jurassic Park*, and more! The Marshall University Symphony Orchestra appears as a special guest for a side-by-side performance of Shostakovich’s *Festive Overture* and the *Star Wars* Main Theme. In addition to classics by John Williams, the orchestra will perform music by Henry Mancini, music from *Vertigo*, *Emma* and *Coco*.

“For many of us, the movies are an essential part of how we fell in love with the sound of an orchestra. Music in film is transformative—it changes the meaning of what is on screen and communicates to us in ways that are otherwise impossible,” said Music Director Maurice Cohn. “We are very excited to be presenting this concert celebrating the remarkable legacy of music at the movies, from famous franchises such as *Star Wars* and *Indiana Jones* to film classics such as *Alfred Hitchcock’s Vertigo*. I hope to see you there!”

The ZMM Architects & Engineers Pops Series concert is made possible by the generous support of ZMM Architects & Engineers, City National Bank, Jackson Kelly, PLLC, and the WV Lottery.

This concert weekend also includes another session of the Maier Foundation’s A

Look Behind the Curtain. The music preparedness program is open to current undergraduate and graduate college students studying music and/or arts administration who plan on pursuing a career in performance, conducting, arts management, etc. High school juniors and seniors interested in these career paths are also welcome to attend. Please visit <https://forms.gle/prm674hfv16rvubh7> to register for this session before the deadline on Thursday, February 8 at midnight. For more information on this program and all sessions, please visit wvsymphony.org/maierfoundation or contact Education Manager Maddie Helbling directly by calling (304) 957-9871 or via email at mhelbling@wvsymphony.org.

Embassy Suites will once again offer reservations for a pre-concert buffet to be held on site at the Clay Center. The price of dinner is \$39.95/person, plus gratuity and taxes. Reservations begin two hours prior to the start of the concert and can be made by contacting the Clay Center Box Office in person or via phone at (304) 561-3570.

The West Virginia Symphony Orchestra is West Virginia’s premier performing arts organization, presenting classical and pops concerts annually throughout the Mountain State. Currently in its 85th season, the WVSO is a proud member of the community and enriches the region by providing affordable, high-quality concerts, collaborations with West Virginia arts organizations and a nationally award-winning education program.

New York Times Best Selling Author Beth Macy To Visit Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center

The Marshall Health Network and City of Huntington present journalist and bestselling author Beth Macy on Thursday, Feb. 22, 2024, at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center at 7:30PM. Macy will discuss the unraveling of rural America from the aftermath of globalization to the opioid crisis – the subject of her latest book *Raising Lazarus: Hope, Justice, and the Future of America’s Overdose Crisis* – as part of the new Masters at Marshall Distinguished Speaker Series.

Macy is a Virginia-based journalist who writes about outsiders and underdogs. Raised poor in a small Ohio community, she is the award-winning author of three New York Times bestselling books examining rural communities left behind by corporate greed and political indifference. Her first book, *Factory Man*, explored the aftermath of globalization and won a J. Anthony Lukas Prize. Her second book *Dopesick* was short-listed for the Carnegie Medal, won the L.A. Times Book Prize for Science and Technology, was described as a “masterwork of narrative nonfiction” by the New York Times, and was adapted into a Peabody- and Emmy Award-winning Hulu series. Macy was an executive producer and cowriter on the show.

A 2010 Nieman Fellow for Journalism at Harvard and a 2023 Guggenheim Fellow, Macy has also written for The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Atlantic, and The Washington Post. Her next book, *Paper Girl*, is a combination memoir and reported examination of the rural-urban divide told through the lenses of

declining upward mobility, political polarization, and the decimation of local and regional news.

Tickets for Beth Macy are \$76.49. The Marshall Artists Series accepts all major credit cards. For tickets, call the Marshall Artists Series Box Office at 304-696-6656 or visit ticketmaster.com. Tickets may also be purchased at the box office location on the campus of Marshall University in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center Monday – Friday, 12PM – 4 PM.

Marshall University Announces New Major in Filmmaking

Marshall University will offer a new major in filmmaking beginning this fall.

Administered by Marshall’s School of Art & Design (SOAD), the program will be the first of its kind in the state of West Virginia and will include a diverse range of hands-on courses in cinematography, photography, animation, video art, motion design, screenwriting, acting, audio engineering, and post-production.

“As the first Bachelor of Fine Arts in Filmmaking in the state, the program is happening at an exciting time as the West Virginia Film Office, under the direction of Dave Lavender, is working to get more productions to film here in the state,” said Tijah Bumgarner, an associate professor in the College of Fine Arts and Media. “Thanks to the the film production tax credit program, projects produced in the state must hire a certain percentage of West Virginia

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

While I was teaching, I had several students ask me why they had to do research papers in high school. They never planned to go to college. They were usually students at the Tech Center where they were learning a specific trade. Although I totally agreed with the kids that they didn’t need to do the papers, my response was, “You might change your mind about college.” “You will learn to organize information and put that information in a formal paper.” All the while, I was saying, “Really, Mrs. Burke??? Really?”

I have no idea why we maintain that students have to have the subjects we teach them. I never used Algebra or Geometry in my life except the one semester I had to take Algebra in college. I quietly spoke to the teacher who had my children in high school, “Could you give me advice as to how I can make an “A” in this class. After all, you know my kids are math geniuses like their dad... valedictorians of the school.” She told me... I worked so hard... I aced the class. I have never used it again.

Don’t get me started on foreign languages. I took French in ninth grade. Our French teacher quit. I took Latin in high school. We had a new French teacher. Therefore, one year, I took French and Latin. I did lead a Latin Class at Nitro High. As to French... for fun only. I HAVE NEVER really used those languages.

My granddaughter did French home schooled (her sisters did Spanish)... she also did Latin. In college, Latin is so different that she has decided it is not for her and will try French

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.

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filmmakers.”
The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts steady growth in the film industry for the next decade.

“When you watch the credits of a film, you see just how many people are needed to make a film and you realize there are many career options,” Bumgarner said.

The curriculum will be led by art faculty members Tijah Bumgarner, Tacie Jones and Danny Kaufmann, complemented by SOAD faculty, as well as faculty in the schools of Music, Theatre and Dance, and Journalism and Mass Communications, and the Department of English.

The program will be available in Fall 2024 and complemented by the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications’ Media Studies/Production major, emphasis in Television and Media Production.

For more information about Marshall’s College of Arts and Media, visit www.marshall.edu/CAM.

or Spanish. Now, the girls travel the world, but most everywhere English is spoken. Why do we insist kids going to college must have foreign languages? I have no clue.

The basics of math... history... science... English... should be enough... tons of music and art... athletics... other subjects that will help the students in life... I am not listing all of them, but the higher level math should be college... and as to research papers... let’s go back to Regular English and College Prep... that will solve that problem.

Imagine students going to the tech center... working on something they like... they will use... they need... send them to the high school to take English... research paper... and higher level math... they will not use those... no wonder those students get upset at the teachers... at life... at wasting their time. I am not stating that they are wasting their time... I am stating that they think they are... Let’s listen to the students... especially by the time they are seniors. When we were students, junior year was the paper... one is enough.

My grandgirls have been home schooled. They have learned high level math... foreign languages... they have done a million research papers. That being said, at their colleges (Purdue and Franklin), their professors seem to begin at the beginning... and the type of research papers they are doing... imagine grad school level... the students I have taught who went to college did great also... again... how about College Prep?

I am not writing this column to complain about teaching. I miss it every day of my life. I loved it. However, I did realize that students are different. We should not put them in a group and teach them ALL the same subjects... mix it up. Let the Tech Center kids have a basic English class... let the college prep have even more difficult classes...

I have not mentioned Biology. Do not get me started... why on this green earth should a student have to cut up a frog? Give me a break. I could not attend school the day after that strategy started. I was too sick. It made me so upset as I did not like to miss school at all. I could not stand that class... I did not do well in that class... no one cared. Everyone had to do it. WHY? Don’t ask me...

There... I just believe that we need to get back to the basics of Reading, Writing, Arithmetic... and of course, as many computer classes as a schedule will hold... I wish I could go back to those students and tell them... NO RESEARCH PAPER for you... because the way we were is the way we are. I lived forty years not needing so many of the subjects I was forced to take in school. Until I did go back to college... so... let’s get some really great people to make up a curriculum for those forgoing college... perhaps... one day... this will come true.

County Commission

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project to reduce the flooding potential of Rock Branch Creek. Upon learning that the \$56,063 bid was much higher than expected, the commission rejected the bid and authorized Coll to submit the project to be re-bid.

The commission meeting served as an occasion for Sheriff Bobbie Eggleton to conduct a promotion ceremony in which Xerxes Rahmati was promoted to sergeant and Anthony Adkins to the rank of corporal.

Animal Shelter Director Tiffany DeBord updated the commission concerning progress in transforming the Putnam County Animal Shelter into a no-

kill facility. DeBord said the shelter is working with the Kanawha Charleston Humane Association which has been visiting three times a week to review the shelter's procedures and to establish new policies. The commission approved a contract by which KCHA is covered under the county's insurance as it helps the shelter establish an administrative framework through which updated procedures and policies will be implemented.

In other action, the commission appointed Nathan Wills to the Putnam County Historic Landmark Board.

The next commission meeting is Tuesday, February 13, at 9:00 a.m.

Comments to be taken Feb. 29 in Appalachian Power case

Virtual and in-person public comments may be made to the Public Service Commission of West Virginia on February 29 concerning a \$37.2 million electricity rate increase proposal affecting 462,000 ratepayers.

Appalachian Power Co. and Wheeling Power Co. asked the Commission to approve an update to their environmental compliance surcharge (ECS). They asked that the 1.68 percent increase in residential customer bills, which translates to \$2.84-per-month for the average customer, go into effect on January 1. But the Commission suspended that request, pending the outcome of the case.

Public comments begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Commission hearing room at 201 Brooks St., Charleston. The evidentiary hearing in the case will begin at 9:30 a.m. the same day.

"The Public Service Commission encourages robust public comment, 0820 and either will take

which is why we designed the virtual system to make it simpler for more people to reach us," PSC Chairman Charlotte Lane said.

Virtual comments will be taken over the internet, on the phone, and in person. Even if you do not wish to comment publicly, you may watch the hearing, which will be livestreamed on the Commission's website and on its YouTube channel. If you wish to speak over the internet (with video) or by phone, you need to register so that Commission staff can connect with you when it is your turn to speak.

You may register up to the time of the hearing by using the meeting link <https://bit.ly/wvpssc20240229>. If you enter the link manually, be aware it is case-sensitive. You can also find the link in the photo carousel on the Commission's website, located just below the "PSC Hot Topics" section at the top of the homepage. Or you may call Karen Hall at (304) 340-0836 or Andy Gallagher at (304) 340-0820 and either will take

Putnam County Marriages

The following marriages were recorded by the Putnam County Clerk during the month of January:

Robert Ernest Weiford II to Maggie Jo Kuhl Charles Michael Sumner to Alice Faye Jones Ronald Jack Rosintoski to Lisa Ann Mittner Jacob Christopher Hawkins to Amillia Lou Bemak

Timothy Joe Alford to Melissa Ann Linville Joseph Edward Vance to Melissa Kay Johnson Caleb Andrew Ellis to Rebekah Mae Cook James Brent Clendenin to Chasity Lee Akers Vincent Reigh Schwamberger to Emily Grace Moles

Hayden Lee Summers to Rikki Namon Harie Jackie Lee Willis III to Janelle Renae Hopkins Randy Lynn Burdette to Kathleen Gail Casebolt

your information over the phone. If you plan to attend in person, registration is not necessary.

More information on this case can be found on the PSC website: www.psc.state.wv.us. Click on "Case Information" and access Case No. 23-0831-E-P.

James Willis Thomas to Stephanie Michelle Coleman

Ethan Andrew Barker to Katelyn Brianna Sheltz Curtis Randolph Hill Jr. to Jennifer Lynn White Richard Alan Kline to Sara Elizabeth Koster Roger Lee Goldizen to Victoria Lynn Sook Aaron Christopher Randolph to Rebecca Jane O'Dell

Bruce Eric LeMaster II to Paul Ray Mallett Jr. Canaan Austin Crump to Zaria Shanyice Debose John Emanuel Snodgrass to Michelle Ann Stidham

Gregory Gene Myers to Chelou Banzon Morcillos Everett Jennings Campbell to Elizabeth Ann Bradley Michael Allen Stone Jr. to Lori Yvonne Peirce

Marriage Licenses were issued to the following individuals during January which marriages were not recorded as of January 31, 2024:

Mark Edward McClung to Barbara Anne Padgett Michael David Tippie to Kayla Dawn Powell Larry Eugene Neal to Melody Rae Stewart

In Loving Memory of Thomas Ray "Tom" Parsons February 9, 1949 – April 24, 2012

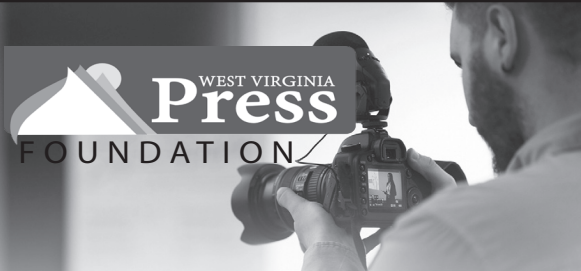


If I could visit Heaven, even for a day
Maybe for a moment, the pain would go away
I'd put my arms around you, and whisper words so true
That living life without you, is the hardest thing to do.
No matter how I spend my days, no matter what I do
No more dawns or evening fall, when I don't think of you

Tom, February 9th would have been your birthday.
I loved you then, now and forever.
I'll always miss you.
Love you,
Your Wife Linda

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Paid internships and college scholarships of up to \$4,000 available for 2024

Interested in being a journalist or working in the media industry?

The West Virginia Press Association Foundation is accepting student applications for 2024 Summer Internships and 2024 Scholarships

If awarded, the WVPAF provides paid and unpaid internships at West Virginia newspapers and college scholarships up to \$4,000. Programs are open to journalism majors and students in related fields such as business management, human resources, advertising, social media and marketing, with preference given to students in at least their sophomore year of college.

Application deadline is Feb. 16, 2024.

Applications available on wvpress.org

For information or to have the applications mailed, contact Executive Director Betsy Miles at bmiles@wvpress.org, at 304-342-1011 or write to: WV Press Association Foundation, 3422 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston, WV, 25302.

Newspapers with a candidate for an internship or interested in having an intern should contact Betsy Miles.

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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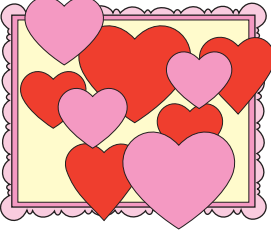



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Edited by Betsy Allen





Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

Sometimes you have to remember not everyone was raised like you.

What seems like a delay on Earth is a sign of a purpose or reason in Heaven.

Your value doesn't decrease based on someone's ability to see your worth.

Love your parents. Often we are busy growing up, we forget they are growing old.

The saddest part in life is saying goodbye to someone you wish to spend your life with.

Dirty water doesn't stop plants from growing. So don't let negative words stop your progress.

People who wonder if the glass is half empty or half full, miss the point. The glass is refillable.

No matter how badly someone treats you, never drop to their level. Remain calm, stay strong, and walk away.

The delays of God are not meant to discourage our faith but to develop it.

A friend is the one who adds meaning to the chapters of your life story.

Don't treat people as bad as they are; treat them as good as you are.

Prepare your children for the road; don't pave the road for them.

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

There is no greater wealth in this world than peace of mind.

When I needed a hand, I found a paw.

Efforts are always better than promises.

If it first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

Only those who care about you can hear you when you're quiet.

There is only one certainty in life, and that is that nothing is certain.

Worry about your own sins. You will not be asked about mine.

Lord, empty me of me and fill me with the beauty of you.

Whoever is trying to bring you down is already below you.

I want to grow my own food, but I can't find bacon seeds.

My wife said I never listen to her, or something like that.

F a i t h t u r n s stumbling blocks into steppingstones.

Why say "I can't" when you could say "I will."

As every cat owner knows, nobody owns a cat.

Don't let your fears kill your dreams.

You can't fix yourself by breaking someone else.

May you always find your sparkle in a rough day.

Be the reason someone smiles today.

You are somebody's favorite person.

Caregivers need care, too.

Kindness is never wasted.

Light tomorrow with today.

It's not about being the best. It's about being better than you were yesterday.

It's better to have your nose in a book, than in someone else's business.

My attitude is a result of your actions. So if you don't like my attitude, blame yourself.

Laughing at your mistakes can lengthen your life. Laughing at your wife's mistakes can shorten it.

One small crack doesn't mean you are broken; it means you were put to the test and you didn't fall apart.

There's a difference between being liked and being valued. A lot of people like you. Not many value you. Be valued.

The sergeant made the private sweep all the sunshine off the sidewalks. It took him all day.

Just believe in yourself. Even if you don't, pretend that you do, and at some point, you will.

If you desire to make a difference in the world, you must be different from the world.

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The poorest person isn't the one without money. It's the one without God.

No matter how good you raise your kids never say what they won't do.

In the puzzle of life, a friend is the missing piece that completes you.

When prayer becomes your habit, miracles become your lifestyle.

Some days, you are the dog; some days, you are the tree.

There is nothing like staying home for real comfort.

You can't heal a wound by saying it's not there.

Be My Valentine

Miriam "Connie" Harbert



Heart shaped chocolate candy
With cards that say I love you
Everyone wants to have a Valentine
Will you be mine?

Jokes From Linda


Submitted by Linda Lavender Armstead



One morning before the school bus arrived, Jen told her girls to get their books and the things they needed for school. Judy, who was in first grade, disappeared. When Jen saw her, she had most of her make up in her hands. "What are you doing with my make up?" Jen asked.
"The teacher said we're having a make up test today, and we better be prepared," said Judy.

Recipes

Submitted by Connie Reddington of Eleanor



Easy Chili

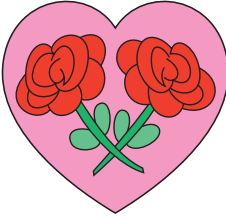
4 pounds lean ground beef
2 (10 ounce) packages hot chili mix
1 (6 ounce) can tomato sauce
2 (15 ounce) cans stewed tomatoes, liquid reserved
2 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
1 teaspoon salt
In large skillet break ground beef into pieces, brown and drain. Use slotted spoon to drain fat and place beef in 5 to 6-quart slow cooker.
Add chili mix, tomato sauce, stewed tomatoes, cumin, salt and 1 cup water.
Cover and cook on LOW setting for 4 to 5 hours. If you think you can't eat chili without beans, add 2 (15 ounce) cans ranch-style beans.

Mushroom Beef

1 (10 ounce) can beefy mushroom soup
1 (10 ounce) can golden mushroom soup
1 (10 ounce) can French onion soup
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1/3 cup seasoned breadcrumbs
2 1/2 pounds premium lean beef stew meat
Hot butter noodles
In 6-quart slow cooker combine soups, pepper, breadcrumbs and 3/4 cup water. Stir in beef cubes and mix well.
Cover and cook on LOW for 8 to 9 hours.
Serve over hot buttered noodles.

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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.


Sweet Potato Hash with Eggs

Servings: 4 (1 cup per serving)

2 teaspoons canola or corn oil
1/2 medium onion, chopped
4 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
1/2 medium red or green bell pepper, chopped
2/3 cup fat-free, low-sodium vegetable broth
2 teaspoons minced garlic
2 teaspoons smoked paprika
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme, crumbled
1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper
1/8 teaspoon salt
4 large eggs
hot pepper sauce (optional)

In pressure cooker set on saute, heat oil. Cook onion 3 minutes, or until soft, stirring frequently. Turn off pressure cooker.
Stir in potatoes, bell pepper, broth, garlic, paprika, cumin, thyme, pepper and salt. Secure lid. Cook on high pressure 3 minutes. Quickly release pressure. Turn off pressure cooker.
Remove pressure cooker lid. Crack one egg into small bowl. Using back of spoon, make small well in potatoes. Slip egg into well. Repeat with remaining eggs, making separate well for each egg. Secure lid with pressure vent open. Saute 2 minutes. Let stand on "keep warm" setting 2 minutes, or until eggs are cooked to desired consistency.
Serve hash sprinkled with dash of hot pepper sauce, if desired.
Nutritional information per serving: 258 calories; 7.5 g total fat; 2 g saturated fat; 1.5 g polyunsaturated fat; 3 g monounsaturated fat; 186 mg cholesterol; 244 mg sodium; 39 g carbohydrates; 6 g fiber; 9 g total sugars; 10 g protein.

Bible Verse



My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
Psalm 121:2

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The Supremacy of Christ

Colossians 1:15-20

In the first chapter of Colossians Paul gives an extensive description of Christ. Paul, nowhere else in his epistles, describes Christ in such an extensive manner. It is apparent that the Apostle was addressing the influence of false teaching (see Col. 2:4) in the church at Colosse. False doctrine cannot prevail within the church when the focus is upon Christ and Christ alone. This epistle has been preserved as scripture such that individual believers may stand against the enticing words of them who oppose God’s truth.

In verse 15, Jesus is described as the image of the invisible God. The literal image of something invisible would be invisible. Jesus was (and is) visible. It is through Christ (the visible) that we see God the Father (the invisible). In Christ—in His conduct and His actions—we are able to see the will and character of God the Father.

Jesus is described as the first-born of every creature. This does not mean that Jesus was not preexistent. It means that Jesus holds ranking above every creature. There is no creature before or equal to Him. Jesus is the visible image of the One who is before all else.

Jesus is the visible image of the Creator (v. 16). All things which are in heaven and in earth were created by Him. All is an inclusive word. There is no exception. All includes both the visible and the invisible—the tangible and the intangible. Learned scientists of today with the aid of technology are able to observe many things which were invisible in Paul’s day. The invisible things which were created by Him include all ruling authority, powers, and dominions of power and authority. These invisible things affect tangible things which can be seen, but are, of themselves, intangible.

Secular science holds the world view that there is no supernatural and that everything that we observe is the result of mindless evolution. This is not what verse 16 clearly states. Man’s understanding of God’s creation has dramatically increased in the last century. That this should happen was foretold by the prophet Daniel (Dan. 12:4). God is not the author of confusion. Evolution of the species and evolution of the universe itself, if not the product of the imaginations of men, are subject to Him who created all things. Verse 16 declares it.

The existence of angelic entities is likewise proclaimed by the holy scriptures. Angels, seen and unseen, are creatures made by Him who created all things.

The message that Paul has for the Colossians is that Christ and Christ alone is before all things. Nothing can exist without Him. Paul’s message for us is the same. Christ is the head of the church. The church is a new creation consisting of all who have been born from the dead. Paul described Christ as the first-born of every creature in verse 15, and, now in verse 18, as the first-born from the dead. Christ is head of both the original creation and the new creation. He is preeminent because the church consists of all who have been born from the dead through Him.

The problems within the church at Colosse that Paul addresses would cease to exist if believers would hold Christ in His rightful position. God the Father has placed Him above all things. Verse 19 states that it pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell in Him (Christ). Again, that word “all”. It is impossible to separate the Father and the Son. The only means by which all fullness can be in Christ is that His fullness (His deity) be the same as that of God the Father. Christ is to be preeminent because He is God.


Verse 20 lists an additional reason why Christ is to be held preeminent. He earned His preeminence. By His blood upon the cross He has reconciled all things unto Himself. His blood has reconciled all things in earth and all things in heaven.

In the closing verses, Paul states the purpose for which Christ reconciled the Colossians (and us). We shall be presented holy, unblamable, and unreprouvable to Him by Him. We are to be as He. This is the good news. The gospel is to be realized in us.

The gospel cannot be realized in them who turn from the truth (those who never inwardly believed). The outward walk of a believer testifies of his inward belief.

Christ has done what no man could do. Through Him we have a new relationship with the Father who is in heaven. It is by the blood of Christ, and by His blood alone, that we are reconciled. No other works needed. No intermediary needed. Praise God the Father for His plan; praise God the Son for His work; and praise God the Spirit for revealing the truth of His word to us.

We, in addition to the Colossians, have been given these words such that we might walk in His way and direct others to the love that is bestowed upon all who believe.



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Obituaries

MARTHA A. BELLER

Martha Beller, 83, of Eleanor, passed away Sunday, February 4, 2024 after a short illness.

Born on January 13, 1941, she was the daughter of the late Roy and Effie Lyons of Eleanor.

She is survived by her daughters, Jackie Duncan of Red House and Tracey (Todd) Holmes of Eleanor and sisters Jane Bell of Buffalo, Connie Lyons of Eleanor, Linda (Charlie) Asbury of Red House, granddaughters Jessica Cummings and Lindsay Hill of North Carolina and five great grandchildren.

Friends and family can visit Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor on Friday, February 9, 2024 from 1:00 P.M.- 2:00 P.M. before the family will have a graveside service at Beech Grove cemetery in Eleanor with Pastor David Panaro, Jr. officiating.

TAMMY BENTLEY

Tammy Lorane Bentley, 50, of Culloden, went home to be with the Lord on January 28, 2024, at the Community Hospice Care Center in Ashland, KY.

She was born on June 2, 1973 in Huntington to the late Harold and Norma Jean Chapman Dunn. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her mother-in-law Earlena Bentley and her cousin Anthony Lott.

Throughout her life, she was a very devoted mother to her

four children: Chelsea Bentley (Nathan Adkins), Mikayla Rusnak (Chris Rusnak), Alex Bentley, and Tristian Bentley.

Tammy is survived by her two sisters and brother-in-law, Sandy and Tom Zerkle of Ironton, Ohio and Carrol Dunn of Culloden; and special nieces and nephews.

She was a very dedicated nurse for 25 plus years in long term care facilities doing various roles from CNA work, floor nursing to Director of Nursing and MDS Coordinator for corporate. She touched many lives during her nursing career. She was known for her smile, her contagious laugh, and the love she had for her four children. She will be greatly missed by many.

A gathering of family and friends was Thursday, February 1, 2024 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, along with the Nurse's Honor Guard who will relieve her from her nursing duties.

JOHN PHILLIP CABELL

John Phillip Cabell, 85, of Red House, formerly of Shelbyana, KY, passed away peacefully while surrounded by family on Thursday, February 1, 2024. He was a retired railroad journeyman, and served his country as a veteran of the United States Army. John was a Christian and dedicated member of the West Virginia Home Mission Church.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 47 years,

Bonnie Cabell, one beloved daughter Bonnie (Roger) Potter Mullins, and four sons, Scott (Stacy) Cabell, Brett Cabell, Timothy Cabell and John Cabell, Jr. He is also survived by his loving grandchildren, Katherine Mullins, Violet Mullins and Kingston Cabell. Other survivors include two loyal brothers, William (Susie) Cabell, Mandy (Sherry) Cabell, one sweet sister, Alice Miller, and a host of extended family and friends.

Born June 28, 1938, he was the son of the late Mandy Cabell and Falcly Basiden. He was preceded in death by a sister, Bessie Miller, and two brothers, Kenneth Cabell, and Ronald Cabell.

John was passionate about studying the Bible and sharing the love of our Lord with others. He loved to sing in the church choir, and he used to go visit the elderly and sing to them in nursing homes. He was an avid hunter, he enjoyed woodworking and he absolutely loved clogging to bluegrass music. He was also a long-time member of the West Virginia Honor Guard. Now that John has passed into the arms of our Lord, his physical life on earth is over but it is the beginning of an eternal and beautiful journey for him.

Funeral service was Sunday, February 4, 2024 at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastors Adam Null and Randy Browning officiating. Burial was in Wade Chapel Cemetery, Red House.

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PAUL WAYNE CHANCEY

Paul W. Chancey, 60, of Poca, went to be the Lord on January 27, 2024.

Paul had held numerous jobs in his working career. The one job he enjoyed most was being a caregiver.

He was preceded in death by his parents Shirley and Louis Ulbrich Chancey, grandparents Riley and Mona Chancey and Hugo and Melvina Ulbrich, sister Tamara Chancey, and brother-in-law David Painter.

Paul is survived by his “Fur” daughter Destiny Faith Chancey, sister Anita Painter of Marion, SC, brother David Chancey (Leslie Layne) of Poca and sister Angela Hill (David) of Poca, nieces Daneille Painter of Marion, SC and Katie Jarrett (Scotty) of Hurricane, nephew Brad Chancey of Poca, great-nephews Carson and Elijah Jarrett of Hurricane, special aunt Marty Lyons of Spencer, special cousin Dottie Cline (Kenny) of Winfield, and special friend Jeannie Kessell Wilson.

Honoring his wishes, Paul will be cremated, and no services are scheduled at this time.

The family wants to thank Pastor Kevin Starcher for visiting Paul on January 23, 2024, and witnessing Paul receiving Jesus in his heart.

BRENDA JOYCE GRANT

Brenda Joyce Grant, 64, of Culloden, went Home to be with The Lord on January 26, 2024 at Cabell Huntington Hospital Huntington.

She was born to the late Mary O. Sovine Ward and T. Harold Grant on November 11, 1959. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister: Louise LeMay; and brothers: Harold, Kenny and Jeff.

Brenda was a very proud and devoted Christian as a member of Valley View Freewill Baptist Church, Hurricane, and provided home health care.

She is survived by her sisters: Anna (Steve) Robinson of Culloden, Phyllis Combs of Chesapeake, OH, Kat (Roger) LeGrand of Kitts Hill, OH and Virginia Parsons of Hurricane; brother: Carlos Grant of

Barboursville; special long time friend: Mary Bird of Culloden; brother-in-law: Perry LeMay; as well as, several nieces, nephews and other family members.

Funeral Service for Brenda was Thursday February 1, 2024 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Pastor Kim Stone officiating. Burial was in Forest Memorial Park, Milton.

DOROTHY E. HIGGINBOTHAM

Dorothy E. Cash Higginbotham, 91, of Eleanor, passed away Wednesday January 31, 2024 at Rolling Meadows Place following a short illness.

Born June 14, 1932 she was the daughter of the late Charles A. Cash and Florence D. Cash. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, William “Mack” Higginbotham; sons, Robert “Bob” Higginbotham and Bill Higginbotham; grandson, Alan Higginbotham Fitchner and sister, Inez Blevins.

Survivors include her grandchildren, Amber Spivey, William (Amber) Higginbotham and Larissa (Angel) Diaz; great grandchildren, Makayla Keziah, Aaron Spivey, Connor Ralston, Juliana Diaz, Nathaniel Diaz and Nadia Diaz; great great grandchildren, Daymon Keziah and Evelyn “Evie” Keziah. Dorothy is also survived by her special niece, Joyce Myers.

Funeral service was Saturday February 3, 2024 at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastor Travis Rucker officiating. Burial was in Buffalo Memorial Park, Buffalo.

BETTY HONAKER

Betty Honaker, 92, of Culloden, went home to be with the Lord January 31, 2024 at Cornerstone Wellness Center in Huntington.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Allen and Dora Smith of St Albans; her husband James E. Honaker and 2 sons, Michael E. Honaker and Douglas S. Honaker.

Surviving are children, Kathy Sampson (Ed) of

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She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church of Culloden.

Service was Monday, February 5, 2024 at Allen Funeral Home with Elder Tony Edwards and Elder Harold Johnson officiating. Burial was in Tyler Mountain Memorial Park.

TOM JEFFERS

Thomas O. “Tom” Jeffers, 64, of Buffalo, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at his home following a long illness. Tom was a Christian and a member of Barnett Chapel Church. He was a retired operating engineer and member of Operating Engineers Local # 132.

Born January 6, 1960 in Grimms Landing, he was the son of the late Charles Jeffers and Ethel Jeffers. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two unborn children; his brothers, Bill, Buck, Joe, and George Jeffers; his sisters, Ruth Jeffers and Donna Bailes; and two infant sisters.

Survivors include his loving wife of 38 years, Betty Darlene Jeffers; step-daughter, Michelle Craig; grandchildren, Ashley Craig, Ashtyn Burks, and Ayden Bennett; great-grandchildren, Kayser, Kolter, and Adalynn; brothers, Paul (Paula) Jeffers, Pete (Jannette) Jeffers; sister-in-law, Karen “Sissy” Jeffers; special friend, Joe Whittington; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, and

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sales in pharmaceuticals. After retirement, Jack continued to work along side his special buddy, Kevin Williams, at Piggly Wiggly. They had a special bond, and Jack enjoyed taking Kevin to his guitar lessons and watching WVU sports with him. For 30 years, Jack was very active with the WV Special Olympics where he was a beloved coach and mentor. Perhaps his best known role was as “DJ Jack” where he happily played tunes for every Special Olympics event. He was also an active leader at the Nitro Presbyterian church where he volunteered many hours and was involved with numerous children’s ministries.

Jack lived in many towns in WV, but met the love of his life, Sheila Johnson, in Keyser. Jack and Sheila were happily married for 45 years. They have two beautiful daughters, Brandi Nicole Lopez and Ashlee Dawn Martin (Chuck) and two lovely granddaughters, Rylee Stoler and Charlee Martin. Jack was an extremely proud “Pappy” to his granddaughters and

very involved in all their activities.

Jack is preceded in death by his mother, Doris Van Dyke and his mother and father in law Charles and Betty Johnson, and well as his sister in law Pam Junkins.

Other than his loving wife, children and grandchildren, he is survived by his father, John B. Van Dyke, JR., of Scott Depot, and sisters, Debbie Raines (Noah) of Hurricane, Donna Patrick (John) of Glenford, OH, Denise Pope (Steve) of Moultrie, Ga., and Tammy Sowards (Dwayne) of Scott Depot. Also survived by brother and sister in law Dave and Janell Johnson, and brother in law Steve Junkins all of Keyser, and many nieces and nephews as well as special friends Dane and Penny Ryan of Poça.

Jack was an avid WVU fan, and for his celebration of life, he requested that everyone wear WVU apparel. Services were held Monday, February 5, at the Nitro Presbyterian Church. Burial was Tuesday, February 6, at Potomac Memorial Garden in Keyser.

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Democrat Women to Hold Valentine Buffet

The Putnam County Democratic Women’s Club will be holding their monthly meeting on Saturday, February 17, at Hidden Creek Catering (inside Hurricane Floral), 2757 Main Street, Hurricane, at noon.

The meeting will feature a Valentine Themed Buffet with Strawberry Field Salad with Champagne Vinegarette Dressing, Roasted Apple Bacon Pork Roast, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Red Velvet Cupcakes, Coffee, Tea, and Water. The price is \$20.00 (includes tax & 18% gratuity)

Please RSVP to Karen Sprouse by February 15 by emailing karensprouse7@outlook.com or calling (304)543-2115. Text or call - leave a message if no answer.

Pop Up Farmers Market

The Putnam County Farmers Market will be holding a pop up market on Saturday, February 10, from 9 a.m. to noon at Area 34, 971 WV Route 34, Teays Valley.

LUKE HUTCHINSON 100 Windy Ridge Road Huntington 29th Birthday February 12	MARLA SUE RACER 1561 West Mud River Road Milton 73rd Birthday February 12
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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, kielbasa, sauerkraut, and fried potatoes.

While you wait, be sure to check out the Silent Pie Auction. 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!

Developmental Screening

Putnam County Schools Developmental Screenings will be held on Friday, February 9, at the Teays Valley Baptist Church on Teays Valley Road.

Children ages 2 1/2 to 4 years will be screened for speech/language, hearing, vision, motor skills, social skills, self-help, and cognition.

Please call 304-586-0500 ext. 1133 to schedule an appointment.

Card Shower Requested

A card shower has been requested for Ruth Alford, who will be celebrating her 96th birthday on February 13.

Send cards and letters to:

Ruth Alford
Lake Bennet Center for Rehabilitation and Healing
1091 Kelton Avenue
Room 602
Ocoee, FL 34761

Happy Anniversary

Chris and Julie Reeves Davis of Russell, Kentucky, will celebrate their twelfth wedding anniversary on February 9

Dan and Faith Hayman of Syracuse, Ohio, will celebrate their fifty-first wedding anniversary on February 10.

Dustin and Melody Dillon-Dalton of 55 Jones Cove in Hurricane will celebrate their thirteenth wedding anniversary on February 11.

Joshua and Christine Jackson of 117 Glenwood Street in Milton will celebrate their wedding anniversary on February 14.

Larry and Becky Wallace Harper of 1662 Central Avenue in Culloden will celebrate their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary on February 14.

Gary and Penny Green of 1 Grady Lane in Wellston, Ohio, will celebrate their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary on February 14.

Raymond and Fern Jaynes of Dunbar will celebrate their wedding anniversary on February 15.

Card Shower Requested

Linda Armstead is hosting a card shower for her husband, George Armstead, who will be blowing out 80 candles on his birthday cake on February 20, 2024.

His address is 732 Washington Hill Road, Hurricane, WV 25526.

Local Students on Alabama Dean’s, President’s Lists

A total of 13,950 students enrolled during Fall Semester 2023 at The University of Alabama were named to the dean’s list with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the president’s list with an academic record of 4.0 (all A’s).

The UA dean’s and president’s lists recognize full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or undergraduate students who take less than a full course load.

Local students include: Chase Compton of Hurricane was named to the Dean’s List.

Ethan Burdette of Scott Depot was named to the President’s List.

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WVDNR Issues Call for 2025 West Virginia Wildlife Calendar Art

Cash award offered to top artists, submissions due February 14

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) on Monday issued a reminder for artists to submit original wildlife paintings for the 2025 edition of the West Virginia Wildlife Calendar before the deadline on February 14.

“As we approach the art submission deadline for our award-winning wildlife calendar, we are counting on the artisan community around the country and in West Virginia to help us make this 40th anniversary edition truly special,” said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion. “We invite artists to submit their work and be part of this cherished publication, which is enjoyed by thousands of people across the country every year.”

Each year, the WVDNR selects 12 paintings from hundreds of submissions for its award-winning calendar. Artists are awarded \$200 for each painting selected for the calendar. The artist whose artwork is chosen for the cover receives an additional \$500. Art is chosen based on overall composition, quality and anatomical and contextual accuracy.

Wildlife Calendar Art Submission Guidelines

Art must be original color paintings on canvas or another flat surface and must depict native game and fish species or other wildlife found in West Virginia, such as snakes, frogs, turtles, salamanders, bats, songbirds, small mammals and nongame fish. Photographs and paintings with wildlife not found in West Virginia will not be considered. Paintings depicting hunting or fishing activities may be submitted.

The calendar is horizontal and art should be at least 14.5 inches wide by 11.5 inches high. Artists who want to send art should mail a high resolution copy to the following address:

WV Division of Natural Resources
Wildlife Calendar Art
P.O. Box 67
Elkins, WV, 26241

Artists may send multiple paintings and artwork not chosen in previous years may be resubmitted. Digital copies of paintings of at least 300dpi may be emailed to Sanya.D.George@wv.gov.

Artists with questions about the calendar may call 304-637-0245. For more information about submitting art for the West Virginia Wildlife Calendar or to purchase the 2024 edition, visit WVdnr.gov/wildlife-calendar.

Caleb Parra Makes Geneva College Dean’s List

Geneva College announces the Dean’s List of undergraduate students for the fall 2023 semester.

To be eligible for this recognition, students in traditional programs must earn a GPA of at least 3.6 while passing 12 credit hours or more.

Caleb Parra, from Hurricane, was named to Geneva College’s Dean’s List for the fall 2023 semester.

Geneva College is a Christ-centered academic community that provides a comprehensive education to equip students for faithful and fruitful service to God and neighbor. Offering over 195 traditional undergraduate majors and programs, fully online degree programs, and high-demand graduate degrees, Geneva’s programs are recognized for their high quality. Geneva ranks #83 in Regional Universities North, according to U.S. News and World Report.