

The Hurricane Breeze

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COUNTY COMMISSION NEWS

Updates and Money Needs Made Known

By Ron Allen

The April 25 County Commission meeting commenced at 4:30 p.m. with the testing of Election Day and tabulating equipment that will be used for the May 14 Primary Election. Following the successful test, County Clerk Brian Wood announced that poll workers are still needed for election day. Wood stated that emergency training sessions will be held if necessary. One element which will make the May 14th election different will be the use of new e-poll books. The change is designed to streamline voting procedures.

The commission approved a resolution designating Mountain State Fiber as the administrative manager of Putnam's Broadband Project. John Stump of Steptoe & Johnson told the commissioners that an administrative manger must be in place before sale of Lease Revenue Bonds can proceed. The bond sale is slated for May 9th with closing by the end of the month. The project is slated to be put out for bid at the end of 2024.

The agenda for the meeting included updates on various active and proposed public water projects throughout the county. Terry Martin asked

the commission to declare that the Jim Ridge Phase II and Mud Lick project to be substantially complete. The date, April 25, 2024, officially marks the beginning of a one-year warranty period for the project.

Martin presented a change order for the Bowles Ridge Project which will allow the project to proceed at a lower cost and without a bidding procedure.

Martin informed the commission that Custer Ridge Project design will begin in May and will require six months to complete. The project is projected to be ready for bid this coming December or January.

Martin said that the Deerfield Estates project has been scaled back to ensure that funding does not exceed the \$2 million available through grant funding. Martin added that plans call for additional funding to allow addition of remaining Deerfield customers after scaled back project has been funded.

Martin told the commission that extension of water service to Riffe Ridge is estimated to cost between \$700 and \$800 thousand. The extension is slated to proceed as a separate project which will require a funding source to be identified at a later date.

Rich Pullin and John Smoot addressed the

Putnam County 4-H Robotics Team Prepares for National Competition



Aaron Anderson (center) provides skateboard balancing instruction to a member of the Clover STEMs Robotics Team.

By Ron Allen

Putnam County's 4-H Lego Robotics Team, the Clover STEMs, do that which has never before been done. There is no 4-H booklet listing things that others have not done. The team members are tasked with creating a project which employs elements of

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) to benefit their community.

This year, the Clover STEMs created a project designed to help wannabe skateboarders become the real deal. The project, dubbed Scan2Skate, will allow visitors to the City of Hurricane Skate Park to scan a QR code on their cell

phone that will direct them to a YouTube video which demonstrates and explains a particular trick or maneuver on a skateboard and/or a scooter.

Clover STEM members recognized the need for instruction because they had witnessed awesome and daring skateboard maneuvers and feared to

attempt to replicate the moves. Some members were doubly in need of instruction because they had never skateboarded.

Because the project utilizes QR codes and cell phones, it meets the technology criteria. Was the project something which

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commission concerning the use of \$208,000 from the State of West Virginia.

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Food Truck Fundraiser Works For Putnam County Library



The Putnam County Library benefitted from the fundraising efforts of the West Virginia Food Truck Festival. Shown above, from left to right, are Meghan Tarbett, Director of the Putnam County Library, Sarah Quinnelly, Poca Branch Manager; and Julianne Yacovone, Community Outreach Manager. (Photo by Betsy Allen)

By Betsy Allen

The West Virginia Food Truck Festival came to the Eleanor fairgrounds this past Saturday, April 27. The event, which is in its sixth year, featured seventeen food trucks as well as three artisan vendors. Each year, proceeds from the festival go to a local charity or community organization. This year, Friends of the Putnam County Library was chosen as the non-profit which would benefit from the fundraiser.

The library has had a presence at previous festivals, giving away freebies and informational brochures, as well as providing fun activities for children. This year, the library had an area set up for yard games and hula hooping.

"We were honored when the festival chose the Friends of the Library as this year's non-profit recipient," said Meghan Tarbett, Director of

the Putnam County Library.

The library also hosted a raffle for a curated gift basket containing Putnam memorabilia and gift cards for local businesses. The basket had a total value of \$405.

In addition to a wide variety of food trucks from which to choose, the festival also featured live entertainment by Kheghan McLane, RiverJam Band, Spurgie Hankins, and Evie Shaffer.

"We are thrilled to be able to host the sixth annual West Virginia Food Truck Festival and bring food trucks from all around the state to Putnam County," said Ashley Alford Glance, President of the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce. "It is exciting to be able to provide such a delicious festival to Putnam County residents and beyond."

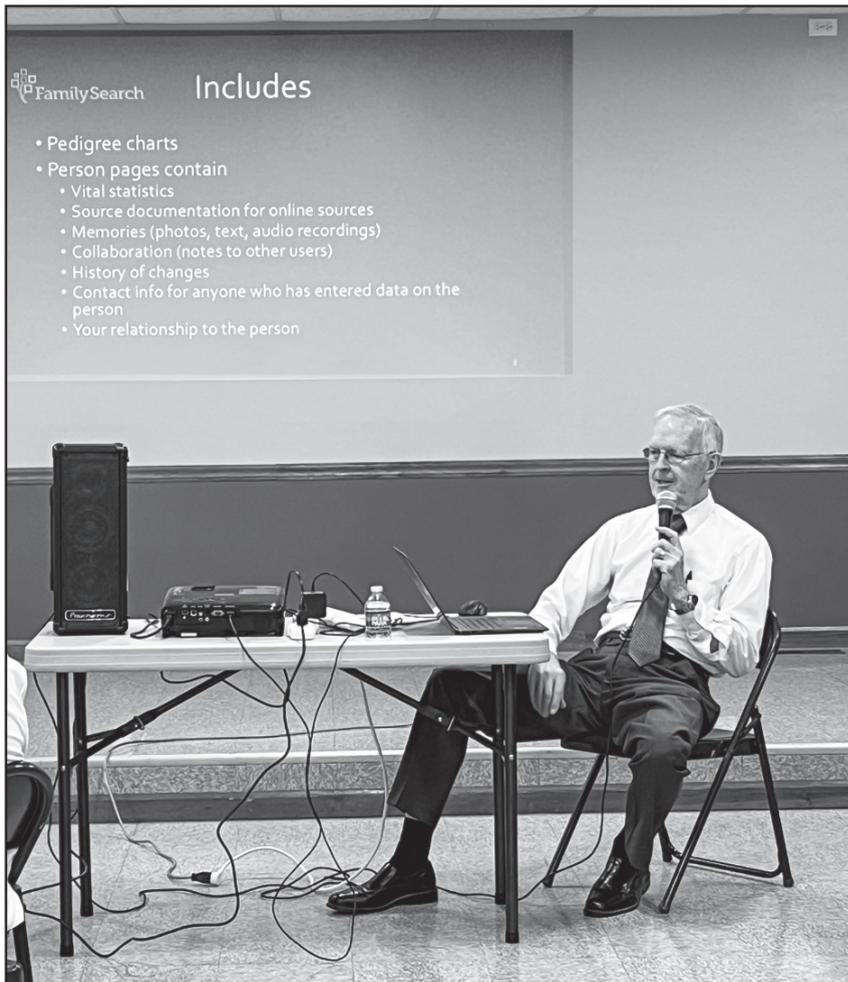
Alford also expressed gratitude to both the Town

of Eleanor as well as the Putnam County Fair for allowing them to host the event at the fairgrounds.

Food trucks at the event included Wicked Cool Shaved Ice & Lemonade, Pour Man's BBQ and Potatoes, O'Goodness Mini

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UVHS Schooled in Genealogy Search



Paul Hinman discusses the FamilySearch genealogical website at the April meeting of the Upper Vandalia Historical Society. (Photo by Betsy Allen)

By Betsy Allen

Genealogist Paul Hinman was the special guest speaker for the quarterly meeting of the Upper Vandalia Historical Society, which was held on Sunday, April 28, at Bancroft Church of God Mission. During his presentation, Hinman discussed the genealogical website FamilySearch, explaining its many features and how to use them.

FamilySearch is a free site which draws upon extensive genealogical records compiled by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The site, which cooperates with other genealogical companies such as Ancestry, Findmypast, and MyHeritage, operates as a massive family tree with 1.5 billion names in its database. Members can view entries created by other members, as well as make changes or contribute new information.

In addition to functioning as a Wikipedia-style directory of deceased persons, FamilySearch also features vital statistics, photographs, images of books and articles, and audio recordings. The FamilySearch headquarters in Salt Lake City, Utah, is home to a vast collection of records, including 2.4 million rolls of microfilm and 1 million microfiche.

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WEATHER SUMMARY

April 23 - 29

	Low	High
April 23		
Hurricane	30°	68°
April 24		
Hurricane	42°	67°
April 25		
Hurricane	35°	60°
April 26		
Hurricane	32°	76°
April 27		
Hurricane	54°	80°
April 28		
Hurricane	47°	82°
April 29		
Hurricane	49°	81°

*RAIN
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>.

MAY 2 - 4

- Putnam County Aging Program, located at 2558 Winfield Road, St. Albans, will be holding a "Walk to End Alzheimer's" yard sale fundraiser. Hours are Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.

MAY 2

- Mountain State Flower Farm of Poca will be holding an everlasting spring wreath workshop at 6 p.m. To register, go to <https://www.mountainstateflowerfarm.com/shop/everlasting-spring-wreath-workshop-thursday-may-2nd-6pm>
- The Eleanor Event Planning Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Eleanor Town Hall.
- The Piano Man will be performing from 6 to 8 p.m. at Barnyard BBQ, 1101 Hospital Drive, Hurricane.

MAY 3

- The Nitro Antique Car Club will be holding a cruise-in from 5 p.m. to dusk at 2nd Avenue, 21st Street, Nitro.
- There will be a classic car auction starting at 1 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.

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

STARTING MAY 4 MAY - OCTOBER

- The Putnam County 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 Road, will be hosting a Men's Prayer Breakfast starting at 7:30 a.m.
- Buffalo Church of the Nazarene, 25053 Buffalo Road, will be holding a May The Lord Be With You community party at noon. There will be free food and prizes.

- My Little Sunshine Boutique and Beauty, 420 1st Avenue South, Nitro, will be holding their grand opening from noon to 6 p.m.
- Bancroft Church of God Mission will be hosting a Mother's Day Lunch from noon to 2 p.m. at Bancroft Town Park.
- There will be a Hometown areawide clean up from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dumpsters will be placed at Hometown Park for the day and staffed with volunteers.
- The Winfield High School Show Choirs General Admission and Emerald Elegance will be holding a community show starting at 2 p.m. Admission is by donation.
- The Marine Corps League Cpl. Fulks Memorial 5K & 10K Run & Walk will start at 8:45 a.m. at Meeks Mountain Trails in Hurricane. To sign up, go to <https://aptime.com/race/1665>
- Reed's Entertainment, Putnam Village, Teays Valley, will be hosting a May the 4th Be With You party from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Lighthouse Baptist Church, 2440 US Route 60, Hurricane, will be holding a clothing giveaway from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- There will be a comic trade day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Board Room, located behind the Hurricane Walmart.
- Community Autism Resources & Education Systems (CARES) will be hosting a Star Wars themed family fun day from noon to 3 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane.
- The Hurricane Main Street Festival will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. and features a Star Wars theme. Star Wars costume contest at 2 p.m.
- Risen King Church, 2438 US Route 60, Hurricane, will be holding a church-wide yard sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MAY 5

- The First Baptist Church of Nitro, 2200 2nd Avenue, Nitro, will be hosting a Mother's Day Tea and Tacos at noon.
- Ever Present will be singing at 10 a.m. at Mount Union Church, 19268 Jerry's Run Road, Pliny. A covered dish meal will be served afterwards.
- Spot Energy & Nutrition, 3475 Teays Valley Road A, Hurricane, will be holding a Sunday Social Women's Only Event at 5 p.m.

MAY 7

- Global missionaries Gary and Penney Sidle, assigned to Zambia, Africa,

Democrat Women to Hold May Tea

The Putnam County Democratic Women's Club cordially invites you and your family to their annual May Tea at the Red House, 401 Roosevelt Bld., Eleanor, on Saturday, May 18th, at noon.

The speakers will be Delegate and Party Chairman Mr. Mike Pushkin and the Honorable

Department of Arts, Culture and History Celebrates 50 Years of GOLDENSEAL Magazine

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH) announces the opening of a new exhibit celebrating 50 years of GOLDENSEAL Magazine, the magazine of West Virginia Traditional Life. The exhibit opened at the Culture Center, State Capitol Complex, in Charleston on Sunday, April 28.

Produced by the WVDACH, GOLDENSEAL takes its stories from the recollections of West Virginians living throughout the state. Oral history fieldwork and documentary photography result in four issues per year with articles on subjects such as labor history, folklore, music, farming, religion, traditional crafts, food, and politics.

GOLDENSEAL was first published in April 1975 by the West Virginia Department of Commerce and the Arts and Humanities Council. Founding editor Tom Screven wrote in the

Free Dump Days

DSI Waste Management, 1100 State Route 34 South, Hurricane, offers a free dump day the second Wednesday of each month. There is a 520-lb. limit (if you are over, you only pay overage). Household items large or small bagged or unbagged are accepted. Absolutely no appliances with freon or liquids/chemicals of any type are allowed. Items must be covered (tarp/net) if on a truck or trailer. Hard hat and vest required; they sell them on site. Call 304-562-3262 to verify any other items.

Republic Services Sycamore Landfill, 3475 Sycamore Ridge Road, Hurricane, also offers a free dump day the second Wednesday of each month. There is a 500-lb. limit (if you are over, you will pay the full weight). Bagged household items only. You can go as many times as you want in one day with smaller loads. Hard hat and vest required; they have limited amounts to borrow. Call 304-562-3398 to verify any other items.

will be speaking at 6:30 p.m. at the Nitro Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Sattes Circle, Nitro.

MAY 8

- The Dress For Success clothing drive will be held from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Area 34, 971 State Route 34, Teays Valley. Donate gently used business attire, nice jeans and tops, scrubs, and accessories. For more information, call 304-757-6510.

MAY 9

- Putnam County EMS will be offering a Mental Health Resilience Officer Course during Mental Health Awareness Month. For more information, call 304-586-0248.
- There will be a workshop on bee keeping for beginners at 11:30 a.m. at the Eleanor Library.

Huntington Mayor Mr. Stephen T. Williams. Tea, cake and various hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Please RSVP to Karen Sprouse by May 4th by emailing karensprouse7@outlook.com or texting or calling (304) 543-2115. Leave a message if no one answers.

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

Grandma Walton on THE WALTONS once said, "I don't recognize myself. Where did the time go? There are no wrinkles on my mind or spirit." She was turning 68... Oh, my how I can relate to that... where did the time go? My friends and I will soon be 77... oh, goodness, I thought 68 was SO OLD... not...

As we age, we look in the mirror and ask, "Where is that teenage girl who grew up in small town WV?" "Where is that young wife and mother who loved her life with her family?" The days have flown by... the months and the years... I have those wrinkles, but I do not have them in spirit either. I can remember being young... able to roller skate, snow ski, run, and frolic... cannot do those things anymore...

Grandma Walton was one of my favorite characters throughout the years of family television. She was wise beyond her years... she was loving yet strict... kind but in control... her family respected and loved her. The show was one that I have watched over and over in reruns... Grandma Walton remained the same throughout the series... other characters might not have impressed me, but that woman did... and of course, Grandpa. I loved him...

Aging... when we are in our 20's, we wonder what we will be like in our 40's... in our 50's, we wonder if the 70's will be as old as others maintain. Yes, I am in my 70's, but let me say that I don't feel that old... not like I thought the 70's would be...

My sweet daughter tells me that the reason others don't treat me as an old woman is because I don't act old. I don't. I walk my miles (despite every minute of pain)... I continue to eat healthy... I keep active in body and mind. I have fun with my family, and we laugh... we share our thoughts... we enjoy every minute together... I want to keep active as long as I can. I want to be here for my family as long as I am able.

"No wrinkles on my mind or spirit..." What a statement... I am not sure where the writers came up with those words,

Submissions Accepted for West Virginia Historic Buildings and Structures Juried Art Exhibition

The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History (WVDACH) is now accepting entries for the second installation of Inspired: A West Virginia Series of Juried Exhibitions on. This installation of the exhibit will feature historic West Virginia buildings and structures. Submissions for Inspired: West Virginia Historic Buildings and Structures will be accepted until Friday, May 24, 2024, at 4 p.m.

The exhibition will open Sunday, July 28, 2024, with a reception and awards ceremony at the Culture Center, State Capitol Complex, in Charleston and will be displayed through mid-December.

Inspired: A West Virginia Series of Juried Exhibitions is a four-part series in honor of the upcoming 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States featuring visual representations of West Virginia themes by the West Virginia State Museum and

but they have stayed in my memory... my loved ones who are deceased... they never seemed old in their minds or their spirits to me. Mama Coyner... Mother... Mike's mom and dad... uncles and aunts... friends... and those friends who are my age, or a little younger, or a little older... they seem young to me... when did the wrinkles begin? When did we realize that the mirrors are NOT lying to us???

As we celebrate Mother's Day and Father's Day, we remember our families... we remember the good times we had together... we don't remember their wrinkles... we forget the bad times... if there were any... we remember the happy times... the smiles and the laughter.

My children and grands will remember Nana and her "laughing home" as the boys call this little condo. They will remember Nana teaching them... reading to them... playing tennis or pickle ball... perhaps ping pong or foosball or pool in their home... taking walks... playing board games... seldom winning... the boys still laugh when Nana is stuck with the OLD MAID every single game... don't mention losing in MONOPOLY or MO NO PO as we call it... and Risk... don't ask... we have so many board games that we could play a different one each day...

The girls will remember trips with Nana... coming to her home in WV... picnics and walks... and don't forget shopping... and teaching... going to their recitals... discussing books... reading and playing... board games and puzzles... and Disney videos... all of my grands will remember that I love them more than anything... nothing can take the place of one's children and grands... important...

So... even though we have no wrinkles in our minds and spirits... we will continue to face life with those on our faces... and say, "We earned every single one..." LOL... so we continue on... because the way we were is the way we are... again... one day at a time...

the Department of Arts, Culture and History. West Virginia Wildlife and Historic and Prominent People will be featured in the Commissioner's Gallery of the Culture Center over the next several months. Previously featured in this exhibition were West Virginia Landscapes.

Artists must be current West Virginia residents and may enter up to two pieces in each of the four exhibitions. Entries should have been created within the past two years and not exceed seven feet in any dimension. Film/video works are not eligible for this exhibition.

The prospectus and entry information can be found on our website at <https://wvculture.org/agencies/museums>.

For more information about the exhibit or to request a printed prospectus, contact Chuck Ocheltree at (304) 558-0220 ext. 131 or Charles.C.Ocheltree@wv.gov.



MARSHA ARMSTEAD
1123 Turkey Creek Road
Hurricane
63rd Birthday May 3

Road
Hurricane
72nd Birthday May 5

DR JAN HARBOUR
Huntington
76th Birthday May 3

ROGER SHAWN ERWIN
5538 Hurricane Creek
Road
52nd Birthday May 5

EMILY ANN STRICKLIN
#32 Sand Hill Court
Milton
22nd Birthday May 3

NATHAN YOUNG
Hurricane
42nd Birthday May 5

MARY CALL
Precious Lane
Hurricane
73rd Birthday May 3

JANICE SMITH
2154 Washington Hill
Road
Hurricane
68th Birthday May 5

CARSON LONG
6300 Rager Road
Groveport, Ohio
16th Birthday May 3

LABERTA STEWART
SALAMACHA
#12 Bridle Way
Hurricane
75th Birthday May 5

GREGORY MARTIN
2143 US Route 60
Culloden
75th Birthday May 3

WAYNE TURLEY
208 Riverview Drive
St. Albans
75th Birthday May 5

ALICE TAYLOR
1400 Taylor Street
Milton
Birthday May 3

SENECA ANN STOVER
Charleston
4th Birthday May 5

SUSAN HANDLEY
BENNETT
2753 5th Street
Hurricane
75th Birthday May 4

LEONA VICKERS
Hurricane
88th Birthday May 6

PHILLIS FRANKLIN
North Carolina
Birthday May 4

DANIEL KEITH
JIVIDEN
P.O. Box 744
Poca
31st Birthday May 6

JERRICHA MORRISON
1230 Georgia Avenue
Milton
35th Birthday May 4

GARY RAMEY
195 Fudge's Creek Road
Ona
83rd Birthday May 6

WESLEY GEER
2208 Kirby Road, #174
Milton
66th Birthday May 4

JORDAN CLARK
St. Albans
27th Birthday May 6

JUDY SOWARDS
5493 Hurricane Creek
Road
Hurricane
65th Birthday May 4

REV GARY HALE
Scary Creek
Scott Depot
77th Birthday May 6

MONA ERWIN
5538 Hurricane Creek

PAULA JEAN
CHAPMAN JOHNSON
Dry Ridge Road
Milton

Second Friday Gospel Sing

The Hurricane First Church of God, 3225 East Putnam Avenue, would like to invite everyone to their monthly, second Friday Gospel Sing on May 10 at 7 p.m.

This will be the church's second program for 2024, and they are looking forward to another fine evening of Good Gospel music.

The featured group this month will be The Perry Sisters from Huntington. This nationally known group will soon be honored with a Fifty Year Celebration of their singing ministry. Their first first song was entitled "There'll Be A Payday," which was recorded in 1988. The group's lead singer and song writer Dianna Gillette was recently inducted into the Hall Of Fame on April 27 at Christ Temple Church in Huntington.

Additional singers will include Brother Cory Clarke from Alcoal, and Brother Roger Keenan from Cedar Grove Area. Staff musicians and singers are Gary Sargent, Peggy Cooper, Eddie Rushbrooke, Matt Boggs and Dorsey Johnson.

Gospel sings feature traditional church hymns and Southern Gospel music. It will be a time of fellowship, with a variety of food items immediately after the service.

The church is located one block north of the Dollar Tree store.

67th Birthday May 6

COLE DENNISON
Huntington
25th Birthday May 7

GAIL MEES ENOCKS
Salt Rock
Birthday May 7

JON MIDKIFF
Teays
Birthday May 7

BRIAN FOSTER
Hurricane
38th Birthday May 7

JULIE FRAZIER
Frazier's Bottom
22nd Birthday May 7

JAMES EARL "BUZZY"
CRIST
Hurricane
66th Birthday May 8

DONNA SHULL
P.O. Box 855
Culloden
Birthday May 8

PATRICA CARNES
SOVINE
Hurricane
Birthday May 8

DEBBIE KESSLER
STARKS
2601 Larwood Road
Charleston
75th Birthday May 8

PATTY JOHNSON
109 Patton Road
Sandy Lake, Pennsylvania
Birthday May 8

CARL ANDERSON
1751 Cow Creek Road
Hurricane
69th Birthday May 8

JORDYN YOUNG
Teays Valley
25th Birthday May 8

MARSHA EGGLETON
2427 Violet Street
Hurricane
71st Birthday May 9

LINDA COYNER
Eau Claire, Wisconsin
Birthday May 9

Midway Meridians Visit Greenbrier Resort

By Ella Grant, Club Reporter



On April 26, members of the Midway Meridians 4-H Club visited the Greenbrier Resort. For many members, this was their first time visiting the Greenbrier.

The day started early with an Amtrak train ride to White Sulphur Springs. Members enjoyed having the opportunity to ride the train, see the scenery, and spend time together.

Once at the Greenbrier, everyone from free to spend their time doing whatever activities they wanted to do. Some members did the Bunker Tours; others enjoyed looking around the hotel, bowling, and the arcade. Members also enjoyed the food.

It was a great time for our members!

Swan Lake To Host Fun Day

Swan Lake Campground of Red House will be holding a community celebration on Saturday, May 11. There will be all day fishing, food, and music. Freehand the Band will be performing from 1 to 4 p.m.

Swan Lake Campground is located at 13928 Charleston Road, Red House, between Eleanor and Midway, near Camelot Village Mobile Home Park.

Monthly Tire Collection Event This Saturday

The Putnam County Solid Waste Authority holds a tire collection event the first Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the City of Winfield public works lot located beside Payne's Produce.

Limit 10 tires per Putnam resident. Personal passenger tires only. For more information, call 681-235-3276.

Putnam Library Offering Seed Library

The Putnam County Library's Seed Libraries have finally been restocked and are open for borrowing!

What's a Seed Library? It's a way to borrow seeds to grow, which you then (hopefully) will replace with seeds dried from your harvest. When you make your selection of seeds, let the librarians know so that they can restock as needed.

The Putnam County Library has lots of choices from asparagus to zucchini, so drop into any location to "borrow" seeds for your garden this summer. Libraries are located in Teays Valley, Hurricane, Eleanor, Buffalo, and Poca.

Happy Anniversary

Dennis and Laura Disney of 813 Glade View Court in La Vergne, Tennessee, will celebrate their fortieth wedding anniversary on May 5.

Doug and Robin Richmond of Hurricane will celebrate their forty-fifth wedding anniversary on May 5.

Gary and Claudia Lovejoy Stowers of Newberry, Florida, will celebrate their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary on May 6.

Bradford and Leslie Ord Deel of Scott Depot will celebrate their twenty-fourth wedding anniversary on May 6.

David and Sue Smith Hill of 2021 Washington Hill Road in Hurricane will celebrate their twenty-fourth wedding anniversary on May 6.

Mark and Cari McDowell Reed of 560 Fairwood Road in Huntington will celebrate their eighteenth wedding anniversary on May 6.

Jon and Hilda Minano Gillispie of Katy, Texas will celebrate their eighth wedding anniversary on May 6.

Jerry and Sharon Young of 12507 Terra Nova Lane in Austin, Texas, will celebrate their forty-second wedding anniversary on May 8.

Roger and Patty Bird Wood of 804 Riders Creek in Hurricane will celebrate their twentieth wedding anniversary on May 8.

Squire and Linda Dooley Parns of Leicester, North Carolina, will celebrate their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary on May 8.

Robert and Roberta Taylor Stringer of Cross Lanes will celebrate their third wedding

anniversary on May 8.

Chad and Jennifer Akers of Frazier's Bottom will celebrate their ninth wedding anniversary on May 9.

Available Pets at the Putnam County Animal Shelter

This is one of the many pets up for adoption at the Putnam County Animal Shelter. By the time that this issue of the Hurricane Breeze is published, this animal may have already been adopted and found its forever home. However, there are many pets at the shelter that still need homes. For more information, call the Putnam County Animal Shelter at 304-586-0249.

Looking for a new furry friend? Consider adopting one of these adorable puppies! The shelter has a variety of personalities to choose from, so you're sure to find your perfect match. The shelter is open from noon to 4 p.m., so feel free to come by and meet these pups in person. The staff will be happy to answer any questions you may have and help you find the perfect addition to your family. Don't miss out on the joy and love that a puppy can bring into your life!





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Sheriff, Putnam County

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION LEVY

Notice is hereby given to the voters in Putnam County, West Virginia that the following Special Election Levy will appear on the May 14, 2024 ballot. Information relating to the Special Election Levy is as follows:

On this 13th day of February, 2024, at a regular meeting of the Putnam County Commission, the Commission, being of the opinion that an additional levy as authorized by W.Va. Code §11-8-16, as amended, is needed to provide sufficient funds for payment of expenses and expenditures for the purpose hereinafter set forth, and that an election shall be held to submit to the voters the question of the additional levy under the provisions of Section 16, Article 8, Chapter 11 of the code, as amended, it is hereby Ordered:

1. That the purpose for such additional funds are needed to provide funding of operational and maintenance expenses in replacement of the current Putnam County Fire Service Fee while the levy is in effect:

a. Putnam Fire/Rescue Services.

2. The approximate amounts considered necessary for the above purpose after a 9% allowance for tax discounts, delinquencies, exonerations, and uncollectible taxes is:

Per Year	Per 5 Years
\$2,614,077	\$13,070,385

3. That the total approximate amount for said purposes during the term of the levy is \$ 13,070,385.

4. That the separate and aggregate assessed valuation of each class of taxable property within Putnam County is as follows:

Class I	\$ -0-
Class II	\$ 1,994,803,682
Class III	\$ 1,615,115,423
Class IV	\$ 256,548,037

5. That the proposed additional rate of levy in cents per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation on each class of property is:

Class I	2.5 cents
Class II	5.0 cents
Class III	10.0 cents
Class IV	10.0 cents

6. That the proposed years to which the additional levy shall apply are the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, and July 1, 2029.

7. That the County Commission will not issue bonds upon approval of the proposed levy

8. That the question of the additional levy will be submitted to a vote at the Primary Election, to be held on the 14th day of May, 2024.

9. Upon the passage and beginning of revenue collections of the levy, the Putnam County Fire Service Fee will be suspended and not collected for such period of time that the levy is in effect.

10. The funds generated by this levy will be managed and overseen by the Putnam County Fire Service Board Office currently in place and under the supervision of the Putnam County Fire Service Board. No funds will be directly distributed to the Fire Departments to maintain accurate and thorough records of payments and expenditures for public knowledge and audits.

11. The funds will be distributed to the Putnam County Fire Service Board quarterly by the Putnam County Commission.

12. Additional revenue from the levy will be utilized to accomplish the following goals:

- Establish a team of paid firefighters to support all VFDs in the county.
- Fund the purchase of a new county aerial apparatus.
- Address significant increases in the cost of purchasing fire/rescue apparatus.
- Supplement VFD budgets to cover increases to operational costs.
- Begin saving for facility needs and replacement.

13. That after passage of the special excess levy, that in the event the separate and aggregate assessed value of each class of taxable property within the County increases during the term of the special excess levy, the county levy rate will be reduced so that the projected tax collection will not exceed \$3,100,000 in any fiscal year.

14. That the notice calling such election shall be given as a Class II-0 legal advertisement in compliance with the provisions of article three [§§ 59-3-1 et seq.], chapter fifty-nine of the Code, and the publication area for such publication shall be the territory in which the election is held. Such notice shall be so published within fourteen consecutive days next preceding the election. All the provisions of the law concerning general elections shall apply so far as they are practicable.

15. That the ballot to be used at such election shall be in the following form:

OFFICIAL LEVY BALLOT
COUNTY COMMISSION OF
PUTNAM COUNTY
WEST VIRGINIA

SPECIAL LEVY ELECTION FOR
PUTNAM COUNTY FIRE/RESCUE SERVICES

May 14, 2024

Special election to authorize additional levies for the replacement of the Fire Service Fee for the fiscal years beginning on July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, and July 1, 2029 and for the purpose of funding of operational needs and implementing daytime paid firefighters assistance for the Putnam County Fire/Rescue Services according to the Order of the Putnam County Commission entered on the 13th day of February, 2024.

The additional levy shall be on Class I property 2.5 cents; on Class II property 5.0 cents; on Class III property 10.0 cents; and Class IV property 10.0 cents.

None of the funds generated by the excess levy, if approved, will be used for any purposes other than those approved by the voters.

FOR THE EXCESS LEVY

AGAINST THE EXCESS LEVY

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Notice is hereby given that the following described tracts or lots of land in the County of Putnam have been certified by the Auditor of the State of West Virginia to G. Russell Rollyson, Jr., Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered lands of said County, for sale at public auction. The lands will be offered for sale by the undersigned Deputy Commissioner at public auction in the County Commission Room at the Putnam County Courthouse beginning at 9:00 AM in the morning, on the 30th day of May 2024.

Each tract or lot as described below, will be sold to the highest bidder. The payment for any tract or lot purchased at a sale shall be made by check or money order payable to the sheriff of the county and delivered before the close of business on the day of the sale. If any of said tracts or lots remain unsold following the auction, they will be subject to sale by the Deputy Commissioner without additional advertising or public auction. The deputy commissioner sale may include tracts or lots remaining unsold from a previous auction not required by law to be readvertised and described for this subsequent auction of those same tracts and lots. All sales are subject to the approval of the Auditor of the State of West Virginia.

CERT NO.	YEAR SOLD	NAME 1	NAME 2	DESCRIPTION	DISTRICT
403260	2019	AHOY LAND LLC		8.50 AC KAN RIVER	BUFFALO
403262	2019	CRAIG HELEN		UND INT 99.285714% OF LOT FRONT ST	BUFFALO CORP
403263	2019	WILSON D K ET UX		PRT LOTS 59 & 66 N MAIN ST	BUFFALO CORP
403264	2019	AHOY LAND LLC		2.08 AC LAKE WASHINGTON	CURRY
403265	2019	ANDERSON DANNY J & MARION L (2019)	CAMPBELL JEFFREY W (2020)	0.90 AC OLD US RT 60	CURRY
403267	2019	HUNTER MICHAEL ERNEST		LOT D-6 LAKE WASHINGTON	CURRY
403268	2019	HUNTER MICHAEL ERNEST ET UX		LOTS E-8 & E-9 LAKE WASHING- TON	CURRY
403269	2019	PAULEY ALMA J		LOT EE-10 LAKE WASHINGTON	CURRY
403270	2019	SEXTON RICHARD V ET UX	DOBBS CONNIE (2021)	LOT E-29 SEC E LAKE WASHINGTON	CURRY
403272	2019	FRAGALE SAMMY II		LOTS 36 & 41 SEC II COLONIAL MDWS SUBD	NITRO CORP
403273	2019	JAMES JIMMIE L JR ET UX		.25 AC (2/8 LOT 4127 41ST ST)	NITRO CORP
403274	2019	AHOY LAND LLC		LOT 130 MIDWAY ADD	POCA
403275	2019	DUGAN TONY		21/96 INT IN 145 AC LHF	POCA
403276	2019	DUGAN TONY		21/96 INT IN 117 AC LHF	POCA
403277	2019	HARTLEY R L ET AL		0.6 AC (LOT 4) POCA RIVER PARK	POCA
403278	2019	HURLEY ARTHUR BERNARD ET UX		MIN RESERVED ON TRACT 1 POCA RIVER	POCA
403279	2019	HURLEY LONNIE MELTON ET AL		MIN 1.093 AC & 1.531 AC POCA RIVER	POCA
403280	2019	JOHNS DAVID L ET UX (2019)	LAUREL VALLEY CAPITAL LLC (2020)	LOT 39 BLK P RAYMOND CITY	POCA
403281	2019	JOHNS DAVID L ET UX (2019)	LAUREL VALLEY CAPITAL LLC (2020)	LOT 40 BLK P RAYMOND CITY	POCA
403282	2019	LOCKARD RANDALL CLIFTON (2019)	LOCKARD RANDI M ET AL (2020)		POCA
403284	2019	ROLLINS STEPHANIE		1.3816 AC (S PRT TRACT C) POCA RIVER	POCA
403285	2019	WHITE BRANDON THOMAS		0.49 AC SCHOOL LOT ROCK BR	POCA
403286	2019	AHOY LAND LLC		LOT 18 SILMAN SUBD	POCA
403287	2019	AHOY LAND LLC		LOT B & E 1/2 OF LOT C SEC 2A RANCH LAKE EST	SCOTT
403288	2019	AHOY LAND LLC		LOT 428 SEC 3 RANCH LAKE EST CERT 1615	SCOTT
403289	2019	AHOY LAND LLC		LOT 358 SEC 3 RANCH LAKE EST	SCOTT
403289	2019	AHOY LAND LLC		LOT 523 & PRT LOT 573 SEC 4 RANCH LAKE EST	SCOTT
403290	2019	AHOY LAND LLC		LOT 579 SEC 4 RANCH LAKE EST	SCOTT
403291	2019	AHOY LAND LLC		LOTS 677 & 716 SEC 5 RANCH LAKE EST	SCOTT
403292	2019	AHOY LAND LLC		LOT 688 SEC 5 RANCH LAKE EST	SCOTT
403293	2019	AHOY LAND LLC		LOT 698 SEC 5 RANCH LAKE EST	SCOTT
403294	2019	AHOY LAND LLC		LOT 709 SEC 5 RANCH LAKE EST	SCOTT
403295	2019	AHOY LAND LLC		LOT 714 SEC 5 RANCH LAKE EST	SCOTT
403296	2019	AHOY LAND LLC		LOT 728 SEC 5 RANCH LAKE EST	SCOTT
403297	2019	AHOY LAND LLC		MIN 2.75 AC SCOTT DEPOT	SCOTT
403299	2019	BOHNERT ALLEN Q		LOT 160 SEC 2 RANCH LAKE EST	SCOTT
403300	2019	BOWENS W I ET AL		MIN 2.50 AC VALLEY LAND	SCOTT
403301	2019	EGGLETON ETHEL		1/2 OF .89 AC BIRD LAND	SCOTT
403302	2019	FAIRCHILD MICHAEL SCOTT		LOT 864 SEC 5A RANCH LAKE EST	SCOTT
403303	2019	FRAGALE SAMMY II		LOT 3 TISON SUBD	SCOTT
403304	2019	HARRIS EDWARD R II		3.57 AC POPLAR FORK	SCOTT
403305	2019	HARRIS EDWARD R II		.25 AC POPLAR FORK	SCOTT
403306	2019	HOLSTEIN EUGENE D ET UX		LOTS 286 & 287 SEC 3 RANCH LAKE EST	SCOTT
403307	2019	LESTER RUSSELL GARY		LOT 895 SEC 3B RANCH LAKE EST	SCOTT
403308	2019	MOSES MARY K ET AL		LOT 791 SEC 5 RANCH LAKE EST	SCOTT
403318	2019	POINT ROBERT WARREN ET AL		LOT 761 SEC 5 RANCH LAKE EST	SCOTT
403319	2019	POLK DONALD J ET UX		LOT 92 SEC 2 SUNRISE ACRES	SCOTT
403322	2019	KIDD RONALD ET UX		LOT 2 (0.87 AC) COW CRK	TEAYS VALLEY
403323	2019	KIDD RONNIE G ET UX		0.25 AC COW CRK RD	TEAYS VALLEY
403324	2019	AHOY LAND LLC		1/8 OF 27 AC 18 MILE CRK	UNION
403325	2019	KIRK DAVID P		.70 AC RED HOUSE	UNION
403326	2019	KIRK DAVID P		2,400 SQ FT	UNION
403327	2019	LEEMAR LTD PARTNERSHIP		1/2 INT IN 1.36 AC	UNION
403328	2019	RHODES DENCIL SR		2 AC 18 MILE CRK	UNION
403329	2019	TERRY AUDREY		1/8 OF 27 AC 18 MILE CRK	UNION
403330	2019	TINNEY IRENE BAILEY		MIN 10.97 AC MUD LICK	UNION
403331	2019	TINNEY IRENE BAILEY		MIN .83 AC MUD LICK	UNION
403332	2019	TINNEY IRENE BAILEY		MIN 1 AC MUD LICK	UNION
403333	2019	TINNEY IRENE BAILEY		MIN 1 AC MUD LICK	UNION
403334	2019	TINNEY IRENE BAILEY		MIN 2 AC MUD LICK	UNION
403335	2019	TINNEY IRENE BAILEY		MIN 7 AC MUD LICK	UNION
403336	2019	TINNEY IRENE BAILEY		MIN 1.44 AC MUD LICK	UNION
403337	2019	TINNEY IRENE BAILEY		MIN 0.78 AC MUD LICK	UNION
403338	2019	TINNEY IRENE BAILEY		MIN 1 AC MUD LICK	UNION
403339	2019	TINNEY IRENE BAILEY		MIN 3 1/6 AC MUD LICK	UNION
403340	2019	TINNEY IRENE BAILEY		MIN 1 AC MUD LICK	UNION
403341	2019	TINNEY IRENE BAILEY		MIN 1.84 AC MUD LICK	UNION
403342	2019	TINNEY IRENE BAILEY		MIN 1.39 AC MUD LICK	UNION
403343	2019	TINNEY IRENE BAILEY		MIN 6.86 AC	UNION
403344	2020	BAILEY CLARA A	PITTMAN JASON L (2022)	0.42 ACRE	BANCROFT CORP
403345	2020	AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		1/2 OF 29.64 AC 18 MILE CRK COAL ONLY TR21 (SCARBERRY)	BUFFALO
403346	2020	AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		1/2 INT IN 100 AC COAL ONLY STEPHENS LD TR10 (WARNER)	BUFFALO
403347	2020	DODSON WILLIAM E JR ET AL		PARCEL .217 AC OLKAKER TOWN	BUFFALO
403348	2020	HENSON EMMA ET AL TRUSTEES TURKEY BR CHURCH		0.3146 AC	BUFFALO
403349	2020	HOFFMAN ARNOLD J ET UX		1/3 OF 200 AC COAL DUNLAP LD	BUFFALO
403350	2020	AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		1/11 OF 135 AC TRACE TURKEY CRK COAL ONLY TR38 (BIRD)	CURRY
403351	2020	AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		1/4 OF 80 AC ROGERS LAND COAL ONLY TR13 (THOMAS)	CURRY
403352	2020	AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		1/2 MIN 20 AC LUTHER GRASS LAND COAL ONLY TR28 (ZERKLE)	CURRY
403353	2020	AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		1/2 OF 83 AC COAL ONLY TR 15 (HENDERSON)	CURRY
403354	2020	AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		1/2 OF 57 AC MARTIN LAND COAL ONLY TR3 (JOHNSON)	CURRY
403355	2020	AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		20% INT IN 25 AC TRACE CRK COA TR23 (BLANKENSHIP)	CURRY
403356	2020	AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		20 % INT 100 AC TRACE CRK COAL TR24 (JOHNSON)	CURRY
403357	2020	AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		1/2 MIN 61 AC BILL CASDORPH LAND COAL ONLY TR1 (ZERKLE)	CURRY
403358	2020	AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		9/28 OF 42.50 AC MIN HENRY MOORE LD COAL ONLY TR8 (MEXICAN GOSPEL)	CURRY
403359	2020	AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		1/4 OF 56 AC MIN LICK CRK COAL ONLY TR9 (MYERS)	CURRY
403360	2020	AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		1/3 OF 110 AC & 10 AC COAL ONL TR26 (PHELPS)	CURRY
403361	2020	AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		COAL ONLY 36.50 AC TR18 (BRADLEY)	CURRY
403362	2020	AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		COAL ONLY 21.33 AC BROWNS CREEKTR19 (HARDIN)	CURRY
403363	2020	AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		COAL ONLY 22.50 AC & 1.75 AC BROWNS CRK TR 22 (ADKINS)	CURRY
403364	2020	AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		COAL ONLY 25 AC THOMPSON CRK TR 27 (WOODALL)	CURRY
403365	2020	AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		12% INT IN 25 AC MIN TRACE CRK COAL ONLY TR #7 (CORPONLER)	CURRY
403366	2020	CLAY LORENE O		LOTS FF-15, FF-16 & FF-17 LAKE WASHINGTON	CURRY
403367	2020	DORIS MARTIN PROPERTIES LLC		LTS GG-15 & 17 LAKE WASHINGTON	CURRY
403368	2020	EDWARDS JOHN W ET UX		PAR 3 (0.58 AC) TRACE FORK	CURRY
403369	2020	HODGES GERALDINE		PAR (0.69 AC CALC) WEST SIDE OF RIDERS CREEK	CURRY
403370	2020	JAERAE HOLDINGS LLC		LOT G-16 SEC G LAKE WASHINGTON	CURRY
403371	2020	JENNINGS BRIAN HEDRICK TRUST (2020) HENDRICK JENNINGS BRIAN JR (2022)		.15 AC LAYWELL CRK	CURRY
403372	2020	STURGEON JACK L		0.83 ACRES (CALC)	CURRY
403373	2020	TAYLOR WALTER D & KIMBERLY	BLAKE JESSICA (2022)	LOTS 1,2, 3 PLT 3 HURRICANE HEIGHTS ADDITION (0.2 AC) CALC LOT 5001 BLOOMINGDALE SUBD	CURRY
403374	2020	BLADE CREEK DEVELOPMENT LLC		PRT LOTS 45 & 46 LAKEHURST ADD	HURRICANE CORP
403375	2020	BLADE CREEK DEVELOPMENT LLC		LOTS 10, 11 & 12 HIGHLAND ADD	HURRICANE CORP
403376	2020	JENNINGS BRIAN HEDRICK TRUST	HEDRICK JENNINGS BRIAN JR (2022)		HURRICANE CORP
403377	2020	AQUILONIA COAL CO		COAL ONLY 1/2 OF 40.97 AC C C HARMON LD TR4 (BALDWIN)	POCA
403378	2020	AQUILONIA COAL CO		COAL ONLY 1/2 OF 360 AC POCA RIVER TR39 (ATWOOD)	POCA
403379	2020	AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		1/2 OF 25.75 AC W D HARMON LD COAL ONLY TR5 (BALDWIN)	POCA
403380	2020	AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		1/2 OF 73 AC LICK BR COAL ONLY TR 14 (LEMON)	POCA
403381	2020	AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		1/2 OF 69.75 AC POCA RIVER & HILLS COAL ONLY TR40 (OVB)	POCA
403382	2020	AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		1/2 OF 55 AC POCA RIVER COAL ONLY TR41 (MELTON)	POCA
403383	2020	AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		COAL ONLY 100 AC POCA RIVER TR29 (CARGILL)	POCA
403384	2020	AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		COAL ONLY 9.90 AC LHF TR31 (GIBSON)	POCA
403385	2020	AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		COAL ONLY 85 AC TR33 (MCCLANAHAN)	POCA
403386	2020	AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		COAL ONLY 13 AC RIGHT FK OF LEFT FK TR36 (KELLEY)	POCA
403387	2020	DORIS MARTIN PROPERTIES LLC		1,000 SQ FT NR BANCROFT	POCA

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403405 2020 PUTNAM MARY ELIZABETH WHITE		1/3 OF 1/4 OF 1/2 INT IN LOT 12 MIN	SCOTT
403406 2020 PUTNAM MARY ELIZABETH WHITE		1/3 OF 1/4 OF 1/2 INT IN PRT LOT 5 MIN	SCOTT
403407 2020 PUTNAM MARY ELIZABETH WHITE		1/3 OF 1/4 OF 1/2 INT IN LOT 7 MIN	SCOTT
403408 2020 PUTNAM MARY ELIZABETH WHITE		1/3 OF 1/4 OF 1/2 INT IN PRT LOT 8 MIN	SCOTT
403409 2020 RICE ELLEN C	GRIFFITHS VAUGHN	LOTS 420 & 421 SEC 3 RANCH LAKE EST	SCOTT
403410 2020 SO CHARLESTON LIONS CLUB SIGHT CONVERSATION		20% INT IN MIN 0.9557 AC HURRICANE CRK	SCOTT
403411 2020 WHITE FRED S III		1/3 OF 1/4 OF 1/2 INT IN 14.57 AC MIN	SCOTT
403412 2020 WHITE FRED S III		1/3 OF 1/4 OF 1/2 INT IN LOT 12 MIN	SCOTT
403413 2020 WHITE FRED S III		1/3 OF 1/4 OF 1/2 INT IN PRT LOT 5 MIN	SCOTT
403414 2020 WHITE FRED S III		1/3 OF 1/4 OF 1/2 INT IN LOT 7 MIN	SCOTT
403415 2020 WHITE FRED S III		1/3 OF 1/4 OF 1/2 INT IN PRT LOT 8 MIN	SCOTT
403416 2020 WHITE PETER S		1/3 OF 1/4 OF 1/2 INT IN 14.57 AC MIN	SCOTT
403417 2020 WHITE PETER S		1/3 OF 1/4 OF 1/2 INT IN LOT 12 MIN	SCOTT
403418 2020 WHITE PETER S		1/3 OF 1/4 OF 1/2 INT IN PRT LOT 5 MIN	SCOTT
403419 2020 WHITE PETER S		1/3 OF 1/4 OF 1/2 INT IN LOT 7 MIN	SCOTT
403420 2020 WHITE PETER S		1/3 OF 1/4 OF 1/2 INT IN PRT LOT 8 MIN	SCOTT
403421 2020 AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		1/7 INT 39 AC CROSS CRK COAL ONLY TR42 (ARTHUR)	TEAYS VALLEY
403422 2020 AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		1/5 UND INT COAL ONLY IN 60 AC & 18 AC TR17 (ARTHUR)	TEAYS VALLEY
403423 2020 AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		1/2 INT 82 AC COAL ONLY TR30 (SCARBERRY)	TEAYS VALLEY
403424 2020 AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		1/2 OF 93 AC TACKETTS BR COAL ONLY TR35 (LITTON)	TEAYS VALLEY
403425 2020 AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		COAL ONLY 165 AC BIG HURRICANE TR 44 (CHANEY)	TEAYS VALLEY
403426 2020 AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		2/9 INT IN 1/2 UND INT OF COAL IN 61.69 AC 18 MILE CRK TR6 (WILSON)	UNION
403427 2020 AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		COAL ONLY 18.20 AC TR20 (MAY)	UNION
403428 2020 AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		COAL ONLY IN 21.11 AC KAN RIVER AND HILLS TR 37 (SAYRE)	UNION
403429 2020 AQUILONIA COAL COMPANY		1/2 OF 110 AC GODDARD LAND COAL ONLY TR30 (SCARBERRY)	UNION
403431 2019 ROM LLC	MILLER NORM D (2022)	(0.68 AC) PARCELA	UNION

budgeted by the Board for a specific purpose or purposes for a fiscal year are not able to be spent entirely in such fiscal year, then the unspent amount shall be carried over and spent on such specific purpose or purposes in subsequent fiscal years.

The proposed additional rate of levy in cents per one hundred dollars of assessed valuations on each class of property within Putnam County School District for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, July 1, 2029, and July 1, 2030, is as follows:

Class	Rate
Class I	22.95
Class II	45.90
Class III	91.80
Class IV	91.80

In the event The Board of Education of the County of Putnam shall obtain additional money by grant or otherwise from the state or federal government, or from any agency of either, or from any other source, for the purposes aforesaid, such additional money may be used either in substitution for, or in addition to, the sums obtained from such additional levies as The Board of Education of the County of Putnam may from time to time determine.

Tue Board of Education of the County of Putnam is hereby authorized and empowered to expend, during the term of this levy, the surplus, if any, accruing in excess of the amounts needed for any of the above-stated purposes, or for the enrichment, supplementation and improvement of educational services and/or facilities in the public schools. Provided, however, that subject to the expenditure of such surplus funds for purposes associated with legal and contractual obligations, surplus funds (in an amount representing the difference in the maximum levy rate allowed by law and a 95% levy rate) shall be dedicated to new buildings, building additions, renovations and repairs to existing buildings, and equipping buildings.

In the event that the actual amount collected is less than the approximate annual amounts allocated for the above-stated purposes for any one or more fiscal years, the Board is hereby authorized and empowered to determine in its discretion (i) which one or more of the above-stated purposes shall be reduced for each such fiscal year and (ii) the amount of each such reduction for such fiscal year; provided, however, that the total of all such reductions shall not exceed the amount of such collection shortfall each year and; provided, further, that if any such reduction for one or more of the above-stated purposes is necessary, then subject to downward adjustments (if any) required to be made for any fiscal year under W. Va. Code § 18-9B-8, the funds allocated for Purpose B and F set forth in the table of purposes and average annual amounts above shall be the last purpose considered by the Board for a reduction in funds in the event of a shortfall.

The Board of Education of the County of Putnam reserves unto itself as the levying body the right and authority to reduce the rates of the excess levy should increased assessments produce funds beyond projected needs in any year specified in the levy call in accordance with section six-g, article eight, chapter eleven of the West Virginia Code.

For each fiscal year beginning on and after July 1, 2026, Tue Board of Education of the County of Putnam shall reduce the levy rates proportionately for all classes of property when increased assessed valuations, excluding appraisal or valuation due to new construction or improvements to existing real property, including beginning recovery of natural resources and newly acquired personal property, would cause an increase of more than four percent in the total projected property tax revenues from the previous year's projected property tax revenues. In that event the levy rate shall be reduced so as to cause such rate to produce no more than one hundred and four percent from all classes of property, excluding appraisal or valuation from new construction or improvements to existing real property, including beginning recovery of natural resources and newly acquired personal property, of the previous year's projected property tax revenues from all property.

INSTRUCTION TO VOTERS

Those favoring the additional levies shall mark after "For the Levies"; those against such levies shall mark after "Against the Levies."

For the Levies
Against the Levies

-----END OF FORM OF OFFICIAL BALLOT-----

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM

By *G. Robert Cunningham*
G. Robert Cunningham, Its President

ATTEST
John G. Hudson
John G. Hudson, Secretary

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Any of the aforesaid tracts or lots may be redeemed by any person entitled to pay the taxes thereon at any time prior to the sale by payment to the Deputy Commissioner of the total amount of taxes, interest, and charges thereon up to date of redemption. Lands listed above as escheated or waste and unappropriated lands may not be redeemed.

Given under my hands this 5th of April, 2024.

G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered lands for Putnam County

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NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR SCHOOL BOARD EXCESS LEVY ISSUE TO BE HELD ON MAY 14, 2024			
TO THE VOTERS OF PUTNAM COUNTY			
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: That at a duly held meeting, The Board of Education of the County of Putnam adopted and entered of record the following Excess Levy Order:			
Upon motion of Bruce Knell, duly seconded by Wade Neal, the following Order was adopted:			
ORDER			
After full consideration thereof, The Board of Education of the County of Putnam, being of the opinion that the maximum levies for current expenses authorized by Article 8, Chapter 11, of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, will not provide sufficient funds for the payment of the general current expenses of schools in Putnam County, including expenditures for the purposes hereinafter stated, during the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, July 1, 2029, and July 1, 2030, and has ascertained that the amounts hereinafter shown in excess of the amounts raised by regular levies will be needed by The Board of Education of the County of Putnam during each of said five (5) fiscal years, and that an election should be held to increase such levies, in conformity with the law, hereby ORDERS and DECLARES:			
1. The purposes for which such additional funds are needed is the payment of the general current expenses of The Board of Education of the County of Putnam, including for the purposes hereinafter set forth in the table below, and the approximate average annual amount considered reinafter set forth in the table below, and the approximate average annual amount considered necessary for each purpose, subject to variation from year to year as provided herein, are as follows:			
PURPOSE FOR WHICH ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE NEEDED	AVERAGE ANNUAL AMOUNT FOR EACH PURPOSE		
A. To continue to provide financial support for new buildings, building additions, renovations and repairs to existing buildings, land, improvements to existing land, operating expenses and equipping buildings	\$3,000,000		
B. To continue to provide financial support toward employee salaries/benefits: Including, but not limited to 1) Local county salary supplements, substitute costs, and fixed charges 2) Extended employment for summer maintenance; 3) Overtime wages; 4) Extra-duty bus wages for for academic and athletic trips; 5) Extra duty salary supplements for Curricular positions and Athletic positions; and 6) Dental and optical insurance	\$16,317,921		
C. To continue to provide financial support of the following community organizations: Putnam County Public Library [\$191,600]; Putnam County 4-H [\$68,400]	\$260,000		
D. To continue to provide for the purchase of instructional equipment/furniture, teaching supplies, textbooks and library books (to include print and electronic versions of all teaching materials)	\$3,000,000		
E. To continue to provide and maintain a secure environment for students and employees in the schools: Including, but not limited to school resource officers and/or school security enhancements	\$250,000		
F. To continue to provide for benefits to retired employees	\$900,000		
TOTAL	\$23,727,921		

As noted above and in Section 3 hereof, the amounts set forth in the table above are the average annual amounts for each purpose. The actual amounts for each purpose will likely vary from one fiscal year to the next. If any item in the above-stated purposes is declared unconstitutional or invalid due to judicial or legislative action, then any affected funds will be distributed among the remaining constitutional and valid itemized purposes.

2. The Board of Education of the County of Putnam is hereby authorized and empowered to expend, during the term of this levy, the surplus, if any, accruing in excess of the above amounts needed for any of the above-stated purposes, plus excess collections due to increased assessed valuations, for the enrichment, supplementation, operation and improvement of educational services and/or facilities in the public schools of the County of Putnam.

3. The total amount necessary to carry out the above purposes, after making reasonable allowances for uncollected taxes and shrinkage, is \$118,639,605, or the average sum of \$23,727,921, annually. The actual amounts budgeted, as well as the amounts spent, for each purpose and in aggregate, likely will vary from one fiscal year to the next depending on the realized tax collections and the needs of the Putnam County School District, as determined by the Board with respect to each fiscal year and, further, are subject to downward adjustments (if any) required to be made for any fiscal year under W. Va. Code §18-9B-8. If the amounts budgeted by the Board for a specific purpose or purposes for a fiscal year are not able to be spent entirely in such fiscal year, then the unspent amount shall be carried over and spent on such specific purpose or purposes in subsequent fiscal years.

4. The separate and aggregate valuation of each class of taxable property within the Putnam County School District certified for the most recent fiscal year is as follows:

CLASS OF TAXABLE PROPERTY	ASSESSED VALUATION
Class I	\$.00
Class II (Less Homestead)	\$1,994,803,682
Class III	\$1,615,115,423
Class IV	\$256,548,037
AGGREGATE ASSESSED VALUATION	\$3,866,467,142

5. The proposed additional rate of levy in cents per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation on each class of property within the Putnam County School District for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, July 1, 2029, and July 1, 2030, is as follows:

Class	Rate
Class I	22.95
Class II	45.90
Class III	91.80
Class IV	91.80

6. The Board of Education of the County of Putnam reserves unto itself as the levying body the right and authority to reduce the rates of the excess levy should increased assessments produce funds beyond projected needs in any year specified in the levy call in accordance with section six-g, article eight, chapter eleven of the West Virginia Code.

7. For each fiscal year beginning on and after July 1, 2026, The Board of Education of the County of Putnam shall reduce the levy rates proportionately for all classes of property when increased assessed valuations, excluding appraisal or valuation due to new construction or improvements to existing real property, including beginning recovery of natural resources and newly

acquired personal property, would cause an increase of more than four percent in the total projected property tax revenues from the previous year's projected property tax revenues. In that event the levy rate shall be reduced so as to cause such rate to produce no more than one hundred and four percent from all classes of property, excluding appraisal or valuation from new construction or improvements to existing real property, including beginning recovery of natural resources and newly acquired personal property, of the previous year's projected property tax revenues from all property.

8. The years to which the additional levy shall apply, if authorized by the voters, are the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, July 1, 2029, and July 1, 2030.

9. The question of such additional levies shall be submitted to a vote in the Putnam County School District, which embraces Putnam County, West Virginia, at an election to be held in said county on Tuesday, May 14, 2024.

10. If a majority of the voters at an election to be held on May 14, 2024, approves the proposed additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, July 1, 2029, and July 1, 2030, the said The Board of Education of the County of Putnam will not issue bonds as provided by Section 16, Article 8, Chapter 11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended.

11. In the event The Board of Education of the County of Putnam shall obtain additional money by grant or otherwise from the state or federal government, or from any agency of either, or from any other source, for the purposes aforesaid, such additional money may be used either in substitution for, or in addition to, the sums obtained from such additional levies as The Board of Education of the County of Putnam may from time to time determine.

12. The Board of Education of the County of Putnam is hereby authorized and empowered to expend, during the term of this levy, the surplus, if any, accruing in excess of the amounts needed for any of the above-stated purposes, or for the enrichment, supplementation and improvement of educational services and/or facilities in the public schools. Provided, however, that subject to the expenditure of such surplus funds for purposes associated with legal and contractual obligations, surplus funds (in an amount representing the difference in the maximum levy rate allowed by law and a 95% levy rate) shall be dedicated to new buildings, building additions, renovations and repairs to existing buildings, and equipping buildings.

13. In the event that the actual amount collected is less than the approximate annual amounts allocated for the above-stated purposes for any one or more fiscal years, the Board is hereby authorized and empowered to determine in its discretion (i) which one or more of the above-stated purposes shall be reduced for each such fiscal year and (ii) the amount of each such reduction for such fiscal year; provided, however, that the total of all such reductions shall not exceed the amount of such collection shortfall each year and; provided, further, that if any such reduction for one or more of the above-stated purposes is necessary, then subject to downward adjustments (if any) required to be made for any fiscal year under W. Va. Code § 18-9B-8, the funds allocated for Purposes B and F set forth in the table of purposes and average annual amounts above shall be the last purposes considered by the Board for a reduction in funds in the event of a shortfall.

14. Notice of said election to authorize such additional levies shall be given by publication of notice thereof at least once a week for two successive weeks within fourteen (14) consecutive days next preceding the election in The Hurricane Breeze, the newspaper of general circulation in Putnam County.

15. The official ballot to be used in the election herein provided shall be in form as follows:

OFFICIAL BALLOT
Election to Authorize Additional Levies
According to the Order of The Board of Education
of the County of Putnam entered on February 5, 2024

An election to authorize additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, July 1, 2029, and July 1, 2030, in the total amount of \$23,727,921 annually, for the purpose of paying the general current expenses of The Board of Education of the County of Putnam, including for the purposes hereinafter set forth in the table below; all according to this Official Ballot and the Order of the Board entered on February 5, 2024, and as more particularly described below.

The approximate average annual amount considered necessary for each purpose, subject to variation from year to year as provided herein, is set forth as follows:

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The actual amounts budgeted, as well as the amounts spent, for each purpose and in aggregate, likely will vary from one fiscal year to the next depending on the realized tax collections and the needs of the Putnam County School District, as determined by the Board with respect to each fiscal year and, further, are subject to downward adjustments (if any) required to be made for any fiscal year under W. Va. Code § 18-9B-8. If the amounts

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT	LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
To the Creditors and Beneficiaries of the following deceased persons estates: I have before me the estates of the deceased persons and the accounts of the fiduciaries of their respective estates as listed below:	named fiduciary by the date first shown above, or thereafter before the undersigned fiduciary supervisor by the date last shown above to examine said claims and otherwise protect their respective interests. All persons seeking to impeach or establish a will must file a complaint pursuant to W. Va. Code. Any person objecting to the representative's qualifications, venue or jurisdiction must file a complaint within 60 days of April 25, 2024. Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 18th day of April 2024. Fiduciary Supervisor Putnam County Commission 10293 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213
Estate No.: 5696 Estate Of: Rosalee Jane Ashley Administratrix: Natalie E Naylor PO Box 53 Tornado, WV 25202	4-25-2t
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 Administrator: Steven W Bowman 2373 Winfield Rd St. Albans, WV 25177	
Estate No.: 5656 Estate Of: Benjamin Thomas Cobb Executor: 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	4-25-2t
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Estate No.: 5618 Estate Of: Patricia Ann Sublette Administratrix: Stacey Leadmon 614 Foster Rd Hurricane, WV 25526	
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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.

Qualified Newspapers

Only newspapers with a bonafide circulation are qualified to publish legal advertisements. A free distribution newspaper has a bonafide circulation of zero and does not meet state code requirements.
The Breeze is qualified to publish all legal advertisement pertaining to Putnam County.

Submissions

The deadline for submissions to the Breeze is Sunday at 8 p.m.
Submissions may be emailed to: hurricanebreeze@citynet.net or mailed to: Hurricane Breeze, PO Box 310, Hurricane, WV25526

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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 25, 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-

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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.: 5617
 Estate Of: Roy Allen Henson
 Administratrix: Shellie L Puckett
 40 Fairfield Lane
 Gallipolis, OH 45631

Estate No.: 5645
 Estate Of: Roberta Joy Jividen
 Executrix: Barbara Lynn King
 1953 Patterson Drive
 Elkview, WV 25071

Estate No.: 5634
 Estate Of: Carolyn Lou Kimberling
 Administratrix: Vicki J Carpenter
 166 Rivierine Drive
 Winfield, WV 25213

Estate No.: 5630
 Estate Of: Jacob Alec Reed
 Administratrix: Kara A Reed
 101 Woodstone Drive
 Scott Depot, WV 25560

Estate No.: 5705
 Estate Of: Gary Edward Stanley
 Administratrix: Tonya J Casto
 4 Renard Run
 Hurricane, WV 25526

All persons having claims against the estate(s) of any of the above-named deceased persons whether due or not, are notified to exhibit their claims with vouchers thereof, legally verified, to the fiduciary of such deceased person as shown above within 60 days of May 2, 2024; or, if not, to exhibit the same at the office of the undersigned Fiduciary Supervisor at the address shown below by said date; otherwise any or all such claims may by law be excluded from all benefits of said estate(s). No claims against the estate shall be accepted by the fiduciary supervisor after said date. All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear either before the above-named fiduciary by the date first shown above, or thereafter before the undersigned fiduciary supervisor by the date last shown above to examine said claims and otherwise protect their respective interests.

All persons seeking to impeach or establish a will must file a complaint pursuant to W. Va. Code. Any person objecting to the representative's qualifications, venue or jurisdiction must file a complaint within 60 days of May 2, 2024.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 25th day of April 2024.
 Fiduciary Supervisor
 Putnam County Commission
 10293 Winfield Road,
 Winfield, WV 25213

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
 Department of Environmental Protection
 Division of Water and Waste Management
 601 57th Street SE
 Charleston, WV 25304
 Telephone: (304) 926-0495
 Fax: (304) 926-0463

GENERAL WV/NPDES MULTI-SECTOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT
 STORMWATER ASSOCIATED WITH INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES
 WV/NPDES PERMIT NO. WV0111457

Public Notice No.: SM-38-2024
 Publication: Statewide/West Virginia Press Association
 Publication Date: April 26, 2024

The State of West Virginia, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water and Waste Management is proposing to reissue the West Virginia National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Multi-Sector Water Pollution Control Permit for Stormwater Associated with Industrial Activities. The General Permit will authorize discharges associated with industrial activity from industrial categories determined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to surface waters of the state for industrial operations.

It is proposed that this General Permit be issued for a five (5)-year term. All facilities covered under the existing general permit within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the reissued general permit will be required to submit a new registration form to obtain coverage under the new Multi-Sector Stormwater Permit.

The Draft Permit and Fact Sheet are available on the WVDEP website at: <https://dep.wv.gov/WVE/Programs/stormwater/multisector/Pages/home.aspx>. Hard copies can be mailed upon request.

The comment period for the Draft General Permit begins April 26, 2024 and ends on May 31, 2024.

During the public comment period, any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and/or request a public hearing. Comments and/or a request for a public hearing shall be made in writing and addressed to:
 Director
 Division of Water and Waste Management
 601 57th Street SE
 Charleston, WV 25304
 Attention: Sharon Mullins
 Phone: (304) 926-0499,
 Extension 43808
 E-mail: sharon.mullins@wv.gov

The request shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing and must be received within the comment period. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever he or she finds there is a significant degree of public interest in issues relevant to the draft permit.

For more information, contact Sharon Mullins at the email address or phone number listed above.

Hearing impaired individuals having access to a Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD) may contact our agency by calling (304) 926-0489. Calls must be made between 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

PUBLIC NOTICE

West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water & Waste Management
 Office of Waste Management
 601 57th Street, SE
 Charleston, WV 25304
 (304) 926-0495

APPLICATION FOR WEST VIRGINIA SOLID WASTE FACILITY PERMIT RENEWAL

Permit Notice No.: SW-03-24 Paper: Hurricane Breeze Newspaper
 978 Hurricane Creek Road
 Hurricane, WV 25526

Public Notice Dates: May 2, 2024
 May 9, 2024

The following has applied to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection for a Solid Waste Landfill Permit Renewal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit:

Applicant: Allied Waste Sycamore Sanitary Landfill, LLC
 3475 Sycamore Ridge Road
 Hurricane, WV 25526

Permit No: WF-5808/WV0109215

Location: On Sycamore Ridge Road, 0.4 miles off County Road 50 (Sycamore Road)

Activity: Commercial Sanitary Landfill

The applicant may receive a maximum of 22,000 tons/month of the following types of waste: Solid waste as defined in W.Va. Code Chapter 22, Article 15 Section 2(31) and as listed in 33CSR1 Section 2.119.. Wastewater treatment plant solids, non-hazardous industrial process solid wastes, and non-hazardous sludge will be accepted only after approved by the Division of Water and Waste Management. Tires may be used in the landfill in accordance with W.Va. Code and 33CSRS.

The waste stream for municipal solid waste and non-hazardous special waste will originate from the states of Connecticut, Ohio, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Virginia.

The center of the site is 380 24' 02" N latitude and 820 01' 26" W longitude.

On the basis of review of the application, the Solid Waste Management Act, Chapter 22, Article 15, Section 5(b) and 5(c), and 33CSR1 West Virginia Solid Waste Management Rule, the state of West Virginia will act on the above application.

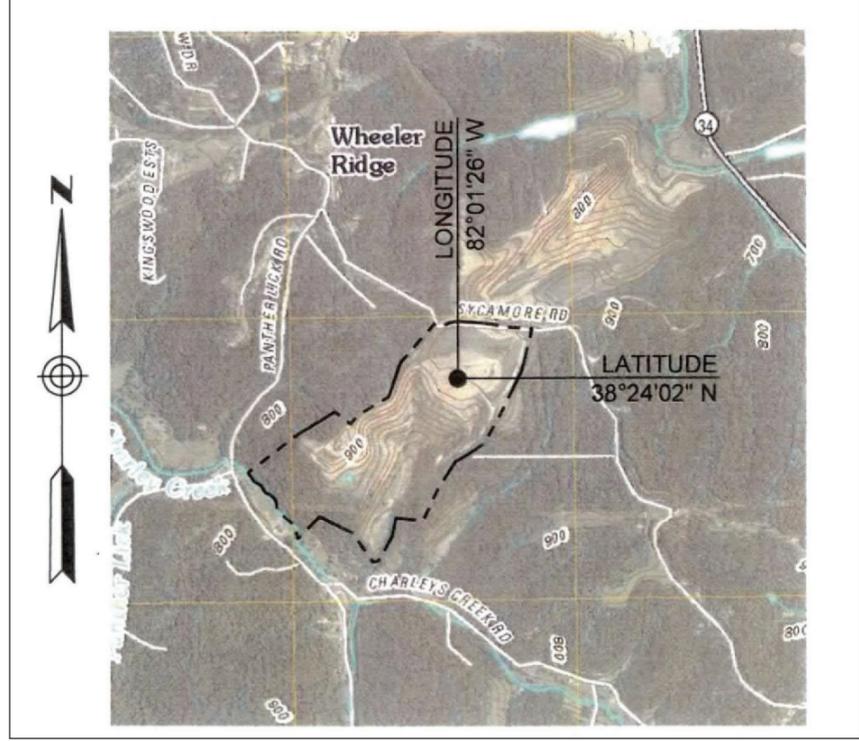
Interested persons may submit written comments during the thirty-day (30-day) public comment period, which begins on **May 2, 2024 and ends on May 31, 2024** to the following address:

West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection
 Division of Water & Waste Management
 Office of Waste Management
 601 57th Street, SE
 Charleston, WV 25304
 Attention: Kenneth Wandling, Solid Waste Management
kenneth.wandling@wv.gov

Comments received within this time period will be considered prior to any State action on the subject application. Correspondence should include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues addressed.

The draft permit will be on file for public review during the comment period at the DEP regional office located at 601 57th Street, SE, Charleston, WV, 25304, (304) 926-0499, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. To receive a copy of the permit application or draft permit, please contact Kenneth Wandling at the Division of Water and Waste Management, Office of Waste Management, 601 57th Street, SE, Charleston, WV, 25304, (304) 926-0499, extension 43880, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by email: kenneth.wandling@wv.gov.

A public hearing may be held if the state identifies a significant degree of public interest on issues relevant to the permit application. To obtain further information concerning the subject application or to request a public hearing, you may contact the Division of Water and Waste Management during the public comment period at the above address.



PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 24-0274-E-PC

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and WHEELING POWER COMPANY
 Petition for Consent and Approval of Cost Recovery for three purchased power agreements for renewable energy.

NOTICE OF FILING AND EVIDENTIARY HEARING

On March 6, 2024, Appalachian Power Company (APCo) and Wheeling Power Company (WPCo) (together, the Companies) filed a Petition with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (Commission) seeking the recovery of future costs associated with APCo's agreements to purchase renewable energy products from the Elliot, 7 Bridges, and County Line solar facilities. The Companies' Petition is on file with and available for public inspection at the Commission's offices, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, WV 25301, and at the Commission's website, www.psc.state.wv.us.

The Commission has set an evidentiary hearing in the matter for August 21, 2024, starting at 9:30 am, to be held in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room at the Commission's offices, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, WV 25301. Interested persons may attend the hearing and will have an opportunity to make public comments.

The purchase of the aforementioned renewable energy products can be expected to ultimately impact the Companies' West Virginia retail rates at some point in the future. The Companies do not expect these transactions to lead to any significant increase in customer rates. Rather, the Companies project that the transactions will reduce customer rates over the lives of the solar facilities.

The Companies have a Renewable Power Plus (RPP) Tariff to be offered on a voluntary basis to all customers in addition to the Companies' standard tariff offerings. It is anticipated that, over time, the costs of the proposed renewable facilities will be offset by the customers subscribing to the RPP Tariff, special contract revenues, and the cost-of-service benefits produced by the facilities. The costs of the renewable energy PPAs with the solar facilities are proposed to be recovered in expanded net energy costs (ENEC) rates.

The renewable facilities have varying in-service dates, but the Companies project that rates would increase by approximately \$1.3 million, on an aggregate basis after offsets, during a hypothetical first year that assumes all three facilities are in service, as shown in the table below. Such rates will likely be phased in as of the date of the Companies' annual ENEC rates for the Elliot, 7 Bridges, and County Line solar facilities. The estimated rate increase in the hypothetical "Year 1" for each of the Companies' tariff classes is shown in the table below. By way of example, a residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month would experience a net monthly increase of \$0.12.

"Year 1" of Proposed Portfolio Estimated Rate Impacts by Tariff Class

	Current Revenues (000)\$	Gross Increase (000)\$	Gross Increase %	Cost Offsets (000)\$	Net Increase (000)\$	Net Increase %
Residential	774,308	6,552	0.8%	(6,043)	509	0.07%
SWS	10,678	101	0.9%	(93)	8	0.07%
SGS	37,684	289	0.8%	(267)	22	0.06%
GS	307,180	2,875	0.9%	(2,652)	223	0.07%
LCP	538,968	6,274	1.2%	(5,788)	486	0.09%
IP	20,051	423	2.1%	(390)	33	0.16%
Special Contracts*	32,128	392	1.2%	(361)	31	0.10%
SS	31,154	299	1.0%	(276)	23	0.07%
OL & SL	15,450	61	0.4%	(56)	5	0.03%
Total	1,767,601	17,266	1.0%	(15,926)	1,340	0.08%

*Excludes Special Contract customers who are billed standard tariff rates.

The increases shown above are based on totals for all customers in the indicated class. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than the percentages shown. Furthermore, the requested rates and charges among the various classes of customers are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Commission in its review of the Companies' filing.

Anyone desiring to intervene in the matter should file a written petition to intervene on or before June 3, 2024. All requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the request and comply with the rules on intervention outlined in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The Commission will receive public comments until the beginning of the hearing. All written comments and requests to intervene should state the case name and number and be addressed to Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323. Public comments may also be filed online at <http://www.psc.state.wv.us/scripts/onlinecomments/default.cfm> by clicking the "Formal Case" link.

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Not all information on file has been indexed or added to the online site, however. Users who create a free account with FamilySearch can start their family tree by entering the names, birth dates, and death dates of immediate family members. After the user manually enters the required minimum of information, FamilySearch generates a family tree based upon information submitted by other members. FamilySearch also has two affiliate websites, Relative Finder and Puzzilla. Drawing from information found in a user's FamilySearch account, Relative Finder searches a person's family tree for connections to famous people. Some of the categories listed include movie stars, sports figures, European royalty, and U.S. Presidents. Using the Relative Finder site, a person might find that they are Thomas Jefferson's first cousin seven times removed, Abraham Lincoln's sixth cousin seven times removed, and Barack Obama's ninth cousin three times removed. The other affiliate site, Puzzilla, allows a user to draw upon their FamilySearch records to create an intricate family tree featuring collateral lines. This allows a user to discover patterns of incomplete research in

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

Putnam County Aging Program to Hold Yard Sale Fundraiser

Putnam County Aging Program, located at 2558 Winfield Road, St. Albans, will be holding a "Walk to End Alzheimer's" yard sale fundraiser this weekend, May 2-4. The yard sale will be held on Thursday and Friday, May 2 and 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 4. Some raffles will also be available for ticket purchase. Winners will be announced at the annual Putnam County Senior Picnic on July 25th.

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Keeping Secrets

By Velma Kitchens

I like to read quotes from people and see if I identify with any of the quotes. I came across a quote by C. H. Spurgeon the great preacher and have had it in a pile of papers in a folder. I was going through some of my papers for downsizing and spring cleaning and found this one:

“Commit all your secrets to no man—trust in God with all your heart, but let your confidence in friends be weighed in the balance of prudence seeing that men are but men and all men are frail.”

I identify with this as we cannot put our trust in men or women but in the only one true God. Sure, we have family and friends that we trust with some of our innermost thoughts and sometimes secrets, although I don't think secrets are good if they are serious. If you don't want anything told, don't tell it because we all are human. I do have people that I have told things to and asked not to repeat and they didn't! I find only a handful of people can keep their tongues with confidential information. My family and friends know who they are and I trust them because not one thing has ever come back to me—and you know word does get around. We would probably find out sooner or later that someone blabbed. Very few people can be trusted with a confidential matter or something you really don't want to get out, so maybe just keep it to yourself.

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.

Bite-Sized Chocolate Delights

Flavorful French toast, filling breakfast burritos and favorite fruits make a feast to look forward to, but no brunch spread is complete without a chocolatey bite to cap off the meal. In fact, make it a double.

These Double Chocolate Chip Mini Muffins offer a combination of two kinds of rich chocolate complemented by the caramel notes of C&H Light Brown Sugar for an irresistible dessert in bite-sized form. Tiny, tasty treats are a perfect way to send guests off with one sweet final bite.

Visit chsugar.com to find more delectable dessert recipes.

Double Chocolate Chip Mini Muffins

- Muffin Batter:
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
 - 1 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1 package (10 ounces) mini semi-sweet chocolate chips
 - 2 large eggs
 - 1/2 cup C&H Light Brown Sugar, packed
 - 1/2 cup C & H Granulated Sugar
 - 3/4 cup sour cream
 - 1/2 cup vegetable oil
 - 1/2 cup whole milk
 - 1/2 teaspoon instant espresso (optional)
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 - 2 tablespoons flaked sea salt (optional)



Preheat oven to 350 F. Line mini muffin pan with mini cupcake liners.

In large mixing bowl, use whisk to combine flour, cocoa powder, baking soda and salt. Add chocolate chips and stir to ensure chocolate chips are coated in flour mixture.

In separate large mixing bowl, use wire whisk to whisk eggs and sugars until ingredients are combined and sugars are dissolved. Add sour cream, oil and milk. Whisk again to combine. If using espresso powder, add to vanilla then add to wet ingredients. Whisk vanilla espresso mixture into other liquid ingredients.

Pour liquid ingredients on top of dry ingredients. Using rubber spatula, mix until just combined, being careful to not overmix. Batter should be thick and shiny.

Using tablespoon or two spoons, spoon muffin batter into liners. Batter should be filled almost to top of each liner. Top each muffin with flaked sea salt before baking, if desired.

Bake muffins on center rack 6 minutes. Rotate pan and bake 6 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in muffin comes out clean. Once muffins finish baking, place muffin pan on cooling rack to cool completely.



Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

Having a daughter is cute and all until she's got the same attitude as you.

Don't do something for me if you are going to throw it in my face later.

Family time is not a matter of convenience; it's a matter of priority.

It's not how much you give but how much love you put into giving.

A doggie's heart is the smallest thing on earth that holds the most love.

Don't let people guilt you for not visiting them. They're not visiting you either.

Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, and leave the rest to God.

It takes bravery to give yourself a break and refuse to let guilt dictate your daily life.

Your most powerful testimony is how you treat others after the church services is over.

The best way to find out if you can trust somebody is to trust them. - Ernest Hemingway

No matter how many steps you have taken away from God, it only takes one step to get back.

Stay away from people who expect you to prioritize them but don't think twice about putting you last.

Some people never understand what you bring to the table until they watch you in action at another table.

This time three years ago, we couldn't find toilet paper. This time now, we can't afford it.

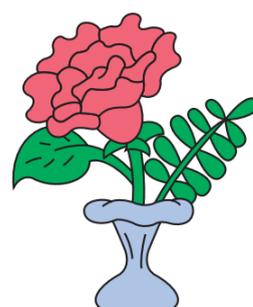
Don't be pushed around by the fears in your mind. Be led by the dreams in your heart.

Your talk talks and your walk walks, but your walk talks louder than your talks.

My goal in life is to be as good as the person my doggy already thinks I am.

I was wondering why the baseball was getting bigger - then it hit me.

When I needed a hand, I found a paw.



Opportunity does not waste time with those who are unprepared.

Thank a trucker when you see one; if it wasn't for them we wouldn't have anything.

Indecent dressing and exposure of your body reduces your value and respect.

One day you'll be staring at the blessing you used to always dream about.

A jealous family member is more dangerous than a hateful enemy.

We will not be remembered by our words, but by our kind deeds.

Don't waste a good today by worrying about a bad yesterday.

Your relationship should be a safe haven, not a battlefield.

The door to wisdom is never shut. - Benjamin Franklin

Be positive! Negativity never gets you anywhere.

Don't wait to realize you shouldn't have waited.

Do not trust anyone who is unkind to animals.

Time you enjoy wasting is not wasted time.

A bond with a doggie will last a lifetime.

Life is like a hot bath: it feels good while you're in it, but the longer you stay, the more wrinkled you get.

Don't forget that even when life gets hard and you feel like giving up, there is a future that you haven't seen yet.

Knowledge is learning something new every day. Wisdom is letting go of something every day.

You do realize that exposing the illegal things your government has been doing is illegal.

When diet is wrong, medicine is of no use. When diet is correct, medicine is of no need.

Feelings are much like waves, we can't stop them from coming, but we can choose which ones to surf.

People are like books: some deceive you with their cover and others surprise you with their content.

Respect is earned, not given. It's a two-way street; if you can't give it, don't expect to get it.

To love for the sake of being loved is human, but to love for the sake of loving is angelic.

Relying on God has to begin all over again every day as if nothing had yet been done.

There are some things that money just can't buy. Like manners, morals, and integrity.

To truly laugh, you must be able to take your pain, and play with it. Charlie Chaplin

Characterize people by their actions, and you'll never be fooled by their words.

Lead from the back and let others believe they are in front. - Nelson Mandela

God will look to every soul like its first love because He is its first love.

Imagination means nothing without doing.

Give out what you most want to come back.

Don't bargain for fish which are still in water.

I don't have a purple problem; I have a purple passion!

Anger is the ultimate destroyer of your own peace of mind.

Nobody's perfect but there is something perfect in everybody.

Do good things for people, but not just for show or to be noticed.

Sometimes when you're invited, you're still not welcomed.

Faith cannot grow outside the environment of prayer.

You'll never find a rainbow if you're looking down.

Sometimes life hits you in the head with a brick.

Pray as you can; God knows what you mean.

Nobody who ever gave his best regretted it.

Tomorrow is promised to no one.

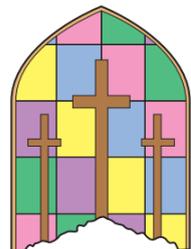
Everything is practice.

Those who walk with God always reach their destination.

I have people holding grudges against me for things they did to me.

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

Bible Verse



The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.
— Zephaniah 3:17

CALM BEFORE THE STORM



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Why don't we search for the flashlight while it's calm? Instead, we often wait until the storm is raging and the electricity has gone out only to find ourselves rummaging around in the dark. Where's the light when we need it? It's not much help having a light you can't find in a power outage. It's better to be prepared. It's the same in life. We can be prepared for the storms if we look to our Lord. "You, O Lord, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light." (Psalm 18:28) Worship at His house this week and store up the light of God's love in your life.

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Healing and Forgiveness

Mark 2:1-12

Jesus entered into Capernaum after some days (v. 1). Capernaum is the city at which Jesus' public ministry commenced. Jesus waited until John the Baptist was imprisoned before beginning preaching and healing. His teaching was unlike that of the scribes. Jesus spoke with authority. His healing the diseased and casting out of unclean spirits caused His fame to spread. Wherever Jesus went in Capernaum the crowds formed. Jesus left Capernaum to enter into nearby towns because He had come to preach in synagogues throughout Galilee (Mk. 1:38-39).

When it was known that Jesus had returned to the city and that He was at a particular dwelling, a large crowd gathered. His preaching was interrupted when the roof covering the area over the courtyard of the house was broken up and a man upon a bed was lowered down before Him (v. 3). All present saw the bedridden man who was sick of palsy and completely dependent upon others. Jesus looked upon the man and those with him and saw something that others did not see.

Jesus saw the faith of those who had brought the palsied man to Him. Jesus saw that which only God can see. The palsied man and his attendees possessed a faith that Jesus could do only that which God could do.

Many crippled and diseased individuals had been brought to Jesus in hope that He would heal them. This man, however, was brought to Jesus with the faith that God would make him whole. Hope is saddled with contingencies. With hope, there is possibility of failure or partial failure. Faith is certain. Seeing their faith Jesus said, "Son be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee."

We see God the Father through the Son. God wants men to know He is a rewarder of them who believe Him. Our sins are not forgiven because we hope that the Son has paid the price of our iniquities. Our sins are forgiven because it has been revealed to us that God the Son has died in our place. Jesus' words were spoken for the benefit of all who would ever believe.

Jesus did not say "thy sins be forgiven" for the ears of those who would never believe in Him. There were certain scribes present who were quick to condemn Jesus for blasphemy because He pronounced forgiveness that God alone can give. Jesus addressed their thoughts with the question: "Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?" They knew the reason for their thinking. In their minds, Jesus was claiming an authority which belonged to God alone. Jesus was guilty of blasphemy because He announced only that which God can say. They did not believe that Jesus possessed the authority of God the Father. They lacked faith and were blind to the truth.

These scribes, like the party that came to Jesus bearing the palsied man, had heard of the many healings which Jesus had performed. Unlike these individuals who came in faith, these scribes were uncertain of the authority by which Jesus performed His healings; they did not recognize the source of His authority.

Jesus addressed their uncertainty and the uncertainties of all present in the scene that followed. Jesus asked, "For whether is easier, to say 'Thy sins be forgiven thee;' or to say, 'Arise, and walk?'"

One can pour out declarations of forgiveness and declarations of healing from one's mouth with equal ease. Such utterances, however, have no value unless forgiveness of sin and/or healing follow the declaration. A declaration is no better than the authority of the speaker. The scribes doubted Jesus' authority to declare forgiveness of sin.

Jesus addressed the doubters saying: "But that ye may know that the Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins" (v. 10). The Lord then turned to the paralyzed man and instructed him to rise and take up his bed and go into his home. The man rose up and went into his house. Those present saw it, marvelled, and glorified God.

Consider that which they saw. They saw one possessing faith but unable to do for himself or anyone else. They saw a man with great need come to Jesus. They saw Jesus fulfill the man's needs. They saw Jesus exercise the power of God the Father.

What does the Spirit lead believers to see? The words and actions of the Son are manifestations of the will of the Father. That which is in the scripture before us has been placed there such that we might know God and be useful vessels of His will. We see the Son fulfill the needs of one who came to Him in faith. The man had both physical need and spiritual need. The Son, knowing the man's needs, filled his spiritual need prior to his physical need. The Son erased the man's sins. The Son made the man pure in the sight of God the Father.

After addressing the man's spiritual need, we see the Son empower the man to rise up and to "go thy way into thine house." Upon rising, the man instantly became a living testimony of God's power. The first place to which the man was to bear witness of what the Son had done was in his own household.

The Lord's instruction to the formerly paralytic man is consistent with that which He instructed His disciples in Acts 1:8. Once empowered by the Holy Spirit, the disciples were to be witnesses first in Jerusalem and Judea, and then to Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Believers of today, like the palsied man and the disciples following Pentecost, are to be witnesses of the power and authority of the Son. We are to let the Spirit in us speak of His wondrous love and grace.



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Obituaries

JONATHAN EVERETTE DUNBAR

Jonathan Everette Dunbar, 41, of Winfield, passed away Sunday, April 21, 2024 at Hubbard Hospice House. He was 2000 graduate of Winfield High School and served in the United States Marine Corps reaching the rank of Sergeant. He was a member of Scott Depot Christ Fellowship and Bridge Church. Jonathan worked as a field representative for Frazier Engineering in Denver NC for 18 years. He was an avid outdoorsman with an adventurous spirit who loved fishing, skiing, mountain climbing and sky diving. His general love of nature and the outdoors led him to many places and many great people. Anyone that knew Jonathan knew him as a true friend with a compassionate heart. He had a honest love and dedication to his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Everette Dunbar, Betty Dunbar and Barbara Beheler; great grandfather, Frank Beheler; great uncle, Gene Beheler; great aunt, Phyllis Beheler Meeks.

He is survived by his parents, Richard J. Dunbar and Susan F. Beheler Dunbar of Winfield; sister, Leah Dunbar Surface; niece, Reagan Surface and nephew, Reuben Surface.

Funeral service was Saturday, April 27, 2024 at Bridge Church in Scott Depot with Dr. Rodney Taylor, Pastor

Larry Hammett and Pastor Matt Davis officiating. Burial with military graveside honors was in Beech Grove Cemetery, Eleanor.

COL. STEPHEN S. KAPPA

After a long battle with congestive heart failure, U.S. Army Colonel (Ret.) Stephen S. Kappa completed his earthly mission on Thursday, April 25, 2024. He passed peacefully at home surrounded by his family. Col. Kappa was born on December 1, 1946, in War, WV, to the late Margaret and Stan Kappa.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Kim; daughters: Monica Centers (Dick) of Evansville, IN and Kelly Pashke (Nate) of Ashburn, VA; grandchildren: Aaron Centers (Jessica) of Herndon, VA, and Megan Etensohn (Keil) of Evansville, IN. He is also survived by Kim's sons: Brandon (Andrea) Isaacs of Falls View, WV, Matthew (Brandie) Isaacs of Twenty Mile, WV and Michael Isaacs of Winfield, WV; and Kim's grandchildren: Emma, Lilly, Emily, Ayden, and Dylan; and his sister: Margaret Pudlo of Bethel Park, PA. He'll also be missed by many extended family members, friends, and their dear friend, Janice, who was more like family and helped in many capacities of his care. His cherished fur babies will also miss him greatly.

He graduated from Big Creek High School in War; earned a Bachelor of Arts from Regents College; and a Master of Arts in Organizational Communication from West Virginia University. In addition to his military service, he served the community through involvement with Ascension Catholic Church of Hurricane, and the Knights of Columbus.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1966 and attended Basic Training at Ft. Jackson, SC. Col. Kappa was commissioned as an Infantry Officer upon graduation from Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning, GA, Class 95-67, on 31 October 1967.

Prior to his illness, Col. Kappa enjoyed being outdoors boating, fishing, hunting, traveling with his wife, Kim and grew to enjoy antiquing and collecting with her. We have heard rumor that his vintage rooster collection is legendary.

Funeral service was Monday, April 29, 2024 at Chapman Funeral Home, Winfield, followed by military honors conducted at Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery in Dunbar.

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2024 at the age of 87.

EMMA JANE MYNES

Emma Jane Mynes, 89, of Hurricane, passed away peacefully at the home of her daughter in South Charleston, surrounded by her loving family on Wednesday, April 24, 2024.

She was born on January 24, 1935 to the late Ralph Randolph and Opal Jane Ashworth Ruby. She is also preceded in death by her husband, Charley Clyde Mynes; brother, John Randolph Ruby.

Emma was a homemaker, Christian by faith and attended Pleasant View Church of God. She enjoyed family gatherings, crafts, plastic canvas, puzzles, knitting, cooking, decorating cakes, along with feeding and watching the birds.

Emma is survived by her children, Brenda Haynes (Ken) of South Charleston and Derrick Mynes (Peggy) of Milton; sister, Eva Jo Ashworth; brother, Forrest "Dale" Ruby (Connie) of North Carolina; grandson, Mason Mynes (Jordan Roberts); and other family members and friends.

Funeral service was Monday, April 29, 2024 at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, St. Albans, with Pastor Samuel Pierson, Jr. officiating. Burial was in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans.

EARL OLDHAM

Earl Paul Oldham, age 59, has passed away peacefully in his home residing in Hurricane, surrounded by his family and friends on 04/22/2024. Paul was born on 06/06/1965 in Charleston. He was a bright light in his family. He is reunited with his father Robert Keith Oldham and two sisters Alma Louise Oldham and Ruthie Oldham. He was survived by his wife of 39 years, Vonnie Elaine Oldham, his mother Ruth Jean Oldham, his children Earl W Oldham, Alma L Oldham, Peter Paul Oldham & Vanessa "BK" Oldham. His caretakers were his two sons Earl W. Oldham and Peter Paul Oldham whom handled him with great care. His grandchildren Khloe J. Oldham, Emma Jean Oldham and Gracie Saunders. He was also survived by his siblings Robert K. Oldham, Brenda Jean Perry, Clifford Parker and Lisa Jordan, sister-in-law Ilena Adkins, brother-in-laws David W Kilian, Greg Perry and Jeff Joseph. He will be missed by many other cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

PHYLLIS ARLENE PULLEN

Phyllis Arlene Pullen passed away on April 21,

She was born to parents Ruby and Ray Pullen and was a lifetime resident of Hurricane.

After graduating from Hurricane HS in 1954, Arlene earned nursing and anesthesia degrees from St. Mary's and the University of Cincinnati. She also earned a BA from WV State.

A legend in nursing and anesthesia, her career spanned nearly 60 years, serving as Chief Anesthetist at Thomas Memorial for over 30 years.

Arlene had close relationships with her friends, colleagues, and nephew Brian and his wife Susan. She loved eating at new restaurants and sporting the latest fashion trends.

Arlene is survived by her nephew Brian Andrews (Susan), cousins Mark, Chyrl, and Amy Connor, and cat Victoria.

Preceding her in death were her parents Ruby and Ray, sister Illa, and brother Jimmy.

Funeral services will begin at 11am on Monday, May 6, at Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church, Hurricane. Visitation starts at 10am. Interment will follow in Valley View Cemetery, Hurricane.

ROBIN DENISE SEARLS

Robin Denise Searls, 65, of Hurricane, passed away on Sunday, April 28, 2024, after a courageous battle with a short illness.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert Lee and Janet Gaye Scites.

Robin had a beautiful and gentle soul who enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She was a 1976 graduate of Hurricane High School, then she attended Marshall University where she earned a Master's in Education.

During her 44 years in the school system, she enhanced the lives of those who taught next to her and especially the minds of her students. She will be remembered for the years she spent in the classroom. While she kept her students close to her heart, her greatest pride and joy came from being "Nene" to her grandchildren. Her legacy and caring spirit will live on through those four young boys who loved their Nene beyond belief.

Robin is survived her loving husband of 43 years; William "Junior" Searls; daughter: Haley Stowers; son: Parker (Jessica Faraco) Searls of Salem, WV; four grandsons: Carter Ryan Stowers, Kaiser James Searls, Kolter Joseph Searls and Elliott William Searls; beloved friend: Cheryl Foster and her daughter Chantil Foster; as well as a host of other family and

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Funeral Service for Robin was Thursday, May 2, 2024 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Pastor Rebekah Jarrell officiating. Burial was in Valley View Memorial Park Hurricane.

SANDRA KAYE SPROUSE

Sandra Kaye Miller Sprouse, 78, of Hurricane, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Saturday, April 20, 2024.

"Sandy", as she was affectionately known, was a 1963 graduate of Dunbar High School and went on to earn her Associates Degree in Nursing from Morris Harvey College and her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from West Virginia University. She was a veteran of the United States Navy where she served as a nurse in Norfolk, VA during Operation Desert Storm and had a distinguished 35 year career as a nurse where she eventually retired from Thomas Memorial Hospital.

Sandy was a devoted mother and grandmother who enjoyed vacations with her family. Her favorite place to be was at the beach, dancing to beach music.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Glendon P. "Bud" Sprouse, parents Olie E. & Lillian Miller and stepmother Beulah Miller.

Surviving Sandy is her daughter; Kathryn Bagley Blust, stepson; Scott (Teri) Sprouse; grandchildren: Paige Blust, Ethan Blust, Zachary Sprouse and Zayden Sprouse.

A gathering of friends and family was held Saturday, April 27, 2024 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane. A Celebration of Life will be held on May 9, 2024 from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm at Sleepy Hollow Country Club, Hurricane.

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sister, Debbie (Bill) Koontz of Winfield; and sister-in-law, Phoebe Whidby of St. Albans.

A service to Honor the Life of Jackie M. Stewart was held Monday, April 29, 2024, at Snodgrass Funeral Home, South Charleston, with Pastor Greg Hudson officiating. Burial was in Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens, Cross Lanes.

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Jackie Marie Stewart Jackie M. Stewart, 76, of Scott Depot, passed away on April 24, 2024, at home surrounded by her family.

Jackie Marie Stewart was born February 19, 1948, in Charleston, and was the daughter of Charles Monroe "Pete" Whidby and Betty Mae Fizer Whidby. She was a 1966 graduate of Stonewall Jackson High School and retired from White Dodge Kia in 2014. Jackie loved the Lord, and Jesus took her by the hand on April 24, 2024, while surrounded by her loving family.

Jackie was preceded in death by her parents, Charles Monroe "Pete" Whidby and Betty Mae Fizer Whidby; her brother, Paul M. Whidby; and her sister, Sharon L. Vanatter.

She is survived by her loving husband of 58 years, Larry Stewart of Scott Depot; daughter, Wendy (Mark) Thomas of Winfield; sons, Larry (Millie) Stewart of St. Albans and Brian Stewart of Scott Depot; grandsons, Andrew (Gabby) Thomas of Poca, Matthew Thomas of Winfield, and Zach Stewart of St. Albans; great-grandson, Sebastian Thomas, due this July; brother, David (Evelyn) Whidby of St. Albans;



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Children play games provided by the Putnam County Library. In the background, diners eat beneath the shade of a tent. (Photo by Betsy Allen)

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Robotics Team Prepares for National Competition



High school skateboard demonstrator Tanner Foster instructs Clover STEMs on scooter techniques.

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had been done before in an unknown location? Was QR code access to instruction available at any other skate parks? The club contacted the Tony Hawk Foundation, a nonprofit organization that helps underserved communities create safe and inclusive public skateparks for youth. The organization served as a resource in the design of the Hurricane Skate Park.

No one at the foundation was aware of any facility which employed a system like that which the Clover STEMs were proposing. The project seemingly met the uniqueness criterion.

The project is not complete. It cannot be completed until after the YouTube videos are created and QR codes produced.

On Friday, April 26, the Clover STEMs, members of the Huntington High School Media Class, high school skateboard demonstrator Tanner Foster, and adult skateboard demonstrator Aaron Anderson were all present at the Hurricane Skate Park to make the first

County Commission

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The Fire Service Board is proposing to use the money for operational costs and personnel expense. Smoot said that the Fire Board had a \$941,000 federal grant for equipment approved which will require a ten percent match. Pullin said that funds are not currently available to meet the match and the Fire Board is waiting until after results of the upcoming Fire/Rescue Levy Election are known before taking action on the two grants. Pullin and Smoot expressed hope that the commission would supply the needed match for the equipment grant.

The commission took no action. County Manager Jeremy Young, in response to the availability of carryover from the fiscal year, said that money should be available but a more precise number would be known when the commission next meets on May 16th.

step in creating the needed videos.

There will be ten QR codes and ten videos in total. Each QR code will access a particular trick or maneuver. The tricks include Bunny Hop, Tic Tac, 180, and Wheelie.

There are numerous 4-H Robotics teams in West Virginia which have or are in the process of creating a project for national competition. The Clover STEMs' Scan2Skate project is among three of 47 projects from West Virginia which will compete later in the month of May in a national tournament in New Jersey. Six Clover STEM presenters, accompanied by parents, will present Scan2Skate at the 3-day event. The City of Hurricane is an official sponsor for the project and is providing financial support for the club to participate in the competition.

The Clover STEMs Scan2Skate project has the potential to benefit communities far beyond Hurricane. The QR codes will be registered and can be made available for posting at skate parks in all places.

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