

# The Hurricane Breeze

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## Grand Jury Indicts 43 Individuals Bridge Park Disc Golf Open Brings Visitors to County

Putnam County enforcement officer, prosecuting attorney, Kristina D. Raynes, reports that indictments were returned by the March 2024 Term Putnam County Grand Jury alleging forty-three (43) persons committed one hundred thirty-three (133) felonies and thirty-seven (37) misdemeanors. The following is the defendant's year of birth, last known address, and offenses for which they were indicted.

Vincent G. Baisi (1994) of 294 Stave Branch Road, Frazier's Bottom - Kidnapping, malicious assault x2, strangulation, person prohibited from possessing a firearm, sue of a firearm during the commission of a felony, domestic assault, domestic battery, and interference with emergency communications

Christopher T. Baldwin (1976) of 2532 Virginia Avenue, Hurricane - Breaking and entering, and petit larceny

Steven W. Blackburn (1988) of St. Albans - Burglary, conspiracy to commit burglary, grand larceny, conspiracy to commit grand larceny, grand larceny, and conspiracy to commit grand larceny

Cody R. Clendenin (1994) of 5629 Heizer Creek Road, Poca - Sexual assault in the second degree x3 and sexual abuse in the first degree

Justin M. Cummings (1984) of 206 Fairway Gardens, Hurricane - Strangulation, domestic battery, obstructing an officer, assault of a law enforcement officer

Elijah E. DeBoard (2001) of Mount Hope - Obtain property by false pretense, conspiracy to obtain property by false pretense, and driving on a suspended license

Isaac Dillon III (1985) of 3205 Panther Branch Road, Culloden - Driving on a revoked license DUI related, third offense, driving a motor vehicle without a current and valid certificate of inspection, improper use of registration, driving a motor vehicle without the required security, and possession of a controlled substance

Thomas L. Edwards (1999) of 65 Hickory Mills Road, Hurricane - Embezzlement, and conspiracy to commit embezzlement

Jonathan J. Facemyre (1988) 186 Thomas Road, Scott Depot - Attempting to disarm a law enforcement officer, assault of a law

enforcement officer, strangulation, domestic battery, domestic assault, brandishing a deadly weapon, unlawful restraint, interference with emergency communications

Justin R. Hall (1992) of Charleston - Driving on a revoked license-DUI related, third offense

Paul E. Hardee, Jr. (1994) of 166 Carol Lane, Buffalo - Grand larceny x3, and breaking and entering

Amber N. Harmon (1997) of 70 Stuart Circle, Hurricane - Delivery of a controlled substance x2, and conspiracy to commit delivery of a controlled substance x2

Carl D. Harper (1955) of 586 Hamon Drive, Scott Depot - Receiving or transferring stolen property, and conspiracy to receive and transfer stolen property

Andrew T. Horn (1997) of Ashland, Kentucky - Receiving or transferring stolen property, and conspiracy to receive and transfer stolen property

Tyreikee D. Hughes-Cantley (1992) of St. Albans - Burglary, conspiracy to commit burglary, grand larceny, conspiracy to commit grand larceny, grand larceny, and conspiracy to commit grand larceny

Nicholas L. King (1995) of 3562 McLane Pike, Red House - Sexual assault in the second degree x4, strangulation, and sexual abuse in the first degree

Steven P. King (1991) of 29 Country Roads, Poca - Kidnapping, arson in the

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An amateur shows professional form in the opening round of the inaugural Hurricane Bridge Disc Golf Open.

By Ron Allen

The inaugural Hurricane Bridge Open was held Saturday and Sunday, March 9 and 10, at the Hurricane Bridge Park Disc Golf Course. The Bridge Park course was designed by Johnny Sias of Letart. Sias, a 5 time Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) World Champion, was the tournament director for the Open.

Disc golf is played much like golf. Instead of a ball and clubs, the players use a flying disc or Frisbee®. The disc golf shares terminology

with golf and is scored in like manner. The object is to complete each hole with the fewest strokes (in the case of disc golf, fewest throws).

A golf disc is thrown from a tee area to a target, which is the "hole." The hole consists of an elevated metal basket. As a player progresses down the fairway, he or she must make each consecutive throw from the spot where the previous throw landed. The trees, shrubs, and terrain changes located in and around the fairways provide challenging obstacles for the golfer. Finally, the "putt"

lands in the basket and the hole is completed. Disc golf shares the same joys and frustrations of golf, be it sinking a long putt or hitting a tree halfway down the fairway.

The Bridge Open was a PDGA B-tier event. The 141 participants included players from Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Ontario, Canada. Last year, there were about 10 B-tier tournaments held in West Virginia. B-tier tournament participation is limited to PDGA members. The tournament must be at least

36 holes and may extend over a three-day period. The total payout must be at least 100% of entry fees plus an additional \$750 minimum. The Bridge Open Pro total payout was \$1,590. All amateur players received t-shirts and discs. The top half of each amateur division received gift packs of varying value. The combined payout to both Pro and amateurs was approximately \$13,000.

The Bridge Opening first round (Saturday) consisted of a shotgun start by Pool's B and C in the morning and

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## Putnam County Career Technical Education Instructor Named CTE Teacher of the Year

The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) in partnership with the West Virginia Association for Career and Technical Education (WVACTE) presented Lynette Jones with the West Virginia CTE Teacher of the Year award during a surprise ceremony at the Putnam County Career and Technical Center (CTC). The honor recognizes the veteran instructor for her outstanding work as a culinary arts teacher as well as her dedication to student learning and professional advancement.

Jones is a highly regarded culinary instructor at Putnam County CTC who brings an abundance of expertise and an unmatched enthusiasm to her profession. She devotes her time and knowledge to both high school and post-secondary students as a committed mentor. Her primary focus revolves around ProStart Restaurant Management and Baking and Pastry programs. She obtained an Associate of Applied Science in Hospitality Management from Marshall Community and Technical College, a Bachelor of Business Administration in Business Management from the Marshall University Lewis College of Business and a Master of Science in Adult and Technical Education

from Marshall University.

"Ms. Jones exemplifies the dedication, passion, and excellence that drives our amazing West Virginia teachers to inspire, care for, and instruct the next generation of leaders," said State Superintendent of Schools Michele L. Blatt. "Her impact on students is important to the success of our state and our workforce."

In West Virginia, CTE prepares students for post-

secondary success by pairing concentrated academic lessons with hands-on, real-world experiences. Students enter their careers through initiatives such as Simulated Workplace and apprenticeship opportunities. They can earn industry-recognized credentials that will prepare them to enter the workforce, continue to post-secondary education or enlist in military careers.



Lynette Jones



Lynette Jones was honored in a surprise ceremony at the Putnam County Career and Technical Center on Monday, March 11. Pictured are PCTC culinary students, Putnam Superintendent John Hudson, Jones and PCTC Director C.D. Caldwell.

### WEATHER SUMMARY

March 5 - 11		
	Low	High
March 5		
Hurricane	38°	71°
March 6*		
Hurricane	47°	59°
March 7		
Hurricane	40°	50°
March 8		
Hurricane	35°	60°
March 9*		
Hurricane	35°	56°
March 10		
Hurricane	27°	42°
March 11		
Hurricane	20°	55°

\*RAIN  
0.4 inch recorded Mar. 6  
1.0 inch recorded Mar. 9

## 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 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) 566-0248.

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.

The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce will be holding a meet-up at 8 a.m. at Area 34, 971 WV State Route 34, eays Valley.

### 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 beekeeping workshop at 10 a.m. at West Sattes Community Center, 234 Lee Street, Nitro.

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 Putnam County Democratic Women's Club will be holding their monthly meeting at noon at the Eleanor Fire Station, 600 Roosevelt Blvd., Eleanor.

There will be a 25 Cent Yard Sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hometown Senior Center.

The Tri-State Film Club

### THE HURRICANE BREEZE

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will meet at 9 a.m. at Teays Valley Church of God, 185 Connection Point, Scott Depot.

Teays Valley Church of God, 185 Connection Point, Scott Depot, will be hosting "Who Stole the Pot O' Gold," a couples' mystery day and dinner, from 6 to 9 p.m.

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.

The Hurricane First Church of the Nazarene, located on Route 60, will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt starting at 3 p.m.

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>

The Hurricane First Church of God, 3225 East Putnam Avenue, Hurricane, will be holding a churchwide yard sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### MARCH 17

The Rowseys will be singing at 7 p.m. at Sycamore Baptist Church, 5839 Sycamore Road, Hurricane.

Guest preacher BJ Newman will be speaking at 3 p.m. at Hurricane Reformed Church. This event will be held in the sanctuary of Teays Valley Presbyterian Church, 5339 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot.

The Putnam County Fair Queen Pageant will start at 3 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane. Applications are over, but the pageant is open to the public with a \$5 admission fee.

### MARCH 18

The Putnam RFRN Meeting is Monday, March 18th at -1:00 PM, and now meets at Heartbeat of the Valley, Inside the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptist Building on the 1st floor.

28 Mission Way, Scott Depot WV 25560.

### MARCH 19

The Upper Vandalia Historical Society will hold an open house from 10 a.m. to noon at the Buffalo Library.

Streber Mortgage will be holding a spring fling celebration from 2 to 5 p.m. at 1267 Rentals, 17588 Charleston Road, Buffalo.

The Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley will be hosting Spring Equinox Yoga at 6 p.m.

### MARCH 21

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

The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce will host Business After Hours from 5 to 7 p.m. at McCoy Academy, 3361 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane.

Children grades K-2nd can learn about potential and kinetic energy at 9 a.m. during Homeschool Adventures at Zoology Zone, Valley Park, Hurricane. There will be a class for 3-5th grade at 11 a.m. and 6-8th grade at 1 p.m.

### MARCH 22 - 24

The West Virginia High School Rodeo Association 2024 Mountaineer Stampede will be held at the Winfield Riding Club.

## History Society Open House

The Upper Vandalia Historical Society, Putnam County's history association, will be holding an open house from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, March 19, at the Buffalo Library.

Local history buffs, mix and mingle with the folks in the know as Upper Vandalia Historical Society shares their research and resources. Bring questions, curiosity, your own photos, or other memorabilia to share with the group.

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.forrestburdette.com)

### MARCH 22

Hometown Apostolic Church, 204 2nd Ave N, Hometown, will be holding a youth service with guest speaker Bro. Bryson Johnston starting at 7 p.m.

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

The G.L.A.M. Gala will start at 6 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane. The theme will be the Golden Age of Hollywood.

### MARCH 23

The Kanawha River Bass Tournament first regular season tournament will be held from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet up at the Nitro Boat Ramp.

Mt. Union Church, 19268 Jerry's Run Road, Pliny, will be holding their annual breakfast Easter Egg Hunt. Breakfast at 9 a.m.; egg hunt at 11 a.m.

Teays Valley Church of God, 185 Connection Point, Scott Depot, will be holding their Easter extravaganza from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a variety of egg hunts throughout the event.

Mount Vernon Baptist Church, 2150 Mount Vernon Road, Hurricane, will be holding an Easter egg hunt from noon to 2 p.m.

Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, 2848 Putnam Avenue in Hurricane, will be holding their spring festival from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### MARCH 24 - 27

Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 701 Maccorckle Avenue SW, St. Albans (Route 60) will be holding a revival with Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., and Monday through Wednesday services at 7 p.m.

### MARCH 24

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 2008 20th Street, Nitro, will be holding a Sounds of Spring fundraiser with music, pasta, salad, bread, dessert, and fun starting at 5 p.m.

## The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

I looked for ghosts from the past... memories... poignant times in my life... in that building on Main Street... Oh, I saw some familiar faces... Tim and Sue... Connie and Scott... Marsha and Joe... others whose names I cannot recall... some of the Drake boys... Amy... I think that is still Amy playing that organ... lovely... many others... but no, the ghosts were not readily seen... but, oh my heavens, they were there... their seats empty... but still all the same...

Loved ones gone from First Baptist Church of Hurricane... loved ones we will never ever forget... they linger in our minds and hearts... they gave their all to make the church what it is today...

*"Something beautiful... something good... all our confusion He understood*

*All I had to offer Him was brokenness and strife, But He made*

*Something beautiful of my Life..."* A chorus... (Internet) (I fell in love with this chorus when I saw the Gaithers in Ohio.)

Yes, He did, I have had and have a beautiful, gorgeous, fantastic life... in part, thanks to First Baptist and my history there... a long history... there and back... and today, as I watched the traditional service, I looked for the ghosts of the past... oh, how we miss so many who have left us...

When I was ten years old (and I have told this story a million times and written about it), we moved back to "town" from Cow Creek to my Grandmother Coyner's home. We were attending a little country church on Cow Creek, and I loved those people... however, it was Too Far to go on Sunday morning... mercy... and my friend, Becky Turner, invited me to attend First with her. Sometimes, I rode with her family... Other times, I walked in the heavy snow (no kidding) to that church, my sanctuary... a little girl in elementary school... wanting to learn more and more. I did not know many adults at that time as I did not have my family with me... just this elementary school student. However, one woman embraced me... Patty...

The first time I heard "How Great Thou Art" was at First Baptist Church of Hurricane. I fell in love with that hymn, and when Mike and I were married, Clyde Ellis, with his lovely voice, sang that song at our wedding. It has remained one of my favorites of all times.

We had the best Sunday School teachers at First... Mrs. Dunlap... Mrs. Comer... Mr. Bush... Mr. Casey... and our class was full of our friends... learning about the Bible... the class soon became one of our main social groups. The Casey family welcomed us into their home, on the hill in Teays Valley, for parties. The other teachers sponsored parties at homes and the church... and let us never forget those hay rides to Camden Park...

the swim parties at Rock Lake Park... some of those activities were with BYF.. imagine... this little girl, growing up on Virginia Avenue, going to those "exciting" places, and they

certainly were to me. When I saw those attending First this morning, there was a great camera shot... that is where I saw the people I have mentioned above... the timing was short, so I cannot remember everyone I saw... However, the ghosts of past were present as ever... and one quite important one was Charlie Hogsett. He and Patty were at church always. Patty is living in the valley now, but Charlie died over a year ago. The couple that we always saw together. Patty was my Bible School teacher, when I was ten years old. She brought her little, Becky, to our Bible School, and we fell in love with both of them. Patty has been in my live 66 years now... a faithful, forever friend... I love hearing from her... she is one person who can always be counted on... teaching... in the kitchen... sitting on that pew with Charlie... adorable... both of them.

Mrs. Ellis and her husband were two of my favorites, from church and school. Anyone who knows me... anyone who has ever read this column... knows that this beautiful, kind teacher encouraged my love of reading, bringing me books from home... They are both missed...

I want to insert here that although I attended First from age ten, there were periods in my life when I was gone. When Mike and I dated, if he was home from college, we went to his church, Mt. Vernon Baptist (Dr. Desist married us, and in later years, he and his wife visited us in our home... he preached a revival in our home church in Summersville)... Mr. Bush was our teacher in high school (Sunday School)... he was our junior high teacher... we loved him... still do... I digress.

When we married in 1968, we lived in Huntington. We drove to Mt. Vernon on Sunday for church. In Summersville, we attended the Baptist church there... in Circleville, Ohio, we attended a Baptist Church... Finally, 20 plus of us, met in our home to name and start a mission church... Logan Elm Baptist Church. I spoke at one of the homecoming services there in recent years as one of the remaining charter members... suffice to say, I have moved 33 times... I have attended almost every denomination... but my heart remains in Hurricane, WV... I guess I can say... at heart, I am a Baptist...

When I returned to Hurricane permanently (I thought) in 1999... Michael was the pastor... he invited me to come "home." I did... eventually, Dr. Hendricks won my heart and Jim... of course... First Baptist is like WV... it lets you go... if you must... but it pulls you back eventually...

My teacher, Flora Lee Francis, was the best adult teacher... I miss her so much, but she is in my texting prayer group, so we are in constant contact, praying together... my readers know I met Flora Lee in junior high... she was one of my all time favorite sweet teachers... I remember Cathy Chaney and Shirley Casto... Jo

and Willie... Henry and Barbara Ferguson... Louie's singing... oh my goodness... Clyde and Faye... Kim Edwards... Dr. Hendricks sat with us when Kim's show choir did GREASE... one of my favorites... his lovely wife...

We could walk into the church... there in particular seats, we might find our beloved friends... I wish I had an old photo album of the church because I can't remember every name. I do know that Joe Leadmon always greeted us at the door... Marsha and I chatted... (They have a brilliant granddaughter... I knew her at HHS.) Tim and Sue... almost family... cousins of my best, Dorothy... and Sue's dad did our wedding pictures... oh, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver... she from school, and he from doing those gorgeous pictures... small world... Connie and Scott... he was in the class before me... she was behind us... and his parents... my cousin, his mom... and his dad, Hendersons... always in our lives...

There are other ghosts there... friends who have passed away or moved on to other cities... other churches... I recognized several... beautiful people who probably do not even realize the lives they touched... that smile mattered... those kind words... Mrs. Sterling, my junior high teacher, was one of the first with whom I connected when I returned... we had lunch occasionally... she was special... as I remember... incorrectly sometimes... I reflect... I rejoice...

The choir was filled to the brim at one time... those gorgeous robes... the piano music and organ fantastic... still are... the special music... Cathy Chaney sings like an angel... I like the traditional service... I also watch the contemporary at times... I am used to that as the church in Indiana where I went... quite huge... and contemporary... my daughter worked there for eight years... it was massive... and whew... that rock music... those performances... that entertainment... however, the preaching was superb... the people kind... my music class... we sang old hymns... my Sunday School, the Bible... and Bible class... it was the music... that got to me...

While others complain about internet... let them... it has permitted me to watch my church in Indy online since Covid... and now, I watch First when I can... I was also able to "attend" the funeral of Jim McGehee... and others... so, for now, I will continue to visit the ghosts of the past... and remember "those days"...

I am quite thankful for the adults at First Baptist Church of Hurricane, WV, Putnam County, who helped "raise" this young girl into a woman (and Mt. Vernon also)... as it is said, "it takes a village..." I must add here that the little church in the country had much to do with the person I am... and I am thankful because the way we were is the way we are... church loving people... until next time, prayers...

# Grand Jury Indictments

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fourth degree, obstructing an officer, assault of a law enforcement officer, assault of a law enforcement officer, and threat to commit terrorist act x2

Deziray A. Lanham (2004) of Mount Hope - Obtain property by false pretense, and conspiracy to obtain property by false pretense

Andrekia S. Lawton (1985) of Charleston - Possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance, and conspiracy to possess with intent to deliver a controlled substance

Ellen M. Mitchell (1981) of 3286 State Route 34, South, Hurricane - Malicious assault and unlawful taking of a vehicle

Bryan T. Newberry (1996) of 231 Glen Oaks Court, Hurricane - Possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance x4

Keith Brandon Newsome (1979) of 2050 Sugar Camp Road, Winfield - Delivery of a controlled substance x3, and conspiracy to commit delivery of a controlled substance

Dustin K. Null (1992) of 303 Wallace Street, Hurricane - Domestic Battery, third offense, and interference with emergency communications

Kevin L. Parson (1978) of Cross Lanes - Shoplifting, third offense, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance, entering without breaking x2, petit larceny x2, and conspiracy to commit entering without breaking

Richard W. Persinger, Jr. (1967) of 1201 Scott Ridge Road, Liberty - Driving on a revoked license DUI related, third offense, and possession of a controlled substance

Jessica R. Ratliff (1995) of 2711 27th Street, Apt. B, Nitro - Burglary, conspiracy to commit burglary, grand larceny, conspiracy to commit grand larceny, grand larceny, and conspiracy to commit grand larceny

Mitzi Beth Reynolds (1996) of Beckley - Shoplifting, third offense, and trespassing

Joshua J. Rutledge (1989) of Charleston - Burglary, conspiracy to commit burglary, destruction of property, conspiracy to destruction of property, petit larceny, and conspiracy to commit petit larceny

James B. Samah (1981) of Birdsboro, Pennsylvania - Fleeing in a vehicle from a law enforcement officer in reckless indifference to the safety of others, fleeing in a vehicle from a law enforcement officer while under the influence of alcohol, felon in possession of a firearm x2, fleeing from a law enforcement officer by means other than the use of a vehicle, assault of a law-enforcement officer, and obstructing an officer

Artina M. Seay (1989) of Charleston - Possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance, conspiracy to possess with intent to deliver a controlled substance, and speeding

Jeffrey B. Shelton (1973) of 4394 Charleston Road,

Poca - Entering without breaking x2, petit larceny x2, and conspiracy to commit entering without breaking x2

Dillon C. Skibbe (1992) of 29 Marina Park, Hurricane - Arson in the first degree, and destruction of property

Brandon N. Sowards (1955) of 3228 Sycamore Road, Culloden - Fraudulent scheme, possession of a stolen vehicle, and grand larceny x2

Jennifer N. Todd (1978) of 3 Southbrooke Drive, Hurricane - Welfare fraud

Samuel S. Tolbert (1982) of 601 Cross Lanes Drive, #14, Nitro - Fraudulent use of an unauthorized access device x8

Trevor J. Villa (1990) of 3231 Kanawha Avenue, Hurricane - Sexual assault in the first degree x18, and sexual abuse by a parent, guardian, custodian or other person in a position of trust x18

Dustin T. Wendell (1990) of 3919 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane - Burglary, conspiracy to commit burglary, destruction of property, conspiracy to destruction of property, petit larceny, and conspiracy to commit petit larceny

Clark E. Whitbeck (1971) of 3668 Route 60, Hurricane - Transfer and possession of a stolen vehicle, possession of a controlled substance, speeding, and driving on a suspended license

Christopher A. White (1977) of 134 Poplar Fork Road, Scott Depot - Delivery of a controlled substance x2

Joshua W. Wiley (1990) of South Charleston - Grand larceny and conspiracy to commit grand larceny

# House Adopts Budget, Adjourns Sine Die

The West Virginia House of Delegates adjourned Saturday, March 9 at midnight after having completed 280 bills, including Senate Bill 200, the budget bill.

The bill, which goes next to the governor for action, covers Fiscal Year 2025: July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. It totals \$4,996 million (or \$4.996 billion would be correct, one or the other) in General Revenue funds and includes pay raises for state workers whose pay scales are in state code. State Police personnel would receive a \$2,900 annual salary increase, teachers will receive a \$2,460 annual pay increase, and school service personnel would receive an additional \$140 a month. The budget bill also empowers state agencies with the authority to give all other state employees raises if funds are available to do so.

The full Legislature unanimously passed a bill to

Michael D. Womack (1984) of 339 Harbor Lane, Hurricane - Grand larceny, fleeing in a vehicle from a law enforcement officer while under the influence of alcohol, possession of a controlled substance

Jonathan M. Woodson (1974) of 307 Juniper Street, Nitro - Driving on a revoked license DUI related, third offense, driving on a suspended license, operating a vehicle without evidence of a current and valid registration card and registration plate

Further, pursuant to Rule 3.6(b)(6) of the West Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct governing attorneys, the fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime, is merely an accusation, and that the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

eliminate the state income tax on social security benefits through a three-year phase-out. Under this proposal, like the one enacted in 2019, all the taxable social security benefits received in 2026 and beyond would be exempt from tax. Members of the House of Delegates stopped to applaud after taking the vote to pass it on to the governor just after 10 p.m. Saturday.

Finance Committee Chairman Vernon Criss, R-Wood, had told members of his committee to think of the budget adopted during the 60-day regular legislative session as "act one." Senate Bill 200 listed nine items in Section 9, what commonly gets referred to as "back of the budget" directives for surplus money generally allotted for one-time spending.

Criss reiterated Saturday to the full House that additional budget adjustments would be made once the executive receives clarity from the federal government about education spending levels.

# Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

Putnam Lions Club Fundraiser Saturday March 16th at St. Johns Methodist Church in Teays Valley with pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Tickets are being sold by club members and are \$7.00, \$6.00 at door and \$5.00 if purchasing 5 or more.

"We're still working with a shortened situation because of the federal situation," he said, indicating an extraordinary session is expected to coincide with already-scheduled May interim committee meetings. "We'll have another two-and-a-half months of revenues in front of us and we can take these items and adjust them upward."

The Legislature also passed a bill to hold stable the state's unemployment trust fund, which has been paying out between \$2 million and \$3 million than it's been bringing in. The measure that advanced to the governor for action would freeze employer contributions to the fund, keeps the maximum weekly benefit at \$662 and holds the maximum number of weeks a person could receive benefits to 26 weeks.

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# Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



## St. Patrick's Day

By Miriam "Connie" Harbert

Pretty rainbows with pots of gold  
With leprechauns lurking around  
With four leaf covers that cover the ground  
And this is how we celebrate  
Saint Patrick's Day in our town



## Jokes From Linda

Submitted by Linda Lavender Armstead

What do you call cow with a twitch?  
Beef jerky.

When four-year old Lindsey first attended church worship services and was old enough to express her thoughts, she whispered to her mom, "When are they going to pass the bread? I'm hungry!"

What has to be broken before you can use it?  
An egg.

What question can you never answer yes to?  
Are you asleep yet?

Phil was calling the radio station to request a song but called the wrong number.

"Hello, this is Phil. Do you have, 'A Sweetheart in Tennessee?'"

The man on the other end said, "Naw, I have a wife and 10 kids."

Phil replies, "Is that a record?"

The man replied, "No, but it's way above average."

## Easy Easter Eats

### One-pan Dishes to Make Hosting Simple

(Family Features) Even if Easter hosting duties fell on your plate this year and added one more thing to your holiday to-do list, that doesn't mean it has to be difficult. After all, Easter is a time meant for fun and fellowship with the food just one part of the celebration.

Building the menu around simple, one-pan dishes can keep the focus where it needs to be: spending time and creating memories with family and friends. These dishes call for short lists of ingredients, many of which you may already have in your pantry, and simple preparation to create a full spread perfect for sharing with loved ones. Plus, using only one pan makes cleanup a breeze, so you can get back to the festivities quickly.

A dish like this Easter Roast lets you check both the main course and side dishes off your list, relying on the oven to do most of the work for you after some quick prep work.

For more Easter recipe inspiration, visit [Culinary.net](http://Culinary.net).

#### Easter Roast

Yield: 1 roast

Salt  
pepper  
garlic powder  
1 roast (3 pounds)  
1 bag (1 pound) baby carrots  
1 bag (1 1/2 pounds) trio potatoes or potato of choice  
3 cups beef broth  
1 can (10 ounces) cream of mushroom soup  
1 tablespoon garlic pepper  
3 tablespoons brown sugar  
1 onion, roughly chopped  
1 bundle asparagus

Preheat oven to 350 F.

Sprinkle salt, pepper and garlic powder over roast and rub into front, back and sides. Place seasoned roast in middle of large roasting pan.

Place carrots on one side of roasting pan and potatoes on other side.

In large bowl, mix beef broth and cream of mushroom soup with garlic pepper. Pour mixture over roast, potatoes and carrots. Sprinkle brown sugar over carrots and add chopped onion. Cover and cook 2 1/2 hours then remove from oven, add asparagus and cook uncovered 30 minutes.

Serve from pan or place on platter for more formal presentation.



## Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead  
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

Don't stumble over something behind you.

Everything we have is a gift from God.

It's cheaper to deport than to support.

Laughter is an instant vacation.

We will fail when we fail to try.

The world needs a lot of love in action right now.

Tell someone you love them today. Better yet, show them in person.

The rich get richer, the lazy live for free, and middle class pays for it all.

A home without doggies would be like a library without books.

Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none. - William Shakespeare

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

No medicine heals the heart like a loving pup in your lap.

The littlest feet make the biggest footprints in our heart.

I'm retired. I was tired yesterday and I'm tired today.

Be there for others, but never leave yourself behind.

The best way to save money is not to spend money.

Brotherly love is the badge of Christ's disciples.

Be someone's blessing today.

I want to live until I die.

No farmer. No food.

It is better to take small steps in the right direction, than to make a giant leap forward only to stumble backward.

Sometimes what looks like an obstacle in your path is actually a gift meant to move you in a different direction.

It's hard to be a woman. We must think like a man, act like a lady, look like a young girl, and work like a horse.

The first to apologize is the bravest. The first to forgive is the strongest. The first to forget is the happiest.

Never be afraid to try something new - remember amateurs built the ark and professionals built the Titanic.

Don't ignore the effort of a person who tries to keep in touch; it's not all the time someone cares.

Tell my mistakes to me, not others. Because my mistakes are to be corrected by me, not by others.

I've reached the age where I can't tell if I have sustained an injury or



that's just how I am now.

You may be pretty, and you may be talented, but nobody will remember that if you are mean.

You can't get mad at people for sucking the life out of you if you keep giving them the straw.

A mistake that makes you humble is better than an achievement that makes you arrogant.

Families need to start getting back together for family reunions, not just for funerals.

Beware of little expenses; a small leak will sink a great ship. - Benjamin Franklin

When you stop doubting yourself, you get a chance to see what you're capable of.

Relationships can be healed. No disagreement has to last forever.

Some folks have a brain like the Bermuda Triangle. Information goes in, never to be found again.

God only puts us through as much as we can handle, so the people who struggle the most have been chosen by God to be the strongest ones.

When you seek beauty in all people and all things, you will not only find it; you will become it.

Making bad decisions is a part of life. Blaming others for your bad decisions is immature.

You may feel lost and alone, but God knows exactly where you are.

When you don't know other's circumstances, it is better to keep your mouth shut.

Sometimes it's not the song that makes you emotional. It's the people and things that come to your mind when you hear it.

What most people need to learn in life is how to love people and use things instead of using people and loving things.

Doggies do speak, but only to those who know how to listen.

When you teach your son, you teach your son's son.

It's time to stop being gripped by fear and to start gripping God.

The things you take for granted, someone else is praying for.

Life is relationships; the rest is just details.

Some people never meet their hero, but I gave birth to mine.

A true friend is a gift

that keeps on giving, even in the darkest times.

I love purple, but more importantly, purple loves me!

I trust God with my life; after all He gave it to me.

Youthfulness is about how you live, not when you were born.

Sometimes happiness quietly curls up in your lap just to snuggle.

Churches are starving spiritually while overdosing on entertainment.

A man who tells the truth doesn't mind being questioned. A lair does.

We are all more blind to what we have than to what we have not.

Without private worship, public worship is just a performance.

Take care of your body. It's the only place you have to live.

Every accomplishment starts with a decision to try.

A cloudy day is no match for a sunny disposition.

Self-love is an ocean and your heart is a vessel.

Life is the art of drawing without an eraser.

Giving full attention is a sign of respect.

Freedom isn't free. Our veterans paid for it.

People can stop loving you. Your doggie never will.

If you want to bring out the best in someone, just show up.

The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.

Those people who tried to bury you didn't know you were a seed.

The only thing you can do about awful people is not be one of them.

The best kind of laughter is laughter born of a shared memory.

Closure isn't closure until someone's ready to close the door.

He who does not desire power is fit to hold it. - Plato

Mountains can only be climbed with the knees bent.

Everything you can imagine is real. - Pablo Picasso

## Bible Verse



For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

— Romans 1:16

# Bridge Park Disc Golf Open



Umbrellas were the order of the day for disc golfers on Saturday.

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Pool A in the afternoon. The second round on Sunday was by assigned tee times.

Sponsors for the tournament were the City of Hurricane, Innova Champion Discs, Joe Graziano with Graziano's Pizza, Josh Petry with ABC Auto, Van Man Discs, Christian Riley CRDG, the Lewis Family, Kenny Rollins Moodgolf, Johnny and Adele Sias Lucky 8/Crazy 8 Disc Golf, the Mullins Family, Jonathan Wright with Martin's Peterbilt, Bob Hoover with Stalnaker Farms, Maddog Discs, and Bill Ragan #15769.

A listing of Divisions, number of players, top finishers and total strokes follows:

### Mixed Pro Open (11)

Ian Johnson of Scott Depot - Amateur (117)  
Evan Jarvis of Milton - \$413 (117)  
Andrew Wood of Independence, KY - \$240 (117)  
Stephen Becker of Louisville, KY - \$150 (116)  
Trey Childress of Louisville, KY - \$119 (125)

### Woman's Pro Open (1)

Taylor Crammer of Charleston - \$114 (133)

### Mixed Pro 50+ (2)

Greg Ellis of Ona - \$227 (124)

### Mixed Amateur (28)

Zach Harr of South Webster, OH (121)  
Arron Moore of Catlettsburg, KY (122)  
Carter Patton of Charleston (122)

### Mixed Amateur 40+ (13)



Hurricane Mayor Scott Edwards interviewed Johnny Sias prior to tee off time on Saturday.

Barry Adkins of Chesapeake, OH (132)

### Mixed Amateur 50+ (4)

Eddie Taylor of Barboursville (108)

### Mixed Amateur 2 (16)

Derek McAfee of Fleming, OH & John Reaper of Olive Hill, KY (131)

### Woman's Amateur 2 (7)

Jodi Jackson of St. Albans (113)

### Mixed Amateur 3 (21)

Dusty Conley of Hurricane (109), Joshua Conrad of Barboursville (110), Taylor Pratt of Hurricane (115)

### Mixed Amateur 4 (32)

Ryan Childers of Scott Depot (102), Nichlas Meadows of Milton (102), Joshua Gruesser of Dunbar (103), Matthew Randolph of Charleston (104), Steven Macuch of Galloway, OH (105), Dutch Underwood of Charlton Heights (106),

Brian Ricardo Grose of South Charleston (107)

### Mixed Junior<18 (4)

Ethan Curtis of Ona (101)

### Mixed junior<12 (2)

Nikko Forbes of Peterborough, Ontario, Canada (115)

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### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

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

Estate No.: 5655  
Estate Of: Mary Ann Arthur  
Executor: 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  
Executor: 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  
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.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 28th day of February 2024.  
Fiduciary Supervisor  
Putnam County Commission  
10293 Winfield Road,  
Winfield, WV 25213

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## Submissions

Submissions may be emailed to: [hurricanebreeze@citynet.net](mailto:hurricanebreeze@citynet.net)  
Deadline is 8pm Sunday

### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

**Notice of Proposed Settlement of Estates**  
To the Creditors, Distributees and Beneficiaries of the within named persons:  
I have before me the final settlement of estates of the following persons, which shall be presented to the County Commission of Putnam County, at the Courthouse, in the City of Winfield, on Tuesday the 26th day of March 2024 at 5:00 p.m. for their approval which settlements have been presented to me by the Fiduciary of such estates and which proposed settlements I have approved as indicated below:

Decedent: Brenda Kay Hershey  
Fiduciary: Danielle Hershey, Administratrix  
Address: 660 Beech Lane Road  
Red House, WV 25168

Any persons having an interest in the estate of any such person, may before the County Commission at the time and place hereinabove specified and thereupon protest his interest as they may appear or else may forever thereafter be barred from asserting such interest.  
Given under my than this 6th day of March 2024.

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

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### 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  
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### 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

3-7-2t

### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

**CITY OF HURRICANE NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

The Hurricane City Council will hold a Special Council Meeting at Hurricane City Hall, 3255 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, WV 25526 on March 25, 2024 at 6:30pm to include the following agenda items: FY2025 General Fund Budget and FY2025 Coal Severance Fund Budget.

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### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

The City of Hurricane is seeking bids for eight 4 row galvanized aluminum bleachers for the City of Hurricane. Bids will be received by the City of Hurricane, located at 3255 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, WV 25526, until **3 pm local prevailing time on March 19, 2024**, at which time and place all accepted bids will be privately opened.

All questions should be referred to Andy Skidmore in writing or by email at [askidmore@hurricanewv.com](mailto: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.

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### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

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

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

Estate No.: 5626  
Estate Of: Georgette Gay  
Blackshire  
Executrix: Suzanne Reed  
179 Pleasant Colony Drive  
Evans, WV 25241

Estate No.: 5401  
Estate Of: Ralph Thomas  
Bowles Jr  
Executrix: Suzanne Reed  
179 Pleasant Colony Drive  
Evans, WV 25241

Estate No.: 5587  
Estate Of: Jerry David Edwards  
Administratrix: Susan C Edwards  
423 Kilgore Road  
Scott Depot, WV 25560

Estate No.: 5474  
Estate Of: Justin Cory Foster  
Administratrix: Barbara Foster  
152 Long Branch Rd  
Branchland, WV 25506

Estate No.: 5548  
Estate Of: Larry Glenn Hill  
Executrix dbn: Ramela E Rhodes  
PO Box 536  
Poca, WV 25159

Estate No.: 5662  
Estate Of: Ramolee Knight  
Executrix: Billie Simpson  
285 Fudges Creek  
Ona, WV 25545

Estate No.: 5660  
Estate Of: Curtis D Winter  
Co-Executor: Gregory D Winter  
Ralph L Winter  
PO Box 524  
Winfield, WV 25213

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 14, 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 14, 2024, 2024.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 6TH day of March 2024.  
Fiduciary Supervisor  
Putnam County Commission  
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Winfield, WV 25213

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### 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 July 14, 2015, executed by Borrowers, Heather M Ramey and James P Ramey, to Dr. A. Shope, the Trustee of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Book 1105, at Page 123. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 135 Winners Cir, Hurricane, WV 25526. WV Trustee Services, LLC were appointed as Substitute Trustees by APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated February 27, 2024, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 1360, Page 567. The borrowers 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:

**10th day of April, 2024**  
**at 10:30 a.m.**

All that certain lot tract or parcel of land, together with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing the right to use (i) all of the streets, roads, and rights of way shown and laid down on the hereinafter referred to map, and (ii) the sanitary sewer lines, system and treatment plant as installed and made available to the hereinafter conveyed parcel of land, in common with the owners of all other lots shown on the hereinafter referred to map and the owners of all other lots, parcels and tracts of land that may from time to time be granted the right to use the same, subject to the terms, covenants, conditions and reservations hereinafter set forth; situate in Curry District, Putnam County, West Virginia, being known, numbered and designated as all of Lot No. 36 as shown and laid down on that certain map entitled, "Lexington Curry Magisterial District Putnam County, W.Va. Caperton-Van Wyck Co, Inc. of all other lots in said subdivision, their heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, (i) to pay on demand their proportionate part of the total cost for the reasonable and proper repairing, maintaining, rebuilding, paving and repaving of all streets, roads and rights of way as shown on the aforesaid map of Lexington, and (ii) if a nonprofit, nonstock West Virginia corporation is formed and said corporation has as a part of its object and purposes the repairing, maintaining, rebuilding, paving and repaving of streets, roads and rights of way, that they will become a member of said corporation and pay the dues, charges or costs that it may from time to time assess upon them as members, and (iii) to pay all sanitary sewer charges and costs that are levied, assessed or charges on or against their said lot by the owner and operator of the sanitary sewer lines, system and treatment plant serving the aforesaid lot. This conveyance is made subject to the reservations contained in the aforesaid deed from Caperton-Van Wyck Company, a West Virginia Corporation, to Robert D. Luckette and Linda Marice Luckett, his wife, dated February 26, 1975, and of record in said Clerk's Office in Deed Book 208, at page 293. LSOT: Deed Book 464, Page 665, dated March 27, 2006, Office of the Clerk of the County Commission, Kanawha County, West Virginia.

Being the same property conveyed to Heather M Ramey and James P Ramey by the Deed dated July 14, 2015 and recorded in Deed Book 544 at Page 327 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.
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WV Trustee Services, LLC,  
Substitute Trustee  
BY:  
Jim Ashley, Limited Signing Officer  
WV Trustee Services, LLC  
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# LOSING TO WIN



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Most of us have discovered in life that sometimes you've got to lose to win. We endure some discomfort as our baby teeth come out and the "grown-up" teeth begin to come in. In the same way, we might experience some pain in our lives as the Creator makes way for those traits that help us become spiritual "grown-ups". The path ahead may not always be clear to us, but we can have the courage to let God work His divine will. Visit your house of worship this week and get on the path to becoming a faithful and joyful spiritual being.

### Daily Bible Readings

Esther	Esther	Esther	Esther	Esther	Esther	Esther
4:1-17	5:1-14	6:1-13	6:14-7:10	8:1-17	9:1-19	9:20-32

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## BASIC BIBLE

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### The Raising of Lazarus

John 11:38-44

John presents Jesus somewhat differently than do Matthew, Mark and Luke. Through John, we see Jesus both as the divine Son who reveals the Father and as one who experiences the world in like manner to ourselves.

The text before us opens with the words: "Jesus therefore again groaning in himself" (v. 38). When we look upon the Son, we look upon the Father (see John 14:9). Jesus' groanings reflect God the Father's groanings. Because we are created in the image of God, we have a picture of the emotions of the Creator. We know why we groan. Groaning is our response to physical or mental pain. In the text before us, Jesus groaned because He experienced emotional pain.

To understand why Jesus groaned, we must look upon two words: "therefore" and "again." The "therefore" of verse 38 refers to the words of verse 37. The Jews looked upon Jesus as one who could have prevented Lazarus from dying had He arrived four days earlier. The word "again" refers to verse 33. Jesus groaned in the spirit and was troubled when He saw Mary and the Jews with her weeping. Their weeping was prompted by their belief that it was too late; Lazarus had died. They did not understand that God is, was, and will always be in complete control. When the Jews saw Jesus weep (v. 35), they thought Jesus shared their hopelessness. Jesus had come to raise Lazarus from the dead. Jesus hardly shared their hopelessness. Jesus knew that their tears would vanish when Lazarus arose and came forth. It appears that Jesus may have groaned because the grief that spawned their tears was totally unnecessary.

They (Mary and the Jews) did not know why Jesus wept. They also did not know that Jesus groaned within Himself. Believers who read verse 38 know that Jesus groaned because the Holy Spirit has caused His groaning to be made known to us.

We groan when our actions do not produce the intended result. Jesus may have groaned because the Jews were not looking for God to glorify Himself. The Father desired that the Son should be glorified (see v. 4). The manner in which the Son should be glorified is seen in the fulfillment of the Father's plan of salvation. The Son, God manifest in the flesh, would be the first of many who would be lifted up from the dead. Jesus may have groaned because the Jews regarded Him only as a preventative to death. The Jews were well aware of Jesus' miracles of healing but they did not perceive Him to be the full manifestation of God's love. God has cause to groan when men fail to look to Him to glorify His name.

When Jesus came to Lazarus' tomb, He issued the instruction to remove the stone that sealed the entrance. Martha, sister of Lazarus and Mary, protested that his body would have decayed and would stink because four days had passed. Martha believed on Jesus but was not expecting the Son to be glorified when the stone would be rolled back. Jesus responded to her (v. 40) with the promise which He had spoken earlier (The dead who believe shall live, v. 25). She had expected Jesus to fulfill His promise in a much different manner.

Believers of every era give Jesus cause to groan because we insist that our prayers be answered in our way instead of the manner which reveals the fullness of His glory.

In the closing verses before us, Jesus commanded Lazarus to come forth and Lazarus came forth. John 11 reveals three reasons for this miracle. The first reason was that the disciples might believe (v. 15). The second, found in verse 40, is that all who believe will see the glory of God. And the third (v. 42) is that those standing by might believe that He was sent by God the Father.

Consider the group targeted by each reason. Group 1 - the disciples: Jesus purposely delayed His journey to Bethany so that the disciples might believe. The miracle was cause to believe that Jesus possessed the power of life over death. The disciples, with the exception of Judas, believed that Jesus is the Christ. The Apostles were given a special ministry — a ministry which would require them to follow Jesus in death. The raising of Lazarus was an extremely important building block in establishing the faith necessary to carry out their ministries.

Group 2 is all represented by Martha (v. 40). It is made up of believers. All believers shall see the glory of God. The glory of God that all believers shall see is their resurrection from the dead. This is an extremely large group because it consists of all who have received or will ever receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior between the time of His resurrection and the time of His return. This group is made up of all who believe God's promises. It is for us that Christ raised Lazarus — that we might be confident and secure in faith and declare the truth to others.

Group 3 is diverse. It includes the first two groups plus those who would never believe. Those who heard Jesus' words in verse 42 consists of all who "may believe." This includes those who refuse to accept Christ as the Promised One sent from God the Father. It included Judas who would betray Him. It is made up of all who, in future times, will have heard but not believed the good news of Jesus Christ. It includes all who willfully turn from the truth.

The account of raising Lazarus from the dead has been preserved as scripture for the benefit of them who give God cause to groan and for the benefit of them who shall live and witness the fullness of His glory.

Let us not be cause for groaning. Let us witness of the fullness of that which He has done for us.

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# Obituaries

### DORIS DAVIS

Doris Ruth Glover Davis, 94, of Culloden, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, in Hubard Hospice House West after a short illness.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Hurricane, where she sang in the choir and was highly active in her Church. Doris was a graduate of Fairmont State and she retired from CAMC Hospital working as a Histology Technician for many years.

She was preceded in death by her son Mark Allen Davis, two sisters and one brother.

She is survived by her daughter Diane Wysong (Van), grandchildren, Kayla Wysong and Derek Wysong of Hurricane, and several Nieces and Nephews.

A Celebration of Life was held Monday, March 11, 2024, at Allen Funeral Home with Rev. Jerry Losh officiating.

### VIRGIE LEE DAWSON

Virgie Lee Comer-Dawson, 93, of Poca, passed away February 25, 2024 at her home with her family by her side.

She was born July 7, 1930 in Goldtown, the daughter of Henry Jackson and Alma Mildred Harrison Comer. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband Ola Clyde Dawson,

and several brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her children, Barbara Morrison, Ulysses Dawson, Bernice Kelley, Melton Dawson, Charlene Wright, Gardell Dawson, Darla Hurley, Michael Dawson, and Nathan Dawson, several grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Celebration of Virgie's life was held Thursday, February 29, 2024 at Tyler Mt. Funeral Home with Pastor Donnie Kiser officiating. Burial was in Tyler Mt. Memory Gardens, Cross Lanes.

Freda Mae Harrison  
Freda Mae Harrison, 92, of Hurricane, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 3, 2024.

She was born on October 28, 1931, daughter of the late Green and Daisy Vance. She was preceded in death by her twelve siblings, as well as, her beloved husband of 68 years, Calvin E. Harrison, daughter Kathy Sue Harrison and granddaughter Joni Irene Haynes.

Freda is survived by her son Calvin E. Harrison, Jr. (Lynn), daughters Gay Vaden (David), Tonie Vance, Lisa Ratliff (Lynn); 7 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren, and lots of nephews and nieces

that thought of her as their second mom.

She was loved by all that knew her. Her love for her family was a testament of her faith.

She was always ready for a game of rummy and usually won. We have been blessed with many, many years of good times together with her.

'Mama' as we called her, was always cooking and made all the traditional holiday meals. She made comfort foods like biscuits and gravy, cream of turkey and potato salad and coleslaw. She passed on her cooking skills to many of her children and grandchildren and we continue to try and replicate her flavors.

She was an avid knitter and crocheter and made many blankets for her family. She enjoyed camping, hiking and making campfires. She spent a lot of her life swimming in Summersville Lake and always called it miracle water that would heal your ailments. She was a true depiction of an Appalachian woman who survived through hard times, being poor, farm life and being a young mother who went to work in a factory when her children were grown.

She made the best of what she had and never

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complained when life wasn't perfect. She and Calvin would help anyone in need and always made everyone feel welcomed in their home. Her heart was big and full and she loved us all, and we will always love her.

Celebration of Freda's life was held Friday, March 8, 2024 at Tyler Mt. Funeral Home with Rick Workman and JF Lacaria officiating. Burial was in Tyler Mt. Memory Gardens, Cross Lanes.

**VELMA 'BOOTS' MCCOY**

Velma Virginia Atkins McCoy (Boots), 91, of Hurricane, passed away on March 5, 2024.

She was a graduate of Scott High School and was raised in Madison.

She was preceded in death by her husband James A. McCoy; father and mother Robert Atkins and Catherine Atkins; sisters: Betty Frazier, Roberta Workman, and Catherine Barnhart; brothers: Richard Atkins, and Robert Atkins

Boots is survived by her children: Nancy Kalen of Richmond, VA., Julie Stowers (Mario) of Dunbar, and son James McCoy Jr. of Hamlin; grandchildren: Mathew Kalen (Thu), Nicholas Kalen (Crystal) and Emma Stowers; great grandchildren: Bianca Kalen and Siena Kalen.

She loved the outdoors, taking care of her yard and flowers, music, playing her piano, and singing. Boots loved children, and spent many years as a Sunday School teacher, and a Cub Scout Den Mother. She was always happy spending time with family and friends.

Boots will be greatly missed by her family and friends. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

**DAVID 'DIESEL' REEDY**

David Wayne "Diesel" Reedy, 51, of Poca, passed away March 11, 2024.

Diesel is a former Charleston Police Officer and an auditor with the State of WV. He is a retired member of the Apache MC and loved spending time

with his grandbabies.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents Donald and Juanita Reedy of Poca and Ruben and Juanita Whitt of Elkview, and uncle Ronald Whitt of SC.

He is survived by his loving wife, Michelle Reedy; parents Gary and Drema Reedy of TN; children Hunter Reedy of Atlanta, GA, Logan Reedy of Charlotte, NC, Ashley Arthur and her husband Shelby of Dunbar, and Cory Merrill and his wife Benica of MD; sister Tammy and her husband Eric Strother and their children Jacob and Andrew of Anderson, IN; uncle Roger and his wife Marie Whitt of TN; and four granddaughters Alexis, Aubrey, Raelynn, and Averleigh.

**RONALD SCOTT RUSSELL**

Scott was a family man, but words will never be able to express his devotion for his children, he sacrificed everything to ensure his children could be successful and happy

Ronald Scott Russell, a fire alarm engineer and lifelong resident of Hurricane, passed away March 4, 2024 at the age of 46.

Scott is survived by his father Ronald Edward Russell; his sister, Amy Jo Russell; and his children Austin Blake Russell, Dustin Tyler Russell, and Breeanna Brooke Russell. He is predeceased by his mother, Patricia Jean Worstel; and his wife, Stacy Hope Russell

Scott was born in Charleston on August 5, 1977, to Ronald Edward Russell and Patricia Jean Worstel. He graduated from the National Institute of Technology in 1999 with a degree in Electrical Engineering and worked as the fire alarm technician and programmer for NewTech. On December 10, 1998, he married Stacy, his high school sweetheart. On April 27, 1999, September 11, 2001, and August 5, 2008 respectively, he welcomed his two sons and beautiful daughter, who were the most important part of his life.

Scott was a devoted

father an avid fisherman. He enjoyed golfing and fishing on any river he could. He was an amateur guitar enthusiast. He was also a problem-solver who often took on difficult and unwanted projects at work and around the house. He was an athletic man and was involved in many sports activities who excelled at baseball and football during his early life. He was a man of honor and pride who will be deeply missed by his friends, family, and all who knew him.

**BERTHA 'BERT' SAULTON**

Bertha Marie "Bert" (Myers) Saulton, 85, of Liberty, went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on March 2, 2024 after a short illness.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Forrest "Mack" McBride, as well as her parents Charles and Hallie Myers.

Bertha graduated in 1957 from Stonewall Jackson High School, retired from Heck's after 17 years. Then she attended St. Johns United Methodist Church while she lived in Scott Depot, then she attended Centerpoint Chuch after moving to Liberty. She was a very kind and generous lady, assisted in the formative years of

many children. Bert had a lifelong love for animals and their care. As a very loyal person with strong religious beliefs, Bertha died the same way she lived her life, with courage and dignity. The memories of her will forever be treasured and will not be forgotten.

Surviving is her son, Timothy Saulton of Eleanor; daughter, Tammy Clifton (Jim) of Liberty; brother, Robert Myers (Joy) of Knoxville, TN; sister, Mary Ann Zorychta (David) of Clinton, AR; nephews: Chuck Myers, Randy Myers, and Jeffery Saulton; niece, Tracy Payne; 4 grandchildren: Kristi Saulton (Michael McDonald), Lillian Clifton, Sarah Saulton and Alissa Clifton; 2 great-grandchildren: Keller and Ella and a host of friends.

Service for Bertha was Thursday, March 7, 2024 at Chapman Funeral Home, Winfield, with Pastor Paul Browing officiating. Interment was in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

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### Church of God Yard Sale This Saturday

The Hurricane First Church of God would like to invite everyone to their church-wide yard sale on Saturday, March 16, beginning at 8 a.m. and continuing until about 1 p.m.

The sale will be held inside the church fellowship building, which is located at the back of the church. Therefore, the sale will proceed, regardless of weather conditions. The sale will feature a large variety of items by the membership and friends. There will be several Christmas items, household goods, clothing, furniture, two pianos, and miscellaneous items and etc.

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### Democrat Women To Hold March Meeting

The Putnam County Democratic Women's Club will be holding their monthly meeting on Saturday, March 16, at noon at the Eleanor Fire Station, 600 Roosevelt Blvd., Eleanor.

The meeting will have an Italian theme, with a menu including a main dish, garden salad, bread, coffee, tea, and water catered by T & M Meats / WV Brick Oven Bistro. The price is \$20.00 (includes tax & 18% gratuity).

Please RSVP to Karen Sprouse by emailing karensprouse7@outlook.com or texting or calling (304) 543-2115. Leave a message if no answer.

## Happy Anniversary



Steve and Debbie Caldwell of Caldwell Farm, Hurricane, celebrated their forty-second wedding anniversary on March 7.

Rev. David and Mary Sumner of 604 Forest Glen Circle in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, will celebrate their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary on March 15.

Danny and Cathy Akers of Frazier's Bottom will celebrate their fifty-third wedding anniversary on March 15.

Danny and Frances Parsons Johnson of 2231 2nd Street, Culloden, will celebrate their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary on March 15.

Coach Jim and Ruth Anne Tinsley Sovine of Hurricane will celebrate their wedding anniversary on March 15.

Dan and Betty Abshire Kentucky will celebrate their wedding anniversary on March 16.

Danny and Sandy Taylor of 1092 Cow Creek Road in Hurricane will celebrate their wedding anniversary on March 17.

Richard and Peggy Minnix of #76 Simpson Drive in Huntington will celebrate their sixty-third wedding anniversary on March 18.

David and Linda Mitchell Beckett of 93 Buzzard Creek Road in Hurricane will celebrate their forty-second wedding anniversary on March 19.

Kermit and Reba Beaver of 1147 Coleman Creek Road in Frazier's Bottom will celebrate their thirtieth wedding anniversary on March 20.

Mike and Deborah Smith Samples of Hurricane Creek Road in Winfield will celebrate their thirty-first wedding anniversary on March 20.

Bob and Mary Arnold of 2931 Putnam Avenue in Hurricane will celebrate their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary on March 21.

Jim and Judy Welch Taylor Rocky Step Road in Scott Depot will celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary on March 21.

### Girl Scout Cookies Arrive in Putnam County

The Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council has received thousands of boxes of cookies to distribute to the Putnam County area.

A total of 66,228 boxes of Samoas, Tagalongs, Thin Mints, Trefoils, Do-si-dos, Girl Scout S'mores, Toffee- and Lemon-Ups, made their way to Charleston and will soon be delivered to customers throughout Putnam County, Huntington and the surrounding areas.

"Cookie deliveries are always such an exciting time because our Girl Scouts get to receive the cookies they've worked so hard to sell during the season," said Beth Casey, CEO of Girl Scouts of Black Diamond.

"Through the Girl Scout Cookie Program, girls get firsthand experience running a business and gain great entrepreneurial skills. Delivering cookies to the customers they've met along the way is always a rewarding part of this experience," Casey said. "Now that our shipment of cookies have arrived, Girl Scouts get to meet new customers by hosting Girl Scout Cookie Booths throughout their communities."

Cookie sales at storefronts and other spaces around the region began Feb. 29 and run through the spring. To find a cookie booth near you, use the locator at <https://girlscouts.info/cookiefinder>.

Don't need cookies for yourself? No problem! Consider ordering a few boxes as part of the Gift of Caring program, which are donated to military members, veterans and their families.

### Daniel Lipscomb Receives Missouri S&T Degree

Nearly 700 students received degrees from Missouri University of Science and Technology during commencement ceremonies held at Missouri S&T on Friday, Dec. 15, and Saturday, Dec. 16.

Missouri S&T awards bachelor of science, bachelor of arts, master of science and doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees.

Daniel Lipscomb of Hurricane received a master of engineering degree in geotechnology.

Missouri S&T has traditionally recognized graduates earning a bachelor's degree with honors by placing the designation "summa cum laude," "magna cum laude" or "cum laude" on their diplomas. The highest honor, summa cum laude, is awarded to students who have earned a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.8 or above on a 4.0 scale for all courses counting toward the degree. Magna cum laude is the designation for a GPA of 3.5 to 3.79, and cum laude indicates a GPA of 3.2-3.49.

Missouri University of Science and Technology (Missouri S&T) is a STEM-focused research university of over 7,000 students. Part of the four-campus University of Missouri System and located in Rolla, Missouri, Missouri S&T offers 101 degrees in 40 areas of study.

The Cookie Program began in 1917 as a way for troops to finance activities. Today, the program encourages girls to discover their inner leadership potential and use their earnings to create experiences for themselves and their troop—including travel, outdoor adventure, and science, technology, engineering and math programming.

Proceeds from the sale stay local and have led to support for animal shelters, food banks and more in communities—all while teaching girls crucial skills like goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills and business ethics.

However, girls' cookie proceeds alone aren't enough to power the Girl Scout Movement—investing in girls is important year-round, not just during cookie season. To support Girl Scouts, visit <http://www.bdgsc.org/give>.

### GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SCHEDULE

**Friday, March 15**  
Piggly Wiggly, Eleanor Plaza Center, 5 to 7 p.m.

Putnam County Bank, 101 Hurricane Creek Road, Hurricane, 5 to 8 p.m.

**Saturday, March 16**  
Giovanni's Pizza, 13299 Winfield Rd, Winfield, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Huntington Bank, 414 WV- 34, Hurricane, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Putnam County Bank, 101 Hurricane Creek Road, Hurricane, 1 to 5 p.m.

Tractor Supply, 3790 Tractor Supply Rd, Hurricane, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hurricane Walmart, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Sunday, March 17th**  
Putnam County Bank, 101 Hurricane Creek Road, noon to 4 p.m.

**Friday, March 22nd**  
Huntington Bank, 414 WV- 34, Hurricane, 5 to 8 p.m.

**Saturday, March 23rd**  
Stokes Grocery, 19760 Buffalo Road, Buffalo, 4 to 6 p.m.

Poca Supermarket, Route 62 Main Street, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Huntington Bank, 414 WV-34, Hurricane, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Putnam County Bank, 101 Hurricane Creek Road, Hurricane, 1 to 5 p.m.

Hurricane Walmart, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Sunday, March 24**  
Save A Lot, 4335 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hurricane Walmart, noon to 4 p.m.

**Saturday, March 30th**  
Huntington Bank, 414 WV- 34, Hurricane, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Saturday, April 6th**  
Hurricane Walmart, noon to 4 p.m.

**Sunday, April 7th**  
Hurricane Walmart, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Friday, April 12**  
Putnam County Bank, 101 Hurricane Creek Road, Hurricane, 5 to 8 p.m.

**Saturday, April 13**  
Putnam County Bank, 101 Hurricane Creek Road, Hurricane, 1 to 5 p.m.

Hurricane Walmart, 2 to 4 p.m.

**Sunday, April 14**  
Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church, 2848 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



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