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## Putnam County Commission Approves \$24 Million Budget

By Ron Allen

The Putnam County Commission made its budget known for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2024 at its Tuesday, March 26 meeting. County Manager Jeremy Young announced that the commission's budget for the coming year is \$23,994,994. In comparison, the budget for the current year was \$23,187,235.

Young stated that Putnam's levy rates will remain at their current level and below the maximum that is allowed by legislation. Young said the county's rate is 13.75¢ while 14.3¢ is allowed. The tax collections are expected to increase in the coming year by 5.9% because of increased property value assessments.

Young said that the projected increased collections allows for a 5% wage increase for county employees with certain exceptions. Employees will see an increase in PEIA premiums of 14% with 15% of the increase falling upon employees and the rest upon the county. The

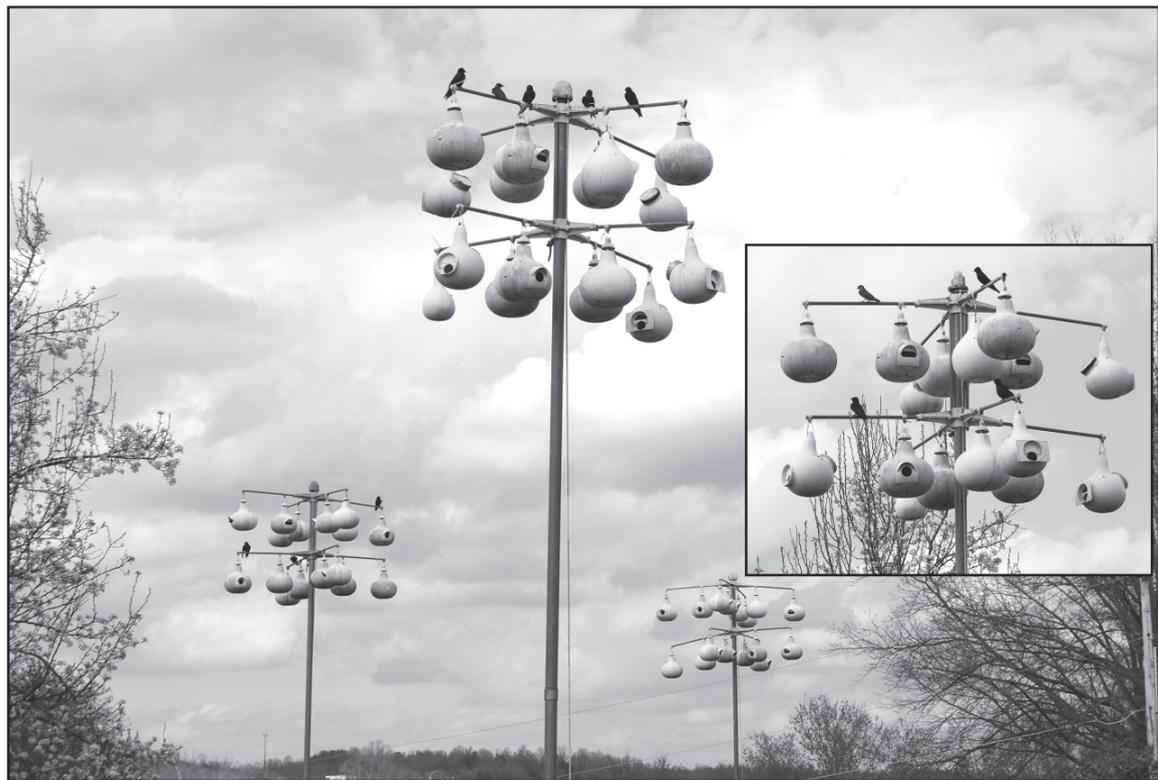
county is also offering a new plan option featuring lower premiums coupled to higher deductibles.

The 2024-25 budget includes \$582,000 in debt payment on the new Sheriff's facility.

The county's municipalities and non-profit organizations had requested \$180,000 in grants from the Recreation Enhancement Fund which is dependent upon Hotel/Motel Tax collections. Only \$100,000 is available from the fund. Commission preside Andy Skidmore announced that Winfield would receive \$9,477.20; Buffalo, \$21,200; Bancroft, 18,437.24; Eleanor, \$16,500; Poca, \$16,571; Putnam County Fair Board, \$9,014.40; and the Historic Hoge House Foundation, \$8,800. The Town of Eleanor had initially requested \$44,000 for improvements at the swimming pool and Poca had asked for \$35,750 for improvements at its park. The Fair Board had requested \$25,000 for a variety of improvements and upgrades.

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## The Purple Martins Have Returned to North Harbour Lane



Bob Arnold employs plastic gourds to provide housing for his martins in addition to the initial martin box which he put up in 1995.

By Ron Allen

The first wave of purple martins returned to Bob Arnold's residence on North Harbour Lane in Hurricane last week. A second wave, composed of the 2023 hatch, are expected to arrive in the next few weeks.

The first purple martin sightings of 2024 in West Virginia are posted on the Purple Martin Conservatory Association website. There were four sightings of "scouts" in Putnam County on March 13 with Rachel Elswick of Buffalo, Danny Cantrell of Culloden, Tom Criner of Red House, and Cynthia Ellis of Red House, all submitting martin reports.

Purple martins return to the same nesting sites year after year unless driven away by starlings or sparrows which utilize the same nesting places. Bob has been able to maintain and increase the number of returnees by providing an abundance of ready-for-occupancy martin homes.

Martins have returned to his waiting homes for close to twenty years. Getting martins to return an established colony is a lot less challenging than getting a colony started. Bob put up his first martin box, a condominium consisting of 12 apartments in 1995. After ten years with no tenants, he knew he had to try something different. Upon consulting with an area resident who annually welcomed between sixty and seventy returnees, he tried using bird's nest gourd homes to attract the

reluctant birds.

It worked! As he was preparing to raise the very first of the new homes which he had fashioned from his homegrown gourds, several martins arrived on the scene and attempted to make entry. Those first arrivals built nests and started families. These families have returned year after year. The martin pairs which have returned will set up house keeping on

Harbour Lane and produce 4-6 offspring.

The incubation period lasts 15-16 days with the female serving as the main incubator with occasional help from the male. Hatching occurs over the course of two to three days. Fledging, when the young leave the nest, occurs between 26-32 days after hatch day. Fledglings will continue to receive care from both parents for up to a

month after fledging. Come August, all adult martins will begin their trek to the Amazon rainforest for the winter. This year's hatch will wait until September and October before heading to the Amazon for the very first time.

From now until the last martin leaves, the Arnolds will have the pleasure of watching their purple

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## Great Easter Egg Hunt Annual Fudge Off



Shown above is the Fudge Master - Brandi Totten of Triple B Eatery of Charleston. (Photo courtesy of Rita Meadows)

The Great Easter Egg Hunt and Second Annual Fudge Off featured over 11,000 eggs, the Fudge Off, free face painting by AltoDesign FacePainting, balloon twisting by Guy Reynolds and free kids' crafts. Approximately 2,000 were on hand to enjoy the event.

Kona Ice was on site and donated 25% of their

sales to Valley Park to be used for future community events. The day's events were sponsored by Valley Park and the City of Hurricane.

Winners of the Fudge Off were Fudge Master - Brandi Totten - Triple B Eatery of Charleston; 1st Runner Up - Linda Hayhurst - L&C Fudgery of Clarksburg; and 2nd Runner Up - Jessica Bowman - Sweet Tooth Treats of Huntington.

## Vietnam Veterans Honored



Ron Wroblewski, President of Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 949, was one of the honorary speakers at the Vietnam Veterans' Day event. (Photo by Betsy Allen)

By Betsy Allen

Those who served in Vietnam were honored last Saturday, March 30, during a solemn ceremony which took place at Nitro's Living Memorial Park. The ceremony commemorated Vietnam Veterans Day and the brave men and women who served in the war. This is the first time that this event, which is hosted by the West Virginia Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America, has been held in Nitro.

The ceremony was emceed by Major James McCormick, Retired US Army, and featured a presentation by Rodney Farley, 1st Vice President, WVSC, and speeches by Daryle W. Bayless, WV Veteran's Assistance, and Dave Simmons, President WVSC, VVA. Honorary speakers included Terry Cunningham, President of Gold Star Mothers; Sheryl Barker Jackson, Retired Service Officer; Ron

Wroblewski, President VVA Ch. 949; and Cecil Roberts, President of UMWA.

Ron Wroblewski, President of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 949, discussed the role of the Marine Corps in the conflict. Wroblewski, who served as a field radio operator from 1965 to 1966, saw active combat in the war. He spoke of the discomforts that the soldiers faced in their daily lives, such as leeches and rations which dated back to World War II, as well as the horrors of war. "Many times over the years I have been asked what it was like in Vietnam," said Wroblewski. "I can tell you that I can never forget the sound of an AK-47. As a young Marine in Vietnam, the first time I heard that sound, the young Marine died and my mother cried. Boys became men or died. Fear turned to courage. You were there to fight for your country, but you would die fighting for your fellow Marine."

Cecil Roberts, President of the United Mine Workers of America, was the final speaker of the ceremony. Beginning his speech with an emotional account of his return home after his stint in Vietnam, he ended by requesting the audience to remember the veterans that are no longer among the living and called for a moment of silence.

The ceremony ended with the playing of "Taps."

Vietnam Veteran's Day falls on March 29, as it was upon this date in 1973 that the last United States combat troops departed from Vietnam. In 2012, President Barack Obama proclaimed March 29 as Vietnam Veterans Day, calling upon all Americans "to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that commemorate the 50 year anniversary of the Vietnam War." Later, in 2017, President Donald

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## Apologies

### Corrections and Omissions

The Breeze (Ron Allen) messed up and did not print the continuation of "Partial Eclipse to Briefly Visit Putnam County" in the March 28th issue. The full article can be found on Page 6.

Additionally, the article on the Putnam County Fair Queen Pageant included incorrect information. The Pageant was held at Valley Park in Hurricane on Sunday, March 17th, not at Pumpkin Park in Milton on March 16.

The name on the Putnam County Fair Pre-Teen should have been reported as Tallie Raines, not as Callie Raines.

Again — Apologies

WEATHER SUMMARY			
March 26 - April 1			
	Low	High	
March 26*			
Hurricane	38°	55°	
March 27			
Hurricane	37°	65°	
March 28			
Hurricane	26°	53°	
March 29			
Hurricane	30°	63°	
March 30			
Hurricane	35°	70°	
March 31*			
Hurricane	48°	60°	
April 1			
Hurricane	56°	74°	
*RAIN			
0.6 inch recorded Mar. 26			
0.6 inch recorded Mar. 31			

## Community Calendar

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

### NOW - APRIL 7

Gritts Farm, 864 Gritt Road, Buffalo, is holding their Spring Tulip Festival. Tickets are available online only. For more information, go to <https://grittsfarm.com/events/spring-festival>

### APRIL 4

The Town of Eleanor's event planning committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Homestead Room of the Eleanor town hall.

### APRIL 5 - 6

The Blenko Glass Company Festival of Glass will be taking place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days at the factory in Milton.

### APRIL 5

Meet county, state, and national candidates running for local offices in the May primary from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Hometown Senior Center, 40 1st Avenue North, Hometown.

### APRIL 6 - 13

There will be a Goodwill Mobile Donation Station set up at Chapman Funeral Home in Winfield. Goodwill will weigh the donations and give Winfield Youth Football and Cheer League a portion of the estimated cash value.

### APRIL 6

The Huntington Harmony House Renaissance Faire will be held from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Barboursville Park, 721 Central Avenue, Barboursville. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children ages 4-12.

The Nitro Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Sattes Circle, will be holding a vendor and craft fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Hurricane VFW 9097, 3836 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, will be hosting a 1920's themed New Beers Eve Roaring Decade party starting at 8 a.m.

Famous 5K - Run for the Rings, a fundraiser for cheerleading, will start at 8 a.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane.

The clothing closet at the Hurricane Church of Christ (the church on the hill by Hurricane Middle School)

### THE HURRICANE BREEZE

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will be open from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Broad Room, located behind the Hurricane Walmart, will be holding a comic trade day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Putnam County Republican Women will be holding a meet the candidates ice cream social from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane.

### APRIL 7

The Nitro High School Show Cats, Tomcats, and Sophisticats Dinner Theater will be held at the school. First setting - doors open at 12:30; dinner at 1 p.m. Second seating - doors open at 3:30; dinner at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$25 at the door.

The Rowseys will be singing at 10 a.m. at Valley View Free Will Baptist, 2499 Virginia Avenue, Hurricane.

Word of Light Community Church, 2276 US Highway 60, Culloden, will be holding an egg hunt at noon.

### APRIL 8

Come watch the partial eclipse from 1:20 to 4 p.m. at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley.

Zoology Zone Science Center, located in Valley Park, Hurricane, will be holding a Great Northern Eclipse Celestial Special Event from 1 to 5 p.m. The cost is \$15. Register by going to <https://form.jotform.com/240908312028147>

### APRIL 9

Buffalo Church of the Nazarene, 20531 Buffalo Road, will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m.

### APRIL 11

The Putnam Chamber Network of Women will be hosting Trivia Night starting at 6 p.m. at The 1267 in Buffalo. The cost is \$15 to play; bring an appetizer.

Meet county, state, and national candidates running for local offices in the May primary from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the John Henson Senior Center, 2800 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane.

### APRIL 12

There will be a foam dance party for ages 7-14 from 7 to 9 p.m. at The Foam Garage, 2716 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane.

The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a meet-up from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at The Court Nutrition and Energy, 200 Morris Ct., Hurricane.

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

### APRIL 13

The 10th Annual Take A Walk On The Wild Side Wildflower Hike will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Albans City Park.

HoneyBee Hills, 2780 Fisher Ridge Road, Liberty, will be holding a spring open house from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Come check out this wedding venue.

The Buffalo High School Music Boosters will be holding a Bingo fundraiser starting at 5 p.m.

There will be a Forestry Management Field Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Shelter 5, Ridenour Park, Nitro. For more information, contact Capitol Conservation District at 304-776-5256.

There will be a Women's Self Defense Course from 10 a.m. to noon at Relson Gracie Jiu Jitsu of West Virginia, 3979-R Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot. The cost is \$30. For more information, call (304) 550-8993.

Teays Valley Church of the Nazarene, 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, will be holding a spring craft

## Absentee Ballots Now Available to Qualified Voters

According to WV Secretary of State Mac Warner, voting for the May 14 Primary Election officially started on Friday, March 29th.

Qualified voters who have applied for an absentee-by-mail ballot will start seeing those arrive at the address provided on the application as early as Friday.

For active duty military on deployment, voters living overseas, and those who are stateside living with a physical disability that prevents them from in-person voting and absentee voting without assistance, Friday was also the first day county clerks began providing them the means to participate via electronic means prescribed by law. To date, nearly 1,200 voters have applied for an absentee ballot.

## Local Make-A-Wish Chapter Seeking Volunteers to Help Make Wishes Come True

This April, during World Wish Month, Make-A-Wish® Greater Pennsylvania and West Virginia is seeking passionate volunteers to join its incredible team of wish granters. From wish granting to event support, volunteers play a critical role in bringing the power of wishes to life for these inspiring children.

As members of "wish teams," volunteers are the faces of Make-A-Wish in their local communities. Working together, the "wish team" is assigned to a child in their area, meet with the family and aides in determining the most suitable wish for the child. Some volunteering may be done virtually.

To become a wish volunteer, individuals must be at least 21 years of age, pass a criminal background check and attend a training

## Second Friday Gospel Sing

The Hurricane First Church of God would like to invite everyone to their monthly, second Friday Gospel Sing on April 12 at 7 p.m. This will be the church's first program for 2024, and they are looking forward to another new season of good Gospel music.

The featured group this month will be The Waymarks Quartet from East Huntington. Additional singers will include Brother Randy Parsons from Buffalo, and Brother Jim Edens from Mink Shoals. Staff Musicians and singers are Gary Sargent, Peggy Cooper, Eddie Rushbrooke, and Dorsey Johnson.

Traditional church hymns and Southern Gospel music are featured at concerts.

It will be a time of fellowship, with a variety of Italian food items immediately after the service.

The church is located at 3225 East Putnam Ave, one block north of Dollar Tree.

show and classic car cruise in from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Teays Valley Church of the Nazarene will be holding a shoe drive fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donate gently worn, used, and new shoes.

The Hurricane Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star will be hosting a walk benefiting the Alzheimer's Association starting at 10 a.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane. For more information, call 304-964-5204.

"West Virginia law permits absentee-by-mail voting for voters who are not able to vote in person during early voting or on Election Day," said Secretary of State Mac Warner. "The excuse-based alternative to in-person voting is available to registered voters for causes such as illness, disability, hospitalization, military deployment, and work-related or personal travel."

"In West Virginia, we have more options for participating than any state in the country," Warner said. "We want voters to vote!"

To learn more about absentee ballot voting in West Virginia, registered voters can visit [GoVoteWV.com](http://GoVoteWV.com) - a secure website hosted by the WV Secretary of State's Office.

session.

Make-A-Wish is hosting a virtual information session on Wednesday, April 17 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Interested parties should sign up via the volunteer inquiry form now, and the local Make-A-Wish office will reach out soon with next steps: [wish.org/greaterpawv/volunteer](http://wish.org/greaterpawv/volunteer).

"This World Wish Month, we invite compassionate individuals from our community to join us and be the reason a child's wish takes flight," says Jo Beth Smith, Regional Manager for Make-A-Wish Greater Pennsylvania and West Virginia. "A wish experience is more than just a fun day - it's a powerful source of hope and strength for children facing immense challenges. Our dedicated volunteers are the heart and soul of our mission, working tirelessly to make dreams come true."

For more information, please contact Make-A-Wish Volunteer Manager Amanda Filsinger at [afilsinger@greaterpawv.wish.org](mailto:afilsinger@greaterpawv.wish.org) or 412.471.9474.

## Putnam County Food Pantries Christian Community Cupboard

2843 Virginia Avenue Hurricane (304) 562-9373

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

### Five Loaves Two Fish Food Pantry

Poca United Methodist Church

Silver Street (304) 755-7341

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

### Calvary Baptist

3653 Teays Valley Road Hurricane

(304) 757-8829

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

### The Pulse Church

5368 WV Route 34 Winfield

(304) 936-1679

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

### Salt & Light Food Pantry

Winfield Church of the Nazarene

10822 Winfield Road (304) 586-2180

Open monthly

### Teays Valley Baptist Church

3926 Teays Valley Road Hurricane

(304) 757-9306

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

## The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

I still read a few blogs, mostly from the U.K. now, because those in this country tend to lean toward politics and all kinds of remarks. I like reading recipes, book reviews, travel, and family style blogs. Seems to be so many in Florida.

When I read some of the blogs, they do little quizzes... questions for the readers to answer on their own.

Thought I would do a sample here.

**Favorite song:** Most Country, Rock and Roll... love "Cross My Heart" but of course, gospel is my all time favorite... "Because He Lives," "Master of the Sea" I just love music.

**Favorite movie:** *Little Women, Gone with the Wind, Pure Country*

**Favorite book:** *Little Women*, but my readers know I love love books... especially mysteries and historical fiction... my two books for 2024 are *THE WOMEN* by Hannah and *THE GIRLS WE SENT AWAY* by Meghan Church... these two books are memorable and touched my heart.

**Favorite vacation place:** Myrtle Beach when we were raising our children. There is something about that place. We loved getting there quickly from WV and seldom moving our car. A great place. (I lived near there for five years... loved every day.)

**Favorite city:** New York City... I went there often with my son and daughter when he ran marathons. The girls and I went when I turned 70... a great trip... am going again soon because a grand works and lives there. I love NYC. I also love LONDON... went there twice with other Shakespeare Scholars... England is fantastic. The people are friendly (not as friendly as those in NYC) but nice. Visited much of England both times.

**Favorite magazine:**

## Local Assistance Programs

### DHHR

Wide range of services for all members of the community.

12531 Winfield Road, Winfield

304-586-1520

### Putnam Heart & Hand

Basic needs assistance and services for low-income residents.

Winfield United Methodist Church

20 Radwin Drive, Winfield

304-543-8770

[heartandhandputnam@wvcdom.net](mailto:heartandhandputnam@wvcdom.net)

### Enact Community Action

Various assistance programs for low income families or individuals.

Putnam Service Office

1701 5th Avenue, Suite 7 Charleston

304-414-4474

Hurricane Service Office

304-562-6037

### Faith in Action

Free services for older adults (60+) in Putnam and Kanawha Counties.

PO Box 11623

Charleston

[info@faithinactionky.com](mailto:info@faithinactionky.com); 304-881-7253

### Valley Health WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) Program

Provides nutrition, education, health screenings, and more

Putnam Village Shopping Plaza, Teays Valley

304-757-4200

When I was a teenager, I enjoyed *SEVENTEEN* and *TEEN* magazines... when I was a young wife and mother, my favorite was *GOOD HOUSEKEEPING*... today I do not purchase them as they are mostly ads.

**Favorite sport:** I enjoy watching football games... for me, I do get on the tennis court and pickle ball court with the boys, but frankly, walking is my activity... I do not play sports... never have... enjoy watching...

**Favorite food:** As I have been a vegetarian for 32 years, my tastes have changed throughout the years. Growing up, turkey and dressing with mashed potatoes... now pizza... cheese with pineapple... if I make the pizza myself, I use vegan cheese... Domino's has the best thin and crispy pizza with pineapple... yummm... in Indy, Chicago's Pizza... I don't have pizza often, but oh my, when I do... I don't want to stop. Linda's pinto beans and corn bread... yum...

**Favorite dessert:** Cookies... I do not eat dessert per se, but I do eat cookies... I prefer savory to sweets. Mama Coyner's chocolate cake with white icing... Mother's red velvet cake... can't be beat... Margaret's cupcakes... Kathy's sugar cookies...

**Favorite place to call home:** After 30 plus moves, I still call Hurricane, WV, home sweet home... there is no place like it and Mayor Edwards keeps working on getting businesses there... when I get to WV (hopefully soon) I will make sure I get to some of those places... Thanks, Mayor.

**Favorite singers:** George Strait and Reba... Dolly... so many... but Dorsey remains my favorite gospel singer of all time.

These are just some of MY favorites... when you read this column, insert your favorites... I would especially like to know some of your favorite books... email me at [bburke701947@gmail.com](mailto:bburke701947@gmail.com)...

I become perturbed when I read a blog, and the reader professes to be a Christian... quotes the Bible... and then at the end posts MEMES or comments about politicians that are hateful... degrading... it is so sad... it is just not what I like to read. Isn't there a saying, "If you can't say something nice about the other person, say nothing?" When did we become so "honest" that we put our opinions on the Internet for everyone to read and comment about? I wonder when niceness left... and meanness took over... not this person... I do not want to have my opinions all over the world... because we know once something is on the Internet, it is there forever.

Enjoy these opinions... fun ones... think about your favorites... maybe read that book again... watch the movie... eat a delicious dessert... listen to that song... because the way we were is the way we are... even though listening to the jukebox at The Redskin and The Papoose... those days are long gone... sitting in the booth eating The Redskin's hot dogs... haven't had one in so many years... but oh, those were the days, my friend... enjoy...

# Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Teams Up with Blenko Glass Company on new Suncatcher

Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council is thrilled to partner with Blenko Glass Company to offer a NEW Girl Scout-inspired Suncatcher.

Showing support to our longstanding mission is easy with these handmade items, which feature the inspiring first line of our Girl Scout Promise. These suncatchers make great gift ideas for April's Volunteer Appreciation Month, plus, as part of their Glass for Good campaign, 50% of ALL proceeds will go directly to Black Diamond Girl Scouts.

Don't miss out! These will only be offered for a limited time!



Celebrate the sisterhood Suncatcher at <https://of Girl Scouting and girlscouts.info/glassforgood>. purchase your Blenko

# The Purple Martins Have Returned

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martins being purple martins.

Martin behavior is unlike any other birds. Purple martins are fairly noisy, chirping and making sounds that have been described as chortles, rattles, and croaks. The various calls are said to be "throaty and rich" and can be rendered as tchewwew, pew pew, choo, cher, zweet

and zwrack. The males have a gurgling and guttural courtship song, a dawn song, and even a subsong used at the end of the breeding season.

Colonies quiet down when martins hunt insects high in the air. In the afternoon and evening they feed lower and closer to their nest sites. Purple martins get all of their food in flight, even water. They have been

observed skimming the surface of ponds to scoop up water with their lower bills.

Explanations of purple martin behavior can be found at various websites but watching it and making sense of their behavior is its own reward. It is that reward which has prompted Bob to continue to provide welcoming nesting sites year after year.

# Blenko Annual Festival of Glass, April 5-6

Blenko Glass Company is announcing its annual Festival of Glass, to be held at the factory in Milton, WV, on Friday and Saturday, April 5 and 6. It is Blenko's Year of New Space Age Design, and the Festival will celebrate a year of innovative and exciting space-themed inspirations. The weekend will include classes and experiences with glass, exciting demonstrations from Blenko's Guest Artists and Designers, a vintage sale, food trucks, and a Saturday night concert from Huntington's Grown Ass Folks.

Blenko fans and collectors can enjoy a number of classes and experiences, all available for purchase at noon Eastern, Monday, March 11th on the company website (<http://www.blenko.com>). The company will be offering hands-on experiences like Blow-Your-Own 384 Water Bottles, as well as guided classes and experiences like Nightlight, Kaleidoscope, Dalle de Verre and Etching experiences. On Friday and Saturday, we are also offering a Design-Your-Own experience, where customers can choose the colors and styles of a piece made by an artist in front of their eyes.

The Festival of Glass was founded to preserve, celebrate, and communicate the rich glass heritage of West Virginia, once home to more than four hundred glass factories. Surviving and thriving, Blenko reproduces a historical piece each year to remark on and celebrate 20th century glass. This year, Blenko is reproducing a design from one of its own cherished designers - Don Shepherd - from his glass studio and practice before joining Blenko. The DAS 'Glass America 'Moonscape' Vase is a 14-inch tall freeform, triangular vase made with a unique, three-piece open-air mould. The surface of the glass picks up Shepherd's hand-sculpted and -crafted moon craters and ridges: it is a stunning piece of contemporary glass design and featured in Hay and Ice Blue.

The centerpiece of the Festival's wares is certainly the Lift Off Decanter. Invoking classic midcentury motifs, the Crystal decanter with a straight optic calls to mind the lift off cloud

from the cheekily nostalgic Rocket stopper. The rocket decanter stopper is modeled on the NASA rocket and midcentury space age designs as much as by the toys that inspired a generation to dream of going into space.

The Festival will feature the debut fundraising event for the newly incorporated non-profit Blenko Glass Foundation, whose purpose is to preserve and fortify West Virginia's storied glassmaking heritage through conservation, education, and active community engagement. The Foundation will be hosting a Meet The Designers Evening, with food and drink and a chance to talk to Blenko designers past and present. Blenko will be selling a new edition of designer emeritus Matt Carter's 9711 Vase for exclusive purchase during the event weekend, and guests will get a chance to meet him and other Blenko artists at this ticketed event.

Blenko President John Blenko will be on hand for the Festival weekend, available to sign purchased glass at the Visitor Center, and meet with collectors and visitors. The event will also feature a collector's edition poster commemorating the weekend designed with Base Camp Printing of Charleston, WV, famed for their beautiful hand-printed and meticulously designed posters. A limited edition will be available in the Visitor Center and online.

The two-day event will end on Saturday evening with a special free concert by Huntington's own Grown Ass Folks on the shores of its small lake in the Dalle Barn. This will be an unforgettable show set in a charismatic location! Grown Ass Folks

is an innovative native jazz/funk/soul DJ with a penchant for immersive experiences and great vibes.

Attendees from out of town are encouraged to book rooms at the Hampton Inn Teays Valley, Doubletree Huntington, Barboursville Hilton, and the Teays Valley Holiday Inn for special Festival of Glass rates.

We've got Putnam Provisions parking out front of our Visitor Center this Festival of Glass both Friday and Saturday, replete with coffees, teas, juices, and more!

On Saturday, there will be a whole food court! Enjoy Lobster TrappN Lobster Rolls, The Viper Wood Fired Oven Pizza, tacos care of Jo Jo's Tacos, and paletas (popsicles) from Frios Gourmet Pops.

# Wreaths Across America Enters MOU

Wreaths Across America (WAA) proudly announces the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW), solidifying a partnership aimed at bolstering support for veterans and their families across the nation.

This collaboration will extend its support to WAA's Group Sponsorship Program, further amplifying initiatives to honor veterans and educate future generations. WAA will share details about MOWW's programs by highlighting members active in the mission via a monthly feature on Wreaths Across America Radio.

## Military Veterans

"You pay nothing for your Concealed Carry Permit"

Please show proof of your honorable military service to the teller upon completing the application. We accept the following:

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- VA Medical Card
- Honorable Discharge Document
- Military ID

Thank you for your service, Bobby Eggleton Sheriff, Putnam County



# Vote Eric Householder for Auditor!

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# Vietnam Veterans Honored County Commission

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Trump signed the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act, officially recognizing March 29 as Vietnam Veterans Day.

The West Virginia Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America have held the Vietnam Veterans

Day ceremony in Charleson for twelve years, but plans call for the event to be held again in Nitro next year. The organization also hosts the Mobile Vietnam Memorial Wall, which has traveled around the state in the past but is now housed at the Nitro War Museum.

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In other business, the commission approved a bid by Absten & Sons of \$29,600 for an ADA Door Project at the Judicial Building. The commission also approved \$10,000 for construction administration for the Bowles Ridge Waterline Extension Project.

Sheriff Bobby Eggleton used the meeting as a venue to recognize the promotion of deputies Tyson Edwards and Julie Leport to the rank of Sergeant.

The commission also reappointed Joe Rumbaugh to a three-year term on the Putnam County Historic Landmarks Board.

The commission next meets on April 16 to "Lay the Levy." The next regular meeting will be Thursday, April 25, at 5:30 p.m.

WV House of Delegates Districts 18, 19, 20, and 21, WV Senate Districts 4 and 8, Commissioner of Agriculture, Secretary of State, Auditor, State Treasurer, Governor, Circuit Judge, Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals, Intermediate Court of Appeals, and Family Court Judge; National - U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate.

If you have any questions, call Putnam Aging at 304-755-2385.

# Putnam Aging to Host Multiple Meet the Candidates Events

Putnam County Aging will be hosting several upcoming Meet the Candidates events. Get to know the candidates running for local offices in the May 14th primary election.

Each candidate will be given an equal opportunity (3-5 minutes) to introduce him/herself, plus have tables to display their campaign literature. Refreshments will be served before and during Meet the Candidates, and lunch will be served following the event. There will also be time to network among the attendees in an informal atmosphere. Your attendance at this non-partisan event is very important to help make this a meaningful experience.

The schedule is as follows:

Friday, April 5 - 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Hometown Senior Center, 40 1st Avenue North, Hometown.

Thursday, April 11 - 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the John Henson Senior Center, 2800 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane.

Wednesday, April 17 - 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Buffalo Senior Center, 48 Wright's Lane, Buffalo.

Candidates for the following offices have been invited: County - Conservation District Supervisor, Assessor, County Commission, Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney, Magistrate, Board of Education; State - Attorney General,

# Alzheimer's Walk

The Hurricane Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star will be hosting a walk to help the Alzheimer's Association on Saturday, April 13, at Valley Park in Hurricane.

Arrive at Valley Park by 10 a.m., drop off your donation at the shelter with the Eastern Star banner, and then walk any amount of time or distance you like. The Alzheimer's Association will be present with giveaways.

Donations to the Alzheimer's Association are accepted from individuals

and businesses. You can even make team shirts.

For more information, call 304-964-5204.

## NOTICE OF DEPUTY SHERIFF AGILITY AND WRITTEN TEST

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office is testing for probationary deputy sheriff on May 11th, 2024, at 9:00 AM at the sheriff's office located at 236 Courthouse Dr., Winfield, WV. The test will include a physical agility test and a written exam. Please call the sheriff's office at 304-586-0256 for any questions.

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

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SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

The following is a true copy from the record of orders entered by PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION on the 20th day of March 2023:

Table with columns: Class, Real Estate, Personal Property, Public Utilities, Total Class, Assessed Value, Levy Rate, Current Expense Levy, Taxes Levied.

Table with columns: Less Allowance for Uncollectibles, Exonerations and Delinquencies, Less Allowance for Tax Discounts, etc.

Projected Net Taxes to be Collected \$ 19,648,121

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:

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SIGNED THIS 18TH DAY OF MARCH, 2023, BY John G. Hudson, SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

To: Magistrate Court Case No.: 23-M40D-00187 Brittany Saunders Respondent's Name 510 7th Street Huntington WV 25701 Family Court Respondent's Civil Action No.: 12-27-1984 Date of Birth

ORDER OF PUBLICATION (PROTECTIVE ORDER / HEARING DATE)

1. The object of this suit is to obtain protection from the Respondent. 2. The object of this publication by Class I legal advertisement is to notify Respondent of the PROTECTIVE ORDER prohibiting the above-named Respondent from having contact with certain individuals. This order may affect property and other rights of the Respondent. Violating this Order may subject the Respondent to criminal sanctions. The Respondent is strongly encouraged to obtain a copy of this Protective Order and Petition from the Circuit Clerk of the county listed above.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

It appearing by evidence duly taken in this action that you could not be found in or that you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of the ORDER referenced above, a copy of the Petition and Order may be obtained at the Putnam County Circuit Clerk's office. This PROTECTIVE ORDER will remain in effect until 11-27-2024. The Respondent may appeal this Protective Order pursuant to W. Va. Code § 48-27-510, within 10 days of the date of the order was entered. Issued this 25th day of March, 2024

STEPHANIE SMITH/jo Circuit Clerk 4-4-1tw

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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 April 4, 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 April 4, 2024. Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 27th day of March 2024. Fiduciary Supervisor Putnam County Commission 10293 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213 4-4-2t

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Crosscountry Mortgage, LLC 448 Viking Dr, Suite 350 Virginia Beach, VA 23452, Plaintiff v. Civil Action No. 24-M40C-34 Ginger L. Smith & Unknown Occupants 20063 Buffalo Road Buffalo WV 25033, Defendant

The object of the above entitled action is to gain possession of real property located at: 20063 Buffalo Road, Buffalo, WV. The address above is the last known address for the defendant.

And it appearing by an affidavit filed in this action that the Plaintiff has used due diligence to locate the Defendant and to gain possession of property located at: 20063 Buffalo Road, Buffalo, WV, it is ordered that He/She do serve upon Putnam Co. Magistrate Court Linda Hunt, magistrate, whose address is 12093 Winfield Road, Suite 15, Winfield, WV 25213, an answer or other defense to the complaint this action on or before April 24, 2024, otherwise judgment by default will be taken against Him/ Her at any time thereafter. A copy of said complaint can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office. Entered by Clerk of said Court Putnam Magistrate Court. DARRY CASTO Magistrate Court Clerk 4-4-2t

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in it by that certain Deed of Trust dated September 13, 2016, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 1140, at Page 707, Benjamin R. Freeman and Elaine Freeman did convey unto Todd Taylor and Dan Kennedy, Trustee, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Pill & Pili, PLLC as Substitute Trustee by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse, in Winfield, West Virginia, on April 15, 2024, at 4:47 PM

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

All that certain lot or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Teays Valley District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

All that certain lot or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Teays Valley District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 604 Hawthorne Lane, Hurricane, WV 25526

AND BEING the same real estate which was conveyed to Benjamin R. Freeman, by Deed dated June 6, 2012, from Joshua S. Cassell and Kelly L. Cassell, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 517, at Page 279.

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

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

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

Pill & Pili, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

Richard A. Pili, Member P. O. Box 440, 85 Aikens Center, Martinsburg, WV 25404 Phone (304) 263-4971, Fax (304) 267-5840 e-mail: foreclosures@pillwvlaw.com 3-28-2t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned by deed of trust dated the 29th day of September, 2005, signed by Jay A. Matthews, to Carl H. Cather, III, Esq., Spilman, Thomas & Battle, PLLC, Trustee, which said deed of trust is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Trust Deed Book 762, at page 106, and Golden & Amos, PLLC, Trustee having been requested so to do by the Secured Creditor, and default having been made under the terms and conditions of said deed of trust, and the provisions in said deed of trust concerning acceleration having been complied with by the Secured Creditor and present holder of the note, said Trustee will sell at public auction at 3:15 o'clock p.m. on the

16TH DAY OF APRIL 2024

at the front doors of the Courthouse in Putnam County in Winfield, West Virginia the following described real estate:

All that certain lot or parcel of land, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Scott District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin set in the southerly boundary of Second Street, same being a common corner to Lot No. 3 and Lot No. 2, Block "B", of the Frazier Addition, Scott Depot, West Virginia as the same is shown and designated on a map entitled, "MORTGAGE VERIFICATION FOR CHARLES WILSON & LINDA R. JENKINS 127 HAMON DRIVE, SCOTT DEPOT, WV, NORTHERLY 150' OF LOT 3 FRAZIER ADDITION SCOTT DISTRICT, PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA" dated May 22, 1985, made by Donald E. Bailey, Jr. WV PE No. 8021, of Dunn Engineers, Inc., Charleston, West Virginia, which map is of record in the Putnam County Clerk's Office in Deed Book 287 at page 592; thence with the southerly boundary of said Second Street, N 82° 25' E. 103 feet to an iron pin, a common corner to Lot No. 3 and Lot No. 4, of said Frazier Addition; thence with the common division line of said Lots No. 3 and 4, 4° 40' W. 150 feet to an iron pin set in said common division line; thence severing said Lot No.3, S. 82° 25' W. 103 feet to an iron pin set in the common division line of Lot No. 3 and Lot No. 2 of said Frazier Addition; thence with said common division line, N. 4° 40' E. 150 feet to the place of beginning, containing 15,450 square feet, more or less square feet, more or less, and being the northerly 150 feet of Lot No. 3, Block "B", of said Frazier Addition;

It is the intention of this notice to sell the secured property by proper description as was intended to be transferred and conveyed in the aforesaid deed of trust.

The above described real estate is reported to have a mailing address of: 127 Hamon Drive, Scott Depot, WV 25560.

TERMS OF SALE: Cash in hand on day of sale or within 30 days of date of sale upon terms to be agreed upon between Trustee and successful bidder, time being of the essence; payment for unpaid real estate taxes to be assumed by the purchaser. The Trustee does not warrant title or fitness to this property; it is being purchased as is; this is a buyer beware sale and any buyer is advised to retain counsel before the sale. If there is any part of the process of sale which is found to be objectionable, the Trustee reserves the right to cancel the sale. No purchaser should take possession or make improvements in the premises until the Trustee deed is delivered or recorded. A third party purchaser at sale will be required to pay the purchase price plus all recording and transfer fees.

Trustee at sale is under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

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

The party(ies) secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale. If the purchaser at sale is unable to complete the terms of purchase within 30 days, the Trustee reserves the right to transfer the property to the next highest bidder.

Any sale hereunder may be adjourned from time to time without any notice other than oral proclamation at the time and place appointed for this sale or by posting of a notice of same. Should the Trustee not appear at the time appointed for the sale and there is no notice posted of a continuance please contact the office of the Trustee to make further inquiry. Any sale may be conducted or adjourned by the designated agent or attorney of the Trustee. The undersigned is fully vested with the authority to sell said property as Trustee by instrument of record. Some Trustee sales may be conducted by a servicer required Auction Company. In that event, the auctioneer will be acting under an "Auction Services Agreement."

Should any party have any inquires, objections to the sale or protests regarding the sale, or requests regarding the sale, please notify the trustee below by one of the means of communications set forth below.

GOLDEN & AMOS, PLLC, TRUSTEE 543 Fifth Street, P.O. Box 81 Parkersburg, WV 26102 Telephone (304) 485 3851 Fax (304) 485-0261 E-mail: timamos@goldenamos.com Our business hours are 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM On weekdays – not including holidays 4-4-2t

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NOTICE

The Towers, LLC proposes to build a 309-foot Self-Support Communications Tower. Anticipated lighting application is medium intensity dual red/white strobes. The Site location is Washington Hill Road, Hurricane, Putnam County, WV 25526. Lat: 38-30-24.966, Long: -82-0-6.632. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR, Form 854) filing number is A1279689.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS – Interested persons may review the application (www.fcc.gov/asr/applications) by entering the filing number. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review (www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest) and online filings are strongly encouraged. The mailing address to file a paper copy is: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. HISTORIC PROPERTIES EFFECTS – Public comments regarding potential effects on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, Hannah Powell, h.powell@trileaf.com, 1515 Des Peres Road, Suite 200, St. Louis, MO 63131, 314-997-6111. 4-4-1tw

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in it by that certain Deed of Trust dated April 23, 2021, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 1285, at Page 31, Clinton Lee Simmons did convey unto Robert H. Skeen, Jr., Trustee, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Pill & Pili, PLLC as Substitute Trustee by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse, in West Virginia, on April 15, 2024, at 4:45 PM

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

All that certain piece or parcel of land, together with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Hurricane Town District, Putnam County, West Virginia, being a part of Lynnhurst Subdivision of the L.T. McCann Place, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin in the north easterly line of Hurricane Creek Road (formerly called Sleepy Creek Road) which lies S. 43° 00' E. 65 feet from the northeasterly intersection of Hurricane Creek Road and Putnam Avenue; thence N. 51° 37' E. 147.6 feet to an iron pin in the southwesterly line of the Daisy L. Baker property (as of 1966); thence S. 30° 27' E. 85 feet to an iron pin; thence S. 57° 30' W. 120 feet to an iron pin in the northeasterly line of said Road; thence with said northeasterly line, N. 43° 00' W. 85 feet to the iron pin making the point of beginning, together with the right to connect to and use a certain 8 inch sewer line located upon the adjoining property now owned by R.K. Holstein and wife, located between the parcel hereby conveyed and Putnam Avenue;

This conveyance is expressly made subject to the covenants, restrictions, easements and rights of ways contained in prior deed of conveyance, including but not limited to the easement and right of way for a sanitary sewer, which easement or right of way is four (4) feet in width as set forth in a Deed dated June 1, 1966, from Joseph H. Ridler, et al., to Clifford C. Call, recorded in Deed Book 162, at Page 16.

Being the same real estate conveyed to Larry A. McCormick and Sandra K. McCormick from Keith Murdock and Melinda Murdock, by Deed dated June 8, 2002, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission, Putnam County, West Virginia in Deed Book 432, Page 35.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 18 Hurricane Creek Road, Hurricane, WV 25526.

AND BEING the same real estate which was conveyed to Clinton Lee Simmons, by Deed dated April 21, 2021, from Larry A. McCormick and Sandra K. McCormick, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 596, at Page 233.

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

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

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

Pill & Pili, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

Richard A. Pili, Member P. O. Box 440, 85 Aikens Center, Martinsburg, WV 25404 Phone (304) 263-4971, Fax (304) 267-5840. e-mail: foreclosures@pillwvlaw.com 3-28-2t

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, WV Trustee Services, LLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated July 14, 2015, executed by Borrowers, Heather M Ramey and James P Ramey, to Dru 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.

TERMS OF SALE:

1) The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.

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

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

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

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

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

WV Trustee Services, LLC, Substitute Trustee BY: Jim Ashley, Limited Signing Officer WV Trustee Services, LLC McGuire Office Center 618 Tenth Street, Suite 108 Huntington, WV 25701 (304) 853-3336 jim.ashley@wvtrusteeservices.com 3-14-24

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Putnam County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget) 2024-2025 Fiscal Year

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA County of: Putnam, West Virginia

In accordance with Code §11-8-10, as amended, the Putnam County Commission proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by a levy of taxes for the current year, and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

Table with columns: Estimated Revenues, Fund Balance, Property Taxes Current Year, etc. Total Estimated General Fund Revenues: \$ 23,994,994

Table with columns: Estimated Revenues, Assigned Fund Balance, Coal Severance Tax, Total Coal Severance: \$ 101,000

Table with columns: Coal Severance Tax, General Fund, Coal Severance Fund

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

Table with columns: General Fund, Coal Severance Fund, GENERAL GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH AND SANITATION, CULTURE AND RECREATION, CAPITAL PROJECTS, Total Expenditures: \$ 23,994,994 \$101,000

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA REGULAR CURRENT EXPENSE LEVY FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

Table with columns: Certificate of Valuation, Assessed Value, Levy Rate/\$100, Taxes Levied, Class I, Class II, Class III, Class IV, Total Value & Projected Revenue: \$ 4,123,728,624 \$ 16,828,599

Table with columns: Less Delinquencies, Exonerations, Uncollectable, Taxes, Less Tax Discounts, Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing, Total Projected Tax Collection: 14,371,339

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA COUNTY OF PUTNAM

I, BRIAN WOOD, CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF SAID COUNTY, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ARE TRUE COPIES FROM THE RECORD OF ORDERS MADE AND ENTERED BY SAID COMMISSION ON THE 26TH DAY OF MARCH 2024.

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FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025 LEVY ESTIMATE - BUDGET DOCUMENT

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPALITY OF HURRICANE, WEST VIRGINIA

In accordance with Code § 11-8-14, as amended, the Council proceeded to make an estimate of the amounts necessary to be raised by levy of taxes for the current fiscal year, and does determine and estimate the several amounts to be as follows:

The amount due and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source during the fiscal year INCLUDING THE LEVY OF TAXES, is as follows:

REVENUE SOURCE

Table with columns: Unassigned Fund Balance, Property Taxes - Current Expense, etc. TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND): \$ 7,979,896

COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUND REVENUE SOURCE

Table with columns: Assigned Fund Balance, Coal Severance tax, TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND): \$ 28,050

ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES

Table with columns: Mayor's Office, City Council, Recorder's Office, etc. TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES: \$ 7,979,896 \$ 28,050

MUNICIPALITY OF HURRICANE, WEST VIRGINIA REGULAR CURRENT EXPENSE LEVY FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes Levy Rate/\$100 Taxes Levied

Table with columns: Class I, Class II, Class IV, Real Estate, Personal Property, Public Utilities, Total Class I, Total Class II, Total Class IV, Value & Projected Revenue: \$ 388,058,854 \$ 1,362,919

Table with columns: Less Delinquencies, Exonerations & Uncollectable, Taxes, Less Tax Discounts, Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing (if Applicable), Total Projected Property Tax Collection: 1,200,722

(Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only) Net Amount to be Raised by Levy of Property Taxes: \$ 1,176,708

MUNICIPALITY OF HURRICANE, WEST VIRGINIA Excess Levy/Levies FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes Levy Rate/\$100 Taxes Levied

Table with columns: Class I, Class II, Class IV, Real Estate, Personal Property, Public Utilities, Total Class I, Total Class II, Total Class IV, Value & Projected Revenue: \$ 388,058,854 \$ 681,459

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA COUNTY OF PUTNAM MUNICIPALITY OF HURRICANE, WEST VIRGINIA

I, Linda L. Gibson, Recording Officer of said municipality, do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies from the record of orders made and entered by the council of the said municipality on the 25th day of March, 2024.

LINDA L. GIBSON City Recorder 4-4-21

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CITY OF HURRICANE NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Hurricane City Council will hold a Special Council Meeting to Lay the Levy for FY2025 on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 6:30pm at Hurricane City Hall, 3255 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, WV 25526. 4-4-21

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NOTICE OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE'S SALE

Notice is hereby given, by virtue of the authority vested in the undersigned Successor Trustees, Eric M. Johnson and John M. Harshbarger, by a certain Deed of Trust made by Kevin D. Burgess and Della M. Burgess, dated August 21, 2014, and recorded August 25, 2014, in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia in Trust Deed Book 1078, at page 879, the said Successor Trustees acting by virtue of that certain Appointment of Successor Trustee dated February 19, 2024, and recorded March 11, 2024, in the aforesaid Clerk's office in Substitute Trustee Book 1360, at page 884, and default having been made in the payment of the Note secured by the aforesaid Deed of Trust, and having been requested in writing by the owner and holder of the Note, will offer for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Putnam County, West Virginia, on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., all that certain lot, piece or parcel of real property, together with improvements thereon, situate in Fraziers Bottom, Teays Valley District, Putnam County, West Virginia, being more particularly bounded and described as follows: All of the following described real estate, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Teays Valley District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and being all of Lot No. Two (2) of Tract No. Four (4) of the Victoria Gill Farm, as the same is shown and designated upon that certain map entitled, "Map Showing Tract No. 4 of the Victoria Gill Farm Partition, Subdivided into 5 Lots, Teays Valley District, Putnam County, West Virginia, Scale: 1" = 60', May 59, 1977", made by Wm. T. Watts, LLS, which map is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 225, pages 470, 471 and 472.

Map No.: 162

Parcel No.: 82.0004

At the time of execution of the deed of trust, the grantor represented that the address of the property was 29 Windsong Way, Fraziers Bottom, WV 25860.

TERMS OF SALE: The Premises will be sold "AS IS, WHERE IS," in its present condition and with all faults and defects, if any. The property will be conveyed by deed with no covenants of warranty of title. The property shall be sold subject to all liens not discharged by the sale, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, incinerator, sanitary and sewer charges and liens with priority to the Deed of Trust pursuant to which this sale is being conducted. The property shall be sold subject to all covenants, restrictions, easements, rights of way and reservations which may be a matter of record in the aforesaid Clerk's office or visible upon the ground. The property will be sold for cash in hand on the date of sale to the highest bidder. The purchasers at the sale shall be responsible for paying the recording costs and also the tax on the privilege of transferring real property (the cost of the tax stamps to be affixed to the deed). The Successor Trustees and Peoples Federal Credit Union shall not be responsible for the removal of any person or personal property from the Premises.

Pursuant to the Deed of Trust, the Successor Trustees may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated and act by agent in the execution of the sale. The parties secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the Premises at such sale.

Dated: March 22, 2024

Eric M. Johnson, Esq. John M. Harshbarger Successor Trustees 200 Capitol Street Charleston, WV 25301 (304) 205-6377 4-4-21

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Notice of Proposed Settlement of Estates

To the Creditors, Distributees and Beneficiaries of the within named persons: I have before me the final settlement of estates of the following persons, which shall be presented to the County Commission of Putnam County, at the Courthouse, in the City of Winfield, on Tuesday the 9TH day of April 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: Betty Ruth Atkins Fiduciary: Kelly M Young, Executrix Address: P. O. Box 850 Hurricane, WV 25526

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 27th day of March 2024. Fiduciary Supervisor, Putnam County 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213 4-4-11

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Notice is hereby given, by virtue of the authority vested in the undersigned Successor Trustees, Eric M. Johnson and John M. Harshbarger, by that certain Deed of Trust made by D. Hershel Gibson, Jr., and Mary K. Gibson dated October 23, 2003, and recorded October 31, 2003, in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia in Trust Deed Book 672, at page 682, the said Successor Trustees acting by virtue of that certain Appointment of Successor Trustee dated February 29, 2024, and recorded March 11, 2024, in the aforesaid Clerk's office in Substitute Trustee Book 1360, at page 885, and default having been made in the payment of the Note secured by the aforesaid Deed of Trust, and having been requested in writing by the owner and holder of the Note, will offer for sale, at public auction, to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Putnam County, West Virginia, on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., all that certain lot, piece or parcel of real property, together with improvements thereon, situate in Raymond City, Pocca District, Putnam County, West Virginia, being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEING Lot Nos. Ten (10) , and Eleven (11) of Block "A", all as shown, mentioned and described upon that certain map entitled, "Block 'A' Property of Michie and Long and Raymond City Coal & Transportation Co.", dated April 29, 1946, made by J. M. Clark, Jr., Reg. Engr., which map is duly of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County- West Virginia, and being the same lots, tracts or parcels of land conveyed to Luther Landers, one of the parties of the first part, and Sylvia M. Landers, his wife, as joint tenants with right of survivorship, and not as tenants in common- by that certain deed dated the 26th day of January, 1957, from John G. Whittington and Merlene Whittington, his wife, which said deed is of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office, in Deed Book 136, at Page 175, the said Sylvia M. Landers died the 20th day of July, 1979, a resident of Putnam County, West Virginia, also reference is made to that certain order of the Commissioner of the West Virginia Department of Highways dated the 29th day of October, 1976, abandoning certain superfluous rights-of-way, relating to the above described property and other property in Putnam County, West Virginia, with certain maps or plats attached thereto, which said order is of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office, in Deed Book 220, at Page 476, reference to which deed, map and order is hereby made and incorporated herein by reference for a more complete description of the property hereby conveyed.

At the time of execution of the deed of trust, the grantor represented the address of the property was Route 62, Pocca, WV 25159.

**TERMS OF SALE:** The Premises will be sold "AS IS, WHERE IS," in its present condition and with all faults and defects, if any. The property will be conveyed by deed with no covenants of warranty of title. The property shall be sold subject to all liens not discharged by the sale, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, incinerator, sanitary and sewer charges, and liens with priority to the Deed of Trust pursuant to which this sale is being conducted. The property shall be sold subject to all covenants, restrictions, easements, rights of way and reservations which may be a matter of record in the aforesaid Clerk's office or visible upon the ground. The property will be sold for cash in hand on the date of sale to the highest bidder. The purchasers at the sale shall be responsible for paying the recording costs and the tax on the privilege of transferring real property (the cost of the tax stamps to be affixed to the deed). The Successor Trustees and City National Bank of West Virginia shall not be responsible for the removal of any person or personal property from the Premises.

Pursuant to the Deed of Trust, the Successor Trustees may postpone the time by public announcement at the sale and place designated and act by agent in the execution of the sale. The parties secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the Premises at such sale.

Dated: March 25, 2024

Eric M. Johnson, Esq.  
John M. Harshbarger  
Successor Trustees  
200 Capitol Street  
Charleston, WV 25301  
(304) 205-6377

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## ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

E.R. Lincoln & Joyce A. Lincoln  
707 Callingswood Road  
Hurricane WV 25526, Plaintiff  
v. Civil Action No. 23-M40C-00691  
Christopher & Elizabeth Farley  
45 Western Hills Drive  
Hurricane, WV 25526, Defendant

The object of the above entitled action is to obtain judgment in the amount of \$3,164.86 plus all court costs.

And it appearing by an affidavit filed in this action that the Plaintiff has used due diligence to locate the Defendant, it is ordered that He/She do serve upon Putnam Co. Magistrate Court Jean Luikart, magistrate, whose address is 12093 Winfield Road, Suite 15, Winfield, WV 25213, an answer or other defense to the complaint this action on or before April 24, 2024, otherwise judgment by default will be taken against Him/Her at any time thereafter. A copy of said complaint can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at her office.

Entered by Clerk of said Court Putnam Magistrate Court.  
DARRY CASTO  
Magistrate Court Clerk

4-4-2t

DATE: 3-22-24

## Obituaries

## SHERRY LYNN BIRD

Sherry Lynn Bird, 54, of Hurricane, passed from this Life into the presence of her Savior on Monday, March 25, 2024 after a hard fought battle against cancer.

Sherry was born on May 18, 1969 to the late Johnnie Ray and Diana "Lynn" (Persinger) Bird at Cabell Huntington Hospital in Huntington. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her grandparents: Melvin and Faye Bird and Richard and Martha "Bobbie" Miller; and her beloved younger sister: Wendy Nicole (Bird) Browning.

She is survived by her children: Michael (Miranda) Hayes of Scott Depot and Celestia (Isaac) Samples of Pueblo, CO; two precious grandchildren: Henry Michael Samples and Emily Noelle Hayes; her loving sisters: Regina

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## PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Sheriff Robert "Bobby" Eggleton SHERIFF'S SALE

On April the 8th of 2024 at the hour of 1300 exactly of said day at Riddle MHP in Scott Depot, Putnam County, West Virginia.

I will sell at a public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following property: Lot 26, Green and White Oaywood Mobile Home Tag Number UL1-107772.

Executed levied upon the property of Bezawitch Derege to satisfy a judgment in favor of Meeks Rentals and Leasing and in my hands for collection.

Writ Deputy Wingo for Sheriff Robert "Bobby" Eggleton Sheriff and Treasurer Putnam County Sheriff Department 4-4-1t

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On April the 8th of 2024 at the hour of 1300 exactly of said day at Riddle MHP in Scott Depot, Putnam County, West Virginia.

I will sell at a public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following property: Lot 15, Grey and White Mobile Home Tag Number NTA-1045060.

Executed levied upon the property of Billy Sullivan to satisfy a judgment in favor of Meeks Rentals and Leasing and in my hands for collection.

Writ Deputy Wingo for Sheriff Robert "Bobby" Eggleton Sheriff and Treasurer Putnam County Sheriff Department 4-4-1t

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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

State of West Virginia, WVDHS,  
Petitioner,  
V. Civil Action No. 24-JA-21-22  
Daniel C. Holley,  
Respondent.

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The object of the Petition filed in these matters is to provide protection to the infant children, D.T.H., whose date of birth is 06/08/2008, and A.R.H., whose date of birth is 10/20/2006.

## To the above-named Respondent:

Please take notice that you have been named as the purported father to the above-named children. These matters will come on for an adjudicatory hearing or any other appropriate relief before the Honorable Phillip M. Stowers, Judge of the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia, on the 1st day of May, 2024, at 2:00 p.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 children 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: 3-22-24

3-28-2t

(Mike) Lewis of Scott Depot and Tiffani (Kyle) O'Dell of Milton; nephew: Johnnie Browning of Milton and nieces: Sierra Bird-Hayes, Railynn Stutz, Marli Bartram, Layni Bartram and Finli O'Dell of Milton. She is also survived by a host of friends who she loved as her family and have faithfully shared with her in the joys and sorrows of life. Everyone who knew Sherry loved her and knew that they were loved by her.

She was willing to tackle any job and always willing to work hard to take care of her family and friends. Most notably, she loved using her skills as a Dental Lab Technician to express her wonderful artistic abilities and always felt rewarded in helping people to have smiles that they were confident in.

Sherry's life was a living testimony to the words of her Lord, "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven"; her attitude toward her Savior was always one of great hope, sincere gratitude and simple humility. The earnest desire of her prayers in her last months of failing health were that she could share the Gospel with the ones she loved so much.

A Celebration of the Life for Sherry was held Saturday March 30, 2024 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Michael Hayes officiating. Burial was in Valley View Memorial Park, Hurricane.

## AVERY LYDELL CRAIG

Avery Lydell Craig, 66, of Hurricane, passed away on March 27, 2024 at CAMC Memorial Division after a long illness.

He was born on January 3, 1958 to Eva Irene Lacey Craig and the late Charles W. Craig. In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his brother: Clinton Craig and mother in law: Linda Taylor.

In addition to his mother, Irene Craig, Avery is also survived by his loving wife of 28 years: Pamela Craig; daughter: Melissa and Ronald Call of Hurricane; sons: Jason and Samantha Craig of Hurricane, Brian Craig of Hurricane, and Michael Keebler of FL; grandchildren: Brennon, Braxton, Ruthie, Raven and Austin; sisters: Vanessa and Rick Coleman of St. Albans, Tina and Gary Pauley of St. Albans, WV, Donna and Jamie Pauley of St. Albans, WV; brothers: Dennis Craig of St. Albans and Kevin Craig of Pocca; father in law: Clyde Taylor; brother in-laws: Randy Taylor, Scotty Taylor, and Paul and Crissy Taylor; sister in laws: Donna Jean and Murl McMillion;

as well as several nieces, nephews and other family members.

Funeral service was Tuesday April 2, 2024 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Pastor Jarrod Price officiating. Burial was in Forest Memorial Park, Milton.

## CAROLYN DUNCAN

Carolyn Sutton Duncan, 88, of Pocca, died peacefully on March 24, 2024 from complications of cardiovascular disease. There will be a graveside service on April 5, 2024 in Saint Albans and a private gathering later in the month in Phoenix, Arizona.

Immediate surviving family members include sister Margaret Cogan Jarvis; children Karen Lawrence Holstein (Don Philyaw), Kimberly Lawrence Haslett (Dave), Jim Lawrence (Elena); and niece and namesake Carolyn Ann Hawley (Scott). Also surviving are 13 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren who called her Nana. She was predeceased by her parents named below; brother James Carroll Sutton; sisters Carolyn Sue Sutton Johnson, Nancy Sutton Bowles, and Deborah Sutton Spruce; stepbrothers Thomas Cogan, Jr., and Robert Cogan; and great-grandson Garrett Holstein.

Carolyn Nell Sutton was born in Charleston on October 29, 1935 to Hilda Cowie Sutton (Mother) and James Alva Sutton, Jr. (Daddy). Domestic abuse and lack of income led young Hilda to ask her trusted sister-in-law to care for her 6-month-old baby. Belva Sutton Stone (Mommy Belva) generously agreed. She and her husband, Dale B. Stone (Red), raised Carolyn and became loving, active grandparents to her 3 children.

Although raised as an only child, Carolyn was fortunate to spend many good times with her blended family which included several cousins near her age. She had many happy memories of the fun and mischief she got into with the family children and her neighborhood chums. Her favorite childhood story was about her and Carolyn Sue when they hid in the dark, smelly chicken coop to smoke cigarettes and cuss out loud. She never smoked again.

Carolyn was proud to be one of the 55 students to graduate from Ansted High School in the Class of 1953. She attended reunions that were held near the June 20th West Virginia Day for many years, often

## CAUTION ADVISED

## Partial Solar Eclipse to Briefly Visit Putnam

By Ron Allen

On April 8th, the moon's shadow will produce a fifty-mile wide circle of total darkness that will enter the United States from Mexico by crossing the Rio Grande in Texas and eventually exiting at the Canadian border at Houlton, Maine. The period of total darkness will be longest for locations in the circle's center (about 4 minutes). The shadow's path of total darkness will not cross any part of West Virginia. It will miss the northern panhandle by about 50 miles.

West Virginia and Putnam County will not, however, escape the much wider partial shadow of the moon. The moon will begin to blot out sunlight in Hurricane at 1:55 p.m. The obstruction of the sun will build and reach a maximum of 93.6% coverage at 3:13 p.m. Observers will not see the full disk of the sun until 4:27 p.m.

Caution will be necessary because, weather permitting, there will be observers. A brief glance at the sun can result in temporary blindness. Longer looks can result in permanent vision loss. Proper eye protection, like eclipse glasses or a special solar filter, is needed when looking directly at the sun. Sunglasses cannot provide satisfactory protection. Indirect observation using a self-manufactured pinhole projector is a totally safe option.

A 93.6% blockage of sunlight does not produce the degree of darkness that one might expect. On July 20, 1963, I observed a 96% obstructed sun (175

traveling from Arizona. With her passing, 14 former classmates remain.

Following high school, she attended Morris Harvey College. There, she fell for the charms of a handsome athlete who attended on a basketball scholarship. They were joined in marriage by the late Reverend Elizabeth Caudill. He enlisted, and their first child was born at Travis Air Force Base in California. Together, they had two more children before divorcing in the early 1960s.

Carolyn worked at a variety of jobs in organizations large and small, profit and non-profit. The most challenging was her promotion to "Wiring Harness Inspector" at the FMC Ordinance manufacturing plant in South Charleston, West Virginia where they built Army tanks. Her favorite job was RSVP Project Director for the Retired and Senior

miles from the path of total eclipse) on a bright and shiny day. It barely got dark enough to quiet our early-to-bed chickens.

If there is any cloud cover on the afternoon of April 8 (and one is not expecting darkened skies at 3 p.m.), the partial eclipse may go unnoticed in West Virginia. Historically, there is a 60% chance of cloud cover on that date. The Accuweather long-range forecast (on March 26) for April 8 called for sunshine and patchy clouds with a high of 67°. Accuweather is always right when it is right and wrong when it is wrong.

I did not have access to eclipse glasses in 1963 but I did observe the partial eclipse directly by shielding my eyes with multiple layers of fully exposed photographic film (I'm not certain of when I last saw photographic film).

If April 8 is blessed with cloudless skies, I will invest in two paper plates and a needle (all the elements necessary to construct a pinhole projector). Manufacture is simple — poke a small round hole or several holes for multiple images in one plate. User instructions are similarly simple — with back to sun, hold the perpetrated plate such that its shadow is cast upon the second paper plate. The light passing through the pinhole will produce an inverted image the sun upon the second plate. The size of the image is dependent upon the spacing between the plates.

At precisely 3:13 and clear skies, I will behold an image like that of a crescent moon.

Volunteer Program in Pulaski, Virginia. There, she worked with many friendly people and developed a special relationship with the Senior Center Director, Tina Faiszt.

During her 27-year marriage to Jim Duncan, she completed a correspondence course in home decorating and became interested in landscape gardening. Her favorite flowers were Daisy, Siberian Iris, and anything in shades of peach. She and Jim preserved home-grown foods, enjoyed their dogs and grandchildren, and helped care for 3 of her parents who retired and moved close to them in Dublin, Virginia. Extended family often visited during holidays, summer breaks, and other special occasions. Carolyn enjoyed being "The Hostess with the Mostest."

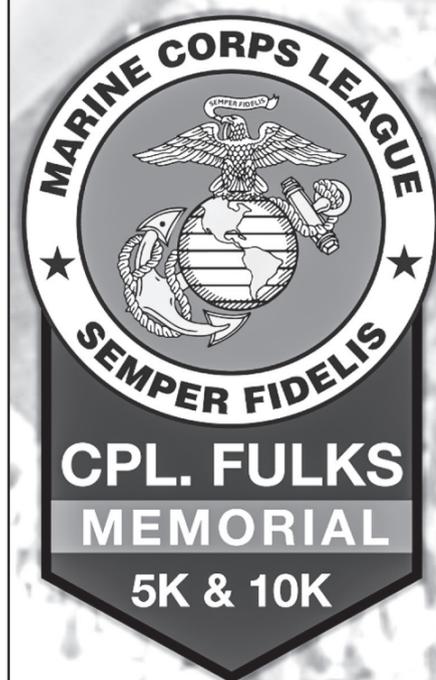
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## Trail Run &amp; Walk

May 4, 2024 @ 9 AM

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# Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



## Recipes

Submitted by Connie Reddington of Eleanor

### Connie's Macaroni and Cheese

8 oz. dry elbow macaroni, cooked  
3-4 cups (about 3/4-lb.) shredded sharp cheddar cheese, divided  
13-oz. can evaporated milk  
1 1/2 cups milk  
2 eggs  
1 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. black pepper  
Chopped onion to taste  
Combine all ingredients, except 1 cup cheese, in greased slow cooker. Sprinkle reserved cup of cheese over top. Cover. Cook on low 3-4 hours. Do not remove the lid or stir until the mixture has finished cooking.

Variation: For some extra zest, add 1/2 tsp. dry mustard when combining all ingredients. Add thin slices of cheese to top of cooker mixture.

### Easy Roast

Makes 6-8 servings  
3-4-lb. beef roast  
1 envelope dry onion soup mix  
14 1/2-oz. can stewed tomatoes, or seasoned tomatoes  
Place roast in slow cooker. Cover with onion soup and tomatoes. Cover. Cook on low 8 hours.

### Caramel Apples

4 very large tart apples, cored  
1/2 cup apple juice  
8 Tbsp. brown sugar  
12 hot cinnamon candies  
4 Tbsp. butter, or margarine  
8 caramel candies  
1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon  
Whipped cream  
Remove 1/2-inch-wide strip of peel off the top of each apple and place apples in slow cooker. Pour apple juice over apples. Fill the center of each apple with 2 Tbsp. brown sugar, 3 hot cinnamon candies, 1 Tbsp. butter or margarine, and 2 caramel candies. Sprinkle with cinnamon. Cover and cook on low 4-6 hours, or until tender. Serve hot with whipped cream.



## Simple, Convenient Salads to Celebrate Spring

(Family Features) Letting in a little fresh air with an open window or a screen door is a sure sign of spring, allowing the natural sights and smells of the outdoors to accompany you at the dinner table. Take that open-air freshness to new heights this spring by pairing it with your own signature spins on salad season.

For example, this Tuna and Rice Nicoise Salad offers a new take on tuna salad with olive tapenade, capers, tomatoes, green beans and cherry tomatoes. Its calling card: swapping out potatoes in favor of Minute Yellow Rice Cups, which cook up fast as a convenient and flavorful alternative that saves the chore of washing, peeling and boiling potatoes. Fully cooked and packaged in BPA-free cups, it features white rice lightly seasoned with onion powder, garlic powder and turmeric for a delightful taste ready in just 1 minute.

As a perfect recipe for those who love veggies, this dish combines classic salad freshness with olive tapenade for a briny bite in every mouthful. Canned tuna mixes with bursts of capers, hard-boiled egg, crisp green beans and sweet cherry tomatoes capped off with tart balsamic dressing to round out the dish.

Find more spring salads and other flavorful, convenient recipes by visiting [MinuteRice.com](http://MinuteRice.com).

### Tuna and Rice Nicoise Salad

Prep time: 4 minutes  
Cook time: 1 minute  
Servings: 1

- 1 cup Minute Yellow Rice Cups
- 2 tablespoons balsamic dressing
- 2 tablespoons olive tapenade
- 1 teaspoon capers, drained well
- 1/2 cup halved cherry tomatoes
- 1/2 cup frozen green beans, thawed
- 1 can (3 ounces) tuna, drained and flaked
- 1 hard-boiled egg, cut into wedges

Heat rice according to package directions.

In medium bowl, combine rice, balsamic dressing, tapenade and capers. Mix well.

Top with cherry tomatoes, green beans, tuna and hard-boiled egg.

Tip: Serve salad over bed of mixed greens, if desired.

## Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead  
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane



The world needs more Nanas because those grandkids aren't going to spoil themselves.

Life becomes easier and more beautiful when we can see the good in other people.

Everyone needs to be valued. Everyone has the potential to give something back.

Don't let anyone who hasn't been in your shoes tell you how to tie your laces.

A man with a pebble in his hand is wiser than a man with rocks in his head.

People will never truly understand something, unless it happens to them.

Inspiration and happiness usually comes during work, not before it.

Happiness is a guest that does not willingly visit the lazy.

In case of fire, exit building before tweeting about it.

A smile is a hug from the heart.

The Word of God is either absolute or obsolete.

Give yourself the same kindness you give others.

Invest in your health today for a richer tomorrow.

You're always one decision away from a totally different life.

No matter how long we have with our doggies, it's never enough time.

You can't save someone who is not willing to participate in their own rescue.

A fresh start isn't it a new place or a new shiny object; it's a new mindset.

There is nothing like the pain of losing the pet who kept you alive.

Surround yourself with people who force you to do better.

I'm nothing without Jesus but I'm everything with Him.

Give your full-attention to the person speaking to you.

A "jiffy" is an actual measure of time equaling 1/100th of a second.

You will inspire some and annoy some. Do it anyway.

Luck is believing you're lucky.

Doggies are the best friends. They ask no questions, they pass no criticisms.

If you want light to come into your life, you need to stand where it is shining.

Giving up on your goal because of one setback is like slashing your other three tires because you got a flat.

man can have in his life. But it takes a real man to realize that.

I used to think my parents were so strict, but watching these kids today, I think my parents saved my life.

Old age is like an old house; the plumbing leaks, the wiring is shot, and half of the shingles are missing.

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We love the things we love for what they are. - Robert Frost

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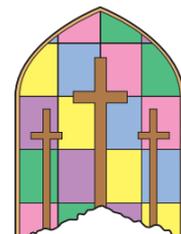
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## Bible Verse



For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.  
— Ephesians 6:12

When problems come into your life like a non-stop rain, always remember that God will always be your umbrella.

Kindness is loaning someone your strength instead of reminding them of their weakness.

There is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good humor. - Charles Dickens

A loyal woman is one of the greatest things a

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Maybe you've heard someone say they're on "the merry-go-round of life" as a sentiment of emptiness or frustration... they see one set of problems after another with a result that is dizzy, not merry. But think of how a child sees a merry-go-round...all whirling fun and exhilaration! What makes the difference? Are we resigned to an empty life or one full of beauty and delight? Begin this week at your house of worship. Celebrate with a positive attitude and an expectation of excitement and you'll love the ride!

### Daily Bible Readings

Mark	John	John	John	John	Jude	Ephesians
16:1-20	20:1-18	20:19-31	21:1-14	21:15-25	1-25	1:1-23

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## BASIC BIBLE

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### Jesus' First Miracle

John 2:1-12

Many of the happenings recorded in the gospel of John are not found in the other gospels. John would have known the content of the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke when he penned his gospel more than fifty years after the crucifixion. It would appear that John was moved by the Holy Spirit to expound upon happenings and teachings that the other gospel writers had not fully addressed.

Jesus' first miracle (the turning of water into wine) is not recorded by any other writers. Unlike numerous other miracles, this one did not involve healing, bringing the dead to life, or a public manifestation of His divine power. It was witnessed most definitely by John, by Jesus' other disciples, by a few servants, and possibly by Mary.

Superficially, the miracle would seem little more than a random exhibition of power which had as its sole purpose the sparing of embarrassment to the bridegroom. An examination of the text before us reveals a deeper purpose for John's account of this miracle.

The marriage feast was the third day (v. 1). The third day from what? A review of chapter 1 reveals that Jesus began gathering His disciples on the first day. Two disciples (Andrew and an unnamed disciple) witnessed the enlistment of fellow disciples. The unnamed disciple is most likely John, the human author of this gospel.

We are told that Mary the mother of Jesus was there. It is evident from verse 5 that Mary was a close friend of the family of the bridegroom — close enough for the servants to recognize her as someone who might relay messages from the bridegroom. The acquaintance which Mary enjoyed with the bridegroom's family was such that Jesus and all who accompanied Him were welcomed guests at the marriage feast. In verse 3, Mary informed Jesus that they had no wine. From Jesus' response (v. 4) it is apparent that Mary was not just passing on information. She was asking Jesus to do something to remedy the situation.

Jesus answered: "Woman, what have I to do with thee? Mine hour is not yet come." Jesus, in addressing His mother as "woman", responded, not as Jesus the son of Mary, but as Jesus the Son of God. The "hour" to which Jesus refers is the time at which He would reveal Himself as God the Son, the One who possessed the power of the Creator.

Mary, seemingly, ignored Jesus' words and directed the servants present to do whatever Jesus directed them to do. The action which Jesus would take (the turning of water into wine) would reveal to all present that He possessed the power of God, Almighty. Jesus was sent by God the Father on a mission to justify many by bearing upon the cross the iniquities of all who would believe (Isa. 53:11). The turning of water into wine, while seemingly not essential to Jesus' mission, was very much a necessary part of it. Jesus came not to destroy the law but to fulfill its every jot and tittle (Matt. 5:18). The law required Jesus to honor His mother's request. Jesus fulfilled the law that no man can keep.

The miracle which transpired is inexplicable. From man's current understanding of science, it is an impossible happening. For water to become wine, molecules of water would need to be transformed into carbohydrate molecules found in wine. This would involve the transmutation of elements. This is a process which can occur within the interior of stars — not in waterpots.

John, in chapter one, verse three, stated that all things were made by Him, and without Him was nothing made that was made. The miracle before us is evidence that Jesus is the Creator of all things. This evidence was revealed to John, to the other disciples, to the servants, and perhaps to Mary. It is possible that Mary returned to the feast after instructing the servants and did not witness the turning of water to wine. This miracle, while revealing Jesus to possess the power of the Creator to John and the disciples, did not reveal Jesus' true identity to those partaking of the feast. It most certainly did not prevent Him from fulfilling the Father's plan to make His Son an offering for all who would believe.

What the disciples and servants knew was hidden from those who drank the wine. The ruler of the feast drew the bridegroom aside and told him that he had saved the best wine for the last. The miracle did not reveal Jesus before the "hour" to do so had come. The beginning of that hour would be determined by the completion of John the Baptist's mission to prepare the way.

Having witnessed the miracle, the disciples believed on Him (v. 11). The disciples were drawn to Jesus. From the beginning, they believed Him to be the Christ (chap. 1, v. 41). The disciples followed Jesus initially because they possessed a measure of faith — faith that He was the Messiah. After the wedding at Cana, they possessed a far greater measure of faith. Their faith after the crucifixion was far, far greater than at the beginning or after witnessing the turning of water to wine. Faith is built in increments. God gives a first revelation to them who will believe. To them who act upon that belief (as did the disciples), He gives additional revelations. God builds up the faith of all who will act upon that which they receive.

Let us be as the disciples. The miracle at Cana would grow their faith such that they would eventually be empowered to deliver the gospel to all people. Let us be built up in like manner such that we might produce good fruit.



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### CLARENCE GENE FRENCH

Clarence G. French, 83 of Buffalo, passed away Sunday, March 24, 2024 at Hospice House at CAMC Memorial. He retired from Columbia Gas with over 36 years of service.

He was the son of the late Jesse Woodrow French and Maurine Odell Clendenin French. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Barbara L. French and his brother, James French.

Survivors include his sons, Deron (Starr) French and Brian French (Regina Burdette); grandchildren, Josh (Brigitte), Katlyn, Grace, Mason, Justin, Michael and Nick; sister, Juanita Barker of Winfield; brothers, Larry (Sharon) French of Liberty, Raymond (Carol) French of Buffalo, David (Joann) French of Buffalo; sister-in-law, Thelma French of Red House. Clarence is also survived by several nieces, nephews and extended family.

Funeral service was Friday, March 29, 2024 at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastor Paul Browning officiating. Burial was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House.

### DORIENA LEE HALL

Doriene Lee Hall, 59, of Poca, formerly of Michigan, passed away March 29, 2024, in the Hubbard Hospice House West.

Doriene is a graduate of Davison High School and loved spending time at the beach, Pigeon Forge, TN, and collecting elephants. She especially loved spending time with her family and being Mee Maw to all her grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her mother Donna Nemes and mother-in-law Linda McDade.

She is survived by her husband John Hall; four children David Nemes, Vanessa Cunningham, Emily and husband Chad Peyton, and Renee England; eight grandchildren Ayden, Chloe, Landon, Bradley Adam,

Chad, Justice, Anastasia, and Aleah; and one granddaughter on the way.

### PAUL FRANKLIN JOHNSTON

Paul F. Johnston, 66, of Hurricane, passed away Saturday, March 30, 2024 at Hospice House at CAMC Memorial. He retired from Alford Home Solutions with many years of service.

Born June 25, 1957 he was the son of the late Dana Johnston and Janice Pauley Johnston. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Melissa Short; grandparents, Clarence Pauley and Della Pauley.

Survivors include his loving wife of 25 years, Kimberly Johnston, children, Beth Ann Riffle, Travis (Bree) Riffle, Tori Slone, Katelyn Johnston, Matthew Johnston, Kaci Johnston, Levi Johnston, Austin Johnston, John Johnston, Shaniah Johnston, Lindsey Johnston, and Jayzlynn Johnston. Paul is also survived by five grandchildren, extended family and friends.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastor Adam Null officiating.

## Submission Deadline

The deadline for submissions to the Breeze is Sunday at 8 p.m. Submissions may be emailed to: [hurricanebreeze@citynet.net](mailto:hurricanebreeze@citynet.net)

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**RICHARD LEE NULL**

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Richard Lee Null, 73, of Winfield, who departed from this world on Saturday, March 30, 2024, after bravely battling a long illness.

Richard was born to Richard and Dorothy Null of Hometown. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his brothers Roy, David, and Michael. He is survived by his devoted wife of nearly 50 years, Dottie (Lett) Null. Their unwavering love and support for each other were the cornerstone of their enduring marriage, epitomizing the vow "Always and Forever, No matter what!" Richard is also survived by his brother Randy Null and sisters Charlotte Buoy and Annette Null, all of Winfield. In addition, he is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

He is a graduate of Poca High School, class of 1968. Following his retirement in 2013, he found joy in his favorite hobby, fishing, where he could connect with nature and reflect on life's simple pleasures.

Richard will be remembered for his kind-hearted nature, unwavering work ethic, and steadfast Christian values. He lived by the creed, "Make each day count."

In accordance with Richard's wishes, there will not be a funeral or memorial service.

the Bible. As a longstanding and active member of Forrest Burdette UMC in Hurricane, she served in many capacities, including with the United Methodist Women, the quilting group, and on various committees. She also served her community as an involved member of WVCEOS.

A gifted teacher, Cindy built a career in adult education and workforce development. She helped many people earn a GED and gain skills and certifications for employment. She also cherished teaching Sunday school and Bible study.

Cindy was also an avid crafter who loved to sew and crochet; she expressed love for others through countless handmade gifts.

Cindy was preceded in death by parents Roy and Atlas Roberts, half-sister Phyllis Hazlett, and in-laws Albert and Marybelle Woodworth. She is survived by husband of 52 years Clarence Woodworth, daughters Myra (Ryan) Hobbs and Leah (Justin) Altizer, granddaughter Aspen Hobbs, siblings Mattie Salmons and Jerry Roberts, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

She was a great wife, mother, and friend, and will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00pm on Saturday, April 6, at Forrest Burdette UMC, with visitation 2 hours prior.

**JANET G. WYMER**

Janet Wymer, 81, went to be with her Lord and Savior on March 25, 2024 at home after a long illness.

A lifetime Putnam County resident, Janet was active with her family and at Judson Baptist Church. She retired after 27 years of service with the State of West Virginia, most of which was at the Division of Rehab Services.

She will be remembered for her love of cooking for her family, making memories on their farm and her love of "those babies."

She is now reunited with those who preceded her in death, her parents: Ezra and Beulah McCallister;

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her husband of 61 years: Paul E.; one Great-Grandbaby, Addison; as well as her brother, Frank (Joan) McCallister.

She is survived by her children: Rod (Karen) Wymer, Di (Justin) Sanders and Bill (Kim) Wymer. She is also remembered with love by 12 grandchildren, 16 Great-Grandchildren and her loyal dog, Lexi; her siblings: Delmer (Sandy) McCallister, Mae

Pendleberry, Paul (Debi) McCallister and Karren (Fred) Sparks; as well as several other family members.

Funeral Service for Janet was Friday March 29, 2024 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Pastor Doug McComas and Pastor Sam Gasaway officiating. Burial was in Judson Baptist Church Cemetery, Winfield.



The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at [www.wvencyclopedia.org](http://www.wvencyclopedia.org).

April 4, 1948: Renowned gospel singer Squire Parsons was born in Newton, Roane County. A graduate of Spencer High School and West Virginia Tech, he is best known for his song "Sweet Beulah Land."

April 4, 1980: Musician Red Sovine died in Nashville. Sovine, born Woodrow Wilson Sovine in Charleston, gained country music fame for his recitations, especially those incorporating sentimental truck-driver themes.

April 5, 1856: Booker T. Washington was born enslaved in Virginia. In 1865, he moved with his family to Malden, in Kanawha County, to join his stepfather, who had escaped from slavery during the Civil War. He became one of the most influential educators in U.S. history.

April 5, 2010: An explosion at the Upper Big Branch Mine in Raleigh County killed 29 workers. Only two men escaped from the mine alive. It was the state's worst coal mining disaster since 1968, when the Consol No. 9 Mine at Farmington exploded, killing 78 workers.

April 6, 1938: The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) established Camp Kanawha in Kanawha State Forest. The CCC removed all the abandoned houses, coal tipples, and other structures no longer in use, and constructed roads, the forest superintendent's residence, office, maintenance building, and picnic shelters.

April 7, 1927: A. James Manchin was born in Farmington. In 1984, the longtime secretary of state was elected state treasurer but soon fell into trouble. With a stock market downturn in 1987, Manchin bore much of the blame when the state lost nearly \$300 million in investments.

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Wise signed legislation that transformed four colleges into universities: West Virginia State, Shepherd, Fairmont State and Concord.

April 8, 1951: An Air National Guard transport plane crashed near Kanawha County Historical Society.

April 9, 1900: Physician Margaret Byrnside "Dr. Maggie" Ballard was born. She actively pursued her interest in genealogy and local history and was a founder of the Monroe County Historical Society.



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SQUIRE PARSONS JR P.O. Box 279 Leicester, North Carolina 76th Birthday April 4	SUSAN HENSON THOMPSON 403 Edgewood Road Hurricane 75th Birthday April 5
VIRGIL PARSONS 358 Walgrove Road Elkview 82nd Birthday April 4	LAURA SUE BIAS 46 MacKenzie Court Milton 76th Birthday April 5
DR ARTHUR STANLEY MAYNARD Greensboro, North Carolina 82nd Birthday April 4	DEREK JEFFREY NEAL Milton 26th Birthday April 6
APRIL JACKSON #35 Timothy Lane Milton 59th Birthday April 4	JAMES RAINES Route 2, Box 268 #14 Camelot Drive Red House 61st Birthday April 6
SHAWN GUE	REV GERRY WHITE Charleston

61st Birthday April 6

ISRAEL DAVID "IZZY"  
DILLARD  
Nepal  
9th Birthday April 6BETTY THOMPSON  
BURKE  
190 McDevitt Road  
Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania  
74th Birthday April 6JIMMY GRANT  
Huntington  
27th Birthday April 6CARL "TONY"  
RAMELLA JR  
Ohio  
76th Birthday April 7DAVID LEE  
LINCOLNOGGER  
Hephzibah, Georgia  
39th Birthday April 7EMMA LEE MORRISON  
2310 Joy Lane  
Culloden  
83rd Birthday April 7KENT CARPER  
500 Tracy Way  
Charleston  
72nd Birthday April 7KATHY CARRICO  
105 Alma Avenue  
South Point, Ohio  
49th Birthday April 8BARBARA ANN DAVIS  
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244 Teays Lane  
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74th Birthday April 8NOLAN SCOTT  
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206 Geronimo Drive  
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WOODWORTH  
2253 6th Street  
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Mt. Kisco, New York  
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16th Birthday April 10ANDREA MARIE  
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Hurricane Creek Road  
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39th Birthday April 10NONDRA WRAY SHARF  
Hurricane  
75th Birthday April 10

## "Chessie the Railroad Kitten" Comes To Putnam County Libraries

The Chesapeake & Ohio Historical Society, the 55-year-old non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and sharing the history of the C&O Railway, donated copies of their children's book *Chessie Takes a Train Trip* to the Putnam County Library system for circulation at each of the five library branches in Putnam County. In addition, the Society donated enough copies for the public library to give away to "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" participants throughout the year, at their Homeschool Mixer, for the library's Summer Reading Program, and for addition to the community collection in the Mobile Outreach Unit (a van that travels to community events) to share with underserved communities throughout Putnam County.

The book has already been warmly received at the library's first "On the Move" event of the year at the Country Roads Mobile Home Park in Poca. Putnam County Library Programming and Youth Services Manager Bethany Adkins corresponded with C&O Historical Society President Mark Totten to facilitate the donation. Adkins says, "As part of our mission, Putnam Library

## Happy Anniversary

Dallas and Sue Young of 1923 US Highway 60, Culloden, will celebrate their seventeenth wedding anniversary on April 5.

George W. and Laura Bush of Texas will celebrate their forty-sixth wedding anniversary on April 5.

Gene and Charlotte Young of 2062 Woodard Street, Culloden, will celebrate their sixteenth wedding anniversary on April 5.

Mike and Pamela McCallister of Hurricane will celebrate their forty-fifth wedding anniversary on April 5.

Scott and Connie Henderson of 2621 Montana Avenue, Hurricane, will celebrate their wedding anniversary on April 6.

Alan and Johanna Trent of Asheboro, North Carolina, will celebrate their thirty-ninth wedding anniversary on April 6.

Rusty and Karen Pauley of 283 Jones Cove, Hurricane, will celebrate their twenty-third wedding anniversary April 7.

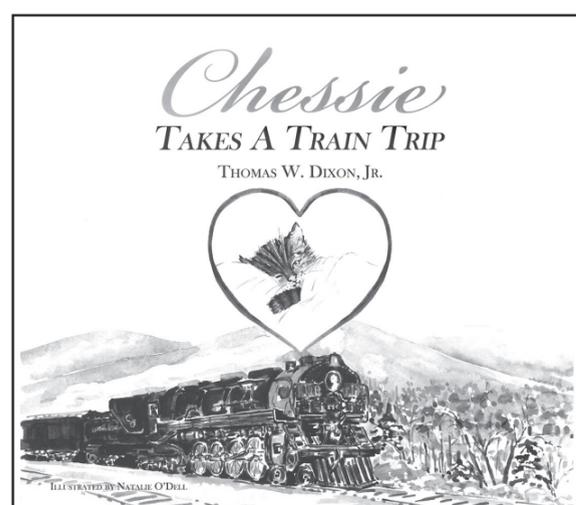
Chuck and Leigh McCreery of 219 Woody Oak Drive, Milton, will celebrate their tenth wedding anniversary on April 10.

Jeff and Anna Smith of 2763 Washington Blvd., Huntington, will celebrate their forty-fourth wedding anniversary on April 10.

Daniel Keith and Miranda Jividen, PO Box 744, Poca, will celebrate their third wedding anniversary on April 10.

Jarrod and Hanna Hage Childers of Candylewyck, Hurricane, will celebrate their eleventh wedding anniversary on April 10.

Jeff and Kim Black of Culloden will celebrate their thirty-second wedding anniversary on April 11.



provides educational and entertainment materials to patrons throughout Putnam County. As our Mobile Outreach Unit expands our reach to underserved communities, we hope to make a difference in the lives of those who aren't able to come into our buildings and provide them with the same resources, including books for children! With this generous donation from the C&O Historical Society, we will be able to stock our Mobile Outreach Unit to give away books to children who may not have a lot of books in their home, who may not be able to go to the library to check out something new to read. In addition, we give away books as prizes throughout the summer as part of our annual Summer Reading Program."

When asked why he wanted to do this, Totten said, "I'm a West Virginia native and have fond memories of a weekly children's reading program at the Glasgow Branch of the Kanawha County Public Library. Knowing how much that program meant to me growing up, and since our organization has some modest ability to contribute, we wanted to help Putnam County's programs while introducing children to a piece of Chesapeake & Ohio Railway history."

Adkins continued, "*Chessie Takes a Train Trip* will be a great book to give away to all ages because it's got accurately-illustrated trains, it's got a cute kitten, it has adventure - something for everyone! We are thankful for people like Mark Totten who help stock our Community Collection to bring books to kids across Putnam County. Having books around and available fosters a natural love for reading, so we are happy to be able to make sure children across Putnam County have this special book for their own collection at home."

Chessie the Railroad Kitten played a famous role in the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway's advertising campaigns through the decades. After Chessie was introduced to the traveling public by the C&O's Public Relations Department in 1933, her image was eventually used to promote and explain travel services and destinations throughout the Chesapeake & Ohio system. These images of Chessie and her family from the railroad's Advertising Department have been preserved in the C&O Historical Society's archive, and as a result, have delighted the public for many years. The Chessie calendar, published and distributed by the C&O Railway, reached its peak distribution with 425,000 copies in 1947. Following the success of the railroad's public relations campaign using the kitten as their mascot, the Wall Street

Journal once called Chessie "the kitten of destiny."

The C&O Historical Society still publishes the famous "Chessie" calendar, first issued by the railroad for the year 1934. The longest-running railroad-themed calendar in the United States, its 2024 edition marked a milestone as the 90th Chessie calendar issued since the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway originally created the concept.

Copies of *Chessie Takes a Train Trip* will be added to the Putnam County Library collection, should anyone who missed out on a free copy still want to experience the story.

The formation and expansion of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway was led by Collis P. Huntington; by 1873 the railway stretched from Richmond, Virginia to the Ohio River, where the town of Huntington, West Virginia was named after him. When the railroad later became synonymous with Chessie, their trackage in the eastern United States became known through marketing as "Chessie's Route."

*Chessie Takes a Train Trip* was written by C&O Historical Society Founder and Chief Historian Thomas W. Dixon, Jr. and illustrated by Lexington, Virginia-based artist Natalie O'Dell. The book features an original adventure starring the famous railroad kitten and is brought to life with the first Chessie art officially commissioned since 1984. This groundbreaking labor of love by the Clifton Forge-based non-profit organization seeks to appeal to the next generation of supporters that may have never ridden a train, but will someday continue the C&OHS's mission to preserve and interpret the history of the C&O Railway.

C&O Historical Society President Mark Totten summarized, "We are incredibly grateful to the Putnam County Library and Programming and Youth Services Manager Bethany Adkins, who was incredibly helpful, dedicated to our goals, and worked hard to ensure our donation got into the hands of Putnam County children. I hope we will have the opportunity to collaborate with Ms. Adkins and the Putnam County Library in the future."

The Chesapeake & Ohio Historical Society's Business Office & Archive is open Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM, and may be reached by telephone at 540-862-2210, or by email at cohs@cohs.org. Updates and additional information about the C&OHS can be found on Facebook under @cohs.org or on Instagram @ChessiesRoad. The C&OHS archive database, featuring tens of thousands of archived photos and engineering drawings, is available online at archives.cohs.org.



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