

The Hurricane Breeze

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Putnam Early Voting Begins May 2nd

By Ron Allen

Putnam County voters need not wait until Primary Election Day, May 14, to exercise their civic duty of selecting candidates for the November General Election. There are nine days available between May 2nd and May 11th on which registered voters may mark their ballots. Early voting will take place at both the Courthouse in Winfield and at the Valley Park Conference Center in Hurricane. The ballots will not be counted until polls close at 7:30 p.m. on the 14th.

The Primary, in addition to picking political party candidates, serves as the venue for electing Magistrates, Judges, and members to the Board of Education. County voters will also have the opportunity to approve or reject a special levy to provide funding for Fire/Rescue Service; and, a levy to provide funding to the Board of Education to maintain its current services.

Putnam voters residing within Nitro city limits will approve or reject a levy used to fund city services.

County Clerk Brian Wood expects very short waiting lines or none because interest in the Primary is far less than interest in the General. Wood reported that 22.75% of 2022 Primary voters chose the early voting option, while 42.56% of 2022 General Election total consisted of early voters. The percentage turnout for the last presidential year election (2020) was 71.5% for the General and in the 35% to 40% range for the Primary. Wood said the slowest days for early voting are typically Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (May 6-8). Early voting is heaviest in the morning of the first day and in the last days prior to election day.

The early voting schedule is Thursday, May 2, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Friday, May 3, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Saturday, May 4, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Monday,

Cruise-In Season Has Begun



Nathan and Jeannie Arnold of Hurricane pose for a photo in front of Nathan's 1967 Pontiac Bonneville. This vintage car originally belonged to Nathan's grandfather, who bought it in 1969. (Photo by Betsy Allen)

By Betsy Allen

The Cops N Rodders Classic Car Club held their first cruise-in of the year last

Saturday, April 20, on the club's 2024 season of car shows, which are held on the third Saturday of each month through October at the same location.

Approximately 65 to 70 cars rolled out to Saturday's cruise-in. Larry Wingo, club president, said that there was

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May 6, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Tuesday, May 7, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday, May 8, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Thursday, May 9, 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Friday, May 10, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; and Saturday, May 11, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Hurricane Independence Day Pageant Royal Beauty



Left to right: Ms. Hurricane Independence Day - Brittany Sayre from Point Pleasant, Hurricane Independence Day Pre-Teen - Kendall Kessel from Hurricane, Hurricane Independence Day Queen - Madison Gill from Frazier's Bottom, Hurricane Independence Day Teen - Aleah Armentrout from Milton, and Mrs. Hurricane Independence Day - Sara Stinnett from Scott Depot.

The Hurricane Independence Day pageant was held on Saturday, April 13 at the Valley Park Conference Center. The pageant is held in advance of the Celebration so the royalty can promote the event and the community atmosphere surrounding the event in advance of the Independence Day celebrations. The children's pageant was held that morning with the Pre-Teen - Mrs. pageant taking place during the evening. The children's pageant consisted of 37 children competing for 7 different division titles and the Pre-Teen - Mrs. pageant consisted of 25 amazing ladies competing for 5 different divisions. We are excited to announce our 2024 Hurricane Independence Day Celebration royalty:

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Bancroft Volunteer Recognized by GSBDC

Bancroft Girl Scouts troop leader Debi McCoy was recently recognized for her service to Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council.

McCoy was nominated by her peers and honored as a recipient of the Thanks Badge II at the GSBDC Annual Meeting on April 13 at the Marriott Town Center in Charleston.

The Thanks Badge II honors previous Thanks Badge award recipients who have continued to provide exemplary service in a leadership role which resulted in a measurable impact benefiting the entire Girl Scout Movement. Volunteers must be a registered Girl Scout adult and continue to have a role in contributing to the goals of the council in the areas of Program, Membership, Fund Development, and



Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council Board of Directors chair Kat Simmons, left, Franklin volunteer Debi McCoy, center, and CEO Beth Casey, right, pose for a photo at the GSBDC Annual Meeting on April 13 in Charleston.

Volunteer Support. her love for Girl Scouts, but more specifically, our girls," GSBDC Board of Directors member Pam Harvit said during the ceremony. "She

Highley Blessed Realty Celebrates New Office with Ribbon Cutting



Heather and Drew Highley prepare to cut the ribbon as Hurricane Mayor Scott Edwards looks on. City Manager Any Skidmore (left) and Fire Chief Mike Hoffman (right) serve as ribbon holders.

Tuesday, April 16, was time to cut the ribbon at Highley Blessed Realty LLC at 3925 Teays Valley Road. Highley Blessed Realty first opened its doors in July of

2019 with a small office in Teays Valley with a goal of providing a knowledgeable team to help the community in the purchase of residential homes, vacant land and

commercial properties. The ribbon cutting ceremony served as a celebration of opening their new, larger office.

Owner Heather Highley

said, "We aspire to set the standard as the agents who call you back, go above and beyond, treat you better than family and be there as a mentor through

possibly your largest-ever investment. We value our clients, customers and each other. We are honored to help."

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WEATHER SUMMARY		
April 16 - 22		
	Low	High
April 16		
Hurricane	48°	81°
April 17		
Hurricane	56°	79°
April 18		
Hurricane	48°	76°
April 19		
Hurricane	48°	72°
April 20		
Hurricane	38°	67°
April 21		
Hurricane	31°	54°
April 22		
Hurricane	24°	62°
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None recorded		

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.

WEEKENDS

THROUGH MAY 12

- The Gritt's Farm Spring Festival will be held on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. General admission tickets are \$16.95. Gritt's Farm is located at 864 Gritt Road, Buffalo. To purchase tickets, go to <https://grittsfarm.com/events/spring-festival>

NOW - APRIL 27

- The Nitro Antique Car Club will be holding a swap meet at the Winfield Riding Club. For more information, call 304-377-2715 or 304-541-8401.

STARTING APRIL 25

- There will be a crochet workshop from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursdays at Valley Park in Hurricane. The cost is \$40 for a five-week class. To register, go to <http://putnam-county-parks.ticketleap.com/crochet-workshop/>

APRIL 25

- There will be a plant hanger craft workshop featuring upcycled t-shirts (participant brings their own) from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Poca Library.

- The Putnam County Republican Executive Committee will be hosting the Lincoln Day Dinner at Sleepy Hollow Golf Club in Hurricane. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. with programming to begin at 6:30 p.m. Ticket information may be found at www.putnamwvgop.com

- There will be an Earth Week themed home school science class/park cleanup at 10 a.m. at Hurricane City Park. Meet in the field beside the parking lot and help clean up the park.

APRIL 26 - 27

- The Spring Vintage Market and Vendor Fair will be held at Saving Vintage, 401 Midland Trail, Hurricane. Hours are Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

APRIL 26

- There will be a drop-in contemporary dance class at 6 p.m. and a drop-in hip-hop and line dance class at 7 p.m. at Lee's Studio of

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Dance, 8325 Winfield Road, Winfield. The cost is \$15 per class.

- An Evening Under the Stars - Homeschool Middle School and Up Semi-Formal - will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Social Event Space, 2833 Main Street, Hurricane. Tickets are \$25, and can be purchased by April 24 at <https://www.simpletix.com/e/an-evening-under-the-stars-homeschool-middle-tickets-163666>

APRIL 27 - 28

- The WV Pumpkin Spring Festival craft and vendor show will be held on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the gate.

APRIL 27

- There will be a ribbon cutting for the Nitro Commons, 722 1st Avenue South, Nitro, at noon. The event runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- The Women's Club of Nitro will be holding a craft show from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 2205 2nd Avenue and 23rd Street, Nitro.

- Katherine's Cafe, 4 Bank Street, Nitro, will be holding a hot dog and BBQ fundraiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Kanawha River Bass Tournaments will be holding their second regular season tournament from 6:30 to 2 p.m. starting at the Nitro Boat Ramp.

- The Cow Creek Hi-Strivers 4-H Club will be holding a tack auction at the Eleanor Fire Department (upstairs). Doors open at 4 p.m.; auction begins at 5 p.m.

- The 2024 West Virginia Food Truck Festival will be held from noon to 5 p.m. at the Putnam County Fairgrounds in Eleanor.

- Christopher Strathman "Stratty" will be performing at 9 p.m. at VFW Post 9097, 3836 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane.

- April Showers Slam Fest Baseball Tournament will be held at Valley Park in Hurricane starting at 1 p.m. For more information, go to <https://baseball.exposureevents.com/209647/april-showers-slam-fest>

- The Board Room (located behind the Hurricane Walmart) will be holding their first ever Dungeons and Dragons Ladies Night from 5 to 9 p.m.

APRIL 28

- The 2024 St. Albans Fall Y'all Festival Dog Bowl Bowling Tournament will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. at Town & Country Lanes, 409 1st Avenue S, Nitro. For more information, go to <https://fallyallchilicookoff.com/dogbowl>

- Good Hope Baptist Church, 1075 Kilgore Creek Road, Milton, will be holding their annual Friends & Family service starting at 10 a.m.

- The Upper Vandalia Historical Society, Putnam County's history organization, will be having a geological workshop at 2 p.m. at Bancroft Church of God Mission, 5936 Charleston Rd, Bancroft. Enter in rear of church building.

- The LEGO Block Party will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. at Social Event Space, 2833 Main Street, Hurricane. This event is geared towards children aged 5 to 12, but LEGO lovers of all ages are welcome.

APRIL 29 - 30

- The Appalachian Trainer Face Off will be held at the Winfield Riding Club. This is a yearly event where horse trainers across the USA compete with Adoptable Horses in Appalachia. For more information, go to

Attorney General Morrissey's Mobile Office Sets May Stops for Metro Valley

Attorney General Patrick Morrissey announced a representative from his office will meet with Metro Valley residents in May to discuss consumer-related issues and answer any potential questions.

"These public events are a great way for consumers to talk one-on-one with our consumer representatives," Attorney General Morrissey said. "Residents can easily get questions answered, learn what is going on in their area and how to keep personal information safe and secure."

Susan Azevedo, a consumer outreach and compliance specialist with the office, will host the

events as scheduled below:

- May 2: 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. - Hurricane Branch Library, 410 Midland Trail, Hurricane
- May 4: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. - Main Street Spring Festival, Hurricane
- May 6: 11 a.m. to noon - Hometown Senior Center, 40 1st Ave., Hometown
- May 9: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. - Putnam County Main Branch Library, 4219 WV-34, Hurricane

For information on additional requirements specific to any location, attendees are encouraged to contact Susan Azevedo at 304-590-1831. In case of inclement weather, please call ahead.

West Virginia Symphony Presents A Grand Finale!

The West Virginia Symphony Orchestra (WVSO) closes its 23-24 season with A Grand Finale! on May 4-5 in Charleston and Parkersburg.

The WVSO's season concludes on May 4-5 with the premiere of a commission from West Virginia composer Matt Jackfert. Jackfert's piece, "Foggy Moon Over the Gorge" reflects the experience of driving from Hinton to Charleston, WV late at night and celebrates our nation's newest national park, The New River Gorge National Park and Preserve, with mysterious harmonies, ethereal colors, and sounds familiar to the area. The premiere performance in Charleston features a side-by-side with the WV Youth Symphony.

"I was passing over the Glade Creek Bridge on I-64 on a moonlit night without a cloud in the sky. The clouds, as I discovered, were not above me, but below me, within the New River Gorge. The full moon reflected off the clouds to create a marvelous scene where I felt like I was almost floating in the fog, drifting away into the night. The scene had me so enchanted that I had to snap myself back into reality and remember to keep my eyes on the road," said composer Matt Jackfert. "I'm excited to have the West Virginia Youth Symphony perform along with the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra in what I hope will be an unforgettable experience for both our audience, WV Symphony musicians, and our young performers."

Returning guest conductor Mélisse Brunet

appalachian trainerfaceoff.com

APRIL 29

- Lee's Studio of Dance, 8325 Winfield Road, Winfield, will be hosting drop-in dance classes. Contemporary dance at 6 p.m.; jazz at 7 p.m.; and hip hop at 8 p.m. The cost is \$15 per class.

- The Putnam County Community Baby Event for parents of newborns through 6 months will be held at 11:30 a.m. at Heartbeat of the Valley, 28 Mission Way, Scott Depot. Registration required; call (681) 235-2097.

MAY 1 - 2

- Putnam County EMS will be hosting an Emergency Pediatric Care class for EMTs, paramedics, emergency medical responders, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and physicians. The cost is \$125. For more

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

Years ago, when I was teaching at Nitro High School, one of my favorite schools, my students and I did quite a bit of creative writing. They were talented. I read to them some of the ghost stories that I wrote for this column... they liked ghost stories. I also told them WV Ghost stories that I had read before... and a unique one about Hurricane High... another story.

One of the stories I read to the kids was The Ghost of Main Street (Hurricane, of course, where I grew up...). They liked that one. I sent it to the Breeze and Cookie printed it. It was about Hannah Hope Hall. Ironically, I met a woman (somewhere) who told me she knew the family. I assured her that I made up the name and the story. (Interestingly enough, an author once wrote that she found the names of her characters on tombstones... I did not do that, but I probably found this name... parts of it... somewhere... in a book... online... I do not remember.)

Hannah Hope Hall and her parents were visiting Main Street, Hurricane, to do their shopping and banking. They stopped in a favorite restaurant to enjoy a delicious home made meal. They did this, as a family, each Saturday. (I liked this idea because I knew and remember the bustling Saturdays in my home town... when Putnam County Bank was open on Saturday... the town flourished... I saw the Searls' family... Mother and I might have a Coca Cola at Raines Drug Store... stop in Tallman's Jewelry... get groceries at Billups or A to Z... I don't have a real time frame because we did this for years when I was a child.) Back to the story... memories get to me sometimes... The Halls ate at the same restaurant every week, along with other Saturday shoppers.

The Hall family lived in the country. They were eating, one Saturday, when a gentleman stopped at their table and introduced himself. He noticed them each week. He especially noticed Hannah Hope Hall. The story progresses... guess what happened?

To make this long ago story shorter, you guessed it... this older man, much older than Hannah Hope Hall, asked for her hand in marriage... Because this man seemed "nice"

p.m. at Capital City Auto Auction, 600 Winfield Road, St. Albans. Preview from 1 to 6 p.m. on May 2.

- Lee's Studio of Dance, 8325 Winfield Road, Winfield, will be hosting drop-in dance classes. Contemporary dance at 6 p.m.; ballroom dance at 7 p.m.; and hip hop at 8 p.m. The cost is \$15 per class.

- The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Business Before Business meet-up from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at Edward Jones Financial Advisor, 996 State Route 34, Hurricane.

- The Putnam County Library will be hosting a homeschool field day from 2 to 4 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane.

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her parents gave their permission... and the rest is history... they married and this gentle, young woman moved into the home of her new husband.

Hannah Hope Hall became a wife. She did the household chores; she worked in the garden with her husband. Before long, he had her feeding the animals, and he even had her helping to prepare the fields. She worked from daylight to dark with no break. However, she did not do enough... he wanted more... He wanted a huge family.

The story... Hannah Hope Hall's parents realized that they had not seen their daughter and her husband in town for weeks... they suspected she might be expecting a child and did not feel up to shopping. One day, the parents drove to the farm... they had never been invited there... the husband was controlling... when they arrived...

The husband of Hannah Hope Hall told her parents that his wife was indeed expecting a child, but the bad news was that she took off and left him. She was lazy, according to him... he had not seen her in weeks. The parents were sad, devastated, but quite suspicious. This did not sound like their daughter... enough said... for years, those walking along Main Street in Hurricane, WV, maintained that on Saturdays, they saw a wisp of a young woman, dressed as Hannah Hope Hall had, walking the streets of Hurricane and peeping in the restaurant... thus, this ghost of a lovely young woman in my home town...

We all know, or we say we know, that ghosts don't exist... but if you are on Main Street on Saturday, look around and YOU might see the ghost of this young woman... and if you write ghost stories, enjoy this fun past time...

I miss getting up on Saturday morning, getting dressed, taking Mother's hand or Mama Coyner... walking down Virginia Avenue, down the hill, cross the train tracks and going to Main Street, Home Town WV... that imposing bank... that delicious drink at the drug store... and later, going into Clark's to get records... awww... we remember because the way we were is the way we are... always wondering... I do like my ghost stories and mysteries...

Farmers Market will be held every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the field next to Exxon on Route 34, Teays Valley.

- The Country Roads Farmers' Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane.

MAY 4 - 5

- There will be a spring pop up vendor event from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days at 1267 Rentals LLC, 17588 Charleston Road, Buffalo.

MAY 4

- Buffalo Church of the Nazarene, 25053 Buffalo Pray, will be hosting a Men's Prayer Breakfast starting at 7:30 a.m.

- My Little Sunshine Boutique and Beauty, 420 1st Avenue South, Nitro, will be holding their grand opening from noon to 6 p.m.

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a really good turn out for the first show of the year.

Lucky participants were given various awards throughout the event. The Best of Show winner was Kanawha County Sheriff Mike Rutherford with his 1957 Chevy Bel Air station wagon. Other winners included David Adkins for Best GM with his 2013 Camaro; Parker Wingo for Best MOPAR with his Roadrunner; John Lett for Best Truck with his 1953 Dodge; Steve Gibson for Best Ford with his 1966 Mustang; Ed Webb for Best Import with his 1964 VW; Faith Bayless for Best Street Rod with her 1934 three-window Chevy coupe; and Steve Hartley for Best Specialty with his 1949 Chevy.



Rob Carmichael of Hurricane brought his apple red 1967 Camaro to the car show. (Photo by Betsy Allen)

Linda's Hummers Have Returned



My first little hummer arrived at 2:14 on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. I was holding my phone when it came and got a snack. I got a picture of it and while I was taking the picture, it came over close to my face. As usual, the chills and thrills went over my body!

No one could be as excited as I am every year when they visit my feeders.

— Linda Armstead, Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

Submissions

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Kanawha County Sheriff Mike Rutherford won Best of Show at the cruise-in with his 1957 Chevy Bel Air station wagon. He is shown here with his wife Debbie and grandson Mason Smith. (Photo by Betsy Allen)

Hurricane Independence Day Pageant



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Baby Miss - Adelynn Raines, Tiny Miss - Brilee Starn, Toddler Miss - Wynslow Canterbury, Mini Miss - Jaysa Snodgrass, Petite Miss - Emmie Kay Burdette, Little Miss -

Sophia Burdette, Junior Miss - Kelsey Lawson, Pre-Teen - Kendall Kessel, Teen - Aleah Armentrout, Ms. - Brittany Sayre, Mrs. - Sara Stinnett, and Queen - Madison Gill. Madison Gill will be joining over 80 other ladies from around the state in

Charleston to compete for the title of WV Association of Fairs and Festivals. All of the newly crowned royalty look forward to representing the Hurricane Independence Day Celebration and the City of Hurricane this year.



Faith Bayless of Cross Lanes won Best Street Rod with her 1934 three-window Chevy coupe. (Photo by Betsy Allen)



John Lett of Hometown won Best Truck with his 1953 Dodge truck. (Photo by Betsy Allen)

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Bancroft Volunteer Recognized

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She held ornament making parties in multiple areas of our council, designing templates and instructing girls in techniques which encouraged their creativity. Her time as a Lifetime Member has led her to assist council staff with delivering outreach troops at two local Boys & Girls Clubs, which included mentoring their staff to eventually

assume leadership. The girls loved her enthusiasm and were excited for each of their meetings. She teaches and guides girls in both traditional and outreach troops and impacts them individually through one-on-one interaction and as a positive role model. She helps achieve Service Unit and Council goals by volunteering her time, talent, and resources. Her willingness to serve at any level - Troop, Service Unit, Council, and in the community has been integral to the success of Girl Scouts."



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Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



The Wife's Revenge

Submitted by Anonymous Fillers Contributor

After thirty-seven years of marriage, Jake dumped his wife for his young secretary. His new girlfriend demanded that they live in Jake and Edith's multi-million dollar home. Since the man's lawyers were a little better, he prevailed.

He gave Edith, his now ex-wife, just three days to move out. She spent the first day packing her belongings into boxes crates and suitcases.

On the second day, she had the movers come and collect her things.

On the third day, she sat down for the last time at their beautiful dining room table by candlelight, put on some soft background music, and feasted on a pound of shrimp, a jar of caviar, and a bottle of Chardonnay.

When she had finished, she went into each and every room and stuffed half-eaten shrimp shells dipped in caviar into the hollow of all of the curtain rods. She then cleaned up the kitchen and left.

When the husband returned with his new girlfriend, all was bliss for the first few days.

Then slowly the house began to smell. They tried everything: cleaning, mopping, and airing the place out. Vents were checked for dead rodents and carpets were cleaned. Air fresheners were hung everywhere.

Exterminators were brought in to set off gas canisters, during which they had to move out for a few days. In the end, they even replaced the expensive wool carpeting. NOTHING WORKED.

People stopped coming over to visit. Repairmen refused to work in the house. The maid quit.

Finally they could not take the stench any longer and decided to move.

A month later, even through they had cut their price in half, they could not find a buyer for their stinky house.

Word got out, and eventually even the local realtors refused to return their calls. Finally they had to borrow a huge sum of money from the bank to purchase a new place.

The ex-wife called the man and asked how things were going. He told her the saga of the rotting house. She listened politely and said that she missed her old home terribly and would be willing to reduce her divorce settlement in exchange for getting the house back.

Knowing his ex-wife had no idea how bad the smell was, he agreed on a price that was about 1/10th of what the house ha been worth, but only if she were to sign the papers that very day. She agreed, and within the hour, his lawyers delivered the paperwork.

Being a Kind Person

Submitted by Myra Simmons

You can be a kind person and still...

- say "No"
- prioritize your needs
- set boundaries
- disagree with people
- be honest
- challenge poor behavior
- walk away from toxic environments
- make mistakes
- stand up for your self
- protect your time and space

Those who judge will never understand, and those who understand will never judge.

Be strong enough to stand alone. Smart enough to know when you need help and brave enough to ask for it.

Jokes From Linda

Submitted by Linda Lavender Armstead

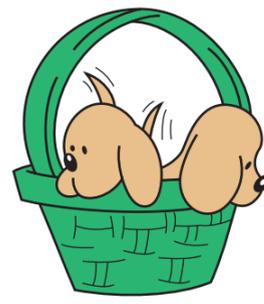
What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and white when you are done with it?
Charcoal.

A week later, the man and his girlfriend stood smiling as they watched the moving company pack everything to take to their new home.

INCLUDING THE CURTAIN RODS.

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane



more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?

The inspiration you seek is already within you. Be silent and listen.

Health is not valued til sickness comes.

Where there is deep grief there was great love.

Sometimes it physically hurts to hold your sarcastic comments in.

Surround yourself with women who pray for you behind your back.

Don't allow the limitations on those around you to become your own.

Opportunities do not schedule appointments; you always have to be prepared.

Successful people do what they need to do, whether they feel like it or not.

Be yourself in a world where everyone wants to be like everyone else.

I am not young enough to know everything. — Oscar Wilde

It's been a long week said me in the middle of Tuesday.

You want to own your day, not let your day own you.

Courage is like a muscle. We strengthen it by use.

A clean house is a sign of a broken computer.

If it's your calling, it will keep calling you.

Be thankful for your job.

In the book of life, a friend is a chapter that you never want to end.

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

Sometimes when things are falling apart they may actually be falling into place.

The bond between a pet and a human is a sacred one, and when a pet is gone, a part of us goes with them.

Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world for that's all who ever have.

The reason a doggy has so many friends is because he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

Don't wait until tomorrow to get better. Today is Yesterdays tomorrow. Tomorrow is now.

I've got family that act like I'm not family and I

have friends who treat me like family.

The prayer of another can affect our dispositions and drive away the devil's oppression.

The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up. — Mark Twain

A person that looks out for everybody is always alone when they need somebody.

Music is the divine way to tell beautiful, poetic things to the heart.

Food for the body is not enough. There must be food for the soul.

It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.

Laughter is the shortest distance between two people.

Faith is a bridge between where I am and the place God is taking me.

I couldn't figure out why the baseball kept getting larger. Then it hit me.

Celebrating what we hope for together is better than fighting over what we believe separately.

You can't see the pressure the other person is under, and the other person can't see the pain you're in.

Good health is not something we can buy. However, it can be an extremely valuable savings account.

You don't know pain until you crave a conversation with someone who is no longer alive.

Jealous people don't necessarily want what you got. They just don't want you to have it.

One of the biggest fears of growing old is that you will become a burden to someone.

Small steps in the right direction are better than big steps in the wrong direction.

Strength is not defined by the challenges we face, but by how we overcome them.

When you start looking at peoples heart instead of their face, life becomes clear.

It is far better to be alone, than to be in bad company. - George Washington

Celebrate Spring with Brunch Favorites

(Family Features) Few things go together quite like fresh spring air, warm sunshine and a menu made up of delicious brunch bites. Whether you're hosting a crowd or simply gathering your loved ones around the family table for quality time together, a menu of morning favorites can appease appetites of all kinds.

Brunch with a Powerful Punch

When you're craving something hearty and rich, switch up your brunch habits with wholesome and filling Breakfast Burritos. With protein to keep you full, veggies for a touch of added nutrition and hot sauce to pack a powerful punch of flavor in every bite, this hearty recipe will keep you full and bursting with energy until your next meal. Plus, they're easy to make in a matter of minutes and totally customizable to accommodate every palate.

Breakfast Burritos

Servings: 4

- 2 teaspoons canola oil
- 1 small red onion, diced
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 1 can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 4 eggs
- 4 egg whites
- 1/2 cup shredded pepper jack cheese
- nonstick cooking spray
- 4 flour tortillas
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup salsa
- 1 large tomato, seeded and diced
- 1 avocado, sliced
- hot sauce (optional)

In large skillet, heat canola oil over medium heat. Add red onion and red bell pepper; cook 8 minutes. Add black beans and red pepper flakes; cook 3 minutes. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Transfer to dish.

In medium bowl, whisk eggs and egg whites. Stir in cheese until combined. Heat large skillet over low heat, add egg mixture and scramble 3 minutes, or until cooked through.

Spread sour cream over tortilla. Spread salsa over sour cream. Spoon 1/4 bean mixture over salsa. Spoon 1/4 scrambled eggs over bean mixture. Top with diced tomatoes and avocado. Drizzle with hot sauce, if desired. Roll-up burrito. Repeat three times with remaining ingredients and serve.

Don't compare yourself to others. There is no comparison between the sun and the moon. They both shine when it's their time.

If you ran out of money, after paying all your bills and taking care of home, you are not broke, you are responsible.

Believe in yourself and all that you are. Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle.

Don't worry if it doesn't work right. If everything did, you'd be out of a job.

All doggies deserve humans, but not all humans deserve doggies.

Always love your friends from your heart, not from your mood of need.

Don't promise when you're happy, don't reply when you're angry, and don't decide when you're mad.

Death is just a change of address, but what you believe will determine what neighborhood you end up in.

A narcissist will work so hard to impress a stranger, while treating the people they claim to love like monsters.

It's a humbling moment when you realize your pet has successfully trained you to do something.

Being single makes you realize that most of the fish in the sea aren't worth catching.

Some people only talk bad about you because they lost the privilege to talk to you.

Small steps in the right direction can turn out to be the biggest step in your life.

Run when you can, walk if you have to, crawl, if you must. Just never give up.

No matter what yesterday was like, birds always start the new day with a song.

Adam and Eve were the first people to not read the Apple terms and conditions.

A true friend is the one who knows your silence, and understand your words.

If poison expires, is it

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Bible Verse



There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved." — Acts 4:12

A Message from the Mayor...



What a spring we've had so far in Hurricane! Between the weather and the eclipse, there has been a lot of buzz this season about everything going on around us. I always say this, but I don't believe any other community sticks together quite like we do! I'm so proud that no matter what's going on – good or bad, we always witness neighbors and friends checking on one another, helping out and striving to make Hurricane the best place to live, work and play! Let's be sure to take the time to enjoy all the wonderful events, restaurants, shops and recreation that we have right here close to home! We are blessed. If you see me out and about, be sure to stop and tell me what YOUR favorite thing is about the spring and summer seasons in Hurricane.

Hurricane on the Move

We continue to have many projects and improvements going on. Here are just a couple updates:

- Hurricane Bridge Park is coming right along, and we are anticipating a park dedication at the end of May with our first baseball tournament in the Putnam County Bank Sports Complex in June! We hosted our first disc golf tournament in March. The 36-hole disc golf course was designed by world-renowned (and local) disc golf champion, Johnny Sias. This course, in conjunction with the one at Valley Park, will allow us to host some exciting tournaments in the future – putting Hurricane on the map yet again for outdoor recreation.
- Speaking of outdoor recreation, I'm pleased to announce that the City of Hurricane is receiving appropriation funding endorsed by Senator Joe Manchin in the amount of \$512,000 for extending utilities and building an ADA restroom on Meeks Mountain Trails! This funding comes from an appropriations package passed by Congress. Senator Manchin said, "I was honored to endorse your project and secure it on your behalf. I deeply value the work of your organization and remain committed to ensuring that you receive your Congressionally Directed Spending funds in a timely manner so that you are able to execute your project. Thank you again for your contribution toward strengthening our communities in the great state of West Virginia." This will be HUGE for our community! It will allow even more use of Meeks Mountain Trails, specifically in the "bowl" area for larger events, races, outdoor shows and many other activities that require water, electric and facilities!!

Coming up soon: Main Street Spring Festival – May 4th from 1:00 – 5:00

Our Main Street Spring Festival is coming up on Saturday, May 4th! If you are a Star Wars fan, you know what that date means (May the fourth be with you!) So, appropriately, our theme will be Star Wars, and we have a ton of awesome things planned. You don't want to miss this family-friendly event. In case you aren't familiar, or you've never attended our Main Street Spring Festival in the past, we will close the street from A-Z Storage down to the old fire station for a safe, street fair atmosphere. There will be a Star Wars costume contest, inflatables, face painting, a foam party, photo opportunities, arts and craft vendors to shop from, free cotton candy and – best of all – **free admission!** This all takes place from 1:00 – 5:00 pm on Saturday, May 4th. Stop by for a few minutes or come at 1:00 and stay the whole time! There will be plenty to keep you busy. While you're downtown, it would be great if you also took the opportunity to shop and eat at our local businesses. Our business owners LOVE seeing new faces pop in! Also, in case you're curious about traveling that day, detours at the points of street closure will take you to Second Street or Dudding Avenue to get around the area.

Independence Day in Hurricane – July 4th

Speaking of awesome events, it won't be long until our annual Independence Day Celebration. We definitely love to celebrate America's birthday in Hurricane! All our events will take place on Thursday, July 4th. This is easily our largest - and most attended - event of the year! We kick things off with a parade at 2:00 pm which will run from Hurricane Bridge Park (just past Hurricane Middle School) down Main Street to First Baptist Church. After that, it'll be time to head over to Hurricane City Park for 5 hours of FREE fun and live entertainment! We will even have a shuttle bus running back and forth all evening from Hurricane High School to the park if you don't want to worry about trying to find a parking spot. The event is from 3:00 – 8:00 and admission is FREE thanks to our awesome sponsors. Speaking of free, there will also be free inflatables, free petting zoo, free ice cream, free sno cones, free cotton candy, free watermelon and hot dog giveaways. Live entertainment will include our annual Hot Dog Eating Contest and the band Creek Don't Rise will be on stage from 6:00 – 8:00. Our City Park festivities wrap up at 8:00 - and then it'll be time to go find your perfect fireworks-watching spot. They will be let off from Water Tank Hill at 10:00. If your business would like to get involved by sponsoring this or any of our 2024 events, please call City Hall at 304-562-5896 or email events@hurricanewv.com for more information.

Last but not least, I always want to say THANK YOU to our awesome City Council – Recorder Linda Gibson, Reggie Billups, Marshall Ginn, Steve Goff, Gerry Spears and Al Howard – along with City Staff, Hurricane Police Department, Hurricane Fire & Rescue and all of you for the support and assistance in making Hurricane a great place to live, work and play. If you ever have questions or suggestions, feel free to call me on my cell at 304-419-0022 or email me at sedwards@hurricanewv.com.

THANK YOU!

Scott Edwards, Mayor

THE LANGUAGE OF GOD'S LOVE



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Have you ever traveled to a place where you didn't speak the language? In the absence of words, we find methods of communication...an expression or gesture can help identify our needs. By the same token, we can communicate our spiritual strength to those around us. A warm smile, a hug, a thumbs up; there are so many ways to share the language of God's love. Matthew 5:16 says, "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Visit your house of worship this week where the language of His love transcends any other.

Daily Bible Readings

Isaiah	Isaiah	Isaiah	Isaiah	Isaiah	Isaiah	Isaiah
43:1-13	44:21-28	45:1-13	48:1-22	51:1-23	52:1-12	54:1-17

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BASIC BIBLE

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Jesus' Mighty Power

Matthew 14:22-36

The text before us consists of separate two pictures — Jesus' walking upon the water of the Sea of Galilee and Jesus' visit to the land of Gennesaret. The two pictures are alike in that both describe impossible happenings. Human beings cannot walk upon liquid water and diseased individuals cannot be healed by simply touching the hem of a garment. These things are impossible because they cannot be explained by the natural laws which govern liquid water and the hems of garments. With God (and Jesus was God manifest in the flesh), all things are possible. These two happenings testify of the power which the Father endued upon the Son. There is more to each of these pictures, however, than the revelation that Jesus is the Christ, the Promised One.

Consider verses 22 to 33. Jesus constrained the disciples to depart from Him and from the multitude — the multitude of five thousand men plus women and children who were filled on five loaves and two fishes (v. 21). His instruction to enter into a ship and to go before Him to the other side was given as darkness was falling. The distance to the other side could have been in the four to ten mile range. The disciples did not immediately sail to the other side. They may or may not have known that Jesus would go upon a mountain to pray. Their plan was to wait for daylight before crossing the sea. They were far from the place where they expected to rejoin Jesus when they beheld Him walking toward them during the fourth watch of the night (between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m.). They had been in the ship since in the waning hours of the first watch (6-9 p.m.).

The adage, seeing is believing, is not absolutely true. Peter saw, but had doubts. Had Peter and the other disciples truly believed that it was Jesus, they would not have been troubled and afraid. Peter and the disciples were to meet with Jesus after they journeyed to the other side. An unexpected early meeting is cause for surprise, not cause to be troubled or to fear.

They were troubled and afraid by the impossibility of what they saw. They saw a being who appeared to be Jesus walking toward them on the water. They, then, heard His words "Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid." They saw and they heard but they were not ready to embrace the reality that Jesus was before them walking upon water.

Peter answered that he would believe that which he saw and heard if Jesus would bid him to walk upon the water. Jesus said, "Come" and Peter, leaving the ship, walked upon the water. As he approached Jesus, Peter beheld himself doing that which he knew to be impossible. Peter, then, saw the wind boisterous. One sees and feels the effect of a boisterous wind. Peter saw waves of water and felt a mighty wind. When Peter realized that he was, in deed, doing the impossible, he began to sink into the water (v. 30).

Commentators have expounded upon this scene, noting that Peter began to sink when he took his eyes off Jesus. It is certainly true that we fail when we take our eyes off Jesus. Jesus is the answer to all of our failures. He came into the world to provide the answer for our failures. Jesus never fails. We fail Him but He is always there to stretch forth His hand and save us as He did Peter.

In verse 31, Jesus asked Peter why he doubted. Jesus had provided the answer to His question before He asking. Jesus had addressed Peter as "thou of little faith." Peter doubted because he lacked faith. Peter sank for lack of faith.

This account of a lack of faith closes after the wind ceased and Jesus was aboard. The picture ends with Peter and the other disciples worshipping Jesus and declaring Him to be the Son of God.

The second picture follows when Jesus and the disciples arrive at the land of Gennesaret. Gennesaret was located on the northwestern shore of the Sea of Galilee, about five miles distant from Capernaum. The proximity to Capernaum is significant in that Capernaum was the location at which the woman with the issue of blood of twelve years was healed by touching the hem of Jesus' garment (Matt. 9:1, 20).

When the citizenry of Gennesaret learned of Jesus' presence, they sent out word to the countryside and brought all that were diseased to Jesus such that they might touch the hem of His garment. All who touched the hem of His garment were healed.

This picture, like Jesus' walking on water, is an impossible happening. This impossible occurrence stands in sharp contrast to Peter's walk upon the water. Peter's walk ended abruptly because of a lack of faith. There was no lack of faith in Gennesaret. All those who stepped forward to touch the hem of Jesus' garment had never seen Jesus perform a miracle of healing. They had heard that a woman with an issue of blood of twelve years was healed because she reached out to Jesus. Like the woman, they reached out in faith to Jesus and were healed without exception.

Peter's lack of faith produced failure. The faith of those who had heard of Jesus' healing produced a one hundred percent success rate. The close sequence of faith's failure followed by faith's success was no happenstance. The two pictures were produced by God for His purposes. Despite our weaknesses and our failures, God can and does use our faith to multiply His kingdom. He would have all men come to Him in repentance.

May faith find victory in our weak vessels. Let us tell others Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.

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BILLIE BISHOP

Billie "Dadoo" Bishop, a Marine, husband, son, brother, grandfather and friend, went to be with his heavenly Father on April 17, 2024 at the age of 98, with his loving wife by his side.

Billie was born May 19, 1925, the son of the late William and Emma Cook Bishop. He was preceded in death by eight siblings. Billie leaves behind his beloved wife of 77 years, Geneva Thomason Bishop, three daughters - Elisa (Steve) Dilly of Lexington Kentucky, Bettina (Keith) Scott of Ashland Kentucky and Robin Bishop of Scott Depot West Virginia, four grandchildren - Erin (Jeff) Victor of Chattanooga Tennessee, Megan (the late Scott) Woods of Wurtland Kentucky, Michael (Jessica) Dilly and Nathan (Cassie) Dilly all of Lexington Kentucky, nine great grandchildren Noah (11) and Adelyn (10) both of Chattanooga Tennessee, Couper (12) Whitley (9) and Owen (7) all of Wurtland Kentucky, Reese (4) Jude (2) Hank (1) and one additional great grandchild that will be born in May, all of Lexington Kentucky.

Billie graduated from Princeton High School in 1943, enlisted in the Marines where he served in WWII and was honorably discharged in December of 1945. He then married his beloved Geneva on April 6, 1947. Billie then

enjoyed a long career with Appalachian Power Company where he worked until retiring at age 65.

Billie was an excellent marksman and enjoyed trap shooting competitively where he was especially proud of winning the West Virginia state championship at the senior division. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time outdoors and with family and friends.

Service was Friday, April 19, 2024 at the mausoleum at Valley View Cemetery in Hurricane.

LARRY BROHARD

Larry Wayne Brohard, 81, of Hurricane, passed away Thursday, April 18, 2024, in St. Mary's medical center after a long illness. He was a retired police officer from Alexandria, VA and a Veteran of the U. S. Air Force and enjoyed wood working. He was preceded in death by his wife Joyce Lynn Lewis Brohard, his first wife Rebecca Macky, parents Wilbert and Erma Gregory Brohard, sister-in-law Della Parker Brohard and Stepson Stephen West.

He is survived by his brother Denver Brohard of Hurricane and daughter Christie Lockhart and her husband Brian and grandchildren Lindsey, Jacob, Laura and Shawn and one great grandchild Olivia, Nieces Susan Creswell and Katharine

Pack and several great nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was Monday, April 22, 2024, at Allen Funeral Home. Burial was in Valley View Memorial Park.

JESSIE COLLINS

Jessie A. Collins, 72, of Culloden, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, April 20, 2024 after an extended illness. He was employed at Town of Eleanor at a Job that he loved. He was born in Hurricane on January 10, 1952. He was a member of Valley View Freewill Baptist Church in Hurricane and enjoyed the Outdoors Catfishing on the Kanawha River. He was preceded in death by 5 brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Awanda Collins, Stepson Brad Burton and his wife Michelle, and Grandson Brady Burton and his wife Danielle. Siblings Trish, Cathrine, William, Randy, and Joe.

Funeral service was Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at Allen Funeral Home with Pastor Jonah Dillon officiating. Burial was in Valley View Memorial Park.

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CHARLES EDWARD DAVIS

Charles Edward Davis, 96, of Hurricane, passed away peacefully at home on April 19, 2024 with his loving wife of 75 years, Charlene, by his side.

He was born on January 23, 1928 to the late Thelma and Ira Davis. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by a grandson, Patrick O'Dell.

Charlie proudly served our country in the US Navy on-board the USS Noa. Thereafter, he was a loyal employee of Union Carbide for 37 years. Throughout his life, Charlie was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church. For 50 years, he was a Master Mason, belonging to Kanawha Lodge #20 Charleston, Valley of Charleston Scottish Rite and Beni Kedem Shriners. Charlie was especially proud of his involvement with the Shriners Children's Hospital Lexington, becoming Emeritus on the Board of Directors after serving 12 years. He was also an American Red Cross volunteer. In retirement, Charlie loved woodworking, photography, traveling with Charlene and family beach trips.

To all who knew him, Charlie was a family man with a strong faith. He was outgoing, mannerly, kind, gracious, and entertaining. To all who knew him, Charlie will be greatly missed.

Charlie was also a loving father to Jeff Davis (Edie), Martha O'Dell (Don) and Beth Trumpy (Dave). He was blessed with 9 grandchildren (Ashley Reed, Katie Perperas, Adam O'Dell, Ben O'Dell, Patrick O'Dell, Lindsay Johnson, Caroline Birman, Michael Trumpy and Claire Meyer) as well as 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral Service for Charlie was Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at Teays Valley Presbyterian Church with Rev. Kyle Keys officiating. Entombment was in Sunset Memorial Park, South Charleston.

GAYLA DOUGHTY

Gayla Doughty, age 77, passed away on April

15th, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of love and inspiration. She was the devoted wife of 54 years to Raymond Doughty, loving mother of Aaron Doughty and Brent Doughty (Terri Howard), and grandmother to Christian Hatfield, Lexie Hatfield, and Luke Racer. She also leaves behind her brothers, Michael Payne (Leeann Payne) and Harold "Butch" Payne, and her sister LaDonna Craft as well as many nieces and nephews. Gayla was preceded in death by her parents, Harold Payne and Margaret Ann "Margie" Bowen Payne. She was raised in Acme, WV and was a graduate of East Bank High School. She was a life-long Christian in both faith and practice.

Gayla was a beacon of hope for so many. She always motivated others to overcome their limitations and to never stop learning. During her 20+ years working at West Virginia State College, she helped develop the 'College At Any Age' program which encouraged adults to return to the classroom. Gayla herself was a non-traditional student finishing her degree at the age of 49. Her giving nature also saw her volunteering for many literacy and outreach programs within the community.

Outside the textbook, Gayla also loved art. She was eager to tackle any media she could: cross-stitch, crochet, sketching, painting, and stained glass just to name a few. While her talent was sometimes dubious, her enthusiasm was always infectious. She would happily show her creations and push others to create beside her.

Gayla's legacy extends beyond her remarkable accomplishments, talents, and boundless love for those around her; she embodied resilience, never yielding in the face of adversity. Even as her health faltered, her spirit never waned. She will be greatly missed, because she is greatly loved.

Service was Thursday, April 18th with Pastor Melissa Pratt officiating. Burial was in Kanawha Valley Memorial Gardens in Glasgow.

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VIRGINIA GILLESPIE

Virginia Dumont Gillespie, of Hurricane, passed away April 17, 2024. Virginia, the daughter of Edgar and Virginia Nell (Jarvis) Dumont, was born June 24, 1930, in South Charleston. She attended South Charleston High School, where she served as President of the Student Council and graduated with honors in 1947. She also attended Charleston School of Commerce and received her Stenographic Diploma in 1948.

In 1949, Virginia married Kellis M. Gillespie, son of Harvey and Beulah Gillespie of Dunbar. She then went to work at Union Carbide in the Order Division. They moved to Hurricane, Putnam County, in 1952. They joined the First Baptist Church of Hurricane in 1953 and became active members of the congregation.

In 1963, Virginia started to West Virginia State College and graduated in 1967 summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. She earned her Master of Arts Degree from the Graduate School of Marshall University in 1974. She was a teacher at Hurricane Elementary School from 1967 to 1979 and at Hurricane Middle School from 1979 to 1989.

After retirement, Virginia and Kellis became interested in genealogy. They traveled to many court houses in both Virginia and West Virginia and to Kansas and Missouri to track their ancestors. They used the documents they found to write books about their families- the Gillespies, Dumonts, Woodrums, and Jarvises. They also joined numerous genealogy societies and Virginia served as Secretary for the Upper Vandalia Historical Society, the Mining Your History (genealogy) Foundation, and the West Virginia Baptist Historical Society. She was also a member of the Anne Bailey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Virginia and Kellis collaborated with Bill Wintz in writing about

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the schools, families, and churches in Putnam County History, Volume II. They also worked hard with other members of the Mining Your History Foundation to save the Archives Library located in the Cultural Center at the Capitol Complex in Charleston. The Mining Your History Foundation was successful, and when you visit the Archives Library today, you will find many books about West Virginia families.

In addition to her parents, Virginia was preceded in death by her husband, Kellis Marion Gillespie in 2014; her paternal grandparents Camille Victor and Marie (Gillot) Dumont; her maternal grandparents John Wesley and Ora Alice (Surface) Jarvis; and her brothers, Edgar, Alfred, John Wesley and Robert Lee Dumont; and sisters Mary Jean French and Alice June Floyd Bishop.

Virginia is survived by two daughters, Kathryn Ann and husband Zack Phillips of Roanoke, Va; Bonnie Jean and husband Marc Rider of Ona; five grandsons; Jason Johnson and wife Janet of Bowie, Md; Jeremiah Johnson and wife Jennifer of Roanoke, Va; Johnnie Comer of Hurricane; and Mickey Sovine of Ona; one granddaughter, Mindy Wooten of Hurricane; eleven great grandchildren; Emma, Lily, Mara, and Jude Johnson of Bowie, Md; Camden Johnson of Beckley; Jackson, Joshua, and Jordyn Johnson of

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Roanoke, Va; Jack and Adin Comer and Wyatt Wooten of Ona.

A celebration of the life of Virginia was held Saturday, April 20, 2024, at Allen Funeral Home on Main Street, Hurricane, with Rev. Jerry Losh officiating. Burial was in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

JACQUELINE ALICE GILLISPIE

On Friday, April 19, 2024, Jacqueline A. Gillispie, age 90, joined all of her family and friends at the Gates of Heaven. She had been looking forward to meeting her Jesus most of all.

Jackie was the youngest sibling of Frank Williams and Fanny Jane Kidd Williams and the last living sibling of that family. She was born on August 19, 1933 in Powellton, Fayette County. It was a small coal mining town where her dad worked in the mines. At the age of twelve, her family moved to Fraziers Bottom where she resided for the remainder of her life. She dearly loved this community and had lots of family and friends nearby. She was in the first graduating class of Winfield High School where she played the drums in the band which fit her spunky personality perfectly. Shortly after graduating she married and started her life as a young mother. She loved a clean house. Even though she did not have much, she

kept the house spotless and welcoming. She loved sewing and making items with lots of color. Her favorite activity was singing in the choir at her home church Fraziers Bottom Church of God. She always said music was her testimony. As the family grew and she had more free time she worked off and on in the restaurant business which prepared her for owning the Fraziers Bottom Truck Stop for several years. She always loved people and was very sociable.

Most important of all to her was her family, she loved all the holidays and get-togethers. There will always be a special place in our heart for her.

Preceded in death by her husband: Cleabert Gillispie; grandson: Eric Gillispie; and son in law: Mike Gillispie.

Jackie is survived by her son: Stephen Gillispie at home, daughter: Pamela Gillispie of Fraziers Bottom; and son: David Gillispie (Pam) of Buffalo WV. She was blessed with eight grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren, whom each and every one were her very favorite.

Funeral service was Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at Chapman Funeral Home, Winfield, with Pastors Nathan Cain and Gary Hale officiating. Burial was in Fraziers Bottom United Methodist Church Cemetery.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Pursuant to of the authority vested by that certain Deed of Trust dated April 8, 2015, made by **KIM A. WHITTINGTON** and **AMY D. WHITTINGTON**, to J. R. Wilson, Trustee, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia in Trust Deed Book 1096, Page 599, and the undersigned, Eric S. Embree was appointed as Trustee by Appointment of Successor of Trustee dated March 13, 2024, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Trust Deed Book 1361, page 136. The borrower defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Trustee has been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Trustee will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Putnam County, West Virginia, on **THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024 AT 10:00 AM.**

All of that certain lot or parcel of land together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in Pocca District, Putnam County, West Virginia, purportedly having the street address of 1002 Dairy RD, (formerly 11 Dairy RD) Pocca, WV 25159, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin in the south boundary line of the State Road, said iron being a common corner to the lot conveyed to Bobby Thompson by deed recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 11, at Page 17: thence running up the hill South 01° 15' East a distance of 187.00 feet to an iron pin 111 a fence line; thence continuing with the fence line North 74° W. a distance of 18.00 feet (erroneously shown as 81.00 feet in prior deed); thence continuing with the fence line North 56° 00' West a distance of 181.00 feet to an iron pin in the fence line (said call omitted in prior deed); thence with the fence down the hill North 15° 00' East a distance of 81.67 feet to an iron pin located 6' East of a 24" culvert under the road; thence running with the boundary line of Dairy Road North 87° 00' a distance of 148.00 feet to the point of beginning, and containing 0.49 acres, more or less, as the same is shown upon that certain map entitled, "Map of Parcel Of Land From Harold Bailey, Pocca District, Putnam County, West Virginia, Out Of A Tract Owned By J.B. and Virgie Bailey", said map dated the 10th day of November, 1956, and prepared by N.L. Rose, R.P.E., recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 128, at Page 185.

Being the same real estate conveyed unto Kim A. Whittington and Amy D. Whittington, husband and wife, by deed dated July 5, 2000, and executed by John A. Hackett and Debra K. Hackett, husband and wife, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 412, at Page 695.

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.

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 way, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property. 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 one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of such sale or the period allowable for redemption under the local law, whichever is longer. Any buyer is advised to retain counsel before the sale.

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

3) The Purchaser will be responsible for a buyer's premium due to Joe R Pyle Complete Auction & Realty Service.

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

5) The Trustee reserves the right to continue the 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. 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

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instrument of record.

6) The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate the 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.

7) The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee by cashier's check, cash or the equivalent within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten percent (10%) of the total purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale by cashier's check, cash or the equivalent. If the purchaser at the sale is unable to complete the terms of purchase within thirty (30) days, the Trustee reserves the right to transfer the property to the next highest bidder.

8) Should any party have any inquires, objections the sale or protests regarding the sale, or request regarding the sale, please notify the Trustee below.

9) The part(ies) secured by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at such sale.

Given under my hand this 10th day of April, 2024.

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Successor Trustee

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Pursuant to of the authority vested by that certain Deed of Trust dated June 30, 2016, made by **KIM A. WHITTINGTON** to J. R. Wilson, Trustee, of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia in Trust Deed Book 1132, Page 830, and the undersigned, Eric S. Embree was appointed as Trustee by Appointment of Successor of Trustee dated January 5, 2020, of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Trust Deed Book 1233, page 676. The borrower defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Trustee has been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Trustee will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Putnam County, West Virginia, on **THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024 AT 10:00 AM.**

All of the following described real estate, together with the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate on Teays Valley Road, near Scary in Scott District, Putnam County, West Virginia, purportedly having addresses of 9810 Teays Valley RD (formerly 4921 Teays Valley RD), 144 Beagle LN (formerly 144 Beagle Run RD) and 158 Beagle Run (formerly 148 Beagle Run RD), Scott Depot, WV 25560, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

PARCEL ONE: BEGINNING at a stake in the edge of said Teays Valley Road and in the dividing line between the M. H. McGrew 5 acre tract and the Paul Creighton 5 acre tract, thence running with said dividing line, S. 60E 43' W., 533 feet to a stake at the southeasterly corner of said M. H. McGrew 5 acre tract; thence running N. 34E 12' W., with the dividing line between the said M. H. McGrew 5 acre tract and the A. A. McGrew 5 acre tract, a distance of 83.6 feet to a stake in said line; thence running in a northeasterly direction parallel with the dividing line between the said M. H. McGrew 5 acre tract and the Paul Creighton 5 acre tract, a distance of 533 feet, more or less, to a stake in the edge of the Teays Valley Road and in the northeasterly property line of the said M. H. McGrew 5 acre tract; thence running with said line, S. 33E 31' E., a distance of 83.6 feet, more or less, to the beginning, containing one acre, more or less, and being part of the said M. H. McGrew 5 acre tract as laid out on the map of the Kirtley Home Sites, Scary, West Virginia.

PARCEL TWO: BEGINNING at a stake in the edge of the Teays Valley Road and in the dividing line between the Guy Richards 3 acre tract and the Ronnie L. Henson 1 acre tract, thence running with said dividing line, S. 60E 43' W., 533 feet to a stake at the southwesterly corner of the said Guy Richards 3 acre tract; thence running N. 34E 12' W., with the dividing line between the said Guy Richards 3 acre tract and the H. L. Hazelwood 5 acre tract, a distance of 83.6 feet to a stake in said line; thence running in a northeasterly direction, parallel with dividing line between the said Guy Richards 3 acre tract and the Ronnie L. Henson 1 acre tract, a distance of 533 feet, more or less, to a stake in the edge of the Teays Valley Road and in the northeasterly property line of said Guy Richards 3 acre tract; thence

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running with said line, S. 33E 31' E., a distance of 83.6 feet, more or less to the place of beginning, containing one acre, more or less, and being part of the Guy Richards 5 acre tract as laid out on the map of the Kirtley Home Sites, Scary, West Virginia.

Being the same real estate conveyed unto Kim A. Whittington by Ruby Maxine Adkins and Delbert Adkins, her husband, Glenna Wolfe and James O. Wolfe, her husband, by deed dated April 20, 1998, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia in Deed Book 391, page 384. 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.

TERMS OF SALE:

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Given under my hand this 10th day of April, 2024.

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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

To: Magistrate Court Case No.: 24-M20D-00093
Alejandro Salazar
Respondent's Name
143 South Brook Drive Hurricane WV 25526 Family Court
Respondent's Civil Action No.:
Address 24-DV-43
08-20-1989
Date of Birth

ORDER OF PUBLICATION/ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE (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 May 6, 2024.

A Final Hearing is scheduled for the 23rd day of April, 2024, at 11:30am before the Putnam County Family Court.

Issued this 17th day of April, 2024, 9:37 a.m.

STEPHANIE SMITH/jo Circuit Clerk

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IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: Case No. 24-D-92
The Marriage of:
Lori RUSH
Petitioner
and
Preston Broyles
Respondent

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN A DIVORCE. THIS IS A PUBLICATION BY CLASS II LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT.

To the Above-Named Respondent:
It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that Preston Broyles is a non-resident of the State of West Virginia or has an unknown address. It is hereby ordered that Preston Broyles serve upon Putnam County Circuit Clerk's Office, whose address is 12093 Winfield Road, Ste. 12, Winfield, West Virginia, an Answer, including any related counterclaim or defense you may have to the Petition for Divorce filed in this action on or before May 8, 2024. If you fail to Answer the Petition for Divorce, a judgment may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk's Office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court, April 8, 2024.

STEPHANIE SMITH/jc Clerk of the Court

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Legal Notice Town of Buffalo

There will be a Public Hearing held at the regular council meeting of the Town of Buffalo on Tuesday, May 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. to approve the Lease of Property to the Buffalo Church of God. The floor will be open to comments from citizens at that time. Authorized by Conrad Cain, Mayor.

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Request for Bids

The Putnam county assessor's office will receive bids for the purchase of a white 2024 Jeep Compass Latitude 4x4. Bids will be accepted thru may 9th 2024 by 4:00 pm. Mail bids to Putnam County Assessor's Office ATTN: Gary Warner 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield WV 25213 or contact Gary Warner at 304-586-0206.

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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.: 5654
Estate Of: Paul Edward Cross
Executrix: Sherril Lynn Cross
3700 Cambridge Drive Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5605
Estate Of: Allen Uvalde Davis
Executrix: Carolyn Sue Davis
8215 Fillmore Houston, TX 77029

Estate No.: 5688
Estate Of: Doris Ruth Davis
Executrix: Diane L Wyson
1316 Buff Creek Road Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5590
Estate Of: Gary Allen Luikart
Administratrix: Denver C Luikart Jr
18 Margaret Street Poca, WV 25159

Estate No.: 5672
Estate Of: Shirley Ann Parliament
Executrix: Aaron Copley
122 Dominic Drive Scott Depot, WV 25560

Estate No.: 5616
Estate Of: Charles Keith Ranson
Executrix: Deborah Kay Snedegar
8350 McClane Pike Liberty, WV 25124

Estate No.: 5686
Estate Of: Virgie Lee Dawson
Executrix: Skeens
Henry G Dawson
4421 Poca River Road North Poca, WV 25159

Estate No.: 5685
Estate Of: Janet Gail Wymer
Executrix: Diane E Sanders
9458 Teays Valley Road Scott Depot, WV 25560

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Executrix: Diane E Sanders
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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 18, 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 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 18, 2024.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 10th day of April 2024.

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

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Property Transfers

The following property transfers were recorded by the Putnam County Clerk between March 18, 2024, and March 27, 2024:

R&M Properties LLC to

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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.: 5696
Estate Of: Rosalee Jane Ashley
Administratrix: Natalie E Naylor
PO Box 53
Tornado, WV 25202

Estate No.: 5695
Estate Of: Franklin Bailey
Executrix: Helen J Bailey
9438 McLane Pike Liberty, WV 25124

Estate No.: 5682
Estate Of: Catherine A Bowman
Administratrix: Steven W Bowman
2373 Winfield Rd St. Albans, WV 25177

Estate No.: 5656
Estate Of: Benjamin Thomas Cobb
Executrix: Randall Hodges
126 Westland Est Winfield, WV 25213

Estate No.: 5669
Estate Of: Daniel Patrick Forsythe, Sr.
Executrix: Michelle Kathleen Corbett
107 Miller Avenue Marietta, OH 45750

Estate No.: 5599
Estate Of: Michael Ramsey
Administratrix: Mackenzie Ramsey
4457 Five and Twenty Mile Rd Fraziers Bottom, WV 25082

Estate No.: 5566
Estate Of: Harry Scott Smith
Executrix: Carla S Hammond
314 Westview Drive Elizabethtown, PA 17022

Estate No.: 5618
Estate Of: Patricia Ann Sublette
Administratrix: Stacey Leadmon
614 Foster Rd Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5608
Estate Of: Tammy Joyce Woodall
Administratrix: Rosalyn J Anderson
1132 Dan Comalander Drive Chapin, SC 20936

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Connor Robertson - 0.20 Acre, Hurricane District for \$90,000.00.

Volusia Ventures LLC to Seven07 LLC - Lot, Marina Park, Scott District for \$5,000.00.

Jacon Allen to Jason and Nicole Allen - Parcel, Union District for \$190,000.00.

AP1 LLC to DHB LLC - Lot, Alexanders Place, Teays Valley District for \$50,000.00.

Frye LLC to Deborah Lawrence - Parcel, Curry District for \$14,196.00.

Jason and Shauna Roberts to West Virginia American Water Company - Parcel, Curry District for \$1,000.00.

Tammy Wiley to Zachary Roach and Julie Gilmore - Lot, Knollview Estates, Teays Valley District for \$195,000.00.

Audrey Campbell to Nicholas Devaney - Two Lots, Bancroft District for \$161,500.00.

Geroge Robertson, George Robertson Jr. and Cynthia Robertson to Jon Dyer - Two Parcels, Woodridge Estates, Teays Valley District for \$990,000.00.

David and Karen Richmond to John Wilson - Two Parcels, Poca District for \$21,000.00.

Seneca Trustees Inc and Joseph Shaffer to AM Investments LLC - Partial Lots, Poca District for \$94,501.00.

Brent and Diana Casto Tribett to Jason and Mariah Cook - Lot, Oakwood Addition, Scott District for \$345,000.00.

Radford and Margaret White to Daniel and Courtney Ardoin - 3.315 Acres, Buffalo District for \$329,900.00.

Phyllis Bays Bird to Carol Whittington - Lot, Cross Creek Village, Buffalo District for \$29,000.00.

Cecil E. Courts Jr. LLC to TRB Construction Co LLC - Parcel, Curry District for \$75,000.00.

Cecil E. Courts Jr. LLC to TRB Construction Co LLC - 0.883. Acre, Curry District for \$325,000.00.

Cecil E. Courts Jr. LLC to TRB Construction Co LLC - 0.277 Acre, Curry District for \$100,000.00.

Obituaries

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JAMES RAY 'J.R.' GRIFFITH

James Ray Griffith (J.R.) (Breeze), 57, of Hurricane, left his earthly life on April 19, 2024 following a tragic motorcycle accident. J.R. was a part of the St. Albans community for over 50 years, he was retired from the City of St. Albans Municipal Utility Company. While his children were young, he coached midget league football for the Red Dragons, umpired baseball for the St. Albans Youth League and St. Albans High School - he wore many hats to be involved with the youth in the community.

J.R. was a great man, to know him was to love him! He never met a stranger and had a sense of humor that you could not help but to smile when you were around him. J.R. loved his children and grandchildren more than anything, he also loved hunting, fishing, and being on his Harley. Whether he was with his brothers in black and gold, his son & buddies on the river, or alone in the woods J.R. saw the best in all situations. He would crack a joke anytime he could.

J.R. was preceded in death by his loving parents Brenda and Eugene Griffith, and his brothers Brian and Michael Griffith.

J.R. is survived by his wife, Loretta Griffith - Daughters Emerald McCallister (Jordan), Casey Postlethwait (Chris), Son Brian Griffith (Kelly), Stepchildren Lindsey Powell, Bradley Larch, Zachary Sowards, & Mia Fitzwater, Brothers Christopher Allen, David Young, & Matthew Young. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Eliza & Elauna McCallister, Calah & Raelynn Johnson, James Griffith, & step grandchildren Aubree, Macie, Colten, Addison, Kanden and Baldwin.

J.R. was a lifetime member of the Avengers Motorcycle family, he is survived by all of his Brothers in Black and Gold (AFFA). In addition to all those that he leaves behind, he is also leaves behind ex-wife Ellen Griffith whom he shared 20+ years.

A celebration of J.R.'s life will be held at 7:00 p.m., Friday, April 26, 2024 at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, St. Albans.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7:00 pm before the service at the funeral home.

DELLA MAE HARRAH

Della Mae (Miles) Harrah, 91, of Poca, went home to be with the Lord, April 18, 2024.

Della was born in May of 1932 in McBeth, West Virginia, to Allen and Blanche Miles. She had 12 brothers and sisters. Della completed the 8th grade at Chambers Grade School and then went to work as a waitress in Logan. She later took a job as a waitress in Charleston and met her husband, Leo Richard Harrah. They enjoyed eating spaghetti at the Empire Diner on Summers Street in Charleston. The two married June 25, 1952. A friend drove them to Wheeling where they married at a preacher's house. They had two children, Sandra and Leo. Della was a stay-at-home mom who loved to cook, bake, sew, garden, can vegetables, and spend time with her family. She also enjoyed attending Rock Branch Independent Church where she loved to sing hymns in the church choir and spend time with her best friend June Hawley. She is preceded in death

by her mother, father, 12 siblings, and her son Leo Richard Harrah II. She is survived by her husband Leo 'Pete', daughter Sandra Rucker and her husband Jim Rucker, grandson Matthew Rucker and his wife Emily Renzelli, granddaughter Christa Nutter and her husband Craig Nutter II, and great grandson Jackson Rucker who she loved so much.

Services were at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home in Poca on April 22, 2024, with Pastor Delbert Hawley officiating. Graveside service was at Tyler Mountain Memorial Gardens.

GEORGE EMERSON JIVIDEN

George Emerson Jividen, 77, of Winfield, passed away April 20, 2024.

George is retired from the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local # 625 and a former employee of Monsanto. He is a 1964 graduate of Buffalo High School and enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, boating, gardening, and motorcycles.

He is preceded in death by his wife Sandra Rowh Jividen; parents Gilbert and Alma Jividen; and brothers Dick and Denny.

George is survived by his son Jason and his wife Marcie Jividen; daughter Nicole Dunkle; grandchildren Wesley, Rebecca, and Andrew; brother-in-law Max Rowh; sisters-in-law Margie King and Sue Jividen and a host of nieces and nephews.

A tribute to the life of George Jividen was Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Delbert Hawley officiating. Burial was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens.

SANDRA M. PRIDDY

Sandra M. Priddy, 75, of Buffalo, is by exalted reservation, now visiting with the loved ones that have gone on before her. Her passing occurred at St. Mary's Medical Center, Huntington, on Saturday, April 20, 2024. Sandra has lived a full life as an Army wife, having traveled the world, where she met life-long friends that have become like family.

Born June 27, 1948 in Lawrence, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of the late Thomas DiMaggio and Alma (Martel) DiMaggio. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by many aunts, uncles, cousins, military friends, and "military brats" Denise Myatt and Karen (Myatt) Hasch.

Sandra was a beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt, "nana", and friend. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Emmitt F. Priddy; her children, Jennifer Priddy of Canadaigua, New York, Meredith Dempsey of Buffalo, and Timothy (Amanda) Priddy of Ona; 6 grandchildren, Nichole, Scott, Bryan, Ethan, Connor and Isabella; her brother, Thomas "Butch" (Sandra) DiMaggio of Candia, New Hampshire; 2 nephews, Tad and Jimmy; sisters-in-law, Lorna, Eleanor, Estamae Ann, Barbara, and Patricia; many nieces and nephews on the Priddy side; "life-long boyfriend" Richard (Gail) Hoyt of Spencer, Massachusetts; her "partners in crime" Sandra Ward and Debbie Collins; her "military brats" Brian and Chad Cooper, Samantha and Meredith Myatt, Joseph, Vincente, and Crystal Lyman, Scott and Kim Alexander, Tasha Pegram, Jennifer Trainer, Brandi Whited, Bridgett Kersey, and so many more

along the way.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, April 26, 2024 at Raynes Funeral Home, Buffalo, with Pastor Sherri Shamblin officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home in Buffalo.

JOHN RAYMOND SUTPHIN JR.

John Raymond Sutphin Jr., 66, of Hurricane, passed away unexpectedly on April 15, 2024.

He was born October 22, 1957 in Charleston to Linda Robbins Jones and the late John Raymond Sutphin. In addition to his father, John was preceded in death by his grandparents: Raymond and Evelyn Sutphin, and DeWitt and Erma Robbins; brother: David Sutphin and father-in-law: Jim Matovich.

John was a 1975 graduate of East Bank High School and had just recently retired from John Amos Power Plant after a hard-working 47 years. In his spare time, he was an avid reader, enjoyed bowling, and loved watching Marshall, WVU, and Steelers football. His happy place though, was being at "The Camp", sitting around the campfire with his closest friends.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Margie Matovich Sutphin; son: John Raymond Sutphin III; daughters: April (Billy) Vaughn and Jessica (Jason) Smith; grandchildren: Christopher Setliff, Ryan and Jordyn Smith; mother and step-father: Linda and Teddy Jones; sister: Lea Ann (Marlon) Gutierrez; mother-in-law: Jean Matovich Murrill; best friend of 60 years: Bryan (LaCrista) Peters; several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A Celebration of John's Life was held Monday, April 22, 2024 at Kings River Worship Center, St. Albans, with Pastor Chris Kimbro officiating.

CYRUS WILBUR YOUNG

Cyrus "Cy" "Bill" Wilbur Young, 74, of St. Albans, passed away on April 14, 2024.

He was born on June 29, 1949 to the late Joseph and Ellen (Taylor) Young in Hurricane. In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by his sisters: Charlotte Call and Sandra Rayburn.

Cyrus was an electrical engineer from Bayer Material Sciences, having worked 31 years prior to retirement. He was a member of the Blue Lodge, #58 Washington Lodge in St. Albans, a fifty year 32nd Degree Mason, Beni-Kedem

Shrine, and a fifty year member of the Nitro Moose Lodge.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Nancy; step-children; Russell Scott (Dr. Debbie Henry "Triple D") Ripley of Milton, and Walter (Kim) Ripley of Charleston; sisters: Rose (Lovell) Walker of Hurricane, Penny (Jerry) Cox of Pittsburgh, PA, and Jody (Roy) Wriston of Elkview; brothers: Joseph (Nancy) Young of St. Albans, James (Connie) Young of Hurricane, and Chuck (Mary) Young of Ripley; eight grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly and was affectionately known as "Poppy".

A Memorial Service for Cyrus was held Friday, April 19, 2024 at Teays Valley Church of the Nazarene, Hurricane, with Pastor Charles "Sonny" Williams officiating.

Race to Help Save Lives by Giving Blood

As May approaches, the American Red Cross reminds eligible donors to keep the blood supply stable by racing to give blood in the weeks to come. Donors of all blood types - especially type O blood donors are crucial to keeping shelves fully stocked with blood products throughout the month.

Right now, there's no letting off the gas when it comes to lifesaving care. With no substitute for blood and no way to manufacture it, volunteer donors are essential for hospital patients who count on transfusions every single day.

Marshall's Lewis College of Business DBA Program Graduates First Five

Marshall University's Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) program, which launched in the fall of 2021, is seeing its first five graduates this semester.

The program's director, Dr. Doohee Lee who is also a professor of management, offered his congratulations to the cohort.

"I am incredibly thrilled to see our inaugural cohort graduating after three long years of hard work, dedication and sacrifice," Lee said. "It means a lot to us as they made history for the Brad D. Smith School of Business and paved the way for future graduating classes of our program. It is also a testament to our amazing faculty, staff and administrators who long supported us in our endeavors."

Individuals interested

in possibly beginning the program are invited to a virtual town hall event at 12 p.m., Wednesday, May 1. There will be a presentation on the advantages of getting a DBA, the coursework, schedules, expectations and more. A question-and-answer session with Lee and additional DBA faculty will follow.

The cohort-based, hybrid program is 66 credit hours and takes place over the course of three years. Coursework is completed during the first two years, and the third year is devoted to completing a dissertation. With a mission to equip participants with the theoretical foundation and research skills needed to address cutting-edge business issues that apply to high-demand sectors of the economy, the program is designed for working professionals.

The Lewis College of Business holds accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International), a global organization that provides quality assurance, business education intelligence, and learning and development services to more than 1,700 member organizations and more than 800 accredited business schools worldwide.

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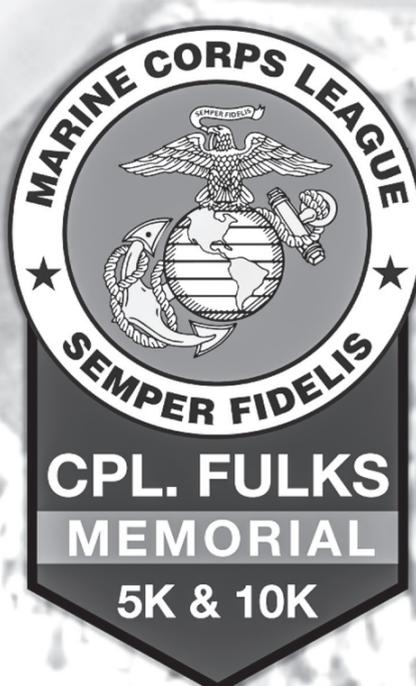
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Hurricane
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47th Birthday April 27 |
| SHARON GRANT
Winfield
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Ashland, Kentucky
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100 Windy Ridge Road
Lavalette
32nd Birthday April 28 |
| MAE ERWIN
496 Erwin Road
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Winfield
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166 Willow Tree Way, Apt. 309
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69 Henson Road
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#77 Frontier Lane
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Cape Coral, Florida
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187 Jones Cove
Hurricane
36th Birthday April 30

LOIS HORN BRIDGEMAN
773 Highlawn Drive
Milton
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COLE TATUM
306 Sansom Avenue
Wayne
25th Birthday May 1

MIKE RIDDLE
Candler, North Carolina
Birthday May 1

RUBEN BEAN
P.O. Box 128
Clinton, Tennessee
Birthday May 1

PATSY PERKINS
473 Sunnybrook Drive
Hurricane
Birthday May 1

SARAH BOSTIC

Putnam Senior Centers Offering Pool Competitions

Calling all pool players! The Putnam County Senior Centers are engaging in some friendly competition quarterly. Each center is hoping to win a Pool Trophy for their center to proudly display after each tournament's winner is revealed.

Each quarter, Putnam Aging is holding a tournament with teams from Buffalo Senior Center, Hometown Senior Center, and the John Henson Senior Center in Hurricane. Each center is equipped with a pool table for practicing.

If you have interest in playing pool and/or participating in the tournaments, please come out to the center you are closest to anytime from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, to practice and then represent the center in the tournament. All tournaments will be held at the Buffalo Senior Center starting at 10 a.m.

The first tournament was very much enjoyed by those who participated and was held on March 21st with Buffalo taking the trophy.

The remaining tournaments for 2024 will be held on June 21st, September 20th, and December 27th. Everyone is welcome! Please come out and join in the fun.

Putnam History Society to Meet

The Upper Vandalia Historical Society, Putnam County's main history organization, will be offering a geological workshop with guest speaker Paul Hinman from Family Search.

The meeting will take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 28, at Bancroft Church of God Mission, 5936 Charleston Road, Bancroft. Enter in rear of church building.

Articles Welcome

Send press releases and announcements to the Hurricane Breeze, PO Box 310, Hurricane, W. Va.; hurricanebreeze@citynet.net; or call (304) 562-9881.

Happy Anniversary

Bobby and Jenny Glenn of 4020 Stave Branch Road, Frazier's Bottom, celebrated their first wedding anniversary on April 22.

Kayla and Clifford Ronk of Sycamore Ridge, Hurricane, will celebrate their wedding anniversary on April 26.

Roy and Mary Young of 37 Winfield Avenue in Winfield will celebrate their thirty-eighth wedding anniversary on April 26.

Rod and Peggy Setliff of 4583 5&20 Mile Road in Frazier's Bottom will celebrate their thirty-ninth wedding anniversary on April 26.

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TAMILA MAYS WILLIAMS
#29 Augusta Lane
Hurricane
65th Birthday May 2

GARY HODGES
6254 Hurricane Creek Road
Hurricane
Birthday May 2

Hurricane Student To Head Liftoff at NASA Student Launch Competition

Liftoff! After nine months of rigorous building and testing, Cedarville University's Rocket Team will launch its full-scale rocket prototype at the NASA Student Launch competition on April 10-14 in Huntsville, Alabama. The NASA Student Launch provides middle school, high school and college and university students from across the nation with the opportunity to design, build, test and launch vehicle and payload components that support the Space Launch System and Artemis missions.

Cedarville's rocket team is headed by senior mechanical engineering major Ginny Clark of Hurricane.

"This competition provides aerospace-minded students that are interested in working with rockets in the future to gain relevant experience in the field," said Ginny Clark, team leader.

Competing in the NASA Student Launch is a rigorous and selective process. Teams must submit a proposal to the Student Launch Challenge - University Student Launch Initiative and participate in a series of design reviews that simulate the NASA engineering design process. Not all teams that apply are admitted into the competition.

"It's a difficult competition to get accepted into. And teams must propose their project before they can start working," said Dr. Tom Ward, professor of mechanical engineering and team advisor. "It's a

Bingo Fundraiser For Hurricane Cheerleaders

Hurricane High School Cheerleading will be hosting a bingo night fundraiser on Saturday, April 27, starting at 6 p.m. at the high school. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Prepay for card tickets or buy at the door. For more information or to prepay, go to <https://hurricanehigh.memberhub.com/store>

Xylphia Beaver of 2253 Hurricane Creek Road in Hurricane will celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary on April 27.

Bill and Debbie McCallister Gibson of 2861 Hurricane Creek Road in Hurricane will celebrate their thirty-ninth wedding anniversary on April 27.

Rickey and Susan Reynolds of 1903 Pine Grove Road in Culloden will celebrate their thirtieth wedding anniversary on April 30.

Tim and Jeanna Spears of #5 Hillview Lane in Milton will celebrate their thirtieth wedding anniversary on April 30.

Scott and Morgan Hedrick Ashley of Nitro will celebrate their second wedding anniversary on April 30.

Sam and Lisa Craddock of Hurricane will celebrate their thirty-third wedding anniversary on May 1.

Robert and Pamela Hallman of 5086 Township Road in Millersburg, Ohio, will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on May 1.

small and highly selective competition."

This year, 50 teams nationwide will compete in the competition in Alabama, including Ohio State University and the United States Air Force Academy. Each team must complete a preliminary design review, critical design review, flight readiness review and launch readiness review before its final competition flight. On top of that, teams are expected to analyze their payload and flight data during competition - the closer the team is to calculating its rocket's altitude, the more points they score.

Cedarville's team members are using the various skills they learned during their four years of study to build their successful 6-foot-8-inch rocket prototype. To make the competition more challenging, NASA has changed the payload requirements for this year's competition.

"The payload must separate from the main rocket and come down without a parachute," Ward said. "That's difficult to do, so we plan to install rotating propellers. We also have Lego astronauts inside, called stem knots, and a G-force meter to make sure the astronauts land safely."

In their final weeks before the competition, the team has a few changes to make to their rocket and must have one more successful launch.

"Regardless of the competition results, we are excited to watch the rocket that we designed from the ground up fly and work as it should," Clark said.

In addition to Clark, Cedarville's team consists of senior mechanical engineering students Drake Beckloff (Cedarville, Ohio), Jonathan Bukasa (Johannesburg, South Africa), Cade Gehman (Hot Springs, South Dakota) and Connor Hall (Pawcatuck, Connecticut), as well as senior electrical engineering students David Cox (Cedarville, Ohio), David Allocca (Mechanicsville, Maryland), Christopher Needham (Grand Island, Nebraska) and Nathan Streb (Florence, Montana). The team also has two junior volunteers: Joseph Copeland (Godley, Texas) and Daniel Hogsed (Centerville, Ohio), as well as sophomore Leah Twarog (Meriden, New Hampshire). All of the students are majoring in mechanical engineering.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is a Baptist university with undergraduate programs in arts, sciences, and professional programs, and graduate programs. With an enrollment of 5,456 students in 175 areas of study, Cedarville is one of the largest private universities in Ohio and is recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, such as the Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, and high graduation and retention rates. For more information about the university, visit cedarville.edu



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