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Rock Branch Teacher Welcomed to Los Angeles Eleanor Library Serves as Rocket-Making Workshop and Launch Pad

Janna Hamrick was greeted by public fanfare as she touched down in Southern California as she joined the 2023 class of Milken Educator Award recipients for a national forum at UCLA on June 5-7. Janna walked the red-carpet and participated in empowering professional development opportunities to “Celebrate, Elevate and Activate” the American K-12 teaching profession.

Hamrick was given surprise notification on November 1, 2023, that she would receive an unrestricted \$25,000 cash prize from Milken Educator Awards Founder Lowell Milken and Milken Family Foundation Co-Founder and President Mike Milken. Ashley Wilkins of Petersburg High School in Grant County was also honored as a \$25,000 recipient. Nationally, there were 68 Milken Educator Award winners.

Lowell Milken said, “We are gathered to celebrate the achievements of 2023’s Milken Educators – those who have harnessed the potential to effect significant change and inspire their students to positively impact the course of our nation and the world. Through

the Milken Educator Award, we celebrate their achievements, elevate their practice with powerful professional development opportunities, and activate their capacity to make an indelible mark on the profession at large. We hope they will inspire many other talented young people to follow their lead and become teachers, administrators and specialists committed to blazing a path for future generations.”

This year’s Forum theme, “Unleashing Educator Leadership,” sparked a networking opportunity unlike any other: The 2023 recipients met with veteran Milken Educators and education leaders from across the country to begin their lifetime membership to the national Milken Educator network. Recipients learned about powerful mentoring opportunities through the Milken Family Foundation to expand their leadership and impact and to strengthen the Milken Educator Network within their home states.

All Milken Educators were surprised with their respective Awards at all-school assemblies as part of the Milken Family Foundation’s Journey to the



4-H Extension Agent Raechel Neal looks on as Maddox Akers launches a rocket of his own manufacture.



By Betsy Allen
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Just One Big Lie After Another



Bill Lett, West Virginia Liars Contest Champion (Retired) entertained visitors at the Putnam County Fairgrounds in Eleanor on Saturday, June 15th. The event was sponsored by the Putnam County Library.

County Commission News

By Ron Allen

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WEATHER SUMMARY

June 11 - 17

Low High

June 11 45° 75°

Hurricane

June 12 52° 80°

Hurricane

June 13 49° 84°

Hurricane

June 14 55° 86°

Hurricane

June 15 54° 82°

Hurricane

June 16 51° 89°

Hurricane

June 17 66° 93°

Hurricane

*RAIN

None Recorded

Mules Visit Hurricane Walmart



Robert Sowards’ team of mules hoof their way home after a trip to Walmart on Tuesday, June 18. Home is north of Hurricane on Sleepy Creek, a distance of about 3 miles.

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Community Calendar

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

NOW - 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.

NOW - JUNE 21

• The Buffalo Church of the Nazarene, 25053 Buffalo Road, will be holding Camp ConTENTment Vacation Bible School from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. nightly.

• Elizabeth Baptist Church, 410 Washington Street, Bancroft, will be holding "Put On The Whole Armor of God" Vacation Bible School from 7 to 8:30 p.m. nightly. Classes for nursery through adult.

• First Missionary Baptist Church of Culloden, 2059 Church Street, will be holding Big Top Bible Heroes Vacation Bible School starting at 7 p.m. nightly.

• Bethel Baptist Church, located on Hurricane Creek Road, will be holding Shine! Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8 p.m. nightly. Classes for Pre-K through Adult.

JUNE 20

• Valley Park in Hurricane will be hosting a night market from 6 to 9 p.m. This month's theme is West Virginia Night.

JUNE 21 - 22; 24 - 28

• There will be a free clothing giveaway at Lighthouse Baptist Church, 2440 US Route 60, Hurricane. Hours are 3-7 p.m. June 21; 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. June 22; and 5 to 7 p.m. June 24 - 28.

JUNE 21

• The Poca Library will be showing a family friendly movie at 2 p.m.

• Fitness Friday: Strengthen and Stretch with Faith in Motion at 10 a.m. at Hurricane Bridge Park.

• There will be a Taylor Swift themed Eras Party from 6 to 10 p.m. at Social

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JUNE 22

• The Poca Town Wide Cleanup will be taking place throughout the town.

• Judson Baptist Church, 72 Addington Place, Winfield, will be holding a Vacation Bible School Community Fun Day from 1 to 3 p.m.

• DJBU will be performing starting at 8 p.m. at VFW 9097, 3836 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane.

• Local history author Dr. Phillip Hatfield will be speaking at 11:30 a.m. at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley.

• The Baker Family Reunion will be held from noon to 6 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane.

• The Playin' (O)Possum Appalachian Music Festival will be held from noon to 9 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane.

JUNE 23 - 27

• Community Church, 212 Dudding Avenue, Hurricane, will be holding The Great Jungle Journey Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8:30 p.m. nightly.

JUNE 23

• There will be an All About Breads Pop Up from noon to 5 p.m. at Sugar Shenanigans, 722 1st Avenue, Nitro. Learn about different breads.

• Spot Nutrition and Energy, 3475 Teays Valley Road A, Hurricane, will be holding a Women's Night - Bunco and PJ Party starting at 5 p.m.

JUNE 24 - 28

• First Baptist Church of Nitro, 2200 2nd Avenue, Nitro, will be holding What A Mess! Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8 p.m. nightly. There will be a pool party kick off on June 23 at 7:15 p.m. at the Nitro Pool.

• Freedom's Promise Ministries, 19966 Winfield Road, Fraziers Bottom, will be holding Finding Jesus Vacation Bible School from 6:30 to 8 p.m. nightly.

• Judson Baptist Church, 72 Addington Place, Winfield, will be holding Hometown Nazareth Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8 p.m. nightly.

• The Pulse Church, 5368 State Route 34, Winfield, will be holding Stellar Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8:30 p.m. nightly.

• There will be a kids' music camp for grades 2-6 at Teays Valley Presbyterian Church, 5339 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot. Drop off: 8-8:30 a.m.; pick-up at noon. For more information and to register, call 304-982-1541.

JUNE 24 - 27

• Christ Community Church, 733 Rocky Step Road, Scott Depot, will be hosting the Great Jungle Journey VBS from 5:45 to 8:30 p.m. nightly.

JUNE 24

• Red House Bible Church, 51 Warner Lane, will be holding Animation Camp - The Miracles of Jesus - starting at 6 p.m. Ages tween and teen. To register, go to <https://form.jotform.com/241368741423153>

• Red House Bible Church, 51 Warner Lane, will be holding Jungle Adventure Vacation Bible School starting at 6:30 p.m. Ages 3-5th grades.

JUNE 25

• There will be a ribbon cutting at noon for Better

FBI Highlights Growing Number of Reported Elder Fraud Cases Ahead of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

In honor of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15, the FBI wants to remind friends, family, and loved ones of elderly Americans to know the signs of elder fraud. While elder abuse can be perpetuated in any number of ways, the FBI has seen a double digit increase in financial fraud involving older adults, prompting efforts from the bureau to bring public awareness to this type of crime.

According to the FBI's latest Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) data, there have already been \$1.6 billion in losses from January to May of 2024, up nearly \$300 million from the same time period last year. In 2023, a total of \$3.4 billion losses were reported, and elder fraud complaints increased by 14% from the year prior. In West Virginia, total losses in 2023 were \$11,829,064.

"Empowering our seniors and their friends and family with education surrounding elder fraud schemes is critical to protecting them and their hard-earned money," said Assistant Director Michael Nordwall of the FBI's Criminal Investigative Division. "Unfortunately, elder fraud remains one of the most devastating violations we work in the FBI. The effects of these elaborate schemes go far beyond just financial losses. It robs an already vulnerable population of their sense of security. We all need to work together to make sure our seniors, their caregivers, families and friends know the signs to look for that a criminal is after your money."

"The FBI and our partners are sending a clear message: we remain vigilant in protecting our seniors and we will aggressively pursue those who think Systems (CARES) will be holding a meet up for neurodiverse children and families from 10 a.m. to noon at Valley Park in Hurricane.

• There will be a ribbon cutting at 2 p.m. for Sparkle Splash Laundromat, 49 Davis Ct., Hurricane.

JUNE 26

• Prime Lending will be hosting Mortgage Jeopardy from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Area 34, 971 WV Route 34, Teays Valley. RSVP by calling the Putnam Chamber at 304-757-6510.

• There will be an Express Employment Professionals recruitment and hiring event from noon to 4 p.m. at Area 34, 971 WV Route 34, Teays Valley.

JUNE 27

• Learn about dental hygiene with Ghareeb Dental at 10 a.m. at the Poca Library.

• The Putnam Chamber of Commerce will be holding a Business After Hours meet up at 5 p.m. at Huntington Bank, 1905 1st Avenue, Nitro. RSVP by calling 304-757-6510.

JUNE 28

• Creekside Church, 488 Charleys Creek Road, Culloden, will be hosting a free summer movie (The Lion King) at 6 p.m.

• The Wildwood Players will be performing starting at 8 p.m. at VFW 9097, 3836 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane.

JUNE 29

• Bowles Ridge Community Church, 2443 Crown Hill Road, Leon, will be holding a community day and hot dog dinner from 3 to 7 p.m.

they can exploit members of our community," said FBI Pittsburgh Special Agent in Charge Kevin Rojek. "Education and awareness are powerful tools in safeguarding our seniors, ensuring their best years are free from the fear and stress of financial exploitation."

Criminal actors frequently target older adults, who they perceive to be more vulnerable and trusting. Criminal actors may also assume older adults have considerable financial savings, own real estate, have good credit, and are less likely to report fraud, especially if they feel ashamed following the fraud victimization or are unfamiliar with reporting channels such as IC3.gov.

Among the most common elder fraud schemes reported to IC3.gov in 2023 were tech support scams, confidence and romance scams, investment scams, and government impersonation scams. From 2021 to 2023, elder adult victim and dollar losses to investment scams has sharply increased; victimization and losses increased 209% and 419%, respectively, more than any other kind of fraud, largely because of the rising use of cryptocurrency.

While fraud can happen to anyone, small steps can be taken to protect yourself and your information:

- Search online for the contact information (name, phone number, email, addresses) of any unknown source which reaches out to you, as well as the proposed offer. Verify the legitimacy of businesses on websites such as Better Business Bureau. Other people have likely posted information online about businesses and individuals attempting to run scams.

- Resist the pressure to act quickly. Scammers create a sense of urgency to lure victims into immediate action, typically by instilling trust and inducing empathy or fear, or the promise of monetary gains, companionship, or employment opportunities.
- Be cautious of unsolicited phone calls, mailings, and door-to-door service offers.
- Never give or send to unverified people or businesses any personally-identifiable information, money, checks, gift cards, or wire information.
- Take precautionary measures to protect your identity should a criminal gain access to your device or account. Immediately contact your financial institutions to place protections on your accounts and monitor for suspicious activity.

Combating elder fraud continues to be a priority for the Department of Justice, which operates the Elder Justice Initiative. The Elder Justice Initiative supports and coordinates the DOJ's enforcement and programmatic efforts to combat elder abuse, neglect, and financial fraud and scams that target our nation's seniors.

If you believe you or someone you know may have been a victim of elder fraud, contact your local FBI office or submit a complaint on IC3.gov. You should document the name of the scammer/company and methods of contact, dates of contact, methods of payment, where funds may have been sent, and a thorough description of the interactions.

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

There is a place where the Rhododendron bloom... the Bradford Pear trees are gorgeous... the Dogwood trees, pink and white, are blazing... the grass is green... the hills larger... the sky wafting white clouds in the blue... there is a place that is the most perfect place on earth... Almost Heaven West Virginia... Why would anyone leave WV? Take me home... WV... country roads... to the place I belong.

As I have written before, I have moved thirty plus times... I am a minimalist, so moving is easy for me... give it away and go... sometimes... however, leaving WV permanently this last time was not an easy move... Oh, we moved to Ohio in the 70's... I moved to South Carolina in the 1990's... and then to Indiana in 2017... now to Florida... paradise they say... have they SEEN the mountains/hills of WV?

I taught school, my last of many careers... my salary (for ten months) and benefits were great, I thought... when others compare the salaries in WV, they forget to talk about the low cost of living... another column... I loved working in my home state... teaching at my Alma Mater... my dream come true...

Oh... I moved to be near my daughter and her family in Indiana... we were all so happy... and then, two little grandsons called me to Florida... we like it here, and oh my goodness, they are delightful...

WV is my home... when I watch videos on You Tube TV about the towns, the places to visit, the hills... and hear the songs... I am so home sick. I have never been away this long before, and hopefully, this year, will see this "old" lady visiting her home...

When I lived other places, I flew several times a year... I have been to almost all of the states, Canada a few times, and England two times... During Covid, my traveling ceased except to move to Florida... last year, I flew to Indiana... it is not as easy on me.

I am going to Indiana this year... WV... and maybe NYC to see where one of my granddaughters works... for now, I am planning my autumn trip to Almost Heaven... thinking about it... seeing my friends... chatting and catching up... WV... my home.

There is something about growing up in the mountain

state. We grew up in the little town of Hurricane... some of us in town... some of us out the creeks and hollers... when we went to school, there did not seem to be a difference... we meshed well... we liked being together.

Watching some of the videos about WV... about some of the declining areas... this has saddened me. What happened? We know that this little state has had hard times... that should be dealt with readily... perhaps there will be some politicians who will bring back the good times to the state... to the families, the workers, the children...

I read recently about a program to pay teachers to move to WV... a stipend to come... thousands of dollars... free admission to recreational activities... help in getting another degree... I wondered... why would one have to pay another to move to a place that is so wonderful... ????

The publicity that abounds about WV is often negative... that being said, I do not know why anyone would leave there. Surely, the young people looking for jobs will go elsewhere to prosper... my own two children did that... but once one is established, why? When I hear that WV citizens are retiring to Florida by the dozens... I have to wonder... WHY? Why leave paradise to move to a place that is really no better...

WV... growing up... porch sitting... neighbors visiting... sharing meals... church on Sunday... the picnics... walks in the woods... and now there are so many more activities for those visiting. My little grandsons have been to the Islands... to Scotland and Ireland, etc. etc... to much of the U.S... Where do they like to go? Camping and resorts in WV... they like it there and always enjoy their time... I ask again... why would anyone willingly give up living in Almost Heaven to move elsewhere??? Why do we love our home state... because the way we were is the way we will always be... WV born and bred... we love home... take me home... WV... to those roads I love... those streets upon which I walked as a child... to that house where we sat on the porch... to those little country churches we visited... to the farms... take me home... let me have some time to remember...

Kanawha Amateur Radio Club to Host Field Day Exercise

The Kanawha Amateur Radio Club (KARC) is inviting all public officials, first responders, media representatives and the public to visit while they participate in the ARRL National Field Day Exercise beginning at 2:00 PM on Saturday, June 22 until 2:00 PM Sunday, June 23, at Area 73 in Coonskin Park in Charleston. Area 73 is located along Woodland Circle at the top of the hill which includes Areas 6-20. Turn left at Gorman Shelter/ Area 4 and follow the side road. Woodland Circle is one way. Area 73 is almost all the way around the circle.

Since 1933 Amateur Radio Operators (known as Hams) have established temporary stations for Field Day to showcase the science and skill of amateur radio. Field Day is partly a contest where Hams contact as many amateur stations as

possible. More importantly, it is an opportunity to train less experienced amateurs and demonstrate how Amateur Radio can serve in an emergency or abnormal situation under less than ideal conditions. A special Get-On-The Air station will be set up this year where anyone can transmit over the air while supervised by an experienced amateur radio operator.

Anyone may become a licensed amateur radio operator. There are more than 750,000 licensed hams in the US. Of the 6,100 ham radio licenses active in West Virginia, around 600 are in Kanawha County.

To learn more about Amateur Radio, KARC or Field Day, contact Mark Kozar, KM8G at km8g@km8gham@gmail.com, or Terry Sanner, WV8V at terry.sanner@frontier.com.

West Virginia State University Hosts Ribbon Cutting for New Stinger Produce Market

West Virginia State University (WVSU) held a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 13 to officially open the Stinger Produce Market, a new venture designed to increase access to fresh, affordable produce for community members and WVSU students, faculty and staff.

The Stinger Produce Market, supported by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, the United States Department of Agriculture, and Huntington National Bank, aims to improve food accessibility and health outcomes, fostering food security and better health for West Virginia residents.

“This is a tremendous day for West Virginia State University and for the Institute, Dunbar area as we officially open the Stinger Produce Market,” said WVSU President Ericke S. Cage. “This new market will help serve a critical need in our community by providing access to fresh, locally grown produce.”

In West Virginia, over 15% of the population faces food insecurity, making it the state with the highest rate in the country. This widespread issue impacts the health and well-being of West Virginians, contributing to high rates of diabetes and heart disease.

The new market is located across W.Va. Route 25 from Wallace Hall and currently will be open on Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Starting July 10, it will



WVSU President Ericke S. Cage cuts the ribbon to open Stinger Produce.

also open on Wednesdays. Produce offerings will vary with the season.

The market will operate from June to October and host WVSU Extension Service programming during the off-season.

Future plans include weekly subscriptions of fresh, locally grown vegetables at \$12 per person. Subscription boxes will provide daily servings of vegetables and can be ordered via the Stinger Produce Market Facebook Page or by contacting Market Manager Lydia Roberts at (304) 942-8145 or lydia.roberts@wvstateu.edu.

Produce will come from local sources, including Amish markets in Ohio and the WVSU/USDA Lakin Farm in Mason County. Local producers interested in selling to the market should contact Roberts.

Accepted payment methods include cash, farmers market nutrition vouchers, WIC, and PayPal, with SNAP/EBT approval pending.

Leftover foods nearing expiration will be donated to local food banks, extending the program's impact.

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Submission Deadline

The deadline for submissions to the Breeze is Sunday at 8 p.m.

OP-ED SUBMISSION:

Keep Kids Safe With Meaningful Reforms to Root Problems

By Kathie Hess Crouse

substantial reform to our child welfare system.

The recent tragedy involving Kyneddi Miller in Boone County is a devastating event that should never have occurred. It is imperative to investigate what went wrong, address the failures and hold those responsible accountable. Unfortunately, the Governor, some legislators and state agencies are deflecting responsibility by blaming homeschooling laws instead of addressing the core issue: the failure of government agencies to perform their duties.

Kyneddi Miller was withdrawn from school during the pandemic. Despite concerned family members contacting the Department of Human Services, the necessary actions were not taken. The appropriate tools and procedures were in place, yet those responsible did not utilize them effectively.

Rather than acknowledging these failures, this administration is promoting false narratives about homeschooling. The Governor, some legislators and agencies are advocating for new laws, but how can we trust new legislation when existing laws are not being enforced? We need genuine leadership, not blame-shifting. Rather than implementing new homeschooling laws, we should be looking at

Our Child Protective Services (CPS) system is overburdened, underfunded and in dire need of reform. Caseworkers are overwhelmed with numerous allegations, many of which do not warrant investigation, diverting attention from critical cases like Kyneddi's.

National statistics indicate that nearly 90% of abuse and neglect reports are unfounded. We must do better. I intend to introduce legislation to give caseworkers more flexibility to prioritize significant cases and reduce unnecessary investigations.

This tragedy was not a failure of law or process, but a failure of individuals. Blaming homeschooling laws is not only incorrect but also unfairly targets the many West Virginia families who homeschool responsibly and effectively. This misdirection only endangers more children by distracting from the real issues. Addressing the root problems, rather than hastily approaching fixes for what isn't broken, is crucial to protecting children like Kyneddi.

Real leadership and meaningful reform are essential. I remain committed to advocating for the necessary changes to ensure the safety and well-being of all children in our state.

Delegate Kathie Hess Crouse, R-Putnam, represents House District 19, which is made up entirely of Putnam County. She has served in the House since December 2021 and is the Vice Chairman of the House Workforce Development Committee.

Rocket-Making Workshop



4-H Extension Agent Raechel Neal supplied the know-how instruction to the soon-to-be rocket makers.

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and had triangular tails on the bottom.

After the rockets were completed, Neal took the children outside so that they

could launch their rockets from the library lawn. The rocket tubes were placed on a contraption made of pipe with a pop bottle at one end. By stomping on the bottle, the rocket would be propelled upwards by the

force of air flowing through the pipes. Neal and library workers would blow up each bottle with air after use. The children were asked to name their rockets before liftoff.

Neal says that rockets are her favorite STEM project. At least sixty children participated in the activity, making it one of the largest events ever held at the library.



Children show off their rockets. Shown above are Harleigh Paxton from Hometown, 4-H Extension Agent Raechel Neal, and Maddox Akers from Fraziers Bottom. (Photo by Betsy Allen)

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1 PM PARADE

2 - 8 PM INFLATABLES

FOOD & CRAFT BOOTHS

2 - 9:30 PM RAFFLE BOOTH

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2 - 2:24 PM 3 AMIGO'S

3 - 3:45 PM RANDY PARSONS

4 - 4:45 PM SHAWN BENFIELD

5 - 6:45 PM WEEKEND WARRIORS

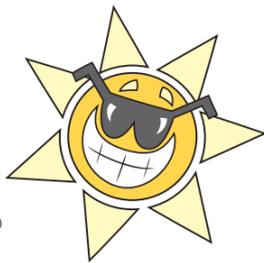
7 - 10 PM RIM SHOT



FIREWORKS AT 10PM

Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



The Book Club

By Velma Kitchens of Culloden

I have always liked to write since I was a young girl in grade school. I liked being in English class and creative writing class. While writing always seemed to come naturally to me, to others it was a struggle and I understand that. Most people say they don't have anything to write about. Start with your very first memories. I have a journal and my memories are not in order. Each time I think of a good memory, I try to write it down, but if you are so inclined, you can leave your life story behind for others to read.

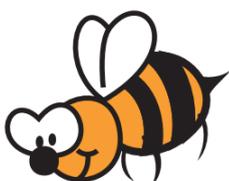
For several years, I have thought about joining a book club but was apprehensive about it, but last month I went to the book club meeting at Milton Library! I enjoyed it very much and got to know the people and we chatted with each other. The organizer is Kenzie and she is very sweet. Last month, we were to read a classic that we had never gotten around to reading, and I just didn't know which one since there are so many. I went to the classics department and found a book by Conrad Richter entitled *The Light in the Forest*. It was a good book about how the Native Americans and white people lived in our neighboring states. He writes a lot about the history of the Native American people and I had never heard of him.

We met again on Saturday and there were a few new people to me so we got to know each other also. This month, we are reading childhood or young adult favorites which we would like to read again. We were discussing *Little House on the Prairie*, *Anne of Green Gables*, *The Boxcar Children*, *Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm*, and some of the others mentioned books I had never heard of. We were all about the same age so we knew the names of most of the books. There are a lot of good books to read so just read. Participating in a book club is a good thing and helps us to meet new people. The book club is a no stress book club and informal. I'm glad I meet with the book club and we have good fellowship together.

The best book of all to read is the Word of God. How is your Bible reading going?

Jokes From Linda

Submitted by Linda Lavender Armstead



What can you keep after giving to someone?
Your word.

A baby porcupine got lost in the desert. He bumped into a cactus and said, "Is that your mama?"

What do you call two bananas on the floor?
Slippers.

Why do potatoes make good detectives?
Because they always keep their eyes peeled.

How is a baseball team similar to a pancake?
They both need a good batter.

What do you get when you cross a turtle with a giraffe?
A turtle-neck.

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane



happiness is one of them.

Within this small body, you are able to experience the infinite space.

All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make the better. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Sometimes you have to turn around to go the correct way.

You may delay, but time will not – Benjamin Franklin

I can gain weight just by looking at dessert.

When you greet someone say it with a "Big" smile.

As you make your bed, so you must lie in it.

The end of labor is to gain leisure.

A fresh coat of paint covers a multitude of sins.

Once the rain is over, an umbrella becomes a burden to everyone.

What should not be heard by little ears, should not be said by big mouths.

If you're stressed, you get pimples. If you cry, you get wrinkles. So just smile and get dimples.

Little boys can test your patience, run you ragged, and make you want to pull your hair out. But they will also melt your heart with just one look, and make you wonder how you ever existed before them.

You are a piece of a puzzle of someone's life. You many never know where you fit, but others will fill the holes in their lives with pieces of you.

It's hard to turn the page when you know someone won't be in the next chapter, but the story must go on.

The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him.

Jellyfish have survived 650 million years, despite not having a brain. This gives so many people hope.

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

I wasn't born with a silver spoon in my mouth; I was born with a wooden spoon on my butt.

Leaving your house in the morning and returning safely at night is something to thank God for.

Apparently staying to yourself and not bothering people, bother some people.

No amount of makeup can cover up an ugly personality.

Do idiots multiply quicker than normal people?

Be a good person but don't waste time to prove it.

I lost my voice today, I can't tell you how annoying it is.

No matter how far away you get, God is still looking for you.

In life you are either a passenger or a pilot, it's your choice.

Sometimes happy memories hurt the most.

Don't let anyone dull your sparkle.

Wicked chickens lay deviled eggs.

God is enough.

Talk to your spouse more kindly than you talk to anyone else. Too often we speak the harshest to the people closest to us.

Poverty exists, not because we cannot feed the poor, but because we cannot satisfy the rich.

It doesn't matter if you don't work together anymore, some ex-coworkers will be friends for life.

I need a day between every day to recover from the day before and prepare for the upcoming day.

No thief, however skillful, can rob one of knowledge, and that is why knowledge is the best and safest treasure to acquire.

Desire is what takes the hot water of mediocrity and turns it into the steam of outstanding success.

Being an adult is so weird. It's just being unsupervised all the time.

It's not what I have in my life, but who I have in my life that counts.

There are friends, there is family, then there are friends that become family.

Lucky are those who have a doggy waiting for them to come home every day.

Your greatness is not what you have, but what you give.

Nobody has ever measured how much the heart can hold.

Power Up Family Mealtimes

Bring loved ones together with protein-packed peanuts

(Family Features) Between juggling work, family, friends and social activities, powering through busy day-to-day schedules requires a lot of energy. Building meals around recipes packed with a plant-based protein such as peanuts or peanut butter can help your family come together to refuel.

In fact, at 7 grams per serving, a nutrient-rich powerhouse like peanuts delivers the most protein of any nut and contains six essential vitamins – vitamin E, folate, riboflavin, thiamin, niacin and vitamin B6 – and seven essential minerals – phosphorus, iron, magnesium, potassium, zinc, copper and calcium.

As a versatile ingredient that can be enjoyed as a standalone snack or part of a variety of recipes from morning to night, peanuts can take center stage at the family table when it's time to recharge at the end of long days.

Find more delicious ideas for keeping your family energized at gapeanuts.com.

Chicken with Peanut Sauce in Lettuce Wraps

Recipe courtesy of Parker's Plate on behalf of the Georgia Peanut Commission

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 15 minutes

Servings: 4

- 2 pounds ground chicken
- 2 tablespoons sesame oil
- 3/4 cup diced shiitake mushrooms
- 1 small onion, diced
- 2 garlic cloves, grated
- 1 1/2 tablespoons fresh grated ginger
- 1/2 cup hoisin sauce
- 1/2 cup water chestnuts, diced
- 3 green onions (both white and green parts), chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, grated
- 1/4 cup cilantro, chopped, for garnish
- 1/4 cup crushed peanuts, for garnish
- iceberg or butter lettuce, for wraps

Peanut Sauce:

- 3 tablespoons creamy peanut butter
- 2 teaspoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
- 2 tablespoons chili garlic sauce
- 1 teaspoon fresh grated ginger
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce

In pan, saute ground chicken in sesame oil until cooked through. Drain if mixture is watery.

Add shiitake mushrooms and onion; saute until mushrooms have softened and appear caramel colored.

Add garlic, ginger, hoisin, water chestnuts and green onions. Let chicken mixture simmer on low.

To make peanut sauce: In saucepan over medium-low heat, mix peanut butter, brown sugar, lime juice, chili garlic sauce, ginger and soy sauce until smooth, warm and thinned slightly.

Fold into chicken mixture. Stir until combined and simmer on low until peanut sauce is evenly distributed.

Garnish with fresh cilantro and crushed peanuts. Serve in lettuce wraps.

My muscles are sore, but they work. I did not sleep well last night, but God woke me up. My wallet isn't full, but my belly is. I may not have it all, but God gives me what I need. My life is not perfect, but my life is good. I truly have been blessed.

Grief hurts. No one can replace a loved one who is gone. It is an emptiness that doesn't go away.

The most important things in life are not things. They're people and places, memories and pictures. They're feelings and moments and smiles and laughter.

There's something very wrong with your spirit if you get pleasure from humiliating, embarrassing, and belittling other people.

You can't buy happiness, but you can buy ice cream.

Life is like a roller coaster, so hold on tight.

Giving to others can bring you joy.

The basic problems facing the world today are not susceptible to a military solution. - John F. Kennedy

The church does not exist to entertain the saved. It exists to train disciples to glorify God and reach the lost.

Don't throw away the old bucket until you know whether the new one holds water.

Beautiful hearts see the good in others. Beautiful lips speak good of others.

Doggies have a way of finding people who need them, and filling them with happiness.

Happiness is not something ready-made; it comes from your own actions.

Love comforts like sunshine after rain - William Shakespeare.

A beautiful day should be enjoyed from the outside.

A smile is free, so why not pass them out freely!

Happiness is contagious; let's hope you catch it.

We all should have goals; let's make sure

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Bible Verse



Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

James 1:27

Marshall University's Iconic Fountain Nominated to National Register of Historic Places

It has stood for decades as a memorial to those lost in a devastating plane crash, provided the promise of new life to generations of students and community members and is now being considered for inclusion on the U.S. Park Service's National Register of Historic Places.

Marshall University's Memorial Fountain, created in memory of the 75 individuals lost in the 1970 Marshall University plane crash and officially dedicated in 1972, was nominated for the significant designation by the West Virginia Archives and History Commission during a meeting today on Marshall's Huntington campus. The nomination now goes to the National Park Service for review. It's anticipated the formal decision will take approximately 45 days.

The inclusion of the fountain on the National Register would formally acknowledge its historical and cultural importance, ensuring its preservation for future generations.

Marshall University President Brad D. Smith attended today's meeting.

"The possible inclusion of the Memorial Fountain on the National Register of Historic Places reaffirms its significance as more than just a monument," Smith said. "Adversity can lead to an excuse, or it can lead to a reason. The Memorial Fountain is a symbol of our reason, a space where we gather to remember, reflect, and find strength in our community's resilience."

Smith thanked members of the commission for their effort on seeing the nomination to completion.

"We are sincerely grateful for the commission's commitment to this project and cannot emphasize how deeply emotional this is for many in our community and our 75 families," Smith said.

Sending his greetings, Gov. Jim Justice said it is truly a blessing to see the Memorial Fountain nominated.

"For 52 years, this fountain has not only been a source of comfort but a place of pride — a place we gather to remember and celebrate the 75 sons and daughters of Marshall, who we tragically lost," Justice said. "This fountain is a part of who we are as a state, and at the end of the day, We are ALL Marshall. Today is a great, great day for the university and the state of West Virginia."

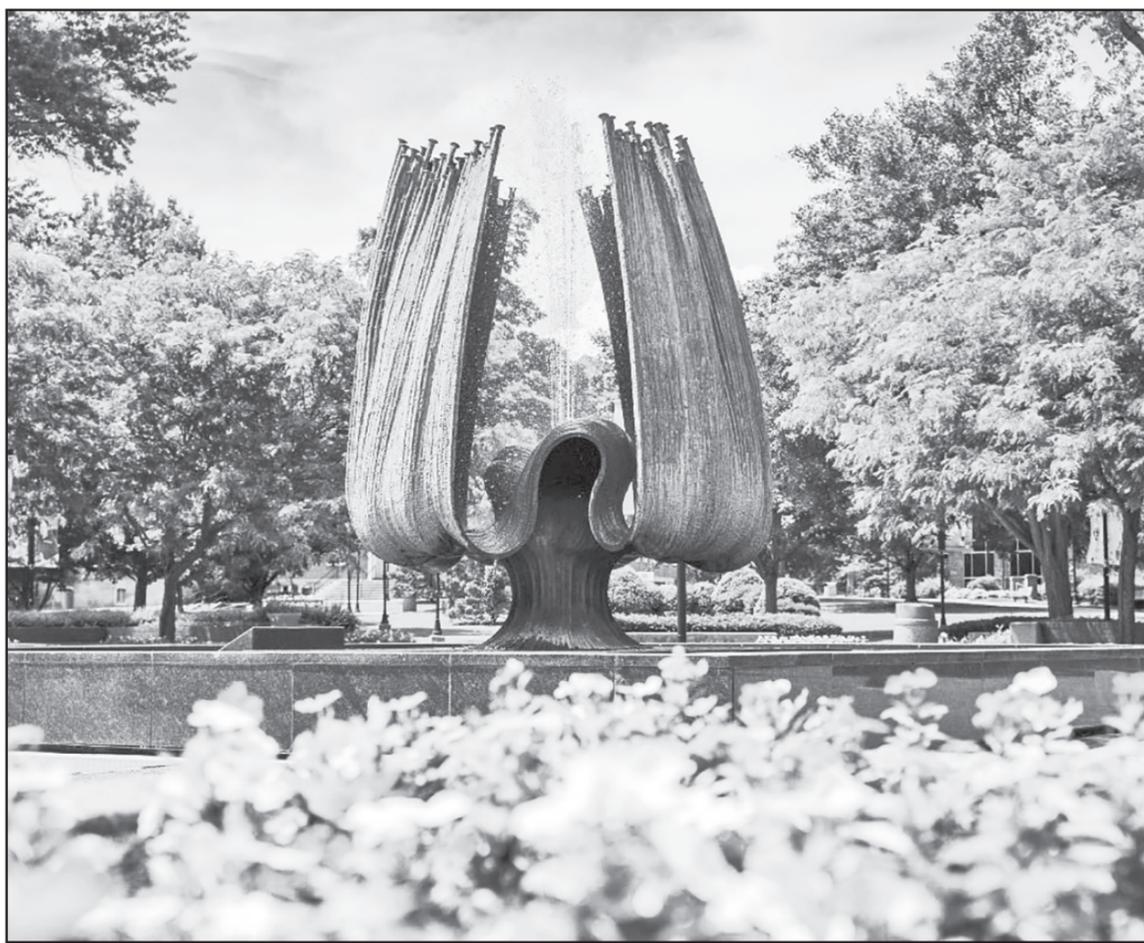
Being listed on the National Register is a significant honor that recognizes the historical, architectural, or archaeological significance of a site. It helps ensure the preservation of important cultural resources and can provide benefits such as eligibility for preservation grants and tax incentives.

Randall Reid-Smith, secretary of the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History, said the nomination was written by Marshall two-time history graduate S. Cody Straley, who serves as the national register and architecture survey coordinator for the State Historic Preservation Office. Straley said writing the official nomination was his small way of paying back the institution that gave him so much.

"We know why this fountain is important, but today the national government will provide federal recognition for the fountain's importance," Straley said.

The Marshall fountain was designed by legendary sculptor Henry Bertioia. It is more than 13 feet high and weighs 6,500 pounds. With its continuous flow of water and imposing structure, the fountain commands attention for all who visit. The fountain received extensive repairs in 2008 including a new granite surface for the foundation, a copper catch tray and a higher water spray like the original output when it was installed in 1972.

Almost every county in the United States has at



at least one place listed on the National Register. Marshall's Old Main was placed on the registry in 1973.

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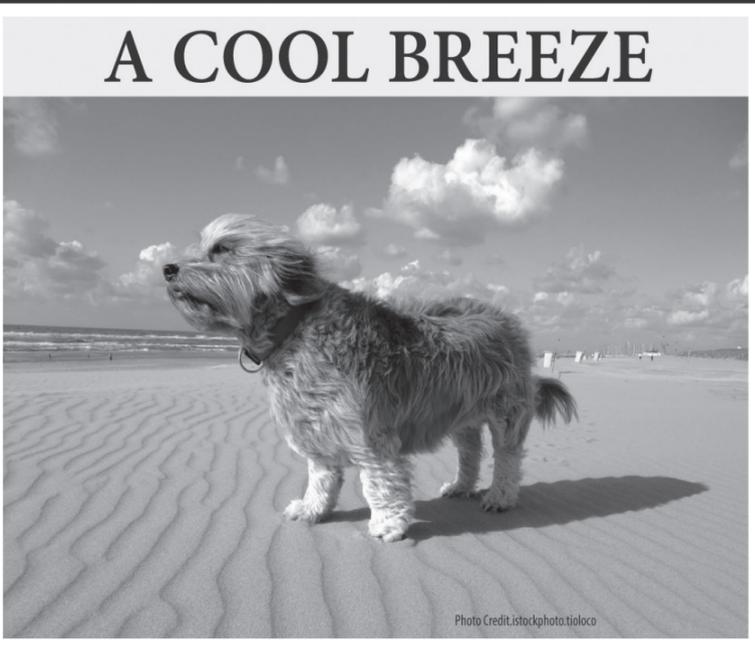
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BASIC BIBLE

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Ruth Meets Boaz Ruth 2:8-18

Ruth has accepted Naomi's people as her people and Naomi's God as her God. In so doing, Ruth traded any material inheritance that she might have had in her native Moab for total uncertainty in Bethlehem of Judah.

Ruth and Naomi arrived at Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest. This was a fortuitous time for the destitute pair because God, in His instruction to Moses, made provision for the poor. When harvesting their fields, land owners were to leave the corners of their field unreaped such that the poor could gather that portion of the harvest for their need. The law of Moses also specified that any grain reaped but not collected by the gathers could be taken by the poor (Lev. 19:9-10; 23:22).

With Naomi's permission, Ruth went to gather grain behind the reapers. Ruth, in joining the poor of the land to gather grain, became a practitioner of the law given to Moses.

By chance, she asked to gather grain in the field of Boaz. Ruth did not announce that she was claiming the gathering rights prescribed by the law. She asked that she be allowed to do that which the law allowed.

Boaz was a relative of Naomi's late husband Elimelech. Ruth's presence among the reapers caught Boaz's attention. Seeing the stranger, he asked, "Whose damsel is this?" (v. 5). Upon learning of Ruth's identity and that she had asked to follow the reapers, Boaz instructed his young men not to hinder her from gathering grain or from drinking the water of their vessels. Boaz was required under the law to allow the poor to follow his reapers. The law did not require him to provide drinking water or special privilege. Boaz went beyond the letter of the law; he fulfilled the intent of the law. He approached Ruth and instructed her to continue to follow his reapers.

Ruth responded with a question: "Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldst take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger?" (v. 10).

Boaz answered that he was aware of the reason for which she had come to Bethlehem. He knew that she had left the land of her nativity to benefit her mother-in-law. Boaz asked the Lord's blessing upon Ruth because she had placed her trust in the Lord God of Israel to supply her needs (v. 12).

The words, "God bless you," are pleasant to hear, but uttering these words does not produce blessings. Without follow up supportive assistance, these words are lip service. Boaz did not issue lip service. He did not declare, "a full reward be given thee of the Lord God," and then go his way. Boaz made Ruth's lot easier. Ruth had come to the field of Boaz to gather grain which the reapers had failed to gather. Boaz made sure that there would be plenty of grain for Ruth to gather. He ordered his laborers to allow her to gather grain in the midst of the sheaves and further instructed them to leave handfuls of grain ungathered.

Harvesting barley or any other grain is physically demanding. Toiling beneath the sun can quickly consume one's energy. Mealtime provides both a break from labor and food to replenish the body. Boaz invited Ruth to eat with his reapers and gave her food to eat. He made it possible for Ruth to gather grain with renewed energy. Boaz did everything that he could have done to ensure that Ruth's efforts would receive bountiful reward.

It is very apparent that Boaz is a kind and generous man. But it is also apparent that he is extending preferential treatment to Ruth. For what reason did Boaz reach out to Ruth? Look back at verse 11. Ruth had unselfishly chosen to provide for her mother-in-law. Ruth had no legal or moral responsibility to care for Naomi, but she did. Her kindness prompted Boaz to extend his kindness.

At the end of the day, Ruth beat out the kernels of barley from all her gleanings and it was about an ephah (v. 17). That translates into enough grain to produce almost thirty pounds of flour. That's a lot of bread.

God works in wondrous ways. Upon departing from Moab, Naomi declared: "I went out full, and the Lord hath brought me home again empty" (1:21). Naomi (and Elimelech) left the land that God had given. In a figurative sense, they left that which the Lord had provided. They found no blessing. Ruth, on the other hand, had been given nothing. Ruth accepted Naomi's God as her God. She went empty into the land which God had provided and received much.

On this day, Ruth went out empty to gather grain and returned full. God used Boaz to bless Ruth. God has placed this picture in His scriptures because He desires that all should know Him as the God who blesses them who trust in Him and follow His ways.

In the person of Ruth, we find one who trusted upon God and is blessed. In the person of Boaz, we find one whom God is able to use to deliver His blessing.

New Testament believers were once like Ruth in Moab — away from God and in need of a blessing. Upon trusting in His provision, we have been blessed in abundance and beyond abundance. When believers mature, we (like Boaz), become vessels by which the Lord is able to deliver His blessings to them who seek Him.

Let us be the blessing that the Lord would have us to be.

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RODNEY COBB

Rodney Cobb, 62, of Hurricane, formally of St. Albans, went home on June 11, 2024, surrounded by his family after a battle with Cancer. Rodney is proceeded in death by his Lifelong companion Bonnie Forsback, his parents Juanita & Lewis Cobb, sisters Joyce, Darlene and brothers Red, Gary, & Nick Cobb. He is survived by his 3 sons and bonus daughter. Mark Cobb, Roger (Darian) Cobb, Rodney Cobb, Tiffany (Charley) McCallister; grandkids Molly Mae and Bentley Joe, sisters Linda Jenkins, Marilyn Sowers, Melvin (Marlene) Cobb, along with several nieces, nephews cousins and friends. Rodney was a labor & always working on something, big fisher. Rodney Loved dallas Cowboys. A memorial service will be at a later date.

HERBERT R. COSSIN

Herbert R. Cossin, 90, of Red House, went home to be with the Lord, Saturday, June 8, 2024 following a short illness. In 1952 the family moved to Columbus Ohio where Herb worked at Owens Illinois for 20 years. While living in Columbus the family attended the First Baptist Church of Groveport where he was a teacher, deacon, bus driver and janitor. In 1971 he moved back to West Virginia and became the owner of Cossin's Exxon for over 40 years. The family attended Grandview Baptist Church where Herb served as a deacon and teacher. He was also a

member of the Grandview Quartet for over 20 years. Herb was known by some as the "Grand Gentleman" of West Virginia. He was the son of the late Vinton Cossin and Barbara Sayre Cossin. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 61 years, Mae Null Cossin; son, David Cossin; siblings, Orville Cossin, Elizabeth Stutler, Ruth Kimberling, Ray Cossin, Eugene Cossin, Ruby Craig, Curtis Cossin, Donald Cossin and Lee Cossin. He is survived by his children, Judy Cossin (Teddy) of Liberty, Sharon Powell of Orange CA and Danny Cossin of Red House; daughter in law, Sherry Cossin; grandchildren, Paul Babbitt (Amanda) Tonya Pignota, J.R. Cossin, Sheila Cornell (Alex), Kelli Epling, Kajun Cossin and Jesse Cossin. Herb is also survived by 29 great grandchildren along with several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Funeral service was Saturday, June 15, 2024 at Grandview Baptist Church, Red House, with Pastor Woody Willard officiating. Burial was in Grandview Cemetery, Red House.

DAVID MICHAEL CRAIG

David Michael Craig, 70, of Poca, formerly of Charleston, SC, passed away June 12, 2024. He was born September 9, 1953, in Jasper, Alabama, to the late Vernon and Mildred Holloway Craig. He is also preceded in death by his life partner Anna "Sissy" Shafer. He is survived by his

sons Phillip Michael Shafer of Poca and Clint Eugene Hollandsworth of Poca; grandkids Abigail and Noah (Krystin Little) Hollandsworth both of Scott Depot; great grandson Xavier Smith of St. Paul, VA; sisters Rosalie Hackler of Hammond, IN, Betty Sargent of Jasper, Alabama, and Brenda Bohnam of Jasper, Alabama; brother Michael Craig of Charleston, SC; son like figures James "Jimmy" Kane and his late wife Shanda "Nikki" Kane and their daughters Dakota and London Kane, Christopher Troy Holstein of Dunbar, and Cody Picken of Poca; nieces Michele Elizabeth Kline of Charleston, SC, Renea Antoinette Engermann of Charleston, SC, Jennifer Trotter of Cordova, Alabama, Dana McGuff of Jasper, Alabama, and Courtney Craig of Cordova, Alabama; nephews Benny Sargent of Jasper, Alabama, Marvin Carl Charvis, II of Charleston, SC, and Caleb Craig of Cordova, Alabama; and longtime family friends and neighbors William "Bill" Emswiler and wife Leslie and daughter Jeri Emswiler, fiancé Chance and son JJ all of Poca, Jonnette Brantley and son Garrett James Brantley both of Poca. David also leaves behind his beloved dog Tippy.

A tribute to the life of David Michael Craig will be 11:00 AM Saturday, June 22, 2024, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Celebrant H. R. Whittington officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the funeral home.

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Wanda later divorced and Herb lived in Hometown with Doris King and her children: Timmy King (Susie), Jimmy King, and Cindy Cawley (David). Herb and Doris were together until she passed in 2012.

Herb collected treasures of junk that he tinkered with in the backyard. Nothing was to be thrown away because it could be given to a friend or family member. If it was broken, Herb still would not throw it away because he was sure it could be fixed. He also enjoyed gardening, making tomato juice with David and Cindy, and terrorizing the Blue Jays that ate his apples in the backyard. He spent time at his camp in Pocahontas County and fished at Buffalo Lake with friends and family.

Herb was a wild card. You never knew what he might say or do, but it was always with good intentions. He was big and strong, tough and mean, and had

a heart that could love unconditionally. He wore bib overalls and carried money in a tube sock. He always had butterscotch candy and a cold pop or PBR to offer anyone who sat at his table. He was definitely a character whose personality was larger than life. Hometown and the Harrison family will never be the same without him.

No services at this time.

DAVID MARSHALL JENNINGS

David Marshall Jennings, 75, of Poca, went home to be with the Lord on June 11, 2024, at home surrounded by his family.

David was born in Charleston and graduated from Nitro High School in 1966. Later he went on to graduate from WV State College with a degree in Business. David was in the Navy during the Vietnam Era and was in the reserves for eight additional years.

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David was in a band in high school called Blue Angels and played the Dulcimer with his parents. He enjoyed cars, fishing, and playing music.

David met and married his high school sweetheart, Sandra Smith in 1969. He was a Christian and attended Emmanuel Baptist Church where he was an Elder and sang in the choir. David was in the insurance business for most of his life. He is preceded in death by his son, Daniel David Jennings and his parents Jim and Genevia Jennings.

David is survived by his wife Sandy; son Jeff and wife Crystal Jennings; brother Wayne and wife Sharon Williams; 2 grandchildren Bodie David and Bryson Daniel; 1 great grandson Rowan Tate along with many nieces and nephews.

A tribute to the life of David was held Saturday, June 15, at Emmanuel Baptist Church with Pastor Don Biram officiating. Burial was in Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens, Cross Lanes.

TOMMY LEE JOHNSON, JR.

Tommy Lee Johnson, Jr., 39, of Leon, passed away Friday, June 14,

2024 at St. Mary's Medical Center following a long illness. He was a former employee of Toyota Motor Manufacturing in Buffalo. Tommy enjoyed spending time with his family and will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Born May 31, 1985 in Houston, Texas, he was the son of Tommy H. Johnson, Sr. and Wendy Dray.

He was preceded in death by grandfather, John Dray; great-grandmother, Janie Powell; and niece, Alexis Johnson.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his loving wife of 11 years, Paula Johnson; children, Brandon Clinton, Brooke Clinton, and David Harmon; grandchildren, Layla Johnson, Maverick Eads, Skylar Slate, and Adren Petrie; brothers, Brandon Johnson and Cody New, both of Texas; sisters, Christina Clark of Gallipolis, Ohio, and Brittany Johnson of Texas; and brother-in-law, Lee Blankenship of Leon.

Funeral service was Thursday, June 20, 2024 at Raynes Funeral Home, Buffalo, with Pastor Randy Parsons officiating.

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SANFORD BRYANT CUNNINGHAM

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Sanford "Sam" Bryant Cunningham of Winfield who left us on June 14, 2024, at the age of 63. After courageously battling a chronic illness, he passed away peacefully surrounded by his family.

Sam was born to the late Sanford Otmer and Charlotte Louise Cunningham (née Songer), formerly of Dunbar.

Sam was a 1979 graduate of Dunbar High School and went on to attend Marshall University on a wrestling scholarship. His love for the outdoors led him to a career in surveying, working in both West Virginia and Florida. Sam founded and operated Cunningham Surveying providing land surveying services to the Kanawha Valley and surrounding regions. In addition to his entrepreneurial endeavors, he dedicated over 29 years as a coal equipment operator at the John E. Amos Power Plant.

He was most known for his humor and practical jokes. When he was not harassing his family, friends, and co-workers for a good laugh, he enjoyed being an avid outdoorsman and scuba diver. His favorite place to relax was on the white beaches of Florida listening to a WVU game on the radio.

Sam was a devoted husband to Kimberlee Cunningham (née Cochran) for 41 wonderful years and a loving father to their three children: Cody Cunningham, Laney (Dylan) Johnson, and Tanner Cunningham. He adored his grandchildren, Olive Johnson and Rennick

Johnson, whose lives he enriched with immense love and pride.

He is survived by his wife, his children, grandchildren, and numerous relatives and friends who cherished his presence in their lives. Sam's legacy of good humor, love, dedication, and hard work will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved him

A private family service will be held to celebrate Sam's life at a later time.

MARLENE M. GREENE

Marlene M. Greene, 91, of Scott Depot, passed away June 12, 2024, in CAMC Teays Valley Hospital.

She is survived by her two children Deborah and her husband Ruel Armentrout and Dana and his wife Rose Southall; and a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

At her request there will be no services.

HERBERT EUGENE HARRISON

Herbert "Herb" "Donut" Eugene Harrison, 87, passed away on June 10, 2024 at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington after suffering a heart attack.

Herb was born at home in Liberty on August 17, 1936 to the late Emerson and Glenna Harrison. He was the oldest of six children: Phyllis (Bill) Booth, Eunice (Jerry) Ranson, Juanita Gay (Donnie) Higginbotham, Shirley "Lee" Harrison (Linda), and Pat (Jerry) Cartwright.

Herb enlisted in the United States Navy and then returned home to WV where he wooed Wanda Robertson Nee Sheets. They welcomed three children together: Robert "Bob" Harrison (Cathy), Kathryn Givens (Greg), and Barbara Hoyman (Tim). Herb and

Congratulation Graduates!

Hurricane High School
2024 Commencement
was held at the Charleston
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The 2024 list of Hurricane
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Ambrose, Jordyn Arey,
Jacob Arrington, David
Artrip, Ayla Assi, Damein
Barnes, Taylor Baxter,
Kelson Bays, Lexy Beaver,
Brynn Beckman, Tatum
Bell, Kate Bennett, Makayla
Bennett, Brett Berner, Rilyn
Bielinski, Alfred Biju, Dylan
Bird, Caitlin Bissell, Nadia
Board, Julia Bobersky, Ocie
Booda, Kaiya Bowles, Emily
Bowman, Sienna Bradberry,
Persephone Bradley, Travis
Bradley II, Jamie Brafford,
Alexa Brown, Donald
Browning, Bella Bukovinsky,
Braden Burnside, Cody
Burton

Sadie Cain, Ryen
Caldwell, Kelsie Call, Rachel
Campbell, Allison Carpenter,
Levi Carter, Brandon Cash,
Camren Cash, Taylor Cassell,
Emalee Chandler, Cody
Chapman, Dalton Chapman,
Kaylie Chin, Sameer Clanton,
Aaron Clark, Candace Clark,
Courtney Clark, Madelynn
Clark, Cameron Cline,
Dillan Collias, Madison
Conley, Haylee Connard,
Jacob Conner, Caleb Conrad,
Declan Corley, William
Corley, Wyatt Cowan, Mariah
Cox, Mason Crabtree, Aiden
Cremeans, Triston Criswell,
Joshua Crookshanks,
Christian Currey

Christien-Jorde Dacres,
Emmi Davis, Isabella Davis,
Taylor Davis, Abigail Deel,
Peyton DeHart, Chase
Dempsey, Rylee Dennis,
James Dillard, Lindsay
Dobbs, Parker Dotson,
Tristin Drake, Katera
Duckwyler, Kobe Duckwyler,
Owen Duffy, Caylan Dunlap,
Victoria Durham, Emmagene

Edwards, Wyatt Edwards,
Kayleigh Eggleton, Sophia
Ellingson, Nathaniel Ellis,
Brea Ellison, Noah Farley,
Joseph Faulkner, Matthew
Ferris, James Fitch-Simmons,
John Fitch-Simmons, Tyler
Fleming, Alyssa Foose, Emily
Forbes, Joshua Ford, William
Foutch, Kaylan Franklin,
Hannah Frazier

Katherine Gabhart,
Alexzander Gaddy, Kendra
Geter, Peyton Gibson,
Zachary Giertz, Ian Gilfilen,
Colton Gillispie, Kaitlyn
Gooch, Julion Grace, Evelyn
Grant, Brayden Green,
Shayden Griffith, Maxwell
Grooms, Ethan Grose,
Peyton Hagen, Laci Hager,
Avery Hale, Dylan Hall,
Shayla Hall, Jacob Hall-
Reddick, David Hargraves,
Brady Harless, Justin Harvey,
Savannah Hawkins, John
Hayes, Garrett Hedrick,
Coleman Henderson, Joshua
Henderson, Alaina Hill,
William Hill, Randall Hill
III, Katelynn Hinkle, Caleb
Hodges, Kylee Hodges,
Jay Holdren, Ayden Holt,
Katelyn Hopkins, Alec
Howard, Emily Howell,
Makenzie Huey, Alexzander
Hunley

Gavin Irwin, Jacob
Jackson, Joseph Jackson,
Emma James, Mea Johns,
Chelsie Johnson, Mahaylee
Johnson, Philip Johnson,
Gideon Johnston, Nevaeh
Jones, Katelyn Jordan, Olivia
Juneau-Price, Abigail Kail,
Liana Karim, Brynna Kelly,
Henlei Kelly, Nathaneal
Kessler, Aaron Kidd, Linzie
Kidd, Jordan Kirtley, Grace
Knapp, Zachary Knotts,
Benjamin Lambert, Breanna
Landers, Cameron Lane,
Macey Larck, Taylor Layne,
Dylan LeMaster, Madison
LeMaster, Brody Lester,
Jayden Lester, Samuel Lewis,
Andrew Lilly, Autumn Lilly,
Joelene Lindsey, Gabriel
Lippert, Mikaylah Lippert,
Jacqai Long, Madisyn

Lowther, Lillian Lucas,
Kaylee Lunsford

Grayson Maddox, Robert
Magee, Carly Mann, Dayna
Mannina, Shayla-Jayne
Marshall, Emalee May, Ethan
Maynard, Shawn McCallister,
Isaac McCormack, Savannah
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McKay, Bryson Meadows,
Brett Midkiff, Brooke Miller,
Hayden Miller, Dajavon Mills,
William Mitchell, Bronson
Morris, Jessica Morris, Paige
Morrison, Lillian Mosteller,
Dustin Mundy, Andre
Munson, Emma Muslin,
Harvey Muslin, Samara
Nance, Brayden Nester, Isaac
Nossaman, Dylan O'Connor,
Karla Ochlschlaeger, Cailyn
Osburn

Luren Pack, Peyton
Parde, Jacqueline Parsons,
Michael Parsons II, Tyler
Parsons, Jaidyn Patton, Jude
Patton, Emma Pauley, Josie
Payne, Madeline Perry,
Madison Perry, Brody
Persinger, Ella Peterson,
Sarah Peyton, Claire Pifer,
Isaac Poe, Brynna Price,
Elise Pye, Khahl Ramey,
Kennedy Randle, Connor
Reece, Jewelissa Rhodes,
Abigail Rice, Madison
riddle, Zetta Ridenhour,
Ali Rine, Emma Rucker,
Jeremiah Ruholt, Luke
Salisbury, Elijah Samples,
Jonathan Scott, McKenzie
Scott, Jeremiah Shabdue,
Blake Shamblyn, Payton
Shepherd, Rashawn Sherrod,
Benjamin Shumaker, Colton
Simmons-Bird, Payton
Simpkins, Keileigh Simpson,
Keller Sipe, Tyson Skinner,
Braden Sloan, Connor
Smith, Dylan Smith, Jacob
Smith, Jason Smith, Macey
Smith, Olivia Smith, Reagen
Smith, Sybil Smith, Virginia
Smith, Weston Smith,
Hannah Spiker, Addison
Stone, Samuel Stowasser
III, Miranda Stuart, Laura
Sullivan, Tanner Sutphin

Paisley Tabor, Isaac Taylor,



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

June 20, 1861: Francis
Pierpont was unanimously
elected governor of the
pro-Union Reorganized
Government of Virginia,
which sat at Wheeling until
West Virginia entered the
Union two years later.

June 20, 1863: West
Virginia became the 35th
state. Arthur Boreman was
the state's first governor.

June 20, 1932: The West
Virginia capitol was officially
dedicated. Construction had
begun in 1924.

June 20, 1963: On the
100th birthday of West
Virginia, President John
F. Kennedy made his last
appearance in West Virginia.
Speaking in Charleston in a
pouring rain, he said, "The
sun does not always shine
in West Virginia, but the
people always do."

June 20, 1970: The play
Hatfields and McCoys
opened at Grandview State
Park amphitheater. Written
by Billy Edd Wheeler with
music by Ewel Cornett, the
show joined Honey in the
Rock as a regular summer
offering.

June 21, 1920: Wheeling
Steel Corporation was
organized when La Belle
Iron Works, Whitaker-

Glessner Company, and
Wheeling Steel & Iron Works
combined. In the 1920s,
Wheeling Steel employed
more than 17,000 workers
and ranked as the nation's
third-largest steelmaker.

June 21, 1959: Musician
Kathy Mattea was born in
South Charleston but grew
up in nearby Cross Lanes.
She rose to country music
stardom in the 1980s.
Since 2021, she has hosted
the Mountain Stage radio
program.

June 22, 1926: Earl
Olgebay died in Cleveland.
He was one of West
Virginia's most successful
industrialists and a generous
benefactor.

June 23, 1944: A tornado
struck Shinnston and the
surrounding area, killing
103 people and injuring
hundreds more.

June 23, 2016: Eight
inches of rain fell in a 12-
hour period. The Meadow,
Cherry and Elk rivers, as
well as Howard Creek,
flooded downtowns and The
Greenbrier resort, killing 23
people.



The West Virginia Capitol construction in 1931.

Michael Terrell Jr., Deric
Thomas, Leeara Thompson,
Taylor Thompson, Jacob
Topham, Kayleigh Triplett,
Gabriel Turner, Patrick
Turner, Kaydee Tyler,
Aden VanHoose, Renick
Vaughn, Lilliana Vincent,
Jenna Wade, Olivia Wade,
Randi Wagner, Astria Wall,
Logan Waller, Daniel Walls,
William Washburn, Madilyn
Wellman, Larry Westfall,
Claire Wheeler, Payton
White, Brayden Whittington,
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NANCY SUE LANHAM

At 1:26 a.m. on June 11, 2024, Nancy Sue Skidmore Lanham sashayed through the Pearly Gates and over the streets of gold, as Saint Peter stood by, shaking his head and grinning, as he called out "She's here, Lord! Let the fun begin!"

Born October 4, 1939, in Pocahontas to Harry Ross and Ruth Lanham Skidmore, the youngest of nine children, Nancy married her one and only love, Noble Wayne Lanham, on July 21, 1955, at Baber Agee Methodist Church, where they first met. They built their home on part of the old Skidmore farm on Pocahontas River and spent the rest of their marriage there until health issues took them away to Celebration Villa in Teays Valley last year. They were blessed with four much loved children. The first was a baby boy who was lost at birth, followed by Sherry, Terry and Kerry, who were raised in that house filled with love.

A graduate of Pocahontas High School, Class of 1956, Nancy had a very special place in her heart for her classmates, who continue to gather for lunch every month. She so enjoyed spending time with some of her oldest friends.

She began her college education, majoring in Criminal Justice, at the age of 34, alongside her daughter.

The grandchildren were blessed to share their beloved NaNa's wonderful stories, which included each of them. Nancy was well known for her amazing cooking and entertaining.

She was also often seen on the dance floor throughout much of her life. Her natural flair for fashion was yet another trait that set her apart from others. She was always dressed impeccably, with matching jewelry, shoes and purse, and her hair, makeup and nails done to perfection. Nancy would cause a sensation when she walked into any room, especially when she added that dazzling smile, sparkling eyes and joyful laughter to the mix.

She was a "second mom" to her 32 nieces and nephews and "Great GREAT Aunt Nancy" to their children and grandchildren as well. Although the youngest of the family, she was most often seen as the true Skidmore Matriarch and adored by all.

Nancy was also instrumental in getting public water service for the families on Pocahontas River, once even threatening the County Commission with seceding from Putnam County else safe water is not provided soon. Setting up the local Neighborhood Watch was next on her list, earning her the title of Mayor of Pocahontas River.

Nancy is survived by her beloved husband of nearly 69 years, Noble Wayne Lanham, daughter Sherry Lynn Claus (Eric), son Kerry (Beth); grandchildren Travis Claus (Ngoc), Bryanna Moccia (Nate), Terra Lanham, David Edwards, Halley Young (Dalton), Shane Ludwick (Rebekah) and Ashley Ludwick; great grandchildren Brooklyn Lanham, Evalynn Young, Bodhi Moccia, Easton Ludwick and Cooper Ludwick; her two best friends, Catherine Burford and Jackie Linville and special friend, Jim Dodson.

She was preceded in death by her son, Terry Wayne Lanham, great granddaughter Memphis Lanham and her siblings Eva Hissom, Ann Moore, Carl Skidmore, Emogene Tomlin, Hazel Skidmore, George Skidmore, Maxine Woodall and Betty Kilgore.

A tribute to the life of Nancy Sue Skidmore Lanham was held Saturday, June 15, 2024 at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Paul Turley officiating.

DONALD "CHOC" MEADOWS

Donald "Choc" Meadows, 83, of Eleanor, passed away Saturday, June 8, 2024 at home from a short illness. Choc was a graduate of Buffalo High School, Class of 1958. Choc taught auto mechanics/auto body at Putnam Career and Technical Center in Eleanor for 26 years and was the owner of Meadows Body Shop in Eleanor for 45 years. He was a 50 year member of Kanawha Valley Lodge No. 36 A.F. &A.M. in Buffalo. During his retirement years, he enjoyed working on his farm and raising cattle and spending time with his loyal companion Boy, who never left his side. Choc was always willing to lend a helping to those in need, especially his family, friends and neighbors.

He was the son of the late Basil and Sally Meadows. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Reva Jean Smith Meadows; brothers, Dale Meadows and Fred Meadows.

He is survived by his sons, Don (Michelle) Meadows of Eleanor and Shawn (Lorie) Meadows of Red House; his granddaughters, Jordan (Mike) Hager, of Belton, Texas, and Abeigh Meadows of Eleanor, as well as two great grandchildren, Greyson and Finley Hager; brothers, Leroy of Oregonia, OH, Ron (Gabby) of Johnstown, OH, David, of Red House, Bruce (Rosemary) of Mooresville, NC; sister, Karen (Andy) Kovalchick of Grove City, OH. Choc is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral service was Friday June 14, 2024 at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastor David Panaro Jr. officiating. Burial was in Beech Grove Cemetery, Eleanor.

He was the son of the late Basil and Sally Meadows. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Reva Jean Smith Meadows; brothers, Dale Meadows and Fred Meadows.

He is survived by his sons, Don (Michelle) Meadows of Eleanor and Shawn (Lorie) Meadows of Red House; his granddaughters, Jordan (Mike) Hager, of Belton, Texas, and Abeigh Meadows of Eleanor, as well as two great grandchildren, Greyson and Finley Hager; brothers, Leroy of Oregonia, OH, Ron (Gabby) of Johnstown, OH, David, of Red House, Bruce (Rosemary) of Mooresville, NC; sister, Karen (Andy) Kovalchick of Grove City, OH. Choc is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral service was Friday June 14, 2024 at Raynes Funeral Home, Eleanor, with Pastor David Panaro Jr. officiating. Burial was in Beech Grove Cemetery, Eleanor.

BARBARA WILSON

Barbara Jean Wilson, 85, of Hurricane, passed away Monday, June 10, 2024 at Celebration Villa of Hurricane, after a long illness.

She was born February 22, 1939 in Richwood, to the late Claude Gaston and Ruby Davis Marsh. She was also preceded in death by her husband Dr. Asbury I "Bud" Wilson.

Barbara was a graduate of Saint Albans High School where she won awards as a majorette. She received a Bachelor's of Science at Bob Jones University, and went on to receive a Master's of Art Education from the University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. She taught and guest lectured university courses and loved to share her own artwork with others.

Barbara often spoke about her art saying the subject of her work was usually whatever she was experiencing at that time. She exhibited at the Greenbrier, Tamarack, Marshall University and the Huntington Museum of Art among other facilities in WV and also in out-of-state museums and colleges. She was especially fond of the Art Store in Charleston where she displayed many pieces over the years, most of which featured animals. Barbara was a long-time animal rights advocate, having an extraordinary fondness for cats.

Graveside service was Friday, June 14, 2024 at Cunningham Memorial Park, St Albans.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

To: Magistrate Court Case No.:24-M40D-00071
 Dawana Bowers
 Respondent's Name
 67 Wayside Place
 Pocahontas WV 25159
 Respondent's Address
 02-08-1972
 Date of Birth

Family Court Civil Action No.: 24-DV-49

ORDER OF PUBLICATION (PROTECTIVE ORDER / HEARING DATE)

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

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

It appearing by evidence duly taken in this action that you could not be found in or that you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of the ORDER referenced above, a copy of the Petition and Order may be obtained at the Putnam County Circuit Clerk's office. This PROTECTIVE ORDER will remain in effect until 10-15-2024.

The Respondent may appeal this Protective Order pursuant to W. Va. Code § 48-27-510, within 10 days of the date of the order was entered.

Issued this 13th day of June, 2024.
 STEPHANIE SMITH/jc
 Circuit Clerk 6-20-11w

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

Request for Proposals for Grid-Tied Solar System(s)

The City of Winfield is interested in adding solar systems to offset our electricity use to reduce utility expenses now and into the future. We seek a qualified, experienced solar installer to review the capacity of our municipal properties, propose a solar solution that delivers maximum financial benefit, install the system/s, and provide service or maintenance as needed over the life of the system.

Project Location(s): 150 Bowyer Ln Winfield WV

Site visit (as needed): 10:30AM on Wednesday, July 10, 2024

Proposal shall include:

- Solar design, including module layout, DC system capacity, estimated annual production, and description of major components. System monitoring is required.
- Description of relevant equipment and installation warranties, and the ongoing maintenance services provided by the installer.
- Price and financial analysis of the proposed system, including anticipated savings.
- Firm name and address, description of firm, number of employees and years in current business, electrical and other licenses or certification, and list of subcontractors (if any) and their qualifications.
- Description of past, similar solar PV projects, including contact information for 3 client references.
- Sample purchase contract.
- Anticipated project timeline.

The selected solar installer will secure permits and any other needed regulatory approvals, complete installation, coordinate with the utility to secure Permission to Operate, and train the facility's staff on system monitoring.

Copies of recent utility bills are available upon request at: City of Winfield Municipal Building

Proposals will be evaluated based on the capacity and quality of design proposed; the anticipated savings to be delivered; and the qualifications and experience of the solar installer. Preference will be given to the installer with the demonstrated longevity and capacity to service the array for its working life. Additionally, preference will be given to West Virginia-based installers, installers utilizing union labor, and installers leveraging state/federal grants to help pay for the system. Awarded contracts will be contingent on obtaining savings proposed including state/federal grants, tax credits, etc. In addition, the avoidance of any out-of-pocket cash investment by the City will be a consideration in the award.

Bids will be evaluated based on experience, the above qualifications, costs, and expertise. The choices will not be based on price alone and any bid will be evaluated based on West Virginia procurement policies. **The City of Winfield has the ability to reject any and all bids and any and all bidders.**

The final award of the contract shall be contingent on the receipt by the City of Winfield of Grant funds to finance the project and the receipt of appropriate tax credits to cover said Grant and any bridge loans.

Responses should be emailed to winfielddct@cityofwinfield.net or mailed to PO Box 596 Winfield, WV 25213 and received by 4:00PM on July 31, 2024. Bids will be opened at 5:00PM on August 1, 2024.

6-13-2t

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

CHARLES C. HALE, individually and as Executor of the Estate of Lou Verna Hale, deceased, Petitioner,

Civil Action No.: CC-40-2024-P-41
 Judge: Reeder

CAMERON HALE, CORA D. KING, individually and as Administratrix of the Estate of Louise Elaine Hale, deceased, TRINITY JORDAN, KIERA KING and BRAXTON KING, an incarcerated individual. Respondents,

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this action is to partition and approve the sale of real property, located at 7732 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, Putnam County, West Virginia 25526, and described as 1.846 ac Rt. 33 and 2.28ac Rocky Step, Scott District, Putnam County, West Virginia. It is ordered that the Respondents serve upon Eric S. Embree, Petitioner's attorney, whose address is 3564 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, West Virginia 25526, an Answer or other defense to the Petition filed in this action on or before 20 days after the date of this entry, otherwise judgment by default may be taken against the Respondents anytime thereafter.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained by the undersigned Clerk's office.

Entered by the Clerk of said Court on June 14, 2024.
 STEPHANIE SMITH/cs
 Stephanie Smith, Clerk
 Circuit Clerk of Putnam County
 By: CS
 Deputy 6-20-2t

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE is hereby given pursuant to and by virtue of the authority vested in the Substitute Trustee, WV Trustee Services, LLC, by that certain Deed of Trust dated March 18, 2005, executed by Borrowers Bobby L Jarrett and Lynn Renee Jarrett, to D. Kevin Moffatt, the Trustee of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Book 738, at Page 938. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 131 Jarretts Way, Scott Depot, WV 25560. WV Trustee Services, LLC were appointed as Substitute Trustees by APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE dated July 11, 2022, of record in the Clerk's Office in Book 1330, Page 317. The borrowers defaulted under the Note and Deed of Trust and the Substitute Trustees have been instructed to foreclose under the Deed of Trust. Accordingly, the Substitute Trustees will sell the following described property to the highest bidder at the front door of the Courthouse of Putnam County, in Winfield, West Virginia, on the following date:

11th day of July, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

Beginning at a 5/8" rebar set in the line of Lots 1 and 2 Putnam Gardens Plot 2 Section 2 corner to Tax Parcels 44 and 44.1; Thence with the line of Tax Parcel 44 N 08° 02' E, 106.88' to a point corner to tax parcel 44 and in the line of a deed gap.

Thence with the line of the deed gap S 81° 08' E, 70. 74' to a point by a power pole corner to deed gap and in the line of Putnam Street.

Thence with the westerly r/w line of Putnam Street S 03° OS' W, 100.00' to a 1/2" iron pipe (found) corner to lots 1 and 2.

Thence with the line of Lots 1 and 2 N 86° 27' W, 79.61' to the point of beginning, containing 0.18 acres, more or less.

For a more particular description see plat prepared by Wilkinson Surveying, LLC., dated November 18, 2023 and entitled "RETRACEMENT SURVEY PLAT FOR, REISENFELD & ASSOCIATES, LLC., BEING SOUTHERLY ONE HALD OF LOT 1, OF PUTNAM GARDENS, OF PLOT NO 2 SECTION 2, SITUATE ON THE WATERS, OF CROOKED CREEK, SCOTT DIST., PUTNAM CO. WV, SCALE 1"=100

Being the same property conveyed to Bobby L Jarrett and Lynn Renee Jarrett by the Deed dated March 18, 2005 and recorded in Deed Book 454 at Page 818 in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia.

TERMS OF SALE:

- The property will be conveyed in an "AS IS" physical condition by Deed containing no warranty, express or implied, subject to the Internal Revenue Service right of redemption, all property taxes, prior Deeds, liens, reservations, encumbrances, restrictions, rights-of-ways, easements, covenants, conveyances and conditions of record in the Clerk's office or affecting the subject property.
- The Purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the transfer taxes imposed by the West Virginia Code § 11-22-1.
- The Beneficiary and/or the Servicer of the Deed of Trust and Note reserve the right to submit a bid for the property at sale.
- The Trustee reserves the right to continue sale of the subject property from time to time by written or oral proclamation, which continuance shall be in the sole discretion of the Trustee.
- The Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the property to vacate said property, and any personal property and/or belongings remaining at the property after the foreclosure sale will be deemed to constitute ABANDONED PROPERTY AND WILL BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY.
- The total purchase price is payable to the Trustee within thirty (30) days of the date of sale, with ten (10%) of the total

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND BENEFICIARIES

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.: 5690
 Estate Of: Velma Virginia McCoy
 Administrator
 Cta: James A McCoy, II
 PO Box 355
 Hamlin, WV 25523

Estate No.: 5679
 Estate Of: Phyllis Anne Rothgeb
 Executor: Jason T Rothgeb
 175 Woodland Forest
 Winfield, WV 25213

Estate No.: 5678
 Estate Of: Bertha Marie Saulton
 Executrix: Tammy L Clifton
 8823 McLane Pike
 Liberty, WV 25124

Estate No.: 5671
 Estate Of: Michael Dale Sayre
 Administratrix: Susan Early
 33917 Bethel Ridge
 Road
 New Matamores, OH 45767

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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 therefor, legally verified, to the fiduciary of such deceased person as shown above within 60 days of June 20, 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 pursuant to W. Va. Code. Any person objecting to the representative's qualifications, venue or jurisdiction must file a complaint within 60 days of June 20, 2024.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 12th day of June 2024.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 30th day of May 2024.
 Fiduciary Supervisor
 Putnam County Commission
 10293 Winfield Road,
 Winfield, WV 25213 6-20-2t

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purchase price payable to the Trustee at sale.

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DAVID CLINTON CHAPMAN Florence Road Milton 75th Birthday June 21	BRITTANI McCOMAS #42 Kinwood Drive Milton 41st Birthday June 22
BRYAN DAVID CHAPMAN 1047 Heck Street Milton 47th Birthday June 21	D J GRANT 3605 Poindexter Road Frazier's Bottom Birthday June 22
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TIMOTHY CORNELL Route 2, Box 120-A	BETTY CUMMINGS 225 Sovine Road Hurricane Birthday June 23
	REED HOUSTON 116 Woodland Forrest

Putnam County Library Summer Schedule For June - July

Below will be a list of events that are scheduled at the Putnam County

Winfield 21st Birthday June 23
DR KENNA FAITH SPURLOCK 2237 U S Route 60 West Milton 26th Birthday June 24
ALLISON JACKSON #35 Timothy Lane Milton 22nd Birthday June 24
KHRIS TINCHER Culloden Birthday June 24
EMILY ALEXIS HUDSON 205 Summit Drive Scott Depot 22nd Birthday June 24
LAUREN MCKENZIE HUDSON 205 Summit Drive Scott Depot 22nd Birthday June 24
KATHY GRANT LeGRAND 84 Twp 337 Road Kittshell, Ohio 66th Birthday June 24
WILLIAM "BILL" CUTLIP 2640 Virginia Avenue Hurricane 75th Birthday June 24
LISA BISHOP FINNEY Liberty Birthday June 24
KEITH VITITOE Cross Lanes 57th Birthday June 24
TERRY BOLINGER South Charleston Birthday June 25
ALLISON HODGES CLENDENIN P.O. Box 932 Eleanor 36th Birthday June 25
DAVID DODDRIDGE Milton 50th Birthday June 25
RONNIE LEWIS Beckley 75th Birthday June 25
JEFF DAVIS Scott Depot 60th Birthday June 25
WILLARD "RUMMY" McCLANAHAN 1247 Poca River Road Poca 80th Birthday June 25
EDNA MOORE 504 Crestfield Drive Bristol, Tennessee 72nd Birthday June 25
DAVE FIZER 5413 Sycamore Road Hurricane Birthday June 25
JESSE KAVE 705 Plantation Drive Hurricane 75th Birthday June 26
RONNIE LEWIS Route 2, Box 131 Milton 78th Birthday June 27
REBA CHAPMAN WYANT Florence Road Milton 79th Birthday June 27
RICK CHAPMAN 495-A Fudges Creek Ona 68th Birthday June 27
SAMPSON ROYAL SHEETS Huntington 10th Birthday June 27
LISA GRANT RHODES Frazier's Bottom 55th Birthday June 27

Libraries throughout the months of June and July.

June 21 - Fitness Friday: Faith in Motion at Hurricane Bridge Park at 10 a.m.
June 25 - WV Dirty Birds at the Main Library in Teays Valley at 10 a.m.
June 28 - Fitness Friday: Field Day at Valley Park, 10 a.m.
July 5 - Fitness Friday: Fairy Trail at Valley Park, 10 a.m.
July 9 - Zoology Zone at the Eleanor Library, 10 a.m.
July 16 - Batman at the Hurricane Library, 10 a.m.
July 18 - WVDNR Outdoor Classroom at the Buffalo Library, 10 a.m.
July 23 - Kids Mystery Party at the Main Library, 10 a.m.
July 25 - Making Rain Sticks at the Eleanor Library, 11 a.m.
July 27 - Shakespeare in the Park at Valley Park, 7 p.m.
July 30 - Feel the Wheels at the Poca Library, 10 a.m.
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Kentucky Graduates, Dean's List Recipients

The University of Kentucky College of Arts and Sciences recognized more than 660 candidates for graduation during a commencement ceremony in May 2024 at Rupp Arena in Lexington, Kentucky. Local graduates were Nnachi Nnachi of Hurricane, with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology; and Katelyn Keen of Hurricane, with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Chemistry. Local students named to the Dean's List were Katelyn Keen of Hurricane, and Ava Smith of Scott Depot.

Jonathan and Danna Sawrie of Little Rock, Arkansas, will celebrate their thirty-eighth wedding anniversary on June 21.

Carl and Sandra Lowe Handley of Fayetteville, Arkansas, will celebrate their thirty-eighth wedding anniversary on June 21.

Aaron and Wendy Grant Mann of St. Albans will celebrate their twenty-first wedding anniversary on June 21.

Terry and Melissa Cyfers of Huntington will celebrate their twenty-ninth wedding anniversary on June 21.

Dallas and Amber Dunn of Eleanor will celebrate their twenty-first wedding anniversary on June 21.

Nathan and Kathryn Willis Mack of Hurricane will celebrate their sixteenth wedding anniversary on June 21.

Bob and Betty Cummings of 225 Sovine Road in Hurricane will celebrate their wedding anniversary on June 21.

Derick and Jill Duggar Dillard of Nepal will celebrate their tenth wedding anniversary on June 21.

Dave and Peggy Fizer

Remembering Eva Fisher



On Friday, June 21, 2024, my mother, Eva Fisher would have celebrated her 100th birthday. She was born a summer baby in 1924 to Charles Locie and Calla Dona Harbour Young of Hurricane, West Virginia. Mom was the 10th child born in a family of thirteen. She outlived her parents and all of her siblings. It had to be very hard as she watched her

Tayven Stephenson Damed to Wofford Dean's List

Tayven Stephenson of Winfield has been named to Wofford College's spring 2024 Dean's List. Wofford College, established in 1854, is a four-year, residential liberal arts college located in Spartanburg, South Carolina. It offers 27 major fields of study to a student body of 1,800 undergraduates. Nationally known for the strength of its academic program, outstanding faculty, experiential learning opportunities and successful graduates, Wofford is recognized consistently as a "best value" and for its commitment to student success and accessibility for low- and middle-income students.

Happy Anniversary

Cremeans of 5413 Sycamore Road in Hurricane will celebrate their forty-fourth wedding anniversary on June 21.

Jon and Amber Midkiff of Teays will celebrate their thirty-fourth wedding anniversary on June 22.

Bruce and Linda Thomas Crowder of Nitro will celebrate their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary on June 22.

Bradley and Lynne Marie Keely of 5517 Aryshire Drive in Dublin, Ohio, will celebrate their seventeenth wedding anniversary on June 23.

Derek and Chelsea King of Tiffon, Ohio, will celebrate their twelfth wedding anniversary on June 23.

Roger and Barbara Vansickle Cook of Columbia, South Carolina, will celebrate their thirty-sixth wedding anniversary on June 23.

Steven and Lindsey Reed of 187 Jones Cove in Hurricane will celebrate their twelfth wedding anniversary on June 23.

Michael and Janet Johnson of #51 Kinwood Road in Milton will celebrate their fifty-second wedding

family dwindle away. She married the love of her life, Delmar "Pete" Fisher, on January 11, 1947. They lived a lovely and happy life for almost 64 years until God called dad home on November 6, 2010. After dad's death, no matter how hard George and I tried to be with her and help her, she lived a lonely life. George and I gave Dad and Mom a grandson on August 21, 1974. We named him Bradley Scott. He and His wife, Julie gave Dad and Mom a great-granddaughter, Kelci on August 14, 2006. On September 5, 2008 Braeden Scott was born making my parents great-grandparents again. Their family was completed then making them very happy. I so wish the 7 of us could gather together with Mom and sing "Happy Birthday" to her. I would have baked and decorated a cake decorated it with green, her favorite color, with "100" written on top. But time stands still for no one - not even for such a special occasion of 100 years. Happy Heavenly 100th Birthday, Mom! Loved and missed by your daughter, Linda Fisher Armstead

anniversary on June 24. Marshall and Brenda Ginn of 228 Pinewood Drive in Hurricane will celebrate their fifty-eighth wedding anniversary on June 25.

Brian and Kathy Armstead of 101 Porter Creek Road in Milton will celebrate their thirty-seventh wedding anniversary on June 26.

Jeffrey and Debora Allen of #509 Edgewood Road in Hurricane will celebrate their thirtieth wedding anniversary on June 26.

Jeff and Sabrina Donahue Moore of #56 Camp View Road in Barboursville will celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on June 26.

Christopher and Sara Holley Ashworth of 4717 5&20 Mile Road in Frazier's Bottom will celebrate their fourteenth wedding anniversary on June 26.

Larry and Anna Boling of 111 Elite Heights of Hurricane will celebrate their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary on June 27.

Aaron and Katie Morrison Jarvis of Estero, Florida, will celebrate their fourth wedding anniversary on June 27.



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