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Hurricane Man Pleads Guilty to Drug Trafficking

Christopher Anthony Albans residence to a O'Dell, 38, of Hurricane, Ninth Avenue residence pleaded guilty to distribution of quantities of methamphetamine and fentanyl in federal court on Monday, March 18.

According to court documents and statements made in court, on August 18, 2023, O'Dell sold approximately 1.1 grams of fentanyl and 3.5 grams of methamphetamine for \$200 to a confidential informant at O'Dell's Hurricane residence. O'Dell admitted to the transaction and to arranging it beforehand with the confidential informant by text message.

O'Dell further admitted to participating in the DTO with other individuals from November 2022 through November 2023. The DTO participants used a St. Albans residence to store and distribute fentanyl and methamphetamine. O'Dell conducted distributions and transported various individuals from the St.

Albans residence in Huntington where they received additional amounts of fentanyl and methamphetamine before O'Dell transported them back to the St. Albans residence.

On August 28, 2023, a law enforcement officer conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle driven by O'Dell in St. Albans. The officer seized approximately 51 grams of fentanyl and two muzzleloading pistols from the vehicle during the traffic stop. O'Dell further admitted to possessing the seized firearms.

O'Dell is scheduled to be sentenced on July 17, 2024. He faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, at least three years of supervised release, and a \$1 million fine.

O'Dell is among 27 individuals indicted in a 53-count indictment charged with distributing

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Spring Fashion Time in Hurricane



Above: Carly Dunlap models for Iris and Indy. Right: Amilliana Adams and Anna Deal wear fashions from Finding Foxtale. (Photos by Betsy Allen)

By Betsy Allen

Spring is a time of new growth, as well as new fashions, with many

people taking advantage of the changing weather to update their wardrobe with new clothing. The latest spring fashions from local boutiques were showcased during Blooms and Brunch, a ladies' fashion and beauty soiree, which was held on Saturday, March 20, at Social Event Space on Main Street, Hurricane. A wide variety of styles were modeled by women and children from the Hurricane and Teays Valley areas. Participating boutiques included Iris and Indie, Oodles, Peyton and Peppy, Finding Foxtale, and Fabric Fiend.

Continuing with the garden party theme, guests were encouraged to dress up in spring attire. Prior to the fashion show, guests enjoyed a delicious brunch featuring egg frittatas, sausage, and a fruit parfait station, as well as pastries from Sweet



Mamas Bakery. Several local vendors were set up, offering shopping opportunities. Blooms and Brunch was a fundraiser for Branches Domestic Violence Center, with a portion of each ticket going to purchase much-needed supplies.

"As a small business owner, I like to support other small business owners," said

Ashely Deal, the owner of Social Event Space. Deal thought that Blooms and Brunch would be a good opportunity for people to shop local, and she wanted to bring a variety of different clothing options for a variety of ages and personal tastes. Since the event was supporting a

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Putnam Schools to Compete in State Archery Tournament

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) announced Tuesday, March 19, that nine Putnam County schools have qualified for the annual West Virginia Archery in the Schools State Tournament, which is scheduled to take place at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center on Saturday, March 30. This year's tournament will mark the 20th anniversary of the Archery in the Schools program.

"We are excited to celebrate the 20th anniversary of West Virginia's Archery in the Schools program this year and hope everyone comes out to the state tournament to cheer on these students," said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion.

Nearly 1,500 students from 87 West Virginia schools participated in the state qualifier earlier this year. Of those participants, only the top eight teams, top 15 individual boys

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2024 West Virginia Cupcake Festival Royalty Named



(l-r): Ms. WV Cupcake Festival Jayda McHorney, Mrs. WV Cupcake Festival Alyssa Huggins, Miss WV Cupcake Festival Breanna Herrick, WV Cupcake Festival Teen Evan Mace, and WV Cupcake Festival Pre Teen.

The West Virginia Cupcake Festival Pageant was held Saturday, March 16, at Valley Park. The event culminated with the selection of royalty for the 2024 WV Cupcake Festival which will be held August 22-24.

It was a very big day for

Breanna Herrick as she was named Miss WV Cupcake Festival 2024. Miss Herrick will present the Cupcake Feastival at the West Virginia Fairs and Festival Pageant in Charleston in January 2025. Additionally, she will be engaged in promoting this year's Cupcake Festival.

She will be assisted in her promotional effort by Ms. WV Cupcake Festival Jayda McHorney, Mrs. WV Cupcake Festival Alyssa Huggins, WV Cupcake Festival Teen Evan Mace, and WV Cupcake Festival Pre Teen.

COUNTY COMMISSION NEWS

Commission Hears Requests, Budget Deadline March 29

By Ron Allen

Putnam's elected officials presented proposed budgets for their offices for the upcoming fiscal year to the county commission on Tuesday, March 12th.

Every official asked the commission to approve wage increases for their employees. Assessor Gary Warner, Circuit Clerk Stephanie Smith, and Prosecuting Attorney Kris Raynes asked for 5% increases for their staffs. Sheriff Bobby Eggleton requested 5% for law enforcement employees and 7% for those in the tax division. Eggleton stated that wage increases for tax division employees have not kept pace with those in law enforcement. County Clerk Brian Wood asked for 10% increases for his employees and funding for a new position. Wood said the workload has increased as Putnam County has grown but that his staff has not increased. The additional employee will raise his staff number to the same as it was 20 years ago when he first

took office. Sheriff Eggleton's budget included funding for five vehicle purchases which would be stretched out over the fiscal year. One vehicle would be used for undercover operations related to drug trafficking and would be funded by money from the opioid settlement which the county has received.

Prosecuting Attorney Raynes' budget also included capital outlay increase to cover cost of creating a "soft interview room" to ensure the emotional safety of child abuse and sexual abuse victims. The Prosecutor's annual budget is \$1.2 million.

The commission has until March 29th to submit its final budget to the State Auditor for all departments and agencies.

In other business, the commission received an update on the Jim Ridge Waterline Extension Project. Jim Nagy of Terradon stated that construction of the Bowles Ridge section of the project was complete and pressure testing would

begin the week of March 18. Nagy said that the Mud Lick extension is expected to be complete by mid May. Nagy was questioned as to why Riffee Ridge residents were not included in the Jim Ridge extension. Nagy said that water pressure was the issue. The cost of extending the line 8,500 feet and a booster station installation would cost about \$600,000 to serve eight homes.

In response to a

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WEATHER SUMMARY		
March 12 - 18		
	Low	High
March 12		
Hurricane	23°	65°
March 13		
Hurricane	29°	70°
March 14		
Hurricane	35°	74°
March 15*		
Hurricane	42°	58°
March 16		
Hurricane	31°	60°
March 17		
Hurricane	38°	58°
March 18		
Hurricane	24°	39°
*RAIN		
0.3 inch recorded Mar. 15		

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 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.

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.

There will be a ribbon cutting at 1 p.m. at Teays Valley Auto Service Center, 3824 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane.

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.

Maximum Velocity Wrestling presents Easter Title Hunt at West Sattes Community Center, 234 Lee Avenue, Nitro. Doors open at 6 p.m.; bell time at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10-15.

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.

CORE Contracting Solutions LLC, 13128 Winfield Road, Winfield, will be holding an open house from 3 to 5 p.m.

Rustic Roots Plant Co., 57 Crandall Drive, Culloden, will be holding a spring sale starting at noon.

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.

Buffalo United Methodist Church, 27 High Street, will have a Song & Praise Service beginning at 9:15 a.m. featuring guest singers The Believers.

There will be a weapons based training class at Straight Blast Gym (SBG) Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu & MMA, 467 Winfield Road, St. Albans, from noon to 2 p.m. The cost is \$25. For more information, call 304-542-1970.

The First Baptist Church of Hurricane, 2635 Main Street, will be holding "Alpha and Omega," an Easter cantata, at 8:50 a.m. and 3 p.m.

MARCH 25

George Washington Elementary and Middle Schools and Buffalo High School music and arts programs will be holding A Night of the Arts in memory of Susan Desmuelles at 6:30 p.m. at Buffalo High School.

The Putnam County Republican Women will be meeting at 6 p.m. at the Putnam County Lion's Club, 4 Second Street, Winfield.

Cub Scout Pack 236 will be holding their annual Blue and Gold Banquet from 6 to 8 p.m. at Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, Putnam Avenue, Hurricane.

MARCH 26

Learn how to make a solar eclipse projector at 3:30 p.m. at the Eleanor Library.

MARCH 27 - 29

Mt. Union Church, 19268 Jerry's Run Road, Pliny, will be holding Holy Week Services at 7 p.m. nightly.

MARCH 27 AND 29

Red House Bible Church, 51 Warner Lane, Red House, will be presenting "Journey to the Cross" from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

MARCH 27

The First Baptist Church of Nitro, 2200 2nd Avenue, Nitro, will be holding an Easter cookout starting at 5 p.m.

There will be a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) workshop from 4 to 6 p.m. at Poca High School. To register, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com>.

Eleven Arts Grant Programs Available for Application to Artists, Arts Organizations

Applications are now open for 11 arts grants through the West Virginia Commission on the Arts of the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History. These grant programs are available for application by artists, local governments, and not-for-profit organizations with an arts-related mission. Funding for these programs is made possible by the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, West Virginia State Legislature, and Volunteer West Virginia.

The deadline for submission through the State Arts Office's online grants portal, GOapply, is Monday, April 1, at 11:59 p.m. A description of each available grant is listed below.

Arts in Education - Arts Exposure Projects grant provides support for schools and nonprofit organizations, as well as individual artists and artist collectives, to present professional performing, literary, and visual artists to students in grades K-12.

Arts in Education - School-Based and Out-of-School-Based Projects grant provides support to schools and nonprofit organizations for curriculum-based, hands-on projects that involve K-12 students and teachers in the arts during daily instruction or outside of regular school hours.

Community Arts Project Support grant provides support for nonprofit organizations and local governments to provide arts programming in all disciplines to the public. Categories include presenting artists, performing artists, visual arts, media arts and folk and traditional arts.

Creative Aging for Lifelong Learning grant provides support for individual artists, schools, local governments, and nonprofit organizations to carry out projects that teach a new skill in the arts to a group of adults.

Cultural Facilities and

Capital Resources grant provides support for building and renovation projects at arts facilities and history museums.

Living Traditions: Folk Art - Project Support for Artists grant provides support for individual artists to improve their skills in an area specifically related to folk and traditional arts.

Living Traditions: Folk Arts - Organizations grant provides support to schools, governments, and nonprofit organizations to host workshops, activities, or training in the folk and traditional arts.

Professional Development for Artists grant provides support for individual artists to expand or improve their work or share their expertise with others.

Public Art - September 11 Day of Service grant provides support for visual two- and three-dimensional public art projects that honor local veterans, engage community volunteers, and are celebrated on Sept. 11, 2024. Funding for this program is provided by Volunteer West Virginia.

STEAM Power WV grant provides support to schools and non-profit organizations for projects that integrate the arts with STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) disciplines for K-12 students. Funding for this program is provided by the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation.

Youth Engagement through Public Art grant provides support to schools, local governments, and 501(c)3 organizations for public art projects that engage local youth in the planning and/or implementation of the project.

Access to the grants portal GOapply and sample grant applications, including eligible project expenses and evaluation criteria, are available at <https://wvculture.org/agencies/arts/grants/>. Contact the State Arts Office staff at (304) 558-0240 with any questions.

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

[com/e/poca-high-school-fafsa-workshop-tickets-861214665247](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/poca-high-school-fafsa-workshop-tickets-861214665247)

MARCH 28

The Nitro Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Sattes Circle, Nitro, will be hosting a Passover Seder at 7 p.m. Participants will be escorted in groups of 12 to experience a reenactment of the Last Supper.

MARCH 29 - 31

The Bridge Church, 279 Dairy Road, Poca, will be holding Easter Unity Weekend. Good Friday Communion Service at 6:30 p.m.; Saturday community event 1 to 5 p.m.; Sunday morning services at 10:45 a.m.

MARCH 29 - 30

HerdCon, Marshall University's annual pop culture convention, will be held at the Memorial Student Center, 1 Marshall Drive, Huntington. Vendors, cosplay, gaming, and more. Doors open at 10 a.m. Free admission. For more information, go to <https://www.marshall.edu/herdcon/>

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

I wrote a novel... about growing up in the sixties during the Vietnam Era... my protagonist was Margaret... had to change the name as my daughter named her third child, Margaret, one of my favorite names, by the way. Therefore, I renamed mine Sandy...

It is an entertaining book... it is short and unfinished... it will never be published... you, my readers, will never read this book. My students, at Nitro High, liked the book... probably because those who read it liked their teacher... A friend read it, "Boring..." Therefore, I have not written another novel... probably won't... I will read these columns that my friends like... and maybe more ghost stories and kid stories...

Novels... books... reading... my readers know that I am an avid reader. I stay busy with so many projects, but reading is my favorite. I review for Netgalley, online books... since beginning with that company, I have read over 2000 of their books... just a few years... did I mention I am kind of a speed reader? I also read books my daughter receives... she is a reviewer also... I use the library... we buy a few books... new and used...

An author, not one of my favorites, but a good one, just had a book released... I contend it is her Opus... I read it two times for Netgalley... the publisher sent my daughter a hardback copy to review... I asked a writer/professor/artist friend of mine to read it when it came out... this writer contends it is one of the best all time books written about war... yes...

THE WOMEN by Kristin Hannah might just be her Opus... it is about the time period when I grew up, the 1960's... and the Vietnam War. Women in the war... I could not put this book down... my friend could not. My daughter has not read it yet, but she will... and I will read it again with her... my friend is a Vietnam Veteran... he is one of the Veterans I interviewed when I did the Vietnam Project as one of my Master's projects... he went into detail in reviewing this book to me... accurate resonated with me...

I did not know about the women in this war... not in this detail... it is a cannot put down novel... it is amazing... it is heartbreaking... it is rewarding... it is heartwarming... it is chilling... it should be the

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.

BOOK of 2024... I will reread it in case I missed something...

Another good book coming out soon is *The Girls We Sent Away...* Meghan Church... this book resonated with me because, again, it is the time period in which I grew up... I never knew this was happening... I could not imagine... I have read this book two times already... on my iPad for Netgalley. I cried when I read this one... I will get both of these books... finally, authors are taking the 60's seriously... they are writing about what happened, why, and when...

There are few books that are memorable to me... in the recent years... a couple of years back, my favorite two were *HAMNET* (Shakespeare of course) and *THE BOOK WOMAN OF TROUBLESOME CREEK* by Kim Michele Richardson... I lived in WV, next to Kentucky... I did not know about these people... the Blue people... and I did not know much about the librarians who rode horses into the hollers of Kentucky, taking books to those residents. These two books were two of my favorites... and later *THE BOOK WOMAN'S DAUGHTER*... another favorite... How could I have grown up so closed and not have known?

There are so many good books... there are too many to mention. Yes, I like mysteries the best, but the historical fiction is also my favorite... *THE WOMEN* took me back to a time when I knew little... oh, I remember my friends went to Vietnam... over there... somewhere... I remember worrying about them... I remember not understanding... Imagine (my 2024 word is Imagine)... women going also... if you have the time or the inclination... read some of these... learn by reading... you just might be glad you did... you might turn to a Vietnam Veteran (or other Veteran) and thank that person, woman or man... you might think or believe differently... you might remember the librarians who rode the horses and brought education to the uneducated... because the way we were is the way we are... we know that reading develops minds...

it is the best activity one can do to learn... turn off the television... unhook the electronics... the phone... pick up the book... go online and read (well, there you go... keep that electronic device on... lol)... and try these books... I must add here, unless you are a Shakespeare lover as I am... and I Shakespeare teacher... you might not love *Hamnet*... then again maybe... the other books are worth every minute spent on the pages...

If you have NOT ever read *LITTLE WOMEN* or *LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE*... those are must reads... and *JANE EYRE*... *WUTHERING HEIGHTS*... Jane Austen books also... my favorites and some of my youngest granddaughter's favorites... so alas... you won't be reading a novel by yours truly... I cannot do justice to fiction... and that little novel set in a small town during the Vietnam War... in the 1960's... will remain on that little flash drive... and never be read... unless I decide to print it out for the girls... maybe one

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 "We want to congratulate these schools and the students who worked hard to make it to the state tournament this year," said Chris Scraggs, Archery in the Schools program coordinator for the WVDNR. "Twenty years is a milestone, so I'd also like to thank all of the coaches, volunteers, conservation and educational organizations around our great state for

helping make this fantastic program possible year after year." Members of the public are encouraged to attend and watch some of the state's best student archers as they compete for top honors. The admission fee to watch the tournament is \$5 for adults 18 and older, \$3 for children 6-17. Children younger than 6 get in free. Tickets will be available at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center Box Office.

Marshall's Amicus Curiae Lecture Series event set for March 28

Marshall University's Amicus Curiae Lecture Series on Constitutional Democracy will feature a lecture by Grinnell College Professor Peter Hanson on the impact of deep partisan polarization on Congress and prospects for reform. The event, which is free and open to the public, is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, March 28, at the Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall. Hanson, who also serves as the director of the Grinnell College national

poll, is a specialist on the United States Congress and the politics of the federal budget. He is the author of "Too Weak to Govern: Majority Party Power and Appropriations in the U.S. Senate." From 1996-2002, he served on the staff of U.S. Sen. Tom Daschle, focusing on appropriations and environmental policy. He is regularly interviewed by Iowa Public Radio and a variety of national media outlets. "Dr. Hanson's lecture

could not be more timely or relevant," said Patricia Proctor, director of Marshall's Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy. "The current Congress is the focus of intense scrutiny on a daily basis due to its failure to pass laws, and whether one supports its current state or does not, it clearly is related to the polarization affecting our country. Dr. Hanson's work explores whether Congress still has the capacity to solve critical

problems the country faces and how the situation might be addressed and improved. He brings the added benefit of lived experience to his analysis of the situation." The lecture, titled "Evaluating Congress: The Cost of Partisan Polarization and Prospects for Reform," is sponsored by Marshall's Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy with support from the West Virginia Humanities Council.

Drug Trafficking

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 methamphetamine and fentanyl transported from Detroit, Michigan, in Huntington and other locations within the Southern District of West Virginia. An indictment is merely an allegation and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law. The investigation leading to O'Dell's arrest

and subsequent guilty plea was part of the Department of Justice's Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) program to identify, disrupt and dismantle the most serious drug trafficking organizations, transnational criminal organizations and money laundering organizations that present a significant threat to the public safety, economic, or national security of the United States.

WVSU Announces Speakers for Lunch and Learn Series

West Virginia State University (WVSU) has announced the lineup of speakers for the next session of its popular Lunch and Learn Series. The weekly series began in January and takes place at the new WVSU Center located at 107 Capitol St. in downtown Charleston. The next session of the weekly speakers series will run each Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. beginning March 20 and continuing through May 1. The following speakers and topics are scheduled for

the weekly series:
 · March 20 -- Leadership and Organizational Culture, presented by Coach John Pennington, Ph.D., WVSU Head Football Coach;
 · March 27 -- U.S. Corporations are from Mars, Chinese Corporations are from Venus, presented by Dr. Michael Young, WVSU Associate Professor of Management;
 · April 3 -- Charleston's Triangle District, presented by Carolyn Tillman, Community Activist;
 · April 10 -- Fruits and Vegetables: Nutrition,

Phytochemicals and Human Health, presented by Dr. Umesh Reddy, WVSU Professor of Genetics and Genomics;
 · April 17 -- Prescription Medication Safety, presented by Heather McDaniel, Vice President, West Virginia Drug Intervention Institute;
 · April 24 -- Governmental Ethics in Higher Education and the Community, presented by Kimberly Weber, Esq., Executive Director, West Virginia Ethics Commission;
 · May 1 -- Building and Maintaining Organizational

Culture and Character in Challenging Times, presented by Mike Kelley, Principal, Herbert Hoover High School. The sessions on March 20, April 24 and May 1 qualify for Continuing Professional Education for Certified Public Accountants. The weekly Lunch and Learn series is free. Audience members are encouraged to bring a lunch and learn more about the topics being discussed. Light refreshments will be available on site.

County Commission News

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 dilapidated structure complaint, the commission voted to condemn all structures located at 425 Circle Drive in Nitro and take bids for demolition and site cleanup. The action came after receiving word from the Health Department and Sheriff that the structures were not habitable and were beyond repair. A lien will be

placed upon the property such that the cost of the cleanup can be recovered at such time the property is sold. The commission appointed Sara Steorts to the Putnam County Planning Commission to a 3-year term. The next commission regular meeting will be March 26 at 5:00 p.m.



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 22, 1922: Physician Mildred Mitchell-Bateman was born in Georgia. She became the first Black woman in West Virginia to hold a high-level state administrative position when, in 1962, Governor Wally Barron appointed her director of the Department of Mental Health.
 March 23, 2003: Private Jessica Lynch of Palestine, Wirt County, was serving as a supply clerk with the Army's 507th Maintenance Company when she was captured by Iraqi forces after her group was ambushed.
 March 24, 1890: Confederate General William Lowther "Mudwall" Jackson died in Louisville. Jackson, who was born in Clarksburg, joined the Confederate Army as a private. After helping to organize an infantry unit, he was promoted to colonel.

He served on the staff of his cousin, Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, and was jokingly nicknamed "Mudwall."
 March 25, 1878: Attorney General Armistead Abraham "Cousin Abe" Lilly was born at Jumping Branch, Summers County. Lilly appealed the Virginia Debt Suit to the U.S. Supreme Court; when settled, it was estimated that Lilly had saved the state a large sum of money.
 March 26, 1851: Upshur County was created from parts of Randolph, Lewis and Barbour counties, with Buckhannon as the county seat.
 March 26, 1863: The state's first constitution was overwhelmingly ratified by the voters, by a majority of 28,321 to 572. The constitution was drafted during the state's first Constitutional Convention at the federal custom house

in Wheeling. March 26, 1920: Aviator Rose Agnes Rolls Cousins was born. She was the first Black woman to become a solo pilot in the Civilian Pilot Training Program at West Virginia State College (now University) and rejected from joining the Tuskegee Airmen because she was a woman. March 27, 1826: Laura Jackson Arnold, the younger sister of "Stonewall" Jackson, was born in Clarksburg. During the Civil War, she was a staunch Unionist and opened her home to care for sick and injured troops. March 27, 1917: Statesman Cyrus Roberts Vance was born in Clarksburg. In 1977, President Carter tapped Vance as his secretary of state. Vance was instrumental in negotiating the Camp David Accord and the Panama Canal Treaty.

Spring Fashion

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 woman's charity, she wanted to represent women-owned businesses from the local community. Social Event Space is located in the old George's Dry Cleaning building on Main Street. The facility

opened last October, and people can rent out the space for various functions, such as meetings, weddings, and parties. In addition to offering a facility that can be rented for events, Social Event Space also puts on one event of their own each month.

March 21, 1914: The first West Virginia boys' high school basketball tournament began in Buckhannon. The event was sponsored by West Virginia Wesleyan College, which at the time had the state's largest and finest gymnasium.
 March 21, 2018: Sculptor Frank Gaylord died. Born 1925 in Clarksburg, his best-known work is "The Column," a platoon of 19 larger-than-life, stainless steel soldiers comprising the central element of the Korean War Veterans

Memorial in Washington. March 22, 1922: Physician Mildred Mitchell-Bateman was born in Georgia. She became the first Black woman in West Virginia to hold a high-level state administrative position when, in 1962, Governor Wally Barron appointed her director of the Department of Mental Health.
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Putnam County Marriages

The following marriages were recorded by the Putnam County Clerk during the month of February:
 Jonathon Mark Ratliff to Erica Renee Merritt
 Damian Scott Dunn to McKenzie Michelle Stewart
 Mark Edward McClung to Barbara Anne Padgett
 Aaron Jay Hamilton to Chloe Jaclyn Danielle Cochran
 Hunter Herbert David Thaxton to Tara Dena Inez Black
 Nathan Lee Turley to Christina Mae Stover
 Charles Clayton Cassell

Jr. to Roderick Ann Casto Yazan J.M. Azzam to Shandi Karrie Hope
 Jose Miguel Magana to Gissela Guadalupe Monjaras Mejia
 Christopher Tyler Frank to Stephanie Marie Mueller
 Benjamin Lain White to Brittney Leigh Cottrell
 Marriage Licenses were issued to the following individuals during February which marriages were not recorded as of February 29, 2024:
 Roderick Eldon Barnett to Katherine Diane Lett

Jaylan Gage Fugate to Kelly Dawn Haynes
 Neill Patrick Shepherd to Rachel Danette Westfall
 Isaac Emmanuel Mitchell to Starr Chentelle Lewis
 Brandon Joseph Wiggins to Mariah Nyshell Thompson
 James Adger Ferguson to Camryn Nicole Bloedel
 Jacob Franklin Douglas to Georgianna Grace Rader

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Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



People I Like

Submitted by Myra Simmons

I like people who begin by blurting out something overly personal. I like people who are not afraid to walk around with a stain on their shirt. I like people who ugly laugh at their own jokes. I like people who give compliments to strangers in the grocery store and make friends washing their hands in the bathroom. I like people who get passionate about ideas and excited about others' success stories. I like people who live a little outside the box, who march to the beat of their own drum, and who make it a mission to help those around them.

These are the kind of people that make your day or even their day.

Jokes From Linda

Submitted by Linda Lavender Armstead

Why is it so windy here at the ball game?
I think it's all the fans in the stadium.

It belongs to you, but your friends use it more
Your name.

What does a pig put on his sunburn?
Oinkment.

What falls but never gets hurt?
The rain.

Husband: Do you think I'm gonna be the bread-winner while you just loaf all day? You aren't the only slice of toast in the world, Mona.

Mona: Mother warned me not to marry a sourdough.

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.

Easy to prepare, these Refrigerator Rolls can be made up to six days in advance and stored in the fridge until ready to bake – a perfect complement to the savory roast and veggies.

For more Easter recipe inspiration, visit Culinary.net.

Refrigerator Rolls



Yield: 18 rolls

- 2 packages yeast
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 cups lukewarm water
- 6-7 cups all-purpose flour, divided
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 2 eggs
- 1 stick softened butter oil, divided

In large bowl, dissolve yeast and sugar in lukewarm water. When yeast is foamy, add 3 cups flour. Mix in salt, eggs and butter.

Once mixed well, add remaining flour 1 cup at a time and knead dough into ball in bowl. Remove dough from bowl and place on clean surface.

Wash and dry bowl then grease with drizzle of oil. Place dough in bowl and let rise 1 hour or store in refrigerator if making in advance.

When ready to use, grease muffin pan with oil. Roll dough into hand-size balls and place in each muffin hole; cover 1 hour.

Heat oven to 350 F. Bake rolls 30 minutes.

Note: Dough can be made in advance and stored in refrigerator up to six days. If making ahead, punch down dough, cover and place in refrigerator. Punch down daily until ready to use.

Recipes

Submitted by Connie Reddington of Eleanor



Peaches with Crunch

- 3/4 cup uncooked old-fashioned oats
 - 2/3 cups packed brown sugar
 - 3/4 cup granulated sugar
 - 1/2 cup baking mix
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - 2 (15 ounce) cans sliced peaches, well drained
- Lightly grease inside of 3 or 4-quart slow cooker. In bowl, combine sugars, baking mix and cinnamon.
- Stir in drained peaches and spoon into slow cooker.
- Cover and cook on LOW for 4 to 5 hours. Serve in sherbet dishes.

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

This is no time to be making new enemies.

Being loved by a doggie is a privilege.

Marriage is a chief cause of divorce.

Being happy never goes out of style.

True love isn't found. It's built.

There are none so blind as those who will not see.

If we really knew how little time we have left, we would make better choices.

Don't let yourself be controlled by three things, people, money, or past experiences.

A woman is like salt; her presence may not be noticed, but her absence makes everything tasteless.

Helping one person might not change the whole world, but it could change the world for one person.

When life gets hard, remember, that you mean the world to somebody, and that person calls you mom.

The rays of happiness, like those of light, are colorless when broken. – Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

If you want to test your memory, try to recall what you were worrying about one year ago today.

I'm suspicious of people who don't like doggies. But I trust a doggy when it doesn't like a person.

The truth is the truth, even if no one believes that. A lie is a lie, even if everyone believes it.

My highest achievement was climbing Mount Everest. It's all been downhill from that.

Sometimes I wonder what happened to the people who asked me directions.

When your lingerie says Victoria's Secret but your body says McDonald's.

Be so busy improving yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

It's not about the size of the circle; it's about the loyalty in it.

Sin is a short word with a long sentence.

A true friend leaves paw prints on your heart.

Seek out ways to make life better for those around you.

The world is changed by your example, not by your opinion.

Missing someone that isn't coming back is a different kind of hurt.

Don't ever take a fence down until you know why it was put up. – Robert Frost



Push harder than yesterday if you want a different tomorrow.

The church should be the community of encouragement.

If you want to be successful, you have to be consistent.

Home is where the doggy runs to greet you.

Sprinkle a little love wherever you go.

Beauty is truth; truth beauty.

Work on yourself for yourself.

Enjoy that is - before it isn't.

Kindness is free.

A real man will never want to change anything about a woman except her last name.

The harder you push yourself when no one is looking, the easier it will be when they are.

Too much love never spoils children. Children become spoiled when we substitute presents for presence.

You've got to do your own growing, no matter how tall your grandfather was.

Please do not put in my obituary that I was loved by all my family. I was not.

If life were predictable it would cease to be life, and be with flavor. – Eleanor Roosevelt

Before we work on artificial intelligence, why don't we work on natural stupidity?

Catchup with Jesus. Lettuce praise and relish him because he loves me from my head-to-ma-toes.

Glass, china, and reputation, are easily cracked, and never well mended. – Benjamin Franklin

You all are scared of a test alert; wait until you hear the trumpet sound!

Friends are the threads that weave a beautiful tapestry of memories.

Your well-being is a gift to yourself and those around you; cherish it.

Plans are nothing; planning is everything. – Dwight D. Eisenhower

Not the fastest horse can catch a word spoken in anger.

The language of friendship is not words, but meanings. – Henry David Thoreau

Satan seeking whom he may devour is no match for a Savior

seeking whom He may deliver.

The happiest couples never have the same character. They have the best understanding of their differences.

It is not the strength, but the duration, of great sentiments that makes great men.

Faith is the strength by which a shattered world shall emerge into the light. – Helen Keller

Sometimes the black sheep of the family is the only one who has the guts to tell the truth.

Let not one person take away your sparkle today. Shine bright and have a fabulous day.

There's a big difference in between giving up and knowing when you've had enough.

If you feel pain, you're alive. If you feel other peoples' pain, you're a human being.

Angels are the dispensers and administrators of the divine beneficence towards us.

Sometimes we are tested, not to show our weakness, but to discover our strength.

Surround yourself with people whose eyes light up when they see you coming.

If a man takes no thought about what is distant, he will find sorrow near at hand.

Be patient and understanding. Life is too short to be vengeful or malicious.

God's mercy and grace give us hope for our self and for our world.

Be happy, and have no fear of perfection. No one will ever reach perfection.

I got up early to see the sunrise, but didn't know what direction to look. Then it dawned on me.

There are many ways of going forward, but only one way of standing still. – Franklin D. Roosevelt

Doggies aren't just pets; they're furry guardian angels sent to guide us through life's journey.

Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dry for 10 minutes and come out wrinkle-free and 2 sizes smaller.

Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence in society. – Mark Twain

Bible Verse



Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Christ, who he has appointed for you — even Jesus. —Acts 3:19-20

WVDNR Registration for Becoming an Outdoors Woman

Popular event for outdoor enthusiasts scheduled for May 3-5 at Twin Falls Resort

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) announced today that registration has opened for its Becoming An Outdoors Woman spring workshop at Twin Falls Resort State Park on May 3-5.

The program is designed to introduce women to various hunting, fishing and other outdoor-related activities. Workshops provide a non-competitive atmosphere where participants can learn and explore outdoor activities with encouragement and support from instructors, other participants and staff from the WVDNR's Wildlife Resources, Law Enforcement and State Parks sections.

"This popular event provides an incredible opportunity to get away for a weekend to try out exciting outdoor activities and experience the natural beauty of West Virginia," said Ashley Anderson, state coordinator for Becoming An Outdoors Woman. "Whether you are looking for an opportunity to experience something new or feel like you need to renew your interests in outdoor pursuits, this weekend provides everything you need."

The workshop is limited to 75 participants

and spots fill up fast, so outdoor enthusiasts are invited to learn more and register online at WVdnr.gov/becoming-an-outdoor-woman.

Each participant enrolled in a fishing course must purchase a fishing license and trout stamp and send a copy of their license with their registration and fees. Fishing licenses and stamps may be purchased online at WVfish.com.

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.: 5587
Estate Of: Linda Karen Casto
Executrix: Melinda L McCloire
4035 Farmington Drive
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5574
Estate Of: Carolyn Jean Hawks
Executor: Paul D White
1499 Ravinia Road
Charleston, WV 25314

Estate No.: 5647
Estate Of: Charles Eugene Hughes
Administratrix: Dianna Lynn Sowards
1470 Washington Avenue
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5604
Estate Of: Audrey Diana Panaro
Executor: Stephen W Panaro
2604 Virginia Ave SE
Charleston, WV 25304

Estate No.: 5611
Estate Of: Johnathan Jae Tinch
Administrator: James L Tinch
107 Chestnut Street
Dunbar, WV 25064

Estate No.: 5612
Estate Of: Helen Eva Trimble
Executor: Timothy R Trimble
2423 Canterbury 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 21, 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 21, 2024, 2024.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 13TH day of March 2024.

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

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 23-0956-E-IDS

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and WHEELING POWER COMPANY

Application for approval for Written Plan for the Construction of Utility Infrastructure at two West Virginia Business Ready Sites and for Associated Cost Recovery Pursuant to [W.Va. Code](http://W.Va.Code) § 24-2-1n.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION

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The increases shown are based on the averages of all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive an increase that is greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this Petition. Any increase in rates will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. The proposed BRSP surcharge represents a 0.11% increase in total rates with an impact on the average residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month receiving a \$0.24 increase in monthly bills from \$169.29 to \$169.53 or 0.14%.

This matter is scheduled for an evidentiary hearing on Thursday, May 2, 2024. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia. The Commission may cancel the evidentiary hearing for good cause shown. Interested persons intending to attend the hearing should monitor the Commission web docket.

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APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and WHEELING POWER COMPANY

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

AIR QUALITY PERMIT NOTICE
Notice of Application

Notice is given that Bias Professional Services LLC has applied to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality, for a Construction Permit for a human crematory located on 20094 Buffalo Road, in Buffalo, in Putnam County, West Virginia. The latitude and longitude coordinates are: 38.618407, -81.979812.

The applicant estimates the new unit to have a potential to discharge the following Regulated Air Pollutants:

- Sulfur Dioxide: 0.3047 (TPY)
- Nitrogen Oxide: 0.4998 (TPY)
- PM: 0.6557 (TPY)
- PM10: 0.6557 (TPY)
- Carbon Monoxide: 0.4142 (TPY)
- CO2e: 1586.39 (TPY) of CO2e

Startup of operation is planned to begin on or about the 1st day of July, 2024. Written comments will be received by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality, 601 57th Street, SE, Charleston, WV 25304, for at least 30 calendar days from the date of the publication of this notice.

Any questions regarding this permit application should be directed to the DAQ at (304) 926-0499, during normal business hours.

Dated this 21st day of March, 2024.

By: Bias Professional Services LLC
Timothy E. Bias
Member
P.O. Box 1357
Eleanor, WV 25070

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

State of West Virginia, WVDHS, Petitioner,
V. Civil Action No. 24-JA-10
Candace Ferrell, Respondent.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

The object of the Petition filed in this matter is to provide protection to the infant child, O.M., whose date of birth is 10/13/2023.

To the above-named Respondent:

Please take notice that you have been named as the natural mother of the above-named child. This matter will come on for an adjudicatory hearing or any other appropriate relief before the Honorable Joseph K. Reeder, Judge of the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia, on the 25th day of April, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., at which time and place you may be present to protect your interests, if you so desire. You are further advised that the infant child and respondents in this proceeding shall have the right to counsel at this hearing and every stage of the proceedings; that if you cannot pay for the services of counsel, the Court shall appoint counsel for you; and that said proceeding could result in the permanent termination of your parental rights.

You are further advised that if an answer or appearance is not made by you at said hearing, thereafter, judgment upon proper hearing and trial may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the petition. An original and copies of the petition have been filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Putnam County, West Virginia, at the Putnam County Judicial Building, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, West Virginia, 25213, and a copy of said petition is available for each respondent at said office upon request.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

By Counsel,
/s/ Paige W. Hoffman
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney
Putnam County, West Virginia

DATE: 3-14-24

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BRAXTON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

THAT BEING THE JUVENILE COURT OF SAID COUNTY
IN RE: State v. (SAMANTHA TAYLOR), et. al.,

Case No. 23-JA-13
In the Matter of JT Infant, and the parents of said infant,

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
and
NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: RONNIE BOWLES OR THE UNKNOWN FATHER OF JT, or any other person claiming parental rights to the infant respondent(s)

(The object of this action is to notify the adult respondent parents of an Adjudicatory Hearing scheduled herein so that said adult respondent parents may appear to protect their interests.)

You are hereby notified that an abuse and/or neglect and/or abandonment petition has been filed with the Circuit Court of Braxton County, West Virginia, on the **27th day of March 2023**, and assigned Case Number 23-JA-13, wherein it is alleged that the father of infant JT, (12/01/2019), RONNIE BOWLES OR THE UNKNOWN FATHER, and that the mother of the infant JT, is SAMANTHA TAYLOR, who resides in Kanawha County, West Virginia, and that said infant(s) was/were placed in the custody of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources on or about the **27th day of March 2023**, with said infant remaining in the care, custody and control of the said Department since that time in accordance with WV Code § 49-1-201. An **Adjudicatory hearing** will be held in this matter on the **12th day of April 2024 at 8:30 o'clock a.m.** or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the courtroom of the Braxton County Court House in Sutton, West Virginia. You and each of you are hereby notified that you have the right to have counsel present at all stages of these proceedings and **ALL PROCEEDINGS CAN RESULT IN THE PERMANENT TERMINATION OF CUSTODIAL AND PARENTAL RIGHTS TO SAID INFANT CHILD.**

Accordingly, you and each of you who may have an interest in these proceedings must attend and assert your parental rights and make such defense as you shall deem advisable on the date and time aforesaid, or termination of your custodial and parental rights may be ordered by the Court.

A copy of said petition can be obtained from the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Braxton County, West Virginia at the Braxton County Court House, Sutton, West Virginia and an answer must be served, prior to the next hearing, upon the following:

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA AND WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES, CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES DIVISION
DWAYNE C. VANDEVENDER
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
307 MAIN STREET
SUTTON, WV 26601

Entered by the Clerk of said Court on the 13th day of March 2024.

Susan Lemon,
Clerk of Court

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: THE PETITION OF DANNY LEE ROSS FOR THE ADOPTION OF E.A.H., A MALE CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD.

CASE NO.: 24-A-8

The object of this suit is to obtain an adoption and to change the names on the minor child(ren), or other affirmative relief.

TO THE RESPONDENT:

It is hereby ORDERED that the Respondent serve upon Joseph Hunter, Petitioners' attorney, whose address is 3744 Teays Valley Road, Suite 207, Hurricane, West Virginia, 25526, an answer, including any related counter claim or defense you may have to the Petition for Adoption and name changes filed in this action no later than 20 days after the date of the first publication thereof and do what is necessary to protect your interests. If you fail to do so, thereafter judgement, upon proper hearing, may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. This matter shall come on for a Final Hearing on the 19th day of April, 2024, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. at which time you may appear to protect your interest, if you so desire so.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at this Office.

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: THE PETITION OF DANNY LEE ROSS FOR THE ADOPTION OF A.G.J., A FEMALE CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD.

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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.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

HARRY B. WHIPKEY, BARBARA JOAN WHIPKEY, LAURA L. BROWN, ROBERT N. WARREN, II and AIMEE WARREN
Petitioners,

Civil Action No.:
CC-40-2024-P-33
Judge: Stowers

REBUILD AMERICA, INC., a Florida corporation licensed to do business in the State of West Virginia and
AYALA LORENA MORALES, a.k.a. VILMA LORENA AYALA, a.k.a. VILMA LORENA MORALES AYALA a.k.a.,
LORENA MORALES AYALA and any unknown persons claiming an interest in:

Lot 77A, 68 Deerfield Drive, Brierwood Estates, Hurricane, WV 25526

Lot 77B, 69 Deerfield Drive, Brierwood Estates, Hurricane, WV 25526; and

Lot 77C, 70 Deerfield Drive, Brierwood Estates, Hurricane, WV 25526

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this action is to quiet title to real property, described as Lots 77A, 68 Deerfield Drive, Brierwood Estates, Hurricane, Putnam County, WV 25526; 77B, 69 Deerfield Drive, Brierwood Estates, Hurricane, Putnam County, WV 25526; and 77C, 70 Deerfield Drive, Brierwood Estates, Hurricane, Putnam County, WV 25526. It is ordered that the Respondents serve upon Eric S. Embree, Petitioner's attorney, whose address is 3564 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, West Virginia 25526, an Answer or other defense to the Action to Quiet Title filed in this action on or before 20 days after the date of this entry, otherwise judgment by default may be taken against the Respondents anytime thereafter.

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

Entered by the Clerk of said Court on March 6, 2024.

STEPHANIE SMITH/sy
Circuit Clerk of Putnam County
By: SY
Deputy

3-21-2t

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

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Administratrix: Susan C Edwards
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Estate No.: 5474
Estate Of: Justin Cory Foster
Administratrix: Barbara Foster
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Estate Of: Larry Glenn Hill
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PO Box 536
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Executrix: Billie Simpson
285 Fudges Creek
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Estate No.: 5660
Estate Of: Curtis D Winter
Co-Executor: Gregory D Winter
Ralph L Winter
PO Box 524
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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
10293 Winfield Road,
Winfield, WV 25213

3-14-2t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
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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 improvements thereon and 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.

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The Crucifixion of Jesus

Luke 23:33-49

The crucifixion of Jesus was the cutting off of the Messiah of which Daniel prophesied (Dan. 9:26). Psalm 22:14-18 is a picture of that which Jesus would suffer upon the cross. Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah would be despised and rejected (Isa. 53:3). All four gospels confirm that Jesus is the Promised One who satisfied the sin debt for all who will believe. Each gospel tells the story of Jesus' crucifixion through the eyes of individuals who were present and witnessed the fulfillment of the Father's plan of salvation.

Luke's account includes information which is not recorded in the other gospels because Luke was the recipient of information delivered by ministers of the word and eyewitnesses that may have been unknown to Matthew and Mark (see Lk. 1:2).

Luke states that Christ was crucified at Calvary (v. 33), while Matthew, Mark and John, identified the location as Golgotha. There is no difference. Golgotha is Aramaic for "place of the skull." Calvary is Latin for the same words. The Latin word may have been chosen because Luke was a part of Paul's ministry to the Gentiles.

"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (v. 34). The Son reveals the Father. The Son came into the world, not to condemn, but to save (Jn. 3:17). Jesus went to the cross to satisfy the sin debt of all who would ever believe and accept the gift of life. The price of all sin, save the refusal to ever believe, was satisfied on Calvary. Jesus pleaded to the Father for forgiveness of them who did not know Him. He loved us before we knew Him.

There were very few present who believed Jesus to be the Christ, the chosen of God. The people stood beholding. They beheld the religious leaders deriding Jesus. The rulers challenged Jesus to save Himself. They did not know the scriptures or the God which they thought they were upholding. They did not know that the Messiah must die to save others (Isa. 53:12). The religious leaders were not alone in mocking Jesus. The Roman soldiers who physically nailed Jesus to the cross joined in, saying, "If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself" (v. 36). The soldiers who mocked had unknowingly fulfilled the scriptures by casting lots for His garments (Ps. 22:18), pierced His hands and His feet (Ps. 22:16), and offered Him vinegar to drink (Ps. 69:21). The unbelieving and unknowing soldiers declared the scriptures to be true through their actions. They posted the superscription "This Is The King Of The Jews" on the cross in Greek, Latin, and Hebrew (v. 38). They, unknowingly, declared the truth: Jesus, King of the Jews, died for all peoples. God is omniscient. God knows them who do not know Him.

Also challenging Jesus to save Himself was one of the two thieves who were crucified with Him. This malefactor said, "If thou be Christ, save thyself and us" (v. 39). With these words, the man condemned himself. The man would only believe that Jesus was Christ if Jesus were to do that which he desired. The man believed in God — a god of his own creation, a god who would do what he wanted done.

The second thief responded: "Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?" (v. 40). Both malefactors were guilty, deserved to die on the cross, and knew it. The second man, however, knew things the first did not. The second knew that Jesus was not guilty of any offense and did not deserve to die.

"Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom" (v. 42). These words, the words of the second thief, testify of belief. This man addressed Jesus as Lord, the Lord who would, after death, enter into "thy" kingdom. The man believed that Jesus was God in the flesh! We do not know if the man ever saw or heard Jesus teach or preach. We do not know when he first believed. All we know for certain is that the man fully believed that Jesus was the Christ and he called upon Jesus to remember him when Jesus would enter into His kingdom.

The man's words testify of that which had been revealed to him. In Matthew 16, Jesus, in response to Peter's declaring Him (Jesus) to be the Christ, said that Peter was blessed because this fact had been revealed to him by God the Father. The second thief believed that which was revealed by God the Father. The second thief believed God. His belief was counted as righteousness because Jesus answered, "Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise."

One thief believed the religious leaders and died without hope. The second believed God and died believing that he would be with Jesus for all eternity. God reveals Himself to all men but not all believe that which God has said.

Luke records the same three hours of darkness from the sixth hour to the ninth hour and the renting of the veil of the temple which Matthew and Mark reported. The darkness was no natural darkness. It was from God. The darkness turned to light and veil separating man from God was forever removed. Jesus had completed the mission for which He came to do. Jesus had fulfilled every jot and tittle of the law. He had given Himself as an offering, a perfect lamb without spot or blemish. Through Him, the seed of Abraham and promised son of David, all nations of the earth have been blessed.

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Obituaries

CHARLES EDWARD ELSWICK SR.

Charles Edward Elswick Sr. 70, of Leon, passed away Saturday, March 16, 2024 at CAMC Teays Valley. He worked in construction for many years and loved to work on cars.

Born December 26, 1953 he was the son of the late William Henry Elswick and Grace M. Slater Elswick. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, John Elswick and William Elswick.

Survivors include his loving wife of 44 years, Clara Elswick; son, Charles Elswick (Crystal Underwood) of Barberton OH; daughters, Jane (Tom) Hickman of Leon and Amanda (Jaburs) Terry of Pt. Pleasant; brothers, James (Debra) Elswick of Missouri, Osdell (Teency) Elswick of Charleston, David (Rose) Elswick of Charleston and Mark Elswick of Leon; 7 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Funeral service was Thursday, March 21, 2024 at Raynes Funeral Home, Buffalo, with Pastor Elmer Miller officiating. Burial was in Elswick Family Cemetery.

BERNA JOE HIGGINBOTHAM

Berna "Joe" Higginbotham, 80, of Grimms Landing, passed away Tuesday, March 12,

2024 at Hospice House West at Thomas Memorial Hospital, surrounded by her loving family. "Joe" grew up in Buffalo and attended Buffalo High School. She worked for several years at the Stone & Thomas Warehouse. She later met the love of her life, Boyd Ferrell Higginbotham. They were married for 61 years and together they raised 6 wonderful children. Her grandchildren were the light of her life. She loved spending time with her family and friends and being with them brought so much joy.

Born July 21, 1943 in Buffalo, she was the daughter of the late William "Bill" Craig and Mary Oldaker Craig. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Regina "Jeannie" Marcum; brothers, Charles Craig, James Craig, Howard Craig, Cleon "Rusty" Craig, William "Page" Craig, Johnny Craig, and Roy Craig; sisters, Erma Craig, Iona "Midge" Grady, Lula Belle Stover, Elnora Hill, and Hazel Absten.

Left to cherish her memory are her loving husband, Boyd F. Higginbotham; her children, Boyd (Valerie) Higginbotham, Lloyd Higginbotham, Julie Higginbotham, (Tony) Stutler, Chipper Higginbotham, and Kevin (Holly) Higginbotham; as well as 14 grandchildren, 19

great-grandchildren, and extended family and friends.

Funeral service was Saturday, March 16, 2024 at Raynes Funeral Home, Buffalo, with Pastor Randy Parsons officiating. Burial was in Morning Sunrise Cemetery, Grimms Landing.

JACK HULL

Jack Hull, 84, of Culloden, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 17, 2024, in Hubbard Hospice House West after a long illness. He was a U S Army Veteran Retired from Air Gas in Huntington, and he was a fan of the West Virginia Mountaineers. He was preceded in death by a son Matthew Shawn Hull

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Linda Leadmon Hull, daughter, Stephanie (Jim) Decker, son, Mark (Peggy) Hull, both of Hurricane, 3 Grandchildren, Jackie, Jimmy and Christopher, 7 great grandchildren, and sister Merdith Mazur of Jackson, Michigan.

Graveside funeral service was Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at Valley View Cemetery with Pastor Travis Bradley officiating.

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KAREN ANN MCCALLISTER

Karen Farmer McCallister, 74, of Winfield, passed away on March 13, 2024 at Hubbard Hospice West, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born August 12, 1949. She was preceded in death by her parents, William Fred Farmer and Wanda Persinger Farmer and her brother, J. C. Farmer.

She is survived by her sons: Kevin, Keith and Kenneth; her siblings: Sue (Dannie) Bowman, David Farmer, Robert (Renee) Farmer and Steve (Deanna) Farmer; sister-in-law: Tracy Farmer; three grandchildren, one great-grandson and a host of nieces and nephews.

Per her wishes she will be cremated and no services will be held at this time.

LISA PEYTON

Lisa Darlene McCallister Peyton, 54, of Hurricane, gained her angel wings on March 12, 2024, after a 4-year battle with Cancer. She was a former employee of Shoney's for 25 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents Virgil and Lillie McCallister, and she is survived by her Husband Lonnie Peyton, Children Lacey (Adam) Griffith of Fraziers Bottom, Kayla (Adam) Fortebraccio of Hurricane, Ashley (Matt) Hill of Julian, Paul Peyton of Dunbar. Brother Allen (Diane) McCallister of Hurricane, Linda (Chris) Ball of Milton, Diana (Dennie) Taylor of Hurricane along with 10 very special grandchildren.

Funeral Service was Thursday, March 14, 2024, at Allen Funeral Home with Pastor Terry McKenny officiating.

PHYLLIS ANNE ROTHGEB

Phyllis Anne (Richards) Rothgeb, 81, of Winfield, born September 21, 1942 in Charleston, passed away March 10, 2024 at Hubbard House, Charleston after an extended illness. Preceding her in death are her father, Thomas "Tom" Richards;

mother, Kathryn Richards; and husband James "Fritz" Rothgeb.

She is survived by her daughter, Christy Rothgeb of Greenwood, IN; son, Jason Rothgeb of Huntington; brother Larry Richards of Marietta, OH; and sister, Judy Smith of Milton.

Phyllis' avid curiosity fueled a life-long passion for reading, discussing, and learning about a wide variety of interests and viewpoints. She held a bachelor's degree in Sociology from WVSU, and was an advocate, mentor, and director for literacy and ESL programs. She will be most remembered for her kind-hearted spirit, deep empathy, and many artistic talents.

WVU Graduates from Putnam County

Putnam County residents graduating from WVU following the 2023 fall semester were:

Rachel Arnott of Poca with a degree in Sport and Exercise Psychology, Vanessa Bogges of Scott Depot with a degree of Regents Bachelor of Arts, Mark Casto of Poca with a degree in Finance, Isabella Crouch of Hurricane with a degree in Psychology, Nicholas Goad of Hurricane

WVSA Opens Yellow Jacket Career Closet

West Virginia State University (WVU) has opened a new Yellow Jacket Career Closet designed to provide students with business professional clothing for interviews, career fairs, formal events, or any career-related functions, both on and off campus.

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Charlotte, North Carolina
76th Birthday March 22

TRACI DUNMIRE
18 Brookgreen Drive
Hurricane
52nd Birthday March 22

CHRISTOPHER JACOB
(JAKE) CHAPMAN
107 Green Drive
Hurricane
44th Birthday March 24

RANDY SCARBERRY
22 Winters Way
Lesage
69th Birthday March 22

LAURA DISNEY
813 Glade View Court
La Vergne, Tennessee

RUSSELL RADFORD
AKERS IV
Scott Depot
2nd Birthday March 22

GEMMA DAMRON
Cannonsburg, Kentucky
9th Birthday March 24

DR SKIP NITARDY
2622 Montana Avenue
Hurricane
Birthday March 22

JASON BOGGESS
Frazier's Bottom
Birthday March 24

MIKE NITARDY
18042 Yorktown Drive
Independence, Kentucky
Birthday March 22

DENNY WARD
Milton
Birthday March 4

CHARLOTTE BURNS
YOUNG
2062 Woodard Street
Culloden
87th Birthday March 23

REV. ALFRED (SONNY)
SOVINE
2468 Washington Avenue
Hurricane
86th Birthday March 25

BEV ALFORD
2907 Montana Avenue
Hurricane
73rd Birthday March 23

BILL HALL
Barboursville
90th Birthday March 25

HEATHER BLOSS
75 Scott Drive
Hurricane
Birthday March 23

LORA VANCE
4217 Lon Bledsoe Road
Milton
56th Birthday March 25

BONNIE MONDAY
Trace Creek Road
Hurricane
79th Birthday March 23

AMANDA PLANTS
RAMEY
4357 5&20 Mile Road
Frazier's Bottom
43rd Birthday March 25

RALPH ROZZI
3199 Howell's Mill Road
Ona
71st Birthday March 23

JON CALEB MIDKIFF
Scott Depot
Birthday March 25

HAYLEE CAI NI MAYS

Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt to be Held in Eleanor

The Town of Eleanor will be having their annual pancake breakfast and Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 30, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The pancake breakfast is free to everyone and will be held at Shelter #6 at the town park behind the fire station. Pancakes will be served by volunteers from S.T.A.R.S., the Eleanor Explorer 4-H Club, and the Putnam County Democratic Women's Club.

The Easter egg hunt starts at noon at the Eleanor town park (beside the fire station) and is led by members of the Eleanor Volunteer Fire Department. Children 5 years and under will hunt

2095 County Road 118
Chesapeake, Ohio
23rd Birthday March 25

HARRIS QUADE DIEHL
286 Rocky Step Road
Scott Depot
25th Birthday March 25

MARCY FROST
Huntington
Birthday March 25

JIM BARACH
Florida
68th Birthday March 25

FRANCESCA LUCINDA
JONES
Chaska, Minnesota
11th Birthday March 25

CECIL TAYLOR
1400 Taylor Street
Hurricane
Birthday March 25

SCOTT ADAMS
Hurricane Creek Road
Winfield
60th Birthday March 26

DANIEL BLOSS
75 Scott Drive
Hurricane
Birthday March 26

RODNEY LEE SOWARDS
Hurricane
39th Birthday March 26

EDDIE RANSON
Box 20-A State Route
Poca
Birthday March 26

AMY WARD
3032 Blooming Hill
Ona
55th Birthday March 26

REV. STEVE HARVEY
Ironton, Ohio
Birthday March 27

ISAAC LEE BOSTIC
104 Hope Lane
Milton
22nd Birthday March 27

SETH McELHANEY
155 Lakeside Drive
Wazanachie, Texas
34th Birthday March 27

ANGELA SOVINE BIRD
193 SW Atlas Drive
Forth White, Florida
53rd Birthday March 27

NANCY HARBOUR-
RILEY
Huntington
87th Birthday March 27

LEVI MCKINLEY TATUM
306 Sansom Avenue
Wayne
27th Birthday March 28

RUSSELL RADFORD
AKERS III
Scott Depot
27th Birthday March 28

IVAN JONES
739 Burns Road
Scott Depot
76th Birthday March 28

VICTORIA ILOFF
OSTEEN
Houston, Texas
63rd Birthday March 28

for eggs in the baseball infield, and children 6 years old and older will hunt in the baseball outfield.

Students wishing to volunteer to obtain community service hours are asked to arrive at 9:30 a.m. Documentation for the service hours will be provided at the event.

For more information, call Cam Clendenin at 304-421-8894 or Teresa Harmon at 304-419-5393.

Song and Praise Service in Buffalo

Buffalo United Methodist Church will have a Song & Praise Service on March 24, beginning at 9:15 a.m. Guest singers will be The Believers.

The church is located in the Buffalo Historic Square on 27 High Street. The church is handicapped accessible and everyone is welcome.

For more information check out the church's Facebook Page.

Forrest Burdette Spring Fling

Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, 2848 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane, will be holding their spring festival from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 23. There will be crafts, baked goods, hot dogs, barbecue, and chocolate eggs for sale. Egg flavors include Vanilla, Coconut, Cherry Nut, Maple Nut, and Peanut Butter.

Solar Eclipse Safety Class

Want a safe and fun way to view the eclipse that will occur in our area in April? Get ready early by making a pinhole solar projector with help from Putnam County's WVU Extension Office. They'll show you how to make your own projector and explain more about solar eclipse safety on Tuesday, March 26 at 3:30 at the Eleanor Library.

Happy Anniversary



Tom and Misty Harshbarger Carson of North Carolina will celebrate their twenty-seventh wedding anniversary on March 22.

Randy and Debby Scarberry of 22 Winters Way in Lesage will celebrate their forty-fifth wedding anniversary on March 23.

James and Gail Mees Enochs of Milton will celebrate their twenty-eighth wedding anniversary on March 23.

Chuck and Sharon Mannon of Clymer's Creek in Hurricane will celebrate their fortieth wedding anniversary on March 24.

Bob Jr. and Susan Mays of Ocala, Florida, will celebrate their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary on March 25.

Eric and Beth Morrison of Indian Meadows in Ona will celebrate their thirty-second wedding anniversary on March 27.

Memories of Dad



I wish we could be celebrating dad's 100th birthday on March 25, 2024. Dad was born 100 years ago to his wonderful parents, George McKinley "Ken" and Lola Sovine Fisher. No one in his family lived to celebrate 100 birthdays. I thought for sure, my mother, Eva Young Fisher would live

to be celebrating her hundredth birthday but she died at the age of 97 1/2 on December 10, 2021.

This is one of my favorite pictures of dad and I. Daddy's hands often held me and carried me before I got too heavy. I loved hearing the stories that my friend, Karen Jackson told me about watching Dad carry me when I was a little girl and how proud he was showing his magnificent smile. There was something so precious about "daddy's hands". Maybe because they belonged to me since I was an only child, I didn't have to share him with any siblings. Take a look at "Daddy's hands" in this picture and see how precious they were.

Daddy's hands worked at Avisco and made a living for the three of us. His hands held the Bible as he read scriptures more than once daily. He always raised a big garden and what he and mom didn't can he gave away. Daddy's hands raised extra cucumbers for me. Daddy's hands hoed and pulled all the weeds from the garden and kept the lawn mowed. No one ever had hands like "Daddy's hands." They were rough and calloused sometimes yet they were gentle and soft and warm to me.

Putnam County Library Storytimes

Story time will be returning to the libraries of Putnam County starting on Monday, February 12.

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

Story Time is primarily for children ages 1-4, but all kids are welcome, even itty bitty babies! The libraries do a lot more than just read stories, including fun songs, finger rhymes, flannel boards, games, and more. The libraries really hope you'll make Story Time with them a regular part of your week.

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

Dad loved to celebrate his birthday, he loved to open gifts with Daddy's hands. I never knew anyone who loved desserts as much as dad did. I always baked him a cake and put some yellow decorated icing on it because that was his favorite color. Dad and I were close like two peas in a pod.

I remember when I went to the hospital on November 6, 2010 I didn't get there in time to tell him bye, but I noticed, "Daddy's hands." When he was laid to rest "daddy's hands" were folded to rest until he reached his heavenly home.

I lost my Dad with a heart of gold. He meant more to me than wealth untold. My life has never been the same since The Lord called him home. The loss I felt when Dad died wasn't the worst. Missing him for the rest of my life is the worst. I will get to see "Daddy's hands" again in Heaven! I loved Dad so much and miss him just as much.

Your Loving Daughter
Linda Fisher Armstead

Winfield Students On Youngstown Dean's List

Youngstown State University students named to the Dean's List for Fall Semester 2023.

Kennedy Dean of Winfield is majoring in Business Administration.

Maci Boggess of Winfield is majoring in Exercise Science - Grad Prep track.

Youngstown State University is a comprehensive urban research university that offers nearly 11,000 students more than 100 undergraduate and graduate programs backed by a strong tradition of teaching, scholarship and public service. As a major educational and economic development resource in the region, YSU is known for its focus on academic research and creative programs that transform its students into successful professionals, scholars and leaders. Located in the heart of the Tech Belt between Cleveland and Pittsburgh, YSU provides opportunities for students to actively participate with accomplished faculty, often in one-on-one settings, on advanced research and creative collaborations. The beautiful 145-acre campus includes high-tech classrooms, state-of-the-art labs and performance facilities, a variety of on-campus housing options and recreational facilities among the best in the nation. For more information, visit www.ysu.edu.

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