

The Hurricane Breeze

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Putnam Schools Student Assessments Are Tops Statewide

By Ron Allen

The West Virginia Department of Education released the 2024 student assessment results for all schools on Wednesday, August 14th. Statewide, there were slight gains in overall proficiency with increases over last year's numbers in English language arts (ELA) (44% to 45%) and math (35% to 36%). Science proficiency remained unchanged at 29%. Early learners made the most significant gains in reading. The report showed progress in ELA with a 6% gain in third grade proficiency, and a 7% decrease in those who did not meet the standard compared to last year's assessment.

The DOE website reported proficiencies in Math, Reading, and Science for every county. Putnam schools were Number One in Math and Reading, and third in Science. Putnam exceeded statewide proficiencies in Math, 55% to 36%; Reading, 61% to 45%; and Science, 41% to 29%. Putnam's Science proficiency of 41% was exceeded by Ohio County with 47% and Monongalia County with 43% proficiencies. Putnam registered the highest overall proficiencies in Math, Reading and Science with an average proficiency of 52.3%. Ohio County was second with a 51.7% average

and Monongalia was third with a 50.1% average.

Student assessments for individual schools within Putnam varied widely. West Teays Elementary registered the highest proficiencies among the county's elementary schools with 81.6% best in Math, 82.1% best in Reading, and 56.4% third best in Science. Lakeside Elementary registered a county-wide best 60.9% proficiency in Science. Scott Teays Elementary was second in Science with a 58.8% proficiency.

Winfield and Hurricane registered the best middle school proficiencies in Math and Reading and the poorest in Science. Winfield was highest in Math with a 60% to Hurricane's 55%. Hurricane Middle topped Winfield by a 61.4% to 61.0% margin in Reading proficiency. Pocahontas achieved the highest Science proficiency with 54%, followed by George Washington Middle with 49%. HMS and WMS Science proficiencies were 37% and 34%, respectively.

Winfield High School registered the highest proficiencies in all three academic areas. Winfield's proficiencies were 36% in Math, 69% in Reading and 38% in Science.

Turn to Page 5 for the complete 2024 student assessments for all Putnam County schools.

Meeks Mountain Trails Supporters Speak



The line to register for the informational open house for Appalachian Power's Transmission Line Project was long, stretching the entire length of the Valley Park Convention Center at times.

By Betsy Allen

Appalachian Power's Bancroft-Milton Transmission Line Rebuild Project has been the source of much controversy for Hurricane residents and the surrounding community. While the project would replace a transmission line which was first implemented over a hundred years ago, the proposed routes would go through Meeks Mountain

Trails behind Hurricane City Park. Due to the construction and placement of the trails, running a transmission line through this area would destroy the paths of multiple trails and strike a devastating blow to the entire trail system.

Seeking community input about the project, Appalachian Power held two open houses last week, one at Valley Park on Tuesday, August 13, and one at the Winfield Community Center on Wednesday, August 14. Representatives from Appalachian Power were on site to take suggestions from the public, and several tables with maps were set up so that people could find out where their properties were in relation to the proposed transmission routes. Over 800 people came out to the Hurricane open house, creating long lines as people waited to sign in and let their voices be heard.

The fate of Meeks Mountain Trails is of great concern to the community. It is estimated that 300-400 people visit the trails per day, with even more coming

to attend special events such as 100K competitions. In addition to hiking and biking competitions, Meeks Mountain Trails also hosts educational events such as wildflower and mushroom walks. The trails have been visited by people from every state in the union with the exception of North and South Dakota, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Hawaii. The Putnam County Convention and Visitors Bureau states that the economic impact from out-of-town visitors is at least \$1.3 million annually.

"With the birth of the original 25526 trail plan in 2018 and the partnership between the City and the private landowners (the Meeks Family)—plus this amazing and growing community of volunteers, we are exceedingly proud of what has been accomplished so far," the City of Hurricane stated in a Facebook post.

"We're proud not only about the building of the trails, but we have heard real-life testimonies about the improvement of the physical and mental health and well-being of people who call Hurricane home. Additionally, we are proud because outdoor enthusiasts are traveling in from all over our region and using these trails to hike, run and mountain bike on a regular basis. The opportunities we have seen for economic growth and tourism dollars are unmatched by any other single driver in the City of Hurricane now or in recent history."

Work on Meeks Mountain Trails began in November of 2018. The project has relied upon volunteer labor to clear land and construct paths for hikers and bikers. As time

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Putnam PSD Moves to Increase Water and Sewer Rates

By Ron Allen

The Putnam Public Service District's current water and sewer service rates are not generating sufficient revenue to meet ongoing costs of operation, debt service, and mandated reserve requirements. The PSD Board addressed the projected shortfalls on August 8 at a meeting in which it held the first reading of a resolution to increase water rates 13.4% and sewer rates by 7%. The resolutions call for the increases to be implemented in a two-step process.

If the proposed rates are adopted and fully implemented, water customers using 3,455 gallons per month would pay \$36.83, an increase

of \$4.35. The proposed rates would cause monthly sewer rates to climb from \$41.83 to \$44.74 (based upon 3,245 gallons per month water usage) in Step 1 and to \$46.40 in Step 2.

The PSD took public comments relating to the increases on Thursday, August 22nd. The PSD Board will hold a public hearing at its offices at 136 Carls Lane in Scott Depot at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday,

September 5th. Following the hearing and a third reading of the resolutions, the Board will vote upon the proposed rates. If approved by the Board, the resolutions will be submitted to the Putnam County Commission for review and approval.

A legal advertisement providing additional information can be found on Page 8.

COUNTY COMMISSION NEWS

Commission Receives Water Updates

By Ron Allen

The agenda for the August 13 meeting of the Putnam County Commission included updates concerning ongoing and proposed water projects throughout the county and program updates from county entities and agencies.

Terry Martin of the Regional Intergovernmental Council advised the commission that the deadline for 2025 HUD Development Grants is approaching. Martin suggested scheduling a public meeting for the purpose of identifying qualifying low and moderate income areas.

Martin had bad news for Deerfield Estate residents. The Critical Needs Project which would have funded water to Deerfield is projected to exceed the \$2

million funding limit. When estimates exceed the limit, all funding by the State is denied. The county is not allowed to supplement the overage. Martin said that he had been hopeful that the state legislature would increase the \$2 million limit but a bill to do so died in committee.

Jim Nagy of Terradon informed the commission that \$844,000 would be required to extend water service on Riffie Ridge. The project would entail almost two miles in lines and a booster station at the midpoint. Martin said that cancellation of the Deerfield Estates project would allow RIC to apply for Critical Needs funding for Riffie Ridge. Martin plans to present the commission with an update concerning Riffie Ridge at the first commission

meeting in September.

Nagy told the commission that the Bowles Ridge extension was complete and customers could expect water before the end of the month. Nagy also advised the commission of progress on the Custer Ridge project. All but one user agreement had been obtained and the preliminary layout completed.

Following the water updates, the commission received reports from Kelli Steele, director of the Putnam County Convention and Visitors Bureau; Morganne Tinney, executive director of the Putnam County Development Authority; Crystal Moberley, executive director of the Putnam County Health Department; Megan Tarbett, executive director of the

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Putnam Presence at West Virginia State Fair



Bob Anderson's fruit cake was a blue ribbon winner.

By Betsy Allen

A number of Putnam Countians made the two-hour drive to Lewisburg this month to show the works of their hands and the fruits of their labor in the West Virginia State Fair. Exhibitors included both individuals and 4-H youth. Some of the categories which were represented included cooking, vegetables, and textile arts, as well as 4-H projects.

included Bob Anderson of Hurricane with his fruitcake; Markus LeMasters of Hurricane with sweet potatoes and carrots; Melinda of Hurricane with her cross stitch pieces "Christmas Front Porch," "Antique Vintage Kitchen," "Christmas Nativity" and "Yellow Summer Things"; Terri Strickler of Winfield with her cross stitch giraffe; Coni Mays of Scott Depot

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Individual exhibitors

WEATHER SUMMARY		
August 13 - 19		
	Low	High
August 13		
Hurricane	58°	85°
August 14		
Hurricane	54°	89°
August 15		
Hurricane	56°	90°
August 16*		
Hurricane	56°	82°
August 17*		
Hurricane	60°	87°
August 18		
Hurricane	60°	80°
August 19		
Hurricane	62°	75°
*RAIN		
0.2 inch recorded Aug. 16		
0.4 inch recorded Aug. 17		

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.

AUGUST 22 - 24

- The Appalachian Trainer Face Off and Heart of Phoenix Open Fun Show will be held at the Winfield Riding Club. For more information, go to <https://heartofphoenix.org/2024/07/17/appalachian-trainer-face-off-and-fun-show-information-2024>

- The West Virginia Cupcake Festival will be held at Valley Park in Hurricane. For a schedule of events, go to <https://wvcupcakefestival.com/schedule-of-events>

AUGUST 22

- The 2025 Putnam County Fair Board Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Eleanor Volunteer Fire Department (entrance is in the back, up the ramp).

- The Putnam Chamber of Commerce will be holding Business After Hours from 5 to 7 p.m. at The 1267 Rentals, 17588 Charleston Road, Buffalo.

- Evergreen Hills Baptist Church, 435 Heavens Hill Drive, Culloden, will be holding a back to School Bash starting at 6:30 p.m.

- There will be a teen/adult lyrical and jazz drop in class at the Macholah Ballet, 6422 Teays Valley Road, Scott Depot. The cost is \$12 at the door.

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

AUGUST 23 - 27

- Lighthouse Baptist Church, 2440 US Route 60, Hurricane, will be holding a clothing giveaway. Hours

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are 3 to 7 p.m. on Aug. 23; 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Aug. 24; and 3 to 7 p.m. on Aug. 26 and 27.

AUGUST 23 - 24

- There will be a Virtual Marksman - Target Practice at 6:30 p.m. at Hurricane VFW 9097 Canteen, 3836 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane.

AUGUST 23

- Bailey Hardwoods, 10802 Winfield Road, Winfield, will be hosting a Loba-Wakol demonstration day starting at 10 a.m.

AUGUST 24

- Maximum Velocity Wrestling presents Saturday Night at Nitro II starting at 6 p.m. at the West Sattes Community Center, 234 Lee Steet, Nitro. Admission is \$15 for front row, \$10 for general admission.

- The Eleanor Pool will be holding a Back to School Splash from 8:30 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$5.

- The 2nd Annual George Washington Elementary School Music Vendor Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Eleanor Volunteer Fire Department, upper level.

- The Bancroft Town Picnic will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bancroft Community Park, 73 Jefferson Street.

- The Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley will be holding a propagating houseplants workshop at 10 a.m.

- The Meeks Mountain Trails Hurricane 100K Course Preview and Group Training Run will start at 8 p.m. at the big red barn at Hurricane City Park. Preview the course for the Hurricane 10k and run with locals who know the trail.

- SpeakEasy Singles will be holding a dinner at 4 p.m. at Whiskey Taco, 3554 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane. RSVP by calling 304-989-0710 or 901-692-0795.

AUGUST 25

- Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, Putnam Avenue, Hurricane, will be holding their third annual community cookout from 5 to 7 p.m.

AUGUST 27

- Scott Honaker will be performing from 6 to 8 p.m. for Taco Night at Valley Cakes Cafe, 2887 Charleston Road, Poca.

AUGUST 28

- Mike Owen Martin will be coming to the Cross Lanes United Methodist Church, 5320 Frontier Drive, Cross Lanes, for the Favorite Things harp concert at 6:45 p.m.

- There will be Stand Up Paddleboard lessons from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Winfield Boat Ramp, 178 2nd Street, Winfield. The cost for a lesson is \$29. To reserve, call or text 304-610-8999.

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

AUGUST 29 - SEPTEMBER 1

The Mountain State Music Convention will be held at Valley Park in Hurricane. For more information, a schedule of events, and tickets, go to <https://www.itickets.com/events/479831>

AUGUST 30

- Hurricane High School Football Alumni will be celebrating 100 years of football with a tailgate at 5 p.m. at the high school. Hurricane vs Huntington game time starts at 7 p.m.

AUGUST 31

- The Chapman Reunion

"Favorite Things" Harp Concert

On Wednesday, August 28, Mike Owen Martin will be coming to the Cross Lanes United Methodist Church, 5320 Frontier Drive, Cross Lanes, for the Favorite Things harp concert, which will start at 6:45 p.m.

"After concerts, I am often asked what music I like to play. So I took some time to build a collection of my favorites including classical, romantic, Broadway, and jazz."

Mark will be sharing information and anecdotes about the music as well.

The concert is free. Donations are accepted to support the Cross Lanes United Methodist Church community dinners.

Developmental Screening

Putnam County Schools Developmental Screenings will be held on Friday, August 23, at the Teays Valley Baptist Church on Teays Valley Road. Children ages 2 1/2 to 4 years will be screened for speech/language, hearing, vision, motor skills, social skills, self-help, and cognition. Please call 304-586-0500 ext. 1166 to schedule an appointment.

2025 West Virginia Wildlife

Calendar Available to Purchase WVDNR celebrates 40th anniversary edition of award-winning calendar

The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) announced today that the 2025 West Virginia Wildlife Calendar is now available to purchase online and in stores around the state.

This year also marks the 40th anniversary of the WVDNR publishing the popular calendar, which helps fund important Wildlife Resources Section programs. Calendars can be purchased online at WVstateparks.com.

"For 40 years, the West Virginia Wildlife Calendar has showcased the beauty and diversity of our state's natural resources and played a pivotal role in helping the WVDNR fulfill its mission to educate people about West Virginia's fish and wildlife species," said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion. "With stunning artwork and essential information, this year's calendar is once again a must-have for hunters, anglers and wildlife enthusiasts. We encourage everyone to get a copy and enjoy the best of West Virginia's wildlife all year round."

The West Virginia Wildlife Calendar features beautiful paintings of state animals, important hunting and fishing dates, peak wildlife activity times and articles that will help people get the most out of their outdoor adventures in 2025. Wildlife paintings featured in this year's calendar include:

- Coyote by Misty Murray-Walkup (January)
- Groundhog by Shelby Oreolt (February)
- Red-shouldered Hawk by Matt Tomko

will start at noon at Shelter 2 at Hurricane City Park.

- Scott Honaker will be performing at 8 p.m. at Hurricane VFW 9097 Canteen, 3836 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane.

SEPTEMBER 1

- The St. Albans - Nitro Labor Day fireworks start at 9:30 p.m.

All Horse Parade To Be Held in September

The 2024 Buffalo All Horse Parade and Live Auction is set for Saturday, September 28, at the Buffalo Gazebo Park, Rt. 62, Buffalo.

The Horse Parade will start at noon. All horses, mules, ponies, under saddle, teams, carts and wagons, or leading are welcome to parade through the town of Buffalo. An entry fee per unit will 100% be a donation to HospiceCare of WV.

Amish Fry Pies and Popcorn, Buggy Carriage Rides and other activities will be taking place on the grounds throughout the day

Amish Food stand will start serving meals at 1 p.m. The meal will include Wedding Chicken, mashed potatoes, noodles, dessert and drink; all proceeds to HospiceCare of WV.

At 2:00 p.m., the Live Auction will start. There will be a variety of items and services to bid on. The proceeds from this event will be donated to HospiceCare of WV.

If you have any questions, call Bill Whittington at 304-268-0269.

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

Anyone who knows me or who reads my column knows this: I loved school. As a student and as an educator. The greatest career ever. When August arrives, I am wishing I could be in the classroom. I am anticipating the grandsons going back to school, and the youngest granddaughter will be a sophomore at Purdue... where have the years gone?

The boys go back August 12th. One to fourth grade in a gifted school, and the other to seventh grade in a gifted middle school... I was to have the last week of their summer vacation spending some time with them. Alas... Storm/Hurricane Debby took that away from me... Yes... I was flying. Who on earth flies during Hurricane Season from Florida? Really? Yours truly.

My eldest grandgirl was going to be with her family (she lives and works NYC), and she wanted Nana to come for part of her vacation there, so we could all be together. I flew up the last week or so of July for a week plus one day. I thought that was long enough for Nana to be away from her tiny home/condo... the trip was delayed and delayed which made for a long time in an airport. My age is showing. I have flown over 100 trips, not counting connections, but this one whew...

We had a grand time in Indy... eating my favorites, going to bookstores, watching house shows and Taylor's Tour on Disney... love Taylor Swift... I digress... we walked despite the Indiana heat, with no breezes as we have in the south... we just enjoyed each other... all of the girls, Nana, Mom, three sisters... pedicures... Yes... first time all of us together...

On the day of my flight, early August... we went to the airport. I had a delay of two hours... then another delay of two hours... I

had been at the airport hours and hours by then... one must go two hours early... my son finally said that since it was so late and all other flights were canceled for DEBBY... I should go back to my daughter's... his sister... by the time I had my luggage and was waiting for her, the flight was canceled. Ok... the story should end there, right? Wrong... was given a new boarding pass but no other info except date. On the day of check in, online, the airline would not except my reservation... we tried for hours... we called... we did everything... nothing... stress kicked in... on the day of the flight, we went to the airport early.

I was fortunate enough to have a fantastic Allegiant employee... she worked hours to find my name and ticket... she made sure I had the wheelchair that I always have to have in airports... she even took me onto the plane... I realized that the others who were there from my former flight... they had so much trouble also... the solution to this: Cancel readily and make sure when we are given new flights, we can check in. We knew that the storm was not their fault... that did not upset us... it was being at the airport at 11:00 waiting to get home.

I arrived home... my son picked me up... the family uses Uber at the airports... all of them... however, they insist on taking and getting MOM... in case... I was so worn out when I arrived home, I just looked at my little abode and smiled. It has taken a couple of days to adjust. The moral of this story; Do not fly during Hurricane season... and do not fly when the little boys are going to go to school as soon as I get home...

My flying experience with Allegiant has been positive... other airlines through Atlanta and Chicago, through the years, not so much... overnights in airports, you name it... pilots who don't show up... delays and cancellations... this was a first with Allegiant... and I have no problem with this exceptionally great airline except... cancel earlier...

The boys have their first day tomorrow... Nana will miss them when they go back to school... I won't see them as much as I have this summer... It has been a dream come true. Nana won't be going into the classroom to teach, but I will still help the boys... not that they need it... I will think of all of the teachers going into the room and meeting their students... oh... I wish I were one of them... what a wonderful life I have had... not to mention my family now... I am blessed... from the first day I walked into first grade to the day I walked out of HHS retiring... and then subbing... I have loved school. The only reasons I don't take classes now... so expensive, and of course, there is my age... we love teaching/learning because the way we were is always the way we are... learners forever... and teachers never quit... Happy first day to the students in the schools... and I pray the teachers are kind, patient, and wonderful...

Lung Cancer Screenings in Hurricane

LUCAS, a first of its kind, state-of-the-art mobile lung cancer screening unit, will visit Wirt, Putnam, and Ritchie counties offering low-dose computed tomography (LDCT) scans. LUCAS

A service of WVU Medicine - WVU Hospitals and the WVU Cancer Institute, LUCAS will be at Valley Health - Hurricane from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 12. For an appointment, call 304-760-6040.

The lung cancer screenings are billed to private insurance, Medicaid, or Medicare. Uninsured patients living in West Virginia who meet screening criteria can receive their lung cancer screening on LUCAS through the generosity of grant funding and donations. A physician's order and prior authorization from insurance are required to get screened. Appointments must be made 14 or more days in advance of the visit to allow time for insurance pre-authorizations.

For information on LUCAS, see WVUCancer.org/LUCAS

Master Gardeners Workshops at the Library

The Putnam County Master Gardeners are sharing their knowledge with the community in a series of workshops and lectures about Summer Gardening. Come to the Main Library in Teays Valley at 10 a.m. on Saturdays to enhance your gardening skills this summer. Topics are as follows:

August 24 - Propagating Houseplants

September 7 - Beginner Beekeeping

Putnam Presence at West Virginia State Fair



Ella Grant of the Midway Meridians 4-H Club won WV 4-H Projects Best of Show 2024 for Art Year 1.

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with her cross stitch piece "Busy Bee"; and Vera Grimsley of Winfield with her cross stitch sampler, autumn themed piece, and St. Patrick's Day themed piece.

Ella Grant of the Midway Meridians 4-H Club won WV 4-H Projects Best of Show 2024 for Art Year 1 with her painting of a cow. Other 4-H exhibitors from Putnam County included Emma Frazier with the "WV Know Your State" project; Paisley

Tabor with a quilting project; Kyleigh Pratt with a painting; Elliott Meadows with a tree identification book; Henry Criner with several drawings for "Exploring 4-H Year 1"; Ella Frazier with "Leadership Road Trip" portfolio; Jady Snodgrass with "Showmen's Closet" portfolio; and Maddy Hubbard with Cooking 101 Year 1 project.

The West Virginia State Fair was held August 8-17, and featured the theme of "Mountain Memories." This year marked the fair's 99th year of operation.

Meeks Mountain Trails Supporters Speak

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passed and the trails grew in popularity, more and more members of the community became involved, with the number of volunteers surpassing 450. Volunteers have worked more than 26,000 hours to create over 30 miles of trails of varying difficulty levels. Both young and old have worked upon the project, with improvements to the trails having been the focus of several Eagle Scout projects.

Tuesday's open house at Valley Park drew a large number of Meeks Mountain Trails supporters. The Putnam County Pedalers, a mountain biking team for middle and high school students, came out to the event to express their solidarity with Meeks Mountain Trails. The

organization uses the trails on a regular basis; if the trails were destroyed, they would be forced to find a new location.

In recent decades, West Virginia has seen a shift towards outdoor tourism, with emphasis upon the state's natural beauty and activities such as hiking, camping, fishing, four-wheeling, white water rafting, and kayaking. While Meeks Mountain Trails is relatively new addition, the trail system is an important part of Putnam County's growing outdoor tourism industry.

In the weeks to come, Appalachian Power will be reviewing comments and suggestions which were submitted during the Hurricane and Winfield open houses. An update posted to the Bancroft-Milton Transmission Line

Mission West Virginia Receives \$250,000 Donation from Good Samaritan Foundation



Mission West Virginia, based in Hurricane, is excited to announce a generous contribution of \$250,000 from the Good Samaritan Foundation. This significant donation comes from Mr. Meador, a proud native of West Virginia, along with his spouse and friends. Their remarkable commitment to philanthropy has been evident over the past three years, with combined contributions totaling over \$600,000.

This generous support for Mission West Virginia is driven by a shared vision: the belief that with essential resources, children can achieve greatness and thrive. Mr. Meador's dedication to keeping West Virginia's

youth in-state, offering them a chance at a brighter future, serves as an inspiring example. He credits his strong loyalty to his southern West Virginia school, acknowledging its pivotal role in shaping his early years. The education and support he received empowered him to reach remarkable milestones and to give back throughout his lifetime.

"The recent contribution of \$250,000 from the Good Samaritan Foundation will enable us to expand our programs and resources, providing essential, life-changing support to the children we serve," said [Kelly Thompson, Mission WV Executive Director]. "With their help, we can

offer more educational and career opportunities for youth in foster and kinship care, enrichment activities, and necessary resources to empower these young individuals to overcome challenges and thrive. This funding also allows us to support young adults who have aged out of the foster care system and are struggling to meet basic needs. Their commitment to our cause helps sustain our efforts and inspires us to work even harder to create a brighter future for the children in our state."

Mission West Virginia remains dedicated to making a difference in the lives of children and families. This donation from the Good

Samaritan Foundation will undoubtedly play a pivotal role in achieving that goal. For further information, please contact: Kelly Thompson, Executive Director, 304-562-0723 - office, kthompson@missionwv.org

About Mission West Virginia

Mission West Virginia changes the lives of youth and families. We promote positive futures by recruiting foster families, providing life skills education, and creating community connections. Our vision is "One people, one state, working together to provide every child with a loving family and the knowledge to make positive choices for a healthier future."

Here's What Seniors Need to Know About Changes to Medicare Part D

By Kenneth Thorpe

Congress recently made a number of changes to Medicare's "Part D" prescription drug benefit. The changes were part of President Biden's signature legislation, the Inflation Reduction Act. The legislation was intended to make it easier for seniors to afford their medicines.

Some of the changes will indeed help seniors. But other changes could inadvertently raise seniors' costs, reduce their access to medicines, and stifle the development of new treatments.

With open enrollment season just around the corner -- it'll run from October 15 to December 7 this year -- every senior should know about the

website on August 19 states that the project team will be working with local officials and members of the community concerning the route options near Meeks Mountain Trails. Later this autumn, the team will establish a proposed route for the project. At this time, no route has been finalized.

For more information about the Bancroft-Milton Transmission Line Rebuild Project, go to <https://www.aepttransmission.com/westvirginia/Bancroft-Milton/>

Inflation Reduction Act and how it has impacted Medicare.

First, the good news. Seniors using insulin now have their costs capped at \$35 each month. This has already made a huge difference for those living with diabetes.

Starting next year, seniors' yearly out-of-pocket Part D drug costs will be capped at \$2,000. Seniors will also have the option to spread these costs out over the entire year through a new program called the "Medicare Prescription Payment Plan." Both of these changes can help seniors who rely on multiple brand-name medicines and those on fixed incomes.

But right now, very few enrollees are aware of this new program. Medicare could do more to alert seniors to this new feature, especially since seniors interested in this benefit will need to opt in. During open enrollment season, seniors should consider contacting their Part D insurers if they'd benefit from spreading out

their pharmacy costs.

Because of the Inflation Reduction Act, Medicare can now set prices on some covered drugs for the first time ever. Unfortunately, this policy has had some unintended effects on the development of new medicines. Thus far, it has already resulted in the discontinuation of at least 36 research programs and 22 experimental drugs.

The Inflation Reduction Act has also resulted in higher premiums for seniors. This year, standalone Part D plans were on track to cost 21% more than they did last year, on average. As a result, many seniors switched to lower cost options. The number of plans available has also dropped, down about 25% since 2020.

Because of the law, many insurers have also shifted

some medications to "non-preferred" or "specialty" tiers that require higher out-of-pocket costs, restricting beneficiaries' access to previously covered drugs. Some insurers have also created rules that make it harder to get the drugs your doctor recommends, like making patients first try cheaper options.

It is important that seniors learn about these changes -- and the impact they're having on their access to medicines -- before Medicare's open enrollment begins in October.

Kenneth E. Thorpe is chairman of the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University. He is chairman of the Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease.

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County Commission

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Putnam County Library; Justin Williams of Parks & Recreation; and Jamie Hunt of Day Report.

In other business, Jason Moore and Ashley Deal were appointed to new terms on the Putnam County Parks and Recreation Commission.

The next county commission meeting will be 5 p.m. on August 27th.



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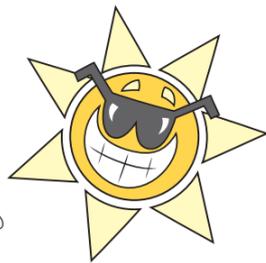
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Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



My Favorite Place

Submitted by Myra Simmons

My favorite place to go to is away.
I'd love to travel there this very day.
Away from noise and news and gloom and doom.
Away from televisions on (in every room.)
Away from thoughts and things and fret and folks.
Away from work, and worries it evokes.
Away from clicks and clocks and cleaning messes.
Away from all the big - and little - stresses.
Although my future plans are quite unclear,
And life right now has tethered me to here,
Away... as I have come to realize,
is always there if I just close my eyes.

Fillers Contributors Wanted



The Hurricane Breeze always needs Fillers Page contributors. We would like to print your recipes, inspirational sayings, poems, clean jokes, fun facts, and other submissions.

Please send contributions to The Hurricane Breeze Fillers Page, PO Box 310, Hurricane, WV 25526.

You can also email submissions to breezenews@citynet.net

Readers like you have helped make the Fillers Column what it is for almost thirty years.

Jokes From Linda

Submitted by Linda Lavender Armstead



A young man went to his doctor and explained he wasn't able to do all the things around the house that he used to do. The doctor examined him. The man said, "Doc I can take it. Tell me in plain English, what's wrong with me?"

The doctor looked at him and said, "You're lazy."

The patient asked, "Can you give me the medical term for it so I can tell my wife?"

What breed of doggie is most impolite?

A pointer

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane



Be grateful for what you have and stop complaining - it bores everybody else, does you no good, and doesn't solve any problem.

Don't waste words on people who deserve your silence. Sometimes the most powerful thing you can say is nothing at all.

When you give up on someone, it's not because you don't care anymore; it's because you realize they don't.

Not all roads lead to heaven.

Be loyal to your future, not your past.

Every day holds the possibility of a miracle.

Time doesn't change people; time reveals the real face of people.

Your attitude, not your aptitude, will determine your altitude.

Never push a loyal person to the point where they no longer care.

Making other people feel small doesn't make you big; it makes you a jerk.

You will face many defeats in life, but never let yourself be defeated. - Maya Angelou

Life's under no obligation to give us what we expect. - Margaret Mitchell

Building a better you is the first step in building a better America.

A smile can open a heart faster than a key can unlock a door.

Yesterday ended last night. Today is a brand-new day.

If you aim at nothing, you'll hit it every time.

He climbs highest who helps another up.

Failure is an event, not a person.

Urgent necessity prompts many to do things.

Love can hope where reason would despair.

The worst feeling isn't being lonely; it's being forgotten.

There has to be evil so that good can prove its purity above all.

God doesn't require us to succeed; he only requires that you try. - Mother Teresa

For the birds that cannot soar, God has provided low branches.

Success is a science; if you have the conditions, you get the results.

To love someone is to see a miracle invisible to others.

Whoever is happy will make others happy, too.

Help yourself and heaven will help you.

Stop chasing unavailable people.

Faith is bigger than your fear.

Childhood is a short season.

Good luck beats early rising.

Life is better on the farm.

Just as you needed your parents in childhood, your parents need you in their old(er) age.

What the superior man seeks is in himself; what the small man seeks is in others.

Life is like swimming underwater. Just close your eyes, hold your breath, and keep on kicking.

If someone actually wants to be in your life, they will put some effort into showing.

Talent hits a target no one else can hit. Genius hits a target no one else can see.

Do not apologize for crying. Without this emotion, we are only robots.

Leaders are meant to help others become the people God created them to be.

Missing someone you love is hard. Never being able to see them again is even harder.

July 4, 1776 was born one nation under God. 248 years later it needs to be born again.

The world is full of willing people; some willing to work, the rest willing to let them. - Robert Frost

Never approach a bull from the front; a donkey from behind; and an angry wife from any direction.

Family - like branches on a tree, we all grow in different directions yet our roots remain as one.

If things get better with age, then I must be getting close to being magnificent.

Life consists not in holding good cards but in playing those you hold well.

When you love someone, all your saved-up wishes start coming out.

Life is like photography; you use a negative to develop.

I hope that someday every doggy born has a kind and loving home.

Mistakes are the proof that you are trying, so you should keep on trying.

Being a grown-up is the best. You don't need permission to have

dessert for supper.

Smiling at someone is sweet, but making someone smile is the best feeling.

God is still the best doctor and prayer is still the best medicine.

Pursue what catches your heart, not what catches your eyes.

Angels don't always have wings; sometimes they have paws.

My life isn't perfect, but it does have perfect moments.

When the well's dry, we know the worth of water.

Nobody can stop what God is about to do in your life.

Don't let the opinions of others consume you.

Fear is nothing but the anticipation of pain.

Don't be afraid to speak from your heart.

Refuse to be sad; you'll be happier.

God is not our last hope. He is our only hope.

No one will ever be loyal to you more than your pet.

Smiles are like wedgies. They make your cheeks go up.

"One for the road" means peeing before you leave the house.

Talk to yourself. There are times when you need expert advice.

Nobody watches you harder than the people who can't stand you.

When tragedy strikes, we can either see the hurt or the Healer.

You can fake a lot of things in life. Work ethic is not one.

Never trust the person who doesn't love animals.

Just enjoy life. We'll never be this young again.

Put God first in your life and you'll never regret it.

Feeling unwanted changes you a lot.

"In style" are the clothes that still fit.

This world will fail you. God won't.

Live your life and forget your age.

Give Summer Grilling a Seafood Spin

(Family Features) Shake up your next family barbecue with fresh, flaky seafood. This Grilled Glazed Salmon may result in a new favorite when served over rice or alongside fresh veggies or a small salad. Find more summer grilling ideas at Culinary.net.

Grilled Glazed Salmon



Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Cook time: 15-20 minutes

Servings: 4-6

Dry Brine:

- 1/2 cup salt
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons lemon thyme or lemon zest
- 3 tablespoons garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon pepper
- 1 salmon fillet (2-3 pounds)

Glaze:

- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup ketchup
- 1/4 cup mustard
- 1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon garlic
- 2 tablespoons ginger
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste

To make dry brine: In bowl, mix salt, sugar, brown sugar, lemon thyme, garlic powder and pepper. Place salmon on cookie sheet and cover with brine. Refrigerate 10-12 hours, or overnight.

After brining, rinse salmon completely. Dry with paper towel and let rest at least 1 hour.

Heat grill to medium heat.

To make glaze: In bowl, mix brown sugar, ketchup, mustard, apple cider vinegar, Worcestershire sauce, garlic and ginger. Add salt and pepper, to taste. Brush over salmon.

Place cookie sheet with glazed salmon on grill and cook 15-20 minutes until internal temperature reaches 130 F. Let rest 5 minutes before serving.

Bible Verse



Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."
— John 20:29

Putnam Student Proficiencies

Putnam Elementary Schools

Buffalo	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	25.88	20.00	00.00
Meets	29.41	23.53	56.00
Partly	20.00	29.41	28.00
Misses	24.71	27.06	16.00

Confidence	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	30.43	17.39	10.53
Meets	36.96	60.87	31.58
Partly	28.26	19.57	47.37
Misses	4.35	2.17	10.35

Conner Street	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	28.30	16.35	11.11
Meets	23.90	33.96	25.40
Partly	26.42	27.04	36.51
Misses	21.38	22.64	26.98

Eastbrook	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	40.18	32.14	23.53
Meets	25.98	26.79	38.24
Partly	25.00	22.32	35.29
Misses	8.93	18.75	2.94

George Washington	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	37.61	23.85	19.05
Meets	23.85	31.19	21.43
Partly	22.02	33.03	35.71
Misses	16.51	11.93	23.81

Hometown	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	46.43	21.43	0.00
Meets	25.00	50.00	25.00
Partly	25.00	21.43	75.00
Misses	3.57	7.14	11.11

Hurricane Town	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	34.75	26.24	13.11
Meets	29.08	29.79	34.43
Partly	22.70	29.08	40.98
Misses	13.48	14.89	11.48

Lakeside	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	25.33	30.67	21.74
Meets	30.67	44.00	39.13
Partly	33.33	18.67	39.13
Misses	10.67	6.67	0.00

Poca	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	28.10	14.88	4.88
Meets	22.31	28.10	39.02
Partly	27.27	37.19	36.59
Misses	22.31	19.83	19.51

Rock Branch	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	43.68	29.89	9.38
Meets	32.18	37.93	31.25
Partly	19.354	22.93	53.13
Misses	4.60	9.20	6.25

Scott Teays	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	54.41	41.67	11.76
Meets	23.04	28.43	47.06
Partly	13.73	21.57	30.88
Misses	8.823	8.33	10.29

West Teays	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	58.74	55.61	32.05
Meets	22.42	26.46	24.36
Partly	12.11	12.11	37.18
Misses	6.73	5.83	6.41

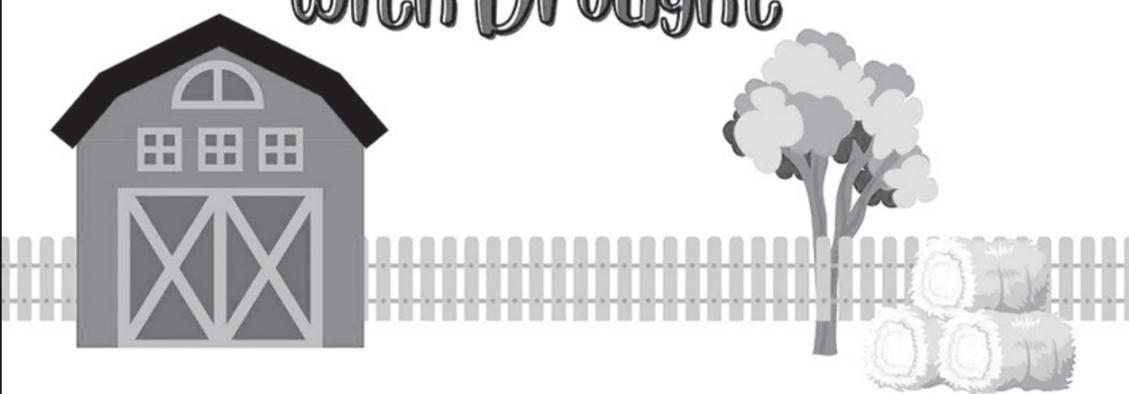
Winfield	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	42.56	37.19	12.50
Meets	24.79	25.62	32.50
Partly	17.36	23.55	42.50
Misses	15.29	13.64	12.50

Mountain View	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	26.63	22.28	12.24
Meets	28.80	32.07	36.73
Partly	28.26	22.83	30.61
Misses	16.30	22.83	20.41

Putnam Middle Schools

George Washington	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	20.51	14.55	18.09
Meets	20.15	36.73	30.85
Partly	35.53	30.91	32.98
Misses	23.81	17.82	18.09

Awareness Meeting Programs to Assist Farmers with Drought



WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Anyone with property and desire to know available support programs (especially farmers)

WHEN: Monday, August 26th from 5-9PM

WHERE: Conference Room, Holiday Inn Express @ Winfield Exit (across from Putnam Co. Library)

PRESENTERS: WV Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency, Natural Resource Conservation Service

Hurricane Middle	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	37.53	22.82	13.67
Meets	17.46	38.53	23.48
Partly	25.56	25.69	43.18
Misses	19.45	12.97	19.70

Poca Middle	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	26.67	18.95	18.56
Meets	20.00	41.40	35.05
Partly	32.98	29.82	37.11
Misses	20.35	9.82	9.28

Winfield Middle	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	36.20	24.40	12.24
Meets	23.60	36.60	21.77
Partly	21.80	25.40	36.73
Misses	18.40	13.60	29.25

Putnam High Schools

Buffalo	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	6.82	15.91	10.23
Meets	15.91	39.77	23.86
Partly	39.77	23.86	32.95
Misses	37.50	20.45	32.95

Hurricane	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	13.60	20.96	17.28
Meets	15.81	41.54	18.75
Partly	38.60	21.69	38.97
Misses	31.99	15.81	25.00

Poca	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	1.11	11.11	3.33
Meets	15.56	37.78	20.00
Partly	43.33	32.22	50.00
Misses	40.00	18.89	26.67

Winfield	Math	Reading	Science
Exceeds	10.90	25.00	17.31
Meets	25.00	44.23	22.44
Partly	37.82	16.03	42.31
Misses	26.28	14.74	17.95

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Daily Bible Readings

Judges	Ruth	Ruth	Ruth	Ruth	1 Samuel	1 Samuel
16:23-31	1:1-22	2:1-23	3:1-18	4:1-22	1:1-28	2:1-11

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BASIC BIBLE

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Josiah Calls the People Back to God

II Kings 22:8-10; 23:1-3, 21-23

The 22nd chapter of II Kings opens with the announcement that a boy of eight years was sitting upon the throne of Judah in Jerusalem. Scholars have determined the calendar date that Josiah began to reign to be 639 B.C. We find in verse 3 that eighteen years have passed since verse 1. Verse 2 states: "And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left." The narrative of II Kings does not include any examples of "that which was right in the sight of the Lord" that Josiah performed before the eighteenth year of his reign. II Chronicles 34:3-7 provides missing details concerning the "right" things which Josiah did between the eighth and the eighteenth year of his reign.

In his eighth year, Josiah (now 16 years old) began to seek after God. In his twelfth year, he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of high places devoted to the worship of false gods. His purging consisted of the destruction of idols and altars. The destruction of idols and altars included those situated in the territories which had originally belonged to the tribes of Manasseh and Ephraim. These lands were part of the northern kingdom of Israel which had ceased to exist following its conquest by Assyria more than one hundred years prior to Josiah's reign over Judah. During Josiah's purging of Manasseh and Ephraim, much money came into the hands of the Levites who were charged with maintaining the temple in Jerusalem (II Chron. 34:8-9). Josiah thought it fitting that this money be used to restore the temple in Jerusalem which had fallen into disrepair during the reigns of the kings which preceded him. The restoration of the temple resulted in the high priest Hilkiah finding the book of the law.

The first passage of scripture before us states that Hilkiah gave the book of the law to Shaphan the scribe and Shaphan read it. Reading the word of God moved Shaphan to act. Shaphan read it before the king (v. 10). Hearing the word of God stirred the heart of Josiah. All that transpires in the scripture that follows beginning with verse 11, was spurred by the words which fell upon his ears.

Josiah rent his clothes, inquired of the Lord, and heard the words which the Lord spoke through Huldah the prophetess. Josiah, then, gathered the elders and went up to the house of the Lord and read all the words of the book of the covenant to all of Jerusalem, both small and great (II Kings 23:1-2). In so doing, Josiah did that which the Lord had commanded in Deuteronomy 31:10-13. All present would have heard the words which the Lord spoke to Moses: "Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them; so that they shall say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us?" (Deut. 31:17).

Sometimes, perhaps many times, New Testament believers wonder why God chooses to do as He does. God's chosen people forsook Him long before Josiah was born. Why did the Lord wait to release His promised wrath upon His disobedient people? We find an answer in New Testament scripture. We look to Jesus' return and ask when shall it be? We ask and the Holy Spirit answers. It shall be when the gospel is preached in all places. It shall be when all have heard or will have refused to hear. It shall be with us (New Testament believers), as it was with Israel and Judah of old. The Lord delayed His judgment upon Israel and Judah until after all the people were gathered and heard the words which He had spoken to Moses. The Lord uses Josiah's actions to reveal His ways to us.

Upon reading the word of God to all the people, Josiah committed himself to obey the covenant. The people followed his example and also committed themselves to uphold the covenant. Josiah's desire to do right in the sight of the Lord was manifested by many following his example. Josiah's desire is also manifested in the scripture that follows with the account of his zealous pursuit to cleanse Jerusalem, Judah, and former territories of Israel of all pagan worship.

In the eighteenth year of his reign, the passover was kept as it is written in the book of the covenant to be observed. The human author of II Kings was moved by the Holy Spirit to write, "Surely there was not holden such a passover from the days of the judges that judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Judah" (v. 22). II Chronicles 35 provides details of this passover observance but the statement that "there was not holden such a passover from the days of the judges . . . nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Judah" needs no amplification.

The keeping of the passover in eighteenth year of Josiah was according to the law of Moses. The passover speaks of God's mercy. It is the sacrifice observed in remembrance of the Lord's sparing the homes of all in Egypt whose door posts were covered by the blood of a lamb without blemish. Josiah and all Jerusalem remembered and obeyed.

New Testament believers, like Israel of old, remember the blood that covers and spares us from death — the death that shall fall upon all who do not rely upon the righteousness of the Lamb of God. Let the proof of our remembrance be seen in doing as we have been commanded. Let us love one another and proclaim the good news to all people in all places.

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Obituaries

DONALD (PAT) ADKINS

Donald (Pat) Adkins, 70, of Ona, passed away on August 13, 2024.

He was born on June 10, 1954 to the late James Edward and Loreda Loftis Adkins in South Charleston. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his sisters: Carolyn S. McCallister and Rebecca L. Stowers; brothers: Jonathan E Adkins, and Gary Adkins.

Pat was a 1972 graduate of Hurricane High School, where he played football and baseball. After graduation he joined the US Navy, serving in Vietnam obtaining the Vietnam Campaign Ribbon. He retired from USPS as a proud Postal Worker union member.

Pat is survived by his brothers: Mike (Cindy) Adkins of Charleston, and David (Jheng) Painter of Metro Manila of The Philippines; niece and nephews: Chris Painter, Jonathan Adkins, Dusty Stowers, Mike Adkins, Chuck Adkins, Greg Adkins, and Marleigh Adkins.

It was Pat's request there be no services.

HAROLD LEE ASH

Harold Lee Ash, 93, of Scott Depot, passed away peacefully August 14, 2024. The son of the late Hobart and Hazel Ash, he was born November 18, 1930, in Mammoth, West Virginia. He was also predeceased by his stepdaughter, Terry Lynn Young; brother, Hobert Don; and sisters: Evelyn and Shirley Ann.

He graduated in 1949 from East Bank High School, where he lettered in football and was captain of the championship baseball team.

Harold is survived by his devoted wife, Georgiann, whom he wed December 26,

1976; son, Harold Steven

and his wife, Carlotta, of Beavercreek, Ohio; daughter, Diana Lee Martinelli and her husband, David, of Morgantown; stepson, William Douglas Currence of Rincon, Georgia; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was a supervisor at Union Carbide/Rhone Poulenc, where he worked for 38 years. Known for his quick wit, easy smile and ready laughter, Harold enjoyed hunting, fishing and attending WVU football games in his younger years.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

KIRSTEN MARIE COURTNEY

Kirsten Marie Courtney, 57, of Poca, went home to be with the Lord, Saturday, August 17, 2024.

Kirsten was a homemaker and proudly served her country in the U.S. Navy and carried that patriotism throughout her life. She was a faithful member of Poca United Methodist Church where she loved her church family and loved serving with the food pantry. She enjoyed cooking and helping others.

She is preceded in death by her son Alex Knoll; father Monte Ramey; and her G.G. Jeanette Reed.

Kirsten is survived by her loving husband of 23 years, Eric Courtney; mother Judy Lerstang (Marty); two children Aaron and wife Samantha Knoll and Emma Courtney; brother Brian Ramey; and her pride and joy, her granddaughter Savannah. She is also survived by her loving church family, family and friends.

A tribute to the life of Kirsten Courtney was held

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor John Mason officiating. Burial was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House.

NANCY IRENE FACEMYRE

Nancy Irene Facemyre, 67, of Hurricane, went home to her Heavenly Father on August 17, 2024.

Nancy was born May 27, 1957 to the late Isabella and John Spencer in Charleston. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her daughter, Melissa; son, Michael; sisters: Barbara Clay and Patricia Pauley; and brothers: Jack Spencer and Roger Spencer.

She is survived by her loving husband of 51 years, James of Scott Depot; daughter, Samantha Singer (Ashton) of Saint Albans; son, Jonathan of Scott Depot; brother, John (Mary) Spencer Jr. of Hurricane; sister, Penny Armstead of Nitro; grandchildren: Isaiah and Mariah Facemyre of Saint Albans, as well as a host of family and friends who will cherish her memories.

Nancy was previously employed at Heck's retail store and the cashier's office at Stone & Thomas. She later became a home maker, a loving dedicated wife and mother to her children. She enjoyed the sunshine, watching birds, collecting Coca Cola ornaments and spending time with her family.

Funeral Service for Nancy was Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Rev. Dr. John Smith officiating. Burial was in Haven of Rest Memory Gardens, Red House.

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BOBBY 'TONY' GINN

Bobby Sylvester "Tony" Ginn Sr., 84, of Culloden, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, August 18, 2024. Tony was the son of the late Clarence and Hester Ginn of Lincoln County.

Tony retired as Superintendent of Big Talley Coal Company and was a member of I.U.O.E local 132. He loved music, loved playing the organ and his electric guitar.

He was preceded in death by his wife Leila Guthrie Ginn, daughter Denise Ann, two sons Bryan and Bob, a second wife Karon Ginn, two brothers Jack Ginn and Johnny Ginn, two sisters Audrey Harden and Betty Stowers.

Tony is survived by his son Bill (Yvonne) Ginn of Hurricane, four grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren, sister Phyllis Bush, brothers Marshall (Brenda) Ginn, Mike (Debbie) Ginn and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at Allen Funeral Home with Pastor Eric Ginn officiating. Burial was in Valley View Memorial Park.

miss Richard deeply.

Over the last seven years, Richard never lost his faith in God. Richard continued to live his life to the fullest, regardless of the challenges he endured.

Per Richard's request, there will be no public service. A private Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

JAMES 'JIMBO' KIMBERLING

James Abner "Jimbo" Kimberling, Jr., 62, of Midway, passed away Saturday, August 10, 2024 at St. Mary's Medical Center. He was a 1981 graduate of Sissonville High School and was a member of the Ironworker's Union. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt and fish. Jimbo enjoyed horses and would participate in western style horse shows.

Born April 4, 1962 he was the son of the late James A. "Skeeter" Kimberling and Carolyn L. Kimberling.

Survivors include his daughter Sasha (Curtis) Hanshaw of Sissonville; sister, Vicki (Joseph) Carpenter of Winfield; brother Bill (Donna) Kimberling of Midway; grandchildren, Maci, Abbi and Cami.

In accordance with his wishes there will be no formal services. Private family burial will take place at a later date.

WAYNE 'FLAP' LANDERS

Wayne "Flap" Landers, 79, of Poca, went home to be with The Lord on August 13, 2024, surrounded by his loving family.

Born to the late Clifford and Maxine Higginbotham Landers on January 30, 1945, in Putnam County. He is also preceded in death by his brothers, Bobby, Larry; sisters, Sue Luikart and Songia Taylor.

Flap was saved on March 7, 2012, and made Heaven his home. He attended Bancroft Church of God Mission. Flap was a graduate of Poca High School. He was a carpenter out of Local 1207 and he also worked for Viscos and South Charleston Stamping Plant. Flap was an avid hunter. He loved and knew everything about firearms. More important than any

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of this he loved his family, especially his grandchildren. He truly loved everyone, and everyone loved him.

He is survived by his loving wife, Loretta "Toonie" Landers of 59 years; sons, Michael (Annie) of Fishersville, KY, Jody of Poca, Kevin (Amy) of Eleanor; grandchildren, Brandon (Elise), Trevor, Jordyn (Hank), Noah, Seth, Abigail and Sarah; brother, Roger (Linda); brothers in law John Taylor, and Denver Luikart; sisters in laws, Virginia Landers and Freda Landers and a great granddaughter due in December.

Funeral service was Sunday, August 18, 2024, at Bancroft Church of God Mission with Michael Landers, Randy Browning and Frank Allen, Jr. officiating. Entombment was in Haven of Rest Memorial Gardens, Red House.

NATELLA MILLER

Natella Gay Miller, 83, of Ona, formerly of Hurricane, departed this life on August 13, 2024, with her children by her side, after a long battle with kidney disease.

She was a lifelong member of Laywell Church of Christ. She retired from George's Dry Cleaners to run Walter's Garage Door alongside her husband, Walter.

She was preceded in death by her parents,

Freddie and Dosha Helen Arbaugh, and her husband of 30 years, Walter Miller.

Surviving are her children, Jason (Cathy) Miller of Hurricane and Susan (Jack) Runion of Ona with whom she made her home for the last four and a half years. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and sister, Evelyn (Charles) Bradley.

Funeral service was Saturday, August 17, 2024 at Allen Funeral Home with Pastor Troy Nicely officiating. Burial was in Forest Memorial Park in Milton.

DANA KENT SIGMAN

Dana Kent Sigman, 68, of Liberty, passed away August 11th at his mother's home after a long illness.

He was preceded in death by his father Mayford Lee Sigman, grandparents Ranson and Lottie Sigman of Liberty and Kenneth and Gatha Sayre of Liberty.

He is survived by his mother Betty P. Sigman of Liberty and sister Tamara L. Sigman of Nitro.

Dana was a 1974 graduate of Poca High School and attended West Virginia State College.

He worked for West Virginia Steel in Poca, Monsanto Chemical and Flexsys both in Nitro, and The Home Depot in Teays Valley. Dana was a certified

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welder and pipe fitter. He was a ham radio operator and enjoyed riding his John Deere Gator side by side at his home in Liberty.

A tribute to the life of Dana was held Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at Center Point Cemetery. Burial was in the cemetery.

PHILLIP WAYNE THOMAS

Phillip Wayne Thomas, 54, of Red House, passed away Tuesday, August 13, 2024, after a sudden illness.

He is preceded in death by his father Phillip Thomas Sr.; grandparents George and Lou Vergie Rowlands, Joseph and Louise Sigmon, and his mentor and chosen family buddy Charles Parsons.

Wayne is survived by his mother Judy Thomas of Milton, aunt Kathy Sigmon of Cross Lanes, his chosen

family Mary Parsons of Red House, Bobbie & Mike Jordan of Red House, James (Amanda) Parsons of Charleston, and his entire cousin crew from Tango Road, Lincoln County.

Wayne enjoyed comics from the newspaper, old cars, Mad magazines, good food, lots of ice cream, and any kind of jokes that he knew would make people laugh. He took pride in his job at Pilot in Nitro where he worked for over 25 years and won many awards for his hard work and dedication. He loved the staff and considered them friends and family.

He was one of the best-hearted people you could ever meet. He was one of a kind and unique in his own way. They'll never be another person like him.

There are no services planned at this time.

UniCare Health Plan of WV Team with BackpackBuddy.Org



UniCare Health Plan of WV, a managed care organization, recently teamed up with BackpackBuddy.Org to pack and distribute 650 hygiene boxes to students and their families as preparation for the upcoming school season. The boxes, packed with essentials like body wash, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and more, were shipped to students in need in Putnam, Kanawha, and Clay Counties.

The packing event took place on Tuesday, August 13, at Teays Valley Church of the Nazarene. These kits are more than just supplies – they're a lifeline for students who don't have access to basic hygiene products, giving them the dignity they deserve. When students have the essentials they need, they can focus on their education without fear of embarrassment that can lead to distraction in class and even missed school days. By providing these hygiene products, UniCare and Backpack Buddies aim to create a healthier, more inclusive learning environment that supports students' physical, emotional, and academic development.

The partnership between UniCare and BackpackBuddy.Org is aimed at supporting students in need. "UniCare is inspired to partner with valued organizations like Backpack Buddy.org that boost student confidence and self-esteem, help combat poverty and promote equal opportunities for all students," stated Natalie Robinson, Health Equity Director for UniCare.

BackpackBuddy.Org's impactful work, delivering supplemental food and hygiene items directly to students in need during summer, has been ongoing for the past 11 years. This year marked a significant milestone for the organization as they mailed their 50,000th box.

UniCare has lauded the BackpackBuddy.Org for meeting community needs and acknowledged the crucial role of sponsors, donors, and volunteers in the success of BackpackBuddy.Org operations. By providing students with essential items, UniCare, in collaboration with BackpackBuddy.Org, hopes to alleviate gaps in basic needs amongst students and families and contribute to a more focused educational experience.



Aug. 22, 1872: Following the Constitutional Convention of 1872, the West Virginia electorate ratified a new state constitution by a vote of 42,344 to 37,777. In the same election, voters rejected a controversial convention proposition that would have prohibited Black citizens from holding public office.

Aug. 24, 1918: Louis Bennett Jr. died of injuries sustained when his plane was shot down by German anti-aircraft fire. Bennett, with 12 combat kills, was West

Virginia's only World War I fighter ace.

Aug. 25, 2000: The Robert C. Byrd Green Bank Telescope was dedicated. It is the world's largest fully steerable radio telescope.

Aug. 26, 1918: Mathematician Katherine Johnson was born in White Sulphur Springs. For 33 years, Johnson worked for NASA, making calculations for manned space flights, including the Apollo 11 moon landing. In 2015, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

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Amount equal to the taxes and charges due on the date of the certification, with interest, for tax year ticket number 2022 - 30251. \$184.81
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 2023-30307. \$112.50
Additional taxes with interest. \$0.00
Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$210.20
Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest. \$866.04
Additional Statutory Fees with interest. \$0.00
Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$1,373.55

You may redeem at any time before January 31, 2025, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Given under my hand August 6, 2024
G. Russell Rollyson, Jr.
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Deputy Commissioner of Delinquent and Nonentered Lands of PUTNAM County, State of West Virginia
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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.: 5745
Estate Of: Conrad Gene Collins
Executrix: Shirley M Collins
4604 First Ave.
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Estate No.: 5699
Estate Of: Carolyn Nell Duncan
Aka Carolyn Sutton
Duncan
Executrix: Carolyn A Hawley
54 Maple Drive
Poca, WV 25159

Estate No.: 5624
Estate Of: Ronald Cleon Harris
Dola Virginia Harris
244 Cedar View Lane
Fraziers Bottom, WV 25082

Estate No.: 5816
Estate Of: Ronald Gene Myers
Administratrix: Gregory G Myers
107 White Oak Lane
Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5776
Estate Of: Ralph Hansford
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Administratrix: Debra L Caruthers
P.O. Box 968
Poca, WV 25159

Estate No.: 5783
Estate Of: Donna Jean Parsons
Executrix: April Lee McComas
252 Shawnee Estates
Winfield, WV 25213

Estate No.: 5807
Estate Of: Doris Jane Sampson
Executrix: Jennifer Anne Taylor
17 Byrd Ave
Wheeling, WV 26003

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 August 22, 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

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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 August 22, 2024.
Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 15TH day of August 2024.
Fiduciary Supervisor
Putnam County Commission
10293 Winfield Road,
Winfield, WV 25213

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

In Re: Change of Name from Bradlynn Noelle Hodges Stepp to Bradlynn Noelle Hodges Stepp

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CHANGE OF NAME PROCEEDING

Civil Action No. 24-D-194
Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia
Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of September, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. on said day, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, before the Honorable Judge Richard Witt, Jill Hodges will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Putnam County, West Virginia for the entry of an order by said Court, changing child's name from Bradlynn Noelle Hodges Stepp to Bradlynn Noelle Hodges Stepp, at which time and place any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire.
You are hereby notified that this matter may be rescheduled without further notice or publication.
A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk at his office at 12093 Winfield Road, Ste. 12, Winfield, WV 25213.
ENTERED by the Clerk of said Court this 19th day of August, 2024.
Stephanie M. Smith/cs
Putnam County Circuit Clerk
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Putnam County Planning Commission will meet on **Thursday, September 26th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.** in Room 221 of the Putnam County Courthouse, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213 to conduct regular business and hold the following public hearing:
Cobblestone Subdivision, LLC has applied to the Putnam County Office of Planning & Infrastructure for the development of Cobblestone Subdivision, Section 1, Phase 2, A thirty one (31)-lot major subdivision on a 42.6-acre parcel located East of Rocky Step Road and Southeast of Mandy Drive, Situate in Scott Depot District, Putnam County, West Virginia (Tax Map 214, Parcel 32).

All interested parties are invited to attend and will be granted an opportunity to speak. If you have questions or concerns about this public hearing, please contact the Office of Planning and Infrastructure at (304) 586-0237. The files are available for public review Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213.
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NOTICE OF AGENDA ITEM

The Putnam County Planning Commission will meet on **Thursday, September 26th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.** in Room 221 of the Putnam County Courthouse, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213 to conduct regular business and review the following agenda item:
Mr. David Hobba of F.B.D., LLC submitted in writing on August 8th, 2024, to the Office of Planning and Infrastructure a request for a second and final one-year extension of the approved 'Preliminary' Plat for Alexander's Place - A Major Subdivision Development located on the north side of Putnam Business Park Drive, (CR 35/29), 0.48 miles SW of WV 817, Frazier's Bottom, WV. Mr. Hobba was granted a one-year extension by the Putnam County Planning Commission on October 17th, 2023. The approved 'Preliminary' Plat is scheduled to expire on October 17th, 2024.
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASED WATER RATES, FEES AND CHARGES FOR PUTNAM PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code §16-13A-9(a)(2)(B) that, on the 8th day of August, 2024, the Board of the Putnam Public Service District ("Board") held a first reading of a Resolution proposing a two-step increase in its rates, fees and charges for furnishing water service to those customers currently billed under the District's Water Tariff No. 9. The increases in rates, fees and charges are necessary to provide sufficient revenues to cover ongoing costs of operation, debt service, and statutorily required Cash Working Capital Reserve requirements. At the August 22, 2024, meeting the District took public comments relating to the proposed increased rates and scheduled a further public hearing and vote on the Resolution to be held on September 5, 2024..

The proposed increase rates will result in a projected overall \$649,787 increase in annual revenues, or 13.4%. A comparison of the District's current and proposed increased rates and charges for the average monthly usage is as follows:

	Average Usage/Month	Current Rates	Proposed Rates	Increase	Increase %
Residential	3,455 gallons used per month	\$ 32.48	\$ 36.83	\$ 4.35	13.38
Commercial	8,104 gallons used per month	61.26	69.47	8.21	13.40
Industrial	101,777 gallons used per month	602.71	683.29	80.58	13.37
Public Auth.	5,371 gallons used per month	44.35	50.28	5.94	13.39

The District Board will hold a further public hearing on **September 5, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.** at the District's offices located at 136 Carls Lanes, Scott Depot, West Virginia, at which time all interested parties may appear and present protests, if any, with respect to the proposed rates, fees and charges. Following said hearing, a third reading of the Resolution will be presented and a vote on approval of the adoption of the proposed rates, fees and charges will be taken. If the Resolution is approved by the District Board, a copy of the Resolution will be forwarded to the Putnam County Commission for review and action.

Copies of the Resolution and proposed Tariff No. 10 are available for public inspection at the offices of the District during the normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASED SEWER RATES, FEES AND CHARGES FOR PUTNAM PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code §16-13A-9(a)(2)(B) that, on the 8th day of August, 2024, the Board of the Putnam Public Service District ("Board") held a first reading of a Resolution proposing a two-step increase in its rates, fees and charges for furnishing sewer service to those customers currently billed under the District's Sewer Tariff No. 13. At the August 22, 2024, meeting the District took public comments relating to the proposed increased rates and scheduled a further public hearing and vote on the Resolution for September 5, 2024. The increases in rates, fees and charges are necessary to provide sufficient revenues to cover ongoing costs of operation, debt service, and statutorily required Cash Working Capital Reserve requirements.

A comparison of the District's current and proposed **Step 1** rates and charges is as follows:

	Current Rates	Proposed Rates	Increase	Increase %
RATES				
Each 1,000 gallons used per month	12.89	13.79	0.90	6.98%
MINIMUM BILLS				
Equal to 2,000 gallons used per month	25.78	27.58	1.80	6.98%

The average usage bill per class per month will increase as follows:

	Current Rates	Proposed Rates	Increase	Increase %
CLASS				
Residential	3,245 gallons used per month	41.83	44.75	2.92 6.98%
Commercial	10,891 gallons used per month	140.38	150.18	9.80 6.98%
Industrial	188,068 gallons used per month	2,424.19	2,593.45	169.26 6.98%
Public Authority	8,312 gallons used per month	107.14	114.62	7.48 6.98%

The proposed **Step 1** increase will result in an overall \$523,103 projected increase in annual revenues, or 6.99%.

A comparison of the proposed Step 1 and proposed **Step 2** rates and charges is as follows:

	Proposed Step 1 Rates	Proposed Step 2 Rates	Increase	Increase %
RATES				
Each 1,000 gallons used per month	13.79	14.30	0.51	3.70%
MINIMUM BILLS				
Equal to 2,000 gallons used per month	27.58	28.60	1.02	3.70%

The average usage bill per class per month will increase as follows:

	Proposed Step 1 Rates	Proposed Step 2 Rates	Increase	Increase %
Residential	3,245 gallons used per month	44.75	46.40	1.65 3.70%
Commercial	10,891 gallons used per month	150.18	155.74	5.55 3.70%
Industrial	188,068 gallons used per month	2,593.45	2,689.37	95.91 3.70%
Public Authority	8,312 gallons used per month	114.62	118.86	4.24 3.70%

The proposed **Step 2** increase will result in an overall \$296,382 projected increase in annual revenues, or 3.70%.

The District Board will hold a further public hearing on **September 5, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.** at the District's offices located at 136 Carls Lanes, Scott Depot, West Virginia, at which time all interested parties may appear and present protests, if any, with respect to the proposed rates, fees and charges. Following said hearing, a third reading of the Resolution will be presented and a vote on approval of the adoption of the proposed rates, fees and charges will be taken. If the Resolution is approved by the District Board, a copy of the Resolution will be forwarded to the Putnam County Commission for review and action.

Copies of the Resolution and proposed Tariff No. 14 are available for public inspection at the offices of the District during the normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE
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In a Deed of Trust dated September 28, 2000, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 508, at page 740 Mary Barnett and Ramona Mack f/k/a Ramonica M. Clair f/k/a Ramonica M. Clair did convey unto Vance Golden, Trustee, certain real property. The beneficial holder of that Deed of Trust has elected to appoint Terra Abstract Trustee West Virginia, Inc. as substitute trustees by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office. Default having occurred under the Deed of Trust and the beneficial holder having instructed the undersigned Trustees to foreclose, this real property will be sold at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse, 12093 Winfield Road, Putnam County Courthouse, Winfield, WV 25213 on:

October 8, 2024 At 12:00 PM

The property for sale as described by the Deed of Trust is as follows:

The purchaser will take the property subject to all exceptions, reservations, rights of way, easements, conditions, covenants, restrictions, leases and other servitudes of record, if any, pertaining to said real property.

The purchaser will be responsible for paying any transfer stamp, excise taxes, and recording costs associated with recording the Trustee's Deed into their name.

The purchaser will be responsible for paying any unpaid property taxes owed to the Sheriff of Putnam County prior to or following the sale directly to the Sheriff.

The purchaser will take the property subject to any deed of trust, judgment, lien, and any other encumbrance having priority over the deed of trust referred to herein.

The purchaser will take the property subject to any deed of trust, judgment, lien, and any other encumbrance that is junior ("junior claims") to this Deed of Trust and to which sufficient notice was not given. In that case, unless such right to notice is waived, the chain of title shall not merge with this Deed of Trust as to those unnoticed deeds of trust, judgments, liens, and other encumbrances and will be subject to a further noticed and published sale under this Deed of Trust pursuant to W.Va. Code 38-1-4, in which bidding shall resume at the last highest bid given. In the event of a surplus of such sale, the mortgagors and noticed junior lienholders are hereby on notice that if such surplus is less than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), then the Substitute Trustee will disburse those proceeds to the most senior interest holder as it sees fit, unless an objection is made in writing.

The Trustees do not guarantee or represent that the boundaries described above are accurate, are not encroached upon, or that any particular structure located on the property is contained within the described boundaries. The property is therefore sold subject to an accurate survey at purchaser's expense.

The Trustees reserve the right to adjourn the sale, for a time, or from time to time, by announcement at the time and place of sale described above or any adjournment thereof. Such adjournment will be noticed by posting a notice at the front door of the county courthouse or where such notices are traditionally posted at the county courthouse. Such notice will include the date and time when such sale will reconvene.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids for any reason.

The Trustees make no representations as to the condition of the property. The property will be sold in "AS IS" condition.

The Trustees make no representations as to whether the property is occupied. The purchaser is responsible for gaining access and possession of the property. Trustees shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property.

The purchaser may assign its rights prior to the delivery of the trustee's deed by a signed request in writing to the trustee; the assignee of the purchaser shall be bound by all terms and conditions applicable to the purchaser.

The Trustees will deliver a trustee's deed to the purchaser without any covenant or warranty (express or implied) in the form prescribed by W. Va. Code §38-1-6. The Trustees make no representations and warranties about the title of the real estate to be conveyed. If the Trustees are unable to convey insurable or marketable title to purchaser for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit.

TERMS OF SALE: Purchaser must bring \$12000 cash in hand at the time of sale as a deposit in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made payable to "Stern & Eisenberg, PC, counsel for Terra Abstract Trustee West Virginia, Inc." Those appearing without their deposit will not be allowed to bid. The balance of the successful purchaser's bid must be proffered in cash within 30 days of the date of the sale. Purchaser shall pay for transfer stamps and recording fees. Additional terms of sale may be announced prior to the sale.

Terra Abstract Trustee West Virginia, Inc. 1581 Main Street, Suite 200 The Shops at Valley Square Warrington, PA 18976 (215) 572-8111, Fax: (215) 572-5025 www.sterenseisenberg.com

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

AARON STAATS vs. CASE NO. 24-FIG-10 ZACHARY STAATS COURTNEY HAWLEY

THE OBJECT OF THIS SUIT IS TO OBTAIN NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING ON PETITION OF INFANT GUARDIANSHIP. It appearing by affidavit filed in this action that COURTNEY HAWLEY, whose address is unknown is a party in the above matter and that a hearing was set for AUGUST 27th 2024 at 2:00pm before Judge Witt, Family Court Judge, located at the Judicial Building, 12093 Winfield Rd. Suite 12, Winfield WV 25213.

A copy of said Petition for Infant Guardianship and Notice of Hearing can be obtained from the Putnam County Circuit Clerk's Office.

Entered by the Clerk of said court on this 5TH day of August 2024.

Stephanie Smith/cs Circuit Clerk 8-15-2t

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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.: 5749 Estate Of: Jonathan Terrance Adams Administratrix: Tiara C Adams 105 Tyler Ridge Road Cross Lanes, WV 25313

Estate No.: 5798 Estate Of: Kermit Keith Adkins Executrix: Penny V Adkins 1757 Lime Kiln Road Red House, WV 25168

Estate No.: 5779 Estate Of: Paul Wayne Chancey Administrator: David Chancey 1532 Heizer Creek Road Poca, WV 25159

Estate No.: 5790 Estate Of: Alice M Davis Administratrix: Mary K Burks 15 Davis Drive Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5689 Estate Of: Shirley Jean Hedrick Executrix: Debra J Jordan 4062-A 40th Street Nitro, WV 25143

Estate No.: 5795 Estate Of: Victoria Lunsford Executrix: Buddy T Lunsford 75 Black Betsy Road Poca, WV 25159

Estate No.: 5771 Estate Of: James Tillison Martin, Jr. Executrix: Roann Martin 602 Hawthorne Lane Hurricane, WV 25526

Estate No.: 5764 Estate Of: Donald L Meadows Executrix: Larry Shawn Meadows 3947 Grandview Ridge Buffalo, WV 25033

Estate No.: 5801 Estate Of: Marian Lee Randolph Administratrix: William S Randolph 105 Mona Street Buffalo, WV 25033

Estate No.: 5674 Estate Of: Gilbert Michael Salmon Executrix: Michael R Salmon 107 Marlene Avenue Poca, WV 25159

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 August 15, 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 August 15, 2024.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 6TH day of August 2024. Fiduciary Supervisor Putnam County Commission 10293 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213 8-15-2t

Qualified Newspapers

Only newspapers with a bonafide circulation are qualified to publish legal advertisements. A free distribution newspaper has a bonafide circulation of zero and does not meet state code requirements.

The Breeze is qualified to publish all legal advertisement pertaining to Putnam County.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

Tariff Form No. 8 (RULE 23)

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

The Putnam County Commission (the "Commission") is accepting Statements of Qualifications from qualified persons or firms to provide engineering and construction management services which will include a preliminary engineering report, design services including drawings, preparation of construction plans and specifications, bid documents, construction administration/management and observation services for a new project(s) to be determined by public involvement of its citizens.

Procurement of said services would be in accordance with Chapter 5G-1-3 of the WV Code. Interested persons or firms must submit 4 copies of all requested information by Thursday, August 29th, 2024, by 4:00 p.m to Jeremy Young, County Manager, Putnam County Commission, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213 in order to receive consideration. Based on evaluation of the proposals, up to three firms will be invited for interviews. The candidate judged most qualified will be asked to prepare a proposal including fees for paid services.

This project or projects are proposed to be financed in part by grants from the U.S Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (RUS), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), the West Virginia Infrastructure and Jobs Development Council (WV IJDC), the DHHR Drinking Water Treatment Revolving Fund (DWTRF), the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (US EDA) and the WV Community Advancement and Development Division of the West Virginia Department of Economic Development and shall be referred to as the Proposed Projects.

- Proposals must include: 1) Experience of the firm with grant related projects. 2) Experience in engineering design and construction management of this type of project. 3) Qualifications of personnel directly involved in the project 4) Related prior experience

The selected person or firm will be required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246, Section 109 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Conflict of Interest Statement and Access to Records provisions, Architect's Certification and all other requirements as they relate to HUD-funded projects.

The Putnam County Commission will afford full opportunity to minority business enterprises to submit a show of interest in response to this request and will not discriminate against any firm or individual on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap or national origin.

The Putnam County Commission reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals or parts of proposals. For further information, please call Jeremy Young, County Manager at 304-586-0201.

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NOTICE TO REDEEM

2023-C-000393 - Putnam County To: MATTHEW C. GIBSON, PUTNAM COUNTY BANK, LISA HOLSTEIN, EXECUTRIX OF RITA MARTIN'S ESTATE, RACHEL MARTIN, CO-EXECUTRIX OF RITA MARTIN'S ESTATE, PAULA BYERS % LISA HOLSTEIN, EXECUTRIX OF RITA MARTIN'S ESTATE, LISA BARNETTE, % LISA HOLSTEIN, EXECUTRIX OF RITA MARTIN'S ESTATE, 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 TEAYS VALLEY MAP 191 PARCEL 0045 0006 6001

You will take notice that ROBERT AND WILLIAM GIBSON, the purchaser of the following real estate, Cert. NO. 2023-C-000393, located in TEAYS VALLEY District, 4.32 ACRES BIG HURRICANE CRK, which was returned delinquent or nonentered in the name of GIBSON MATTHEW C, and was sold by the deputy commissioner of delinquent and nonentered lands of PUTNAM County at the sale for the delinquent taxes on June 18, 2024. ROBERT AND WILLIAM GIBSON, requests that you be notified that a deed for such real estate will be made on or after February 1, 2025, as provided by law, unless before that day you redeem such real estate. The amount needed to redeem on or before January 31, 2025 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 2022 - 30250. \$135.63

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 2023-30306. \$87.38 Additional taxes with interest. \$0.00 Auditor's Certification, Publication, and Redemption fee plus interest. \$210.20 Amount paid for Title Examination, notice to redeem, publication, personal service, Secretary of State with interest. \$870.97 Additional Statutory Fees with interest. \$0.00 Total Amount Due and Payable to WV State Auditor - cashier check, money order, certified or personal check. \$1,304.18

You may redeem at any time before January 31, 2025, by paying the above total less any unearned interest.

Given under my hand August 6, 2024 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 Boulevard East, Building 1, Room W-114, Charleston, West Virginia, 25305. Questions please call 1-888-509-6568

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Tariff Form No. 8 (RULE 23)

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 24-0289-E-P APALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and WHEELING POWER COMPANY, public utilities. Petition to Update the MRBC Rates Currently in Effect

REVISED NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company (the Companies), public utilities, have, on March 15, 2024, filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia a Petition to update the Modified Rate Base Cost (MRBC) surcharge revenues. The Public Service Commission's June 30, 2021 Order in Case No. 20-1012-E-P required the Companies to file an annual MRBC update in March of 2022, 2023, and 2024. If approved, the increased rates will apply to electric service to approximately 460,774 customers in the counties of Boone, Brooke, Cabell, Clay, Fayette, Greenbrier, Jackson, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Nicholas, Ohio, Putnam, Raleigh, Roane, Summers, Wayne, Wetzel, and Wyoming.

The Companies propose to recover total incremental revenue requirements for certain rate base increases added between October 1, 2022 and September 30, 2023. The proposed increased rates and charges will produce approximately \$32.2 million annually in additional revenue, an increase of 1.82% over revenue at current rate and usage levels. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Category, (\$ INCREASE, (%) INCREASE, Avg. Monthly kWh. Residential: \$4.11 (2.42%), Residential: \$4.59 (2.39%), Commercial: \$7.39 (1.74%), Industrial: \$3,635.30 (1.40%), Special Contract: \$8,532.52 (1.59%), Other: \$0.23 (1.39%)

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

The increases requested vary by customer class and customer usage level. Individual customers may receive an increase that is greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested rates are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this Petition. Any increase in rates will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. The Public Service Commission has scheduled an evidentiary hearing on Monday, August 20, 2024, immediately following the close of the hearing in Case No. 24-0332-E-P in the Howard M. Cunningham Hearing Room, Public Service Commission Building, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

Anyone desiring to intervene should file a written petition to intervene by May 31, 2024. Failure to intervene timely can affect your right to participate in the proceeding. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention. All protests or requests to intervene should briefly state the reason for the protest or intervention. All protests and interventions 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 this tariff, as well as a representative of the Companies to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the following office of the Companies: 200 Association Drive, Charleston, WV 25311. A copy of this tariff is also available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents on the website of the Companies: www.appalachianpower.com/account/bills/rates/APCORatesTariffsWV.aspx

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APALACHIAN POWER COMPANY and WHEELING POWER COMPANY

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Tariff Form No. 8-C (Tariff Rule 14.2 et seq. (Historical Rule 30-C))

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that Hope Gas, Inc. (the "Company"), a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, an application containing decreased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing natural gas service to all of its customers at various locations in the Counties of Barbour, Boone, Braxton, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mingo, Monongalia, Nicholas, Pleasants, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood and Wyoming.

The proposed decreased rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2024, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will decrease revenues approximately \$33.1 million annually, a decrease of 16.63%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

Table with 3 columns: TYPE OF CUSTOMER, HOPE GAS, INC. - PROPOSED \$ INCREASE/ (DECREASE), % INCREASE/ (DECREASE). Residential Sales (Rate Class RS): (\$13.69) (13.60%), Small Commercial Sales (Rate Class SGS): (\$56.59) (16.83%), Small Commercial Transport (Rate Class SGS) 1/: \$0.18 (0.02%), Large Commercial Sales (Rate Class LGS): (\$3,170.49) (24.59%), Large Commercial Transport (Rate Class LGS) 1/: (\$2,650.22) (0.03%), Industrial Sales (Rate Class LCI-D & LCI-DS): (\$6,104.96) (25.85%), Resale Sales (Rate Class WS): (\$8,352.21) (22.93%), Daily Balancing for Transport: \$17.22 (3.84%)

1/ To account for an increase in standby rate.

FORMER PEOPLES GAS WV - PROPOSED

Table with 3 columns: TYPE OF CUSTOMER, \$ INCREASE/ (DECREASE), % INCREASE/ (DECREASE). General Service - Residential Sales: (\$24.09) (23.03%), General Service - Commercial Sales: (\$121.62) (25.70%), Industrial Service - Sales: (\$1,683.61) (31.59%), Swing Service Charge for Transport: (\$39.32) (18.63%)

FORMER SOUTHERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY - PROPOSED

Table with 3 columns: TYPE OF CUSTOMER, \$ INCREASE/ (DECREASE), % INCREASE/ (DECREASE). General Service - Residential Sales: (\$15.01) (20.91%), General Service - Commercial Sales: (\$73.78) (26.84%)

FORMER STANDARD/BAZZLE GAS COMPANY - PROPOSED

Table with 3 columns: TYPE OF CUSTOMER, \$ INCREASE/ (DECREASE), % INCREASE/ (DECREASE). General Service - Residential Sales: (\$5.33) (7.22%), General Service - Commercial Sales: (\$22.23) (11.02%)

Resale customers of the Company include Consumers Gas Utility Co., Cardinal Natural Gas Company - Northern Division (Lumberport), Mountaineer Gas Co., and Cardinal Natural Gas Company - Northern Division (Blacksville).

The decreases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated classes. Each class may receive a decrease greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive decreases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested decreased rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increase or decrease) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase or decrease in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. (If a hearing is conducted, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the Morgantown office of the Company, 781 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 100, Morgantown, West Virginia.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

The 30-C procedure is designed to provide a procedure for changing rates charged to customers by natural gas distribution utilities based exclusively on the cost of purchased gas. Consequently, protest should be limited to the reasonableness of such costs and the method by which they are calculated. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within twenty-five (25) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases or to participate in future proceedings. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission's rules on intervention set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All interventions must be mailed or hand-delivered and be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, Post Office Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323, with copies to Daniel M. Taylor, Jr., Hope Gas, Inc., 781 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 100, Morgantown, WV 26505 and Kurt L. Krieger, Post Office Box 1588, Charleston, WV 25326-1588. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the "Submit a Comment" link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, Post Office Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

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Winfield
13th Birthday August 13

GEORGE MORRIS
525 Albert Way
Petaluma, California
81st Birthday August 23

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New Bern, North Carolina
24th Birthday August 23

STEPHANIE ARMSTEAD
Winfield
47th Birthday August 23

BEV WILKES
112 LaFayette Drive
Hurricane
82nd Birthday August 23

XYLPHIA BEAVER
2253 Hurricane Creek
Road
Hurricane
80th Birthday August 23

DYLAN SPRADLING
536 22nd Street
Dunbar
Birthday August 23

NANCY STAATS
P.O. Box 183
Culloden
Birthday August 23

MICHELLE BUTCHER
PLUMLEY
Huntington
50th Birthday August 24

BETTY ARMSTEAD
155 Walmott Drive
Huntington
1st Birthday August 24

JONATHAN SAWRIE
#3 Sawrie Road
Greenbrier, Arkansas
58th Birthday August 24

TRAVIS HOBBS
202 Country Road
Poca
43rd Birthday August 24

JOSHUA PAUL
CHAPMAN
Frazier's Bottom
36th Birthday August 24

SENATOR JOE

MANCHIN
77th Birthday August 24

JOYCE ERWIN WRAY
524 Erwin Road
Winfield
50th Birthday August 24

TERESA ERWIN BALL
Culloden
Birthday August 24

LISA AKERS
3301 Mt. Union Road
Frazier's Bottom
58th Birthday August 24

PREMA RAY
Hurricane Creek Road
Hurricane
Birthday August 25

JASON AKERS
Frazier's Bottom
44th Birthday August 25

BRUCE CASTO
11320 Sugar Loaf Court
Jacksonville, Florida
75th Birthday August 25

SHERRY HAMMICKS
McCALLISTER
#21 Washington Hill Road
Hurricane
51st Birthday August 25

DARYL LENE ADKINS
BROWN
#9 Woodhaven Drive
Huntington
69th Birthday August 25

KATE SHEETS
Huntington
13th Birthday August 26

JENNIFER NEAL
109 Pond Branch Road
Southside
Birthday August 26

MINDY BONENE
Huntington
Birthday August 26

JOSHLYN GRACE
JACKSON
1217 Glenwood Street
Milton
13th Birthday August 26

WANDA CHANDLER-
WIREMAN

GWES Music Vendor Fair

The George Washington Elementary School (GWES) Music Vendor Fair Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, August 24th, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Eleanor Volunteer Fire Department. Upper level will have vendors while lower level will have concessions. Money raised will go towards the school's project to improve hearing safety in the music classroom.

Lima, Ohio
73rd Birthday August 26

PALMER HAZELETT
St. Augustine, Florida
3rd Birthday August 26

ANDREA JACKSON
#35 Timothy Lane
Milton
26th Birthday August 27

ANNA BOLING
111 Elite Heights
Hurricane
73rd Birthday August 27

NANCY DAVIS
Scott Depot
59th Birthday August 27

JONATHAN FOSTER
Culloden
39th Birthday August 27

YORK McCORMICK
St. Albans
75th Birthday August 27

ASHLEY HODGES
HUMPHREY
57 Crandall Drive
Culloden
30th Birthday August 27

SHERRY PERRINE LONG
1074 Springdale Road
Hurricane
Birthday August 27

RILEY JADE
CARPENTER
Willow Spring, North
Carolina
5th Birthday August 27

CHRISTOPHER
ASHWORTH
4714 5&20 Road
Frazier's Bottom
50th Birthday August 28

DAVID RACER
1561 West Mud River
Road
Milton
78th Birthday August 28

STEPHANIE MEADOWS-
CHILDERS
Huntington
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STACEY GILLISPIE ELLIS
#56 TWP RD 342
Proctorville, Ohio
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TIERA HOBBS
21549 Winfield Road
Frazier's Bottom
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GARY ISNER
Bills Creek Road
Scott Depot
82nd Birthday August 28

JEANNIE GIVENS
AND TWIN SISTER
JANIE GIVENS
302 Huntington Avenue
Charleston
72nd Birthday August 29

ELMER PETERS
P.O. Box 43
Winfrede
87th Birthday August 29

TIM KEELING
#52 Revere Road
Hurricane
58th Birthday August 29

TOMMY WARF
Avon Park, Florida
Birthday August 29

MICHAEL WRAY
524 Erwin Road
Winfield
Birthday August 29

West Virginia Cupcake Festival Celebrating Ten Years With Festivities To Be Held This Week

This year's West Virginia Cupcake Festival will be held on August 22, 23, and 24 at Valley Park in Hurricane. This marks ten years of being able to provide for children's charities in the area.

Beginning in 2021, the WV Cupcake Festival went from being just a one-day event to a two-day event. The organizers are so excited to continue this new tradition!

Back by popular demand, there will be the Pupcake Pageant, Cupcake Classic Cruise-In and fun activities for the kids to enjoy! There will also be entertainment for all to enjoy!

On Saturday, the day kicks off at 8 am with The Sweetest Race In Town, our Cupcake Chase 5K, during which you decorate a cupcake along the race route (not mandatory of course) to bring back and have judged for best decorated at the end.

The festival begins at 11 am and includes fun events and activities all day long! There will be the Little Miss & Little Mister Cupcake Pageant, Cupcake Competitions, a Cupcake Eating Contest and even a Cupcake Costume Contest!

Vendors at the festival include local artisans, craft and direct sales vendors, food trucks and of course, CUPCAKE VENDORS!

One hundred percent of the proceeds from the 2024 WV Cupcake Festival will be donated to the Make a Wish Foundation, local chapter, to benefit kids in our community. For 2023, 75% of festival proceeds were donated to Children's Home Society of WV, and 25% of proceeds to Putnam Shoes for Children, totaling almost \$8000.00.

For more information, go to <https://wvcupcake-festival.com> or check out

Hurricane Cupcake Festival on Facebook.

Schedule of Events
Thursday, August 22
Hours 6:00 to 9:00 pm
6:00 pm - Festival/ Night Market opens
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Courtyard Vendors and Food Trucks
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm - Jake Binegar (main stage)
7:00 pm - Hobby Horse Competitionn (grass area near rear parking lot)
7:30 pm - Yeegaw Call Contest (main stage)
9:00 pm - Festival/ Night Market closes

Friday, August 23
Hours 4:00 to 9:00 pm
Kids' Night at the WV Cupcake Festival
4:00 pm - Festival Opens
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Cupcake Cruise In/Car Show (main parking lot)
4:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Cupcake and Craft Vendors - (inside conference center)
4:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Food Trucks
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Kids Carnival Games (courtyard)
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Rewind the Walkman (main stage)
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Show by Zoology Zone Science Center (conference center foyer)
6:00 pm - Registration for Power Wheels Derby (field by the large shelter)
6:30 pm - Power Wheels Derby (field by the large shelter)
7:30 pm - Vendor Cupcake Competition (conference center stage)
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm - Corduroy Brown (main stage)
9:00 pm - Festival Closes

Saturday, August 24
Hours 11:00 am to 8:00 pm
7:00 am - Check-in/

Registration for Cupcake Chase 5K/Cupcake Stroll 1-mile Walk (at the large shelter)
8:00 am - Cupcake Chase 5K Run/Cupcake Stroll 1-mile Walk (at the large shelter)
11:00 am - Cupcake Festival Opens
11:00 am - Opening Ceremonies and Introduction of the 2024 WV Cupcake Festival Queens
11:00 am - Pupcake and Friends Pageant Check-In (by main stage)
11:00 am - 8:00 pm - Cupcake, Food and Craft Vendors (inside conference center and courtyard)
11:00 am - 8:00 pm - Art, Coloring and Photography Contests Exhibit (conference center foyer)
11:30 am - Pupcake and Friends Pageant (in front of the main stage)
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm - The In Crown (main stage)
1:00 pm - Registration for Cupcake Eating Contest (near main stage)
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Kids Crafts with My Messy Desk
1:30 pm - Cupcake Eating Contest (in front of main stage)
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm - Check-in for Amateur Cupcake Competition (conference center stage)
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm - Non-Friction (main stage)
3:30 pm - Judging of the Amateur Cupcake Competition (conference center stage)
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm - Weekend Warriors (main stage)
4:30 pm - Cupcake Decorating with the Queens Live Fundraiser (conference center stage)
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Josh Pantry (main stage)
8:00 pm - WV Cupcake Festival Closes

Online Edition
Check out the Breeze's Online Edition at hurricanebreezenews.com

Happy Anniversary

Drema K. and Raymond P. Justice of 4136 Scott Depot Road, Hurricane, celebrated their fifty-eighth wedding anniversary on August 20.

C. D. and Joyce Young of 6994 Hurricane Creek Road in Winfield will celebrate their fifty-second wedding anniversary on August 23.

Daniel and Deidra Plybon Simmons of Huntington will celebrate their sixteenth wedding anniversary on August 23.

Matt and Eva Ball of 120 Deer Run Road in Huntington will celebrate their eighteenth wedding anniversary on August 24.

Leslie and Sherry Perrine Long of 1074 Springdale Road in Hurricane will celebrate their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary on August 24.

David and Ruth Sayre of Buffalo will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on August 24.

Gary and Teresa Foster Bills of 445 Kane Street in Milton will celebrate their forty-sixth wedding anniversary on August 25.

Anthony and Ashley Setliff of 3583 5&20 Mile Road in Frazier's Bottom will celebrate their wedding anniversary on August 25.

Rev. Troy and Susie Nicely of 1833 Sunset View in Milton will celebrate their forty-first wedding anniversary on August 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Macko of Springfield, Missouri, will celebrate their twenty-third wedding anniversary on August 25.

John and Phyllis Young of Athens, Ohio, will celebrate their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary on August 25.

John and Teresa White of 1036 Kelly's Creek Road in Hurricane will celebrate their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary on August 26.

Jim and Carolyn Harvey of 880 Lpswitch Street in The Villages, Florida, will celebrate their forty-sixth wedding anniversary on August 26.

Joe Mike and Peggy Henderson of 78 TWP 1255 in Proctorville, Ohio, will celebrate their fifty-ninth wedding anniversary on August 26.

Grey and Johnna Ellis Damron of Catlettsburg, Kentucky, will celebrate their tenth wedding anniversary on August 27.

Lowell and Sue Carrico of 105 Alma Avenue in South Point, Ohio, will celebrate their sixty-third

wedding anniversary on August 27.

Rev. Michael and Beverly Lemley of 1575 3rd Street in Milton will celebrate their forty-eighth wedding anniversary on August 27.

Jeremy and Trista Nott of Putnam Avenue in Hurricane will celebrate their nineteenth wedding anniversary on August 27.

Rev. Jimmy and Parr Perry of 257 TWP 1212 in Proctorville, Ohio, will celebrate their thirty-sixth wedding anniversary on August 27.

Thomas and Patty Robinson of Hamlin will celebrate their twenty-sixth wedding anniversary on August 29.

Rev. Stan and Barbara Maynard of Greensboro, North Carolina, will celebrate their fifty-ninth wedding anniversary on August 29.

Wayne and Brenda Massie of 4261 Stave Branch Road in Frazier's Bottom will celebrate their forty-fourth wedding anniversary on August 29.

William and Donna Young Holley of Box 21 in Gay will celebrate their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary on August 29.



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