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WV American Water Customers to See 8% Rate Increase

By Ron Allen

State regulators have approved an 8 percent increase in water and sewer rates for the average customers of the West Virginia-American Water Co. The new rates became effective Saturday, February 24th.

Under its 58-page ruling, the Public Service Commission of West Virginia said the average water bill (3,400 gallon usage) should increase by \$5.69 a month, and sewer bills should increase by \$5.59 a month.

The company filed for a 22.5 percent increase in rates on May 1, 2023, or a total of \$41.2 million. After the Commission allocated a portion of sewer costs to the water operations, the water increase rose to \$43 million, or 24 percent.

The company's original \$51 million increase application proposed a \$10 million decrease in its Distribution System Improvement Charge (DSIC), which is used to pay to improve the systems distribution lines and systems.

The net effect of the Commission's decision released Saturday is to

approve a \$15 million revenue increase, or an 8 percent increase in rates, instead of 24 percent, after the elimination of the DSIC charge and an allocation of some sewer rates to water.

The impact on a residential customer using 3,400 gallons of water per month will take the monthly water bill from \$71.10 to \$76.79.

Water customers of the City of Hurricane, by comparison, are charged \$55.62 for 3,400 gallon usage under the rates approved earlier this year. Putnam PSD customers, using 3,400 gallons, currently see \$32.15 monthly bills.

For sewer operations, the West Virginia American originally requested an increase of approximately \$471,000, or approximately 25 percent. The Commission order approved a net revenue increase of approximately \$147,000. The impact on a residential customer using 3,400 gallons of water per month will be take the average monthly sewer bill from \$69.92 to \$75.51.

The City of Hurricane monthly sewer bill for 3,400 gallon water usage is \$42.85 and the Putnam PSD sewer bill for this usage is \$43.83.

Gardening the Whole Year Long



Mark Hull inspects the onions and carrots which he grew under the protective cover of a hoop house.

By Ron Allen

The design of the two domed structures adjacent to Mark Hull's garden plot on Hurricane Creek Road resemble that of high tunnels used by commercial growers to produce early season offerings. The structures are hoop houses which cover raised beds.

For gardeners, each bite of home grown produce is its own reward. While Hull could use his hoop houses to get a jump on an early garden, he has found that he can also utilize them to grow

carrots, onions, beets, garlic, celery, and lettuce all year long. He can enjoy a home grown gardening reward every month of the year.

After years of struggling without success to grow beets and carrots in his regular garden, he is now enjoying both thanks to the hoop houses which he built from scratch using treated lumber, PCV piping, and

heavy duty polyethylene film.

His attempt at growing celery this winter did not go well. "It was doing great until we had a day in December in which the temperature hit 70°. I don't know how high it got in the hoop house, but it was hot enough to kill it," he said. The mishap occurred just as the celery was getting table ready.

It will be a while before this year's hoop house carrots will be ready for picking. That said, Mark is still enjoying carrots which his wife Peggy canned in 2023.

Cannings from the Hull garden include beans, beets, and tomatoes.

The kale and turnips which Hull planted last year

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Hurricane High Senior Recipient of \$20,000 Coca-Cola Scholarship

Over 103,800 applications were submitted, 1,514 semifinalists were selected to submit extensive applications and essays, and 250 regional finalists were chosen to interview Coca-Cola Foundation staff members and previous Coke Scholars Program scholarship recipients. Paisley Tabor was honored as 1 of 150 winners named 2024 Coca-Cola Scholars and will receive a \$20,000 college scholarship. The Hurricane High School senior is the only 2024 Coca-Cola Scholar in West Virginia.

Paisley was hailed a game changer – a force for positive change in our community and for good in the world. She will join the Coke Scholars network at Scholars Weekend April 25-28, 2024, in Atlanta, GA, where she will be celebrated at the Coca-Cola Scholars Banquet, followed by a weekend with their Leadership Development Institute, a leadership experience unlike any other. Scholars Weekend will also include tours of local landmarks in Atlanta, networking with alumni and staff, and a group community service project.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Program is the largest corporate-sponsored, achievement-based scholarship program in the United States. With the addition of the 2024 class, CCSF will have provided more than 6,900 Coke Scholars nationwide with over \$84 million in scholarships over the course of 36 years.

In addition to receiving



Paisley Tabor

college scholarships, change in the world. Through students selected will be welcomed into a vibrant and growing Coke Scholars family that has become a powerful force for positive

change in the world. Through networking, collaborations, and friendships, the group strives to make a greater

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Buffalo High Advances in Academic Showdown Competition at WVSU



Buffalo High School placed second in the West Virginia State University regional of the 2024 Academic Showdown.

Buffalo High School was one of two academic teams to advance in regional 2024 Academic Showdown competition on Friday, February 23, at West Virginia State University.

George Washington High School Team 1, Kanawha County, placed first, while Buffalo High School placed second. Both teams advance to the finale on April 23, 2024, at the West Virginia Culture Center in Charleston.

In addition to Buffalo and George Washington, five other schools participated: Charleston Catholic High School, Poca High School, Ripley High School, St. Albans High School, and Sissonville High School.

This year's Showdown features 90 high school teams from 31 counties statewide, an increase in participation from 71 teams over the 2023 event. Students in grades 9 - 12 showcase their academic expertise in math, history, sports, fine arts, pop culture, and more through fast-paced rounds of questions.

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

Hurricane's Latest Internet Sensation

Cole Parsons, an eleven-year-old fifth grader from Hurricane, has become a viral sensation after his mother, Nici, posted a video of him playing an electric guitar on TikTok. The video has been viewed almost 30 million times, and has received comments from famous artists such as Mötley Crüe and Brad Arnold, the singer from 3 Doors Down, as well as actress Viola Davis.

Cole learned to play the electric guitar when he was five years old, and practices for an hour every day. In addition to



performing songs by Van Halen, Metallica, and other metal bands, he has written a few of his own songs. He

says that he wants to be in a metal band one day.

To keep up with Cole Parsons and see

WEATHER SUMMARY		
February 20 - 26		
	Low	High
February 20		
Hurricane	16°	54°
February 21		
Hurricane	23°	60°
February 22*		
Hurricane	29°	56°
February 23*		
Hurricane	35°	57°
February 24		
Hurricane	17°	38°
February 25		
Hurricane	15°	50°
February 26		
Hurricane	28°	66°

*RAIN
0.4 inch recorded Feb. 22
0.2 inch recorded Feb. 23

his performances, go to <https://www.instagram.com/niciparsons>

Community Calendar

If you want your event listed in the Community Calendar, write to the Hurricane Breeze at PO Box 310, Hurricane, West Virginia 25526, or phone 304-562-9881. If you have email, send it to breezenews@citynet.net and mark your subject line "Community Calendar." There is no charge for posting an event in the calendar.

NOW - 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.

NOW - MARCH 3

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

FEBRUARY 29 - MARCH 2

Buffalo Church of the Nazarene, 25053 Buffalo Road, will be hosting Three-Ring Circus Adult VBS from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday through Friday, and 2 - 4 p.m. on Saturday.

FEBRUARY 29

Homeschool Adventures: Chemical vs. Physical Changes for grades K-2 will be held from 9 a.m. to 10:15, and grades 6-8 from 1 to 2:15 p.m. at Zoology Zone Science Center, located at Valley Park in Hurricane. Register by going to <https://form.jotform.com/240027454896159>

MARCH 1 - 4

The Kids Consignment Pop Up Shop is coming to Valley Park in Hurricane. Hours are 10 am - 7 pm March 1 and 2; noon - 5 p.m. March 3; and 1 - 2 pm on March 4.

MARCH 1

Counselor and minister Peter Ray Cole will be speaking on anxiety from 6 to 9 p.m. at Pine Grove Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, 7389 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot. This session is geared towards teens and college students.

MARCH 2

There will be a Gospel singing jam session at 5 p.m. at the Buffalo Church of the Nazarene, 25053 Buffalo Road.

Relative Obscurity will be performing from 9 p.m. to midnight at Railways Bar and Grill, 17426 Charleston Road, Buffalo.

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Sugar Shenanigans candy store, 722 First Avenue South, Suite A, Nitro, will be holding Shenanigans Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Riverside Baptist Church, WV Route 62, Red House, will be holding a 25¢ Yard Sale starting at 8 a.m.

CORE Contracting Solutions LLC, 13128 Winfield Road, Winfield, will be holding their grand opening and mini showroom tour from 2 to 4 p.m.

There will be a comic trade day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Board Room, behind the Hurricane Walmart.

MARCH 3

Nitro First Presbyterian, 111 21st Street, will be having a soup and sandwich luncheon at noon.

There will be a women's Bible study on the book of Elijah from 6 to 8 p.m. at Mount Vernon Baptist Church, 2150 Mount Vernon Road, Hurricane.

The Old Time Preachers will be performing at Teays Valley Baptist Church in Hurricane at 6 p.m.

There will be a Meeks Mountain Hike at 1:30 p.m. Meet by the Hurricane Sprayground for a 4 mile hike.

MARCH 4 - 6

Red House Bible Church, 51 Warner Lane, Red House, will be holding their spring revival at 6:30 p.m. nightly. Dinner served at 5:30 p.m. Special speaker Jim Mitchell.

MARCH 6

Appalachian Lassies will be holding a performance and a free traditional Scottish/Irish dance class starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley.

MARCH 7, 9, 10

Community Bridge, 30 Mallory Lane, St. Albans, will be holding an open house from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 7; 1 to 3 p.m. on March 9; and 12:30 to 2 p.m. on March 10.

MARCH 7

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

Homeschool Adventures: Heredity and Traits for grades 6-8 will be held from 1 to 2:15 p.m. at Zoology Zone Science Center, located at Valley Park in Hurricane. Register by going to <https://form.jotform.com/240465881223153>

MARCH 8

Bake My Day, 14 Bank Street, Nitro, will be holding a macaroon making and wine tasting party from 6 to 8 p.m. The cost to attend is \$35. For more information, call (304) 651-2584.

The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce will be holding a meet-up from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at Sherwin Williams, 3784 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane.

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

MARCH 9

Lone Oak Church of God Mission, 1303 McLane Pike, Red House, will be holding Drawing From the Well, a ladies' day, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be a workshop called "Guiding the Heart of the Child" from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Zoology Zone Science Center located at Valley Park in Hurricane. The cost is \$25 per person.

The Comeback Club: Bridging The Gender Gap in Workforce Reintegration

The Comeback Club, an initiative of the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce and the Putnam Chamber Network of Women, is on a mission to transform the landscape of workforce reintegration for women. With a vision of fostering a future where career breaks no longer pose barriers to professional success, The Comeback Club is dedicated to bridging the gender gap in employment and leadership roles.

Despite great strides, women still face significant challenges when reentering the workforce after taking career breaks, often resulting in setbacks in their professional trajectories. Factors such as caregiving responsibilities, family commitments, and personal development endeavors can interrupt a woman's career progression, leading to gaps in employment and a loss of confidence.

The Comeback Club recognizes these hurdles and is committed to providing comprehensive support to women navigating their return to work. Through a range of resources, guidance, and mentorship programs, The Comeback Club aims to empower women to confidently reintegrate into the workforce and reclaim their positions in leadership and decision-making roles.

"At The Comeback Club, we believe that every woman deserves the opportunity to thrive in her career, regardless of any breaks she may have taken along the way," said Ashley Alford Glance, President of the Putnam Chamber, "Our mission is to dismantle the barriers that hinder workforce reintegration and create a more inclusive and equitable environment where all women can flourish professionally."

Through partner organizations such as Marshall University CORE, Putnam Adult Education

Center, Putnam County Library and Dress for Success River Cities, The Comeback Club offers tailored resources and support networks designed to address the unique needs of women returning to work after career breaks. From resume workshops, skill-building sessions to networking events and mentorship programs, in addition to job placement assistance, participants receive personalized assistance to re-enter the workforce with confidence and competence.

For more information about The Comeback Club and how to get involved, visit www.putnamchamber.org/comeback-club or contact the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce at (304) 757-6510.

About The Comeback Club:

The Comeback Club is more than just a project; it's a movement dedicated to recognizing and harnessing the incredible potential of women who seek to reignite their professional lives. Through empowerment, skill enhancement, networking, and flexible employment opportunities, we aspire to break down the barriers that women face when returning to work after a career hiatus. The Comeback Club is not only about reentering the workforce; it's about empowering women to reclaim their dreams and rewrite their career narratives. Together, we are forging a path to a more inclusive and diverse workforce, where every woman's comeback story is celebrated and supported.

About the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce:

The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce was formed in 1979 and now has approximately 526 members. The mission of the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce is to Aggressively Promote Support & Retain Business in Putnam County.

West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Work Camps in Its 20th Year Of Helping Families

Thousands of unsung non-profit organizations fill the gaps for people that government and the private sector cannot meet. For the past 20 years, the West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Work Camps (WVMAW) has focused on leveraging community and volunteer resources to offer disaster relief and combat poverty through home repairs and other assistance.

WVMAW is a 501(c)(3) organization that serves families across West Virginia who suffer from various kinds of disaster. The organization works with partners from in-state and out of state to make a difference in the lives of the families they support. Families are identified by the United Way of Central West Virginia, Nicholas County Community Action, churches, or by other entities. WVMAW Executive Director Peyton Ballard, a Nicholas County native, said the organization receives federal and state disaster support during floods or hurricanes but relies mostly on private donations.

Ballard said the annual operating budget is roughly \$250,000 annually, with WVMAW carrying out 50 projects with 25 teams to support their completion. "Most of our funding

goes toward supplies and equipment to carry out essential projects to serve WV families," he said. "We have the potential to do much more, and we have some funding and partnership strategies that could double or triple our impact."

Some of the recent initiatives conducted by WVMAW teams included:

- Roof replacement project in Ansted, WV for a family experiencing flooding and leaks.
- Mobile home donated by WVMAW donor to rehome local family in Summersville, WV area.
- Wheelchair ramps for residences housing a family member with disabilities.

"Where there is a will, there is a way," said Derek Hudson, Chairman of the board of directors of WVMAW. "When someone or a community is in need, we lean on our support from our site partners, communities, and dedicated staff to find resources and are able to assemble a skilled team to lend a helping hand." He said a trained project manager is assigned to each project and stays with the job and team from start to finish.

Hudson, who resides in Charleston, praised the communities, universities, and church groups who mobilize to assist others. He

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

My friends know that I am somewhat reclusive. I am happy in this little condo doing my thing. I have a routine... I clean this tiny home every day... some say I am a germophobe... so be it... I clean and do laundry daily. I walk my steps/miles... every one is painful, but I did reach my goal last year... 1,500 miles... I digress... I walk... I walk... I keep up with my correspondence... cards and letters... my puzzle book is in my hand often... jigsaw puzzles on my tiny table... I journal... comments and prayers... several times a day... I work on my budget... emails and texts... studying French, along with my granddaughter... work with grandkids... school... prayer and Bible study... television shows on Hulu or You Tube... mysteries usually... read and review a "million" books... just some of my activities... I do not get bored... I always have something to do... I cook each day for myself... my family has too many allergies, so my daughter-in-law does their food.

Shopping is something I loved when my kids were growing up... when I lived close to my granddaughters... it is not something I like anymore unless one of them is around to go with me. Publix, my grocery... Dollar General... Dollar Tree... all near me... and I go about 3-4 miles to Target when I have a list... Target has to be my favorite store... my granddaughter and I went on Thursdays when I lived in Indiana... Shopping is just something I have to do... not something I do for fun much anymore...

There is a pool here

at the complex... I get in there with my daughter occasionally... and of course, I walk on the ocean... that being said, I am pretty happy doing my thing at home... even though it is much smaller than most I have had had... it is home...

My grandsons are in and out often... we work together on school projects; we play games; we go out to the tennis court... we walk... however, for quite awhile, those little boys have been sick off and on... and they can't be around Nana when they are not up to par... this is the season for colds, etc... they make my life better... each time one of them comes to the patio door, Nana grins... hugs... and is happy... my son rides his bike over or my daughter-in-law stops in with the boys.

My sweet daughter visits me faithfully... she stays

said Boston College, Loyola School NYC, Wooster College, Holy Ghost Prep School, and a host of churches and partnerships from the East Coast arrive every spring through early fall to support families in need.

WVMAW has locations in Beckley, Charleston, Point Pleasant, St. Albans, and Summersville.

To learn more about the West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Work Camps, Inc., visit <https://wvministry.org/>

from one to two weeks... we also have our routine... places we go and things we do... she comes every other month or more often from Indiana...

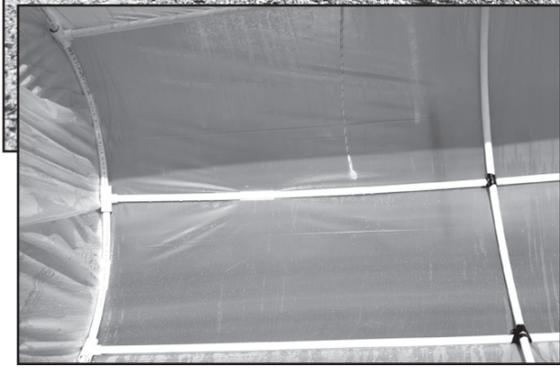
We have places we like to eat... of course, we eat at home often, but there are restaurants we really enjoy... we eat in them or bring the food home. Sometimes, we pick up food and eat at the ocean. Watching the waves. Caroline's Bakery has the best quiche and veggie sandwiches... Panera has some of our favorites... there is a Mexican restaurant in Dunedin that is the best ever... Speaking of Dunedin, we found a new place (to us) this last time... January... they have great salads and sandwiches and soup... yum... First Watch... healthy great food... and let us not forget our little drive in... hush puppies... pizza from Domino's... the thin crust with pineapples... these are just some of our "eating" places... we usually get two miles out of each one we order...

Lest my readers think all we do is eat... we also take books to the little "library houses" in all directions from us... up the road... down the road... here in Palm Harbor... we like to think of those who pick up those books and enjoy reading... we go to the ocean... the parks that are on the ocean... Target, of course... the grocery... sometimes used book stores... we might go down to Clearwater and run into the shoe store or Old Navy... we like Red Robin... great veggie burgers... T J Maxx or Ross... other discount stores...

Kathy and I watch house shows... we discuss books and politics... religion... family... memories... vacations... we walk... she likes the pool better than I... we keep busy... or not... we are friends... we have fun together... yes, we have our routine... we play games with the boys... visit with those grandsons we adore... her nephews... spend time with her brother and sister-in-law... all in all... our lives are good... she accepts the fact that her mom likes to go and get home... that I have a routine... that I have a schedule I keep... that I am yes, somewhat of a recluse in my old age...

I am thankful for each day... I asked my sweet friend, the other day, what is the one thing we think of when we awaken in the morning... "One more day..." This is the sweetest friend... from elementary school... yes... one more day, Lord, one more day... That is all I am asking... one more day... because the way we were is the way we are... we do not have to go go go... we can rest... stay... relax... and meditate... praying is a huge part of my life... along with my texting prayer friends... and family... thank you, Lord, for one more day... I must add that Florida has so many healthy places to eat... and if you want something healthy in WV, I suggest Panera... have fun... think of me as you eat your favorite Panera...

Gardening the Whole Year Long



Above: Creasies and turnips in the Hull garden.

Left: An inside view of the hoop house.

Creasy greens from the Hull garden will soon be ready for harvest. The creasies, kale and turnips must disappear because potato planting time is near. Planting time for beans,

corn and tomatoes will follow later on.

The Hull garden includes blackberries and blueberries. There will be a harvest of some sort each and every month of 2024.

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came through the winter in good shape and is available for harvesting.



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.
Feb. 29, 1888: Republican Stephen B. Elkins, who had grown up in Missouri, gave his first political speech in West Virginia. He was soon appointed U.S. secretary of war and then elected to the U.S. Senate, becoming a major Republican figure in the state and nation.

March 1, 1831: Jackson County was created from parts of Wood, Mason and Kanawha counties and named in honor of Andrew Jackson, the seventh president.

March 1, 1870: The legislature passed an act to create a branch normal school at West Liberty. For the next 61 years, the school was a teacher preparatory institution. It is now a university.

March 2, 1840: The Virginia General Assembly granted a charter for Bethany College. From the beginning, it has been a four-year, baccalaureate-degree college, the oldest such institution in West Virginia.

March 2, 1896: Clair Bee was born in Pennsboro. Bee was a successful, innovative college basketball coach and widely published author of both technical basketball books and young adult fiction centered on sports.

March 2, 1915: A blast swept through Layland No. 3 Mine in Fayette County, killing 114 men.

March 2, 1927: The West Virginia capitol building known as the "pasteboard capitol" was destroyed by fire. This wood-frame building in downtown Charleston had

been built in just 42 days after the previous Victorian-style capitol building burned in 1921.

March 2, 1961: Governor Wally Barron signed legislation that granted Marshall College university status.

March 3, 1843: Barbour County was created from parts of Lewis, Harrison and Randolph counties and

named for the distinguished Virginia jurist Philip Pendleton Barbour.

March 3, 1890: Teacher and civic activist Memphis Tennessee Garrison was born in Virginia. She helped develop NAACP chapters in southern West Virginia and created the Christmas Seal Project.

March 4, 1849: Earl Williams Oglebay was born in Bridgeport, Ohio. He became one of Wheeling's most successful industrialists and generous benefactors.

March 4, 1893: Governor William MacCorkle gave his inaugural address in which he warned that West Virginia was "passing under the control of foreign and non-resident landowners."

THIS WEEK IN THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

For the week ending Feb. 23, 2024

Members of the West Virginia House of Delegates are continuing to move bills through committees and votes on the House floor as legislative deadlines loom.

House Bill 5540, also known as "Laken's Law," passed the full House by a unanimous vote Feb. 20. The measure would require annual education about the health dangers of substance abuse, available resources to reduce youth substance use, the specific dangers of fentanyl, heroin and opioids as well as the use of opioid reversal drugs.

The bill's lead sponsor, Delegate Jeff Stephens, R-Marshall, is a public school teacher who said he sees the effects of opioids and other drugs every day.

"Being proactive instead of reactive in battling this drug epidemic is how we can help turn the tide," Stephens said. "This crisis did not overtake our communities overnight. It's going to take more than just targeting dollars and doctors to change the culture these opioids created."

The bill is already moving through the Senate and on track for a vote early next week.

Members voted unanimously Friday to double the criminal penalty for anyone found guilty of sexual assault on a minor. The measure, House Bill 5235, also would clarify that failure to report sexual assault, sexual abuse or sexual exploitation of a child

is a felony. It now goes to the Senate for consideration.

The House Finance Committee has advanced several bills that would put more money in West Virginians' pockets. House Bill 4883 would increase the annual salaries for West Virginia State Police personnel, teachers and school service personnel by \$2,900, \$2,460 and \$140, respectively. House Bill 4734 would adjust the salaries of all non-uniformed, full-time Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation staff. That would be in addition to the pay raise in the governor's proposed budget.

Another unanimous vote this week would continue bringing down West Virginians' taxes. House Bill 4880 passed the House Thursday. It would eliminate the state income tax on social security benefits through a three-year phase-out. Under this proposal, like the one enacted in 2019, all the taxable social security benefits received in 2026 and beyond would be exempt from tax.

"This would provide an immediate tax reduction of 35 percent, then 65 percent the next year until the elimination in the third year and phasing it in is a softer way to be sure the budget remains stable, and the state can maintain its obligations," said House Majority Leader Eric Householder, R-Berkeley. "West Virginia has 50,000 retirees and any time we can give tax relief to our citizens it's a great day for West Virginia."

A total of 168 House bills have passed the full House and 36 bills have completed the legislative process. The session ends at midnight Saturday, March 9.

Value of Production of West Virginia 2023 Crops

Corn for grain value of production totaled \$24.13 million in 2023, a percent from \$34.78 million in 2022. The marketing year average price received per bushel for corn was \$5.20, down \$1.70 per bushel from the 2022 average price of \$6.90 per bushel.

The value of all hay production totaled \$155.09 million in 2023, a 5 percent increase from the 2022 value of \$148.11 million. The average price received per ton was \$148.00. This was up \$11.00 per ton from the 2022 average price of \$137.00 per ton.

The value of alfalfa hay production totaled \$6.17 million in 2023, a 12 percent decrease from the 2022 value of \$7.04 million. The average price received per ton was \$199.00. This was down \$2.00 per ton from the 2022 average price of \$201.00 per ton.

The value of all other hay production totaled \$148.92 million in 2023, a 6 percent increase from the 2022 value of \$141.08 million. The average

price received per ton was \$146.00. This was up \$11.00 per ton from the 2022 average price of \$135.00 per ton.

United States value and average price for 2022

Corn for grain value of production - \$73.89 billion, down 17 percent; \$4.80 per bushel, down \$1.74.

All wheat value of production - \$12.74 billion, down 10 percent; \$7.20 per bushel, down \$1.63.

-Soybeans value of production - \$52.81 billion, down 13 percent; \$12.70 per bushel, down \$1.50.

All hay value of production - \$21.31 billion, down 1 percent; \$211.00 per ton, down \$28.00.

- Alfalfa hay value of production - \$10.58 billion, down 10 percent; \$232.00 per ton, down \$41.00.

- All other hay value of production - \$10.74 billion, up 10 percent; \$167.00 per ton, down \$10.00.

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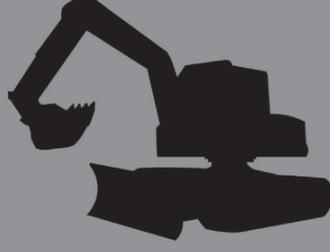
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impact together. Initiatives include a podcast called The SIP and the eighth year of a coaching program that partners seasoned Scholars with first-year Scholars as they transition to college. Every 5 years, all alumni are invited to a Coca-Cola Scholars Leadership Summit.



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Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



Cocoons

By Velma Kitchens of Culloden

Some of you who are reading this know exactly what I am writing about. The definition that I am using for "cocoon" is this: "envelop or surround in a protective or comforting way." Many of us, especially women, have a special place that we like to go to in our homes and have a quiet time with the Lord: a book, a phone call to a friend, or just being alone from all the drama in the world. Many young women who have husbands and children often never have time for their cocoon, but it will come. The days of rushing throughout the day to take care of your little ones and your family and all their needs will come to an end and then it will be just you and your husband. Everyone needs a cocoon, especially with the Lord and His word. You know where your cocoon is.

I spoke with someone and they said their quiet time is before bedtime to read. Reading is a good thing as we can learn from reading. I need to start on some books learning other things in my life. I am studying German on Duolingo on my phone. I do pretty well, but those alerts to remind me bother me. I want to do the lessons when convenient for me, not for Duolingo. Haha.

If you do not have a cocoon, you can have one in your mind as you meditate of the things of God and pray for what is in your heart. Your cocoon does not have to be visible; it can be within.

While all of us like to feel comfort and safe, we know we can find safety in the Lord because safety is of the Lord, as He says in His word.

Think of all the women and children who do not have a place of comfort and protection or a life of peace. We all need to be more mindful of those who have no refuge. Our Sunday school teacher said years ago that our homes should be a place of peace, quietness and rest after dealing with this old world every day. I believe that to be true.

Recipes

Submitted by Connie Reddington of Eleanor

Classic Beef Roast

1 (3 to 4 pound) beef chuck roast

1 (1.3 ounce) envelope dry onion soup mix

2 (10 ounce) cans golden onion soup

3 to 4 medium potatoes, quartered

Place roast in large, slow cooker sprayed with vegetable cooking spray.

Sprinkle onion soup mix on roast and spoon on undiluted soups. Place potatoes around roast.

Cover and cook on LOW for 7 to 8 hours or on HIGH for 4 hours.

Fillers Wanted

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Guilt-Free, Superfruit Snacking Sweet Treats Made to Permissibly Indulge

(Family Features) For many, enjoying a small indulgence can serve as a reward for a job well done or a mood-boosting pick-me-up. In fact, mindful snacking is on-trend for a majority of consumers.

According to Mondelez International's Fourth Annual State of Snacking Global Consumer Trends Study, 78% are choosing small indulgences to pamper themselves and 68% are checking nutrition labels on snacks.

With today's changing palates and the growing demand for sour, less sweet foods and beverages, a superfruit like tart cherries can help snackers permissibly indulge without the guilt. Primarily grown on small family farms in the United States, Montmorency tart cherries – also referred to as sour cherries – are available year-round in dried, juice and juice concentrate, canned and frozen forms.

More than 110 scientific research studies show Montmorency tart cherries are a superfruit. In addition to their sweet-sour taste and unique nutrient profile, research suggests tart cherries – one of the few natural food sources of melatonin – may help improve sleep, aid in exercise recovery, reduce inflammation, ease arthritis symptoms, improve gut health and promote heart health. In fact, in one study published in the "European Journal of Nutrition," adults who drank Montmorency tart cherry juice slept about 40 minutes longer on average and had up to a 6% increase in sleep efficiency.

While increasingly featured in functional beverages and health-positioned foods, tart cherries can also add drool-worthy flavor to superfruit-infused snacks, such as these Tart Cherry Superfood Banana Splits. Plus, using tart cherries as a favorite ingredient in recipes like these adds a health halo to sweets – reinforcing the trend of permissible indulgences.

As an ideal superfruit snack that makes snacking more satisfying, tart cherries provide delicious flavor and potential health benefits in these recipes and beyond so you can savor the moment and cherish every bite.

Find more tart cherry snack recipes at ChooseCherries.com.

Tart Cherry Superfood Banana Splits

Recipe courtesy of Hannah Zimmerman of Bite Sized Studio on behalf of the U.S.

Tart Cherry Industry

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes

Servings: 2

- 1/2 cup dark chocolate chips
- 2 cups tart cherry juice
- 2 ripe bananas
- 1 cup vanilla Greek yogurt
- 1/4 cup almond butter
- 1/4 cup granola
- 1/4 cup dried tart cherries
- 1/2 cup frozen tart cherries, thawed

Place chocolate chips in bowl.

In saucepan over medium heat, bring tart cherry juice to simmer about 20 minutes until reduced to 2/3 cup.

Pour juice into bowl and mix until chocolate chips are melted and sauce is smooth. Cut bananas in half lengthwise and place on two plates. Spoon 1/2 cup Greek yogurt on each banana then drizzle with 2 tablespoons almond butter and 2 tablespoons tart cherry chocolate sauce.

Sprinkle 2 tablespoons granola, 2 tablespoons dried tart cherries and 1/4 cup thawed frozen tart cherries on top of each banana split.

Note: Leftover tart cherry chocolate sauce can be stored in airtight container in refrigerator for later use.

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane



Don't expect anyone to understand your journey, especially if they haven't walked your path.

Don't climb mountains so that people can see you. Climb mountains, so that you can see the world.

Middle age is the time when a man is always thinking that in a week or two he will feel as good as ever.

The best thing about getting older is becoming clear on what does and doesn't matter.

We are called upon to reflect the love of God as much in trial as in tranquility.

We can't survive being part-time Christians, when there is a full-time enemy.

Why do socks and underwear come in resealable bags but potato chips don't?

Family is a team of love, where everyone cheers for each other's victories.

Some people focus on your faults like they don't have any to work on.

Your well-being is your greatest asset; invest in it wisely.

Adultery is a sin. You can't have your Kate and Edith, too.

One thing about being young is that you will grow out of it.

Friends are like quilts – they age with you and never lose their warmth.

Within your heart keep one still, secret spot where dreams may go.

Wish not so much to live long as to live well. – Benjamin Franklin

Kindness is something you can't give away. It always comes back.

The world is full of good people. If you can't find one, be one.

Some day we will be held by the same hands that created us.

It takes courage to grow up and become who you really are.

Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored.

Every decision is a road that leads to somewhere.

When the solution is simple, God is answering.

Happiness is a long walk with my doggy.

Be kind - even to mean people.

Be your biggest fan. You're worth the hype.

Attitude is a little thing that makes a big

difference.

Don't worry about getting old; worry about thinking old.

It takes real character to do what's right when no one else is doing it.

A house is made of sticks and bricks, but a home is made of love and dreams.

Never allow yourself to be a part of someone's Plan "B."

A true friend is the best possession. - Benjamin Franklin

I don't call it getting old; I call it outliving the warranty.

Life is like an ice cream. Enjoy it before it melts.

If you don't ask, the answer will always be no.

Distance doesn't separate people - silence does.

Embrace the journey, not just the destination.

The best project you'll ever work on is you.

Create your own sunshine on cloudy days.

It's not enough to aim; you must hit.

The best safety device is your brain – use it.

Giving is the key to living a life of abundance.

Never, ever underestimate the difference you can make.

The truth is there is no job shortage. We have a lazy generation.

It's not the needy who are a problem in this world; it's the greedy.

Mistakes don't require punishment; they simply require corrections.

Opportunity doesn't make appointments; you have to be ready when it arrives.

He that lies down with dogs, shall rise up with fleas. – Benjamin Franklin

The most important thing in communication is hearing what isn't said.

Never lose hope! Tomorrow could be the day you've been waiting for.

Kindness is like snow. It beautifies everything it covers.

Beauty without grace is the hook without the bait.

Don't think of all the misery, but of the beauty that still remains.

Bible Verse



When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. — Psalm 56:3

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

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

Estate No.: 5636
Estate Of: Judy Lynn Cobbs
Executrix: Melody Duke
225 3rd Street
Winfield, WV 25213

Estate No.: 5639
Estate Of: Dennis R Davis
Administratrix: Jennifer L Davis
PO Box 43
Red House, WV 25168

Estate No.: 5578
Estate Of: Shirley Ann Hamilton
Executrix: Donald L Wolfe
187 Monterey Drive
St. Albans, WV 25177

Estate No.: 5527
Estate Of: Kennard Cleon Hill
Administratrix: Donnie R Jordan
45 Elm Street
Buffalo, WV 25033

Estate No.: 5609
Estate Of: Robert Dale Robertson
Executrix: Beverly R Jobst
409 18th St
Dunbar, WV 25064

Estate No.: 5628
Estate Of: Linda D Walter
Executrix dbn: Daniel Lee Summers
620 Tara Oaks Dr
Middletown, OH 45042

Estate No.: 5641
Estate Of: Janice Mae Walton
Executrix: Jeff Meadows
813 Forestbrook Drive
Hurricane, WV 25526

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 29, 2024; or, if not, to exhibit the same at the office of the undersigned Fiduciary Supervisor at the address shown below by said date; otherwise any or all such claims may by law be excluded from all benefits of said estate(s). No claims against the estate shall be accepted by the fiduciary supervisor after said date. All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear either before the above-named fiduciary by the date first shown above, or thereafter before the undersigned fiduciary supervisor by the date last shown above to examine said claims and otherwise protect their respective interests.

All persons seeking to impeach or establish a will must file a complaint pursuant to W. Va. Code. Any person objecting to the representative's qualifications, venue or jurisdiction must file a complaint within 60 days of February 29, 2024.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 21ST day of February 2024.

Fiduciary Supervisor
Putnam County Commission
10293 Winfield Road,
Winfield, WV 25213
2-29-2t

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

1. The Putnam County Office of Planning and Infrastructure is updating Putnam County's Comprehensive Plan to guide the county's development over the next ten years. The first draft of the "Comprehensive Plan 2024 — Bridging to the Future" document will be posted on the Putnam County Planning and Infrastructure website on Monday, March 4th, 2024. At that time, please feel free to visit <https://putnamcountywv.gov/planning-and-infrastructure/> to review the preliminary document. The Putnam County Office of Planning and Infrastructure will be accepting public comments relative to the first draft of the updated plan through Wednesday, March 27th, 2024.

2. The Putnam County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing scheduled for Thursday, March 28th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Putnam County Courthouse, Room 221, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213 to discuss regular business and to hear the Putnam County Office of Planning and Infrastructure's presentation of the first draft of the "Comprehensive Plan 2024 — Bridging to the Future" for possible recommendation of approval and adoption by the Putnam County Commission. All interested parties are invited to attend. If you have questions, please contact the Office of Planning and Infrastructure at (304) 586-0237 or planning@putnamwv.org.
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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: Irene E Lee
Filed By: Isabelle Mouysset,
Daughter
15611 Thistlebridge Drive
Rockville, MD 20853

Any 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 (date of publication) 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 hand this 12th day of February 2024.
Fiduciary Supervisor,
Putnam County
12093 Winfield Road,
Winfield, WV 25213
2-22-2t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: Case No. 23-D-245
The Marriage of:
Ned W. Easter II
Petitioner
and
Kimberly S. Easter
Respondent

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE. THIS IS A PUBLICATION BY CLASS II LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT.

To the Above-Named Respondent:

It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that Kimberly S. Easter is a non-resident of the State of West Virginia or has an unknown address. It is hereby ordered that Kimberly S. Easter 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 Divorce filed in this action on or before March 13, 2024. If you fail to Answer the Petition For Divorce, a judgment may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's Office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court, February 22, 2024.

STEPHANIE SMITH/tc
Clerk of the Court

2-29-2t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated October 31, 2000, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Book No. 510, at Page 681, Jason E Priddy did convey unto Michael Hooper, 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 U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as collateral trust trustee of FirstKey Master Funding 2021-A Collateral Trust 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 11 - Teays Valley District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All that certain parcel of land located on Washington Hill Road, Hurricane Creek, Teays Valley District, Putnam County, West Virginia, shown upon a plat of survey made by John H. Gibson, P.S. # 478, to be recorded and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the southeast corner to this survey the same being a corner to the Berry property as shown on aforesaid plat; thence north 68 degrees 00 minutes west 152.60 feet; thence north 21 degrees 45 minutes east 214.50 feet; thence north 23 degrees 15 minutes east 169.50 feet; thence south 73 degrees 15 minutes east 152.00 feet; thence south 54 degrees 45 minutes east 156.50 feet to adjoiner; thence with adjoiner Berry, south 45 degrees 00 minutes west 393.20 feet to the place of beginning, containing 1.57 acres more or less, BEING a portion of the same property conveyed to Delmar R. Hammicks by deed from Delmar R. Hammicks and Marvel D. Hammicks, dated August 28, 1996, recorded September 9, 1996 in the Clerk's Office of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia in Deed Book 376, page 521.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 192 Washington Hill Rd, 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: \$5000.00 in cash and/or certified funds as deposit at the time of sale with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

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

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

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Reference File No. 84061
2-22-2t

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

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

Estate No.: 5523
Estate Of: Gregory Lee Chandler
Administratrix: Denise Russell
5 Alice Street
St. Albans, WV 25177

Estate No.: 5637
Estate Of: Zelma Mae Gray
Executrix: Brenda Jean Shrader
16 Long Street
Winfield, WV 25213

Estate No.: 5393
Estate Of: Doty Lou Hayes
Administratrix: John B Hayes
5476 Sams Fork Road
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5606
Estate Of: Charles H Hogsett
Executrix: Charles H Hogsett, II
160 Treils Lane
Mineral Wells, WV 26150

Estate No.: 5625
Estate Of: Harold Edward Litton
Administratrix: Wilma Sue Litton
313 Tanner Street
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5585
Estate Of: Shirley Ann Lockhart
Administratrix: James D Lockhart
3017 Cliffside Rd
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5495
Estate Of: Sherri Lynn McClanahan
Administratrix: John B Hayes
5476 Sams Fork Rd
Hurricane, Wv 25526

Estate No.: 5613
Estate Of: Jacqueline Susanne Wood
Administratrix: Vickie D Smith
101 Worlingham Court
Goose Creek, SC 29445

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 22, 2024; or, if not, to exhibit the same at the office of the undersigned Fiduciary Supervisor at the address shown below by said date; otherwise any or all such claims may by law be excluded from all benefits of said estate(s). No claims against the estate shall be accepted by the fiduciary supervisor after said date. All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear either before the above-named fiduciary by the date first shown above, or thereafter before the undersigned fiduciary supervisor by the date last shown above to examine said claims and otherwise protect their respective interests.

All persons seeking to impeach or establish a will must file a complaint pursuant to W. Va. Code. Any person objecting to the representative's qualifications, venue or jurisdiction must file a complaint within 60 days of February 22, 2024.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 15th day of February 2024

Fiduciary Supervisor
Putnam County Commission
10293 Winfield Road,
Winfield, WV 25213
2-22-2t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: Case No. 23-D-291
The Marriage of:
Steven Odell Smith
Petitioner
and
Kelly N. Smith
Respondent

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE. THIS IS A PUBLICATION BY CLASS II LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT.

To the Above-Named Respondent:

It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that Kelly N. Smith is a non-resident of the State of West Virginia or has an unknown address. It is hereby ordered that Kelly N. Smith 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 Divorce filed in this action on or before March 15, 2024. If you fail to Answer the Petition For Divorce, a judgment may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's Office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court, February 14, 2024.

STEPHANIE SMITH/jo
Clerk of the Court

2-22-2tw

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: Case No. 23-D-291
STEVEN ODELL SMITH
v. **KELLY NICHOLE SMITH**

THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN PETITION FOR DIVORCE AND HEARING NOTICE. It appears by affidavit filed in this action that KELLY NICHOLE SMITH whose address is unknown is a party in the above matter and that a hearing is set on May 1st, 2024, at 2:30 P.M. before Judge Richard Witt, Family Court Judge, located at the Judicial Building, 12093 Winfield Road, 2nd Floor, Winfield, WV 25213.

A copy of said Petition for Divorce and Notice of Hearing can be obtained from the Putnam County Circuit Clerk's Office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court on this February 15th, 2024.

STEPHANIE SMITH
Circuit Clerk
2-22-2tw

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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 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; thence 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@pillwvlaw.com
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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 November 30, 2018, executed by Borrower(s), John Wayne Stewart II and Emily S Stewart, to Chris Eller, the Trustee of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Book 1203, at Page 58. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 51 Cambridge Dr, Culloden, WV 25510. WV Trustee Services, LLC were appointed as Substitute Trustees by APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated November 15, 2023, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 1356, Page 131-132. The borrower(s) defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustees have been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustees will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Putnam County, in Winfield, West Virginia, on the following date:

20th day of March, 2024 at 10:15 a.m.

All that certain lot or parcel

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of real estate together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Curry District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and being all of LOT FIFTY-FIVE (55), PLAT 1, SECTION II, IMPERIAL SUBDIVISION, more particularly shown and designated upon that certain map of record in Map Book 7, at page 4. LSOT: Deed Book 467, Page 431, dated July 17, 2006, Office of the Clerk of the County Commission, Putnam County, West Virginia.

Being the same property conveyed to John Wayne Stewart, II and Emily S Stewart by the Deed dated November 30, 2018 and recorded in Deed Book 572 at Page 576 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 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.

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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
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Jesus' Claim to Deity

John 8:31-38, 48-56, 58-59

"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him . . ." (v. 31). The audience which Jesus addressed did not believe on Him in the sense that New Testament believers believe on Him. This audience heard the New Testament for the very first time when Jesus said, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." They did not understand what it meant to be made free. They held the view that they were the promised seed of Abraham and were never in bondage to any man.

Jesus told them that they, as the servants of sin, could not claim residency in the house (v. 35). The house is that of God the Father. Residency is dependent upon keeping the law of Moses. The law makes all men servants of sin because no man can keep the law. The Son alone is not a servant of sin and has made New Testament believers free in that He has fulfilled the law for them.

In verse 38, Jesus stated that He speaks of that which He has seen with "my Father" and that they do that which they have seen of their father. They sought to kill Jesus (v. 37). In verse 39, Jesus told them that they were not the sons of Abraham because they did not do the works of Abraham. Jesus' words did not sit well with the Jews and they accused Jesus of being a Samaritan and being demon possessed (v. 48).

Believers see the Father through the Son (Jn. 14:9). Jesus' reply in verses 49-51 is that of God the Father. God the Father is honored by God the Son. God the Father is dishonored by them who dishonor the Son. God the Son does not seek personal glory. The glory which the Son seeks is the glory of the Father who judges.

In verse 51, Jesus states the judgment of the Father. One who keeps the sayings of the Son honors the Father. One who honors the Father shall live. Those who honor the Son shall never see death because they honor the Father. One honors the Father by keeping the sayings of the Son. The Son's focus is ever upon the Father.

The Jews to whom Jesus spoke did not hear that which believers hear. They did not see the Father through the Son because they did not recognize the Son. They saw Jesus making Himself greater than Abraham and greater than the prophets. They saw Jesus as doing the very thing which they did. They assumed a position of righteousness which they obtained through that which they did. They sought to honor themselves. They did not seek to honor the Father. Only those who seek to honor the Father are given the eyes to see the Son. They did not see the Son as honoring the Father when He said, "If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste death." They saw Jesus through the eyes of them who seek to attain righteousness through works.

Again, believers see God the Father in Jesus' response to the charge that He (Jesus) sought to honor Himself. The Son is not honored by the Son. The Son is honored by the Father. The Father spoke through the Son when the Son said, ". . . ye say, that he is your God: Yet ye have not known him" (v. 54, 55). God the Son is not a liar. He speaks for God the Father. God the Father and God the Son give witness that the Jews did not know the Father.

Earlier in chapter 8, Jesus stated that the Jews were not the sons of Abraham because they did not do the works of Abraham. In verse 56, Jesus stated, "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad." Believers know why Abraham rejoiced "to see my day". He rejoiced because "my day" was the day in which God the Father fulfilled the promise He gave to Abraham in Genesis 12:3 that "in thee" all families of the earth would be blessed. The day which Abraham saw and rejoiced for seeing was future to Abraham's life span in the flesh. Abraham saw the future fulfillment of the blessing that all families of the earth would receive. Abraham saw members of every family of the earth be blessed as he had been blessed.

Believers know what Abraham saw. He saw others doing that which he had done. He saw members of every family of the earth believing God. He saw countless numbers do his works of believing and having their belief counted for righteousness. Today, believers rejoice because we have seen that which is yet future. We rejoice as Abraham rejoiced.

The Jews had no understanding of that which Jesus said. They questioned how that Jesus could have seen Abraham. They thought His words to be nonsense because Jesus could not have witnessed something which took place before the close of Abraham's earthly life.

Jesus had not said that He saw Abraham rejoice but He responded by making it known that the constraint which the Jews placed upon Him of not yet being of fifty years of age did not apply because "Before Abraham was, I am."

I AM is the name of God (Ex 3:14); it speaks His self-existence; He is the First and the Last (Rev. 1:8). "The same was in the beginning with God" (Jn. 1:2). All the words which the Son spoke were given to Him by the Father (Jn. 12:49). God the Father proclaimed Jesus to be the self-existent God.

The Jews did not hear the voice of the self-existent God. They did not hear the voice of Him who spoke to Abraham; they did not hear the voice of Him who spoke to Moses. They heard the voice of their father who said, "Ye shall not surely die" (Gen. 3:4).

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LINDA KAY DILLMAN
Linda Kay Dillman, 76, of Winfield, passed away on February 22, 2024, at home surrounded by family.

She was born in South Charleston to the late Kenneth and Berta Mathes. She is also preceded in death by her sister, Nancy Nelson; and son-in-law, Thomas Medvick.

She loved taking care of children, working many years at Kings Way Christian Educare.

She is survived by her loving husband Paul Douglas Dillman of Winfield; children, Wendy Medvick of Winfield, Gerald Dillman (Melissa) of Eleanor; Sister, Jo Ellen Barnhouse (JR) of Leland, NC; and grandchildren, Isabella, Cody, Brandon, Kimberly and Lilly.

Memorial Service was held Monday, February 26, 2024, at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, with Pastor Jason Robbins officiating.

BELINDA SUE FIKE
Belinda Sue Fike, 51, of Poca, went home to be with the Lord on February 22, 2024.

Belinda is a graduate of Poca High School; member of the Nitro Church of the Nazarene and was a member of the Crochet Group at the Cross Lanes Library.

She was born September

30, 1972, in South Charleston to the late Gregory and Linda Thomas.

She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Paul Fike; daughter Felicia Fike and her fiancée Kody McVay of KY and brother Gary and his wife Helen Smith of Poca.

A tribute to the life of Belinda was held Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Betty Lett officiating. Burial was in Donel C. Kinnard State Veterans Cemetery.

RONALD JAY HAYES
Ronald J. Hayes, 74, of Hurricane, passed away on February 20, 2024 at home in his favorite recliner after fighting a long and courageous battle with cancer.

He was preceded in death by his son, Andrew; parents: John and Wilda (Boso) Hayes; sister, Rebecca Powers; and brothers: Harry and John Dennis Hayes.

Ron was a 1968 graduate of Hurricane High School and WV Tech where he was a member of Sigma Pi fraternity. After graduation from WV Tech, he worked at WVDOD, Dawson Bridge Company, GE Ray and his final and most proud job was President of Teays River Construction.

During his younger years, Ron was involved in Midget

Football, umpired many baseball games and coached Midget basketball. Ron held the chains for Hurricane High School football games for 50+ years and received the WSAZ Hometown Hero in 2020. Ron made many long lasting friendships during his lifetime, but one special friend was his buddy, Bruce Casto. Ron was a member and deacon at First Baptist Church of Hurricane and a member of Sleepy Hollow Golf Course.

Ron is survived by his wife of 49 years, Sherry Troyer Hayes; son, Adam (Ami) Hayes; grandchildren: Eva, Scarlett and his little buddy, Drew; and his twin brother, Donald Hayes (Jackie); as well as several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Service for Ron was Saturday, February 24, 2024 at First Baptist Church of Hurricane with Rev. Dr. Jeff Davenport and Rev. Pat McGue officiating. Entombment was at White Chapel Memorial Gardens, Barboursville.

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PAUL KEITH HESCHT

Paul Keith Hesch, 81, of Palm Bay, Florida, went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, along with being reunited with his wife, Emma Bernice, on February 13, 2024, after a short battle with pancreatic cancer.

Paul was born on May 3, 1942, in Eleanor, West Virginia, to Gale and Blanche Hesch, graduating from Buffalo High School in 1960.

In June of 1961, Paul enlisted into the U.S. Army in Ft Benning, Georgia, which led him to meet the future love of his life, Bernice, whom he married in October 1963. After completing his 3 year service to the Army, which included being on a special protective detail for then President John F Kennedy's visit to the base, Paul moved north to Ohio, where he worked for Lightning Products and Crown Rubber, while getting his 2-year degree from the then known as Terra Technical College. In 1978, he decided to become an insurance agent, going to work for Nationwide Insurance. The family lived on hot dogs and bologna sandwiches in those early years of only earning straight commissions selling insurance, but his hard work and dedication paid off, as he won several top sales awards throughout his 26 year career with Nationwide, including winning several trips to Atlantic City, Seattle and Las Vegas. After retiring in 2004, he took his wife south to Florida to retire to their dream home that he helped design. Paul and his wife lived there until she passed away in 2022 and he in 2024.

Paul, preceded in death by his wife Bernice, is survived by his sons Douglas, Palm Bay, FL, Brian (Stevie), Republic, OH; grandchildren Alison Scheiber (Alex), Bloomville, OH; Amber Hesch, Tiffin, OH; great-grandchildren Braxton and Brantley Scheiber. Siblings, Phyllis Gibson, Johnson City, TN; Peryl Thompson, Palm Bay, FL; and preceded in death by sister Jean McClain, Cross Lanes.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Ohio at a later date.

JAMES JOHNSON

James Michael Johnson, 50, of St. Albans, formerly of Hurricane, passed away on February 21, 2024 at Thomas Memorial Hospital South Charleston.

Jamie was born on December 15, 1973 to Lisa Johnson and the late Mike Johnson.

He was a graduate of Hurricane High School and enjoyed football.

In addition to his mother, Jamie is survived by his brothers: Donny Johnson of Columbus, OH and Danny Johnson of Vincent, OH; 3 nieces, 4 nephews and 4 great-nephews.

Graveside service for Jamie will be 1:00pm March 13, 2024 at Mount Vernon Cemetery, Hurricane,

LARRY LAMAR JONES

Larry L Jones, 84, of Scott Depot, passed away on February 15, 2024.

He was born in Parkersburg on November 6, 1939 to the late Lamar Moran Jones and Carrie Bell Fletcher. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Jimmy Jones and sister, Shirley Lake.

He retired from AT&T, provided a lifetime of service to the Boy Scouts of America, active member at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, and attended Teays Valley Church of God.

Larry is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Peggy S. Jones; son, Larry L. "Chip" Jones II and his wife Linda Smith-Jones of Aiken SC; nephews: Mike Cleek of St. Albans, Gene Watson of Rochester NY, and many other nieces and nephews as well.

He loved helping others with his excellent cooking, insightful advice, offering transportation to those in need, as well as being a handyman. Larry thoroughly enjoyed riding his tractor and plowing the neighbors driveways of snow and mowing their yards.

Larry was a loyal football and basketball fan of WVU and Marshall. Some of his great joys were the great outdoors, traveling and spending time with his family. He will be immensely missed by family and friends but never forgotten.

Funeral service for Larry was Thursday February 22, 2024 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Rev. Dr. Melissa Pratt and Dr. Jeff Johnson officiating. Burial was in Mount Vernon Cemetery, Hurricane.

PAMELA SUE NELSON

Pam Sharp Nelson, of Tornado, and Hurricane, joined her family in peace on Monday, 19 February 2024 after a prolonged illness.

Born on 1 Oct 1948, to Ed and Virginia Sharp of Nitro (deceased). She was soon joined by 2 sisters, Patricia "Trish" Sharp-Doll of Salt Rock, (deceased) and Linda Sharp Withrow of Nitro, (deceased).

Pam grew up playing tackle football and is said to have been the "star quarterback" of her neighborhood team. This love of football continued her entire life, and she was crazy for the Miami Dolphins. She was also

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known, to family, for her abilities on the basketball court and never let the fact she was a woman get in her way of doing anything she set her mind to.

While most who knew her knew of her devotion to Elvis, what was not as known was her love for fishing and camping, both of which she naturally put others to shame. Pam was a killer at Stinger croquet and horseshoes and discovered later in life a joy in audiobooks and frequently scandalized the nursing home playing them out loud.

Pam had 2 daughters, Cindy Nelson-Morton (Dale) of Hurricane, and Autumn Lindley (Michael Beyrer) of Greensboro, NC to whom she devoted herself to teaching through example to be strong people and to help those you can. As such, she had her dream job helping teenagers in the Right From The Start program through the Women's Health Center in Charleston for more than 15 years.

Pam's greatest joy, though, was her 7 grandchildren: Bryant Morton (29) of Hurricane; Taylor Beyrer (26) of New York, NY; Hagen Lindley (24) of Greensboro, NC; Sean Morton (23) of Hurricane; Coleson Lindley (22) of Greensboro, NC; Andrew Lindley (19) of Greensboro, NC; and Sophia Lindley (19) of Greensboro, NC. She loved them beyond measure would do anything for them.

A Life Celebration will be held Memorial weekend.

ELVA DANE SCOTT

Elva Dane Scott, 80, of Eleanor, passed away Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at Hubbard Hospice House West at Thomas Memorial Hospital following a short illness. She was a graduate of Poca High School and a lifelong homemaker. Elva volunteered for several years as a leader for the TOPS group in Winfield.

Born October 30, 1943 in Red House, she was the daughter of the late Roy Wesley Sayre and Rushie Dane Bailey Sayre. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Opie E. Scott; sisters, Fiona Sally May, Margaret Harrison, Christine Hartung and Annetta Honaker; brothers, Raymond, Roy and Ronald Sayre; along with her precious niece, Teresa Honaker.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Monteia (Parrish) Childers; grandchildren, Sophie Dane Childers and Cameron Scott Childers. Elva is also survived by many nieces and nephews whom she loved very much.

Funeral service was Monday, February 26, 2024 at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastor David Panaro Jr. officiating.

JOYCE K. PRIDDY

Joyce K. Priddy, 77, of Poca, passed away February 21, 2024, in the Hubbard Hospice House West.

Joyce spent her life caring for her family and others. She loved her children and grandchildren with every breath. The memories and stories she has left will live with them forever.

She is preceded in death by her parents Clarence and Maycel Hedrick; husband

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Leap Day Editions of the Breeze Come Once Every Twenty-eight Years

By Betsy Allen
This week's issue of the Breeze is quite unique, for it has the publication date of February 29. The last time that the Breeze was published on Leap Day was in 1996. Since Leap Day only makes an appearance every four years, it takes twenty-eight years for February 29 to fall on a Thursday. The next Thursday Leap Day will not occur until the year 2052. It takes the Earth approximately 365 and a quarter days to circle

around the Sun. Every four years, these quarter days add up to a full day. Leap Years ensure that the calendar system matches up with the Earth's movement around the Sun. If there were no Leap Years, the calendar would eventually stop corresponding with the seasons, and solstices and equinoxes would occur at different times.

Leap Day birthdays are quite uncommon, with less than 0.1 percent of the world's population being born on February 29. This can cause problems with some computer systems, which might not recognize February 29 as being a valid date. People born on February 29 are sometimes called "Leapers" or "Leaplings." During ordinary years, those born on Leap Day might celebrate their birthday on February 28 or March 1.

Because February 29 is such a rarity, some interesting traditions have grown up around the day. In the United Kingdom, there is an old tradition of women proposing to men on Leap Day. If a man rejected a woman's marriage proposal, he had to buy her a gift as a form of compensation. In France, the *La Bougie du Sapeur*, a satirical newspaper, is published only on Leap Day.

Highlights for Children magazine has posted a list of twenty-nine fun activities that families can do for Leap Day. Some of the suggestions include making frog-themed treats, leaping around for exercise, and making the number 29 an important part of activities - such as donating 29 articles of clothing to charity or planting 29 flowers.

Putnam County Tastes & Talents Returns This March

Tastes & Talents' eighth year of celebrating Putnam County's food and arts begins on Friday, March 1. Participating restaurants include Mediterranean Breeze, Thai Valley Kitchen, Italian Grille, Valley Cakes & Cafe, Sergio's Cucina Italiana & Steaks, Mi Casita of Eleanor, The Juice Box, and Railways Bar and Grill.

Taste & Talents events include:

Toddler Tuesday Story Art at The Pottery Place in Hurricane: You and your little ones are invited to come to The Pottery Place EVERY Tuesday to listen to a story, eat a snack and create a themed ceramic piece. Please call the studio at 304-931-5077 to RSVP to save a spot. Price will vary (\$10-\$30 price range + tax).

Rimshot will be performing from 8 to 11 p.m. on Friday, March 1, at Brookse's Bar and Grill, 3680 Winfield Road, Winfield.

Dueling Pianos of WV will be coming to EZ Street, 2796 Winfield Road, St. Albans, from 8 to 11 p.m. This is a show solely ran by the requests from the audience. They will have

To see the full list of activities, go to <https://parents.highlights.com/29-fun-ways-to-spend-leap-years-extra-hours>

For more information on Leap Day traditions, visit <https://www.npr.org/2024/02/26/1232986212/leap-day-explained> To read up about the science behind Leap Year, go to <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/science/why-do-leap-years-have-366-days>

you laughing 'til you cry! Call today for tickets: \$20 in advance, or \$25 at the door. Tickets will sell fast, so get yours today. For more information, call 304-204-2455.

Sometimes we all have to de-stash the craft supplies. Give or swap your yarn to someone who can use it! As part of Tastes & Talents Month in Putnam County, Yarn Spinners is hosting a Yarn Swap on Monday, March 4, at 5 p.m. at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley. Bring any yarn or thread that no longer sparks joy for you to give to someone for whom it may be the perfect thing! Bring any projects you're working on or need help with, or just bring yourself if you're a beginner who wants to learn.

There will be a Screenwriting Workshop with instructor James Edward Holley, owner of Holleyland Pictures, on Tuesday, March 5, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane.

Reading Journals Craft Session: Keep track of what you've read, what you're reading, and what you want to read someday by decorating your own reading journal at the Eleanor Library on Wednesday, March 6, at 11 a.m. All supplies will be provided, and all ages are welcome.

As part of Tastes & Talents Month, Putnam County's premier Irish and Scottish Dancing Group, Appalachian Lassies, will perform at the Putnam County Main Library on Wednesday, March 6, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Not only will they demonstrate their skills, but they're going to teach the audience some techniques as well. All ages are welcome to attend and participate.

Carb enthusiasts rejoice! For Tastes & Talents Month in Putnam County, the Buffalo Library is hosting "Fresh Baked: Beginner Bread Baking" on Wednesday, March 13, at 11 a.m.

All ages and experience levels are invited to experience the renewal and growth of spring with Spring Equinox Yoga at the Putnam County Main Library on Tuesday, March 19, beginning at 6 p.m. Please bring your own yoga mat or towel.

Dr. Philip Hatfield will be speaking at the Putnam County Main Library on Monday, March 25, at 6:00 p.m., followed by Q&A with the author. Many of Dr. Hatfield's books, including "A History of Putnam County, West Virginia in the Civil War," will be available for purchase.

Visit the Tastes & Talents page to find local restaurants, upcoming events, sign up for a free pass, and more: <https://visitputnamwv.com/tastes-talents>

When you sign up for the free pass, you can earn FREE Putnam County gear like a mug, a cheese board, or a bento lunch box.

Watch the Putnam CVB Facebook and Instagram accounts for your chance to earn a free gift card to a local restaurant sponsored by LoanDepot in Hurricane.

83rd Birthday March 3

MARY ALICE GRANT
712 1/2 Irving Street
South Charleston
73rd Birthday March 4

JONATHAN MICHAEL
BLACK
Johns Creek Road
Milton
28th Birthday March 4

CHARLES DALLAS
AKERS
3301 Mt. Union Road
Fraziers Bottom
57th Birthday March 4

ROGER WOOD
804 Riders Creek
Hurricane
76th Birthday March 4

ANN KATHERNE
FERRARI
Clendenin
4th Birthday March 5

MAKENSIE MARIE
YOUNG
Hurricane
18th Birthday March 5

PATTI LETT LANE
Beaver Creek
Hurricane
57th Birthday March 5

NATALIE CHAPMAN
McCLUNG
Ona
25th Birthday March 5

THURMAN SMITH, JR.
Nitro
81st Birthday March 5

REV. JOEL OSTEN
Houston, Texas
61st Birthday March 5

ROGER SHIRKEY
3122 Virginia Avenue East
Hurricane
72nd Birthday March 5

WILL EDWARDS
124 Apple Wood Way
Ona
50th Birthday March 5

HAROLD "BOB"
ROBERTS
Sunnybrook
Hurricane
95th Birthday March 5

JIM RYLAND
Kentucky
Birthday March 6

EMILY LAVERTY
#7 Hillview Lane
Milton
Birthday March 6

ELLIOTT BREEDLOVE
31 Jones Cove
Hurricane
56th Birthday March 7

WENDY CHAPMAN
PO Box 503
Milton
58th Birthday March 7

DAVID JOLLEY
#28 Donna Heights
Huntington
Birthday March 7

SARAH RUSSELL
CHAPMAN
446 Knotgrass Drive
Fort Mill
South Carolina
45th Birthday March 7

ALEX LAVERTY
#7 Hillview Lane
Milton
Birthday March 7

Attorney General Morrissey's Mobile Office March Stops

Attorney General Patrick Morrissey announced a representative from his office will meet with Metro Valley residents in March to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions.

"These public events are a great way for consumers to talk one-on-one with our consumer representatives," Attorney General Morrissey said. "Residents can easily get questions answered, learn what is going on in their area and how to keep personal information safe and secure."

Susan Azevedo, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will host the events as scheduled below:

- March 4: 11 a.m. to noon - Hurricane Branch Library, 410 Midland Trail, Hurricane
- March 8: 4 p.m. to 9

p.m. - WSAZ Home and Garden Show, Mountain Health Arena, Huntington

- March 9: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. - WSAZ Home and Garden Show, Mountain Health Arena, Huntington
- March 10: Noon to 5 p.m. - WSAZ Home and Garden Show, Mountain Health Arena, Huntington
- March 18: 11 a.m. to noon - Poca Branch Library, 2858 Charleston Road, Poca
- March 20: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. - Hometown Senior Center, 40 1st Ave. N., Hometown
- March 26: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. - Barboursville Senior Center, 721 Central Ave., Barboursville

For information on additional requirements specific to any location, attendees are encouraged to contact Susan Azevedo at 304-590-1831. In case of inclement weather, please call ahead.

Happy Anniversary

Howard and Donna Grant, Box 235, 5 and 20 Road, Fraziers Bottom, will celebrate their birthday on March 1.

Charlie and Tina Bird Norris of Milton will celebrate their seventh wedding anniversary on March 3.

Jack and Sherrie Cane of North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, will celebrate their fifty-first wedding anniversary on March 3.

Albert and Reta Tinsley of Scott Lane, Scott Depot, will celebrate their forty-fourth wedding anniversary on March 3.

Roger and Ginny Hart of Hurricane will celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary on March 6.

Roger and Ruby Gibson, PO Box 132, Fraziers bottom, will celebrate their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary on March 7.



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