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HURRICANE CITY COUNCIL NEWS

Lexington Estates Bridge, Virginia Avenue Traffic Issues Addressed

By Ron Allen
 Many times information becomes public at Hurricane City Council meetings which is not related to listed agenda items. Such was the case for the July 1st Hurricane City Council meeting. The agenda did not make any reference to Lexington Estates.

City Manager Andy Skidmore informed council that the bridge connecting U.S. Route 60 to Lexington Estates is in disrepair and the cost of renovation will fall upon the City. Skidmore stated that the WVDOH has inspected the bridge and determined that there is no need to replace the bridge but an extensive renovation will be required in the near future. While the cost must be borne by the City, federal funds are available through the State which will cover the cost. No time table has been established but the project appears to meet all grant requirements.

Hurricane Police Chief Mike Mullins presented council with a traffic study

that included speeding records on Virginia Avenue during the month of June. Mullins reported an average speed of 32 mph in the 35 mph zone. There was one incident of 70 mph speeding vehicle at 2 a.m. The study found that 56,000 vehicles traveled the monitored section during June.

The council asked Mullins to extend the traffic study on the street for an additional month. Members of council are concerned that traffic on Virginia Avenue will expand exponentially when the I-64 Culloden Interchange is completed. The HPD data will be submitted to the DOH with the hope that the agency will address current and future traffic flow on Virginia Avenue.

Fire Chief Mike Hoffman reported that the Hurricane Fire Department Carnival generated more than \$7,000 in revenue. Hurricane Fire & Rescue uses the revenue to support the local community cupboard.

Bill Bartley addressed council concerning

Hurricane's 4th of July Parade Punctuated with Umbrellas



Umbrellas were the story of the day at Hurricane's 4th of July parade. The parade began on time despite a heavy twenty-minute downpour before the 2:00 p.m. start time.

Turn to Pages 4 and 5 for Hurricane and Buffalo 4th of July parade photos.

Operation Lifesaver. Operation Lifesaver promotes safety awareness Continued to Page 3

Putnam Produce Available at Country Roads Farmers Market



Becky and Hoy Fellure are pictured at Country Roads Farmers Market at Valley Park on Saturday, July 6.

The Fellures were selling their Fraziers Bottom farm fresh produce grown on The Fellures are able to make seasonal offerings available before home gardens can yield their bounty by utilizing high tunnels. Their Saturday offerings included potatoes, onions, zucchini, cucumbers, yellow squash, half runner beans, and tomatoes.

The Fellures have been selling their produce at Putnam County's farmer markets for five years. Their offerings will multiply as the summer progresses. Hoy reported that his sweet corn will be available soon but would not set the date.

Big Eaters Take Home \$850



Pictured are third, first and second place winners, Logan Beabout, Jason Dial, and Chase Cumptan.

The City of Hurricane fast) eaters at Independence rewarded three big (and Day festivities at City Park

as ten contestants consumed dozens of hot dogs in a five minute period. The first place winner was Jason Dial with 12 hot dogs. He went home with \$500 and a very full stomach.

Chase Cumptan placed

second with 11 dogs downed one dog eat-off. Beabout and \$250 richer. Logan qualified for the eat-off Beabout received \$100 for his third place after defeating two other contestants in a

Local Citizen Honored for Promoting Crossing Safety



Bill Bartley of Hurricane poses with Mayor Scott Edwards with the trophy that he received from Operation Lifesaver Incorporated in honor of his efforts to promote railroad crossing safety.

A Caboose of Memories



Larry Call of Hurricane poses in front of the C&O caboose at City Park in Hurricane on tge 4th of July. Call retired from CSX as an engineer. His railroad career began as a conductor on this very caboose in the early 1970's. This caboose logged many daily excursions between St. Albans and the southern coal fields of West Virginia. C&O became CSX in 1987.

Call recalls enjoying many delightful meals that were created and consumed while Caboose 90250 was on the move through hill and hollow.

WEATHER SUMMARY

July 2 - 8		
	Low	High
July 2		
Hurricane	48°	88°
July 3		
Hurricane	60°	90°
July 4*		
Hurricane	69°	89°
July 5		
Hurricane	68°	91°
July 6		
Hurricane	62°	88°
July 7		
Hurricane	60°	89°
July 8		
Hurricane	62°	93°

*RAIN
 0.9 inch recorded July 4

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.

WEDNESDAYS IN JULY

- The First Baptist Church of Nitro, 2202 2nd Avenue, will be holding a free lunch every Wednesday in July from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

NOW - JULY 12

- The Bridge Church, 279 Dairy Road, Poca, will be holding Vacation Bible School from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. each evening.

- First Baptist Church of Hurricane, 2635 Main Street, will be holding Game On! Vacation Bible School from 6 to 8 p.m. nightly.

JULY 12 - 20

- The Putnam County Fair will be held at the fairgrounds in Eleanor. For a schedule of events, go to <https://putnamcountyfairwv.com>

JULY 12 - 14

- CharCon, West Virginia's Gaming Convention, will be held at the Clay Center in Charleston. For more information, go to <https://www.charcon.org>

- The Serving for Safety Pickleball Tournament will be held at the Nitro City Park. Community night on Friday from 5 to 8:30 p.m. with a pickle eating contest at 6:15 p.m. For more information, visit <https://pickleballbrackets.com> and search "Serving for Safety."

JULY 12

- The Poca Library will be holding a special double feature film event starting at 2 p.m. The movies which will be shown are 1960 and 2002 versions of "The Time Machine."

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Putnam County 4-H'ers Among WVDEP Youth Environmental Program Winners

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's (WVDEP) Youth Environmental Program (YEP) presented close to \$15,000 in cash awards to youth groups from around the state for their efforts to better the environment in the Mountain State.

Groups were recognized during the 61st annual Youth Environmental Day recently at North Bend State Park in Ritchie County.

The YEP honored 4-H clubs, scout troops, schools and other youth organizations who completed environmental projects that benefited the state and their communities. Some of those projects included tree plantings, roadside litter and stream cleanups, recycling drives and environmental education.

Carter Takarsh, Winfield Scotts 4-H, Putnam County, was the winner of the Rick Vecellio Memorial Conservation Scholarship. This scholarship is presented to an active Youth Environmental Program member with exemplary conduct throughout his/her school years. Recipient will receive \$2,500 per year for 4 years. The scholarship is made available by the Vecellio Family Foundation, Inc., Beckley.

Ella Grant, Midway Meridians 4-H, Putnam County, was one of the winners of the Rick Vecellio Memorial Art Poster Awards. Memorial Art Poster Awards are also given for posters that depict

in which participants can learn about different types of clouds. This is a drop-in event during business hours, which are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Putnam Adult Education Center, 12056 Winfield Road, Winfield, will be holding a one stop pop-up event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Explore career and education opportunities.

- Express Employment Professionals will be holding a recruiting and hiring event from noon to 4 p.m. at Area 34, 971 WV Route 34, Teays Valley.

- Gather Homeschool Enrichment Hub will be hosting an informational meeting at 11 a.m. at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley.

- There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at 3 p.m. at Coop Cowork, 2701 Main Street, Hurricane.

JULY 18

- The Nitro Public Library, 1700 Park Avenue, will be holding an adult craft class at 5:30 p.m. Registration is required; call 304-755-4432.

- The Macholah Ballet, 6422 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot, will be holding Spins and Needles Beginning Sewing Camp for ages 10 and up from noon to 2 p.m., and Moving For Memories: A Jazz Class Alzheimer's Association Fundraiser for teens and adults from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. To register, create an account at <https://dancestudio-pro.com/online/themacholahballet>

- Putnam CREW will be holding a Cheers meet-up for young professionals from 6 to 7 p.m. at Fireside Grille in Teays Valley.

- Valley Park in Hurricane will be hosting a night market from 6 to 9 p.m. This month's theme is 1950's Night.

an environmental theme. Five winners receive \$100 each - Made available by Leo Vecellio Jr., Beckley in memory of his mother Evelyn Vecellio.

Clover Stems 4-H, Putnam County, won the Recycling Education and Awareness Award. Education and Awareness awards are given to the youth groups with the best community recycling education and awareness project based on club and community involvement.

During the past year, groups enrolled in the YEP collected 875 bags of trash. They recycled more than 9,000 pounds of aluminum, 62,000 pounds of plastic, 100,000 pounds of steel and 80,000 pounds of paper. They also planted more than 500 trees and cleaned trash from 210 miles of roadways, in addition to community areas and streams. In total, the amount of volunteer hours accumulated by YEP groups equaled an estimated savings of \$11.3 million for the state.

In addition to recognizing youth groups, the YEP also presented the Rick Vecellio Memorial Conservation Scholarship to Carter Takarsh, a senior at Winfield High School and a member of the Winfield Scotts 4-H Club. The \$10,000 college scholarship is presented annually to an active YEP member with exemplary conduct throughout his/her school years. The scholarship is made available by the Vecellio Family Foundation, Inc., of Beckley.

JULY 19

- Jungle Club Resort Cafe & Play, 11624 Winfield Road, Unit 4, will be holding a free children's clothing swap from noon to 8 p.m.

- There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive from noon to 5 p.m. at Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, Putnam Avenue, Hurricane. Call 1-800-733-2767, or visit redcrossblood.org and enter "hurricanecom" to schedule an appointment.

JULY 20

- There will be a square dance from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Kanawha County 4-H Heritage Showcase, Camp Virgil Tate, 1400 Camp Virgil Tate Road, Charleston. No entry fee to participate.

- The Inaugural Appalachian Truck Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Appalachian Truck & Trailer Services, 43 1st Avenue, Nitro.

- MADFEST 4, Mental Health Awareness Day, will be held from noon to 9 p.m. at Ridenour Lake in Nitro. Live music, art and craft vendors, information vendors, food trucks and more.

- The West Virginia Comics Buy, Sell and Trade Comic and Toy Show will be held at Social Event Space, 2833 Main Street, Hurricane, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- There will be a car show to support Hospice Care families from noon to 3 p.m. at the Putnam County Bank Parking Lot in Hurricane. \$15 each vehicle or 2 for \$25. For more information, call 304-444-9292.

JULY 21

- 4everyyoung Fotos LLC will be holding an Introduction to Studio Lighting Workshop from 2 to 4:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call 304-993-1098.

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

The lazy hazy days of summer... those were the days, my friend... Was it ever this hot? I don't mean just here in Florida... I mean everywhere... Didn't we have more rainy days back "in the day"??? We walked everywhere... we rode bikes... we didn't change clothes a million times a day... it was just not as hot...

My last summer in WV was 2017... I remember saying, "Has it ever been this hot?" I remember my last summer in Indiana... 2020... was it ever THIS hot? Now, I am saying the same... really??? This hot???

I miss the rain... we do not have enough here on the Gulf Coast... Sometimes, I turn on my television on YouTube and have a raining video playing while I read... just to hear the sounds... imagine... rain, I sit on the patio, and I do not care if the rain showers spray me... so refreshing...

Summer time is, or used to be, a lazy time... we read under the shade tree on a blanket... we went on picnics at a local park... drive in movies with the breeze coming in the open car windows... roller skating with windows open... we did NOT have air conditioning... I doubt that the stores did either... Sometimes I wonder if it is really hotter or if we are just used to the air conditioner.

I walk short walks daily... I get my steps/miles no matter what... sometimes I walk here in the complex... other times at a park on the ocean... or the causeway... awww... and usually, but not always, there is a slight breeze... but the blazing hot sun... imagine... whew...

Kids play at the pool, or the one in their yard... they have tutoring because they are so smart, and they need to keep up with their Spanish (they have done this since before kindergarten)... and other subjects... just to stay ahead of the game in the summer... they do their TKD... they run... bike... outside activities... when it is really hot, they play inside and read... they vacation... this year, the boys are camping in two places in Tennessee for a couple of weeks... They and their mom flew, and

my son drove his truck with the equipment and met them... the boys like the camping better than the overseas travel... last summer, they took so many vacations... the boys were happy to be home in between... I was happy to have them.

Reunions... my daughter and her dad will attend the Burke reunion this month... her family will attend the Taylor reunion for the Taylors next month... Yours truly is flying to Indy to be with them in July/August... see all the Taylors... and, oh yes, I want my vacation to West Virginia this month... where it is cooler... Wait... Linda said it is in the 90's... are you kidding me? That is hot...

Did we even know the temperatures when we were growing up? Did we care? Nothing kept us inside... I do remember, and I have written about this one million times now... the breeze coming in the windows... so thankful... we were used to being hot... but I do not think it was ever like this... maybe it was...

Summer days... time for visiting with family... friends... time for being a little lazy... time for those vacations... awww... I remember Myrtle Beach, Yellowstone, Niagara Falls, Washington, D.C., camping, state parks, Tennessee, Texas... we went all over this country... with our little children... but Myrtle became one of my favorites... that is why I moved and taught there for five years... aww... Myrtle Beach...

Enjoy each day... enjoy that air conditioning... curl up with a good book or binge on a series on television... I have found some really old shows that I never knew existed... I seldom had television or had time to watch during the years... Now, I just love finding a show I did not know about... work those puzzle books... take those walks... sit on the porch with a glass of sparkling iced lemonade... with a friend... or two... porch sitting... chatting and remembering... I long to sit on the porch with Linda and my other friends... oh one day soon... because the way we were is the way we are... have a good, good summer...

Available Pets at the Putnam County Animal Shelter

This 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 a 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.



Mr. Bear enjoying himself a treat and soaking up the sun! This handsome man is still looking for a forever home! He would be an amazing dog for a farm.

4th of July Scenes at Hurricane City Park



Waterslide fun!



Kids provided treats to hungry kids.



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.

of Rich Mountain was fought in Randolph County. Union troops under Gen. George McClellan defeated Confederate forces, helping to secure northwestern Virginia (now West Virginia) for the North.

July 11, 1861: The Battle

July 11, 1867: John Jacob

Cornwell was born on a farm in Ritchie County. He served as the 15th governor of West Virginia.

July 11, 1976: Gov. Arch Moore dedicated the West Virginia Culture Center. The facility was built to showcase the Mountain State's artistic, cultural and historic heritage.

July 12, 2003: The Clay Center for the Arts & Sciences in downtown Charleston opened to the public. It combines a modern performing arts center with a visual arts museum and an interactive science center.

July 13, 1861: The Battle

of Corricks Ford took place in Tucker County. During the fight, Confederate Gen. Robert S. Garnett became the first Confederate general killed in battle during the Civil War.

July 14, 1861: Union troops under Gen. Jacob Cox drove Confederate militia and cavalry out of town during the Battle of Barboursville. Union forces remained in control of Barboursville for the remainder of the war.

July 14, 1900: Gangster William "Big Bill" Lias was born in Wheeling, or Greece. For much of the mid-1900s, he was considered the leader of bootlegging, organized crime, and gambling in the Wheeling area.

July 15, 1988: Interstate 64 was completed when the final section between Sam Black Church and the West Virginia Turnpike was opened to traffic.

Hurricane City Council

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education with the goal of reducing accidents at railroad crossings. The City, in response to the program, requires the posting of crossing guards at the entrance to Meeks Mountain Trails during organized events. Bartley showed council the trophy that he received from OLI in honor of his efforts to promote safe crossings.

In an item actually listed on the agenda, the council approved the signing of a Letter of Support for the Putnam County Solid Waste Authority to

pursue grant funding for a plastic recycling center in Hurricane. Plans call for the center to be located adjacent to the Hurricane Fire Station on Midland Trail. Rob Vanatter, PCSWA representative, stated that sales will generate revenue for the agency's scholarship program.

In other business, council approved the appointment of Jeremy Young on the Hurricane Water Board. The appointment fills the vacancy created by the passing of long-serving councilman Reggie Billups.

The next Hurricane City Council meeting is Monday, August 5, at 6:30 p.m.

Putnam County Fair Schedule

FRIDAY, JULY 12TH

- 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Registration of all 4-H & Open class Exhibits at the Putnam County Extension Office
- 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Register all Project Exhibits Agricultural and Home Arts Exhibits (Exhibit Hall)
- 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Register All Livestock Exhibits (except rabbits) at the Livestock barn.
- 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Register all Market and Open Rabbit Exhibits at Rabbit Hutch
- 6:00 PM - The 2024 Fair Officially Opens
- 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM - Alford E Gator and his Tiny Swamp House (Strolling the grounds)
- 6:00 PM - Leah Rose (Entertainment Tent)
- 6:30 PM - 11:00 PM - Gambill Amusement Carnival Open
- 7:00 PM & 9:00 PM - Disc-Connected K9s
- 7:30 PM & 9:00 PM - Joey Stepp Magic Show (Entertainment Tent)
- 8:00 PM - Daily 50/50 Winner Announced
- 8:30 PM - PhirePhamily Entertainment (Midway Stage)

SATURDAY, JULY 13TH

- 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM - Alford E Gator and his Tiny Swamp House (Strolling the grounds)
- 11:30 AM - Kids pageant ages newborn-24 months (Entertainment Tent) (Check in at 11:00 AM)
- 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Exhibit Hall Open
- 1:00 PM - 11:00 PM - Gambill Amusement Carnival Open
- 12:30 PM, 3:30 PM, 6:30 PM - Disc-Connected K9s
- 11:30 PM - Kids pageants 25 mos.- 10yrs (Entertainment Tent) (Check in at 1:30 PM)
- 4:00 PM - Chasity Dye (Entertainment Tent)
- 5:00 PM - American Farm Pullers Association Truck and Tractor Pulls (Motorized Events Complex)
- 6:00 PM - Josh Oldaker (Entertainment Tent)
- 6:00 PM - Pet Show (Show Arena) (Registration at 5:30 PM)
- 8:00 PM - Coronation of the 2024 Miss Putnam County Fair Queen (Amphitheater)
- 8:00 PM - Daily 50/50 Raffle Winner Announced
- 8:30 PM - Darryl Worley (Amphitheater)
- 8:30 PM - PhirePhamily Entertainment (Midway Stage)

SUNDAY, JULY 14TH

- 10:00 AM - Cowboy Church (Show/Sale Arena)
- 11:00 AM - Gates Open
- 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM - Alford E Gator and his Tiny Swamp House (Strolling the grounds)
- 11:30 PM, 3:30 PM, 6:30 PM - Disc-Connected K9s
- 1:00 PM-9:00 PM - Gambill Amusement Carnival Open
- 1:00 PM & 3:00 PM - Appalachian Lads & Lassies (Entertainment Tent) (2 Shows)
- 1:00 PM - Youth and Open Rabbit Show (Show/Sale Arena)
- 2:00 PM - Market Rabbit Show (Show/Sale Arena)
- 2:30 PM & 4:30 PM - Lincoln County Cloggers (Entertainment Tent) (2 Shows)
- 3:00 PM - Eggs/Poultry Project Judging (Show/Sale Arena)
- 3:30 PM - Youth and Open Pet Rabbit Show (Rabbit Hutch)
- 4:00 PM - Kid's Kid Goat/Lamb Show (Show/Sale Arena)
- 5:00 PM - Meat Goats Show (Show/Sale Arena)
- 5:30 PM - Putnam Princesses (Entertainment Tent)
- 6:00 PM - BMX/MTX Stunt Show Dialed Action Sports (Motorized Events Complex)
- 6:30 PM - Ewe & Me Show, Market Lambs (Show Arena)
- 7:00 PM - Jake Binegar (Entertainment Tent)
- 8:00 PM - Daily 50/50 Raffle Winner Announced
- 8:30 PM - PhirePhamily Entertainment (Midway Stage)
- 9:00 PM - Market Hog Showmanship Practice (Show Arena)

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A Message from UNION OIL & GAS and TEAVEE OIL & GAS

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3109 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane
Located inside Fruth Pharmacy



Marine Corps League Detachment No. 1474 is always faithful to lead the parade.



There were several church floats which advertised their upcoming VBS.



Marshall Ginn was among the city council members who hid beneath umbrellas.



Mayor Scott Edwards and daughter Peyton and Hurricane 4th of July parades are one.



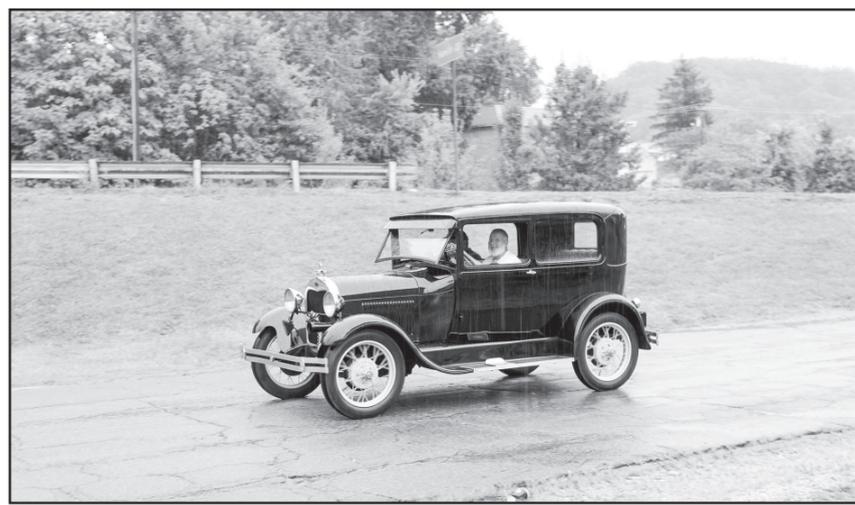
Yuletide in the Park were on parade in Hurricane.



Miss Putnam County Fair advertised the PC Fair July 12 opening.



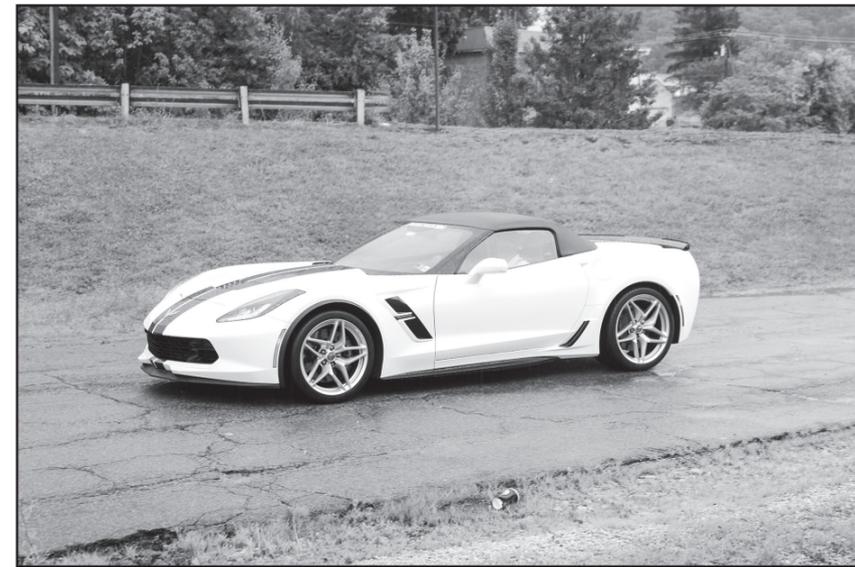
This was one of several vintage tractors to participate.



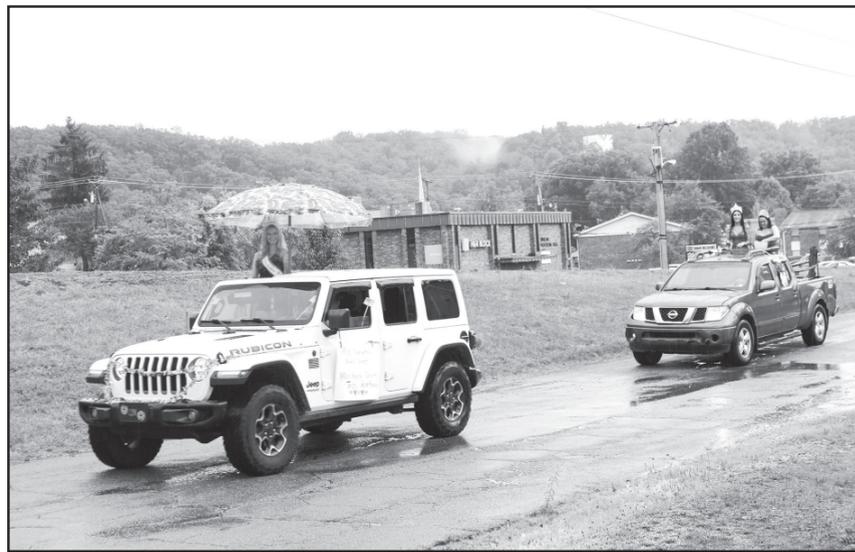
Model T Fords first paraded on the 4th of July one hundred years ago.



Umbrellas were much in need for moist of the parade.



This Corvette led a large convoy of both recent and not so recent 'Vettes.



Miss Charleston Ribfest was among the many beauty queens to participate.



Little Miss WV Coal Festival Caroline Lilly enjoyed the parade.

Buffalo 4th of July Parade Photos



One of several church floats to participate in Buffalo's parade.



The Bison football team made at preseason appearance at the parade.



Midway Church is a regular 4th of July parade participant.



This tractor is a collector's prize on parade.



Horses and more horses delight parade spectators.



One of numerous Firetrucks at Buffalo.



The Buffalo High School Marching Band never misses the Buffalo parade.



Stokes Grocery is a regular at the Buffalo parade.



Golf carts were galore in red, white and blue.



Bicycles were in abundance at the parade.

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ATTEND CHURCH THIS WEEK



Why attend church this week? Isn't it just a time-consuming ritual that has no place in the fast paced, high-tech world of today? God gave us the Sabbath day for our benefit. The peaceful surroundings, opportunity for prayer and meditation, joyful song, lessons, and fellowship with family and friends can leave us strengthened and refreshed. We are ready for a new week and can face the world with the courage of spirit that God grants us. Do yourself a favor and spend time at your house of worship this week and every week!

Daily Bible Readings

Jeremiah						
3:6-18	4:1-4	30:1-11	30:12-24	31:1-14	31:15-22	31:23-40

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BASIC BIBLE

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Esther's Bold Faith

Esther 3:2-3, 5-6a; 4:7-16

The book of Esther is history because it is a record of that which transpired in Esther's day. The book is scripture because God speaks to us through that which He caused to be recorded.

"But Mordecai . . ." (v. 2). Readers of God's word know that Mordecai was a Jew and the relative of Esther. We know that Mordecai reared Esther as his daughter (Esth. 2:7). We also know that Mordecai served as an official in the king's gate (Esth. 2:21).

We know through God's word that Esther, an orphaned Jewish maiden, was elevated from a lowly state to become queen to king Ahasuerus (Esth. 2:17). We are told that Esther became queen before Mordecai entered into service in the king's gate (2:19). All that which is recorded in the first two chapters of Esther serves as a scene setter to the unfolding picture before us.

"But Mordecai bowed not . . ." Every official who served in the king's gate was commanded to reverence Haman and to bow to him. Haman had been placed over all other princes in the kingdom. He was second in power only to king Ahasuerus. Mordecai refused to obey the king's command. Mordecai's reason for not bowing is revealed in verse 4. Mordecai stated that he was a Jew. Mordecai was a member of the tribe of Benjamin by birth (see 2:5). Mordecai's refusal to bow, while provoking Haman, was not intended to provoke. Quite to the contrary, Mordecai feared the Lord. Mordecai feared that his bowing to Haman would provoke the Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

When Haman learned of Mordecai's refusal to bow, he thought it wise to deal with every Jew (v. 6). Every Jew meant every Jew in an empire that stretched from Ethiopia to India. Haman's plan, if successfully implemented, would result in the death of every Jew in the Persian Empire along with the seizure of their property. The property seizure would enrich the treasury of the king and enrich Haman personally. The planned genocide and property seizure never succeeded because God intervened. God had placed Esther into a position by which she might influence king Ahasuerus and move him to reverse the evil that Haman thought to unleash.

A quick review of Esther's life up to this point is in order. She grew up under the direction of Mordecai who served as a substitute father and mentor. She was young virgin and very beautiful to look upon. She obtained grace in the eyes of king Ahasuerus. At the time in which Haman was preparing to implement his plan, Esther was living a life of isolation and unparalleled luxury in the king's palace. She was separated from Mordecai and was unaware of his distress.

Esther's world changed quickly. Mordecai made Haman's plot known to her and instructed her to go before the king and make supplication to the king that he spare her people (v. 8).

Esther balked to go before the king. She made it known to Mordecai (and to us) that going before the king without being summoned was a sentence of death unless the king were to extend his golden scepter to her (v. 11). Esther had good reason to fear that the king would not extend the golden scepter. She and every inhabitant in the kingdom knew that Ahasuerus had deposed the previous queen because she displeased him. Esther knew that appearing before the king was an act which might well displease him. Esther feared to put her life on the line.

Mordecai helped Esther to think clearly. He replied, "Think not . . . that thou shalt escape" (v. 13). Mordecai assured Esther that God would raise up a deliverance for the Jews from a different source if she did not act. Mordecai made it known that she and her father's house would not be part of any alternative plan that God might implement. Mordecai then posed the question: "who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

Mordecai's question might be rephrased to read: "How do you know that God has not placed you in your current position for His purposes?" Esther was placed in her current position by grace and grace alone. Esther knew beyond all doubt that she was the beneficiary of God's grace. The real question which Esther needed to answer was: Do I respond or not respond to the grace which God has extended to me?

Esther's answer is found in the words: "so will I go . . . and if I perish, I perish" (v. 16). Esther did not cast God's grace aside. She trusted the Lord to use her for His purposes.

New Testament believers are, like Esther, the beneficiaries of God's grace. We have been lifted from death unto life by God's unmerited love. We, like Esther, have a choice. Do we respond or not respond to the grace which we have received? New Testament believers are doubly blessed in that the Comforter has come and brought the words of our Lord and Savior into remembrance. The Lord has said: "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (Jn. 14:15).

We know the manner in which we are to respond to His grace. We are to love one another as He loves us (Jn. 13:34). We are to abide in Him that we might bear fruit (Jn. 15:4). Let us do as we have been commanded.



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Obituaries

PANSY LEE BAILEY

Pansy Lee Bailey, 68, of Poca, went home to be with the Lord on July 5, 2024

She was born on July 14, 1955 in Charleston, the daughter of the late Vernon and Della Reed.

Pansy's passion in life was spending as much time as she could with family and crafting.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Tammy Reed; sister, Joann Dawson; and her lifelong best friend, Diane Cole.

Left to cherish Pansy's memories are her husband, Darrell Bailey; daughters, Missy Loudin (Tom) and Mindy Pauley; son, Omar Bailey; granddaughters, Deanna Gibson (Travis), Morgan Lewis (Austin), Cassie Bryant, Lily Loudin, and Megan Carr; grandson, Connor Bailey; ten great-grandchildren who were her life; sister, Kitty Tincher (Kenny); brothers, Kenneth Reed and Terry Reed; along with a host of other relatives and friends.

A Celebration of Pansy's life was held Thursday, July 11, 2024 at Keller Funeral Home, Dunbar.

HELEN RUTH BURNSIDE

Helen Ruth Burnside, of Hometown, passed peacefully in her home surrounded by her loving family on July 6, 2024, at the age of 94. She was born February 9, 1930, in Nitro.

She is preceded in death by her parents Homer (Sr.) and Vada Deal Santrock of Nitro, husband Thomas Gene Burnside, son Thomas David Burnside, daughter Deborah

Lynn Burnside, great-grandson Noah Alexander Burnside, brothers Homer Santrock, Jr, Sandy Santrock, Charles Santrock, and Robert Santrock; sisters Beatrice Wilkinson, Clara Marie Edwards, Isabelle Byrd, Vada Lee Rollins, Jackie Rollins, and Shirley Evans.

Helen is survived by son Roger and Deanna Burnside of Hometown; grandson Randy and Kim Burnside of Winfield; grandson Shane and Jill Burnside of Red House; granddaughter Nicole Cartrette and Ray Eshelman of Conway, S.C.; and great grandchildren Shayna, Kaylee, Braden, Morgan, Kolton, Gillian, and Nora Helen.

Helen retired after 27 years with the United States Postal Service and serving as Postmaster of Hometown. She became the first kidney donor in West Virginia's history when she donated a kidney to her daughter in 1975.

She was a member of Hometown Independent Mission Church where she played piano and sang in the choir. Her hobbies included singing in quartets, reading, shopping, and spending time with her family. She had an adventurous spirit and loved to travel. Throughout her life, it was her love of God and family that filled her spirit most.

A tribute to the life of Helen was held Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Joey Scarberry officiating. Burial was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House.

JOYCE ANN CALL

Joyce Ann (Totten) Call, 87, of Winfield, gained her Heavenly Wings on July 5, 2024 surrounded by her loved ones. Joyce lived a life marked by devotion to her family & friends.

She was born on July 8, 1936 to the late Ernest & Florence Totten in Acme, (Kanawha County).

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her only son, Scott Allen Call; daughter, Annette Pate; grandsons: Jason Todd Pate, Brian Allen Call, & Steven Ryan Call; her fur baby and partner in crime: Joy; and many other loved ones.

Joyce is survived by her caregivers: daughter & son-in-law: Lisa & Jay Dorsey of Winfield; daughters: Sandra Jones (Dee) of Hurricane & Vickie Pauley of Troutman, NC; she also leaves behind her grandchildren: Austin Dorsey (Timothy), Eric Call (Nichole), Stacey Call, Tracey Call, and Marquita Ireland; and many great-grandchildren. In addition, she is also survived by special niece: Brenda White; & special cousin: Don Gallion & his family.

Joyce's presence will be deeply missed by all who knew her and her legacy will live on through the love and kindness she shared.

Funeral service for Joyce was Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane. Burial was in Heavens Gateway Memorial Park.

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DENA LYNN DUNCAN

Dena Lynn Duncan, 54, of Scott Depot, passed away July 4, 2024, at home.

Dena was a graduate of South Charleston High School and the Art Institute in Pittsburgh. She is retired from Kroger in Teays Valley and enjoyed photography, painting, DIY projects, and animals.

She is preceded in death by her parents Thomas and Wanda Ross Duncan and brother Thomas Benjamin Duncan.

Dena is survived by her sister Melissa Duncan of Eleanor; best friend Kimberly Alderman of TN; nieces Cristina Haynes of Eleanor and Emily Duncan of Huntington; and great nephew Braxton Mitchell of Eleanor.

DOUG FACEMYRE, JR.

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of James Douglas Facemyre, Jr., from Nitro.

Doug was born in Charleston on December 16, 1957, and passed on July 4, 2024, from a sudden illness.

He worked for Superior Office Service for approximately 40 years as a salesman.

Doug was a WVU and Cincinnati Reds fan. He loved to hunt and hang out with all of his friends that were extremely close to him over the years. He played golf when he had the chance to. He adored his chicken poops (grandkids) 1, 2, and 3. His blue eyes and smile would light up the room. He loved everybody and everybody loved him. He had a lot of great friends and would give you the shirt off of his back.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents Margret and James D. Facemyre, Sr. and his brother Charles T. Facemyre.

Doug is survived by his last wife Cindy Faceyre and his daughter Kristina Gillispie and her husband David of Winfield. Grandsons Owen James, Waylon David, and granddaughter Adalynn Rose. Sister Tami Faceyre and Dave of Nitro. Nieces Tawnya Faceyre and Lindsay Faceyre of Fraziers Bottom. As well as his Niece, Arionna, and nephews Joel and Jamison.

A Celebration of Life service for Doug was held on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at Cooke Funeral Home, Nitro.

MONIQUE RENEE NUNLEY

Ms. Monique Renee Nunley, 59, of Madison, passed away July 6, 2024, at home.

Monique was born in France on December 16, 1964, to the late Deward Nunley and Sue Westfall Nunley. She is a 1982 graduate of Poca High School and a 1987 graduate of WV State University where she later received her master's degree. Monique retired from Boone County Schools where she served as music educator and band director at Scott High School and finished her career teaching Computer Technology at Madison Middle School. She is the former assistant tennis coach at Scott High School and the former owner of Basement Awards & Engraving in Madison. She enjoyed playing saxophone with the Mel Gillispie Orchestra and with Ringling Brothers Circus and The Temptations while they were in Charleston. Monique had a great impact on her Boone County Community, especially her students. She could always be found helping those in need and being generous with her time and money to help students further their education or help with extracurricular

activities. She loved to travel domestically and internationally and loved caring for her cats.

She is preceded in death by her father Deward and his wife Mary Nunley and her grandparents Earl "Nute" and wife Myrtle Westfall.

Monique is survived by her loving mother, Carol "Sue" Nunley; brother Dennis and his wife Beth Nunley; two nieces Samantha and Hannah Nunley; adopted sister Jo Hendricks; and a host of former students, special friends and family.

A tribute to the life of Monique was held Thursday, July 11, 2024 at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Jim Butcher officiating. Burial was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House.

DR. DEBORAH ANN SPEIDEL

Dr. Deborah Ann Speidel, 72, of Poca, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, June 17, 2024, surrounded by her loving family at Thomas Memorial Hospital, South Charleston.

She was born in Reading, Pennsylvania, to the late Harry Wesner Speidel and Mary Louise Houck Speidel.

Debi graduated from Muhlenberg Twp. HS, Villanova University, and Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania and completed her residency at the Reading Hospital. She was a family practice physician in Florida for Health-First and lived in Cocoa Beach, Merritt Island, and Rockledge. Before going to college and medical school, Debi worked as a beautician, and

she always took care of her appearance and was dressed to the nines. She had a talent for decorating and flower arranging.

She enjoyed traveling, sailing, fishing, listening to music, being at the beach and caring for her many pets over the years. Most of all Debi enjoyed spending time with her friends and family. She loved going to Disney World and doing anything "festive." She was an active and grateful member of a 12 Step Recovery Program where she made many lasting friendships. After moving to WV in 2016, Debi enjoyed activities at the Hometown Senior Center. The family is grateful to Cindy Bright the program director at Hometown, Emily Dickerson her home caregiver, the staff at Thomas Hospital and Pulmonology Associates of Charleston, as well as Debi's church family and her friends.

Surviving are her sister Connie Ivey (Buck), brother Harry W. Speidel, II (Debra), stepbrother Craig Schofer, and her beloved dog Zoe.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, July 12, 2024, at the First Presbyterian Church, St. Albans, with Pastor Mark Boyd officiating.

KEITH SULLIVAN

Emerson "Keith" "Silkey" Sullivan, 83, of Buffalo, passed away Sunday July 7, 2024 at his home following a long illness. He was a 1959 graduate of Buffalo High School and a proud U.S. Army Veteran. Keith served in Korea as a U.S. Army Paratrooper.

Born February 11, 1941 he was the son of the late

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Dale Sullivan and Freda Pritt Sullivan. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved daughter, Mary Beth; sister, Edith Harrison and brother-in-law, Charlie Harrison.

Keith left a message of thank you to those providing care and compassion during his sickness: Charlotte Harrison, Misty and crew from Visiting Angels, V.A. nurses, Carla Waugh and Beth Hughes, life long friends, Paul "Gordy" Garrison and Gary Garrison.

Keith was a good friend to many and be missed by all that knew him.

Funeral service was Thursday, July 11, 2024 at Raynes Funeral Home, Buffalo, with Pastor Bill Severn and Rev. Randy Parsons officiating. Burial with military honors was in Buffalo Memorial Park, Buffalo.

CONNIE LYNN THORNTON
Connie Lynn Thornton, 62, of Hurricane, passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 30, 2024 at Genesis Teays Valley Center. She was a 1981 graduate of Buffalo High School.

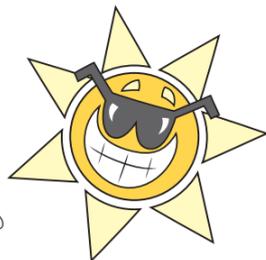
Born July 31, 1961, she was the daughter of the late Alvin and Naomi Bowles of Grimms Landing. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Thornton.

Survivors include her daughters, Rebecca Buck, and Angela (Scott) Alsup; sister, Janet (Mark) Chattin; 10 grandchildren, Wesley, Lucas, Khloe, Isodora, Gavin, Wyatt, Colby, Ethan, Eli, and Ean; and a nephew, Brad Chattin.

There is no service planned for the public at this time.

Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



To All the Todays

By Jeff Burkhart - "Rhyme and Reason"
Submitted by Myra Simmons

The sun awaited me today
and met me when I rose
Today might be mistaken
for all others I suppose

But then a quiet whisper
used my ear to find my head
I heard it say, "Remember why,
you got out of your bed."

So don't mistake a single day
for others that have passed.
Today might be the best you live;
today might be your last.

Today might be the promise
that was meant to be your chance.
So when you hear the music please
Let go... begin to dance!

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Grape Summer Gatherings

Easy recipes to enjoy at warm-weather celebrations

(Family Features) Celebrations abound throughout summer, and if you plan on hosting your nearest and dearest for events large and small, you'll need a tasty, convenient ingredient to elevate your entertaining all summer long. When that one ingredient also serves as a healthy, refreshing snack on its own, it's a win-win.

Delicious, healthy and versatile, Grapes from California can be that special ingredient and pleasing snack. In recipes, grapes deliver sweet-tart flavor and crisp, juicy texture to appetizers, main courses, drinks, desserts and beyond. These recipes show the myriad ways this bite-sized fruit can bring out the best in warm-weather fare: a tasty frozen treat, a chic cocktail and a flavorful Southwestern-inspired salad that each add a special touch to any gathering.

In fact, while grapes complement a wide array of flavors – including sweet, sour, salty, spicy and smoky – that make them easy to use in recipes and serve alongside other foods, they're also an ideal snack to serve by themselves. Grapes are inherently cool and refreshing, easily shareable and satisfying to eat.

Take your summer entertaining to new heights with additional recipe inspiration at GrapesFromCalifornia.com.

Southwest Charred Corn Salad with Grapes

Yield: 4 servings (6 cups)

- 2 large ears yellow corn on the cob, shucked
- 1/2 English cucumber, peeled, halved lengthwise and thinly sliced crosswise
- 1 cup large green and red Grapes from California, halved
- 1 cup canned black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1/2 small red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon fresh jalapeno, minced
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 4 teaspoons cider vinegar
- 3/4 teaspoon cumin powder
- 1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 1 avocado, diced 1/2 inch
- 1 ounce cotija cheese, crumbled
- freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 3 tablespoons fresh cilantro leaves

Over open flame on stove, directly under broiler or on grill, char corn, turning with tongs as needed, until roasted all around, about 3 minutes. Set aside to cool.

In medium mixing bowl, combine cucumber, grapes, black beans, onion, jalapeno, olive oil, vinegar, cumin and salt; toss well.

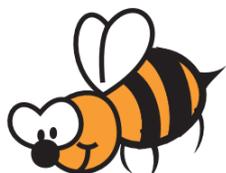
Working with sharp knife in wide, shallow bowl or pie pan, cut corn from cobs. Stand ear of corn upright in bowl and cut from middle downward, rotating to cut down 4-5 times. Invert cob and repeat. Repeat with remaining cobs.

Add corn, avocado and cheese to bowl with grape-black bean mixture. Sprinkle with pepper, to taste, and top with cilantro; toss well.

Nutritional information per serving: 200 calories; 5 g protein; 24 g carbohydrates; 11 g fat (50% calories from fat); 2 g saturated fat (9% calories from saturated fat); 0 mg cholesterol; 160 mg sodium; 4 g fiber.

Jokes From Linda

Submitted by Linda Lavender Armstead



A farmer in Texas sent a 25 pound watermelon to a friend who had just moved to Alaska. "Just thought you'd like to see a sample of the cucumber crop this year."

His friend got a chuckle with that, so he sent his friend in Texas, a 10-pound cabbage with a note attached, "Thanks for the cucumber. Here is a Brussels sprout from my garden."

A flight attendant asked, "Would you like some dinner?"

Braeden said, "What are my choices?"

She replied, "Yes or no."

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

The best of saints may be tempted to the worst of sins.

May life treat you the way you treat animals.

Some people are poor, but rich by heart.

Discipline is the strongest form of self-love.

People lie; actions don't.

Peace begins with a smile.

Time doesn't run; it flies.

Retirement is wonderful. It's doing nothing without worrying about getting caught.

Fall in love with someone who deserves your heart, not someone who plays with it.

If you hear me say, "I put it in a really safe place," just know you'll never see "it" again.

How many tomorrows would have been lost if nobody had stepped forward to do something about it yesterday?

I've been very fortunate to find good people in my life, and when you find good people, you got to hold onto them real tight.

The older I get, the more I'm starting to accept that being tired is just a part of my personality now.

One must live as if it would be forever, and as if one might die each moment. Always both at once.

Life is so much more simpler when you stop explaining yourself to people and just do what works for you.

Build someone up. Put their insecurities to sleep. Remind them they're worthy. Tell them they're magical. Be a light in a too often dim world.

Social media has made us so eager to show and tell, but there is beauty in privacy. Everything isn't meant to be on display. It's perfectly fine to keep some things for you.

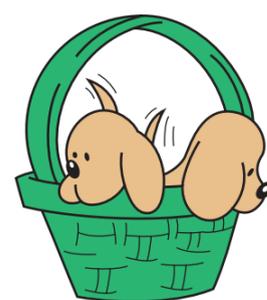
Life is like a camera. Just focus on what's important, capture the good times, develop from the negatives, and if things don't work out, just take another shot.

God canceled your plans to save your life. He sent you in another direction to avoid the danger. He fights battles you know nothing about.

Never forget, nothing is more powerful than prayer, nothing is stronger than faith, and nothing is greater than God.

While it looks like things are out of control behind-the-scenes, there is a God who has not surrendered authority.

Isn't it nice to think that tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it yet?



I didn't get old by choice. It just happened. If you're lucky, it will happen to you, too.

There are some who bring a light to the world that even after they are gone the light remains.

I have a friend that will never give up on me who will always be by my side! His name is God.

Most snakes crawl on the ground, but there are some snakes that walk upright and speak English.

Nothing you can teach your children is more important than the love you can give them.

Surround yourself with people who fight for you in rooms you're not in.

If you're lucky, a doggie will come into your life and change everything.

Sweet friendships refresh the soul and awaken our hearts with joy.

God saved you not just for heaven, but for success here and now.

Not everything that weighs you down, is yours to carry.

A friend is what the heart needs all the time.

Your speed doesn't matter; forward is forward.

You're never too old to dream a new dream.

Time is not refundable. Use it wisely.

The hardest part of losing a doggie you love isn't having to say goodbye. It's the way your entire world changes without them and emptiness that's left in your heart when they go.

Parents: spend less time removing the mountains in your child's life, and spend more time teaching them how to climb. You won't always be there; the mountains will.

You came here from there because you didn't like it there, and now you want to change here to be like there. You are welcome here, only don't try to make here like there. If you want to make here like there, you shouldn't have left there in the first place.

Politics is the only profession where you can lie, cheat, and steal and still be respected. - Mark Twain

At the rate we're going, they're going to cancel shampoo so bald people don't get offended.

Our prime purpose in this life is to help others.

And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them.

The government ought to lower our taxes if they aren't going to do anything good with the money.

I didn't just raise kids; I raised the type of people I am proud to spend time with as adults.

If you run behind the car you'll be exhausted. But, if you run in front of a car, you'll get tired.

It's never too late to be a better you.

Don't forget to see the beauty that surrounds you.

Happy thoughts are the building blocks of a happy life.

You may have many best friends, but your doggie has only one.

Keep your eyes on the stars, your feet on the ground. - Theodore Roosevelt

Over half a million orange barrels used for highway construction zones are produced each year.

Having a doggie is a privilege, not a right. Some people don't deserve to have a doggie.

It's crazy how no one in this world is perfect, yet most everyone is judgmental.

The cross of Jesus Christ is the bridge over to eternal life.

Be happy for others. There's room for all to be successful.

What this country needs is more unemployed politicians.

The beginning of repentance is the confession of guilt.

Smiling is an invitation for others to smile back.

Each new day is like starting a new book.

Old isn't easy to be.

I'm tired. It took me all day to get nothing done.

Change is a door that can only be opened from the inside.

Nobody can hurt a parent's feelings like their own child.

People change so fast, yesterday they cared, today they don't.

Why be mean to animals when they treat you better than humans?

Bible Verse



Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!

Psalm 31:2

Putnam County Fair Schedule

MONDAY, JULY 15TH

4:00 PM – 11 PM – Alford E Gator and his Tiny Swamp House (Strolling the grounds)
 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 9:00 PM – Disc-Connected K9s
 6:00 PM – Demolition Derby Registration
 6:30 PM – 10:30 PM – Gambill Amusement Carnival Open
 6:30 PM – Kids Pedal Power Tractor Pull (Fairway)
 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM – Karaoke (Entertainment Tent)
 8:00 PM – Market Hog Show (Show/Sale Arena)
 8:00 PM – Demolition Derby (Motorized Events Complex)
 8:00 PM – Daily 50/50 Winner Announced
 8:30 PM – PhirePhamily Entertainment (Midway Stage)

TUESDAY, JULY 16TH

9:00 AM – Market Hog Showmanship (Show/Sale Arena)
 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Exhibit Hall Open
 4:00 PM – 11 PM – Alford E Gator and his Tiny Swamp House (Strolling the grounds)
 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 9:00 PM – Disc-Connected K9s
 6:30 PM – 10:30 PM – Gambill Amusement Carnival Open
 6:30 PM – Kids Pedal Power Tractor Pull (Fairway)
 6:30 PM – Market Steer Show (Show/Sale Arena)
 7:00 PM – Wrestling (Entertainment Tent)
 7:30 PM – SEBRA Bulls and Barrels Rodeo (Motorized Events Complex)

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NOTICE TO LANDOWNER

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a complaint has been received by the Putnam County Office of Planning and Infrastructure that that certain structure existing at 173 Thompson Road, Culloden, West Virginia 25510, with the legal description and ownership as reflected by the current year's tax records as: Turner, Franklin D et ux, Lot 10 Sec 3, Bryn Mawr Add to S Hills, Curry District, Map 240B, Parcel ID: 001100000000, is DILAPIDATED and has become harmful to the health, benefit and welfare of the general public and the community. The landowner shall contact the Putnam County Office of Planning and Infrastructure, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield WV 25213, (304) 586-0237, regarding this complaint within 30 days and provide a plan and timeline to remedy the matter and clear the property of all hazards. If no contact is received within 30 days, further action will be taken, which could consist of forwarding a formal complaint to the Putnam County Commission regarding the hazardous conditions on the property. The County Commission could in turn elect: 1) to issue a fine of \$100.00 per day as long as the hazardous conditions remain on the property; and/or 2) contract to have the hazardous conditions removed and seek reimbursement by civil litigation for all monies expended in cleaning up the property, which can include a lien on the property for the cost of the cleanup. A copy of the inspection conducted can be obtained at the Putnam County Office of Planning and Infrastructure.

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NOTICE TO REDEEM

2022-C-000344 - Putnam County To: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, WV STATE TAX DEPT, CITY OF HURRICANE, OCCUPANT, FREDDY NAZIER ALI, FREDDY NAZIER ALI, or heirs at law, devisees, creditors, representatives, successors, assigns, all known heirs, guardians, conservators, fiduciaries, administrators, lienholders, co-owners, other parties having an undivided interest in the delinquent property, and other parties that may have an interest in the subject property.

DISTRICT SCOTT MAP 223G PARCEL 0012 0000 0000

You will take notice that NO BOUNDARY LLC, the purchaser of the following real estate, **Cert. NO. 2022-C-000344**, located in SCOTT District, LOT 24 MARINA PARK, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of MITCHELL MILLARD, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of PUTNAM County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on April 19, 2023. NO BOUNDARY LLC, requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after September 1, 2024, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before August 31, 2024 will be as follows:

Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2021 - 24205.	\$224.52
Back tax tickets, with interest, and charges due on the date of certification for ticket number \$0.00	
Subsequent of taxes paid on the property, with interest to for tax year 2022-18513	\$148.46
Additional taxes with interest. \$0.00	
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest.	\$199.35
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest.	\$731.57
Additional Statutory Fees with interest.	\$203.35
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check.	\$1,507.25

You may redeem at any time before August 31, 2024, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Given under my hand June 27, 2024
 G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
 G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
 Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of PUTNAM County, State of West Virginia
Please return this letter and payment to the West Virginia State Auditor's Office, County Collections Division 1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Building 1, Room W-114, Charleston, West Virginia, 25305. Questions please call 1-888-509-6568

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in him by that certain Deed of Trust, dated May 23, 2008, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Document No. 002473480013, in Book No. 874, at Page 751, William Ray Carte and Carol Ann Carte did convey unto Thomas H. Gilpin, Trustee(s), certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Seneca Trustees, Inc., as Substitute Trustee; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse in Winfield, West Virginia, on

August 13, 2024 at 12:30 PM

the following described real estate, together with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in 06 - Hurricane Town District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

Tax ID: 6-5-226
 ALL OF THAT CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND, TOGETHER WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND THE APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING, SITUATE IN THE TOWN OF HURRICANE, TEAYS VALLEY DISTRICT, PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, AND BEING LOT NO. 38 OF MEADOWBROOK ESTATES, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON A MAP REVISED MARCH 10, 1965, ENTITLED MEADOWBROOK ESTATES HURRICANE, W. VA. SCALE: 1 INCH EQUALS 20 FEET FEBRUARY 1, 1964 HOME CONSTRUCTION CORP. HURRICANE, W. VA., MADE BY D. T. TAYLOR R.P.E. 2714, WHICH MAP WAS RECORDED IN THE OFFICES OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, ON APRIL 20, 1965, IN MAP BOOK 1, PAGE 82 D AND 82 E, REFERENCE TO WHICH MAP IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF SAID REAL ESTATE. TAX ID: 6-5-226.

This conveyance is made subject to all of the restrictive covenants and easements shown and contained on the map aforesaid to have the same force and effect as if expressly reserved or copied herein in full, and a reference is made thereto for all pertinent purposes.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have an address of: 434 Brook Cir, Hurricane, WV 25526-1201.

The referenced real estate will be conveyed with no covenants of warranty, and subject to all covenants, restrictions, easements, rights of way and reservations which may be a matter of record in the aforesaid Clerk's Office or visible upon the ground, all prior liens and encumbrances, including, without limitation, liens for real estate taxes, incinerator, sanitary and sewer charges. The purchasers at the sale shall be responsible for paying the recording costs and also the tax on the privilege of transferring real property (the cost of the tax stamp to be affixed to the deed). The purchasers shall be responsible for payment of all real estate taxes.

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

TERMS: \$6000.00 in cash and/or certified funds as deposit at the time of sale with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

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

Pursuant to the Deed of Trust, the Trustee may postpone the sale by public announcement at the time and place designated or by posting a notice of the same, and act by agent in the execution of the sale. The parties executed by the Deed of Trust reserve the right to purchase the property at this sale.

SENECA TRUSTEES, INC.
 5000 Coombs Farm Drive, Suite 104 Morgantown, WV 26508
 (304) 413-0044
 (304) 292-2918
 Toll free: (888) 534-3132
 Reference File No. 81880

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8:00 PM – Daily 50/50 Winner Announced
 8:30PM – George Birge (Amphitheater)
 8:30 PM – PhirePhamily Entertainment (Midway Stage)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17TH

4:00 PM – 11 PM – Alford E Gator and his Tiny Swamp House (Strolling the grounds)
 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 9:00 PM – Disc-Connected K9s
 6:00 PM – Kids Kar Extravaganza (Motorized Track Complex)
 6:30 PM – 10:30 PM – Gambill Amusement Carnival Open
 6:30 PM – Heifer Show; Feeder Calves Show (Show Arena)
 7:00 PM – Wrestling (Entertainment Tent)
 8:00 PM – Daily 50/50 Winner Announced
 8:30 PM – PhirePhamily Entertainment (Midway Stage)
 9:00 PM – Master Showmanship Practice (Show/Sale arena)

THURSDAY, JULY 18TH

4:00 PM – 11 PM – Alford E Gator and his Tiny Swamp House (Strolling the grounds)
 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 9:00 PM – Disc-Connected K9s
 6:00 PM – Jr. & Sr. Master Showmanship Jr., Old Timers Show will follow (Show/Sale Arena)
 6:00 PM – Lawn Mower Registration
 6:30 PM – 10:30 PM – Gambill Amusement Carnival Open
 6:30 PM – Kids Pedal Power Tractor Pull (Fairway)
 6:00PM – Brothers of Faith Gospel Bluegrass (Entertainment Tent)
 8:00 PM – Lawn Mower Races (Motorized Events Complex)
 8:00 PM – Daily 50/50 Winner Announced
 8:30 PM – PhirePhamily Entertainment (Midway Stage)

FRIDAY, JULY 19TH

5:00 PM – Putnam County Fair Annual Livestock Auction (Show/Sale Arena) (Registration at 4:00 PM)
 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 9:00 PM – Disc-Connected K9s
 6:30 PM – 11:00 PM – Gambill Amusement Carnival Open
 6:30 PM – Kids Pedal Power Tractor Pull (Fairway)
 7:00 PM – Hair Supply (Entertainment Tent)
 8:00 PM – Motocross Races -Bikes and Quads (Motorized

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M.C. Tariff Form No. 8-A

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION WITHOUT PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATES
 NOTICE is hereby given that RGL, Inc., dba Mountain State Waste, a motor carrier and public utility, has, on June 21, 2024, filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA an application containing increased rates and charges for furnishing solid waste service to customers in the Counties of Braxton, Boone, Gilmer, Harrison, Kanawha, Lincoln, Lewis, Logan, Mason, Monongalia, Putnam, Randolph, Ritchie, Taylor, Upshur, Wayne, and Wetzel.

The proposed emergency interim increased rates and charges will produce approximately \$1,088,752.00 annually in additional revenue, an increase of 4.40%. The carrier's present authorized rates and its proposed emergency rates are as follows:

PRESENT AUTHORIZED RATES	PROPOSED INTERIM RATES
<u>MC. Certificate Nos. F-455, F-5076, F-5855, and F-6219 serving Braxton, Gilmer, Harrison, Lewis, Randolph, Ritchie, and Upshur Counties</u>	
Residential: \$30.75	\$30.75
Commercial/Industrial: negotiable	4.40% increase
<u>MC Certificate No. F-4691 serving Putnam and Mason Counties</u>	
Residential: \$25.52	\$26.64
Commercial/Industrial: negotiable	4.40% increase
<u>MC Certificate No. 5639 serving Monongalia County</u>	
Residential: \$20.89	\$21.81
Commercial/Industrial: negotiable	4.41% increase
<u>MC. Certificate No. F-5784 serving Kanawha County</u>	
Residential: \$21.41	\$22.35
Commercial/Industrial: negotiable	4.40% increase
<u>MC. Certificate No. F-5940 serving Taylor County</u>	
Residential: \$26.50	\$27.67
Commercial/Industrial: negotiable	4.40% increase
<u>MC. Certificate No. F-5943 serving Boone, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, and Wayne Counties</u>	
Residential (Republic): \$29.26	\$29.58
Residential (Dalton): \$29.58	\$29.58
Commercial/Industrial: negotiable	4.40% increase
<u>MC Certificate No. F-7345 and F-7393 serving Monongalia and Wetzel Counties</u>	
Residential: \$30.75	\$30.75
95-Gallon Cart Rental Charge (all certificates)	
\$3.66	\$4.00
Extra Bag Charge (all certificates)	
\$1.00	\$2.00

The proposed final increased rates and charges will produce approximately \$2,026,965.00 annually in additional revenue, an increase of 8.10%. The carrier's present authorized rates and its proposed final rates are as follows:

PRESENT AUTHORIZED RATES	PROPOSED FINAL RATES
<u>MC. Certificate Nos. F-455, F-5076, F-5855, and F-6219 serving Braxton, Gilmer, Harrison, Lewis, Randolph, Ritchie, and Upshur Counties</u>	
Residential: \$30.75	\$30.20
Commercial/Industrial: negotiable	9.21% increase
<u>MC Certificate No. F-4691 serving Putnam and Mason Counties</u>	
Residential: \$25.52	\$30.20
Commercial/Industrial: negotiable	9.21% increase
<u>MC Certificate No. 5639 serving Monongalia County</u>	
Residential: \$20.89	\$30.20
Commercial/Industrial: negotiable	9.21% increase
<u>MC. Certificate No. F-5784 serving Kanawha County</u>	
Residential: \$21.41	\$30.20
Commercial/Industrial: negotiable	9.21% increase
<u>MC. Certificate No. F-5940 serving Taylor County</u>	
Residential: \$26.50	\$30.20
Commercial/Industrial: negotiable	9.21% increase
<u>MC. Certificate No. F-5943 serving Boone, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, and Wayne Counties</u>	
Residential (Republic): \$25.26	\$30.20
Residential (Dalton): \$29.58	\$30.20
Commercial/Industrial: negotiable	9.21% increase
<u>MC Certificate No. F-7345 and F-7393 serving Monongalia and Wetzel Counties</u>	
Residential: \$30.75	\$30.20
Commercial/Industrial: negotiable	9.21% increase
<u>95-Gallon Cart Rental Charge (all certificates)</u>	
\$3.66	\$4.00
<u>Restart Fee (all certificates)</u>	
\$5.00	\$10.00
<u>Extra Bag Charge (all certificates)</u>	
\$1.00	\$2.00

Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than stated here. The requested rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to approval, denial, or modification (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this application. Any increase in rates will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Commission. (If a hearing is scheduled, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

Anyone desiring to protest this proposed change in rates or to intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention prior to August 15, 2024, unless the Commission, by order, specifies a different date. Failure to file a timely protest or notice of intervention may affect your rights to protest any rate increases and to participate in future proceedings in this case. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rule on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All protests and notices of intervention should be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P. O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

A complete copy of the carrier's present authorized rates and of its proposed rates, as well as a representative of the carrier to provide any information requested concerning the proposed changes, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at any of the following offices of the carrier:

7501 US Hwy 19N, Jane Lew, WV
 2640 Yates Crossing Rd, Ona, WV
 1647 McLane Pike, Red House, WV

A copy of the carrier's present authorized rates and of its proposed rates is also available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

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Events Complex) (Registration 4-6:30 PM) (Practice at 7:00 PM)

8:00 PM – The Chase (Amphitheater)
 8:00 PM – Daily 50/50 Winner Announced
 8:30 PM – PhirePhamily Entertainment (Midway Stage)

SATURDAY, JULY 20TH

8:00 AM – Track Gate Opens
 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM 4-Wheel Drive Mud Run Registration (Motorized Events Complex)
 10:00 AM – Fair Opens
 12:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Exhibit Hall Open
 12:00 PM – Hot Dog Eating Contest (Entertainment Tent)
 12:30 PM, 3:30 PM, 6:30 PM – Disc-Connected K9s
 1:00 PM – 11:00 PM – Gambill Amusement Carnival Open (Closed from 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM for dinner)
 1:00 PM – 4-Wheel Drive Mud Run (Motorized Events Complex)
 2:00 PM – Red Rock Revival and Satari (Entertainment Tent)
 4:00 PM – Chasity Dye (Entertainment Tent)
 6:00 PM – Comedy Show (Entertainment Tent)
 6:30 PM – Kids Pedal Power Tractor Pull Championship (Must have qualified to participate) (Show/Sale Arena)
 8:00 PM – Vacation Raffle & Daily 50/50 Winner Announced
 8:30 PM – Dylan Schneider (Amphitheater)
 9:30 PM – 11:30 PM – Exhibit Hall projects released.
 10:00 PM – FIREWORKS Sponsored by Putnam County Bank
 11:30 PM – 2024 Fair Closes

SUNDAY, JULY 21ST

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM – Exhibits MUST be removed from the Exhibit Hall

Obituaries

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ARLENE SUE WATKINS

Arlene Sue Watkins, 87, of Poca, passed away July 2, 2024, at home.

Arlene was born June 10, 1937, to the late Lula and Harry Lett. She is also preceded in death by her husband Paul H. Watkins; granddaughter Charlotte "Noel" Wooten; aunt Ada Marie (Arthur) Terry and great aunt Ethel Perry.

She is survived by her sons Andre (Jeffrey Konzen)

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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.:	5667
Estate Of:	Beulah Faye Cartwright
Executor:	Raphl A Hutchinson 2036 Saunders Creek Road Milton, WV 25541
Estate No.:	5746
Estate Of:	Phyllis C Delaney
Executrix:	Carolyn Y Hart 5682 North Poplar Fork Rd Winfield, WV 25213
Estate No.:	5747
Estate Of:	John Roscoe Edwards
Executrix:	Lynn J Edwards 1650 Lady Slipper Circle Orlando, FL 32825
Estate No.:	5759
Estate Of:	Nellejane Marie Haverland
Administrator:	Chris Haverland 315 Belvue Drive Hurricane, WV 25526
Estate No.:	5741
Estate Of:	Paul Edward Milhorn
Administratrix:	Patricia D Milhorn 166 Sycamore Lane Hurricane, WV 25526
Estate No.:	5762
Estate Of:	Madeline H Miller
Executor:	James E Kidd, Jr. 63 Rockcrest Drive South Charleston, WV 25309
Estate No.:	5663
Estate Of:	Paul Gaudalupe Rojas
Administrator:	Erika Vance 505 Washington Ave Nitro, WV 25143

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 July 4, 2024; or, if not, to exhibit the same at the office of the undersigned Fiduciary Supervisor at the address shown below by said date; otherwise any or all such claims may by law be excluded from all benefits of said estate(s). No claims against the estate shall be accepted by the fiduciary supervisor after said date. All beneficiaries of said estate(s) may appear either before the above-named fiduciary by the date first shown above, or thereafter before the undersigned fiduciary supervisor by the date last shown above to examine said claims and otherwise protect their respective interests.

All persons seeking to impeach or establish a will must file a complaint pursuant to W. Va. Code. Any person objecting to the representative's qualifications, venue or jurisdiction must file a complaint within 60 days of July 4, 2024.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 26th day of June 2024.

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

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Watkins and Kerry(Connie) Smith; grandchildren Roy (Kathy) Smith and Kerry Smith, Jr; and great grandchildren Abigail, Bobby, Sabrina, James Issac, Kiera, Carmen, and Beatrice.

Arlene was a member of Poca United Methodist Church where she was very active in the ladies ministry. She enjoyed writing, reading, and working puzzles.

A joint service for Paul and Arlene was held Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Pete Thompson officiating. Burial was in Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens, Cross Lanes.

ELIZABETH 'BETTY' WHITELEY

Elizabeth Jane Whiteley, known affectionately as Betty, passed away unexpectedly on June 29, 2024, in Scott Depot, at the age of 74. She was born on August 21, 1949, in Charleston, to parents Sally Neal and James Davis.

Betty graduated from Charleston High School and embarked on a diverse career path. She worked in various professions, including farming and truck driving for an oil company. However, her true calling was in real estate, where she dedicated many years as a passionate agent, helping numerous families find their homes.

Betty had a creative spirit, evident in her hobbies which included playing the piano and crafting with ceramics, dried flowers, and quilting. Her love for animals was unmatched, caring deeply for all creatures, big and small, including her beloved dogs, Happy and Candy. Betty will be remembered for her vibrant personality, her strong will, and her unwavering dedication to her family and friends.

Betty's family was the cornerstone of her life. She is survived by her sister, Jackie Davis Jennings (Steve) and their daughters, Becky, Bethany, and Brittany of North Carolina; her daughter, Susie Sanders of Poca; sons, Tim Dorsey (Tina) of Charleston, and Travis Dorsey of Cincinnati, Ohio. She was a cherished grandmother to Alicia Sanders, Breanna Sovine, and Zachary Sanders, and a great-grandmother to Tyler Stroble, Meeia Beatty, Amayleah Sovine, Anthony Sovine, and Adrian Ballou. Betty was preceded in death by her mother and father, brother James Davis II, and her husband, John Whiteley.

Service honoring Betty's life was held at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home in Poca on Saturday, July 6, 2024.

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JOHN HENRY CARPENTER Turkey Creek Road Hurricane 57th Birthday July 3	1913 Rear Little Rudge Creek Barboursville 71st Birthday July 14
GERI DILLON LAPELLE Huntington 41st Birthday July 12	JACKIE LEE ROSE SR 2662 2nd Street Hurricane 78th Birthday July 14
BETTY BIAS 230 Railroad Avenue Branchland 80th Birthday July 12	JEFFREY KING North Carolina 53rd Birthday July 14
LARRY PARSONS Georgia 77th Birthday July 12	GREG BIRD 638 Sleepy Hollow Road Hurricane 54th Birthday July 14
GARY EGGLETON 15 Barbara Circle Scott Depot 75th Birthday July 12	TITUS AARON ASHWORTH 4714 5&20 Mile Road Frazier's Bottom 9th Birthday July 14
TIM MESSINGER 340 Fall Creek Branchland 57th Birthday July 12	COOKIE LEADMON 2017 Trace Creek Road Hurricane 18th Birthday July 15
CHARLENE ARMSTEAD 1047 Charlie's Creek Road Culloden 51st Birthday July 13	GAVIN DUNCAN St. Albans 17th Birthday July 15
DAVID CORNELL Route 2, Box 120-A Milton Birthday July 13	BEVERLY LEMLEY 1307 3rd Street Milton 66th Birthday July 15
NORMAN PAUL SPENCE Box 35 Bias Fork Road West Hamlin 35th Birthday July 13	CHELSEA PAULEY MANNON 122 Countryside Estates Scott Depot 36th Birthday July 15
GARY SMITH JR 19 Washington Hill Road Hurricane 56th Birthday July 13	D W "PEACHY" ARTHUR 1355 Hereford Road Hurricane Birthday July 15
DANNY MOORE Winfield 46th Birthday July 13	PATTY MILBEE SHIRKEY Flatwoods, Kentucky 75th Birthday July 16
TERRY WELLS 575 Deerfield Drive Winfield 77th Birthday July 14	MASON MASSEY Sterling Drive Hurricane 3rd Birthday July 16
SHIRLEY HENSON KIDD Columbus, Ohio 84th Birthday July 14	KENNETH ROOPER 390 Teays Lane
CONNIE WILLIAMS	

Putnam Democrat Club to Meet

The Putnam Democrat Club meets on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level municipal room of the Eleanor Fire station. The address for the Eleanor Fire Station is 600 Roosevelt Blvd., Eleanor.

The next meeting will be held on July 15.

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 July 12 at 7 p.m.

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

The featured group this month will be the Inheritance Quartet from Kenna.

Additional singers will include Brother Keith Skiles from Charleston. There will also be a group from Red House WV called Family Ties Trio. 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.

Hurricane
79th Birthday July 16

EDDIE RUSHBROOK
Scott Depot
74th Birthday July 16

HANNAH HAGE CHILDERS
Candlewyck
Hurricane
40th Birthday July 16

SHIRLEY SHEPPARD
1733 2nd Street
Milton
69th Birthday July 17

SUMMER DAWN PAYNE-BOLTON
Milton
24th Birthday July 17

GORDON LEGG
2844 Virginia Avenue
Hurricane
Birthday July 17

ANNETTE DAVIS LUNSFORD
1110 Church Street
Milton
88th Birthday July 17

ZIGGY SHEETS
Culloden
3rd Birthday July 17

LAURA PONZIO
Denver, Colorado
Birthday July 18

TROY BIRD
Culloden
42nd Birthday July 18

HUNTER SCOTT BREWER
4041 Hurricane Creek
Road
Hurricane
10th Birthday July 18

PAM ALFORD
125 Cline Avenue
Hurricane
67th Birthday July 18

ALEC DRENNAN
Winfield
16th Birthday July 18

JULIE REEVES DAVIS
Russell, Kentucky
50th Birthday July 18

Batman at the Library

Holy library cards! The Caped Crusader is taking a vacation from Gotham City to visit his friends at the Hurricane Branch Library. Meet the Dark Knight and hear his inspiring story of courage on Tuesday, July 16 at 10 a.m.

The library parking lot will be reserved for Batmobiles only, so please park legally nearby. One option would be the Hurricane Middle School parking lot next door.

Blood Drive in Hurricane

Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, 2848 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane, will be holding an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, July 19, from noon —5:00 p.m.

Call 1-800-733-2767, or visit redcrossblood.org and enter "hurricanecom" to schedule an appointment. The need for donations is great. Would you like to volunteer at this event, or do you have questions? Contact Jo Bess (304-545-0096).

Happy Anniversary

Edward (Buddy) and Gayle Chapman of 5201 5&20 Road in Frazier's Bottom will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on July 12.

Danny and Sue Hudnall of 78 Chapman Drive in Milton will celebrate their wedding anniversary on July 12.

Greg and Angela Sovine Bird of 193 SW Atlas Drive in Fort White, Florida, will celebrate their thirty-fourth wedding anniversary on July 13.

Mitchell and Jennifer Day Farrar of 574 Fairwood Road in Huntington will celebrate their thirty-fourth wedding anniversary on July 14.

Darren Rodney and Lora Vance of 4217 Lon Bledsoe Road in Milton will celebrate their fourteenth wedding anniversary on July 14.

Rev. John and Elaine Hathaway of 1360 Hillview Drive in Milton will celebrate their wedding anniversary on July 15.

Michael and Angel Qualls Willis of Yates Crossing in Milton will celebrate their eighteenth wedding anniversary on July 15.

Dan and Kathy Burdette Cornell of Key West, Florida, will celebrate their twenty-eighth wedding anniversary on July 15.

David and Melissa Koontz Erwin of Hurricane will celebrate their thirty-second wedding anniversary on July 17.

Paul and Diane Bailey of Charleston will celebrate their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary on July 18.

Danny and Tammy Bock of 120 Teays Meadows in Scott Depot will celebrate their twenty-sixth wedding anniversary on July 18.

Harold and Sue Bennett of 2916 Washington Avenue in Hurricane will celebrate their forty-ninth wedding anniversary on July 18.

Hurricane's Dakota Thomas Will Receive Soap Box Derby Youth Volunteer Service Award



Dakota Thomas Derby races in West Virginia for 13 years. She has won all three local divisions—Stock, Super Stock and Masters—in the Kanawha Valley Soap Box Derby and represented the race multiple times as a Rally champ. She will race in the Masters Really competition at the 86th FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby later this month. When the Kanawha Valley Soap Box Derby dissolved in April 2023, Dakota immediately went to work to continue the Soap Box Derby tradition in West Virginia. With the support of South Charleston city officials and the business community, she established the South Charleston Soap Box Derby organization in 2023 and began staging local and rally races. Dakotta serves as race director.

Dakota is a graduate of Hurricane High School and is a junior at Salem (West Virginia) University, where she is studying business administration. Other honorees are Jacob Leonard of Owensboro, Kentucky, and Jillian Moore of Shalersville, Ohio.

The President's Youth Volunteer Service Awards will be presented during festivities at the 86th FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby world championships in Akron on Saturday, July 20.

Thomas, 20, has competed in Soap Box

Putnam County Library Storytimes

The Putnam County Main Library will be holding a special sensory-friendly story time on Saturday, July 13, at 10 a.m. The library strives to make this once-a-month story time a pleasant and inclusive experience for all, with less music and noise and a more self-led and sensory-aware environment. But be sure, there will be lots of fun with rhymes, toys, and more! See you at the Main Library for Inclusive Story Time!

Putnam Libraries Story Time Schedule For July
Wednesdays at 10 a.m.:
Story Time at Valley Park in Hurricane

Thursdays at 6 p.m.:
Story Time at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley

Story Time is primarily for children ages 1-4, but all kids are welcome, even itty bitty babies! There are more activities than just stories, including fun songs, finger rhymes, flannel boards, games, and more. The Putnam County Library really hope you'll make Story Time with them a regular part of your week.

For more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/putnamlibrarywv> or <https://putnam.lib.wv.us>



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