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## Looking at Political Contributions and Wondering Why

By Ron Allen

Campaign finance information is available at the WV Secretary of State's website which lists the contributions received by candidates who have filed for State office and Circuit Court and Family Court Judge.

When scanning the website in search of large contributions, the name of one Putnam County resident turns up — Phillip M. Stowers. Stowers is one of two incumbent Putnam County circuit court judges. Stowers' campaign has amassed \$101,584.33 to assist in his effort to continue to preside over cases in Winfield for eight more years.

The \$101,584.33 total is not the highest among candidates seeking election to serve as a West Virginia circuit judge. The Stowers campaign total makes it the fifth ranking member of the six-member \$100,000 contribution circuit court judge campaign collection club.

Other members of the exclusive club are Stephanie Abraham's campaign (8th Circuit, Division 5) with \$184,665.00; Ron Wilson's campaign (1st Circuit, Division 1) with \$150,575.00; Maryclaire Akers' campaign (8th Circuit, Division 7) with \$125,090.38; Carrie Webster's (8th Circuit, Division 1) with \$102,906.00; and Chad Lovejoy's campaign (6th Circuit, Division 1) with \$100,715.87.

The \$100,000 club is quite exclusive in that a total of 127 candidates have filed for 79 circuit judge openings statewide. If the bottom 121 campaigns were divided into a middle club (Less than \$100,000 but more than \$0 in contributions) and bottom club (\$0 in contributions), there would be 79 members in the middle club and 42 bottom club members. Only 10 of the middle club members report contributions of \$20,000 or more.

It is not apparent (at least too me) why this distribution of campaign collections exists. An inspection of the

\$100,000 club reveals that all three campaigns of 8th Circuit candidates and 6th Circuit candidate Chad Lovejoy are unopposed. Phillip Stowers is opposed by Jon Hoover in the 7th Circuit (Putnam), while Ron Wilson is opposed by 2 candidates in the 1st Circuit (northern portion of northern panhandle).

An unopposed candidate has minimal campaign expenses. What happens to the surplus? Possibilities include transferring the extra to an account for a future election to the same office, returning donations to the individual contributors, and donating to non-profit organization which meet well-defined requirements. One possibility is not private use.

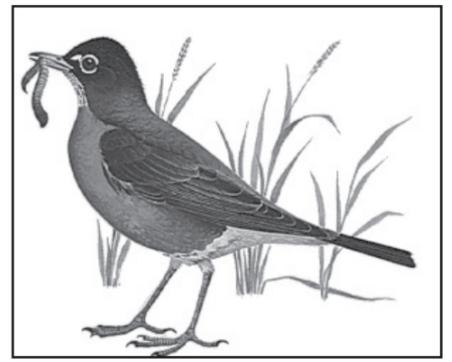
Campaign donations cannot, by West Virginia law, purchase influence. A judge must recuse his or herself from cases in which there is reasonable cause to believe that his or her ruling may not be impartial.

Individuals and businesses cannot claim their contributions as expenses. Theoretically, all campaign contributions are friends helping friends. That said, the case of donations directed to campaigns of unopposed candidates is difficult to explain. No campaign for Circuit Court Judge can qualify for the \$100,000 club without lots of donors. The maximum contribution allowed is \$2,800.

Donors, amount of contribution, donor occupation and donor address can be found online by going to <https://cfrs.wvsos.gov/#/index> and clicking on ALL CANDIDATE DATA. Click on a candidate of interest, then on FILINGS, and then on 2023 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarterly reports.

Reports for campaigns of the two Putnam County candidates seeking election to the Circuit 7, Division 1 judge position are quite different. Candidate Jon Hoover's campaign lists a single contribution of \$1,000 from Eric Tarr for the 2nd

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All of the above flora photos were taken at the Ranch (Breeze office) on Sunday, February 11th. At the top is the first daffodil bloom. Center are crocuses which made their presence known sometime during the first week of the month. Bottom right is a colony of daffodils which are still a week or more from producing dazzling blooms.

By Ron Allen

Retha Lemon of 888 Midland Trail in Hurricane heard the spring peepers sing on the evening of February 9th.

Retha is always among the first to report the peepers. This, however, is the earliest

that the delightful tree frogs have emerged from their winter slumber.

The Breeze peepers are late sleepers and have never sung before the second week in March. Evening breezes cause temperatures at the Ranch to run 4° or 5° cooler

than those in city limits.

The lower mercury readings at the Ranch do not deter robins from seeking early bird rewards. The first Breeze sighting of 12 or more robins was on January 7th. The same red breasted avians reappeared on the

10th and 13th.

The crocuses always show their faces in early February unless it is unusually cold. The daffodils are quite a bit slower, usually blooming in early March. That is not the case this year. First bloom was February 11th.

## Alpha Technologies Establishes Scholarship For Marshall Students Studying Cybersecurity

On February 7th, the Marshall University Foundation announced the establishment of the Alpha-Tech Scholarship. This scholarship is generously endowed for \$100,000 by Alpha Technologies and will serve students studying cybersecurity.

"The Alpha-Tech Scholarship is more than a donation; it's an investment in the next generation of cybersecurity experts. We look forward to seeing the impact these students will make, both at Marshall University and in the broader

field of cybersecurity," said Doug Tate, CEO and owner of Alpha Technologies. The scholarship complements the \$45 million which the university received from the state of West Virginia in August of 2023 to establish a state-of-the-art Institute for Cyber Security.

Alpha Technologies,

headquartered in Hurricane, is a service-disabled veteran-owned small business and information technology service company with a focus upon IT services involving system security and maintenance, internet connectivity, Alpha-Voice services, cloud computing, data storage and backup, and

more.

Alpha Technologies' investment in the Institute for Cyber Security at Marshall aims to create cybersecurity practitioners and buyers, bridging the gap between West Virginia and larger markets in technology.

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## High School Math Field Day Winners

Teams from Buffalo High, Calvary Baptist, Hurricane High, Poca High, Teays Valley Christian, and Winfield High met at Toyota in Buffalo on January 30 to compete for math honors, scholarships, and an opportunity to represent Putnam County at the Regional Math Field Day competition to be held at the University of Charleston on February 27th.

The top scoring senior and two top scorers from each school received recognition awards. The top three ninth grade and ten best 10-12 grade scorers from the entire field won the honor of participating in the Regional Math Field Day event. Additionally, the top ten 10-12 grade finishers were awarded Math Excellence Scholarships valued at \$200.

The top scoring seniors by school were: Buffalo High — Ethan Blackshire; Calvary Baptist — Blake Lipscomb; Hurricane High — Alfred Biju; Poca High —

Logan Ryder; Teays Valley Christian — Noah Taylor; and Winfield High — Wyatt Moore.

The top two scorers from each school were: Cole Whittington & Ethan Blackshire, Buffalo High; Matthew DeGrosso & Alfred Biju & Caleb Hodges, Hurricane High; Jaxson Davis & Logan Ryder, Poca High; Nick Young & Levi Moles, Teays Valley Christian; Wyatt Moore & Mason Dailey, Winfield High.

Ninth grade winners were Connor Westfall, HHS - 1st; Paxton Haddox, HHS - 2nd; and Madox Hardin, HHS - 3rd. Nikolaus Von Wulffen of WHS is the 9th grade alternate for the Regional competition.

Upperclassmen (10-12) winners were: 1st Place: Wyatt Moore, WHS; 2nd Place: Alfred Biju, HHS; 3rd Place: Mason Dailey, WHS; 4th Place: Cole Whittington, BHS; 5th Place: Nick Young, TVCS; 6th Place: (Tie) Caleb

Hodges, HHS & Erin Walls, WHS; 8th Place: Anthony Marinaro, WHS; 9th Place: Allison Hoffman, WHS; and 10th Place: Parker Dotson, HHS. Alternate 1 is Jacob Holtzapfel, WHS and Alternate 2 is Haden Hodge, HHS.

Winfield High School won top team honors.

### WEATHER SUMMARY

February 6 -12

Low High

February 6

Hurricane 20° 45°

February 7

Hurricane 17° 55°

February 8

Hurricane 24° 60°

February 9

Hurricane 40° 56°

February 10\*

Hurricane 45° 60°

February 11\*

Hurricane 38° 45°

February 12\*

Hurricane 35° 42°

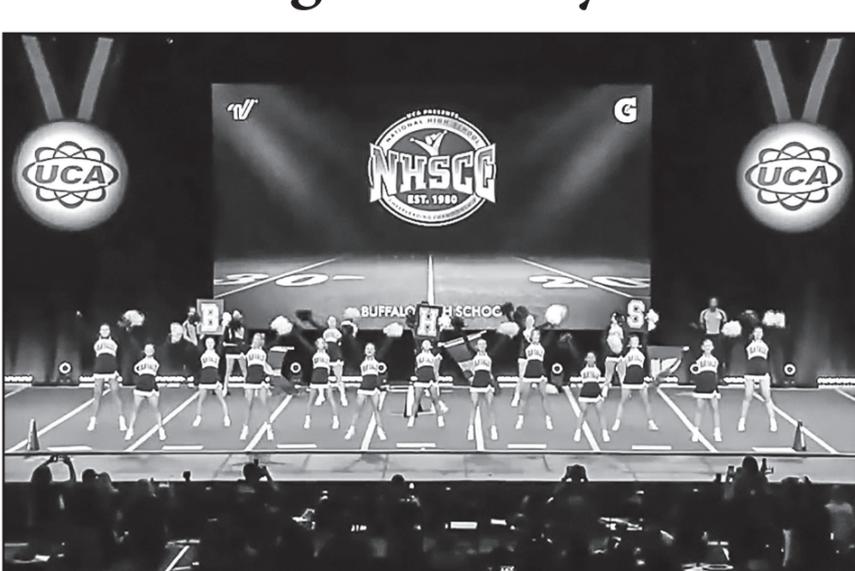
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0.3 inch recorded Feb. 10

0.1 inch recorded Feb. 11

1.1 inch recorded Feb. 12

## Cheering at Disney World



Last weekend, all four Putnam High School Cheer Programs competed at the UCA National Game Day Cheer Competition at Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Buffalo High School made history as the first Single A team from West Virginia to make it to the Nationals. Winfield, Poca, and Hurricane Cheer competed in the championship round.

(Photo taken from a video by PJ Robinson, posted by Putnam County Schools)

## 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](mailto:breezenews@citynet.net) and mark your subject line "Community Calendar." There is no charge for posting an event in the calendar.

### NOW - FEBRUARY

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

### 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.

There will be an AEP hiring event from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Appalachian Power, 1 AEP Way, 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/Uib6RaMR>

### 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.

Game Grove, located in Putnam Village Shopping Center in Teays Valley, will be celebrating their first year anniversary all day (noon to 11 p.m.)

Little Victories Animal Rescue is holding a Cram

### THE HURRICANE BREEZE

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the Van Supply Drive at Tractor Supply in Hurricane from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

There will be a Mardi Gras party starting at 8 p.m. at the VFW Canteen, 3836 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane. The event includes a costume contest.

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

### FEBRUARY 18

There will be a 4 mile hike at the Eleanor Park at 1:30 p.m. Meet in the parking lot by the swimming pool.

### FEBRUARY 19

STEMuary: Learn how to make paper airplanes at 11 a.m. at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley.

Healing Paws Veterinary Center, 26 E Main Street, Hurricane, will be holding an opening day celebration from 4 to 7 p.m.

### FEBRUARY 20

There will be a fundraiser for Itty Bitty Therapy Horses at Applebees in Teays Valley. Options include Three-Cheese Chicken Penne, Fiesta Lime Chicken, Classic Bacon Cheeseburger, Chicken Tenders Platter, and Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad.

Heritage Company, 207 Midland Trail, Hurricane, will be hosting a ribbon cutting and grand opening at 10:45 a.m.

### FEBRUARY 21 - MARCH 6

There will be a shoe drive fundraiser at Valley Park in Hurricane. Collection bins will be available on Mondays & Wednesdays 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM at Valley Park Conference center by the Wave Pool entrance.

### FEBRUARY 22

The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce will be hosting Business After Hours from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Wingate by Wyndham, 417 Hurricane Creek Road, Hurricane.

### FEBRUARY 23 - 24

There will be a revival at the Bridge Church, 279 Dairy Road, Poca. Hours are 6:30 p.m. nightly and 10:45 a.m. on Sunday morning.

### FEBRUARY 24

The 2024 Winter Blues Farmers Market will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center.

There will be a kids' night out event from 6 to 8 p.m. at Zoology Zone Science Center, Valley Park, Hurricane. The cost is \$35 per child. To register, go to <https://form.jotform.com/233605779286166>

### FEBRUARY 26

The women's ministry of Mount Vernon Baptist Church, 2150 Mount Vernon Road, Hurricane, will be making prayer boards from 6 to 8 p.m.

### FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 3

Celtic Calling will be coming to Charleston. For a list of events, go to <https://celticcalling.org>

### FEBRUARY 28 - 29

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

## 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](mailto:karensprouse7@outlook.com) or calling (304)543-2115. Text or call - leave a message if no answer.

## Putnam

### County Library

#### Storytimes

Mondays at 10 a.m.: Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.: Eleanor and Poca Branch Libraries

Wednesdays at 10 a.m.: Putnam County Main Library

Thursdays at 10 a.m.: Buffalo and Hurricane Branch Libraries

For more information, go to <https://putnam.lib.wv.us>

## Historic

### Preservation Grants Available

Applications are now available for matching historic preservation Development Grants through the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH). Eligible projects include the restoration, rehabilitation or archaeological development of historic sites listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The deadline for receipt of applications submitted through the on-line portal (GoApply) is April 1, 2024.

It is anticipated that approximately \$400,000 will be available for these grant awards, which are contingent upon an appropriation of funds from the West Virginia Legislature or United States Congress.

Privately owned properties are only eligible in instances where there is evidence of public support or public benefit. Governmental properties that are not accessible to the public are not eligible for funding. Applicants may be a state or local government agency, not-for-profit organization, private citizen, for-profit firm or organization, religious organizations, education institution or Certified Local Governments.

A complete program description, including funding priorities and selection criteria, and access to the GoApply on-line grant application portal is available at <https://wvculture.org/agencies/state-historic-preservation-office-shpo/grants/> or contact Christy Moore, grants coordinator for the SHPO, at (304) 558-0240 or [Christina.J.Moore@wv.gov](mailto:Christina.J.Moore@wv.gov).

## Buffalo Nazarene 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!

## New Exhibit Featuring Brigadier General Charles "Chuck" Yeager

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH) is pleased to announce a new exhibit celebrating what would have been the 100th birthday of Brigadier General Charles "Chuck" Yeager in 2023 and the upcoming 77th anniversary of him breaking the sound barrier. The exhibit was officially unveiled in the Great Hall of the Culture Center, State Capitol Complex, in Charleston on Sunday, Feb. 11.

The exhibit includes items on loan from the Marshall University Special Collections Department's Brigadier General Charles "Chuck" Yeager Collection. Artifacts on display include the "Golden Plate" awarded to America's Captains of Achievement, a medallion from the Aviation Hall of Fame, the original Pitot Static Tube from the Bell

## The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

Valentine's Day will be here soon... the day for lovely cards... cute ones for kids... chocolate candy... roses... I remember when Mike and I were married almost two months... we had no money... he had a new job (after college)... I was not working... we had his school loans and other "bills"... It was Valentine's Day, and a delivery person came to the door. He handed me red roses. I looked at him shocked, and I said... "Wait a minute. You have made a mistake. These can't be for me." Mike stepped in and assured me... yes... (He had saved his money to buy the flowers...) My favorite red roses... they lasted a long, long time... I cried...

Couples go out to eat on this busy, crazy day... they sit in crowded restaurants,

## X-1 when Yeager broke the sound barrier and more.

Yeager was born on Feb. 13, 1923, in Myra, West Virginia, and is a graduate of Hamlin High School. He made world history on Oct. 14, 1947, when he became the first man to fly faster than the speed of sound. During his nine-year assignment as the nation's leading test pilot, he also became the first man to fly more than twice the speed of sound in level flight. Brig. General Yeager passed away on Dec. 7, 2020, at the age of 97.

The exhibit will remain on display throughout the month of February. Culture Center hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For additional information, please contact Charles Morris, WVDACH director of museums, at (304) 558-0220 or [Charles.W.Morris@wv.gov](mailto:Charles.W.Morris@wv.gov).

## WVU Medicine Children's and Valley Health Partner to Offer Pediatric Cardiac Care in Huntington

WVU Medicine Children's and Valley Health, which cares for patients in southern West Virginia, southeastern Ohio, and eastern Kentucky, today (Feb. 6) announced a new collaboration to improve access to specialty care for pediatric heart patients. WVU Medicine physicians will travel to Huntington every month to see young patients at the Valley Health Pea Ridge Health Center. WVU Medicine Children's and Valley Health graphic

"Valley Health is thrilled to partner with WVU Medicine Children's to offer these new services in Huntington. We are committed to providing high-quality healthcare services to our communities, and this collaboration will enable us to improve access to specialty care for pediatric heart patients," Steve Shattls, president and CEO of Valley Health, said. "We are excited to work with the WVU Medicine team to bring advanced heart and vascular therapies to Cabell County and the surrounding region."

Cardiologist Jai Udassi, M.D., will see pediatric patients in Valley Health's Pea Ridge Health Center, which is located at 4270 U.S. Rt. 60 in Huntington (in the Big Lots Plaza).

trying to hear each other speak... in the noise... they enjoy a rushed meal (maybe) because the cooks are over worked on this day... the waitresses are rushing to keep up with the patrons... not exactly a cozy ambiance. The smart thing to do... go out early in the day for lunch... avoid those crowds... or one of my favorites... order a pizza... watch a movie... work a puzzle... play a game... take a walk...

Couples exchange gifts... frilly cards... even get married on this day... celebrate two in one... anniversary and Valentine's Day... a beautiful, romantic time for couples in love. One of my favorite gifts ever was a lovely box of stationary, an elegant pen, and a book of poetry (Elizabeth B. Browning)... I have celebrate Valentine's Day in many ways... at the beach... skiing... at Shoney's... back in the day... yum... that Big Boy with old sauce... at Outback... Spaghetti Warehouse... Ponderosa... Burger Boy... Bennigan's... a variety of lovely eateries with my favorite foods. Although I am a vegetarian, I will always remember those Big Boy sandwiches at Shoney's...

I still receive several valentines... friends and family... and small gifts. Some of my favorites are those little socks my dear friend sent me... I wear them often and love them... gifts do not have to be expensive or extravagant... it is truly the thought that counts.

My grand girls and grandsons get money or gift cards for Valentine's... no matter how old they are... they get valentines and money from Nana... I tell others that my hobby is enjoying the grands... they appreciate everything they get...

Valentine's Day is truly a time for those in love. I remember the Valentine's Dances... wearing a frilly dress... a corsage... I remember Valentine's parties...

I remember the first valentine I received from a boy (Mike)... it opened into a bear... just a cute card... a teeny bopper opening her first from that special someone... oh my... through the years, I have loved my cards... my flowers and my gifts... that being said, time passes... we love and we say goodbye to those we loved... we remember... we sometimes forget... we do know that the day for love is once a year... and I do not think it is JUST a holiday that the card company thought up. It is fun and important... and for those who just don't want to deal with it... don't... but please let those of us who like the day... let us enjoy it... because the way we are is always the way we were... hopeless romantics... Happy Hearts Day to my readers... on that day... remember someone with a card or a call or a letter... text... email... take that special someone out to eat... enjoy and remember... because love does make this world go round.

Dr. Udassi received his medical degree from Aga Khan University Medical College. He completed residencies at both SUNY Upstate Medical University and Children's Hospital of Buffalo, followed by a fellowship at Shands Children's Hospital. He is board certified in pediatrics, pediatric cardiology, and pediatric critical care medicine.

"We are proud of this partnership with Valley Health to help develop cardiovascular services for the region," Christopher Mascio, M.D., executive director of the WVU Medicine Children's Heart Center, said. "Together, we can provide Cabell County and the surrounding region with convenient access to advanced heart and vascular therapies."

The new service will be open to all on the fourth Thursday of every month starting Feb. 22.

Referrals to the pediatric cardiology service are not required. Appointments can be made by calling 304-598-4835.

For more information about WVU Medicine Children's, visit [WVUKids.com](http://WVUKids.com). For more information on Valley Health, visit [ValleyHealth.org](http://ValleyHealth.org).

# Looking and Wondering Why

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quarter, no 3rd quarter contributions, and two 4th quarter contributions of \$250 from Dale Hill and \$350 from Tom Hill of Arizona.

Incumbent Judge Phillip Stowers' campaign committee treasurer Glenn Yeager lists \$46,563.00 2nd quarter, \$12,421.33 3rd quarter, and \$42,600.00 4th quarter contributions.

Yeager's 2nd quarter filing lists a private fundraiser held at 118 Capitol Street in Charleston on April 25, 2023 at which seven donors gave the \$2,800 maximum allowed and a June 27, 2023 fundraiser at 500 Lee Street in Charleston at which attorney Eric Embree donated the \$2,800 maximum. The April 25 maximum contributors were attorneys Joshua Pearson and Brian Prim of Prim Law Firm, Mary Prim,

William Tiano and Tony O'Dell of Tiano O'Dell, Matthew Stonestreet and Troy Giatras of Giatras Law Firm. In total, 30 lawyers made contributions of more than \$250 at the April 25 and June 27 events. The 2nd quarter filing included 15 contributions additional to the 30 which were \$250 or less.

The Stowers' 3rd quarter filing lists an August 24 private fundraiser at Sleepy Hollow in Hurricane and a September 26 public fundraiser at the Marshall Hall of Fame Cafe. The filing also lists a \$1,000 contribution from Huntington Mayor and Democratic Party candidate for Governor on September 24th. The largest contribution at the August 24th event was attorney Scott Tyree. Huntington attorney Kenneth Hicks donation of \$2,000 was the highest at the September 26 event.

Stowers' campaign report lists non-fundraising event contributions from 20 individuals during the 4th quarter and proceeds from a private fundraising event held at 118 Capitol Street in Charleston on October 18th. Individuals contributing the maximum \$2,800 were Ray Burke of Better Foods; Amber Stevens, G & G Builders; Gary Young, G & G Builders; Penny Young; and Ben Salango, attorney and 2020 Democratic Party candidate for Governor. The report also lists a \$2,800 donation from Salango For Kanawha County Commission 09/17.

Putnam voters will elect two circuit court judges on May 14th. One will be incumbent Judge Joseph Reeder for 7th Circuit, Division 2. Reeder is unopposed and a member of the \$0 contribution club. The 7th Circuit, Division 1 judge will be either Hoover or Stowers.

# Putnam County Elementary School Math Field Day Winners

Putnam County Schools hosted Elementary Math Field Day at Buffalo High School on Thursday, February 1, 2024. Ninety-six elementary students in grades 4 and 5 from public and private schools competed for top math honors and a chance to advance to the next level of competition representing Putnam County Schools.

The top three 4th and 5th grade finishers advance to the Regional Math Field

Day competition at the University of Charleston on February 27, 2024.

4th grade winners were: 1st Place: Branson Hoang, West Teays Elementary; 2nd Place: Luca Malhotra, Hurricane Town Elementary; and 3rd Place: Vu Nguyen, Scott Teays Elementary. Alternate is Gannon Parks, Mountain View Elementary.

5th grade winners were: 1st Place: Ava Hendron, Scott Teays Elementary; 2nd Place: Morgan Snodgrass,

Winfield Elementary; and 3rd Place: Neo Nguyen, Scott Teays Elementary. Alternate is Declan Horn, Rock Branch Elementary.

Physical Estimation winner was Allison Logue of Lakeside Elementary. Allison estimated the exact number of gummy sharks in a bowl. Elementary Math Field Day coordinators were Jill Burgess (GW Elementary) and Zach Sallade (GW Middle).

# WVSU Black History Month Convocation to Feature Delegate Sean Hornbuckle

House of Delegates Minority Leader Sean Hornbuckle, D-Cabell, will be the featured speaker at West Virginia State University's (WVSU) Black History Month Convocation on Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2024, beginning at 10 a.m. in the P. Ahmed Williams Auditorium in Ferrell Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

Hornbuckle is a dedicated public servant, representing the 25th District of the West Virginia Legislature's House of Delegates. At the time of his first election in 2014, Delegate Hornbuckle was the youngest African American man to serve in the House of Delegates.

In August 2023, Delegate Hornbuckle again made history as West Virginia's first ever African American House of Delegates Minority Leader - the highest leadership post held by an African American in the state's history.

Born and raised in Huntington, West Virginia, Hornbuckle attended Marshall University as an early recipient of West Virginia's Promise Scholarship and a member of the newly-formed Society of Black Scholars. He earned a bachelor's degree in sports management and marketing in 2007 and a master of business administration in 2010. During his college years, Hornbuckle was elected Mr. Marshall and served as Student Body President and Vice President. He also welcomed his pride and joy to the world - his son, Tristan.

Over the last decade, Hornbuckle's career has focused on insurance planning, retirement planning, and wealth management for individuals, families, and businesses.

In addition to his legislative work, Hornbuckle

has maintained a strong commitment to his home community. He is a member of the Huntington Chapter of the NAACP and holds positions on various organizational boards. From 2017 to 2019, Hornbuckle served as Co-Interim Director of the newly formed Fairfield Community Development Corporation and continues to advocate for investment in the Fairfield neighborhood.

Hornbuckle's biggest passion, however, is basketball. Over the last 20 years, he has volunteered to coach and mentor young athletes through the YMCA and local schools. In 2014, Hornbuckle established a youth basketball program that has garnered three national circuit championships while focusing on the athletic, academic, and character development of its athletes.

# Alpha-Tech Scholarship

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said Rich O'Brien, president of Alpha Technologies. With a 20-year history in the state, Alpha Technologies highlights its commitment to networking services and cybersecurity, while hiring students from Marshall as well as local community colleges.

"Education is a key driver of progress, and our collaboration with Marshall University underscores our belief in the transformative power of knowledge," O'Brien said. "The Alpha-Tech Scholarship aims to empower students by providing not just financial support but also valuable opportunities for practical experience."

The scholarship recipients shall be full-time undergraduate or graduate students from West Virginia majoring in a cybersecurity-related field, who are in good academic

standing with a minimum 2.5 GPA, and have financial need per the standards of the Office of Student Financial Assistance. Student recipients will be encouraged to apply for internships at Alpha Technologies, translating their academic knowledge into real-world practice.

The scholarship may be awarded to up to four students a year. The award shall be renewable up to four years, or eight semesters, if the recipient maintains good academic standing. The dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences, or their designee, shall select the recipient and renew the award in cooperation with the Office of Student Financial Assistance.

For information regarding the Alpha-Tech Scholarship, please contact Marshall University's Office of Student Financial Assistance at 304-696-3162.

# Communities urged to give blood as winter threat continues

*\$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email for those who come to give in February - #HeartMonth*

The American Red Cross urges donors to give blood now to continue to strengthen the national blood supply this month. The public can book a time to give by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, or calling 1-800-RED CROSS. People of all blood types - especially type O blood donors, the most needed blood group by hospitals - are needed daily to ensure blood products are available for hospitals at a moment's notice.

As February continues, so does the potential for additional weather systems to disrupt blood drives and the ability to provide critical blood products to hospitals. While thousands of donors have answered the call to donate in recent weeks to combat a significant drop in the blood supply, more donors are needed now to ensure the blood supply remains ready for those in need of lifesaving medical procedures.

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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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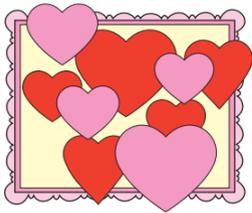
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# Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



## A Matter of Perspective

Submitted by Myra Simmons

Am I passionate or obsessive?  
That's a matter of perspective.  
You can make a quick decision,  
But your opinion is subjective.

Am I eccentric or insane?  
Demented and deranged?  
I won't argue with the claim,  
That I am particularly strange.

See... the way that we perceive,  
It shapes the way that we believe:  
But let us not deceive ourselves:  
Things are not always what they seem.

Sometimes I am like a raging river,  
And other times, a silent stream.  
Is what we see reality?  
Or is it just a vibrant dream?

## Fillers Wanted

The Hurricane Breeze always needs Fillers Page contributors. We would like to print your recipes, inspirational sayings, poems, clean jokes, and fun facts. Please send contributions to The Hurricane Breeze Fillers Page, PO Box 310, Hurricane, WV 25526.

You can also email submissions to breezenews@citynet.net

## Solve Dinnertime Dilemmas with Speedy, Nutritious Whole Grains

(Family Features) Putting dinner on the table quickly seems to be a goal more often than not, particularly in today's sped-up world. However, spending less time cooking doesn't have to mean sacrificing nutrition or taste.

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Switch up your family's stir-fry routine with this savory version of Whole Grain Sesame Chicken Stir-Fry made with rice, quinoa, vegetables, rotisserie chicken and a blend of soy sauce and sesame oil. This simple meal is perfect for those busy weeknights when you need to save time without skimping on taste.

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To find more quick, nutritious dinner solutions, visit MinuteRice.com.

### Sweet Chili Shrimp with Quinoa

Prep time: 2 minutes

Cook time: 2 minutes

Servings: 1

- 1 Minute Brown Rice & Quinoa Cup
- 4 ounces (1/2 cup) cooked shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1/2 cup frozen Asian-style mixed vegetables, thawed
- 2 tablespoons sweet chili sauce
- 2 tablespoons thinly sliced green onions
- 1 tablespoon chopped peanuts

Heat rice and quinoa cup according to package directions. In small, microwave-safe bowl, combine shrimp and vegetables. Microwave on high 30 seconds.

Stir in sweet chili sauce. Blend well.

Serve shrimp mixture over rice topped with green onions and peanuts.

### Whole Grain Sesame Chicken Stir-Fry

Prep time: 3 minutes

Cook time: 12 minutes

Servings: 3-4

- 1 bag Minute Instant Rice & Quinoa
- 1 cup vegetable broth
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil, divided
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced red onion
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 cups rotisserie cooked chicken, shredded
- 2 cups frozen, Asian-style mixed vegetables, thawed
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce

Prepare rice and quinoa according to package directions, substituting broth for water.

In medium wok or skillet over medium-high heat, heat 1/2 tablespoon sesame oil. Add eggs and, using spatula, quickly soft scramble. Continue stirring eggs until light and fluffy. Remove from pan and reserve.

Add remaining sesame oil to wok or skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion and garlic; stir-fry 2 minutes.

Add chicken and vegetables; stir-fry 2 minutes, or until heated through. Fold in rice and quinoa, eggs and soy sauce.

## Recipes

Submitted by Connie Reddington of Eleanor

### Sweet and Savory Brisket

1 (3 to 4 pound) trimmed beef brisket, halved

1/3 cup grape or plum jelly

1 cup ketchup

1 (1.3 ounces) envelope

onion soup mix

3/4 teaspoon black

pepper

Place half of brisket n

slow cooker.

In saucepan, combine

jelly, ketchup, onion soup

mix and black pepper and

heat just enough to mix

well.

Spread half over

brisket.

Top with remaining

brisket and jelly-soup

mixture.

Cover and cook on

LOW for 8 to 9 hours.

Slice brisket and serve

with cooking juices.

## Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead  
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

Love is priceless, and even the richest king cannot buy it.

Love is stronger than death; it cannot be stopped by time or disaster, and it cannot be bought for any price, because it is freely given.

Love must be accepted as a gift from God, and shared with the guidelines God provides.

Life is temporary – love is forever.

You can make your love a reflection of the perfect love that comes from God himself.

Love has no age, no limit, and no death.

Love is just love; it can never be explained.

Love is a flower for which love is the honey.

Love is not only something you feel; it is something you do.

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

Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.

Love doesn't make the world go round; love is what makes the ride worthwhile.

Love is not weak; it is strong. Only the sacrament of marriage can contain it.

Love is not what the mind thinks, but what the heart feels. If it is real, it will never be over.

Life without love is like a tree without blossoms or fruit.

Love does not dominate; it cultivates.

Love is when you meet someone who tells you something new about yourself.

My heart is perfect, George, because you are inside.

Loving is not just looking at each other; it's looking in the same direction.

Gravitation is not responsible for people falling in love.

Love is a smoke made with the fume off sighs.

Kisses are a better fate than wisdom.

Take away love, and our earth is a tomb.

Love makes your soul crawl out of its hiding place.

Love is a game that two people can play and both win.

We don't believe in rheumatism and true love until after the first attack.

Love, and a cough, cannot be hid.

Heart has its reasons that reason knows nothing of.

At the touch of love,



everyone becomes a poet.

True love stories never have endings.

A man doesn't fall in love with a woman's face or body. A real man falls in love with a woman's heart and soul. Remember that.

Crying together, laughing together, and traveling together may be beautiful, but aging together is the most beautiful form of love.

The more we love Him (God) the more we enjoy His presence.

Sometimes having a big heart sucks, because you expect everyone to care as much as you and they don't.

The reason why some people are so kind is because the world has been so unkind to them but they don't want other people to feel the way they did.

Imagine falling in love, and it works out for the rest of your life.

The one who loves you will never leave you. Even if there are 100 reasons to give up, they will find one reason to hold on.

The simple and bitter truth is you grieve for your loved one as long as you live.

It is good to love many things, for therein lies the true strength, and whosoever loves much performs much, and can accomplish much, and what is done in love is well done. – Vincent van Gogh

Don't save up love like you're trying to retire on it. Give it away like you're made of it.

May you fall in love with someone who never gets tired of saving you from your own chaos.

Do you know why I'm the luckiest person in the world? It's because I have you and you're mine, George Armstead!

No matter how old you get, never stop, holding hands, never stopped dancing, and never stop saying "I Love You."

Never stop falling in love with your spouse.

A real man spoils his lady with attention, affection, respect, honesty, loyalty, and love.

Love is a two-way street constantly under construction.

A man should take care of his woman, and a woman should take care of her man. No one is before the other. Love is all about teamwork.

Spend your time on those who love you unconditionally. Don't waste it on those who only love you when the conditions are right for them.

True love is when both people think they have the better half of the deal.

Love is the power of life, love gives life to life, and love is a very essence of human's existence.

Being someone's first love may be great, but to be their last is beyond perfect.

True love is built on free will and free choice, not control and manipulation.

Sometimes people don't need advice. All they want is someone to listen to their heart and to understand them.

Princess treatment comes naturally from a man who loves you.

Love is a silent language only hearts can speak, only souls can understand.

Nothing is stronger than a person with a broken heart and a smiling face.

When love is real, it doesn't lie, cheat, pretend, hurt you or make you feel unwanted. It's supposed to be a cure to all your worries.

Falling in love is easy, but staying in love is very special.

The best place to sleep is in the arms of someone you love.

Love doesn't need to be perfect. It just needs to be true.

In a love relationship, two souls dance together in harmony, finding beauty in shared moments.

Who, being loved, is poor?

What happens if you get scared half to death twice?

Fall in love with God. He will never break your heart.

If you see what is right and fail to act on it, you lack courage.

He's a fool that makes his doctor his heir. – Benjamin Franklin

Nothing can dim the light that shines from within.

Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?

## Bible Verse



You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, Matthew 5:43-44

# Putnam Property Transfers

The following property transfers were recorded by the Putnam County Clerk between January 4, 2024, and January 25, 2024:

Kevin and Ashley Ledson to Wolverstone Development Company LLC - Parcel, Scott District for \$169,000.00.

Robert Horton II to Joshua and Ashley Stepp - 1 Acre, Scott District for \$299,000.00.

Thomas and Elizabeth Rogan to YL Properties LLC - Parcel, Scott District for \$275,000.00.

Contessa Nye to Nelson Hudson II - Parcel, Poca District for \$1,000.00.

AB Contracting Inc to NWW Living Trust and Nevin and Wendelwyn Wilson - Lot, Bend at Meadow Valley, Hurricane District for \$430,000.00.

Gregory Casto to Paul and Celesta Kinder - Lot, Grassie Addition, Poca District for \$180,000.00.

P&J Real Estate LLC to Donald Thomas Jr. - 1.13 Acre, Rocky Step Road, Scott District for \$500.00.

Seneca Trustees Inc and Jason Trador to Majo LLC - Lot, Country Cove Estates, Scott District for \$195,921.00.

Jeffrey Titta and Glenda Carte to Earl and Christina Pennington - Lot, Virginia Heights, Hurricane District for \$196,316.00.

Matthew Sowers to Johnnie and Deanna Duty - Lot, Glen Oaks, Scott District for \$469,000.00.

Timothy and Melissa Meeks LLC to ZXM Properties LLC - Two Parcels, Teays Valley District for \$725,000.00.

CPB LLC to PFN Properties LLC - Parcel, Teays Valley District for \$840,000.00.

Jesse and Tina Bailes to Zachary Shirkey and Amanda Mullins - Lot, Woodridge Estates, Teays Valley District for \$559,000.00.

Clarence Wingo to Deborah Orrison - Lot, Woodland Forest, Scott District for \$200,000.00.

Hobba Communities WV LLC to Joseph and Darlene Sidoti - Lot, Alexanders Place, Teays Valley District for \$350,000.00.

Janice Fouts to James Fouts - Lot, Raines Estates, Hurricane District for \$132,052.25.

TCK Investments LLC to Billy Nunley - Two Lots, Raymond City, Poca District for \$15,000.00.

Putnam Natural Gas Company to Velear Energy LLC - Two Tracts - Mineral Interests, Scott District for \$200.00.

Danny Wymer to Joseph and Ahsley Rogers - 1.423 Acres, Scott District for \$15,000.00.

Norita Erwin to Josh Burton and Leigh Cavender - Lot, Jefferson Park, Hurricane District for \$68,000.00.

Mary Cooper to Carol Proffitt, Anita King and Joyce Surface - Lot, Hurricane District for \$70,000.00.

Gary and Karen Hooser to Townsend Rentals LLC - Three Lots, Harbour Addition, Hurricane District for \$230,000.00.

Kari Griffith to Matthew Wright - Lot, Dawn Heights, Scott District for \$219,000.00.

Richard and Shannon Manchester to John and Kristin Woody - Lot, Kingswood Estates, Curry District for \$205,000.00.

Woodland Designs Inc to Richard and Shannon Manchester - Lot, Middlebrook Subdivision, Teays Valley District for \$380,000.00.

Derrell Donalson to Susan Cullifer - Two Tracts, Hanshaw Addition, Poca District for \$151,000.00.

Brandon and Lea

Nichole McCarthy to James Crenshaw - Lot, Woodridge Estates, Teays Valley District for \$605,000.00.

Fjola Hawryshok and Marla Terry to Albert and Marlene Rookstoll - Lot, Gables of Teays Valley, Scott District for \$250,000.00.

Earl Pennington to Kayla Burns - Unit, Fairway Gardens Condominium, Scott District for \$157,710.00.

Richard Kline to Carrie Jeffries - Lot, Rosehill Acres, Scott District for \$300,000.00.

Bruce and Shawna McClanahan to Robert Horton - 4.049 Acres, Poca District for \$575,000.00.

DHB LLC to Bryan Martin - Lot, Alexanders Place, Teays Valley District for \$479,000.00.

David McCallister and McCallister Family Irrevocable Trust to Kevin and Stephanie Whited - 1.90 Acres, Scott District for \$90,000.00.

Susan James, Sherry Withrow and David Withrow to William Withrow - Lot, Saunders Addition, Nitro District for \$45,000.00.

Zello Pannell to Franklin Bishop and Katie Cutone - Lot, Maple Heights Addition, Hurricane District for \$164,200.00.

Seneca Trustees Inc and Christopher Godbey to AM Investments LLC - Lot, Ortin Heights, Poca District for \$65,521.00.

Lee Haikel and Carmen Crout to K&N Real Estates LLC - 2.774 Acres, Poca District for \$4,000.00.

Scarlett Oaks Country Club LLC to K&N Real Estate LLC - Parcel, Poca District for \$4,000.00.

Russell Kyle to Community Minerals II LLC - Mineral and Royalty Conveyance for \$2,133.33.

Jerry and Patricia Kent to DG BTS Winfield LLC - Parcel, Drainage Easement Agreement, Scott District for \$10,000.00.

Exclusive Home Designs LTD to Joseph Muto - Lot, Woodridge Estates, Teays Valley District for \$20,000.00.

AB Contracting Inc to Jacob and Sasha Pitman - Lot, Bend at Meadow Valley, Teays Valley District for \$435,000.00.

Karen Haikal to Gregory and Jessica Young - Lot, Forest Park, Poca District for \$35,000.00.

Frederick Dudis to Phaedra Higgs - Lot, Eleanor District for \$167,000.00.

John Caruthers to Douglas and Chelsea Hankte - Lot, New London Commons, Scott District for \$487,900.00.

WV Cash Sale LLC to Sally Morrison - Lot, Brendonwood Subdivision, Scott District for \$150,000.00.

Ronald and Denise Koster to Richard Kline and Sara Koster - Lot, Mariners Landing, Winfield District for \$400,000.00.

Glenn Coleman to Stephen Williams - Two Tracts, Union District for \$22,855.00.

Jerry and Patricia Kent to Robert T. Meeks and Melissa D. Meeks LLC - Drainage Easement Agreement, Scott District for \$10,000.00.

Seneca Trustees Inc and David Gross to Alexander Estep and Perry Estep - Lot, Virginia Heights, Hurricane District for \$117,601.00.

John and Barbara Holt to Wendy Medvick - 0.50 Acre, Scott District for \$38,000.00.

John and Regina Gibson to Aimee Hively - Lot, Poca District for \$60,000.00.

WM2 Incorporated to Daniel Davis - Lot and Partial Lot, Thompson Heights Subdivision, Curry District for \$129,000.00.

Clinton and Lesley Ridenour to Steve Nichols - Lot, Castleknock Ridge,

Scott District for \$570,000.00.

Lisa Meadows to Jonathan Sweeney - Lot, Poplar Hills Subdivision, Scott District for \$230,000.00.

Jeff Maloney to Michael Mash - Lot, Hulbert Heights Addition, Poca District for \$15,000.00.

Scott and Ashley Smolder to James O'Connor Jr. - Lot, Crystal Springs, Scott District for \$30,000.00.

Sonia Webster to Jacob and Caitlin Fertig - 3.81 Acres, Scott District for \$130,000.00.

Karen Ulbrich to Nathan Grant - Two Parcels, Union District for \$146,000.00.

Roger and Christal McLaughlin to Bostic & Bostic LLC - 1.32 Acres, Poca District for \$55,000.00.

Brian and Melissa Duncan to John and Patricia Wigle - Lot, Hillsdale Subdivision, Scott District for \$238,000.00.

David McKenna to Joseph and Mary Orlandi - Lot, Crystal Springs, Scott District for \$20,000.00.

Terri Morton & Terry Stull to William and Tammy Barthelme - Lot, Sleepy Hollow Township, Teays Valley District for \$380,000.00.

Gene Watson, Peggy Jones, Garry E. Ellis and Betty L. Ellis Irrevocable Trust to Michael Spangler - Parcel, Scott District for \$10,500.00.

# THIS WEEK IN THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

For the week ending Feb. 9, 2024

Members of the West Virginia House of Delegates advanced several bills this week as the 60-day regular legislative session passed the halfway point.

The House adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution 24, which awarded the First Responders Honor Board's three nominees for the Medal of Valor. The Medal of Valor is presented to firefighters, law enforcement officers, emergency medical services personnel and other professionals who go above and beyond the call of duty in their professional capacities.

All three nominees were recognized and honored in the House Chamber Tuesday: West Virginia State Police Cpl. David S. Fry, Upshur County Department of Homeland Security/County Emergency Manager Deputy Director Derek V. Long and Upshur County Sheriff John Michael Coffman.

House Bill 5127, which would expand the state's "Learn and Earn" program, overwhelmingly passed the House Monday. The bill, sponsored by Economic

Development and Tourism Committee Chairman Gary Howell, R-Mineral, would include WVU Potomac State College in the state Community and Technical College system's "Learn and Earn" program of paid internship opportunities.

"The employer gains a highly qualified employee and a skilled labor pool," Howell explained. "With this arrangement, students earn valuable on-the-job training while attending school, meaning they don't have to quit one job to go to school; they can do both."

House Bill 5179, also known as "Jaycie's Law," passed the full House by a unanimous vote Wednesday. The measure would require the West Virginia Department of Education to support pregnant and parenting students so they can stay in school while taking enough time for the proper medical recovery. Excused absences for labor, delivery, prenatal and postnatal medical appointments, sick children, as well as at least eight weeks of excused absences for the mother and two weeks for the father after the birth

of the child all would be required. County boards of education also would be required to provide academic support options, such as virtual schoolwork and weekly visits with a homebound instructor to ensure the students remain on track for graduation. The bill also calls for schools to refer pregnant and parenting students to pregnancy help organizations.

Also Wednesday, House members unanimously passed House Bill 4933, which would exclude dentures from the current \$1,000 yearly Medicaid limit. That limit includes diagnostic, preventative and restorative dental services, which excludes cosmetic services but prevented many West Virginians from getting both upper and lower plates at the same time.

A total of 1,542 bills have been introduced in the House, and 86 of those have passed the full House. Twelve bills have completed the legislative process. The deadline for House bills to be introduced is Feb. 13. The session ends at midnight Saturday, March 9.

## West Virginia Democratic Chair Mike Pushkin Responds to Governor Jim Justice's Announcement About Baby Dog's Surgery

West Virginia Democratic Chair, Mike Pushkin, issued the following statement in response to the news that Governor Jim Justice's beloved dog, Baby Dog, is undergoing surgery:

"On behalf of the West Virginia Democratic Party, I want to extend our

thoughts and best wishes to Governor Jim Justice and his family as their dog, Baby Dog, undergoes surgery. Pets hold a special place in our homes and hearts, becoming part of our families. We recognize the bond between Governor Justice and Baby Dog, which has been evident

in public appearances and has brought smiles to many across our state. It's a reminder of the universal love and concern we share for our pets."

"As Democrats, we believe that the power of community and compassion extend beyond political lines, especially

in times of personal challenge. It's important to remember that, despite our political differences, we are united in our humanity and compassion. We hope for a swift and complete recovery for Baby Dog and look forward to seeing her back at the Governor's side soon."

## WV Democratic Party Calls Attention to GOP Questionnaire to Judicial Candidates

On February 13, West Virginia Democratic Party Chair Mike Pushkin issued a statement condemning the recent actions taken by the State Republican Party, which has put judicial candidates in an untenable position through a controversial questionnaire. This questionnaire directly conflicts with the West Virginia Code of Judicial Conduct, specifically Rule 4.1(A)(10) and 11, by attempting to coerce candidates into making statements that could impair their impartiality

and the fairness of judicial proceedings.

"The actions of the State Republican Party seek to undermine the integrity of our judicial system," said Pushkin. "The questionnaire provided leaves no room for explanation of answers and threatens candidates with a 'zero' grade should they choose to adhere to the Judicial Code by not responding. This places candidates in a precarious position, having to choose between facing disciplinary actions, including potential removal from the bench,

or receiving a failing grade from the Republican Party."

This action by the state Republican Party is so egregious that the West Virginia Judicial Investigation Commission (JIC) took the unusual step of issuing an Advisory Opinion on this unethical tactic. That opinion states: "... it would be improper for candidates to address questions like those [in the questionnaire]."

"The West Virginia Democratic Party stands firmly against these attempts to politicize our

judiciary and compromise the impartiality required of judicial candidates," Pushkin added. "Judges should be held to the highest standards of impartiality and integrity, free from the undue influence of partisan pressures. We call upon the State Republican Party to reconsider its approach and respect the ethical guidelines that govern judicial conduct. The citizens of West Virginia deserve a fair, impartial judiciary dedicated to justice, not political gamesmanship."



# Appalachian Lassies

Performance & Lesson

Wednesday, March 6

5:30 - 6:30 • Main Library



## WV Natural Resources Commission to meet February 25

The West Virginia Natural Resources Commission will meet on February 25 at 1 p.m. at the Claudia L. Workman Wildlife Education Center in Alum Creek.

The meeting is open to the public and those who attend in person will have an opportunity to make comments.

**Meeting Agenda**  
Call to Order - 1:00 P.M.  
Introductions

West Virginia State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation Award Presentations

Review, correct and approve the minutes of the October 29, 2023, and December 14, 2023, meetings of the Natural Resources Commission

Public comments  
2024 Legislative Update  
Summary of the 2023-2024 Big Game Harvest

Figures  
Proposed 2024-2025 Big Game Hunting Regulations  
Proposed 2025-2026 Hunting and Trapping Regulations

Proposed 2025 Fishing Regulations  
Discussion on date, location and agenda topics for upcoming meetings of the Natural Resources Commission  
Adjourn

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### Newspapers

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# SEA OF LOVE



The ocean is vast and ever changing; shimmering and calm one moment, restless and rough another. But, the waves always return to the shore. The way of love is much like that of the sea. It is beautiful, yet unpredictable - storms may brew, but calm always returns to make way for loving and happy moments. Like the love of God, true love never fails. As Valentine's Day approaches let us meditate on the way of true love and rededicate our love to that special one in our life, with God's help. Happy Valentine's Day.

### Daily Bible Readings

John	John	John	Psalms	Psalms	Psalms	Psalms
6:1-24	6:25-59	6:60-71	51	57	107	108

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## BASIC BIBLE

By Ron Allen  
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### Complete in Christ

Colossians 2:6-19

In the opening chapter of Colossians, Paul emphasized the need to hold the right doctrinal view of Jesus Christ. It is through Christ, and Him alone, that we know God the Father. It is by the light of Christ that we can walk the way in which God the Father would have us to walk.

In verse 6 of chapter 2, Paul issues the directive: "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him." One receives Christ as Lord by faith, believing that He was sent by the Father into this world to restore a fellowship with Him (the Father) that was destroyed by sin. One hears the truth and believes. Believers are called to walk by faith in Him. Our paths are to be directed by Him. When one is swayed by false doctrine concerning Christ, one wanders away from Him.

In verse 7, Paul describes what believers experience when they walk in faith: they abound in thanksgiving. If you are not abounding in thanksgiving, there is a reason that you are not abounding. To abound in thanksgiving one must remain rooted in Christ. One cannot deny His full deity and be rooted in Him. One must not depart from the basic root truths which are revealed in God's word. One must walk by faith.

What are the basic truths upon which one must be rooted? First, Christ is the promised seed of woman whose heel would be bruised by the serpent (Satan) and who would bruise the head of the serpent (Gen. 3:15). Second, Christ satisfied every precondition set forth in the scriptures — son of David, born in Bethlehem of a virgin, fulfilled the law by living a sinless life, was like unto Moses performing miracles and speaking words of God, a light unto the Gentiles, rejected by men, bore our iniquities, suffered death upon the cross for the guilty, raised from the dead on the third day, and shall see His seed (Isa. 53:10). Lastly, Christ shall come again and rule upon the throne of David in Jerusalem.

When one walks by faith, one knows with absolute certainty that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose (Rom. 8:28). When we walk in faith, thanksgiving abounds within us.

While believers know to walk in the way which Christ has shown, some stray from the path. In verse 8, Paul cautions against being misled by men espousing the philosophy and traditions of the world. The philosophy and traditions of the world are not of God. They are the fabrication of individuals who walk by sight. If one were to look upon Jesus Christ upon the cross through the lens of philosophy and tradition, one does not behold the Savior. Philosophy and tradition looks upon the cross of Christ and laments that it is sad that a good, passionate and selfless person should have been subjected to such a death. Philosophy and tradition are blind and cannot see the One who gave Himself for all who would believe. Philosophy, literally, means love (philo) of being wise (sophos). Love of being wise is rooted in self and cannot lead one to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. The desire to be wise was cause for Adam and Eve to disobey God (Gen. 3:6).

Philosophy and tradition cannot lead one to Christ in whom the fulness of the Godhead dwells (v. 9). Philosophy and tradition cannot direct one in God's ways. Philosophy and tradition can only direct one in the ways of the world, the wide way that leads to destruction. Philosophy and tradition cannot atone for sin. Philosophy and tradition cannot restore man's lost relationship with God.

One abounds in thanksgiving when one walks in Christ. Walking in Him produces a completeness that philosophy and tradition cannot manufacture. When we walk in Him, His power and authority is revealed in us. Christ's power and authority is manifested in believers through spiritual circumcision. Physical circumcision signified separation from the world and linkage to God through the covenant of the law. Spiritual circumcision is the separation from the world and linkage to God through Christ (v. 11). It is a better covenant.

The completeness that believers enjoy can only be found by being buried with Christ in baptism and risen with Him in faith according to the power of God. Separation from the world is the result of one's intimate relationship with Christ. That relationship is had through being buried with Him in baptism and being raised up with Him through faith. Paul reminds the Colossians of this basic truth in verse 12. The work of Christ Jesus was being cast aside by false teaching within the church at Colosse.

In verses 13-15, Paul focuses our attention upon that which Christ has done for us. None of the things which the apostle lists were done by an intermediate. They were all done by Christ, and done for our personal individual benefit. When one is quickened, it is personal. No angel or enlightened human needed. Christ, and Christ alone, nailed our unpaid sin debt to His cross, forever blotting out our unrighteousness. Christ fought and defeated the principalities and powers that once held sway over each believer. Christ fulfilled all requirements of the law. He did this personally for each and every believer.

One is made complete in Christ, not by that which one does or did, but by what Christ has done. One cannot abound in thanksgiving because of that which one has done. But one can forever rejoice and give thanks for what Christ has done. He has given us His perfection. In Him we are made complete.

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# Obituaries

**ADALINE CHRISTINE BORT**

Adaline Bort, 76, of Poca, passed away February 4, 2024 at home.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 14 years Tom Bort; brothers: Bud, Kenny, Billy, Buster, Butch and Roy; sisters: Vina, Winnie, Ramona, Shirley, Liz, and Linda; a grandson, Thomas Lee; and one great grandson, Silas Harless.

Adaline is survived by her children: John Ray Lowe, Roy (Veronica) Lowe, and Theresa (George) Taylor; 23 Grand Children; 23 Great Grandchildren; and her brother, Doug.

There will be no public services at this time.

**BILLY BRISCOE**

Billy Briscoe, 38, of Scott Depot, passed away February 6, 2024.

Billy is a graduate of Winfield High School, former employee of Better Foods and former member of the Putnam County 4-H.

He is survived by his two sons Dylan and Jamison Briscoe; parents Richard and Lydia Briscoe; and two sisters Valerie Boardman and April Briscoe.

A tribute to the life of Billy will be 2:00 PM Saturday, February 17, 2024 at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service on

Saturday at the funeral home.

**BROOKE CARNEFIX KODA BRYSON JARRETT**

Brooke Carnefix, age 39, and her son, Koda Jarrett, age 14, of St. Albans, passed away together on February 7, 2024 at their home.

Brooke graduated from Winfield High School in 2002, then worked hard to become a proud Respiratory Therapist. She started working for CAMC and was currently working at Select Specialty in Charleston. She loved to sing, use her Healing Hands, be a Ray of Sunshine and be around her family, especially her dog, Choco.

Koda was in the 8th grade at Winfield Middle School, where he enjoyed being in Chorus and the Winfield Middle School Band. He loved gaming with his friends and being with family.

They are survived by Timothy D. and Beth Nelson Carnefix of Winfield (parents of Brooke and grandparents of Koda); Shelby J. Frazier (sister of Koda and daughter of Brooke); Tiffany Owens of Cross Lanes (aunt to Koda and sister of Brooke); Cameron (Lindsey) Blankenship (brother of Brooke and uncle of Koda); Willow Blankenship (daughter of Cameron and Lindsey); Brooke's brother: Brandon (Jessica) Carnefix and their children: Cooper and Charlotte of Teays

Valley; Koda's brother: Dallas "Little D" Jarrett III of Red House and Koda's sister: Avalee Duffield of Buffalo; and their special friends: DeVonte and Lyric Mclyter of Detroit, MI; Koda's father: Dallas Jarrett II; and many other family members and friends.

Brooke and Koda were preceded in death by: Roy and Nancy Carnefix and John and Nancy Nelson.

Funeral service for Koda and Brooke was Monday, February 12, 2024 at Valley Park Conference Center, Hurricane.

**PHYLLIS JUANITA CONNERY**

Heaven gained an angel, Phyllis Juanita Connery, 98, of St. Albans, passed away on February 5, 2024 at Teays Valley Center, Hurricane, surrounded by her family.

She was born to the late Delmer O. and Flossie M. Brightwell Lacy on December 25, 1925 in St. Albans. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband: Dewey J. Connery; daughter: Sue Pauley; and son-in-law: Dan VanCamp. Phyllis had previously worked at C&P Telephone and lastly retired from Riverside Nursing Home.

Phyllis is survived by her loving family, her daughter: Donna J. VanCamp of

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Hurricane; grandson: Chris (Keri) Pauley; great grandchildren: Kaylie, Emma and Nate Pauley all of Hurricane sisters: Betty Connery of St. Albans and Patricia Seldomridge of NC; brothers: Alfred and Delmer Lacy both of St. Albans; as well as many nieces, nephews and other family.

Funeral Service for Phyllis was Friday, February 9, 2024 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Pastor Jim Dennis officiating. Burial was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Tornado.

**JANICE LYNN EDMONDS**

Janice Lynn Edmonds, 54, of Fraziers Bottom, passed away on February 4, 2024 at the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House Huntington surrounded by her family.

She was born on December 9, 1969 to Charlie Edmonds and the late Marilyn Sue Grant Edmonds.

Janice was formerly a bus driver with Putnam County Board of Education.

She is survived by her loving family, her husband: Julio Guzman-Viveros; daughter: Alexandra (Devin) Weis of Huntington; grandchildren: Landon and Grayson Weis; father: Charlie Edmonds; and sisters: Marilyn Susie Edmonds of Milton and Kathryn Miller of Pensacola, FL; as well several other family members.

Graveside Service for Janice was at Pine Grove Cemetery, Pliny.

**ANGELA EDWARDS**

Angela Dawn Edwards, born November 28, 1971, passed away February 9, 2024 after a short battle with cancer at Hubbard Hospice House West.

Angie was a devoted mother to Brittany Edwards and Brandi McDaniel (Courtland). She loved her three grandbabies, Jace, Kinsleigh and Willow by a bushel and a peck. Angie was Nanny to JD Ramsey and, Courtney

and Madison Mike. Also surviving are her two sisters Sherry (Joe) Sergent and Rachel Edwards (Mark). She was loved by all and will be missed.

Funeral service was Wednesday, February 14, 2024 with Elder Tony Edwards officiating. Burial was in Mt. Moriah Cemetery.

**KENNETH CLINTON FLOWERS**

Kenneth Clinton Flowers, 86, of Scott Depot, joined his loving wife of 64 years, Pardy, on Sunday morning, February 4, 2024.

Kenneth retired from Rite Aid as a truck driver. He was a great outdoorsman who loved hunting, fishing, and spending his time reminiscing about history.

Kenneth is survived by his special friend, who was like a son to him, Jonathan (J.T.), wife, Missy and daughter, Kaibrea Tyler; sister, Alice Evon (Willie) Smith; nieces, Kay Pennington & family, Kerry Lea & family; nephews, Kenny Farley & family, Frankie Farley.

Funeral service was Monday, February 12, 2024, at Curry Funeral Home, Alum Creek, with Pastor David Moutz officiating. Burial was in Tudor Cemetery, South Charleston.

**ROGER GUEST**

Roger Keith Guest of Cross Lanes was born December 16, 1952, in Dallas, Texas. He went to his Heavenly Home on February 3, 2024, with his wife Carolyn and fur-baby Tessa by his side. Roger was only 71 years of age.

Roger is survived by his wife, life and business partner, and the love of his life Carolyn James of the home, his devoted blue heeler Tessa, his brother Noel "Robbie" Guest of Texas, his sons Justin Guest, Nathan Guest and Derek Guest of Texas, His chosen sisters Angela Franko and Linda Katherine Franko of Texas and extended family members and loyal friends.

Roger was predeceased in death by his father Everett Guest and mother Wilma Guest Ring.

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WW Samuel High School. He studied at the School of Trial and Error where he excelled in Life's Lessons. He embodied the best qualities of unconditional love, strength of spirit, unending generosity, and the gift of gab. He never knew a stranger.

Roger spent his life working in the transportation industry. He started his career as a dock worker and driver. Never satisfied with the status quo, he was constantly learning from those around him until he eventually started his own brokerage. He retired in 2022, only to be right back at his desk the next day.

Never one to sit still, Roger loved country dancing, horseback riding, square dancing on horseback, jet-skiing, and kayaking. He was a lifelong Dallas Cowboys fan. He loved a good party. Oh, the stories that could be told, both by him and on him.

Roger was active at St. Timothy-in-the-Valley Episcopal church where he served as Junior Warden. He was one of the founding members of Neighbors Feeding Neighbors, a non-profit food program hosted by St. Timothy's in-the-Valley.

A Celebration of Roger's Life will be held on Saturday March 2nd at St. Timothy's in-the-Valley Episcopal Church in Hurricane. Visitation will be 11:30 am - 12 pm with the service beginning at 12 pm. A devoted foodie, a reception in honor of Roger will follow the service.

**WILLIAM ANTHONY MOSES**

William Anthony Moses, 56, of Hurricane, passed away on February 5, 2024 at CAMC Teays Valley Center.

He was born to the late William O. Moses and Shirley M. Thevenin Gibson on June 13, 1967.

Anthony proudly served his country in the US Army and was a welder.

He is survived by his longtime companion: Kelly Rene Bays; daughters: Keisha (Timothy) Eggers of Jackson, OH, Alicia (Jamie) Johnson of Fort Mill, SC, and Kristen (H.E.) Mason of Fayetteville, NC; grandchildren: Lillian, Logan, Adalyn, Jack, Alexander and Braxton; sisters: Dena Moses and Terri Murphy; brothers: Jeffrey and Kenneth Moses; as well as several nieces, nephews and other family members.

A Tribute to the Life of Anthony was held Saturday, February 10, 2024 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane.

**MARVIN CLINTON VITITOE**

Marvin Clinton Vititoe 82, of Hurricane, widower of Karen Sue Vititoe, passed away Friday, February 2, 2024, in Thomas Memorial Hospital, South Charleston. He was born August 4, 1941 in St. Albans, a son of the late Eli and Hattie Johnson Vititoe.

Two sisters, three brothers and a grandchild also preceded him in death. He was a US Army veteran, and retired from the State of WV as an Aircraft Maintenance Inspector. He also pastored at Peach Ridge American Baptist Church on Hurricane Creek. Survivors include one son, Keith Vititoe of Charleston; one daughter and son-in-law, Loretta Lynn and Geoff Morrell of Rincon, GA; one sister and her spouse, Peggy and Paul Suttle of Ona; brother and his spouse Otis and Tanya Vititoe of

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Dunbar; 4 grandchildren, Billy Grass III, Briana Sicra, Jessica Miller and Samantha Vititoe; two great grandchildren, Parker Moore and Jackson Miller; and Special Friend Evelyn Jones of Steinhatchee, FL. A celebration of Marvin's life was held Saturday, February 10, 2024, at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, Ona, with Pastor Nathan Jude officiating. Burial was in Peach Ridge Cemetery, Hurricane.



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).

Feb. 15, 1898: Musician John Homer "Uncle Homer" Walker was born in Mercer County. Among the last in a tradition of Black Appalachian banjo players, he played the five-string banjo in the clawhammer style.

Feb. 15, 1930: Sara Jane Moore was born in Charleston. On Sept. 22, 1975, Moore attempted to assassinate President Gerald Ford in San Francisco.

Feb. 15, 1975: Elizabeth Kee, the state's first female member of Congress, died in Bluefield. Kee was elected to Congress in 1951 after the death of her husband, John. She retired in 1964 and was succeeded by her son, James.

Feb. 16, 1821: Morris Harvey was born near Prosperity in Raleigh County. Harvey's gifts to the Barboursville Seminary led to its name being changed to Morris Harvey College in 1901. The institution is now known as the University of

Charleston.

Feb. 16, 1917: The legislature established the West Virginia State Colored Tuberculosis Sanitarium for the care of Black TB patients. It was built at Denmar in Pocahontas County.

Feb. 16, 1951: Second Lieutenant Darwin Keith Kyle of Boone County died during an intense exchange against Chinese forces in Korea. He was awarded the Medal of Honor.

Feb. 17, 1735: Morgan Morgan of present-day Berkeley County was commissioned a captain of militia in the 201st Field Artillery, which is considered the oldest military unit in the United States.

Feb. 18, 1843: Ritchie County was created from portions of Wood, Lewis, and Harrison counties. The county was named for Virginia journalist and politician Thomas Ritchie.

Feb. 18, 1890: Ellison Mounts, a cousin to the Hatfield family, was hanged for murder, ending the Hatfield-McCoy Feud.

Feb. 18, 1969: Hundreds of miners in Raleigh County went on strike over the issue of black lung. Within



days, the walkout spread throughout southern West Virginia.

Feb. 19, 1908: Orval Elijah Brown was born near Lizemores in Clay County. Brown, a free-spirited individual, gained notoriety as the "Clay County Wild Man" during the Great Depression for his untamed physical appearance, which included a flowing beard and the wearing of little more than a self-made loincloth.

Feb. 19, 1943: Author Homer Hickam was born in Coalwood, McDowell County. Hickam's second book, *Rocket Boys: A Memoir*, was published in 1998 and became a runaway bestseller.

Feb. 20, 1875: The legislature approved a bill to move the state capital back to Wheeling.

Feb. 20, 1995: The legislature voted to make the Golden Delicious apple the official state fruit.

Feb. 21, 1895: Bluefield

Colored Institute was established by the legislature to prepare Black West Virginians for the teaching profession. After several name changes, the school became Bluefield State College in 1943 and achieved university status in 2022.

Feb. 21, 1913: Workers' compensation passed the

legislature, modeled on the German system Governor Hatfield had studied in the Ruhr Valley coalfields.

Feb. 21, 1940: Former Governor Gaston Caperton was born in Charleston. Caperton defeated Arch Moore to become the state's 31st governor.

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Notice is hereby given that the 21st day of March, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Judge Phillip Stowers, Jessica Frye will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia for the entry of an order by said Court, changing her child's name from Lillian Elaine Smith to Lillian Elaine Frye, at which time and place any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire.

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

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Estate No.: 5540  
Estate Of: Kenneth A O'Neal  
Executor: David A O'Neal  
2803 Florence Ct  
Huntington, WV 25704

Estate No.: 5623  
Estate Of: Stephen Edward Rogers  
Executrix: Joan M Rogers  
5 Lake Chadesa Drive  
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5593  
Estate Of: Douglas Wayne Wilson  
Administrator: Teresa Wilson  
155 Canal Landing Blvd, Apt 731  
Rochester, NY 14626

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 February 8, 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 to 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 February 8, 2024.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 31st day of January 2024.  
Fiduciary Supervisor  
Putnam County Commission  
10293 Winfield Road,  
Winfield, WV 25213

# HURRICANE HIGH SCHOOL & HURRICANE MIDDLE SCHOOL DINNER CONCERT



**When:**

March 9th - **1pm.**

March 9th - **5:30pm.**

March 10th - **1pm.**

**Where:**

HMS Cafeteria



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA In Re: Change of Name from Andrea Dawn Donahue to Andrea Dawn Huey

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING

Civil Action No. 24-P-10 Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of March, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Judge Joseph K. Reeder, Andrea Dawn Donahue 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 Andrea Dawn Donahue to Andrea Dawn Huey, 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 24th day of January, 2024. Stephanie M. Smith Putnam County Circuit Clerk 2-8-2t

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated June 20, 2008, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Document No. 001310780006, in Book No. 873, at Page 286 and re-recorded in Document No. MOD, in Book No. 1320, at Page 954, Virginia M Miller and Charles C Miller did convey unto Vance Golden, 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 MidFirst Bank to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse in Winfield, West Virginia, on

March 26, 2024 at 12:30 PM

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 04 - Curry District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All of the following described real estate, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Curry District, Putnam County, West Virginia and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a pin in the fence corner marking the common corner of Lots 27, 28, 31 and 32 of Sunset Heights West Addition; thence running S. 28° 51' 31" E., 63.73 feet to a pin; thence running S. 61° 20' W. 153.00 feet to a pin in the easterly right of way line of Oak Drive; thence running with said right of way line N. 40° W. 65.00 feet to a pin in the line of Lot 32 of Sunset Heights West Addition; thence leaving the line of Oak Drive and running with the line of Lot 32, N. 61° 20' E., 153.00 feet to a pin; thence continuing N. 61° 20' E., 12.56 feet to the place of beginning, and being more particularly shown upon that certain map made by Jimmy D. Calhoun, PE 4782, dated October 26, 1993, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia in Deed Book 353, page 682. LSOT: Deed Book 441, Page 697, dated October 27, 2003, Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 220 Oak Street, Hurricane, WV 25526. 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.

SENECA TRUSTEES, INC. 5000 Coombs Farm Drive, Suite 104 Morgantown, WV 26508 (304) 413-0044 (304) 292-2918 Toll free: (888) 534-3132 Reference File No. 88050 2-15-2t

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Request for Proposals for Grid-Tied Solar System(s) The City of Winfield is interested in adding solar systems to offset our electricity use to reduce utility expenses now and into the future. We seek a qualified, experienced solar installer to review the capacity of our municipal properties, propose a solar solution that delivers maximum financial benefit, install the system/s, and provide service or maintenance as needed over the life of the system.

Project Location(s): 150 Bowyer Ln Winfield WV

Site visit (as needed): 1:30PM on Monday, February 26, 2024

Proposal shall include: - Solar design, including module layout, DC system capacity, estimated annual production, and description of major components. System monitoring is required. - Description of relevant equipment and installation warranties, and the ongoing maintenance services provided by the installer. - Price and financial analysis of the proposed system, including anticipated savings. - Firm name and address, description of firm, number of employees and years in current business, electrical and other licenses or certification, and list of subcontractors (if any) and their qualifications. - Description of past, similar solar PV projects, including contact information for 3 client references. - Sample purchase contract. - Anticipated project timeline.

The selected solar installer will secure permits and any other needed regulatory approvals, complete installation, coordinate with the utility to secure Permission to Operate, and train the facility's staff on system monitoring.

Copies of recent utility bills are available upon request at: City of Winfield Municipal Building

Proposals will be evaluated based on the capacity and quality of design proposed; the anticipated savings to be delivered; and the qualifications and experience of the solar installer. Preference will be given to the installer with the demonstrated longevity and capacity to service the array for its working life. Additionally, preference will be given to West Virginia-based installers, installers utilizing union labor, and installers leveraging state/federal grants to help pay for the system. Awarded contracts will be contingent on obtaining savings proposed including state/federal grants, tax credits, etc.

Bids will be evaluated based on experience, the above qualifications, costs, and expertise. The choices will not be based on price alone and any bid will be evaluated based on West Virginia procurement policies. The City of Winfield has the ability to reject any and all bids.

The final award of the contract shall be contingent on the receipt by the City of Winfield of Grant funds to finance the project and the receipt of appropriate tax credits to cover said Grant and any bridge loans.

Responses should be emailed to winfieldccct@cityofwinfield.net or mailed to PO Box 596 Winfield, WV 25213 and received by 4:00PM on March 7, 2024. Bids will be opened at 5:00PM on March 7, 2024.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, WV Trustee Services, LLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated February 22, 2013, executed by Borrower, Leslie A Talbert, to Richard A. Pill, the Trustee of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Book 1033, at Page 201. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 114 Teays Villa, Scott Depot, WV 25560. WV Trustee Services, LLC were appointed as Substitute Trustees by APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated December 6, 2023, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 1357, Page 462. The borrower defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustees have been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustees will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Putnam County, in Winfield, West Virginia, on the following date:

29th day of February, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

All of the following described real estate, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Scott District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and being all of Lot No. Eleven (11), Section One (1), Teays Villa Subdivision, as the same is shown and designated upon that certain map entitled, "A Plat Showing a Survey of Section 1 of Teays Villa Subdivision Reference Deed Book 124, Page 429, Tax Map 214, Part of Parcel 57.1, Being Situate on Teays Valley Road, Scott District, Putnam County, West Virginia", dated May 1, 1985, prepared by Roger K. Randolph, PE #6246. Together with the benefits of the non-exclusive use of the right of way leading to and from West Virginia Secondary Route No. 33, as shown upon the aforesaid map. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in that certain document entitled, "Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions and Easements of Teays Villa Estates, Putnam County, West Virginia", dated October 8, 1985, recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Miscellaneous Book 25, page 615.

Being the same property conveyed to Leslie A Talbert by the Deed dated February 22, 2013 and recorded in Deed Book 522 at Page 251 in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia.

TERMS OF SALE:

1) The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition

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by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.

2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1.

3) The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.

4) The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.

5) The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.

6) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale.

WV Trustee Services, LLC, Substitute Trustee BY: Dionne Reynolds, Limited Signing Officer WV Trustee Services, LLC McGuire Office Center 618 Tenth Street, Suite 108 Huntington, WV 25701 (304) 853-3336 dionne.reynolds@wvtrusteeservices.com 2-1-4t

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Under authority of that certain Deed of Trust dated September 19, 2013, from Michael Edward Post to Marc B. Lazenby, Trustee, of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia in Trust Deed Book No. 1054, at page 927, securing a promissory note in the principal amount of \$42,940.16, payable to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., and default having been made under the promissory note secured by the aforesaid Deed of Trust and sale requested by Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse in Winfield, West Virginia, on March 8, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., subject to all reservations, exceptions, easements and other matters which appear of record, and subject to all unpaid taxes, if any, the surface only of that certain parcel, lot or tract of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in what is known as VINTROUX BABY FARMS, Scott District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a stake in the common dividing line between property heretofore conveyed to T. F. Nauman and Viola E. Nauman, his wife, by M. I. Mendeloff and others, by deed dated May 2, 1940, of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 74, at page 241, and the property was conveyed to Edward H. Snyder by Aaron Meyer and wife, by deed dated April 4, 1931, recorded in the said County Commission Clerk's Office in Deed Book No. 60, at page 455, which stake is situate 112 feet distant from the southerly right of way line of the main 30 foot road leading up Vintroux Branch, as shown on a MAP of the said Vintroux Baby Farms, dated September 1921, made by M. W. Venable and Sons, C. E. said Map being of record in said County Commission Clerk's Office; thence with the common dividing line between the Snyder and Nauman properties as described in said deeds aforesaid, and in a direction down the hill N. 24 degrees 09 minutes East 112 feet to a stake in the southerly edge of said Vintroux Branch Road, which stake is the common northerly corner of the properties formerly owned by said Snyder and Nauman; thence in an easterly direction and with the southerly line of said thirty foot road a distance of fifty five feet, more or less, to the property formerly conveyed to George Edward Post and wife by M. I. Mendeloff and Reba B. Cohen et al; thence with the common dividing line between the George Edward Post property and the property herein conveyed, South 24 degrees 09 minutes West to a stake which is the rear common corner between the George Edward Post property and the property contracted for by the said Gladys Marie Post; thence in a straight line a distance of 55 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning.

Together with a 2011 Clayton Manufactured Home, Serial No. CLM092858TN.

Being the same property conveyed from Michael Edward Post and Christopher Kannegiesser to Michael Edward Post by Deed dated August 13, 2009, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's office in Deed Book No. 492, at page 960. Terms of sale: Certified funds or cash due on date of sale. Given under my hand this 1st day of February, 2024. /s/ Marc B. Lazenby Trustee 2-8-2t

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Notice of Proposed Settlement of Estates

To the Creditors, Distributees and Beneficiaries of the within named persons: I have before me the final settlement of estates of the following persons, which shall be presented to the County Commission of Putnam County, at the Courthouse, in the City of Winfield, on Tuesday the 27th day of February 2024 at 5:00 p.m. for their approval which settlements have been presented to me by the Fiduciary of such estates and which proposed settlements I have approved as indicated below:

Decedent: Treasure Wiblen Fiduciary: Joan Belcher, Executrix Address: 4808 Country Club Blvd So Charleston WV 25309

Any persons having an interest in the estate of any such person, may before the County Commission at the time and place hereinabove specified and thereupon present his interest as they may appear or else may forever thereafter be barred from asserting such interest. Given under my than this 7th day of February 2024. Fiduciary Supervisor, Putnam County 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213 2-15-1t

Submissions

Submissions may be emailed to: hurricanebreeze@citynet.net

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in it by that certain Deed of Trust dated July 30, 2021, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 1295, at Page 869, Deborah L. Schuermeyer and William T. Schuermeyer did convey unto Chris Eller, Trustee, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Pill & Pill, PLLC as Substitute Trustee by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse, in Winfield, West Virginia, on

March 1, 2024, at 11:47 AM

The following described real estate, with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the Scott District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows: All of that certain lot or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the Scott District, Putnam County, West Virginia, fronting on the westerly side of West Virginia State Route 34/14, commonly known as Poplar Fork Road, bounded, and described as follows, to-wit;

Beginning at an old iron pin located on the westerly side of said State Secondary Route 34/14, said iron pin also being located the following successive courses and distances measured along the westerly line of said State Secondary Route 34/14 from a concrete monument located at the intersection of the northwesterly line of West Virginia State Route 34 and the westerly line of West Virginia Secondary State Route 34/14, to-wit:

N. 7° 45' W. 100 feet, N. 5° 06' W. 100 feet, N. 3° 45' W. 100 feet; thence leaving said beginning point and also leaving said Secondary State Route 34/14 S. 86° 41' W. a distance of 200 feet to an old iron pin; thence N. 2° 53' W. a distance of 101.45 feet to an old iron pin; thence N. 87° 06' E. a distance of 200 feet to an old iron pin in the westerly line of said Secondary State Route 34/14; thence running with the westerly line of said Secondary State Route 34/14 S. 2° 54' E. a distance of 27.61 feet to a stake; thence continuing with State Route S. 2° 53' E. a distance of 72.39 feet to the place of beginning.

Being the same property devised by M. Evangeline Bias unto Denise Y. Long, n/k/a Denise Y. Banks, Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of M. Evangeline Bias, deceased, by her Last Will and Testament recorded on October 5, 2018, and of record in Will Book 62, at page 426 in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 3040 Mount Vernon Road, Hurricane, WV 25526.

AND BEING the same real estate which was conveyed to Deborah L. Schuermeyer and William T. Schuermeyer, by Deed dated July 30, 2021, from Denise Y. Banks fka Denise Y. Long, as Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of M. Evangeline Bias, deceased, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 599, at Page 992.

The above-described property will be sold subject to any covenants, restrictions, easements, leases and conditions of record, and subject to any unpaid real estate taxes.

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

TERMS: Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price as a deposit with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

Richard A. Pill, Member

P. O. Box 440, 85 Aikens Center, Martinsburg, WV 25404 Phone (304) 263-4971, Fax (304) 267-5840, e-mail: foreclosures@pillwvllaw.com 2-15-3t

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NOTICE OF ANCILLARY FILING WITHOUT ANY ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that a foreign will or affidavit without administration of estate has been filed Putnam County Clerk's Office pursuant to the provisions of law as follows:

Decedent: Terry Lee Bays Filed By: Sheila M Bays 105 N 4Th Ave. Winneconne, WI 54986

Any person interested person objecting to the filing of the foreign will or Affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this state must file a notice of an objection with the undersigned fiduciary supervisor within 60 days after January 25, 2024, or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred.

Given under my than this 7th day of February 2024.

Fiduciary Supervisor, Putnam County 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213 2-15-2t

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in it by that certain Deed of Trust dated January 17, 2020, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 1233, at Page 734, Brandon L. Payne did convey unto Robert H. Skeen, Jr., Trustee, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Pill & Pill, PLLC as Substitute Trustee by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse, in Winfield, West Virginia, on

March 1, 2024, at 11:45 AM

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

The following described real property situated in the County of Putnam and State of West Virginia, to wit: all that certain tract/lot or parcel of real estate, together with any building or improvements thereon, rights and rights of way incidental thereto, and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Curry District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and more particularly bounded and described as follows: all that certain lot or parcel of land, together with any improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Curry District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and being all of Lot No. Twenty-Eight (28), in Plat No. Two (2), of the Hurricane Heights Addition to the Town of Hurricane, as the same is shown and designated on a Map of said Addition duly of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Map Book 3, Page 23, reference to which said Map is hereby made for a more particular description of said property being the same property conveyed unto John A. Casey by Terry L. Coleman and Michelle L. Coleman, husband and wife, by Deed dated April 16, 2004 and to be recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office simultaneously herewith reference to said Map and Deed is herein made for a more particular description of the property herein conveyed. This conveyance is made subject to any and all covenants, restrictions, easements, and reservations which may be a matter of record in the Clerk's Office aforesaid and running with the land. This Deed is made subject to the same exceptions, reservations, conditions, restrictions and easements contained in prior Deeds of conveyance of record for the above described real estate, insofar as same are presently applicable and have not been released, abandoned or discharged by law or otherwise being the same property conveyed to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company by Deed from Seneca Trustees, Inc., a West Virginia Corporation, substitute Trustee(s) as recorded 05/03/2017 in Book 558, at Page 741 as Document 00418650004. Tax ID: 230C-149.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 2238 Chestnut Street, Hurricane, WV 25526.

AND BEING the same real estate which was conveyed to Brandon L. Payne, by Deed dated December 23, 2019, from Fix & Flip Processing, LLC, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 583, at Page 272. The above-described property will be sold subject to any covenants, restrictions, easements, leases and conditions of record, and subject to any unpaid real estate taxes. The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property. TERMS: Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price as a deposit with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

Richard A. Pill, Member

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The Putnam County Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 221 at the Putnam County Courthouse, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV in order to conduct regular business and hold the following public hearing(s):

BZA VAR 2024-01 Parker Brother Properties, LLC has submitted a Zoning Variance application for parcel 18 of tax map 224. Two variances are requested -- One from Article 600.05A and one from Article 1200.02E of the zoning ordinance.

1.)Article 600.05A states the minimum secondary front setback is to be 10 feet. The applicant proposes 8.48 feet instead of 10 feet. 2.)Article 1200.02E requires no parking in the front setback. The applicant proposes two parking spaces in a front setback.

The subject property is located at 6250 Teays Valley Road in Scott Depot and is currently proposed to be developed as an office building. The parcel is zoned "C-1" Suburban Commercial.

All interested parties are invited to attend. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Planning Commission staff at (304) 586-0237. 2-15-1t

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

In Re: Change of Name from Cameron Nelson Smith to Cameron Nelson Frye

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING

Civil Action No. 24-P-16 Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of March, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Judge Phillip Stowers, Jessica Frye will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia for the entry of an order by said Court, changing her child's name from Cameron Nelson Smith to Cameron Nelson Frye, 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 8th day of February, 2024. Stephanie M. Smith Putnam County Circuit Clerk 2-15-2tw

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Notice

The Town of Buffalo, West Virginia. Buffalo is seeking to fill the position of the Recorder. Recorder position is a bi-annual elected position. The appointed person will serve till January 1, 2025. At that time a new Recorder is elected by the people will assume the office. Appointed individual may run for the office and be elected by the people to the office.

Candidates should send a short resume to the town for consideration. The post does require record keeping and book keeping experience. This, post also deals with accounts receivable and accounts payable.

Town of Buffalo, P.O. Box 307, Buffalo, W.V. 25033. 2-15-2t

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Notice

Town of Buffalo, West Virginia. Buffalo is seeking candidates to fill an open council position. Town elections are held every two years. The current term will till January 1, 2025. At that time whom ever is elected by the people's popular vote will assume the office. The candidates must by 18 years of age or older, a citizen of the Town of Buffalo. Candidates need to stop by the town hall and sign up for the position.

Town of Buffalo, P.O. Box 307, Buffalo, W.V. 25033 2-15-2t

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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: Case No. 24-D-23

The Marriage of: Vincent Robert McCord Petitioner and Linda Gail McCord Respondent

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A MARITAL ABANDONMENT

WV CODE § 48-5-208. THIS IS A PUBLICATION BY CLASS II LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT.

To the Above-Named Respondent: It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that Linda Gail McCord is a non-resident of the State of West Virginia or has an unknown address. It is hereby ordered that Linda Gail McCord serve upon Putnam County Circuit Clerk's Office, whose address is 12093 Winfield Road, Ste. 12, Winfield, West Virginia, an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition for Marital Abandonment filed in this action on or before February 26, 2024. If you fail to Answer the Petition for Marital Ab



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Hurricane Creek Road  
Hurricane  
90th Birthday February 11

GINA GABBARD BAKER  
Trenton, Ohio  
Birthday February 12

LISA HAMMICKS  
Hurricane Creek Road  
Hurricane  
56th Birthday February 16

IAN GREGORY McNEIL  
GILFLEN  
2927 Main Street  
Hurricane  
18th Birthday February 16

ALISHA MAYNARD  
South Carolina  
Birthday February 16

MARK SMITH  
Winfield  
Birthday February 16

ETHAN WHITE  
Hurricane  
17th Birthday February 16

RHETT PARKER ASHBY  
Cross Lanes  
6th Birthday February 16

HEATHER GOTHARD  
Proctorville, Ohio  
26th Birthday February 16

DR SCOTT JAMES  
HENRY  
132 Willow Wood Circle  
Hurricane  
54th Birthday February 17

JULIA HINKLE  
Huntington  
Birthday February 17

COLLEEN LAWSON  
274 SW Ray Avenue  
Port St. Lucie, Florida  
72nd Birthday February 17

HEATHER NICHOLE  
CASTO QUEEN  
103 Thomas Drive  
Hurricane  
36th Birthday February 17

PAMELA FERGUSON  
171 Plantation Road  
Pliny  
Birthday February 17

BOB BERRY  
667 Washington Hill Road  
Hurricane  
68th Birthday February 17

SHERRY HODGES  
BUCHLA  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Birthday February 17

EVERETT NEVILLE  
1115 Stewart Addition Rear  
Milton  
72nd Birthday February 18

BOYCE BAKER  
Trenton, Ohio  
57th Birthday February 18

VANNA WHITE  
Conway, South Carolina  
67th Birthday February 18

HERSHEL JON GILLISPIE  
Katy, Texas  
73rd Birthday February 18

EDWARD (BUB)  
HEDRICK  
Fort Myers, Florida  
Birthday February 18

KATHY LOSH  
Culloden  
84th Birthday February 18

TINA LEADMON  
2017 Trace Creek Road  
Hurricane  
62nd Birthday February 18

MARY JANE CONNER  
Alabama  
49th Birthday February 18

REV KENNETH CONN  
P.O. Box 504  
Flatwoods, Kentucky  
71st Birthday February 18

JACKIE LEE BLACK  
1000 Jane Drive  
Culloden  
78th Birthday February 19

MARCUS BLACKMON  
P.O. Box 275  
Branchland  
75th Birthday February 19

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OWENS  
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## Fly A Paper Plane At the Library

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

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

Candler, North Carolina  
Birthday February 19

REBECCA RICHMOND  
3012 Sansom Court  
Milton  
63rd Birthday February 19

CHRISTANNA  
DONAHUE  
#2 Morris Court  
Culloden  
Birthday February 19

MINDY SCARBERRY  
Barboursville  
Birthday February 19

ASHLEY CHRISTOPHER  
#29 Augusta Lane  
Hurricane  
39th Birthday February 19

ERIC ALAN MORRISON  
1607 W Mud River Road  
Milton  
56th Birthday February 19

JUSTIN CHAPMAN  
219 Johnston Drive  
North Carolina  
35th Birthday February 19

GEORGE ARMSTEAD JR  
732 Washington Hill Road  
Hurricane  
Birthday February 20

HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY,  
PAPAW! LOVE YOU!  
KELCI & BRAEDEN

TOM McGEE  
Bridge Road  
Charleston  
77th Birthday February 20

AUTUMN BROOKE  
Barboursville  
35th Birthday February 20

WANDA STARCHER  
143 Gritt Road  
Buffalo  
Birthday February 20

BERNARD (CUZ) WHITE  
3435 Howell's Mill Road  
Ona  
86th Birthday February 20

DONNA CONNER  
Columbus, Ohio  
81st Birthday February 20

SHIRLEY KEELING  
JONES  
Evergreen Road  
Fraziers Bottom  
70th Birthday February 20

KASEY LEMLEY  
Route 3, Box 126  
Milton  
27th Birthday February 20

RON A CHAPMAN  
Milton  
66th Birthday February 20

GRACE ELKINS  
2208 Kirby Road  
Milton  
22nd Birthday February 21

HERSHELL LEE  
CRAWFORD  
Chesapeake, Ohio  
66th Birthday February 21

PRINCESS MARGARET  
WALLER  
P.O. Box 608  
351 High Street  
Ceredo  
88th Birthday February 21

WAYNE GLENN  
Frazier's Bottom  
80th Birthday February 21

GREG CREASEY  
Barboursville  
60th Birthday February 21

SAM WIREMAN  
Lima, Ohio  
Birthday February 22

JEAN MURRILL  
Rio Grande, Ohio  
88th Birthday February 22

## 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 at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100028127033243>. The public is invited to be a part of a

## Eleanor Planning Committee

The Eleanor Events Planning Committee will meet the first Thursday of every month from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm. The purpose will be to plan and schedule many events to take place throughout the year.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, March 7. Please enter through the Homestead Room entrance which is the end of the building closest to the Dairy Queen.

This is an open meeting and everyone in attendance will have equal say and the ability to present ideas and to join in on the overall discussion!

For more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/EleanorWV>

## Glenville Honors List Recipients

Glenville State University (GSU) has announced the names of GSU students who attained the President's Honor List and the Provost's Honor List for the Fall 2023 semester. To be named to the President's Honor List, a student must have a 4.0 grade point average. To be named to the Provost's Honor List, a student must have at least a 3.5 grade point average.

The students making the President's Honor List are listed as follows according to their West Virginia County of residence, out-of-state, or out-of-country:

Putnam County:  
Caden R. Beam  
Brogan M. Brown

## Happy Anniversary

Preston and Velma Sheets of 631 Parsons Ridge Road, Hurricane, will celebrate their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary on February 17.

Larry and Pam Pauley of 364 Whipple Run Loop in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, will celebrate their tenth wedding anniversary on February 18.

Charles and Evelyn Bradley of 4687 Sycamore Road in Culloden will celebrate their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary on February 20.

Steve and Cheri Call of 980 Kanawha Trail in Culloden will celebrate their wedding anniversary on February 22.

David and Chrsitina Sheppard of Route 1, Box 123 in Milton will celebrate their twenty-first wedding anniversary on February 22.

Mike and Missy Bias of Hamlin will celebrate their twenty-third wedding anniversary on February 22.

bulk order with the Master Gardeners for trees from Adams County Nursery. Any questions can be discussed with Master Gardener representatives Roger and Sherry at [rogerandsherry@frontier.com](mailto: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.

## Emma Alley Bamed to Flagler President's List

Emma Alley of Winfield was among a distinguished group of students who were recognized for their academic excellence earlier this month.

The President's List is compiled in recognition of students achieving a certain standard of academic excellence and is distributed by the Office of Academic Affairs. To qualify for this award, Alley a Marketing major, had to earn at least a 4.0 GPA with at least 12 semester hours of graded credit.

## Hurricane Student Makes Minnesota Honor List

The Academic High Honor and Honor lists (Dean's lists) for the past fall semester at Minnesota State University, Mankato have been announced by Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs David Hood.

Yashaswi Bastakoti of Hurricane made the Honor List.

Among 3,995 students, a total of 1,227 students qualified for the High Honor List by achieving a 4.0 straight "A" average, while 2,768 students earned a 3.5 to 3.99 average to qualify for the Honor List.

To qualify for academic honors, undergraduate students must be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours for the semester.

Minnesota State Mankato, a comprehensive university with 14,635 students, is part of the Minnesota State system, which includes 26 colleges and seven universities.

## Buffalo Nazarene Adult VBS: Three-Ring Circus

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls of all ages ...

Well, men and women of most ages—welcome to Buffalo Church of the Nazarene's three-ring circus! You can call it a revival. You can call it a retreat. The church is calling it Vacation Bible School ... for adults!

Please come on Thursday, February 29 - Saturday, March 2 for VBS. This event will be held from 6-8 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 2-4 p.m. on Saturday with a dinner to follow.

There will be praise and worship, small-group classes, snacks, and crafts. The church will also provide child care so moms and dads can join in the fun! This event is open to the entire community. Buffalo Nazarene looks forward to growing in Christ together.

At the conclusion of Adult VBS on Saturday, March 2, there will be a jam session at 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall. What is a jam session? A simple gathering for all to sing and worship the Lord together.

Bring your instruments, bring your voice, bring scripture readings, poems, or your testimony!

There is no set list. Someone call out a hymn and we simply bring praise to the King of Kings!

There will be snacks and refreshments.

Hymnals will be provided by Buffalo Church of the Nazarene and Oma Chapel Church.

Do you have questions? Contact Tina Redd at (304) 395-1224.

## Forrest Burdette Easter Egg Orders

Starting in mid-February, the Forrest Burdette United Methodist Women will be taking orders for decorated Easter eggs, available in cherry nut, coconut, maple nut, vanilla, and the most favorite of all, peanut butter, dipped in either milk chocolate or dark chocolate (please specify). Each egg is hand decorated. Cost: \$5.00 each. The eggs will be available for pick-up on Sat., March 23, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

To place an order, call the church at 304-562-5903, or email your order to [office@forrestburdette.com](mailto:office@forrestburdette.com) with the subject Easter Eggs, by March 13th. Individual order forms and order forms for a larger group will be available at the Connection Center.

## 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.