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Area Farmers Seek Help at Drought Assistance Meeting

By Ron Allen

The present drought has been described as the worst since 1999 and slightly less severe than the drought of 1987. Rain fall recorded at the Breeze weather station tells a different story. Rain fall during the months of June, July, and August totaled 10.6 inches in 1987 and 10.9 inches in 1999. There are three days remaining in this August with the June 1 to August 28, 2024 total standing at 6.2 inches. While it is possible that 4.5 inches could fall before September 1, it is not likely. The forecast on Tuesday predicted a 40% chance of local thunderstorms on the last three days of the month.

On Monday, August 26, the Farm Service Agency (FSA), the WV Conservation Service, and the Natural Resource Conservation Service teamed to host an Awareness Meeting at the Holiday Inn Express in Teays Valley at which the three agencies made the help available to drought stricken farmers known. Matt Taylor of the FSA compared this year's weather to that of the famed Dust Bowl period of the Great Depression era.

Both the WV Conservation Service

and the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) have programs which are designed to help farmers implement practices which promote speedy land recovery from drought conditions and develop effective plans to deal with future droughts. The FSA offers immediate help to livestock producers who have suffered from drought-caused grazing losses. Many cattle farmers have been forced to feed hay which they had intended to feed their animals between late October and mid-April.

FSA administrator Josh Lewis said that farmers who are registered with the USDA may receive cash payments for their losses in as little as two weeks. "The cash will allow cattle producers to buy replacement hay if any can be found," Lewis said. "Many will be forced to reduce herd size because second-cutting hay will not be available."

The FSA makes cash payments available to areas which have a D3 drought classification through its Livestock Forage Disaster Program. This summer marks the first time since 1999 that Putnam has been classed D3. D3 ratings are assigned to areas of extreme drought which have suffered

A Desperate Call for Help



The Collins cattle on Vineyard Ridge are not suffering for lack of hay or water and do not understand human desperation.

By Ron Allen

On the afternoon of August 18, the Breeze received the following email: "We have a 62 1/2 farm. We have been hauling water for major crop and pasture losses. Lewis said that the first step for farmers seeking relief is to register. The telephone number of the USDA office serving Putnam County is 304-776-5256. Farmers must certify that they suffered a grazing loss due to drought, and submit an acreage report to

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over 2 months. Any an all help would be appreciated!! We are located on vineyard ridge!! I have 27 cows and hauling water everyday is really hard!! Thanks for your help."

We did not know the sender, nor the location of Vineyard Ridge, but the message was clear. A farm family was calling the Breeze for help. I left the email in my Inbox; I did not respond. The best that the Breeze could possibly do would be referral to a governmental agency which could provide some form of relief. It was Sunday and the Tuesday afternoon deadline for submitting Thursday's paper to our printer was fast approaching.

Tuesday passed. Wednesday was outpatient

Cataract Surgery day for my right eye. Thursday was time to consider the call for help. An Internet search located a Vineyard Ridge in Roane County. Fat chance that anyone in Roane County would be contacting the Breeze for help. Maybe Vineyard Ridge was a local name for Fisher Ridge in Putnam County?

As soon as one week's edition of the Breeze is put to bed, it is time to plan the next issue. The Breeze had just published notice of the drought assistance awareness meeting which was to be held at the Holiday Inn Express on August 26 and the plan was to cover the upcoming meeting. Photos of a farm affected by the drought and hauling water would be appropriate.

On Friday, I replied to the email for help. I informed the sender of the awareness meeting and suggested that the Breeze could come out and take a water-hauling photo to supplement the planned article. I needed driving instructions.

On Sunday morning, Tammy Collins of Vineyard Ridge in Roane County responded with the requested information. The Collins farm was 10 miles from the Clendenin I-79 exit, 56 miles from Hurricane. Betsy and I hit the road at 2 p.m.

We found the Collins farm to look pretty much like the dried up narrow ridge tops of Red House Hill in Putnam County. The Collins cattle were

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Even the Weather Was Against Us

By Irene Ambler

Editor's Note: The following article, printed in the February 12, 1981 edition of the Breeze by Irene Ambler describes her memories of the "dust bowl" era of the Great Depression. The present drought which has plagued West Virginia throughout this summer comes close but does not quite match the severity which Irene recalls.

dead stubble from hopefully abundant crops could be seen as pitiful evidence of lack of moisture.

These great big black clouds would gather quite often; and thunder would roar and lightning would flash. But no water fell from the skies. Sometimes a few dark spots in the dust and adding mute witness to the futility of the times. Sometimes we would get a pretty good garden started and growing by the use of daily waterings. Then, when it appeared as if we could have good harvest, a hot wind would appear from nowhere, almost immediately scorching the tender shoots and leaves of our plants.

One thing which stands out particularly in my memory is the dust. Everything was dusty. The dust would dry the skin and hair and cause almost constant irritation to the respiratory system. Yes, we did have dust storms, although we do not live in the western part of the United States. The dust came from the mid-western farming section, which was blowing away due to drought and due also to the fact that good farming practices had not been followed by the farmers of the past. The clouds of red dust which we saw were the reason that scores of farmers had to leave the mid-west, thus giving rise to such famous stories as "The Grapes of Wrath" and "Tobacco Road." Farms were foreclosed upon by the hundreds, bankruptcies were the order of the day, land was lost by non-payment of taxes and businesses folded all over the country.

When we had the "dust

storms" as we called them, the atmosphere took on a reddish hue, accentuated by a blazing red sun. It was weird. Usually we would have the dust storms in the late afternoon, right before sunset. Several times during the day we would have to dust the mucky dust from the furniture. It would really pile up even if we kept the doors and windows shut. I wouldn't want to go through that again.

Even though the summers were hot, dry and sometimes fruitless, the winters were cold, windy and punishing, especially when one didn't have galoshes. I can remember only one pair of galoshes which I had during the early thirties. They were of some kind of cloth with rubber soles. They did offer some protection against my flapping soles, but they leaked. In summer I went with flapping soles and in winter I can remember cold, wet feet. I hate cold, wet feet and muddy shoes.

Around 1933 a system of locks and dams was started on the Kanawha River. They were built for the purpose of better river navigation, but principally they were for the purpose of flood control. The construction must not have been completed previous to the Flood of 1937, which I remember well. I'll tell you my memories of that flood in a later issue. Torrid heat, hot winds, floods, snows and all kinds of bad weather—you name it, we had it, only adding to our woes of that time.

Each time I write one of my depression stories, I can't help but wonder if we could weather the storms

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West Virginia Cupcake Festival Celebrates 10th Anniversary



Andy McKee of Zoology Zone shows a group of children a lizard during a special show on Friday evening. (Photo by Betsy Allen)

The West Virginia Cupcake Festival celebrated its tenth anniversary last weekend, marking a decade of bringing sweet treats to the valley. The event, which took place on August 22 through 24, was held at Valley Park in Hurricane.

In addition to showcasing professional cupcake bakers from around the area, the festival serves as a fundraiser for local children's charities. The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater Pennsylvania and West Virginia was this year's chosen charity, and the Cupcake Festival donated a check for \$5,000 to the organization.

Thursday marked the

monthly Night Market at Valley Park, which just happened to coincide with the Cupcake Festival. The Night Market featured a western theme, with fun activities such as a yeehaw contest. Cupcake vendors were on site, so visitors could get an early sampling of the delights showcased by the festival. Country artist Jake Binegar was the featured performer for the evening.

Friday evening was packed with activities, including the Cupcake Cruise-In, an educational reptile show by Zoology Zone Science Center, and a Power Wheels Derby for the children. Providing musical entertainment for

the evening were Rewind the Walkman and Corduroy Brown.

The Master Vendor Cupcake Competition, which features the talents of local chefs and bakeries, was held on Friday evening. The 2024 Queen's Choice went to Amy's Cool Cakes and Catering of Ona. The Second Runner Up of the Master Vendor Cupcake Competition was Super Love Competition of Culloden; First Runner Up was Beeg's Bakes of South Charleston; and First Place was Betti's Sweet Treats of Hurricane.

Saturday started out with the Cupcake Chase 5K in the morning, and the Pupcake

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WEATHER SUMMARY		
August 20 - 26		
	Low	High
August 20		
Hurricane	48°	69°
August 21		
Hurricane	42°	75°
August 22		
Hurricane	44°	79°
August 23		
Hurricane	42°	82°
August 24		
Hurricane	50°	88°
August 25		
Hurricane	55°	92°
August 26		
Hurricane	62°	93°
*RAIN		
None recorded		

Community Calendar

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

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 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 - 31

- Tribute to the River will be held in Point Pleasant. Live entertainment, food, and fun for all ages. For more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/masoncountytourism>

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 Wildwood Players will be performing at Brookse's Bar and Grill, 13184 Winfield Road, Winfield, starting at 8 p.m.

- The Chapman Reunion 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.

THURSDAYS

SEPTEMBER -

NOVEMBER

- The Village - Free seminars for seniors and their caregivers will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley.

SEPTEMBER 1

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

SEPTEMBER 3

- A writers' group meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley.

- Pottery Place, 3550 Teays Valley Road Suite 4, Hurricane, holds a story art event the first Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. Listen to a story and make a themed ceramic piece. RSVP by calling 304-931-5077.

SEPTEMBER 5

- Putnam County Library Book Club Meetings: Buffalo Library at 5 p.m. and Hurricane Library at 5:30 p.m.

- There will be a workshop on medications and poison safety at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley at 5:30 p.m.

- The Hurricane Woman's Club will be holding their monthly meeting at 1 p.m. at Hurricane City Hall. Lunch will be provided; the cost is \$15 per person.

SEPTEMBER 6

- The Putnam Chamber of Commerce will be holding a Business Before Business meetup from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at Poca Valley Bank, 12737 Winfield Road, Winfield.

SEPTEMBER 7

- There will be an antique tractor pull at 1 p.m. at the West Virginia Farm Museum, 1458 Fairground Road, Point Pleasant.

- The Nitro Antique Car Club will be holding their annual car show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 2nd Avenue, 21st Street, Nitro.
- Mt. Zion Church will be holding a song and praise service at 6 p.m. Special singing by Gospel Heritage.

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

- The Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley will be showing the Paddington movie at 10 a.m.

- The Hurricane Hundred 100K Trail Race and Relay is 62 glorious miles on the Meeks Mountain Trails in Hurricane WV. For more information, go to <https://ultrasignup.com/register.aspx?did=109635>

- There will be an immersive nature hike with Andy McKee at 2 p.m. at Meeks Mountain Trails. Meet up at the Big Red Barn at Hurricane City Park.

- The WV Cupcake Festival will be holding Gift Card Bingo at Valley Park Conference Center in Hurricane. Games begin at 5 p.m. - doors open at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35 at the door. To purchase advance tickets, go to <https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/west-virginia-cupcake-festival-inc/wv-cupcake-festival-gift-card-bingo>

- There will be a Red Carpet Event VIP Homeschool Semi-Formal from 7 to 10 p.m. at Social Event Space, 2833 Main Street, Hurricane. Tickets are \$25. Register by Sept. 6. For more information, call Create & Gather at (681) 217-0093.

- There will be a comic trade day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at The Board Room in Hurricane (behind Walmart).

WVDEP to Hold Great Kanawha River Cleanup on September 7th

Volunteers needed for cleanup sites in Fayette, Kanawha, and Putnam Counties

The annual Great Kanawha River Cleanup, sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's (WVDEP) Make It Shine Program, is set for Saturday, September 7th from 9 a.m. to noon. Cleanup sites include Winfield Beach, St. Albans Roadside Park, the South Charleston boat ramp, and Kanawha Falls at Glen Ferris. Other clean-up sites could be added as the event nears.

This annual event brings together local volunteers to remove tons of litter from the banks of the Kanawha River and haul it off for proper disposal. Last year's cleanup saw 55 volunteers collect over 2.5 tons of trash and 41 tires.

Those wishing to volunteer for this year's cleanup are urged to register with the WVDEP so enough supplies can be obtained for each location. The WVDEP's Rehabilitation

Environmental Action Plan (REAP) will supply bags and gloves for volunteers and arrange for trash to be hauled away. All volunteers will receive a T-shirt.

To volunteer, or suggest a clean-up location, contact the WVDEP's Chris Cartwright at 304-389-8389 or by email at christopher.j.cartwright@wv.gov.

REAP, whose motto is 'Keeping WV Clean and Green,' was created in 2005 and strives to clean up West Virginia and rid the state of litter. The program empowers citizens to take ownership of their communities by providing technical, financial, and resource assistance in cleanup and recycling efforts. More information is available on the REAP webpage at <https://dep.wv.gov/environmental-advocate/reap/Pages/default.aspx>

FBI Announces Nationwide "Take A Beat" Campaign to Increase Awareness of Frauds and Scams

The FBI announces the launch of a nationwide effort to raise awareness of the frauds and scams impacting the public and encourage reporting to law enforcement. Throughout this campaign, the FBI will share information with the public to highlight different types of fraud and scams, tips for identifying them and preventing losses, and how victims can report to protect others.

One of the most common tactics scammers employ is a false sense of urgency or isolation. They may try to instill trust, induce empathy or fear, or promise monetary gains, companionship, or employment opportunities - all to lure victims into immediate action. For this reason, the FBI's awareness campaign urges the public to "Take A Beat": resist pressure to act quickly, pause for a moment, and assess the situation.

According to the FBI's latest Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) data, there have already been \$1.6 billion in losses from January to May of 2024, which is nearly \$300 million more from the same time last year.

"These criminals are not only wiping out the life savings of people in our community, but they're also stealing peace of mind. The emotional and financial tolls of these schemes can be devastating," said FBI Pittsburgh Special Agent in Charge Kevin Rojek. "We believe empowering the community with this information can be a first line of defense to spot and stop fraud. The FBI and our partners stand together to prevent, investigate, and prosecute these crimes to bring scammers to justice."

Protect yourself and your information

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

- Take precautionary measures to protect your identity should a criminal gain access to your device or account. Immediately contact your financial institutions to place protections on your accounts and monitor for suspicious activity.

- Be cautious of unsolicited phone calls, mailings, and door-to-door

service offers.

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

- Never give or send to unverified people or businesses any personally identifiable information, money, checks, gift cards, or wire information.

If you believe you or someone you know may have been a victim of a fraud or scam, contact your local FBI office or submit a complaint on [IC3.gov](https://ic3.gov). You should document the name of the scammer/company and methods of contact, dates of contact, methods of payment, where funds may have been sent, and a thorough description of the interactions.

For more information on the common frauds and scams the FBI encounters, visit: www.fbi.gov/how-we-can-help-you/scams-and-safety/common-frauds-and-scams

To view the latest stats and trends, visit www.ic3.gov

Story Time to Return to Library

The Putnam County Library has announced that the autumn season of story time will begin the second week of September. Come to any library location for songs, books, and an enriching environment for your little ones. All ages are welcome.

M o n d a y s and **W e d n e s d a y s**: Main Library at 10 a.m.

T u e s d a y s: Eleanor and Poca Libraries at 10 a.m.

T h u r s d a y s: Buffalo and Hurricane Libraries at 10 a.m.; Main Library at 6 p.m.

Articles Welcome

We would love to publicize your event. Send press releases and announcements to the Hurricane Breeze, PO Box 310, Hurricane, W. Va.; by emailing hurricanebreeze@citynet.net; or calling (304) 562-9881 (this number can also be used for faxes).

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

School has started in Florida... the sign that summer is almost over... alas... the temps are still 100 plus... is it really over? I think not...

August/September and the fall... no real fall here, but we can hope and remember... holidays will begin. Labor Day not such a big deal for celebrations, but it is an important day... signals the real end of summer... was the time we were getting ready to return to school back in the day... After Labor Day, not in the heat of August... oh, wouldn't that be great for these kids?

September brings my birthday and those of other friends (Happy Birthday Flora Lee...) Another year older, and trust me, I feel it... I do continue to act as if I am younger... or at least my family assures me this is so. September brings football... since I do not have cable, I seldom watch games anymore, but I do catch a few on You Tube... I keep up with my favorite teams and their scores...

October brings the birthday of my first born, my son... a man who is kind and good... and cares for his family... special time... he celebrated his 50th during Covid, so I did not get to see him on that day... we make up for it now.

October brings a holiday I have never liked... ever... still don't... Halloween... just a time I do not care for; I do not celebrate except cards and little cash for the grands... I know others like this time of year and decorate accordingly... I have let the little boys put

Developmental Screening

Putnam County Schools Developmental Screenings will be held on Friday, September 13, at the Teays Valley Baptist Church, 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.

Available Pets at the Putnam County Animal Shelter

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

For more information, call the Putnam County Animal Shelter at 304-586-0249.



Everyone meet Bingo! He is such a good boy, and deserves to live his life on the comfy couch he dreams about. Bingo is estimated to be around three years old, and came in from a very sad situation. Bingo dreams of the day he can have his new fur-ever home.

A Desperate Call for Help



One of Collins' Charolais calves poses at a 300 gallon drinking tank.



Harold Collins has been transporting water from Clendenin to Vineyard Ridge daily since mid June.

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munching on hay that, in a normal year, would be fed out in October or November. Harold Collins was on the road. He was hauling 3500 gallons of West Virginia American Water Company water to a neighbor. It was the second tank load of day for water to Clendenin and back for Harold, 30 minutes one way. On Saturday, the previous day, Collins made three round trips for water. During normal summers, the farm pond supplies

most of the needed cattle water. Last year, two round trips per month were needed to supplement the pond. This year the pond dried up early and has remained dry.

The Collins family does not have public water or a well. Harold must haul water for personal needs year round. One load every two weeks is usually sufficient.

Upon completing his mission, Harold posed for photo. He could rest from water hauling until tomorrow. With 27 head of cattle, tomorrow is another

day of hauling.

The Breeze shared a bit of information concerning government assistance programs with the Collins but we did not have the contact information for Roane County farmers. Sorry, we could do no more.

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the Farm Service Agency (FSA) for all grazing land for which a grazing loss is being claimed.

The WV Conservation service offers financial assistance to farmers for infrastructure improvements such as farm pond construction. NRCS assistance targets large scale needs of an

entire farming operation.

The Awareness Meeting at the Holiday Inn Express is the first for the agencies involved. Lewis stated that he was surprised by the large response. "I was expecting maybe five to ten. There were more than fifty individuals waiting to hear us. The turnout reflects the degree to which farmers have been affected."

Even the Weather Was Against Us

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of another decade such as the 1930's. People are different. Nearly everyone now has a higher standard of living; practically all of our natural resources have been wasted and raped; our very earth is polluted with every conceivable poison; the youth have been corrupted by sex and pornography and drugs; people have so many "rights" that they have forgotten the word "responsibility;" people have gone so far away from the Creator, that we wonder if they will ever return to the stage of humility which dictates the smallness of man and the greatness of God.

Do we have the strength of spirit and character to go into another era of poverty? Can we ever realize that gifts once wasted can never be regained? Can we realize that man must work by the sweat of his brow in order to

survive? Can lost values be brought back? Can millions of people realize that the free ride is just about over and the days of wages without effort have gone? Will people ever learn that no politician in Washington or anyplace else can save them from their own waste and lack of initiative?

Somehow I think so. You know, when civilizations are in danger of falling, hedonistic values replace the real ones; and human body becomes an un-private thing which is discussed without modesty; music and art become chaotic; and just about everyone turns his thoughts strictly to himself.

I can see a slight glimmering that people are tired of the sex, the violence, the something-for-nothing, the every man for himself sort of philosophy of the past two decades. I believe that we will return to the old time-tested and time-worn

axioms of the past; that man must work; man must save; man must learn to do with what he has; that we can live with dignity and pride and decency.

I actually can understand the words of the music on the radio; and I can see that love instead of sex is trying to make a comeback. I can hear and see on television (amidst all the trash) that there is a little glimmering that there is a recognition that we are dependent upon our Creator; and that we cannot live without strength of character, a willingness to work and a willingness to love and help our neighbors, wherever they are.

Who knows—we may even condition ourselves to the point that we may enjoy flapping soles, feed sack dresses and drawers and possum and sweet potatoes. I can take all of that except the possum and sweet potatoes.



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

Aug. 29, 1952: A groundbreaking ceremony was held in Mercer County to mark the beginning of construction of the West Virginia Turnpike. Initially,

most of the turnpike was just two lanes because officials believed revenues would be too low to finance four lanes.

Aug. 30, 1862: Confederate raiders under the command of General Albert G. Jenkins attacked and occupied Buckhannon, where they captured 20 prisoners and 5,000 stands of small arms.

Aug. 31, 1945: The USS West Virginia led American battleships into Tokyo Bay two days before the formal surrender of Japan on September 2, 1945.

Sept. 1, 1777: Fort Henry, located at what is now Wheeling, was attacked by Indians for the first time during the Revolutionary War. Nearly half the militia were lured outside the post and killed.

Sept. 1, 1907: Walter Phillips Reuther was born to German immigrant parents in Wheeling. Reuther was a founder of the modern labor movement and a long-time president of the United Auto Workers.

Sept. 1, 1921: By this

date during the Battle of Blair Mountain, miners had captured half of the 25-mile mountain ridge and were ready to descend upon Logan. President Warren Harding placed the strike zone under martial law, and ordered federal troops and a squadron of bomber aircraft into the state.

Sept. 2, 1722: Frontiersman William Crawford was born in present Jefferson County. He was a farmer, soldier, surveyor and the land agent of George Washington.

Sept. 3, 1890: West Virginia Wesleyan College opened in Buckhannon as the West Virginia Conference Seminary. In that first year, 201 men and women undertook a largely preparatory school curriculum. Gradually the school added college-level studies and awarded its first five degrees in 1905.

Sept. 3, 1966: President Lyndon B. Johnson dedicated the Summersville Dam and Lake. Summersville Lake (now State Park), located on the Gauley River in Nicholas County. It is West Virginia's largest lake, with 2,790 surface acres at summer pool stage and 60 miles of shoreline.

Sept. 4, 1862: General Albert G. Jenkins and his men crossed the Ohio River and became the first to raise the Confederate flag on Ohio soil.

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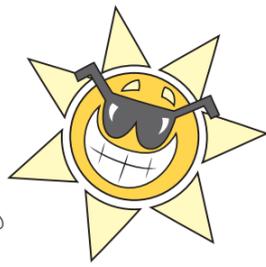
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What I Have Learned From Country Music

By Velma Kitchens of Culloden

Don't hang around beer joints—you may just rock the juke-box. You can't go home a drinkin' with lovin' on your mind. You can't make the world go away. Your good girl might just go bad. The sea is full of heartbreak. You may just have a farewell party for your spouse because you really didn't love him. Don't hide a body under your house; you might be walking the floor over them. And, for the love of Pete, don't go to Wolverton Mountain.

Good hearted women usually fall for good timing men. Springtime in Alaska is forty below zero. What made Milwaukee famous makes a fool out of many people. People in Texas don't drive; they waltz across the state. If you have a quarter you might be able to call someone who cares to help you make it through the night. You were always on his mind—even when he cheated, yeah, right. If you have a driveway, it might not be your truck parked in it. Take heed to the swinging doors as they just might lead to great balls of fire!

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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 dad took his daughter to her first football game. They had great seats right behind their team's bench.

After the game, he asked her how she liked the experience. "Oh, I really liked it," she replied, "especially the uniforms and all the big muscles, but I just couldn't understand why they were killing each other over a quarter."

Why should you never teach a pig to drive?

Because he would hog the road.

Waitress: Would you like almond milk in your coffee?

Customer: No, I'll have the udder kind.

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane



Motivation gets you going; habit gets you there.

When you're looking for a miracle, try looking in the mirror.

I've survived too many storms to be bothered by raindrops.

It's not how far you fall, but how high you bounce that counts.

They say if you have it, flaunt it. I know I used to have it, but I don't know where I put it.

You never know when a moment and a few sincere words can have an impact on a life.

You have to get up when you've been knocked down and not use it as an excuse to stop.

The giant that's in front of you is never bigger than the God who is inside of you.

Don't measure the size of the mountain; talk to the One who can move it.

Anyone can buy a new car. Real men keep the old ones running.

Salvation comes through a cross and a crucified Christ.

Don't forget God when you get what you prayed for.

Sunlight is the most precious thing found on earth.

You can't rush God's timing.

Keep God first, not last.

With God, we're never out of options.

Be a peacemaker wherever you go.

Doggies are living proof there is still good in the world.

A church on its knees is more powerful than an army on its feet.

No animal has ever abandoned a person due to illness or old age.

If you look back, you'll soon be going that way.

Never lose hope. Tomorrow could be the day you're waiting for.

Eternal life does not begin with death; it begins with faith.

Embrace today with determination and a smile.

Prayer is the key to heaven that unlocks the door.

Worrying won't change anything, but God can.

Is prayer your steering wheel, or your spare tire?

Live like tomorrow isn't promised.

Laughter is the sunshine of the soul.

My shadow has four legs and a tail.

Grandpa leapt around

When I try to eat healthy, a chocolate candy bar looks at me and snickers.

When you have seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.

Never tell somebody everything, you may be educating an enemy.

I will never forget those who came with a lamp when I was in the dark.

Rock-bottom will teach you lessons that mountain tops never will.

Kids need more chores instead of only looking at their phones.

Don't argue with a man who has his mind already made up.

Rudeness is the weak person's imagination of strength.

Always try to be a little kinder than necessary.

To disagree, one doesn't have to be disagreeable.

With certain cashiers, things are slow to register.

Imagination is a true magic carpet.

You come from dust and you will return to dust. That's why I don't dust. It could be someone I know.

When a kid says, "Daddy, I want Mommy," that's the kid's version of "I'd like to speak to your supervisor."

One day you will wake up and there won't be any more time to do the things you've always wanted to do. Do it now.

As you lace up your work boots today, remember there are 17 million freeloaders depending on you.

I've just been diagnosed with that condition you get from eating too much junk food - toxic waist.

Recipe for a great day - a pinch of patience, a dash of kindness, a spoonful of laughter, and a heap of love.

One day your kids will walk in your shoes. Make sure they're headed in the right direction.

Laughing at your mistakes can lengthen your life. Laughing at your wife's mistakes can shorten it.

Being a woman is hard. You always want to buy something, lose weight, and eat something sweet.

Bible Verse



Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.

— Ephesians 5:1

Save Time and Money with This 2-for-1 Family Meal

(Family Features) One of the easiest ways to save money in the kitchen is avoiding food waste. Save that leftover chicken for this quick, creamy Chicken Spaghetti that can feed the entire family with enough leftovers to freeze and enjoy next week.

Since you have to cook once, you might as well make enough to double dip to save money, time and trouble. Find more family meal inspiration by visiting Culinary.net.

Chicken Spaghetti



Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Servings: 4

- 2 pounds spaghetti noodles
- 1 box chicken broth
- water
- 3 cups chopped, cooked chicken
- 2 tablespoons garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon onion powder
- 1 can (10 ounces) cream of celery
- 1 can (10 ounces) diced tomatoes and green chiles
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 1/2 block pasteurized cheese
- shredded cheese or Parmesan cheese (optional)
- French bread (optional)
- salad (optional)

In large Dutch oven, cook spaghetti noodles in chicken broth and water. While noodles are cooking, add chicken and let water reduce until almost gone and noodles are moist.

Turn off heat and add garlic powder, onion powder, cream of celery and diced tomatoes with chiles; add salt and pepper, to taste. Cut cheese into chunks and add to Dutch oven. Mix well and cover Dutch oven with lid, about 5 minutes.

Serve spaghetti with shredded cheese or Parmesan on top, if desired. Serve with French bread and salad, if desired.

Tip: Leftovers can be placed in disposable aluminum pan and covered with foil. Freeze up to 1 month. When ready to eat, heat oven to 350 F and bake 30 minutes with foil on then 5 minutes with foil removed. If dry, add 1/2 cup chicken broth during final 5 minutes.

A Message from the Mayor...



We've had some awesome things going on in Hurricane this summer! We hosted our always huge annual Independence Day Celebration; we moved Food Truck Fridays to Hurricane City Park and created a Star Wars in the Park event (which was our rescheduled Main Street Spring Festival). It's fun to look back on a great season of life! However, as you know, with the end of August comes the unofficial end of summer, and we all naturally begin to look toward the fall. This time of the year is all about new beginnings for our youth – new classrooms, new school supplies and new friends. Even if you don't have your own school-age children or grandchildren right now, I know you will agree that the support we give to all the kids in our community is so important. If you see a student out and about, give them a high five or word of encouragement. I'm willing to bet it will mean more than you can imagine to that student! Below you will find more details about how Hurricane Police Department is supporting our schools and some information on upcoming events!

School Resource Officers for the 2024-2025 Year

As a reminder, we have had dedicated School Resource Officers (SRO) for many years in Hurricane schools. This year is no different! There is one officer assigned to Hurricane High School and another one dedicated to Hurricane Middle School who will also frequently be seen at the elementary schools. I am pleased that Patrolman Mike Simpson will continue in his role as the SRO assigned to Hurricane High School. He joined the Hurricane Police Department after retiring from the West Virginia State Police as a 1st Sergeant. In addition, Sergeant Philip Armentrout will continue in his role also at Hurricane Middle School. Sgt. Armentrout will also be checking in at Conner Street, Lakeside, Hurricane Town, Mountain View and West Teays Elementary Schools. Sgt. Armentrout has been with Hurricane Police Department for seventeen years. Day shift officers, along with Chief Mike Mullins and Major Steve Lusher, will also be visiting the schools throughout the year. I know you will agree that it's important to show appreciation for all our officers' commitment to the students in Hurricane! As always, we will do as much as possible to protect and watch over them. If you have any questions about the SRO program, please contact Hurricane Police Chief Mike Mullins at 304-562-9911 or me directly at 304-419-0022.



Upcoming Events

There are lots of awesome events scheduled for the rest of 2024! Our annual Hurricane Harvest Festival will be on Saturday, September 21st from 1:00 – 6:00 pm at Hurricane City Park. This is an earlier date than usual, so spread the word and don't miss out! In addition to FREE admission, cotton candy, t-shirts, inflatables and games, there will be lots of vendors who will be selling art, crafts, trinkets, soaps, decorations and more! Plus, we will have our annual Truist Pumpkin Pie Eating Contest and free live music by Branson Tolliver!

After the Harvest Festival, we will be looking forward to all things Halloween! First up will be our Pumpkin Carving Contest at City Park on Sunday, October 27th from 3:00 – 5:00. At this event, we give away pumpkins to kids and adults along with carving kits. At the end, there's a contest to see whose pumpkin is the most creative or unique (in different age categories). Then, we'll have Main Street Trick or Treat on October 31st. For this event, we will close Main Street from 6:00 – 8:00 pm for a fun, free and safe Halloween experience for all kids. Note: this is the same date and time as our official citywide Trick or Treat night.

Stay Connected

The City has a great presence on Facebook and Instagram, so please be sure to follow us for all the latest and most up-to-date information and announcements! If you aren't on social media, our website can be found at www.hurricanewv.com.

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

THANK YOU!

Scott Edwards, Mayor

A TOUCH OF GLORY



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All around us we see evidence of labor – everything we use or touch has involved the labor of someone at some time. Some jobs are more glamorous than others, but all jobs are important. Maybe you don't feel that your job is so glorious. Yet, if you do your job to the best of your ability and for the glory of God, you cannot help but show enthusiasm to those around you. As you celebrate Labor Day this year, won't you take time to think about worshipping the Creator each week in His house? He will show you how to put a "touch of glory" in your life.

Daily Bible Readings

1 Samuel	2 Samuel	2 Samuel	2 Samuel	Romans	Hebrews	Hebrews
3:1-21	5:1-25	7:1-17	7:18-29	4:1-25	11:1-22	11:23-40

Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society X Daily Devotional at www.AmericanBible.org

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BASIC BIBLE

By Ron Allen
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Daniel Honors God's Law

Daniel 1: 8-21

Daniel was removed from his home and family in Jerusalem and transplanted into a foreign land and placed in a three-year training program at the close of which he would stand before the king. Daniel was probably in his early or mid teens at the beginning of the program. His uprooting would have taken place in 604 B.C. This date would make him contemporaries with Jeremiah who prophesied in Jerusalem between 626 B.C. and 580 B.C. and with Ezekiel who was born in 623 B.C. and taken to Babylon from Jerusalem in 597 B.C. Daniel was born during the reign of Josiah and would have remembered the last days of his reign through the eyes of a 7 or 8 eight-year-old.

The first verse before us states that Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself. The three-year program prescribed by the king was precise in detail. It specified the beverages and the meats which the trainees were to consume. The menu required drinking of wine which had been offered to Babylonian gods and the eating of non-Kosher meats. Daniel wanted no part of consuming these items. His desire was to comply with the law which the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob had given to Moses. Daniel believed that the God who promised to bless Abraham, the seed of Abraham, and all families of the earth through Abraham would keep His promises. The fact that Nebuchadnezzar had conquered Judah and taken him to Babylon could not undo that which God had spoken to Moses.

Daniel went to Ashpenaz the master of the eunuchs. Bible scholars have debated whether Ashpenaz or Daniel and his friends were actually eunuchs. The Hebrew word which is translated as eunuch is *saris*. King James translators chose to translate *saris* as officer or chamberlain 21 times and as eunuch 17 times. The purpose of the program for which Daniel and his friends were selected was to train them to serve as governmental officials.

Daniel asked Ashpenaz that he be exempted from the prescribed diet. Ashpenaz said, "No." Ashpenaz feared that deviating from the king's orders would "endanger my head to the king." Ashpenaz had been given a corps of children who were without blemish and skilled in wisdom and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science" (v. 4). Ashpenaz feared that failure to adhere to the king's diet would cause Daniel's appearance to become less favorable than that of the others in the program.

Daniel would not take "No" for an answer. He went to Melzar who was given direct charge over Daniel and his three friends. Daniel proposed a test. He and his friends would eat pulse (vegetables) and drink water for ten days. At the end of the ten days, Melzar was to compare the countenance of those who ate the king's meat with the countenance of Daniel and his friends. Melzar agreed to the ten day trial.

It was the desire of Daniel's heart that he should keep the commandments given to Moses. Psalm 37:4-5 states, "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass." Daniel proposed the test, believing that the Lord is true to His word. Daniel believed God would make it possible for him to do as He had commanded. Daniel believed and committed his ways to the Lord and the Lord gave him the desire of his heart. After the ten days, there were none fairer nor fatter than Daniel and his three friends (v. 15).

The Lord gave Daniel that which he desired and much more. "As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams" (v. 17). Daniel already possessed knowledge and skill in wisdom (v. 4) but God added to that which he possessed. At the end of the three year program, the king found Daniel and his three friends to possess understanding and wisdom which surpassed that of all the magicians and astrologers in his realm (v. 20). The three year program was a test between God and the best efforts of man. God produced ten times the result. God chose to use Daniel and his three friends for His purposes. Daniel and his three friends chose to magnify God's name by walking according to His ways.

New Testament believers have been made free of the constraints of the law because God the Son has fulfilled that which no man can achieve (see Matt. 5:17). We are to walk in His ways. We are to abide in Him such that He may abide in us. Jesus said, "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love" (Jn.15:10).

We, like Daniel, are to seek His ways such that He may mold us and make us vessels worthy of His use. He has commanded us to love one another and to reach out with His message: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest in your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matt. 11:28-30).

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Obituaries

VONDA BOLYARD

Vonda Bolyard, age 69, Clarksburg and moved to Charleston as a young child and grew up on the West Side in a large Italian family. He was a Roman Catholic. He graduated from Stonewall Jackson High School in 1960, where he was the ring leader of his best friends who was commonly referred to as "The Corner Gang". Tom met his soulmate and beloved wife, Dawn Day Knight of St. Albans in 1960 and they were married for 44 years until her passing in 2010. He moved to the Teays Valley area in 1975 to help develop and design the area while working for Estil and Greenlee Realty. Later, he began to manage his own real estate firm, Marathon Realty and later ERA The Property Centre on Teays Valley Road until shortly before his retirement in 2017 from Real Estate Central. During his career in real estate, he was a member of the Putnam Country Chamber of Commerce, Putnam County Planning Commission and the Kanawha Valley Board of Realtors.

He held many titles in his life, from real estate agent to James Brown impersonator, but his favorite role was being a father and grandfather. He loved nothing more than spending time with his daughter, Missy and granddaughters: Lexi and Brooke. He was always there with support, direction and encouragement for them. Tommy was beloved by so many, he never met a stranger. He was an amazing husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother and friend. He was always ready to help anyone who needed a hand.

He was born in Clarksburg and moved to Charleston as a young child and grew up on the West Side in a large Italian family. He was a Roman Catholic. He graduated from Stonewall Jackson High School in 1960, where he was the ring leader of his best friends who was commonly referred to as "The Corner Gang". Tom met his soulmate and beloved wife, Dawn Day Knight of St. Albans in 1960 and they were married for 44 years until her passing in 2010. He moved to the Teays Valley area in 1975 to help develop and design the area while working for Estil and Greenlee Realty. Later, he began to manage his own real estate firm, Marathon Realty and later ERA The Property Centre on Teays Valley Road until shortly before his retirement in 2017 from Real Estate Central. During his career in real estate, he was a member of the Putnam Country Chamber of Commerce, Putnam County Planning Commission and the Kanawha Valley Board of Realtors.

During the past few years, even as Tommy's health declined, he never forgot to make people smile. He cracked jokes, made silly faces and even pulled some light-hearted pranks on his friends. He was always ready to dance and listen to his favorite singer, James Brown. He had the great ability to make others smile and his sense of humor will be missed. He loved his daily lunch of grilled cheese with no crust and French fries with his sister, Joan and close friends at Tudor's in Teays Valley. Tommy will be best remembered for his many contributions to the Putnam County Area and for his steadfast dedication to his family.

He is survived by his daughter, Melissa Milam (Michael Johnston) of Hurricane; grandchildren: Alexis Milam (Austin) of Dallas, TX, Brooklyn Milam of Morgantown, and Christopher Milam of Hurricane; great nephew: John Charles Bush of Dallas, TX; brother: Rocco Calabrese (Connie) of Charleston; sisters: Joan Spradling of Hurricane, and Debbie Tignor (Carl) of Sissonville; and brother-in-law: Wayne Buckner of Baton Rouge. He also leaves behind many beloved nieces and nephews, close friends and relatives

A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted at Catholic Church of the Ascension on Tuesday, August 27, 2024. Burial was in St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery in Scott Depot.

THOMAS EUGENE CALABRESE

Thomas Eugene Calabrese known affectionately as "Tom" or "Tommy", passed away on August 24, 2024 with his beloved daughter by his side at Hubbard Hospice House in Charleston. He was born on August 2, 1942 to the late Ralph and Ernestine Calabrese. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his beloved wife, Dawn Day Knight Calabrese and sister, Cecelia Buckner. Tommy was a resident of Teays Valley and a pillar of the community that he so dearly loved. Tom was a real estate broker for many years in Putnam County.

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WANDA FAYE CASTO

Wanda F. Casto, 72, of Leon, passed away Monday, August 26, 2024 at her home following a short illness. She was a 1970 graduate of Buffalo High School and was a lifelong homemaker. She loved camping and enjoyed watching NASCAR.

Born April 15, 1952, she was the daughter of the late Ralph R. Rhodes and Lucy A. Bailes Rhodes. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Denver Keith Casto; son, Bradley Casto and brother, Ralph G. "Dickie" Rhodes.

Survivors include her son, Denver K. (Tina) Casto Jr. of Leon; brothers, Darrell Rhodes of Grimms Landing and Guy Rhodes of Grimms Landing; sisters, Donna "Sue" (Richard) Nease of Robertsburg and Brenda Rigsby of Nitro; grandchildren, Kristen (Travis) Payne, Andy (Courtney) Harrison, Devin Keith (Savannah) Casto and Kevin "Mikey" Casto; great grandchildren, Addy Payne, Reagan Harrison and Cami Harrison.

Funeral service was Thursday, August 29, 2024 at Raynes Funeral Home, Buffalo, with Rev. Randy Parsons officiating. Burial was in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Given.

JEFFREY DAVID DIEHL

Jeffery David Diehl, 54, of Scott Depot, passed away suddenly at home Sunday, August 25, 2024.

Jeff had a personality about him like no other. He showed passion in the way he interacted with each and every person he met. His personality was infectious to all of those around him.

Jeff and his wife Veronica are owners of the Dairy Queen in Scott Depot and Diehl's Pig Shack. Serving customers at each of these locations was one of the reasons that Jeff woke up in the morning. Rather it was to serve an ice cream cone or a BBQ sandwich, Jeff was ready to greet each and every customer with his out of this world personality.

He graduated from North Myrtle Beach High School and never shied away from being the center of attention. Jeff enjoyed fishing, golfing, traveling, boating, and especially his family. His hobbies and his family were who made Jeff the man people knew and loved. While many people always knew him as the man behind the counter, his personality and life passions go much deeper than that. Jeff will also be remembered as "Chef Jeff" for his excellent cooking skills. Not only were his skills his day-to-day career, but a passion that he carried out until the very end of his life.

He is survived by his loving wife of 29 years, Veronica Cochran Diehl; parents Larry and Karen Diehl of Scott Depot; sons Heath and his wife Rachel Diehl of Scott Depot and Harris Diehl of Scott Depot; papaw to granddaughter Waverly Faye; sisters Stephanie Diehl of Little River, SC and Kelly Hedrick of Charleston, SC; best friend and cousin Forest Diehl; and a host of other family and friends.

A tribute to the life of Jeff was held Thursday, August 29, 2024 at Teays Valley Church of God with Pastor Melissa Pratt officiating.

PHILLIP EDWARD DRIGGS, JR.

Phillip Edward Driggs, Jr., of Hurricane, passed away Sunday, August 25, 2024 after a short illness.

Born on December 5, 1959 in South Charleston, Phillip is preceded in death by his parents Phillip Edward Driggs, Sr. and Nancy Eleanor Driggs.

A 1978 graduate of St. Albans High School, Phillip was a loyal employee of Derrick Music Company of Charleston.

Phillip is survived by his daughter, Donna Driggs; son, Daniel Driggs (Sarah); grandson, Victor Driggs; brothers, Bill Bagby (Debbie), Jeff, Chris, Jamie (Michele), and Jody Driggs (Rachel); as well as many nieces, nephews, family, friends, and his dear friend Angie Fizer.

Phillip loved all things with a motor, spending time

Estate Sale
Estate Sale: August 28, 29, 30, 31 from 10-5:00pm, 2095 Mt. Vernon Road, Hurricane, WV 25526
oak dining room table, 6 chairs, matching corner hutch; white dining room table, 4 chairs w/matching hutch; white dining room table & 4 chairs; solid cherry & oak end tables, lamps (crystal & brass), lift coffee table; electric lift (head & foot as well as up and down) twin bed; twin bed; living room couch and matching loveseat; Saladmaster cookware complete set; Jennaire cookware; American Heritage stoneware dinnerware-complete set for 8. iron skillet, Home Interior wall hangings, plates & couch size pictures; mirrors; wall sconces, clocks, single chairs, miscellaneous household items, pots & pans, mixing bowls, etc. Tons of items.

at his camp in Erbacon, WV, his cats Buddy and Blondie, his record collection, and spending time with his friends and family.

A celebration of life will be held at later date at Angela's on the River, St. Albans.

ELIZABETH ANN WICK

Elizabeth "Betty Ann" Wick, 95, of Bancroft, went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, August 20, 2024.

Betty Ann was a graduate of Poca High School and a member of Poca Baptist Church where she was a member of the choir and women's ministry. She loved to cook and spend time with her family and friends, especially while sitting on her porch. Betty Ann was always helping her husband in the ministry.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Mickey Wick.

She is survived by her son Paul Daniel Wick; grandson Eric and wife Lindsey Wick; great grandchildren Taylor Wickline, Tanner Wick, Maya Wick, Brady Wick, and Asher Wick; and great-great granddaughter Amelia Rose Wickline.

A tribute to the life of Elizabeth "Betty Ann" Wick was held Monday, August 26, 2024 at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Jim Butcher officiating.

JEFFREY ALLEN WILCOXEN

Jeffrey Allen Wilcoxen, 62, of Fraziers Bottom, passed away on August 21, 2024 at Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice in Huntington.

He was born on October 11, 1962 to the late Lesley J. and Nancy F. Akers Wilcoxen. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his son, Joshua Wilcoxen; wife, Lesley Ann Wilcoxen; and longtime companion, Gail Ball.

Jeff graduated from Winfield High School and retired with over 25 years of mechanic service with Dana Transport. He enjoyed fishing and hunting but loved spending time with his nieces and nephews, often on the farm and in the barn at home around other family members.

He is survived by his siblings: Larry (Wendy) Wilcoxen and Beverly (Dayton) Milhoan both of Fraziers Bottom, Janet (Ronald) Tilley of Hiddenite, NC, and Lisa (Mike) Shuler of Gordonsville, VA; as well as an uncle who was like his brother, Rick Wilcoxen of Fraziers Bottom; as well as many other family members and friends.

In accordance with Jeff's wishes, he will be cremated and a private Graveside Service in Evergreen Cemetery alongside Josh at a later date.

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West Virginia Cupcake Festival Celebrates 10th Anniversary



The 2024 Cupcake Festival pageant royalty decorates cupcakes as part of an online fundraiser. (Photo by Betsy Allen)



Rick and Prema Ray of Hurricane stand in front of their 1958 Triumph TR3, which is decorated with the Union Jack flag. The vehicle won Best Overall in the Cupcake Cruise-in. (Photo by Betsy Allen)



Super Love Sweets of Culloden, owned by Lindsay Anderson, was the Second Runner Up of the Master Vendor Cupcake Competition. (Photo by Betsy Allen)



Betti's Sweet Treats of Hurricane, owned by Betti Peaks, was the First Place winner of the Master Vendor Cupcake Competition. (Photo by Betsy Allen)



Megan Yrttima of Winfield won Second Place in the Best Tasting category in the Amateur Cupcake Competition. (Photo by Betsy Allen)



Local author Cathy Roberts was presented with a plaque for being a vendor at the Cupcake Festival each year since the event's inception. (Photo by Betsy Allen)

Average Monthly Bills in Hurricane: \$1,763/month

The average Hurricane household pays \$1,763 a month, or \$21,161 a year for the 10 most common household bills compared to the state average of \$1,596 and the national average of \$2,126.

Hurricane is the #14 most expensive city in West Virginia for household expenses. In addition to cupcake competitions, there were plenty of merchandise for browsing, as well as food trucks. Featured performers were The In Crown, Non-Friction, Weekend Warriors, and Josh Pantry.

To commemorate the Cupcake Festival's tenth anniversary, vendors who had participated in the festival every year since the beginning were presented with plaques. Local author Cathy Roberts and Michelle Petry of Bentley's Cupcakes were chosen for this honor.

- Mortgage — \$1,229
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- Auto Loans — \$422
- Utilities — \$366
- Health Insurance — \$95
- Auto Insurance — \$162
- Cable & Internet — \$82
- Mobile — \$140
- Alarm & Security — \$105
- Life Insurance — \$54

doxo has infographic information on average monthly payments for the 10 most common household bill categories.

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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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Wittensville, Kentucky.

was Jessica McKnown of Calhoun County; Second Place was Victoria Summers of Charleston; and First Place was Michael Harris of Barboursville. Winning Third Place in the Best

and Friends pet pageant later in the day. There was a cupcake eating contest with a \$100 cash reward, which was won by Jeremy Chipmuck of

The Amateur Cupcake Competition was held Saturday afternoon in the conference center. Winning Third Place in the Decorating Contest

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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

Estate No.: 5699
Estate Of: Carolyn Nell Duncan
Executrix: Carolyn A Hawley

Estate No.: 5624
Estate Of: Ronald Cleon Harris
Executrix: Dola Virginia Harris

Estate No.: 5816
Estate Of: Ronald Gene Myers
Administrator: Gregory G Myers

Estate No.: 5776
Estate Of: Ralph Hansford
Administratrix: Debra L Caruthers

Estate No.: 5783
Estate Of: Donna Jean Parsons
Executrix: April Lee McComas

Estate No.: 5807
Estate Of: Doris Jane Sampson
Executrix: Jennifer Anne Taylor

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 benefits of said estate(s).

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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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in it by that certain Deed of Trust dated August 5, 2008, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 877, at Page 965, Michael K. Woodford did convey unto Mitchell Lee Klein and Janet Vanciel, Trustees, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Pill & Pill, PLLC as Substitute Trustee by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Putnam County Courthouse, in Winfield, West Virginia, on October 3, 2024 at 4:30 PM

The following described real estate, with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the Union District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

The surface only of a tract or parcel of land, together with all tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any way appertaining, situate on the waters of Painters Fork of Eighteen Mile Creek, Union District, Putnam County, West Virginia, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a 1" iron pin set twenty (20) feet from the centerline of W. Va. Primary Route No. 34, a common corner to tract herein described Bob Ranson and tract; thence with six (6) common lines between Bob Ranson and tract herein described, generally along the outside of the old Lean Turnpike, N. 44° 03'30" E., 15.57 feet to a set 7/2" iron pin N. 17° 00' E., 297.00 feet to a 6" hickory corner marked by a 1" iron pin set at base for identification, N. 37° 00' E., 53.31 feet to a 1/2" iron pin set between a 6" hickory and 4" hickory; N. 80° 30' W., 47.52 feet to a 15" white oak (forked) marked by a 1/2" iron pin set at base for identification; S. 66° 45' E., 371.58 feet to a set 1/2" iron pin, S. 85° 01' 30" E. 45.79 feet to a 1/2" iron pin set twenty (20) feet from the center line of aforesaid W.Va. Primary Route No. 34, a common corner to said Bob Ranson and tract herein described; thence with four (4) chord lines parallel to and twenty (20) feet from the centerline of W.Va. Primary Route 34, S. 78° 48' 30" W., 198.55 feet, S. 72° 16' W. 89.66 feet, S. 67° 44' 30" W., 179.90 feet, S. 62° 28' W., 131.91 feet to the beginning containing 1.73 acres, more or less.

At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of Route 1 Box 2A, Liberty, WV 25124. We have reason to believe the property now has a mailing address of 13241 McLane Pike, Liberty, WV 25124.

AND BEING the same real estate which was conveyed to Michael K. Woodford by Deed dated July 18, 2008, from Dolores Carlson, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 485, at Page 391.

The above-described property will be sold subject to any covenants, restrictions, easements, leases and conditions of record, and subject to any unpaid real estate taxes.

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

TERMS: Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price as a cash deposit with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale.

Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

Jonathan L. Wertman, Authorized Signatory
P. O. Box 440, 85 Aikens Center, Martinsburg, WV 25404
Phone (304) 263-4971, Fax (304) 267-5840, e-mail: foreclosures@pillwvlaw.com

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR RENEWAL OF NONEXCLUSIVE CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Notice is hereby given that Cebridge Acquisition, LLC (Allice) has filed with the Putnam County Commission an application for renewal of their nonexclusive cable franchise agreement within the territorial limits of Putnam County, West Virginia. This notice is being provided pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code § 24D-1-7.

A public hearing on the proposal will be held on the 24th day of September, 2024 at 5:00 o'clock p.m. in Room 214 located in the Putnam County Courthouse, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213. The purpose of the hearing is to afford interested persons the opportunity to submit data, view or arguments, orally or in writing, on whether the interests of the public will be served by the reissuance of the cable franchise agreement.

A copy of the Cable Franchise Application submitted by Cebridge Acquisition, LLC may be reviewed in the office of the Putnam County Commission, Putnam County Courthouse, 12093 Winfield Road, Winfield, WV 25213 during normal business hours.

The Putnam County Commission, a subdivision of the State of West Virginia By counsel, Larry Frye (WVSB# 5885) Counsel for the County Commission Putnam County Courthouse 12093 Winfield Road Winfield, WV 25213 (304) 586-0201

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NOTICE TO DAVID JOHNSTON

Asking David Johnston to contact me regarding the Estate of Paul Johnston at kimjohnston64@yahoo.com

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

In a Deed of Trust dated May 23, 2001, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Putnam County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 527, at page 413 Dana L. Jeffries and Meshele S. Jeffries did convey unto W. BRAD SORRELLS, ATTORNEY AT LAW, 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:

November 20, 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.

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TERMS OF SALE: Purchaser must bring \$5000 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.sterneisenberg.com

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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.: 5748
Estate Of: Billy S. Browning, Jr.
Executrix: Billy S. Browning, III

Estate No.: 5806
Estate Of: Dena Lynn Duncan
Administratrix: Kimberly Dawn Alderman

Estate No.: 5739
Estate Of: Bobby Lee Gibson
Executrix: Charles W. Easter, III

Estate No.: 5719
Estate Of: Wanda Sue Rice
Executrix: Paul David Searls

Estate No.: 5780
Estate Of: Arlene Sue Watkins
Executrix: Andre K Watkins

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 29, 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).

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 29, 2024.

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

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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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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION'S, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE, 601 57TH STREET, CHARLESTON SE, WEST VIRGINIA 25304-2345 TELEPHONE: (304) 926-0440.

APPLICATION FOR A WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT

Public Notice No.: L-102-24 Public Notice Date: August 29, 2024

Paper: Hurricane Breeze

The following has applied for a WV NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit for this facility or activity:

Appl. No.: WV0116181

Applicant: SOLUTIA INC. C/O EASTMAN CHEMICAL CO B-280 200 SOUTH WILCOX DRIVE KINGSPOET, TN 37660-5147

Location: NITRO, PUTNAM COUNTY

Latitude: 38:26:23 Longitude: 81:50:46

Receiving Stream: Kanawha River

Activity: To operate and maintain disposal systems and best management practices for the direct discharge of treated storm water and treated groundwater through Outlet 001, and untreated storm water through Outlets 002 and 003 into the Kanawha River at Mile Points 42.5, 41.8, and 41.5 respectively. An antidegradation review has been conducted. Tier 2 and Tier 1 protection are provided for all the existing uses.

Business conducted: Closed facility was a former manufacturer (Flexsys America, LP) of rubber and agricultural chemicals. The site is being addressed pursuant to RCRA corrective action.

Implementation: N/A

On the basis of review of the application, the "Water Pollution Control Act (Chapter 22, Article 11-8(a)), and the "West Virginia Legislative Rules," the State of West Virginia will act on the above application.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and may request a public hearing by addressing such to the Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management within 30 days of the date of the public notice. Such comments or requests should be addressed to:

Director, Division of Water and Waste Management, DEP ATTN: Lori Devereux, Permitting Section 601 57th Street SE Charleston, WV 25304-2345

The public comment period begins August 29, 2024 and ends September 28, 2024.

Comments received within this period will be considered prior to acting on the permit application. Correspondence should include the name, address and the telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever a finding is made, on the basis of requests, that there is a significant degree of public interest on issues relevant to the Draft Permit(s). Interested persons may contact the public information office to obtain further information.

The application, draft permit and any required fact sheet may be inspected, by appointment, at the Division of Water and Waste Management Public Information Office, at 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304-2345, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on business days.

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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, 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 6002

You will take notice that ROBERT AND WILLIAM GIBSON, the purchaser of the following real estate, Cert. NO. 2023-C-000394, located in TEAYS VALLEY District, .25 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 - 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. 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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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

To: Magistrate Court Case No.:24-M40D-00175 Jeffrey Aron Johnson

Respondent's Name 2194 Spring Branch Road Leon WV 25123 Family Court Respondent's Civil Action No.: 24-DV-132 Address 08-30-1980 Date of Birth

ORDER OF PUBLICATION (PROTECTIVE ORDER / HEARING DATE)

- 1. The object of this suit is to obtain protection from the Respondent. 2. The object of this publication by Class I legal advertisement is to notify Respondent of the PROTECTIVE ORDER prohibiting the above-named Respondent from having contact with certain individuals. This order may affect property and other rights of the Respondent. Violating this Order may subject the Respondent to criminal sanctions. The Respondent is strongly encouraged to obtain a copy of this Protective Order and Petition from the Circuit Clerk of the county listed above.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

It appearing by evidence duly taken in this action that you could not be found in or that you have left the State of West Virginia, you are hereby notified of the ORDER referenced above, a copy of the Petition and Order may be obtained at the Putnam County Circuit Clerk's office. This PROTECTIVE ORDER will remain in effect until 9-17-2024.

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

Issued this 20th day of August, 2024.

STEPHANIE SMITH/jo Circuit Clerk 8-29-1tw

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.

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RANDY BLACK Milton August 20th	89th Birthday September 1
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DARRELL BLACK 4662 Hurricane Creek Road Hurricane 68th Birthday August 30	DR JOSH DRAKE Charlottesville, Virginia 43rd Birthday September 1
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JEFF HODGES Foster Road Hurricane Birthday August 31	BRYAN CLAY 866 Timberwood Lane, Lot 423 Milton 75th Birthday September 1
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REGIS HALE 412 Abney Street St. Albans 76th Birthday August 31	STEPHANIE RILEY Leesburg, Virginia 51st Birthday September 2
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RUTH CHAPMAN 219 Johnston Drive Belmont, North Carolina 9th Birthday August 31	KELLI SMITH CARROLL 783 Washington Hill Road Hurricane 47th Birthday September 3
JAMES (RED) JARVIS Route 2 Box 185-D Ona 65th Birthday September 1	COLLIN MAYNARD Columbia, South Carolina 28th Birthday September 3
DORIS NEAL #44 McKenzie Court Milton 90th Birthday September 1	NANCY SKIDMORE TAYLOR Derwood, Maryland 67th Birthday September 3
LEONARD MORRISON 2310 Joy Lane Culloden	DICK HARSHBARGER 1249 Rock Camp Road Milton Birthday September 3
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Mountain State Music Convention This Weekend

The Mountain State Music Convention will be held Thursday, August 29, through Sunday, September 1, at Valley Park Conference Center in Hurricane.

Doors open at 6 p.m. nightly, and concerts begin at 7 p.m.

Concert Lineup Thursday, August 26

The award-winning Chuck Wagon Gang and Kevin Spencer will be the featured artists for the evening.

BROWNING
Gallatin, Tennessee
53rd Birthday September 3

LINDA MILLER
GILLISPIE
5&20 Mile Road
Frazier's Bottom
76th Birthday September 3

J W CHAPMAN
202 Oakbridge
Hurricane
13th Birthday September 3

BERNICE JOHNSON
#20 Poplar Hills
Hurricane
Birthday September 3

PAMELA GALE LEWIS
Beckley
69th Birthday September 4

DARRELL RAY YOUNG
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Road
Hurricane
45th Birthday September 4

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257 TWP 1212
Proctorville, Ohio
59th Birthday September 4

STEVE FARROW
Culloden
Birthday September 4

BUSTER SOVINE
Charleston
Birthday September 4

DAVID "SHICO RICO"
WITHROW
Clendenin
74th Birthday September 4

BRAEDEN SCOTT
ARMSTEAD
155 Walmtong Drive
Huntington
16th Birthday September 5
NANA LINDA & PAPA W
GEORGE LOVES YOU!!

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79th Birthday September 5

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Hurricane
Birthday September 5

WAYNE SMITH
Caledonia, Ohio
81st Birthday September 5

REV. BENNY BESS
114 Silver Street
Poca
86th Birthday September 5

GARY BERRY
2814 Violet Street
Hurricane
74th Birthday September 5

KAYLEE JACKSON
1217 Glenwood Street
Milton
19th Birthday September 5

CHRISTIE CALDWELL
SKINNER
Caldwell Farm
Hurricane
64th Birthday September 5

JANE MCKEE
111 Wyngate
Barboursville
83rd Birthday September 5

LINDA THOMAS
CROWDER
Nitro
75th Birthday September 5

Friday, August 30
Grand Ole Opry
Members The Isaacs and
Carol McKamey Woodard
Saturday, August 31
Tribute to the Nelons
Sunday, September 1
Stand for God and
Country featuring Ivan
Parker, Gaither Artist, and
Kevin Spencer

Food trucks will be present daily, along with the famous Jojo's Taco Truck from the Food Network Channel.

For tickets, call 304-521-7683, or go to <https://www.itickets.com/events/479831>

Bringing Back The Village Senior Seminars

Bringing Back the Village aims to strengthen the networks that support West Virginia senior citizens by offering FREE seminars and resources to them and their caregivers. This fall, BBTV will be presenting at the Main Library on Thursdays at 5:30 during September, October, and November (excepting October 31). Topics for each week are listed below. These seminars are FREE to the public and are helpful if you are a senior, care for one, or plan to become one someday.

September 5: Medications and Poison Safety

September 12: Medicare Part D Changes for 2025

September 19: What the Heck is Dementia?

September 26: Basic Estate Planning for All Ages

October 3: Day-to-Day Help from Faith in Action

October 10: Hospice and Palliative Care

October 17: Advanced Estate Planning (Medicaid/Nursing Home)

October 24: Community Bridge Resource Connections

November 7: Levels of Care as We Age

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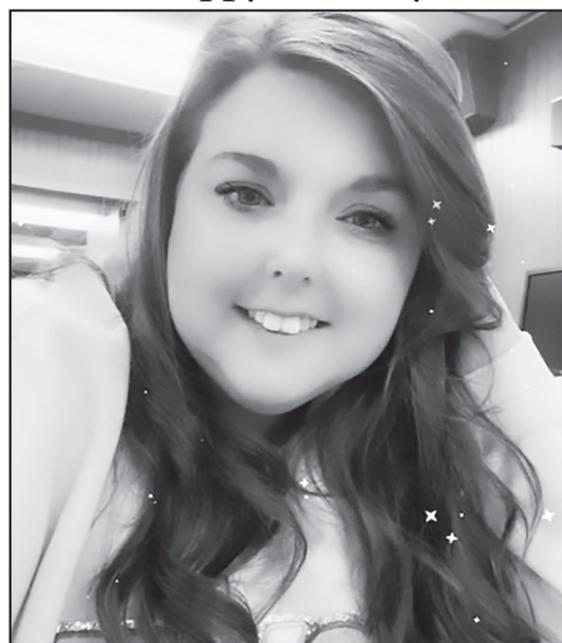
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Happy Birthday



Erica McDaniel of Hurricane will celebrate her birthday on August 30.

Happy Birthday, Erica.

—Love, Raven

Meeks Mountain Trail Nature Hike

Come join Andy McKee on Saturday, September 7, as he takes you on a nature hike through Meeks Mountain to learn all about how to interact with nature. This is a hands-on, immersive experience that will be sure to invoke a love of all things outdoors.

Andy McKee is the owner and executive director of Zoology Zone Science Center to Hurricane, West Virginia.

Their primary goal is to foster wildlife and environmental conservation through education while providing families with a unique opportunity to bond over the wonders of science.

This is an amazing and interactive learning experience that is great for all ages, so come out and join us on an amazingly fun nature hike! Please keep in mind that this is a nature hike, and we will be walking approximately 3 miles on one of Meeks Mountain Trails.

Meet at the Big Red Barn at the Hurricane City Park. The group will talk back to the Meeks shelter and take one of the many beautiful trails to learn about nature. The event begins at 2 p.m., so arrive a couple minutes early. Can't wait to see you on the trail!

[https://runsignup.com/Race/WV/Hurricane/MMTA Nature Hike](https://runsignup.com/Race/WV/Hurricane/MMTA%20Nature%20Hike) with Andy McKee

Poca Food and Clothing Pantry

The Bridge Church, 279 Dairy Road, Poca, will be offering a hot meal, food pantry box, and a clothing closet from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 19.

ninth wedding anniversary on September 3.

Emmett and Louise Brammer of 7403 Catherine Street in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, will celebrate their sixty-fourth wedding anniversary on September 3.

Gary Douglas and Penny Young of 579 rocky Step Road in Winfield will celebrate their forty-eighth wedding anniversary on September 4.

Todd and Sherry Hodges Buchla of Atlanta, Georgia, will celebrate their twenty-first wedding anniversary on September 4.

Glen and Sue Reynolds Hodges of Apple Grove will celebrate their sixty-first wedding anniversary on September 5.

Song and Praise Service

Mt. Zion Church will be holding a song and praise service at 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 7. Special singing by Gospel Heritage and additional friends and family. Everyone welcome.

Gospel Sing in Buffalo

Buffalo Historical Square Community Church, Route 62, Buffalo, will be holding a Gospel Sing on Sunday, September 15. Church service will be from 11 a.m. to noon; lunch from noon to 1 p.m.; and the Gospel Sing from 1 to 3 p.m. Featured performers include Tatia Jenkins and Steve Walter, Master's Call, Randy Parsons, and Holy Week Pastor's Trio (Mitchell Burch, Joy McCutcheon, and Randy Parsons).

Bancroft Town Cleanup

On Saturday, September 14 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m., the Town of Bancroft is partnering with Mountain State Waste and Habitat ReStore to offer FREE donation/disposal of many items that are hard to get rid of, including furniture, etc.

Things that cannot be accepted are: tires, car/truck batteries; items containing Freon (unless the unit has a tag certifying that the Freon has been property removed); household hazardous waste (paint, oil, combustible items) and asbestos; oversized logs, stumps, rocks, concrete, or similar items. Liquid items such as paint must be solidified with sawdust or kitty litter.

Some other things may necessitate a decision at the time of drop-off, but you can always contact us ahead of time if you have anything questionable.

Because this event is grand-funded, citizens will be asked to show proof of residency within city limits. If you vote in Bancroft, you are a resident.

This event starts early at 7 a.m., and goes until 11 a.m. or until the trucks are full on Saturday, September 14 at the Bancroft Park.

Please drive IN on Jefferson Street from 5th or 6th Avenue, and EXIT at 7th Avenue.

Online Edition

Did you know that the Hurricane Breeze has an online edition? You can check it out at hurricanebreezenews.com