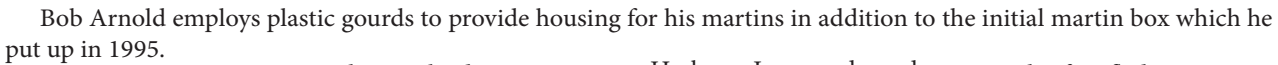


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# The Purple Martins Have Returned to North Harbour Lane

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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		

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# 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 1p.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 - 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.

"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

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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@faithinactionkv.com](mailto:info@faithinactionkv.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 is 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 of Girl Scouting and purchase your Blenko

Suncatcher at <https://girlscouts.info/glassforgood>.

## 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

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**AUDITOR**

## Vietnam Veterans Honored

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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.

## 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:			
	Column E Certificate of Valuation Assessed Value for Tax Purposes	Current Expense Levy Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Class I			
Personal Property	\$ -	19.40	\$ -
Public Utilities	-	-	-
Total Class I	-	-	-
Class II			
Real Estate	2,114,077,814	38.80	8,202,622
Personal Property	13,888,176	-	53,886
Total Class II	2,127,965,990	-	8,256,508
Class III			
Real Estate	480,942,980	77.60	3,732,118
Personal Property	671,378,445	-	5,209,897
Public Utilities	571,838,747	-	4,437,469
Total Class III	1,724,160,172	-	13,379,484
Class IV			
Real Estate	123,202,970	77.60	956,055
Personal Property	103,985,250	-	806,926
Public Utilities	44,414,242	-	344,655
Total Class IV	271,602,462	-	2,107,636
Total Assessed Valuation and Projected Gross Tax Collections	\$ 4,123,728,624		\$ 23,743,628
Less Allowance for Uncollectibles, Exonerations and Delinquencies		9.00%	(2,136,927)
Less Allowance for Tax Discounts		1.00%	(216,067)
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing - see worksheet (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)			(1,341,531)
Net Projected Tax Collections, before allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund			20,049,103
Less - Allowance for Assessor's Valuation Fund (Subtracted from regular current expense tax levy only)		2.00%	(400,982)
Projected Net Taxes to be Collected			\$ 19,648,121
	Excess Levy Levy Rate/\$100	Permanent Improvement Levy Rate/\$100	Bond Levy Levy Rate/\$100
Class I			
Personal Property	22.95 \$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Public Utilities	-	-	-
Total Class I	-	-	-
Class II			
Real Estate	45.90 9,703,617	-	-
Personal Property	63,747	-	-
Total Class II	9,767,364	-	-
Class III			
Real Estate	91.80 4,415,057	-	-
Personal Property	6,163,254	-	-
Public Utilities	5,249,480	-	-
Total Class III	15,827,791	-	-
Class IV			
Real Estate	91.80 1,131,003	-	-
Personal Property	954,585	-	-
Public Utilities	407,723	-	-
Total Class IV	2,493,311	-	-
Total Assessed Valuation and Projected Gross Tax Collections	\$ 28,088,466		-
Less Allowance for Uncollectibles, Exonerations and Delinquencies	9.00% (2,527,962)	9.00%	-
Less Allowance for Tax Discounts	1.00% (255,605)	1.00%	-
Less Allowance for Tax Increment Financing See Worksheet P/I		-	-
Projected Net Taxes to be collected	\$ 25,304,899	\$ -	-
Total Projected Net Taxes from Regular and Excess Levies	\$ 44,953,020		
SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED LEVY RATES ALLOWANCE FOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025			
	Column C Roll Back Value Form	Current Expense Levy Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Class I			
Personal Property	\$ -	19.40	\$ -
Public Utilities	-	-	-
Total Class I	-	-	-
Class II			
Real Estate	210,548,100	38.80	816,927
Personal Property	-	-	-
Total Class II	210,548,100	-	816,927
Class III			
Real Estate	52,352,400	77.60	406,255
Personal Property	19,626,440	-	152,301
Public Utilities	-	-	-
Total Class III	71,978,840	-	558,556
Class IV			
Real Estate	5,605,360	77.60	43,498
Personal Property	9,036,096	-	70,120
Public Utilities	-	-	-
Total Class IV	14,641,456	-	113,618
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$297,168,396		\$1,489,101
Less Allowance for Uncollectibles, Exonerations and Delinquencies		9.00%	(134,019)
Less Allowance for Tax Discounts		1.00%	(13,551)
Allowance for Tax Increment Financing			1,341,531
	Column C Roll Back Value Form	Permanent Improvement Levy Rate/\$100	Taxes Levied
Class I			
Personal Property	\$ 0.00	-	\$ -
Public Utilities	-	-	-
Total Class I	-	-	-
Class II			
Real Estate	\$210,548,100	-	-
Personal Property	-	-	-
Total Class II	210,548,100	-	-
Class III			
Real Estate	\$52,352,400	-	-
Personal Property	19,626,440	-	-
Public Utilities	-	-	-
Total Class III	71,978,840	-	-
Class IV			
Real Estate	\$5,605,360	-	-
Personal Property	9,036,096	-	-
Public Utilities	-	-	-
Total Class IV	14,641,456	-	-
Total Value & Projected Revenue	\$297,168,396		\$ -
Less Allowance for Uncollectibles, Exonerations and Delinquencies		9.00%	-
Less Allowance for Tax Discounts		1.00%	-
Allowance for Tax Increment Financing			-
SIGNED THIS 18TH DAY OF MARCH, 2023, BY John G. Hudson, SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION			
JOHN G. HUDSON			
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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT	
IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA	
To: Magistrate Court Case Brittany No.: 23-M40D-00187 Denny Saunders Respondent's Name 510 7th Street Huntington WV 25701 Respondent's Civil Action No.: Address 23-DV-151 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	
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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT	
To the Creditors and Beneficiaries of the following deceased persons estates: I have before me the estates of the deceased persons and the accounts of the fiduciaries of their respective estates as listed below:	
Estate No.: 5601 Estate Of: Theresa Faye Allison Administratrix: Carolyn Sue Tant C/O Zachary Lauffer, Attorney 1010 St Ives Hurricane, WV 25526	
Estate No.: 5542 Estate Of: Lois Jean Brogan Administratrix: Melissa D Nichols 144 Killamey Rd Winfield, WV 25213	
Estate No.: 5615 Estate Of: Imogene Caldwell Co Executrix: Elizabeth Ann Moore Christie G Skinner 77 Caldwell Farms Hurricane, WV 25526	
Estate No.: 5652 Estate Of: Juanita Madaline Cobb Executrix: Otis T Rollins 364 Fisher Ridge Road Liberty, WV 25124	
Estate No.: 5659 Estate Of: David A Eads Executrix: James E Eads 11197 Charleston Road Red House WV 25168	
Estate No.: 5673 Estate Of: Joe Edward Giffilen Administratrix: Carla Flynn P. O. Box 508 Eleanor, WV 25070	
Estate No.: 5665 Estate Of: Austin Jerwayne Jones Administrator: Levi R Jones 1777 US Rt 60 Ste 201 Hurricane, WV 25526	
Estate No.: 5648 Estate Of: Marilou McKinney Executrix: Dan L McKinney 172 Derby Hill Rd Hurricane, WV 25526	
Estate No.: 5631 Estate Of: Patricia Alice Browder Jarvis Executrix: Lucinda A Johnson 884 Cobblestone Boulevard Scott Depot, WV 25560	
Estate No.: 5546 Estate Of: Albert Junior Snyder Executrix: Anna Jane Johnson P. O. Box 1082 Washington, NC 27889	
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	
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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT	
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	
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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 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 & Pill, PLLC as Substitute Trustee by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse, in Winfield, West Virginia, on	
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 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 the Teays Valley District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and being more particularly described as all of LOT SIX HUNDRED FOUR (604) IN SECTION ONE, PHASE ONE, TEAYS VALLEY MEADOWS-NORTH as the same is more particularly shown and designated upon that certain map entitled "Teays Valley Meadows North Subdivision Section One Phase One Developed by Danny& Linda Harshbarger Teays Valley District - Putnam County West Virginia dated July 26, 1993, prepared by Calhoun Engineering & Surveying West Virginia, Jimmy Calhoun PF 4782, which map is of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Map Cabinet B, at Slide 398. Along with the right to use the streets, roads and drives situated in Teays Valley Meadows and Teays Valley Meadows - North, as the same now exist or may hereafter be created, for the purpose of ingress and egress to and from the property herein conveyed and West Virginia State Route 34. Subject to the terms and conditions contained in the document entitled "Declarations of Covenants, Restrictions, Reservations and Easements for Teays Valley Meadows - North Teays Valley District - Putnam County West Virginia" dated July 29, 1993, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Miscellaneous Book 38, at Page 871.	
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 & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee	
Richard A. Pill, Member Martinsburg, WV 25404 Phone (304) 263-4971, Fax (304) 267-5840 e-mail: foreclosures@pillwvlaw.com	
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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 1207 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 service 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	
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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT	
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 ( <a href="http://www.fcc.gov/asr/applications">www.fcc.gov/asr/applications</a> ) by entering the filing number. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review ( <a href="http://www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest">www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest</a> ) 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: <i>Trileaf Corp, Hannah Powell, h.powell@trileaf.com, 1515 Des Peres Road, Suite 200, St. Louis, MO 63131, 314-997-6111.</i>	
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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 & Pill, PLLC as Substitute Trustee by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse, in , 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 & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee	
Richard A. Pill, Member Martinsburg, WV 25404 Phone (304) 263-4971, Fax (304) 267-5840. e-mail: foreclosures@pillwvlaw.com	
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<div>NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE</div> <div>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:</div> <div>10th day of April, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>TERMS OF SALE:</div> <div>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.</div> <div>2) The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>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.</div> <div>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 3-14-4t</div>	<div>Putnam County Commission Levy Estimate (Budget) 2024-2025 Fiscal Year</div> <div>STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA County of: Putnam, West Virginia</div> <div>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:</div> <div><table><tr><th>General Fund</th><th>Estimated Revenues</th><th></th></tr><tr><td>Fund Balance</td><td>\$ 3,200,000</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Property Taxes Current Year</td><td>14,083,912</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Prior Year Taxes</td><td>1,258,000</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Tax Penalties, Interest &amp; Publication Fees</td><td>260,000</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Property Transfer Tax</td><td>550,000</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Gas and Oil Severance Tax</td><td>175,000</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Wine &amp; Liquor Tax</td><td>250,000</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Payment 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Development</td><td>5,000</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>Industrial Development</td><td>215,000</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>Public Works Department</td><td>146,235</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>Rehabilitation of Property</td><td>50,000</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>Planning &amp; Zoning</td><td>445,854</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>Litigation Reserve</td><td>50,000</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>County Clerk Operations</td><td>11,806</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>Contingencies - Not to Exceed 10% of Budget</td><td>400,000</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</td><td>9,822,351</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>PUBLIC SAFETY</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Sheriff -Law Enforcement</td><td>4,682,255</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>Sheriff - Service of Process</td><td>116,216</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>Regional Jail</td><td>1,190,000</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>Home Confinement</td><td>246,187</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>Emergency Services</td><td>330,930</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>Communications 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Tax	65,000	Hotel Occupancy Tax	135,000	Sales Tax	1,900,000	Fines, Fees & Court Costs	100,000	Licenses	25,000	Building Permit Fees	46,500	Franchise Fees	35,000	IRP Fees (Interstate Registration Plan)	255,000	Parks & Recreation	40,000	Landfill / Incinerator Fees	40,000	Federal Government Grants	10,000	State Government Grants	10,000	Other Grants	77,000	Contributions/Transfer from Other Entities	35,000	Gaming Income	10,500	Interest Earned on Investments	2,500	Refunds	45,000	Sale of Fixed Assets	15,000	Sale of Materials	750	Accident Reports	4,000	Confiscated Property, Forfeiture/Seizure	10,000	Video Lottery (LVL)	25,000	Miscellaneous Revenues	45,000	TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (GENERAL FUND)	\$ 7,979,896	Assigned Fund Balance	\$ 50	Coal Severance tax	28,000	TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE (COAL SEVERANCE FUND)	\$ 28,050	General Fund	Coal Severance Fund		ESTIMATED CURRENT EXPENDITURES			Mayor's Office	\$ 287,530	-	City Council	21,400	-	Recorder's Office	14,330	-	City Manager's 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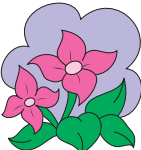







# Fillers Page

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. Fil 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.

**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.

## Jokes From Linda

Submitted by Linda Lavender Armstead

  
A farmer was milking the cow when he saw a fly disappear into the cow’s ear. He continued milking and then saw a fly in the milk bucket. “That’s really something, a fly goes in one ear and out the udder.”

Why is helium so expensive these days?  
Because of all the inflation.

Five-year-old Sally told her teacher, “Everybody marries relatives. My daddy married my mommy. My uncle married my aunt, and the other day I found out that my grandma married my grandpa.”

What did the farmer call the cow that had no milk?  
An utter failure.

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# 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.



Too many times, we remember what we should forget, and we forget what we should remember.

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.

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.

My patience is basically like a gift card. Not sure how much is left on it but we can give it a try.

Love takes off the masks that we fear we cannot live without and know we cannot live within.

Remember when people being on unemployment was an embarrassing secret, not a life goal.

When you have more years behind you than ahead of you, you think about life differently.

I say things women want to hear, and things men have trouble saying. - Conway Twitty

A time will come in your life when people will regret why they treated you wrong.

A moment of patience in a moment of anger saves you 100 moments of regret.

There will always be someone who can’t see your worth. Don’t let it be you.

Never sacrifice who you are just because one person has a problem with it.

Kindness can transform someone’s dark moment with a blaze of light.

Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food. - Hippocrates

If today was the best day of your life, what would it be like?

No matter how busy a person is, if they really care, they will always find time for you.

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

Those who have no time for healthy eating will sooner or later have to find the time for illness.

You don’t get to decide someone’s grief. Sometimes losing a pet can be just as hard as losing a person.

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

God, please heal the part of my kids that they don’t discuss with me.

If you keep good food in your fridge, you will eat good food.

No one can cancel what God has called for you.

If you can’t love a doggy like a family member, don’t get one.

The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra.

Don’t push them away and expect them to still be there when you’re ready.

Don’t dwell on those who let you down. Cherish those who lift you up.

If you are observant enough, people usually tell on themselves.

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

If you kneel before God, you can stand before anyone.

Those who don’t believe in magic will never find it.

When trust is broken, sorry means nothing.

Don’t let the same snake bite you twice.

The best therapists have fur and four legs.

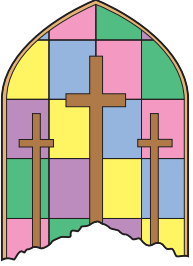
Young at heart, old everywhere else.

Laughter is a sunbeam of the soul.

There is power in kindness.

Life is better with muddy paws.

## 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









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# Obituaries

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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.

## CYNTHIA WOODWORTH

Cynthia Kaye Roberts Woodworth, 73, of Culloden, passed away on Friday, March 29, 2024, after a four-year battle with cancer. Her final moments were spent peacefully in her home, surrounded by family.

Cindy was born in Hamlin on October 16, 1950. She lived a life of a gape love and was a great friend to all. Her legacy is one of accepting, encouraging, and supporting people, and finding hope and joy in all circumstances.

Cindy had the heart of a servant and was a devout Christian and scholar of

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



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.

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He died in 2003.

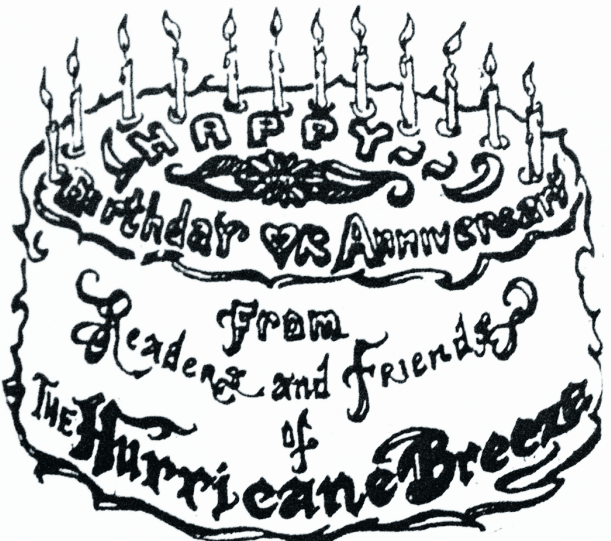
April 7, 2004: Gov. Bob Wise signed legislation that transformed four colleges into universities: West Virginia State, Shepherd, Fairmont State and Concord.

April 8, 1951: An Air National Guard transport plane crashed near Kanawha

(now Yeager) Airport, killing 21.

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.





LYNELL GEER 2208 Kirby Road - #174 Milton 61st Birthday April 1	Spence Birthday April 4
BRENDA GRANT 91 Whitten Ridge Road Frazier's Bottom 76th Birthday April 2	LOUISE ROMINE BRAMMER 7403 Catherine Street Murfreesboro, Tennessee 84th Birthday April 4
BRAD GIBSON 110 Derby Road Hurricane 63rd Birthday April 2	ROGER JOHNSON 21 Damon Avenue Milton Birthday April 4
TIM CASTO 202 Maury Lane, Apt. A Hurricane 65th Birthday April 2	RONNIE HOOVER 867 Saunders Hollow Road Barboursville Birthday April 4
BETTY BALLARD Florida Birthday April 2	SHELLY BROOKS #5 Sun Watch Barboursville 47th Birthday April 4
HARRY FRANKLIN ROSE 570 Joe's Branch Road Hurricane 76th Birthday April 2	HAROLD "BOB" ROBERTS Sunnybrook Hurricane 94th Birthday April 4
SOPHIA GLENN 10101 S Indian River Road Ft. Pierce, Florida 22nd Birthday April 2	MADDOX FRAZIER AKERS Frazier's Bottom 4th Birthday April 4
TEDDY CLAY (T C) SOWARDS 5361 Hurricane Creek Road Hurricane 28th Birthday April 3	DARLENE GIBSON BAILEY Lesage 72nd Birthday April 5
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

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ISRAEL DAVID "IZZY" DILLARD Nepal 9th Birthday April 6
BETTY THOMPSON BURKE 190 McDevitt Road Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania 74th Birthday April 6
JIMMY GRANT Huntington 27th Birthday April 6
CARL "TONY" RAMELLA JR Ohio 76th Birthday April 7
DAVID LEE LINCOLNOGGER Hephzibah, Georgia 39th Birthday April 7
EMMA LEE MORRISON 2310 Joy Lane Culloden 83rd Birthday April 7
KENT CARPER 500 Tracy Way Charleston 72nd Birthday April 7
KATHY CARRICO 105 Alma Avenue South Point, Ohio 49th Birthday April 8
BARBARA ANN DAVIS ROOPER 244 Teays Lane Hurricane 74th Birthday April 8
NOLAN SCOTT DUNCAN 206 Geronimo Drive St. Albans 20th Birthday April 8
CLARENCE WOODWORTH 2253 6th Street Culloden 77th Birthday April 8
JOHN SCHNEIDER Mt. Kisco, New York 64th Birthday April 8
VIOLET SMITH 200 Chickasaw Court Ashland, Kentucky 89th Birthday April 9
MARY BLACK HARPER Scott Depot 71st Birthday April 9
GLENN BECKETT 2851 Buff Creek Hurricane 75th Birthday April 9
GENE YOUNG 2062 Woodard Street Culloden 93rd Birthday April 9
ANTHONY QUEEN 103 Thomas Drive Hurricane 20th Birthday April 9
ROY GIBSON 44 Sawmill Road Culloden 74th Birthday April 9
ZALINA WOODARD 6423 Hurricane Creek Road Hurricane 30th Birthday April 9
ROSALIE RAINES Route 2, Box 268 Red House 23rd Birthday April 10
KIM ORDERS LEWIS 2039 Parkwood Road Charleston 63rd Birthday April 10
AIDEN CARLSON #15 Poplar Hill Hurricane 16th Birthday April 10
ANDREA MARIE YOUNG CAMPBELL Hurricane Creek Road Winfield 39th Birthday April 10
NONDRA WRAY SHARP 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.

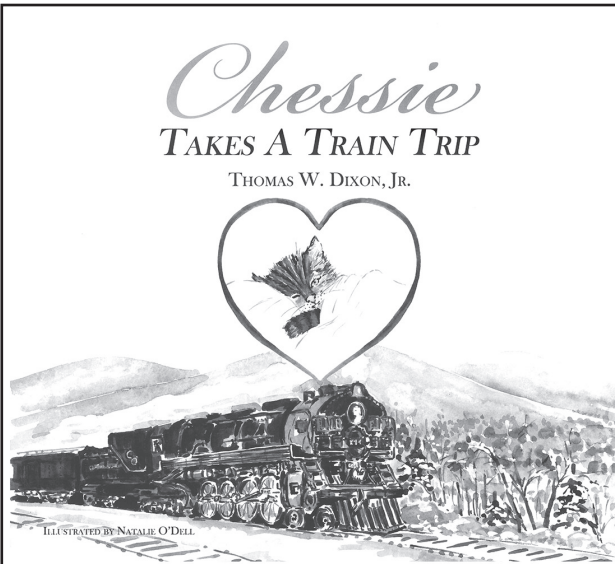
Chuck and Leigh McCreery of 219 Woody Oak Drive, Milton, will celebrate their tenth wedding anniversary on April 10.

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 books, or who just want 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.