

The Hurricane Breeze

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COUNTY COMMISSION NEWS

Putnam Commission Hears Budget Requests

By Ron Allen

The February 27 meeting of the Putnam County Commission featured budget presentations by agencies which are dependent in part upon the County Commission for funding. Each of these agencies receives partial funding from other sources or generates revenue from services or activities which they offer.

Making presentations were Morganne Tenney, Putnam County Development Authority Board; Kelli Steele, Putnam County Convention & Visitors Bureau; Megan Tarbett, Putnam County Library; Krista Snodgrass, Putnam County Fair Board; Justin Williams, Putnam County Parks & Recreation; Jamey Hunt, Day Report; Tim Sayre, WVU Extension.

Of these agencies, only the Putnam County Fair Board and Putnam County Parks & Recreation are dependent upon revenue derived from public admission fees. Krista Snodgrass informed the commission that increased costs, particularly entertainment, will result in an increase for daily

admission to this year's fair. The daily charge for the July 12-20 fair will be \$15.

Justin Williams reported that admission to the Wave Pool at Valley Park will be the same as in 2023.

Jamey Hunt informed the commission that Day Care will not require as much funding as in 2023 because his agency has obtained additional funding from revenue generated by providing drug testing.

Kelli Steele informed the commission that the Convention & Visitor's Bureau expects to see an 8% increase in revenue from hotel/motel tax collections.

In public comment for things not included in the meeting agenda, four individuals addressed the commission concerning the re-zoning of 36 acres in Fraizers Bottom from Suburban Commercial to High Density Commercial. Questions concerning West Virginia's Sunshine Laws and the use of Non Disclosure Agreements went unanswered.

The next Putnam County Commission meeting will be Tuesday, March 12, at 9:00 a.m.

Civil War in Putnam County Relived



Philip Hatfield chats with guests following his presentation as he signs copies of his latest book, *A History of Putnam County, West Virginia in the Civil War*.

Author and historian, Phillip Hatfield brought history to life at the Hurricane Municipal Building on Saturday, March 2nd, where he described the battles, skirmishes, and guerrilla warfare which occurred in Putnam County during the Civil War.

Hatfield explained the role which geography played in creating the deep divisions which existed

before and during the war. Differing political views resulted in divisions within families. Hatfield said that he found between 15 and 20 instances of family division in Putnam County.

The when, where, and why of that which transpired in Putnam County during that time is addressed in Hatfield's latest book, *A History of Putnam County, West Virginia in the Civil War*.

Published in 2023, the book can be purchased on Amazon, and at the 35th Star Publishing website, located at 35thstar.com.

Hatfield hosted a book-signing following his presentation.

Hatfield's earlier books include *Sacrifice All for the Union* (about Captain John Young, a Union soldier from Putnam County); *The Battle of Hurricane Bridge* (about the titular

Civil War battle which was fought in 1863 near the new Hurricane Bridge Park on Midland Trail); *The Rowan Rifle Guards* (about a volunteer rifle company from Salisbury, North Carolina, during the Civil War); and *The Other Feud* (about the Civil War career of William Anderson "Devil Anse" Hatfield). These books can also be purchased from Amazon or 35th Star Publishing.

HURRICANE COUNCIL NEWS

City Plans to Purchase DOH Property

By Ron Allen

New Business for the March 4 Hurricane City Council meeting listed appointments and action on a recommendation of the Hurricane Planning Commission. There was, however, much more news than New Business.

City Manager Andy Skidmore informed the council that plans to purchase the 2.75 acres from the West Virginia Department of Highways adjacent to Fruth Pharmacy at the junction of State Routes 19 and 34 are progressing. The city is prepared to lease the property to a developer who has plans to fill and then build a commercial facility on the acreage. The land has been remediated and appraised at \$400,000.

Skidmore provided council a June 1st official opening date for the new section of Bridge Park behind Hurricane First Baptist Church. The disc golf course at the park is complete and a tournament is scheduled for Saturday, March 9. The playing fields and concession/press box areas are off limits because construction is ongoing.

Council approved the Planning Commission recommendation to rezone 2741 Second Street from Residential to B-2 and to reduce the setback at the rear of the property to 6 feet. The lot is owned by the City and is available for parking. A Main Street business owner desires to purchase and build

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Memories of Rooper's Dry Goods

By Gregory Hayes, North Chesterfield, VA

I was pleased to read the article entitled, "Opening of the Creamery Makes for a Happy Day in Hurricane," published in the February 1 issue. The new business in the Grant Building looks enticing, and I plan to visit it soon. I was surprised when the article mentioned that it is located in the former home of Rooper's Dry Goods, a business conducted from 1950-1967 by my grandparents. Since more than a half-century has passed since what my family called "The Store" graced Main Street, I thought some background may interest some readers of *The Breeze*.

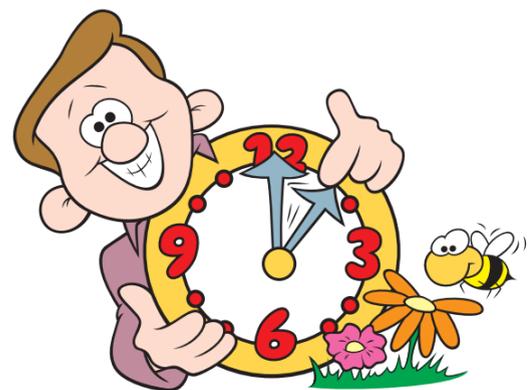
Nye and Alice Rooper (my Papa and Mama) were long-time residents of Hurricane, having moved there in the late 1930's after he became the station operator at the train depot. A native of Teays Valley, he served as Town Recorder for several years and was also a United Baptist evangelist. In the late 1940's, foreseeing the major upheaval coming to the nation's railroad system, he began considering a career change. Continuing to work at the depot, he and Mama operated a truck stop on Rt. 60 near the location of the current Dairy Queen. Working full-time at the depot, part-time at the truck stop, and conducting revivals for weeks at a time turned out to be too much even for his considerable energies. As my mother, Ladena Rooper Hayes, once declared, "It nearly killed us all!"

Shortly after selling their interest in the truck

stop, they borrowed \$5000 from his father, George Washington Rooper, to open Rooper's Dry Goods. Originally located at 2803 Main Street (currently Sergio's), the business relocated a year later to the corner of Main Street and Dudding previously occupied by a grocery store. The loan was repaid in six months.

The store featured high-quality, though not always "name brand," goods. Washington DC dress shirts, for example, looked and wore as well as a "name" shirt, yet cost significantly less. An innovative pricing philosophy also enabled the store to compete with larger department stores in Huntington and Charleston. Since the store was operated by family members and one or two clerks, wholesale prices could be marked up by 33% for retail sale instead of the standard 50%. Although the store could not offer the sheer number of choices

It Is That Time!



Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night. Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 a.m. Sunday.

people expect today, lower prices and quality goods made it a successful business for its time.

That didn't mean there were no missteps along the way. After the Democratic landslide of 1964, Papa purchased a dozen hats of a style favored by President Lyndon Johnson. The hats came with a professional window display featuring the US Capitol building. Unfortunately, they were not popular with the patrons of Rooper's Dry Goods. I think one hat was sold in three

years. I have long wondered what happened to the rest!

My grandparents owned and operated Rooper's Dry Goods for seventeen years. On lazy summer afternoons, I would be given a quarter to buy comics from Doc Raines' pharmacy down the street. I would devour them while lying on the table where fabrics were

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Rachel Hill poses with son Brayden, daughter Adalyn, and Mayor Scott Edwards after swearing to execute her duties as a member of the City of Hurricane Sewer Board. The Sewer Board meets on the second Monday of each month.

Peeper Report



On Friday, February 23, Sharon and Curtis Grant of Winfield heard the spring peepers behind their house in Riverdale Estates.

WEATHER SUMMARY

February 27 - March 4

	Low	High
February 27*		
Hurricane	38°	53°
February 28*		
Hurricane	23°	60°
February 29		
Hurricane	18°	42°
March 1		
Hurricane	22°	49°
March 2*		
Hurricane	37°	50°
March 3		
Hurricane	37°	65°
March 4		
Hurricane	35°	74°

*RAIN
0.3 inch recorded Feb. 27
0.9 inch recorded Feb. 28
0.2 inch recorded Mar. 2

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.

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.

DocGand the Wildwood Players will be performing at 6 p.m. at the Barnyard BBQ, 1101 Hospital Drive, Hurricane.

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. Lighthouse Baptist Church, 2440 US Route 60, Hurricane, will be holding a food pantry from 9 to 11 a.m.

MARCH 10

Faithful Promise Ministries will be coming to Poplar Fork Revival Center, 353 Scott Depot Road, Scott Depot, at 11 a.m.

The Indiana Wesleyan University Wind Esemble will be performing at 10:40 a.m. at the Hurricane First Church of the Nazarene, 358 US Route 60.

MARCH 12

There will be a workshop on The Four Pillars of the New Retirement at 6 p.m. at Edward Jones Financial Advisor, 996 State Route 34, Hurricane.

The Business Network International Tri-State Diamonds Chapter will be holding a networking meeting at 8:30 a.m. at Social Event Space, 2833 Main Street, Hurricane.

MARCH 13

There will be a beginner bread baking class at 11 a.m. at the Buffalo Library.

MARCH 14

There will be a geriatric education for EMS class from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Putnam County EMS, 100 Emergency Lane, Winfield. The cost is \$100. To register, call (304) 586-0248.

Kanawha River Sportsmans Night Out by Ducks Unlimited will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Valley Park Conference Center in Hurricane.

MARCH 15

The Facing Hunger Foodbank Mobile Pantry will be at Bridge Church, 279 Dairy Road, Poca from 9 a.m. to noon.

Hometown Apostolic Church, 204 2nd Avenue N, Hometown, will be hosting a game night for adults at 6 p.m.

The Putnam Chamber Network of Women will be meeting at 8:15 a.m. at Area 34, 971 WV State Route 34, eays Valley.

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MARCH 16

The Buffalo Church of the Nazarene, 20531 Buffalo Road, will be holding their Easter Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be a Shamrock Shuffle Homeschool Dance for middle and high school aged students from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Valley Cakes & Cafe, 2887-A Charleston Road, Poca. To register, email createandgatherwv@gmail.com

The Tri-State Film Club will meet at 9 a.m. at Teays Valley Church of God, 185 Connection Point, Scott Depot.

The Meeks Mountain Muddy Mutt 15K will start at 9 a.m. at Hurricane City Park. Packet pickup is from 7:30 - 8:45 a.m.

The 2024 WV Cupcake Festival Pageant will be held at Valley Park in Hurricane. Children's pageant will start at 9 a.m.; Pre-Teen-Mrs. pageant will start at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$10.

Blooms and Brunch: A Ladies Fashion and Beauty Soiree will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Social Event Space, 2833 Main Street, Hurricane. To register, go to <https://www.simpletix.com/e/blooms-and-brunch-a-ladies-fashion-and-bea-tickets-157662>

Eat a Sub: Help Local Animal Shelters

Jersey Mike's Celebrates 14th Annual "Month of Giving"

Three local animal shelters are joining forces with Jersey Mike's Subs locations in Charleston, Barboursville and Hurricane for the 14th Annual March "Month of Giving" campaign to support local charities. During the month of March, customers will have the option to round up their purchase to the nearest dollar or donate \$1, \$3, or \$5 when placing their order to support:

- Huntington Cabell Wayne Animal Shelter (the Jersey Mike's in Barboursville)
- Kanawha-Charleston Humane Association (the Jersey Mike's in Charleston)
- Putnam County Animal Shelter (the Jersey Mike's in Hurricane)

The Month of Giving campaign will culminate with Jersey Mike's "Day of Giving" on Wednesday, March 27, when local Jersey Mike's restaurants will give 100 percent of the day's sales - not just profit - to the Huntington Cabell Wayne Animal Shelter, the Kanawha-Charleston Humane Association,

Forrest Burdette Easter Eggs

The Forrest Burdette United Methodist Women are taking orders for decorated Easter Eggs, available in vanilla, coconut, cherry nut, maple nut and the most favorite of all, peanut butter dipped in milk or dark chocolate. Each egg is hand decorated. Cost \$5.00. The eggs will be available for pick-up on Saturday, March 23, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, 2848 Putnam Avenue in Hurricane.

Also, on that day, crafts, baked goodies, hot dogs and barbecues will be on sale for the Spring Festival. To place an order, call the church, 304-562-5903 or email your order to office@forrestburdette.com with the subject Easter Eggs, by March 14th! For directions to the church office, call 304-562-5903 or go to www.forrestburdette.com

A New World of Music on March 9

The West Virginia Symphony Orchestra (WVSO) presents A New World of Music on Saturday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Clay Center in Charleston.

Music Director Maurice Cohn leads the orchestra and the audience as they explore a diverse program featuring pieces from Duke Ellington, Saint-Saëns and Dvořák. A New World of Music begins with Ellington's Black, Brown and Beige Suite. Returning guest pianist Sara Davis Buechner joins the WVSO for an impressive performance of Saint-Saëns' Piano Concerto No. 2. The program concludes with a powerful performance of Dvořák's New World Symphony.

"Dvořák's New World Symphony is one of the most widely beloved pieces in orchestra literature, and for good reason!" said Music Director Maurice Cohn. "Its passion and drama are irresistible—whether you have never heard an orchestra before or are a classical music

and the Putnam Country Animal Shelter.

On Day of Giving, local Jersey Mike's owners and operators throughout the country will donate their resources and every single dollar that comes in — whether in-store, online or through the app — to more than 200 different charities including hospitals, youth organizations, food banks and more.

This March, Jersey Mike's hopes to exceed last year's record-breaking national fundraising total of \$21 million and help local charities striving to fulfill their missions and make a difference.

"I would like to extend a personal invitation to you and your family to visit Jersey Mike's Subs throughout the month of March, and especially on Day of Giving when 100 percent of sales - every penny - goes to help a great local cause," said Peter Cancro, Jersey Mike's founder and CEO, who started the company when he was only 17 years old.

Since Month of Giving began in 2011, Jersey Mike's has raised more than \$88 million for local charities.

For a list of restaurants in your area, please visit our charity listing by state.

About Jersey Mike's Jersey Mike's Subs, with more than 3,000 locations open and in development, serves authentic fresh sliced/fresh grilled subs on in-store freshly baked bread — the same recipe it started with in 1956. Passion for giving in Jersey Mike's local communities is reflected in its mission statement "Giving... making a difference in someone's life." For more information, please visit jerseymikes.com or follow us on Facebook ([facebook.com/jerseymikes](https://www.facebook.com/jerseymikes)), Instagram ([instagram.com/jerseymikes](https://www.instagram.com/jerseymikes)), TikTok ([tiktok.com/@jerseymikes](https://www.tiktok.com/@jerseymikes)) and X (formerly Twitter) (twitter.com/jerseymikes). Join in the conversation at [#JerseyMikesGives](https://www.facebook.com/JerseyMikesGives).

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

A Mother's Love... February 29...1992...I walked into that hospital room at Putnam General Hospital...my Mother looked at me, one tear running down her cheek, "I have cancer." That statement was horrible... she just stated it...I replied, "Oh Mother, it is your Arthritis." Almost ready to collapse, I walked into the hallway where a nurse approached me to tell me a Dr. Smith was waiting to talk to me. He explained it all...the rest is history. Ninety days living in that room with my wonderful Mother, aged 60...living with the Cancer...it was bittersweet...she never left the bed...she never left the room...she did not feel the rain...she lived and she died in that hospital room at Putnam General...June 2, 1992...our lives were changed forever...

Leap year...this is Leap Year 2024...lots of superstitions around about Leap Year...I just know that it is the year I married...1968...it is the year My Mother died... my Mother...she raised me to be the strong woman I am today...I wonder what she would think of my grandchildren...my adult children...she died too soon...she lived her days fully...the trouble is she did not have enough days...months...years...I miss her...every day of my life.

Food and Clothing Pantry At The Bridge

The Bridge Church, 279 Dairy Road, Poca, will be holding a clothing closet, hot meal, and food pantry box from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 21. Everyone is welcome.

Putnam County Food Pantries

Christian Community Cupboard
2843 Virginia Avenue
Hurricane
(304) 562-9373

Open from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Fridays

Five Loaves Two Fish Food Pantry

Poca United Methodist Church
Silver Street
(304) 755-7341

Open from 9 a.m. to noon second and fourth Saturday

Calvary Baptist

3653 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane
(304) 757-8829

Open from 8:30 to 11 a.m. the last Saturday of the month

The Pulse Church

5368 WV Route 34
Winfield
(304) 936-1679

Open from 2 to 6 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month

Salt & Light Food Pantry

Winfield Church of the Nazarene
10822 Winfield Road
(304) 586-2180

Teays Valley Baptist Church

3926 Teays Valley Road
Hurricane
(304) 757-9306

Opens at 9 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month

"A Mother's love is something that no one can explain, it is made of deep devotion, of sacrifice, and pain.

It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may.

For nothing can destroy it or take that love away.

It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking.

It never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking...

It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns,

And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems...

It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation,

And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation...

A many splendored miracle man cannot understand

And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand."

—Helen Steiner Rice

This poem explains a Mother's love...my Mother...her Mother... My life toward my children...miracles... my two children... from God above... prayed for and loved... Thank you, Lord, for my two miracles...Mother loved my children...she loved all of her adorable grandchildren...she was the best Grandma ever. My children talk about her to their kids; I talk about her to my grandkids...we miss her...we yearn for her to be with us...

My mother did not die suddenly; she did not die without pain...she endured the disease that so many of us want to avoid...she was WV Strong to the end... she had the best doctor, Dr. Smith...who was caring and kind...we will never forget his patience and goodness to her and to the rest of us...there are no words, Dr. Smith, to thank you for all you have done for our family through the years...

I digress...

Mother is a word that we love...I am MOM to my two...and when I hear that word...my heart smiles...I lived near my daughter for three years, but my son really wanted me close to him. We all decided I would move to Florida to be Mom and Nana to two little boys... it has been three years in March...where will I end up? I have no idea, but for now...I am giving my time to the ones here...my daughter comes to see me often, and we love our time together...Yes, I miss my Indy family, but they are scattered now...

Lord, thank you for my sweet Mother...for the teenager mother who worked and took care of her little girl... who always made sure I had what I needed...nice clothes...money for school lunches...thank you, Lord, for watching over her and the rest of us...thank you, Lord, for healing her, albeit in the way we were not ready for...we love our mothers because the way we were is the way we are... Leap Year...I am not a great fan anymore...but let's face it, I am thankful for ONE MORE day of life...

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Hurricane Council News

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upon the property. Council approved the rezoning. Fire Chief Mike Hoffman announced that the HFD has ramped up training. Hoffman stated that Forcible Entry training for 16 Hurricane firefighters and 4 Culloden VFD members in February was put to use the very next weekend when Hurricane responded to a fire at Sleepy Hollow which involved outward swinging steel doors.

Police Chief Mike Mullins reported HPD was busy with 40 arrests charged to the State and 18 to the City. HPD issued 163 citations and 166 warnings during February. Mullins said that seven of the arrests involved guns, three stolen

guns and four for prohibited possession. Seizures included 102.5 grams of meth, 0.3 grams of Heroin, 2 pounds of marijuana, 21 grams of cocaine, 10 pouches of THC gummies, and \$13,307 in cash.

Council approved the appointment of Rachel Hill to the Sewer Board and Ashley Deal to the Hurricane Development Authority. Council also approved the reappointments of Matt Synder to the Development Authority and Vernon Wysong, Dan Lauffer, and Roger Hughes to the Hurricane Planning Commission.

The council will next meet on Monday, March 25, for purpose of approving the budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

Senator Ryan Weld, Vet the Vote Team Up to Recruit Veterans and Families to Be Poll Workers

Senate Majority Whip Ryan Weld, R-Brooke, today announced a partnership with the non-profit organization Vet the Vote to encourage West Virginia's veterans and their families to volunteer as poll workers in this year's elections.

West Virginia will need more than 8,400 volunteer poll workers to carry out both this year's Primary and General elections. By appealing to West Virginia's veteran community, this initiative hopes to ease the burden on the State's county clerks as they seek to find a sufficient number of poll workers this year.

"Without a doubt, veterans are the most trusted demographic in the nation. And we can think of no better group to step up and help solve our election volunteer shortage," Weld said. "We are asking our veterans to serve once again and help ensure that all West Virginians who are able to vote in this year's election can."

Dan Vallone, a veteran of the U.S Army and Director of Vet the Vote, said that the state's veterans and military families have always stepped forward to serve their communities.

"As trusted members of the community with a deep commitment to service, veterans and military families can play a unique role in addressing the urgent need for poll workers here in West Virginia and across the

country," Vallone said. "And by encouraging them to answer this call, we hope to forge a new tradition of patriotic civic engagement among veterans and military families."

The West Virginia County Clerks Association has stepped up to assist with the Vet the Vote effort to ensure participation in each of the state's 55 counties. Lewis County Clerk Cindy Rowan, who serves as the Association's president, said several members have family who are veterans, and she is hopeful they can assist with spreading the word.

"We think our veterans, who know how important public service is, will make great poll workers," Rowan said.

Senator Weld, who is also chairman of the Senate Military Committee, is the lead sponsor of Senate Resolution 61, Encouraging WV military veterans to volunteer as election workers in 2024 statewide elections. The resolution highlights the critical skills veterans bring to the administration of elections and that their participation as poll workers will help continue our citizens' strong sense of confidence in the electoral process.

To volunteer as a poll worker in the May 14 Primary, please stop by the elections office of your county clerk before poll worker training classes begin on April 15.

War, the institution was used as a general military hospital. The Sisters of Saint Joseph were hired as army nurses, treating wounded Union and Confederate soldiers side by side.

March 13, 2002: Herbalist and folk doctor Catfish Gray died in Huntington. Gray

was known for his vast knowledge of traditional plant lore and for his quaint and engaging personality. At the height of the folklore revival of the 1970s, Gray was a frequent newspaper and television interview subject.

THIS WEEK IN THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

For the week ending March 1, 2024

Members of the West Virginia Legislature have one full week remaining in the 60-day regular session, and 58 bills have been completed so far.

All 100 members of the House of Delegates voted Wednesday to establish a communication portal for foster parents. House Bill 4975 would require the Department of Human Services to set up a foster parent information system within the existing child welfare information technology system. The cost to sustain the system would be split equally between federal and state dollars.

The bill also would take additional steps to improve conditions within the child welfare system by requiring quarterly evaluations of child protective workers' responses to information put in the new information technology system. The evaluations would be shared with the Foster Care Ombudsman and the Legislative Oversight Commission on Health and Human Resources Accountability.

The bill's lead sponsor, Delegate Adam Burkhammer, R-Lewis, is a foster parent. He described the measure as one step forward in a broad approach to improving the entire child welfare system.

"Once it's proved how technology runs in this system, it can grow and it can bring other people into the system, ultimately helping across the board," he said. "I am passionate about this."

West Virginians who successfully file claims of less than \$3,000 against the state for road conditions would receive that money faster under the proposals of a bill Delegates unanimously passed Wednesday. House Bill 5595 would authorize those payments, which usually stem from extreme pothole damage, to come through the Legislative Claims Commission outside its regular claims process, which can take many months to resolve.

A bill that would create the Skilled Trades Apprenticeship Nontraditional Degree (STAND) program overwhelmingly passed the

House Tuesday. House Bill 5435 would create within the West Virginia Community and Technical College System a program for apprentices or journeyworkers to obtain associate degrees in applied science while they perform on-the-job training and gain practical skills through federally recognized apprenticeship programs.

The House of Delegates unanimously voted Tuesday in favor of House Bill 5399, which would modify the state auditing practices and requirements of volunteer and part-volunteer fire departments. It would eliminate duplicative fiscal audit requirements and would allow as many as 10 volunteer fire departments to participate in a pilot program using the West Virginia Auditor's Office West Virginia Checkbook fiscal reporting system. The proposal came from the work of several lawmakers during the legislative interim process after hearing from fire departments asking for ways to relieve their administrative burdens.

Also Tuesday the House voted unanimously in favor of House Bill 4882, which was introduced at the request of the governor. The measure would provide in-state tuition rates for all members and veterans of the National Guard, Reserves and Armed Forces as well as their spouses and dependents.

Members of the House of Delegates unanimously approved House Bill 5530 Monday, which would require hospitals to disclose price and fee information for certain hospital services, in line with existing federal regulations, and would add a \$250 fine for hospitals that don't comply. House Health and Human Resources Committee Chair Amy Summers, R-Taylor, is the lead sponsor of the bill and explained not all hospitals follow the current regulations, but the fine may help drive them toward following the law that provides for better customer service in health care.

All these bills have gone to the West Virginia Senate for debate. The regular legislative session ends at midnight Saturday, March 9.

Rooper's Dry Goods

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measured. During my boyhood, I learned the basics of bookkeeping, figuring sales tax, measuring shoe sizes, and operating a cash register. After a full day's work from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Papa would close the store, eat supper with Mama, and do bookkeeping in the

evening. The day's proceeds were usually hidden in a shoe until the bank opened the next day.

Upon their retirement, the business was sold to Vernon Craddock. Its success as a family-owned business showed what hard work, good service, and a genuine love for community can accomplish. I am pleased that people still remember it.



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.

March 7, 1856: Tucker County was formed from Randolph County and named for Henry St. George Tucker Sr., a Virginia soldier, statesman and jurist.

March 7, 1929: The legislature adopted the official state flag. The state's coat of arms is emblazoned in color in the center. Above the seal is a red ribbon lettered "State of West Virginia," and a wreath of rhododendron surrounds the lower part of the seal. The white field of the flag is bordered on four sides by a strip of blue.

March 7, 1990: West Virginia teachers went on strike after negotiations with the governor's office and legislature failed to produce an agreement on a pay package. Teachers in 47 of the 55 counties were involved in the 11-day strike.

March 8, 1926: An explosion killed 19 miners at Eccles in Raleigh County. Ten men were saved by barricading themselves in the mine.

March 8, 1963: The state colors of blue and "old gold" were adopted by the legislature.

March 9, 1832: George Robert Latham was born. At the onset of the Civil War, Latham turned his Grafton law office into a recruiting station, and he led the first Union troops in north-central West Virginia.

March 9, 1953: Football player Dennis Harrah was born in South Charleston. In the NFL, Harrah played in 168 games for the Los Angeles Rams (1975-87), was a six-time All Pro, and played in one Super Bowl.

March 9, 1965: President Lyndon Johnson signed the act establishing the Appalachian Regional Commission.

March 10, 1915: West Virginia's first Rotary International club was established in Wheeling.

March 10, 1920: West Virginia became the 34th state to ratify the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guaranteed the right of women to vote.

March 11, 1847: Boone County was formed from parts of Logan, Kanawha and Cabell counties and named for Daniel Boone.

March 11, 1848: Putnam County was formed from portions of Kanawha, Mason and Cabell counties. It was named in honor of Gen. Israel Putnam, a leading commander at the Battle of Bunker Hill during the Revolutionary War.

March 11, 1856: Roane County was created from parts of Kanawha, Jackson and Gilmer counties. It was named for Judge Spencer Roane, a son-in-law of Patrick Henry.

March 12, 1835: Marshall County was created from part of Ohio County. It was named for John Marshall, chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

March 12, 1850: Wheeling Hospital was chartered. During the Civil

War, the institution was used as a general military hospital. The Sisters of Saint Joseph were hired as army nurses, treating wounded Union and Confederate soldiers side by side.

March 13, 2002: Herbalist and folk doctor Catfish Gray died in Huntington. Gray

was known for his vast knowledge of traditional plant lore and for his quaint and engaging personality. At the height of the folklore revival of the 1970s, Gray was a frequent newspaper and television interview subject.

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Fillers Page

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Concentration

From "Rhyme and Reason" by Jeff Burkhart
Submitted by Myra Simmons

In heavy conversation
Your opinion might be sought
But all at once your mind goes blank
You lose your train of thought

It's not like when, you lose your keys
'Cause no one else is there
But memory lapse in public
Makes your friends become aware

The person you're addressing
When you lose it in the clutch
Says "If you can't recall it then;
it must not matter much!"

Well he or she had better hope
The point was not so dire
You might have said, "YOUR DOG IS LOOSE!"
Or, "HEY YOUR HOME'S ON FIRE!"

The most important point my friends
To leave you with no doubt
Is - ??????????????????
I'm sorry but I can't recall
What we were talking 'bout

Rachael

By Miriam "Connie" Harbert

*Dedicated to our niece Rachael, who went to Heaven
on February 1, 2024*

Rachael was kind and sweet
And we liked her that way
And every time we saw her
It made our day
And the smile Rachael wore
We loved that, too
So fly with the angels Rachael
We will always love and miss you

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 Brownie Bites. 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 Brownie Bites

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

Tart Cherry Industry

Prep time: 10 minutes

Yield: 12 bites

10 medjool dates, pitted
1/2 cup dried tart cherries
1/4 cup walnuts
2 tablespoons rolled oats
1/4 cup cocoa powder
1 tablespoon chia or hemp seeds (optional)
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons peanut or almond butter
4 tablespoons tart cherry juice
1/4 cup mini chocolate chips
cocoa powder (optional)
melted chocolate (optional)

In bowl of food processor, combine dates; dried tart cherries; walnuts; oats; cocoa powder; seeds, if desired; salt; and nut butter. Pulse 30-60 seconds until ingredients are ground into tiny pieces.

Add tart cherry juice in 1 tablespoon additions, pulsing mixture after each addition, until crumbly dough forms.

Transfer dough to bowl and fold in chocolate chips.

Roll dough into 12 balls. Serve plain or finish balls with dusting of cocoa powder or drizzle of melted chocolate, if desired.

Recipes

Submitted by Connie
Reddington of Eleanor

Butter-Baked Apples

6 large green baking apples

1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, melted

2 tablespoons lemon juice

1 cup packed brown sugar

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

Peel, core, cut apples

in half and place in slow cooker.

Drizzle with lemon juice, and butter. Sprinkle with sugar and spices.

Cover and cook on LOW for 2 1/2 to 3 1/2

hours or on HIGH for 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

Serve with vanilla ice cream.

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Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

There are few secrets that time does not reveal.

Owning less is easier than organizing more.

You're never too broken to heal.

Find someone who knows you're not perfect, but treats you as if you are.

There's only one thing more precious than our time, and that's who we spend it with.

Just how badly you need your parents in childhood, your parents need you when they grow old.

The death of any loved parent is an incalculable lasting blow. Because no one ever loves you again like that.

Never run away from God because He is the only one who will be with you in all the moments of your life.

Hate has caused a lot of problems in this world, but it has not solved one yet. – Maya Angelou

One of the biggest mistakes we make is assuming that other people think the way we think.

Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you.

Nothing is too big for God to handle, and nothing is too small to escape His attention.

Never discourage anyone who continually makes progress, no matter how slow.

I wish I met some people a little earlier, some a little later, and some never at all.

A friend is a warm embrace that comforts you when you feel cold inside.

Never change who you are because someone else has a problem with it.

You're only as pretty as you treat people.

A pet isn't just part of the family – they are the family.

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

You learn nothing from life if you think you're right all the time.

Savor the small pleasures, and always be grateful for life's treats.

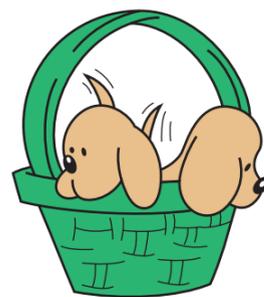
Honesty is an expensive gift; don't expect it from cheap people.

Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end.

Be an encourager – the world already has plenty of critics.

Just remember, a red flag is a warning, not a challenge.

Act as if what you do makes a difference – it does.



Tears have no weight, but carry heavy feelings.

Laughter is a smile with the volume turned up.

Be a light in someone else's darkness.

Good health requires healthy food.

Time is a thief.

Never forget who ignored you when you really needed them and who helped you even before you had to ask.

Make sure to spend time with your parents while you can, because one day when you look up from your busy life they won't be there anymore.

In business, and in life, you're the pilot of your destiny. Steer with purpose, navigate with integrity, and you'll never lose your way.

A good woman is not interested in your money or your status. What she wants from you is your time, loyalty, love and commitment.

My ability to remember song lyrics from the 60's far exceeds my ability to remember why I walked into the kitchen.

Sometimes you have to eat your words, chew your ego, swallow your pride and accept that you're wrong. It's not giving up. It's called growing up.

Never hurry to marry someone you met in church. Church is like a hospital; not all the patients are responding to treatment.

People will question all the good things they hear about you but believe all the bad without a second thought.

Never say mean words out of anger. Your anger will pass. But your mean words can scar a person for life. So use kind words or be silent.

Being kind to someone you dislike, doesn't mean you're fake. It means you don't allow other people to control how you show up in the world.

Some people in your family will come miles to bury you, but won't even cross the street to come support you when you are alive.

Don't judge. You don't know what it took someone to get out of bed, look and feel as presentable as possible, and face the day.

We live in a generation of emotionally weak people. Everything has to be watered down because it's offensive.

What you leave behind is not what is engraved

in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others.

Use your voice for kindness, your ears for compassion, your hands for charity, your mind for truth, and your heart for love.

Real riches are the riches possessed inside.

Those who wander with doggies are never lost.

Noah was a brave man to sail in a wooden boat with two termites.

The difference in between dumb and smart is how much you know.

If you don't step forward, you'll always be in the same place.

You are so much more than someone else's opinion of you.

Don't let anyone get your pencil in a tangle. Stay jolly.

Love is even caring for each other when you're angry.

Why do they call it rush-hour when nothing moves?

Change is not merely necessary to life - it is life.

Life is only as good as the memories we make.

Be the one who makes others feel included.

Health is not valued until sickness comes.

What good are you if no one needs you?

It's never too late to be wise.

Joy is a simplest form of gratitude.

Your thoughts are the architects of your destiny.

You can't get a friend more loyal than your doggie.

Don't get so busy making a living that you forget to make a life.

One day, we'll close our eyes to time and open them to eternity.

When people treat you like they don't care, believe them.

There is nothing like staying at home for real comfort.

You can be happier if you decide to accept "what is."

Faith is reason at rest in God. - Charles Spurgeon

It would be a dull world if we all thought alike.

Bible Verse



When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

—Colossians 3:4

MARCH IS NATIONAL KIDNEY MONTH:

A Kansas Family is Grateful Their High School Son is Living Life to the Fullest Thanks to His New Kidney from West Virginia Donor

March is National Kidney Month, which is a month-long, awareness-raising grassroots effort to spread the word across the country about the importance of kidney health. March 9th will be celebrated this year as World Kidney Day, which highlights the importance of preventive interventions to avert the onset and progression of kidney disease. A Kansas family knows all too well the life-saving difference a healthy kidney can make and hopes their son's kidney journey story will give hope to a family facing a kidney crisis this month.

When Hayden Murnahan was only nine months old, he was diagnosed with Stage IV Chronic Kidney Disease. Learning their baby was in kidney failure during his nine-month well baby check came out of left field for his mom, Crystal. She remembers that up until that point in Hayden's life they had no clue anything was wrong. Not only was something wrong, but it was serious enough that Crystal and Steve were told Hayden needed to be seen at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri - nearly three hours from their home in Salina, Kansas. And needed to be seen ... soon.

The nephrology team at Children's Mercy told them Hayden's kidneys were septic and he would need a kidney transplant. According to Crystal, Hayden's journey became a monthly routine of watching his lab work while allowing him to grow bigger so he could be eligible for a kidney transplant. He reached that milestone close to his fourth birthday. At that time, a family friend offered to be tested to see if she was a kidney match for Hayden. She was, and on May 7, 2012, Hayden received a living donor kidney transplant.

Crystal said, "While we knew this was not likely a cure, it was going to give our toddler the best shot at being healthy so he could keep up with other kids." Hayden did great for a while, but just a year later, he started gaining more weight than would be expected. He was also struggling with severe hypertension and numerous viruses his body could not fight. His kidney transplant surgeon ordered a kidney biopsy; it was discovered he had developed antibodies and his body was starting to reject his new kidney.

For almost six years, the nephrology team at Children's Mercy monitored Hayden and worked with the family to treat the rejection, monitor and stabilize his blood pressure, and fight viruses that he was more likely to catch due to the immunosuppressive medications he took every day. This treatment and care resulted in numerous inpatient stays in Kansas City, which was several hours from their home.

During this time, Crystal and Steve started to face the reality that another kidney transplant was likely in Hayden's future. They were aware of another family in Salina whose son needed a life-saving transplant. That family had started working with the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA) for support and guidance while waiting for their baby's heart transplant. Crystal reached out to the family's COTA volunteer to learn more about whether this might be a good fit for their family as well.

On January 14, 2019, she called COTA's headquarters to learn more and to explain Hayden's situation. The

family had private health insurance, which meant they were dealing with co-pays, deductibles and insurance premiums. Hayden had some over the counter medications that were not covered by their insurance. They lived about 175 miles from the transplant center and with no travel benefit, they were paying out of pocket for travel, meals, and parking. Since they did not know where Hayden's second kidney would come from, Crystal was pleased to learn COTA funds could be used for living donor expenses. And since they had already gone through one transplant with Hayden, the family knew they simply could not absorb all of the costs associated with a second transplant.

The next day, January 15th, Crystal and Steve completed and sent their signed agreement to COTA's headquarters, and the Murnahan family officially became part of the COTA Family, and Hayden became a COTA Kid.

The Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA) uniquely understands that parents who care for a child, teen or young adult before, during and after a life-saving transplant have enough to deal with; therefore, COTA's model shifts the responsibility for fundraising to a team of trained volunteers. COTA is a 501(c)3 charity so all contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law, and funds are available for a lifetime of transplant-related expenses.

On March 4, 2019, a COTA fundraising specialist traveled to Salina to train the family's group of volunteers, sharing information about the organization's fundraising process, fundraising templates, guidance and support, and the no-cost website they would be provided. COTA for Hayden M was launched, and the website was immediately available to accept online donations to assist with transplant-related expenses.

The volunteer team quickly got to work planning fundraisers. Their enthusiasm, and their success, allowed Crystal and Steve to immediately start breathing a little easier about the financial component of Hayden's second transplant. One fundraiser, which was held on May 5th for Cinco De Mayo, raised nearly \$22,000 for COTA honor of Hayden M.

While the COTA fundraising effort was picking up steam, Hayden's nephrologist determined his transplanted kidney was simply not the right match for his body. On July 1, 2019, Hayden's donated kidney was removed leaving the 10-year-old with no functioning kidneys. With no kidneys, Hayden had a peritoneal dialysis catheter surgically placed. But peritoneal dialysis could not be initiated until the surgical site healed; therefore, hemodialysis was administered in the interim.

On July 1, 2019, Crystal posted on the COTA-provided website: "A big thanks to everyone who participated and posted pictures for Team Hayden Day. While Hayden isn't up to looking at all the photos tonight, we will look at them tomorrow. Hayden will start hemodialysis tomorrow so please be praying for him to tolerate that and for the pain to subside."

On July 2nd, she posted: "Hayden made it through his first dialysis treatment

today. He is still in quite a bit of pain but has a pain pump. We are hopeful as time goes on the pain will subside. Please be in prayer for pain management and rest for Hayden and his parents.

On July 5th: "Hayden was released from the hospital this afternoon. We will be staying at the Ronald McDonald House and Hayden will have dialysis on Monday. He is still pretty sore, but he is such a strong little boy and is taking each day at a time. Dialysis went pretty well this week, and we will continue to work on getting his system stabilized without the kidney.

While Hayden was healing from having the peritoneal catheter placed, Crystal underwent intensive training so she could administer his peritoneal dialysis (PD) at home. Hayden had his final hemodialysis session on July 24th and Crystal completed her dialysis training on July 26th.

On August 3rd, Crystal posted: "Life has been busy this past week. Trying to get back into a routine and doing dialysis every night. Hayden will go back to Children's Mercy for a surgery we were not planning on. The PD catheter has not stayed in position and so PD has been a little more of a challenge than we anticipated. The surgeon who placed the catheter will go back in and reposition it to work correctly. Hayden will be in the hospital overnight and then be released the next day to come home and continue PD.

On August 10th: "Unfortunately, the replacement surgery for Hayden's PD catheter was unsuccessful. For now, he will go back to hemodialysis (HD). This is challenging for all of us as we now have to figure out a new plan for school, work, life, etc. Please keep Hayden in your prayers as we make plans and continue with new obstacles.

On September 9th: "Hayden got to spend yesterday with his cousins! He was excited to get out of the house and enjoy family. Hayden is finally adjusting well to PD at home. We are still doing 12-hour treatments every day as this is what his body needs to get the fluid off his system. While this is longer than we had hoped, he is still able to attend school every day. He loves spending time with his friends. This weekend we stopped his last blood pressure medication. This is a step in the right direction as we need his body to stabilize before he gets his new kidney."

In addition to this good news, the COTA for Hayden M fundraising effort surpassed its \$100,000 campaign goal in early September. But Hayden's transplant journey hit several major bumps in the road throughout the fall of 2019 and into 2020. Due to problematic lab results and issues with Hayden's stomach, his kidney team at Children's Mercy decided to place him back on hemodialysis, which was a blow to Hayden. He was enjoying having PD at home, seeing his friends and feeling 'normal.' Traveling to the HD clinic three days a week for 4-5 hours a day, was not in Hayden's plan.

After many setbacks and challenges, it was decided Hayden needed to stay on HD, but at home. That meant Crystal and Steve had to complete a six-week training course at Children's Mercy. Their hope was that dialysis at home would

help give Hayden a sense of normalcy after many months of medical, and emotional, ups and downs. On March 20th, home dialysis became a reality for the Murnahan family. Crystal said, "While we were anxious and nervous about doing home hemodialysis, our goal was to keep him out of the hospital. Given the COVID-19 outbreak, we are concerned for Hayden's health as his immune system is low and not able to fight off viruses."

In early April, the family's routine was working well. Crystal said no words could adequately express how grateful they were to be at home doing dialysis, especially as the pandemic grew in scope and magnitude. Hayden was on dialysis six days a week for three hours every night at home. Crystal spent five hours every night running dialysis, which included setting up the machine and then cleaning up when it finished. The good news was Hayden actually felt fairly good from Spring 2020 until January 2022.

On January 6, 2022, Crystal posted: "July 1, 2019, marked the first day of dialysis for Hayden. 915 days later, Hayden is scheduled for a kidney transplant at Children's Mercy. The process has been initiated to deplete his immune system so his body will accept this new kidney. Please pray that COVID-19 and all the other viruses stay away from his depleted immune system. He is in good spirits and is a fighter."

While the Murnahan family experienced so much support and an abundance of blessings through Hayden's transplant journey, they received one more amazing gift when a community member offered to send a plane (in the midst of a major winter storm) to pick up 'Hayden's perfect kidney' that had been located in West Virginia. This generous benefactor knew about Hayden's situation and health issues and wanted to make sure the family did not miss this opportunity.

Hayden received his second kidney transplant on January 6, 2022. The first few days following the transplant were stressful



Hayden Murnahan, Kidney Recipient

as the team, and Hayden's parents, waited for his new kidney to 'wake up.' But on Day 5 post-transplant, Hayden was finally free of all catheters. On January 14th, Hayden, Crystal and Steve were headed home to Salina.

Looking back now, two years since Hayden's transplant, Crystal continues to be deeply grateful for his kidney donors, but also for those who helped with the COTA for Hayden M fundraising effort.

"COTA has been walking this journey with us since 2020 when it was determined Hayden would need a second kidney transplant," Crystal said. "What a blessing it was to have COTA by our side as we navigated numerous days on two types of dialysis and seemingly endless hospital stays while preparing for another transplant."

Transplant is not a cure. It provides a much better quality of life, but requires costly medications, treatments and monitoring. COTA exists to help families, like the Murnahans, navigate their transplant journeys today ... and well into the future.

"COTA has been a tremendous help specifically with costly medications ... constant travel back and forth from Salina to Kansas City ... hotel stays ... dialysis supplies ... countless medical tests

and continuous lab work," Crystal explained. "COTA and our team of amazing volunteers have become our extended family because they all worked together and focused on making sure Hayden received the care he needed."

She continued, "COTA has been a gamechanger throughout Hayden's lengthy and costly transplant journey. Hayden will have transplant-related expenses for the rest of his life. When Hayden is on his own, COTA will allow him to breathe easier ... and will continue to do so for a lifetime."

Today, Hayden is feeling relatively 'back to normal' after fully recovering from his second kidney transplant. He has walked miles upon miles since his transplant, as compared to periods of time in 2019 when he could not walk down the block without passing out or becoming extremely lightheaded due to blood pressure issues.

Hayden loves to hang out with his friends and play the Madden NFL video game. He is currently in high school and starting to think about college and future plans. At this point, his goal is to enjoy each and every day with family and friends and to never take for granted the two kidney donors who are allowing him to dream about a future.

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Jairus's Daughter and the Bleeding Woman

Luke 8:40-56

The text before us records two miracles — one of healing and one of bringing the dead back to life. The two miracles are linked together. Both took place in the same village and on the same day. Faith is central to both miracles.

Verse 40 states that Jesus was gladly received by people who were waiting for Him. Jesus had just returned from the southwestern shores of the Sea of Galilee, the land of the Gadarenes (v. 26). Before leaving for Gadara, Jesus had previously gone through every city and village in Galilee, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God (v. 1). These who received Him had heard His words and wanted to hear more. They had witnessed His healing the infirmed and them with evil spirits (v. 2).

One individual who was very glad that Jesus had returned was Jairus. Jairus had a pressing need. His daughter had fallen ill and was near death. Jairus fell at Jesus' feet and beseeched Him to come to his house. This incident is reported in the gospel of Mark (Mk. 5:23) with a bit more detail. Jairus implored Jesus to come and to lay His hands upon his daughter that she might be healed and live.

Jairus came to Jesus because he knew that Jesus had healed others who were ill. He came to Jesus believing that Jesus could do the same for his daughter. Jairus believed that Jesus could make his daughter well in spite of the fact that she was near death. Jairus had faith in what Jesus could do based upon that of which he had heard.

Jesus responded to Jairus's request and immediately started to make His way to Jairus's home. The throng of people that were gathered about Jesus impeded Him from responding in a speedy manner and allowed a woman to come from behind Him and to reach out and touch the border of His garment (v. 44). The woman, like Jairus, knew that Jesus had healed individuals of many different maladies. She believed that her issue of blood which had persisted and had worsened over a twelve-year period would be healed if she could just touch His garment. Reaching out, she touched Jesus' garment and was instantly healed. A miracle occurred.

The second miracle happened after the death of Jairus's daughter and after Jesus' arrival at the home of Jairus. Jesus took her hand and said, "Maid, arise" (v. 54), and her spirit returned and she arose.

Jesus' response in this, and in every instance throughout His earthly ministry, was in complete accordance to the will of God the Father. The two miracles were separate from each other and quite different. The Lord could have healed the woman with the issue of blood at a different time and a different place. God the Father chose to heal the woman with the issue of blood before Jairus's daughter.

God reveals Himself to us through His actions. All New Testament believers know His love because the Father gave His only begotten Son such that all who would believe on Him should not perish but have eternal life. The scripture before us does not explicitly state the reason why the Father placed the woman with the issue of blood before Jairus. Little is stated of either Jairus or the woman. That which is stated, however, is significant. Jairus was a ruler of the synagogue. One does not assume a position of leadership unless one first demonstrates qualities of worthiness. It is reasonable to assume that Jairus demonstrated his worthiness by following the precepts of the law given to Moses. He may or may not have been a Pharisee but he would have been accorded the respect given to the most religious adherents of Judaism. He would have observed every feast day and would have regularly worshipped in the temple in Jerusalem.

God placed the healing of the woman first. She had no religious qualifications. Because she suffered with an issue of blood, she was unclean. She was ever ceremonially unclean. She, under the law, was forbidden to as much as to touch that which was clean. She was excluded from temple worship. She had no measure of worthiness. God, in choosing to heal the woman first, chose to place the unworthy before those who might see themselves as deserving.

Has God not chosen to bless all nations through the seed of Abraham, the promised Son of David? In the scripture before us, He chose to bless the undeserving first. God chose one who was without hope of justification by works of the law.

God chose to heal the woman because she had faith. She was healed the very instant that she touched the border of Jesus' garment (v. 44). She was healed before Jesus asked, "Who touched me?" She was healed the moment Jesus sensed that virtue had gone from Him. Both she and Jesus knew the very second. It was personal for her and for the Lord who said, "Who touched me?"

The healing of Jairus's daughter is described far differently. The messenger delivering the news that the daughter had died, said, "Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master." Jesus said, "Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole" (v. 50). Faith accomplishes the impossible.

Faith, in this instance, was in short supply (see v. 53). Only Peter, James, John, and the maiden's mother and father saw her lifeless body respond to Jesus' command: "Maid, arise." Her parents saw and were astonished. Jesus commanded them to tell no one of that which they had witnessed. How different this command is from that given to the woman who was healed. The woman with the issue of blood was called to declare her faith (the cause for which she touched Jesus, v. 47).

All New Testament believers are called, likewise, to declare the faith by which we were made free from the law. Let us be obedient to our calling.

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CHRISTOPHER BELLER
Christopher Michael "Topher" Beller, age 49, of Liberty, peacefully departed this life February 15, 2024.

Born November 12, 1974 in Charleston, the son of Pamela A. Scarberry and B. Michael Beller, he had been a heavy equipment operator and formally an over the road truck driver. He was preceded in death by wife, Sandra Kay Parnell Beller; sister Cindy Scarberry; Stepdad Doug Scarberry; Grandparents Boyd and Phyllis Casto Beller and Sylvan and Marguerite Robinson Collard.

He is survived by Mother Pamela Collard Scarberry of Newton, KS; Father and Stepmother B. Michael and Carol Beller; Brother James "Pebo" Beller (Sherri) of Key West, FL; Sisters Melissa Anne Beller (Adrienne), Newton, KS, Christine Perkins, South Charleston, and Jacqueline Ranson (Mark), South Charleston. Nieces, Katelyn, Abbie and Kendra; Nephews, Finn, Emery, Huey, Colin, Brendan, Garrett and Zaden.

Honoring his wishes, he will be cremated, and no services are scheduled.

DEBORAH S. BRIDGETTE
Deborah S. Bridgette, 70, of Shelbyville, KY, formerly of Poca, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday,

February 28, 2024, at home. She was a graduate of Nitro High School and earned an associate degree in geriatrics from West Virginia State University. She spent twenty years working for Kanawha County Schools and was a lifelong homemaker. She attended the Reformation Church of Shelbyville in KY and previously attended Teays Valley Church of God and Nitro Church of God. She was a devoted follower of Jesus Christ and a cherished wife, mother, and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her parents Frank and Elizabeth Wygal; her sisters, Barb Miller and husband Tom Miller, Patricia Neary and husband Frank Neary; brother, Jim Wygal; in-laws, Whitey and Sue Bridgette; nephew, Justin Wygal. Surviving her is her husband, David (Ed) Bridgette; daughters, Amanda Bridgette and husband Ryan Kennedy, Meghan Burke and husband Joe Burke; brother-in-law, Ronnie Bridgette and wife Becky Bridgette; sister-in-law, Patti Wygal; grandchildren; Maggie, Owen, Josie, Emmie Jayne, Silas and Maisie Burke; and many loved nieces and nephews.

A tribute to the life of Deborah Bridgette was Saturday, March 2, 2024, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel, Poca,

with Pastor Jerry Dorris officiating. Burial was in Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens, Cross Lanes.

SHIRLEY COLLINS
Shirley A. (Porter) Collins, 86, of Hurricane, died on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, of Alzheimer's disease at the Putnam Center, where she was surrounded with love by her family. She received excellent care from Hospice, Putnam Center, and English Meadows. During her final days, the nurses and staff from both facilities stopped by to pay their respects and share the various ways Shirley had spread kindness and joy in her quiet, pleasant way.

She was born at home on Sycamore Creek in Putnam County on September 15, 1937, to the late John F. and Lorna M. (Sergent Billups) Porter. Shirley graduated in 1955 from Hurricane High School. It was there she met the love of her life, James "Jay" H. Collins – she, the homecoming queen and he, a football standout. The pair were steadfast friends with their classmates throughout the years. They were married in 1957 and remained sweethearts until his death in 2005. She traveled with Jay and their

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bird watching, particularly hummingbirds, gardening, reading, completing Word Search puzzles, true crime documentaries, and bowling in her youth. You would never see Jackie in an unironed shirt or without her hair neatly styled. The light in her eyes, brightness of her smile, and joy in her laugh will never be forgotten.

Jackie's departure comes as a great shock and a deep wound, and it is gravely felt

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children across the sea and to multiple assignments during his twenty-year career in the Air Force. At every post, any time Shirley saw a car with WV license plates in a parking lot or a person wearing a WV sweatshirt in the grocery store, she would ask them what county they were from, give them her phone number, and invite them to dinner. In each place she moved, one of her first orders of business was to find a new church home. From organizing dinners for loved ones after funerals to teaching thousands of children in Sunday school over the years, along with leading Cub Scouts and church Women's Groups, she showed her faith through service. In churches across the USA, she served as a Deacon, Trustee, and Queen of the Kitchen.

At their final (and favorite) assignment, Plattsburgh Air Force Base, New York, Shirley began her work as a teacher's aide with children in the Beekmantown School District. She learned to sight-read Braille in order to help one of her students. The friendships she made at the First Baptist Church there lasted a lifetime. After Jay's retirement from the Air Force, they relocated to Mt. Laurel, NJ, and then to Estero, FL. However, they always considered West Virginia home, so after Jay's passing, Shirley returned, living in Culloden for over a decade. She was a very active member of the First Baptist Church of Hurricane before Alzheimer's narrowed her world.

Shirley is survived by her three children, their spouses, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren: daughter, Marjorie Light and husband James, of West Hartford, CT; son, Mark Collins and wife, Tricia, of Foster City, CA; and son, Matthew Collins and wife Lori, of Madeira Beach, FL. Her grandchildren, who called her Miya, loved her greatly: Stephanie Light, Craig Light, Alyssa Collins, Ryan Collins, Stephen Auer, and Katie Collins. She is also survived by two great-grandchildren, Milo

and Nora Eames. A special friend, Arden Hodges; her brother, Dwane Porter; and brother-in-law George McGehee, also survive her passing, along with many cousins, nieces, nephews, extended friends, and family. She was predeceased by her parents, sisters, and their husbands: Wanda and Carl Johnson and Hilda and Ceibert Riddle; along with in-laws Howard and Maxine Collins; sister-in-laws Judith and husband James Qualls; and Linda McGehee. To Shirley, family was the center of her life.

A memorial service celebrating Shirley's life was held at the First Baptist Church of Hurricane on Saturday, March 2, 2024.

LOUISE FIZER

Louise Fizer, 83, of Hurricane, went to be with the Lord on February 27th, 2024.

She was born to the late Virgil and Edith Miller Mitchell. Louise was a member of Teays Valley Baptist Church.

Louise was fondly known as the Biscuit Lady. She was well known for her wittiness, kindness and impeccable sense of humor.

She was preceded in death by her husband Gene, infant son Charles Eugene Fizer and grandson Daniel Eugene Fizer.

Left to cherish her memories are her daughter Peggy Sue Maynard (Mike), son Danny Fizer (Denise), bonus son Dave Cremeans; granddaughters Cathy Fizer (Robert) and Brittany Quentrill (Michael); great grandchildren Isaiah Barnes (Lexie), Navey Fizer, Brooke and Scott Smith, Remington and Ava Quentrill and Sabrina and Chase Fizer; sisters Fay Toppings and Helen Kayser and 1 brother Okie Ray Mitchell.

Funeral service was Saturday, March 2, 2024 at Allen Funeral Home in Hurricane with Pastor John Smith and Pastor David Vickers officiating.

HENRY 'RED' HUGHES JR.

Henry "Red" Benton Hughes, 92, of Hurricane, passed away February 26, 2024 as a result of a tragic

accident at his home.

Red was born on Valentine's Day 1932, to the late Henry Buell and Laura Raines Hughes. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife: Annalee A. Hughes; sisters: Mildred Jaspering and Marie Shafer; brothers: Harry Hughes and William Hughes.

Red proudly served his country in the US Navy Reserves.

He enjoyed participating in many organizations including Buffalo Chapter # 150 Order of Eastern Star, Nitro Chapter # 170 Order of Eastern Star, Life Member of VFW Mountaineer Post 9097, St. Albans Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 868, Nitro Masonic Lodge #170 A.F. & A.M., Valley of Charleston Scottish Rite and achieved 33rd degree Shriner at Beni Kedem Temple in Charleston.

Red worked his entire career at Union Carbide in Institute and retired after 38 years.

Surviving Red is his loving daughters: Leanne Hughes of Hurricane and Barbara J. Mace of Nitro; son: Peter A. Hughes of Kissimmee, FL; sister, Mary Lou Thacker of Nitro; grandchildren: Rebekka A. Atkins, Cassandra D. Dailey, Jeremy Mace and Jimmy Mace; eleven great-grandchildren; dear nieces and nephews; wonderful neighbors and friends; his special companion, Charlene McYoung and his fur baby, Buddy.

Graveside Service with Masonic Rites was Monday, March 4, 2024 at Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

JACQUELINE NEASE

Jacqueline Faye (Sydenstricker) Nease, "Jackie," was born in Dunbar on June 23, 1938. She passed away on February 27, 2024 in

Hurricane after a sudden decline in health. Her family and friends are profoundly saddened. She is predeceased by her parents, Rachel and Dennis Sydenstricker, her brothers James and Robert, her sisters Patricia and Swannah.

Of the many who love and adore her, she is survived by her sisters Betty and Lewella, children Rex (Dawn) Karnes, Rodney (Jason) Karnes, and Lois (Sammy) Housley, grandchildren Kristi (Richard) Rose, Michael (Helen) Curry, Bert (Shannon) Nease, Michelle (Denny) McCord, Jessica (Jason) Ervin, Bryan (Nicole) Karnes, Christopher (Rachel) Karnes, and Sarah (Brent) Douglas, great grandchildren Logen and Braxton Ord, Madilyn Curry, Eden and Emma Nease, Riley and Lincoln McCord, Breeanna, Cathryn, and Ella-Grace Karnes, Ariya, Brayden, and Caleb Douglas, and Macy and Gage Ervin, and her first great great grandson, Korbin Ord.

To know Jackie was to love Jackie; she was a force to be reckoned with. She will be remembered for all the heart she shared with her friends and family. Jackie's canine companions were dear to her; while Chase has stayed behind with family, Sunshine is on a long walk with Jackie now. When the time came, Jackie carried herself with dignity, strength, and full of love for those who went before her. Jackie found wonderful friends at her arthritic swim class at the YMCA and New U Hair Designs. She walked through life with fortitude, sharing her wisdom and joy with others, and perhaps, if you knew Jackie, her stubbornness. She was independent and proud, determined and kind, witty and strong. She enjoyed

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ARBADILLA 'DOBBIE' PROCTOR

Arbadella (Dobbie Bess) Proctor, 84, of Berea, Ohio, formerly of Poca, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, February 29, 2024.

She was a member of the Church of God of Prophecy, Eaton Twp., Ohio. Dobbie was a cherished wife, mother, and grandmother.

She is preceded in death by beloved husband Glenn Neal Proctor of Cleveland Ohio, formerly Beckley WV; son, Brian Neal Proctor; great grandson, Elijah Bradley Thompson; father & mother, Delbert, and Letha Bess of Poca WV; brothers, Dencil, Glenville, Roy, Robert (Shay), Kenneth (Bucky), and William Bess; sisters, Juanita Rhodes, Ruth Pfeil, and Dorothy Dotson.

Surviving her are sons Steven J. Proctor (Cindy), Jeffrey T. Proctor (Raven), and daughter Terri M. Thompson, and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

A tribute to the life of Arbadella Proctor was Friday, March 8, 2024, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home, Poca, with Pastor Darlene McKnight, Church of God of Prophecy, officiating. Entombment was in Haven of Rest Memorial Gardens, Red House.

G. MICHAEL SALMON

G. Michael "Catfish" Salmon, age 73, of Poca, passed away on February 26, 2024 in Columbus, OH.

He was born on June 7, 1950 in Dunbar to the late Robert and Helen Salmon.

Catfish, as he was fondly known, served in the United State Navy during the Vietnam War. After his military service, he pursued a career as an Operator at DuPont Chemical Plant in Belle.

A man of many passions, Catfish lived for fishing, enjoyed westerns, movies, basketball, football, and was a devoted fan of WVU. His dedication to his hobbies was only matched

by his love for his family.

He is survived by his loving wife, Debby Salmon; sons, Chris (Brooke) of Alabama and Mike (Addie) of Poca; daughters, Kerrie Salmon of Florida, Amanda Painter (Matt) of Given, and Melany Salmon of St. Albans; step-son, Charles Hedrick (Kelly) of Pennsylvania; thirteen grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; and various cousins.

Funeral service was Monday, March 4, at Keller Funeral Home, Dunbar. Burial was in Donal C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery.

JACQUELINE 'JACKIE' SIDARS

Jacqueline Sue "Jackie" Sidars, 53, of St. Albans, passed away February 26, 2024.

Jackie is a 1989 graduate of Poca High School. She is a former employee of Sunbridge of Putnam and Sunbridge of Dunbar Nursing Home and a former massage therapist. She loved shopping, crafts, collecting crystals, and her dog, Rebel.

She is preceded in death by her grandma Sarah Covey; mother Mary Kinnamon and step-dad Sam Kinnamon.

Jackie is survived by her two children Lacey (Rodney) Herdman and Robert Herdman, Jr.; father William "Bill" (Evelyn) Chamberlin; sisters Kellie (Dave) Carpenter, Missy Chamberlin, and Samantha Kinnamon; step-brother Brian Kinnamon; five grandchildren Taylor Boggess, Jada Boggess, Timmy Herdman, Jimmy Herdman, and Isaiah Herdman; and a host of nieces and nephews.

A tribute to the life of Jackie was held Friday, March 1, 2024 at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Randy Stanley officiating. Entombment was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House.

NOLAND D. TUCKER

Noland Dewain Tucker,

of Eleanor, passed away Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky. He was a 1970 graduate of Point Pleasant High School, and retired from Xerox Corp. with 25 years of experience. He also retired from the Putnam County Board of Education. He was a Christian and attended Cross Creek Community Church. Noland was blessed with the talent of song-writing, music, and backup vocals which touched many people's lives. He was a member of the group "Cross Creek" which sang in many area churches over the years. Noland was a family man who dedicated his life to caring for his daughter Elizabeth and wife Linda. He was a loving husband, father, and uncle and will be sadly missed.

Born November 18, 1952, he was the son of the late Harold R. Tucker and Mary K. Higginbotham Tucker. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Diane Tucker Thomas.

Survivors include his loving wife of 48 years, Linda Parsons Tucker; his daughter, Elizabeth Ann Tucker; brothers, Charles "Jupe" (Brenda) Tucker of Sebastian, Florida, Ed (Terri) Tucker of Columbus, Ohio, and Dave (Bev) Whittington of Point Pleasant; sisters, Mary (Leo) Buck of Point Pleasant, and Kathy Wise of Columbus, Ohio; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was Monday, March 4, 2024 at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastor Adam Null and Pastor Joe Scarberry officiating. Burial was in Buffalo Memorial Park, Buffalo.

JUDY KAY WEAVER

Judy Kay Weaver, 73, of Given, went home to be with the Lord peacefully at her home surrounded by her loved ones on February 27, 2024.

Born January 17, 1951 in Charleston, she was

the daughter of Oshel and Freda Casto of Given. Judy was preceded in death by her parents (Oshel & Freda), her sister Irene (Carroll) and her beloved husband of 30 years, Larry James Weaver.

Judy's life was a tapestry of faith, love and dedication that was carried throughout her years as a Kindergarten Teacher Aid at West Teays Elementary School. Whether it was nurturing the minds of tomorrow or making others laugh, she moved through her day with patience, love and dedication to her kids, whom she loved as her own. Throughout her years at West Teays, she made so many memories and friendships that leaves a legacy of compassion and her generous spirit.

Judy lived a full beautiful life as a wonderful mother grandmother, friend and woman of faith. She radiated warmth, happiness and was truly a ray of sunshine. She loved Spring and Summer weed-eating around her flower gardens. She loved to fellowship in her church, her bingo Thursdays, baking her angel food cakes or blackberry cobblers and making her famous cheese balls. She made sure you never left her house hungry and always had her candy jar full of bubble gum.

Judy's life was a collection of chapters that told a story of love, dedication and kindness. She is survived by her loving son Tommy and caring daughter in-law Missy Weaver; "her Katie" - her beautiful granddaughter Kaitlynn and loving husband Brandon Johnson - whom she loved more than life itself; her siblings Bob (Pat) Casto, Marjory (Justin) Cochran, Kathy (Monty) Bradley, Thurman (Jeanie) Casto; her nieces and nephews whom she cared deeply for; and a community that will forever be inspired by her kindness, faith and compassion for others.

Funeral Service was Thursday, March 7, 2024 at Emma Chapel Church in Liberty.

Marshall's Online M.S. in Computer Science program earns top ranking from Fortune

Marshall University has been recognized by Fortune for offering the Best Online Master's in Computer Science program in the nation for 2024.

Fortune noted that business leaders need the best they can find, with the increasing use of AI, large-scale data analysis and cloud computing. In ranking university programs, it looked at factors such as the program's selectivity, success rate and demand, said Dr. Paulus Wahjudi, professor and chair of the Department of Computer Sciences and Electrical Engineering.

"Our faculty have always been focused on the students," Wahjudi said. "We are happy to see that our dedication is recognized by a respected entity such as Fortune. We will continue to focus on our students' success, especially since the technology is rapidly growing and there is a big demand to be filled."

Fortune also gave Marshall a third-place ranking nationally for its in-person master's degree in Computer Science. In 2023, Fortune gave a second-place ranking to Marshall's online master's degree program in Cybersecurity.

"It's a testament to the people in the Computer Sciences and Electrical Engineering department doing a great job," said David Dampier, dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences.

"These rankings are evidence why our online programs are growing. We had a 71% increase in graduate enrollment from the fall of 2022 to the fall of 2023 in the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences."

The master's degree program at Marshall covers topics such as data mining,

big data systems, cyber risk, and advanced web technology.

Marshall's online M.S. Computer Science program had a 40% acceptance rate in 2023-24, and its students have had an average 3.55 grade point average. In 2022-23, the program had a 92% one-year retention rate and 93% graduation rate. Four months post-graduation, Marshall's alumni earn \$99,870 in median annual salary.

The program's annual tuition is \$8,010, and application deadline for Fall 2024 is Aug. 1. Marshall's program does not require standardized testing to apply or letters of recommendation. International students must turn in a proof of English proficiency.

There are several ways in which Marshall strives to offer students the best, Wahjudi said.

"The online degree program is offered in asynchronous format and is taught by faculty members in their field of expertise who are active in research projects with several million dollars in research expenditures," he said, adding that students also benefit from adjunct faculty with years of experience in the field.

"Even though the program is asynchronous, the faculty are also available to meet virtually with students," he said. "Every instructor is Quality Matters (QM)-certified, and each course is reviewed by the Marshall University design center to ensure that it delivers the class materials effectively for the students."

For more information about Marshall's M.S. in Computer Science program, visit <https://www.marshall.edu/cccs/mscs/>.

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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
Administrator: 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

2-29-21

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

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

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

Estate No.: 5655
Estate Of: Mary Ann Arthur
Executrix: James F Arthur
96 2nd Ave
Bancroft, WV 25011

Estate No.: 5638
Estate Of: Beattie Lee Debord
Administrator: Timothy Debord
433 Bowles Dotson Rd
Red House, WV 25168

Estate No.: 5581
Estate Of: Sarah M Gillman
Executrix: Billie L Miller
3407 Vanica Crt
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5650
Estate Of: Dorothy Eileen Higginbotham
Administrator: William D Higginbotham
131 Headley Drive
Charleston, WV 25312

Estate No.: 5528
Estate Of: Christopher Shawn Hill
Administrator: Donnie Jordan
45 Elm Street
Buffalo, WV 25033

Estate No.: 5640
Estate Of: Anna Louise Rooper Johnson
Administrator: Tony Russel Johnson
Cta: 486 Teays Lane
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 March 7, 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 March 7, 2024, 2024.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 28th day of February 2024.

Fiduciary Supervisor
Putnam County Commission
10293 Winfield Road,
Winfield, WV 25213

3-7-21

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the Hurricane Water Plant Emergency Generator will be received by the City of Hurricane (Owner), located at 3255 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, WV 25526, until 3 pm local prevailing time on March 21, 2024, at which time and place all accepted bids will be privately opened. After opening, the bids will be compared as to quality, thoroughness, and cost by the Owner. A notice of award will be made public within 1 week of the bid opening. Bids are being solicited for all the work on the project.

The Work of this Project includes the following general elements:

The Hurricane Water Plant intends to upgrade the emergency generator system at the water plant operated by the city. The facility currently has a diesel powered generator. This project will replace the diesel generator with a Natural Gas generator 300KW, all associated electrical components, and MDP to bring up to current NEC Compliance. This project also includes natural gas upgrade for the generator and all components for gas line improvements.

All technical questions should be referred to Andy Skidmore in writing or via email at askidmore@hurricanewv.com by 3 pm on March 15, 2024. Direct Phone calls are prohibited.

After the scheduled closing time for receipt of Bids, no Bid may be withdrawn for a period of 90 days.

3-7-11

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

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 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:

- 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.
- The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1.
- The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.
- The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.
- The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, 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.
- 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

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Putnam County Planning Commission will meet on **Thursday, March 28th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.** in Room 221, of the Putnam County Courthouse, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV to conduct a Regular Meeting and hold the following public hearings.

• **Proposed Text Amendment 2024-01:** Mr. David Mills, President of the Putnam County Planning Commission has applied for a text amendment to amend 'C-1' Suburban Commercial District — Article 600.02 — "Permitted Principal Uses" of the Zoning Ordinance for the Zoned Unincorporated Areas of Putnam County, West Virginia. Mr. Mills proposes the removal of "Class B Single Family Dwelling" from the 'C-1' Zoning District "Permitted Principle Use List (except in a lease community)."

• **Proposed Text Amendment 2024-02:** Mr. David Mills, President of the Putnam County Planning Commission has applied for a text amendment to amend 'C-2' High Density Commercial District — Article 650.04 — "Special Permit Uses" of the Zoning Ordinance for the Zoned Unincorporated Areas of Putnam County, West Virginia. Mr. Mills proposes the removal of "Class B Single Family Dwelling" from the 'C-2' Zoning District "Special Permit Use List."

• **Proposed Text Amendment 2024-03:** Mr. David Mills, President of the Putnam County Planning Commission has applied for a text amendment to amend Article 150.02 — "Definition of Terms" of the Zoning Ordinance for the Zoned Unincorporated Areas of Putnam County, West Virginia. Mr. Mills proposes the addition of a definition for "Indoor Shooting Range."

• **Proposed Text Amendment 2024-04:** Mr. David Mills, President of the Putnam County Planning Commission has applied for a text amendment to amend Article 150.02 — "Definition of Terms" of the Zoning Ordinance for the Zoned Unincorporated Areas of Putnam County, West Virginia. Mr. Mills proposes two (2) additions to amend the existing definition for "Recreation, Commercial."

• **Proposed Text Amendment 2024-05:** Mr. David Mills, President of the Putnam County Planning Commission has applied for a text amendment to amend Article 1700.17 — "Requirements for Unique Land Uses - 'S' - Commercial Recreation or Sports Facility — Specifically Indoor Shooting Ranges" of the Zoning Ordinance for the Zoned Unincorporated Areas of Putnam County, West Virginia. Mr. Mills proposes conditions required for approval pertaining to "Commercial Recreational Development — Specifically Indoor Shooting Ranges" in 'C-1' and 'C-2' Zoning Districts.

• **Proposed Text Amendment 2024-06:** Mr. David Mills, President of the Putnam County Planning Commission has applied for a text amendment to amend '1-1' Light Industrial District — Article 800.02 — "Permitted Principal Uses" of the Zoning Ordinance for the Zoned Unincorporated Areas of Putnam County, West Virginia. Mr. Mills proposes the addition of "Heavy Equipment Sales and Service" to the "Permitted Principle Uses List."

All interested parties are invited to attend and will be granted an opportunity to speak.

3-7-11

Qualified Newspapers

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

The Breeze is qualified to publish all legal advertisement pertaining to Putnam County.

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

2-29-21

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

In Re: Change of Name from Shelby Lynn Rice to Shelby Lynn Bennett

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING

Civil Action No. 24-P-29
Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of April, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Judge Joseph Reeder, Shelby Lynn Rice 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 Shelby Lynn Rice to Shelby Lynn Bennett, 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 26th day of February, 2024.

Stephanie Smith/
Circuit Clerk

3-7-21

WVU President's and Dean's List

Putnam County residents named to the West Virginia University President's List for the 2023 fall semester were:

Buffalo: Nora Boggess, Advertising & Public Relations.

Culloden: Paige Bradley, Nursing; Olivia Haught, Journalism.

Hurricane: Alexandra Barnett, Exercise Physiology; Jayson Barnett, Finance; Meredith Boberky, Journalism; Brayleigh Brown, Public Health; Yimin Cai, Aerospace Engineering; Sydney Cain, Nursing; Emily Cecil, Marketing; Samuel Crowder, Economics; Sydney Fleece, Economics; Isabella Fuentes, Finance; Bailey Gatens, Social Work; Miah Green, Journalism; Emma Gress, Dental Hygiene; Chase Hager, Exercise Physiology; Audrey Hall, Engineering; Morgan Harris, Engineering; Isabella Hart, Aerospace Engineering; Morgan Hudnall, Elementary Education; Aiden Jackson, Biology; Carter Leadmon, Computer Science; Presley Lucas, Mathematics; Ian Martin, Exercise Physiology; Tracy Martin, Child Development and Family Studies; Camryn McKenzie, Exercise Physiology; Kara Meadows, Environmental Soil & Water Sciences; Madeline Moore, Art and Design; Nathan Neville

Finance, Marketing; Scott Nichols, Health and Well-Being; Alexander Olivero, Biochemistry; Matthew Olivero, Environmental Geoscience, Political Science; Arika Quinlan, Social Work; Bryson Rigney, Business; Alexander Sayre, Finance; Starrie Schultz, Computer Science; Makenna Smith, English/Secondary Education; Marisa Stewart, Human Nutrition and Foods; Paige Stewart, Health

Management and Leadership; Bradley Sutton, Exercise Physiology; Eryn Thomas, Elementary Education; Brogan Ward, Immunology and Medical Microbiology; Samuel White, Biomedical Engineering.

Poca: Luke Withrow, Computer Engineering.

Red House: Chloe Hale, Psychology.

Scott Depot: Ashton Amburgey, Economics; Isaac Arthur, Sport Management; Carmen Bartilson, Engineering; Erin Basham, Elementary Education; Margaret Bennett, Nursing; Peyton Bielinski, Health and Well-Being; William Bowen, Biology; Emily Bryant, Landscape Architecture; Daniel Curtis, Physics, Mathematics; Nicholas Elmore, Chemistry; Jillian Fluharty, Management Information Systems; Marla Hopkins, Music Education; Emily Hudson, Nursing; Lauren Hudson, Nursing; Tanner Laughery, Biology; Josie Lewis, Elementary Education; Sarah Lipscomb, Exercise Physiology; Asa Lyvers, Business; Emily Miller, Elementary Education; Amelia Pauley, English/Secondary Education; Spencer

Rheinlander, Economics; William Smith, Electrical Engineering; Aaron Verno, Exercise Physiology; Jacob Verno, Finance.

Winfield: Karson Bastug, Management Information Systems; Justin Cox, Environment and Energy Resources Management; Bhavana Dakshinamoorthy, Engineering; Grant Fisher, Chemistry; Dylan Kuhl, Marketing; Olivia Lavender, Elementary Education; Brooke Morris, Advertising & Public Relations; Chase Sprigle, Engineering.

Dean's List

Putnam County residents named to the West Virginia University's Dean List for the 2023 fall semester were:

Buffalo: Sara Kilgore, Advertising & Public Relations; Taylor Reedy, Pre-Nursing.

Culloden: Carey Ferrell, Nursing; Lilian Haught, Marketing.

Eleanor: Alec Hanshaw, Computer Science

Hurricane: Joseph Acevedo, Exercise Physiology; Landen Bach, Exercise Physiology; Kyle Becker, Cybersecurity; Riley Coulter, Biomedical Engineering; Isabella Crouch, Psychology; Caroline Damron, Engineering; Isabela Davis, Psychology; Preston DeWitt, Finance; Jayna Elliott, Criminology; Nicholas Goad, Accounting; Madison Goff, Nursing; Benjamin Greene, Finance; Erin Hefner, Human Performance & Health; Domenick Hoh, Computer Engineering; Malia Jividen, Communication Sciences and Disorders; Caroline Jordan, Human Performance & Health; Brian Lauerman, Chemical Engineering; Tori Lewis, English; Cord Midkiff, Marketing; Dylan Miller, Chemical Engineering; Morgan Miller, Neuroscience; Paige Morris, Exercise Physiology; Sophie Northup, Philosophy; Aaron Parker, Sports and Adventure Media; Haley Paul, Political Science, International Studies; Gavin Piepiora, Engineering; Emma Plymale, Criminology; Danielle Ray, Nursing; Jeremiah Riffle, Engineering;

Katelyn Shirkey, Nursing; Erin Signorelli, Elementary Education; Grant Sizemore, Aerospace Engineering; Caitlynn Szul, Biochemistry; Peyton Taylor, Engineering; Ada Thompson, Exercise Physiology; Alyssa Wall, Biology; Zoe Watson, Criminology.

Poca: Mark Casto, Finance; Erin Karnes, Animal and Nutritional Sciences.

Red House: Alyssa Ford, Marketing; Philip Wilfong, Music Education.

Scott Depot: Christian Frye, Finance; Brianna Hutchison, Business; Mackenzie Meadows, Communication Sciences and Disorders; Quincy Miller, Elementary Education; Alejandro Ortiz Hernandez, Aerospace Engineering; Emma Pendleberry, Human Nutrition and Foods; Jasmine Phillips, Political Science, International Studies; Aathan Pongsugree, Pharmacy; Aubrey Snyder, Nursing.

Winfield: Bryce Breeden, Finance; Julia Chambers, Engineering; Lachian Courts, Biology; Michael Englund, Exercise Physiology; Maverick Gray, Wildlife and Fisheries Resources; Annabelle Halstead, Animal and Nutritional Sciences; Jacob Hoyer, Biochemistry; Dillon Johnson, Music Education; Paige Morris, Exercise Physiology; Michael Taylor, Engineering; Andrew Whitney, Health and Well-Being; Tanner Wyatt, Exercise Physiology.



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| DWAYNE BIRD
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73rd Birthday March 8 | DR. JENNIFER ARNOLD KLEIN
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50th Birthday March 10 |
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Charleston
10th Birthday March 10 |
| KENDRA JOY BLOSS
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20th Birthday March 8 | DREMA VARNEY
Kentucky
73rd Birthday March 10 |
| ROGER HART
Hurricane
Birthday March 8 | REV BOB WITHERS
313 Main Street
Huntington
79th Birthday March 10 |
| BERKLEIGH ALICE SOWARDS
5361 Hurricane Creek Road
Hurricane
4th Birthday March 8 | IRMA JEAN RADCLIFF
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92nd Birthday March 10 |
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425 Buffington Acres
Milton
12th Birthday March 10 |
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Hurricane
67th Birthday March 9 | CHEYENNE SIMPSON
3292 State Route 34
Hurricane
17th Birthday March 10 |
| KATHLEEN ELIZABETH SNIFFEN KING
5321 N State Hwy 67
Upper Sandusky, Ohio
80th Birthday March 9 | ANN CALDWELL MOORE
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72nd Birthday March 10 |
| MIKE JONES
204 Red Deer Apts.
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49th Birthday March 9 | SUE REYNOLDS HODGES
Apple Grove
Hurricane
Birthday March 10 |
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P.O. Box 842
Hurricane
65th Birthday March 9 | DANA WHITT
Hurricane
Birthday March 11 |
| LeANNA LEGG BLACK
Milton
Birthday March 9 | GREG GETER
803 Washington Hill Road
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57th Birthday March 11 |
| | DENISE DARLENE DENT
#40 Western Hills
Hurricane
60th Birthday March 12 |

Putnam County Democratic Convention Set For March 16

Putnam County Democratic Executive Committee Chair, Ben Barkey, announced today that the Putnam County Democratic Convention will be held, on Saturday, March 16, 2024, beginning with Registration at 3:00 p.m. and Convention at 3:30 p.m. at the Eleanor Fire House, Municipal Building Room B (downstairs), Eleanor.

The County Convention is open to all registered Democrats in Putnam County. “We encourage all registered Democrats, who are residents in Putnam County, to get involved in the Democratic process and attend this important event,” County Chair, Ben Barkey said. “This convention is important because all those elected as a County Delegate will go to Charleston in June and will vote for the people who will represent our state at the Democratic National Convention in August.”

During the County Convention, an official Convention Chair and Secretary will be elected and attendees will elect 57 County Delegates to represent Putnam County at the State Convention June 14-15, 2024.

County Conventions are mandated by the West Virginia Democratic State Executive Committee. A county must hold a convention every Presidential election year. At the State Convention, the County Delegates will also approve the Party Platform and elect representatives to the Electoral College.

The Delegates to the National Convention are selected during the State Convention by the County Delegates. The people’s votes for President on the primary ballot will determine how many Delegates each Presidential candidate receives from West Virginia.

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> or check out Putnam County Library on Facebook.

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| JOHN DENNISON
Huntington
52nd Birthday March 12 | DANIEL SHANE AKERS
Frazier’s Bottom
50th Birthday March 14 |
| KATIE FRANKLIN DENNING
Huntington
45th Birthday March 12 | THERESA CORNELL
Route 2, Box 120-A
Milton
74th Birthday March 14 |
| WANDA THEVEDIN
1669 Washington Hill Road
Hurricane
76th Birthday March 12 | ROY RAY BIRD
P.O. Box 703
Hurricane
80th Birthday March 14 |
| MCKENZIE JOE ALLEN
2837 Main Street
Hurricane
26th Birthday March 12 | VALORIE FISHER DENNISON
Huntington
52nd Birthday March 14 |
| MARISSA SARGENT
Milton
Birthday March 12 | MIKE LONG
Beaumont, Texas
59th Birthday March 14 |
| TRENA McCALLISTER FLORA
P.O. Box 718
Hurricane
75th Birthday March 12 | BOB BURGESS
1021 Holly Brook Lane
Culloden
Birthday March 14 |
| EZEKIEL “ZEKE” RAY LINTRON
Colorado
15th Birthday March 12 | DAVID SHEPPARD
Route 1, Box 123
Milton
49th Birthday March 14 |
| ALEXANDER “ALEX” VINCENT MOORE
Hurricane
11th Birthday March 12 | DONNA YOUNG HOLLEY
Box 21
Gay
73rd Birthday March 14 |
| LIAM NASH
3504 Wellington Drive
Hurricane
Birthday March 12 | JERRY SWEENEY
Teays Valley Road
Hurricane
80th Birthday March 14 |
| VICKIE BENNETT FARROW
P.O. Box 75
Hurricane
69th Birthday March 12 | KEEGAN MULLINS
Hurricane
24th Birthday March 14 |
| GREG ALLEN
2837 Main Street
Hurricane
58th Birthday March 12 | PEGGY SUE TAYLOR ADKINS
P.O. Box 927
Hurricane
63rd Birthday March 14 |
| MADISON FRAZIER
Barboursville
17th Birthday March 12 | LINDA MITCHELL BECKETT
73 Buzzard Creek Road
Hurricane
60th Birthday March 14 |
| RAY HELMICK
126 Poca Circle
Poca
Birthday March 13 | KATIE ADKINS ROWE
Frazier’s Bottom
Birthday March 14 |
| DENNIS BLOSS
75 Scott Drive
Hurricane
Birthday March 13 | SHIRLEY McCLAIN
Scott Depot
81st Birthday March 14 |
| TIM RANSON
Nashville, Tennessee
60th Birthday March 13 | TODD GIBSON
Hurricane Creek Road
Hurricane
25th Birthday March 14 |

Thank You From George Armstead



By Linda Armstead
This is a photo of George Armstead celebrating his 80th birthday on February 20th, 2024. The balloons were from his grandchildren, Kelci and Braeden Armstead.
I had George a surprise birthday party for his 50th birthday, one for his 60th birthday, and a surprise birthday party for his 70th birthday.
For his 80th birthday, I had him a surprise card shower. It was a surprise until the cards started arriving the first week of February. It was then he knew something was happening. As of this date, he has received 108 cards. A few more were promised. He received a packet with 24 cards. He received a nice folder/card from Governor Jim Justice, one from Senators Shelley Moore Capito, and one from Joe Manchin. He received cards from family, friends, neighbors and Hurricane Breeze readers.
He received gifts cards and a book that Dr. David Jeremiah wrote.
George and I want to thank everyone who sent cards, delivered cards in person, the visits, and phone calls. Without each of you, his Birthday Card Shower would not have been a success.

Bonnie’s Bus to Offer Mammograms in Hurricane

Bonnie’s Bus mobile mammography unit will visit Putnam County offering three-dimensional (3D) digital screening mammograms and breast care education to women. Bonnie’s Bus A service of WVU Medicine-WVU Hospitals and the WVU Cancer Institute, Bonnie’s Bus will be at Valley Health in Hurricane from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 28. For an appointment, call 304-760-6040.
The screening mammograms are billed to private insurance, Medicaid, or Medicare, if available. Patients who are underinsured or uninsured and meet enrollment criteria will be assisted in enrolling in the West Virginia Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program (WVBCCSP) to cover the cost of their screening mammogram. Uninsured women living in West Virginia who are 40 and older can receive a free screening mammogram on the Bus through the generosity of grant funding and donations. A physician’s order is needed for a mammogram.
Bonnie’s Bus has provided more than 30,000 mammograms for women throughout West Virginia and led to the detection of more than 170 cases of breast cancer since 2009. Many of those screened are underinsured or uninsured and qualify for screening through the WVBCCSP.
Bonnie’s Bus works in collaboration with a statewide partnership of clinicians, public health professionals, women’s groups, and other community leaders working to help reduce the number of deaths from breast cancer in West Virginia.
Made possible by a generous gift from West Virginia natives Jo and Ben Statler to the Cancer Institute, Bonnie’s Bus is operated in partnership with WVU Hospitals. The Bus is named after Jo Statler’s late mother, Bonnie Wells Wilson.
For information on Bonnie’s Bus, see WVUCancer.org/Bonnie.

Happy Anniversary

Glen and Betty Gibson of 1567 Poindexter Road in Hurricane will celebrate their fifty-second wedding anniversary on March 10.
Barry and Angela Bellomy of 1019 Holly Brook Lane in Culloden will celebrate their thirty-sixth wedding anniversary on March 12.
James and Sherley Smith of Waxahacie, Texas, will celebrate their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary on March 14.
Buster and Cheryl Sovine of Charleston will celebrate their wedding anniversary on March 14.
Glen and Betty Gibson of 1567 Poindexter Road in Hurricane will celebrate their sixty-eighth wedding anniversary on March 8.
Arthur and Marcella Smith of 587 Buffington Acres in Milton will celebrate their sixty-first wedding anniversary on March 9.
Larry and Sue Moses McDowell of 1087 Davis Road in Carrollton, Georgia will celebrate their fifty-second wedding anniversary on March 10.
Shane and Marcia Walker Gue of 510 Old Hickory Blvd. in Nashville, Tennessee, will celebrate their fifty-second wedding anniversary on March 8.
Barry and Angela Bellomy of 1019 Holly Brook Lane in Culloden will celebrate their thirty-sixth wedding anniversary on March 12.
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