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Meet 2024 Miss Putnam County Candidates



Miss Buffalo
Macy Murdoch



Miss Hurricane
Carly Dingess



Miss Poca
Shiloh Harding



Miss Winfield
Sydne Alexander

On Sunday, September 8, Miss Putnam County 2024 will be named at the annual Putnam County Homecoming. Judges will select from four candidates representing each of the county's four high schools. Each candidate is a senior who was selected by classmates at the end of the 2023-24 school year to represent their school.

An essay of introduction composed by each participant follows:

Miss Buffalo Macy Murdoch

Hello, my name is Macy Murdoch. I am representing Buffalo High School as Miss BHS. I am the daughter of Rob and Autumn Murdoch. My escort, Anthony

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Putnam County Homecoming Sept. 7-8

This year's two-day Putnam County Homecoming in Winfield on Saturday, September 7, and Sunday, September 8, will feature local entertainment and music. Saturday's performances feature Brandon Tolliver, Cole Parsons, Jonah Cline, Lost Cause, and Appalachian Rain. Taking the stage on Sunday will be 4 the Gospel, the Appalachian Lassies, and the Music of Kenny and Julie.

Saturday's events include a Putnam County History presentation by Joyce Hanna, CLZ Finest Car Show, Joey Stepp's Magic Show, and the introductions of Miss Putnam County candidates.

Both Saturday and

Kenneth R. Lucas. Kenneth R. Lucas was the twelfth of twelve children of Charles G. and Winnie Lucas. He grew up on the Lucas farm on Route 34 South. He played football and graduated from Hurricane High School in 1948. He passed in 2023 at the age of 92.

After serving as a Sergeant with the 14th Armored Cavalry in Germany during the Korean War era, he returned to Hurricane and was employed by Union Carbide, Institute Plant, for many years.

During his high school years, he was a classmate to late Putnam County Bank president Jack Wilson. Both Jack and Kenneth were members of the football team and graduated in 1948.

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Sunday will provide family fun delivered by a Petting Zoo, Inflatables, Face Painting, Putt Putt Golf, and a Car Smashing.

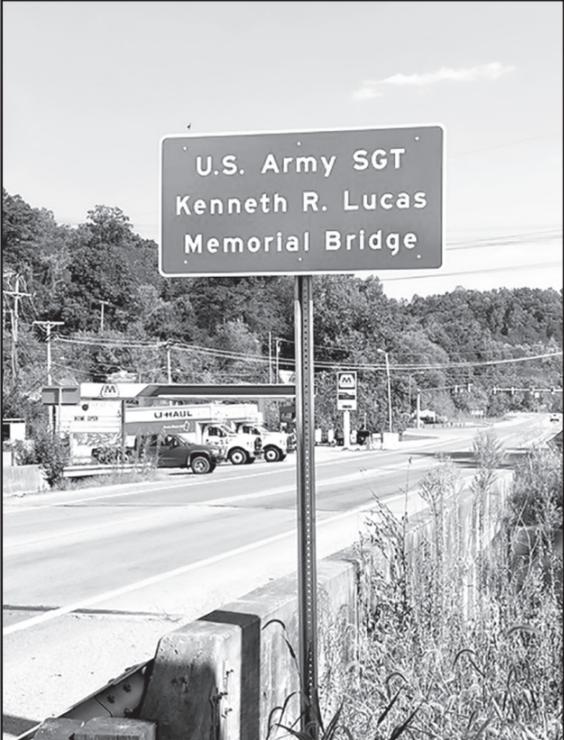
Sunday's festivities begin at 10 a.m. with a Flag Raising Ceremony. There will be a community Church Service at 10:45. State Route 817 will be

shutdown at 1:30 p.m. for the Grand Parade. Homecoming Awards are scheduled at 4:00 p.m. to be followed by the crowning of the 2024 Miss Putnam County.

The Putnam County Homecoming has been an annual event in Winfield since 1929 with the

exception of the World War II years and 2020, the year of Covid. The selection of Miss Putnam County and the Grand Parade are continuing traditions which date back to the early years of the observance. Turn to Page 3 for the complete schedule of events.

Bridge over Hurricane Creek Named for U.S. Army Veteran



Signs on both the eastern and western approaches to the "U.S. Army SGT Kenneth R. Lucas Memorial Bridge" were uncovered on Tuesday, August 27th.

By Ron Allen

The bridge over Hurricane Creek on U.S. Route 60 was without a name until House of Delegate member Jarred Cannon pushed a bill through the legislature to name the structure the "U.S. Army SGT Kenneth R. Lucas Memorial Bridge" earlier this year.

The bridge was constructed during the administration of Landon C. White who served as Hurricane mayor in the early 1950's at which time

the highway was rerouted to bypass Main Street. The bridge had been unnamed for almost seventy years.

The signs, unmasked on Tuesday, August 27, were cause for wonder because few individuals knew

County Commission News

Putnam County Commission meetings are venues at which the commission conducts official business and hears from the public. The Tuesday, August 27 meeting was mostly listening.

Nearly half of the one hour and 30 minute meeting was devoted to hearing comments concerning DAEA (Dilapidated & Abandoned Building Agency) cases. The commission hears, then acts upon, complaints concerning property conditions. The commission learned that the owner of 124 Hanning Drive in Poca could not comply with an order to correct property condition because of legal issues with the tenant. The commission

directed county attorney Larry Frye to provide an update of magistrate court proceedings.

The commission delayed acting upon a property complaint at 188 Margaret Drive in Nitro. The property owner had addressed the issues cited in the DAEA complaint but the commission referred the case back to the DAEA Board to determine if DAEA possessed authority regarding occupancy of the property.

Following action on agenda items, the commission heard from residents seeking information on efforts to extend public water service on Fisher and Bowles Ridge.

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NOTICE OF SUBSCRIPTION INCREASE

Good news and bad news, but mostly bad news. First, the Bad News Part 1 — Beginning with this issue of the Breeze (September 5, 2024), the cost of a single issue of the Breeze will be \$1.00. The Bad news Part 2 — Beginning October 1, 2024, the cost of annual subscriptions will increase for all subscribers.

The cost to subscribers served by the Hurricane Post Office (Zip Code - 25526) will increase from \$20 per year to \$22. The cost to all other Putnam County addresses will go from \$25 to \$27. All other West Virginia addresses will increase from \$40 to \$45 per year. The annual subscription to Out of State addresses will be \$50 (from \$45).

Now the good news. The cost of digital subscriptions to the Breeze will remain unchanged. The cost of digital will remain \$2.50 per month (an annual cost of \$30).

WHY SUBSCRIPTION INCREASE?

Everyone understands inflation. Everyone understands that someone or some entity must foot the cost of producing and distributing the Breeze. Production costs have increased over the years and the revenue sources which have paid the bills have changed in the newspaper industry.

In 1971, the out-of-pocket cost of producing

an 8-page issue (equivalent to the 10-page issues of today) and the average cost of mailing was about 4¢. The entire production and distribution cost of the newspaper was financed by the annual subscription rate of \$2.00. Every penny of advertising revenue resulted in income to individual members of the Forth family who produced pages of type and accompanying graphics from molten lead and printed the pages on an early 1900 era flat-bed press requiring hand fed sheets of newsprint.

Today's Breeze is printed in about ten minutes on a high speed press with relatively little physical labor. The out-of-pocket cost, however, is much higher. If present day Breeze subscribers were to bear the entire production and distribution costs, the annual subscription rate for in-county subscriptions would be more than \$50 per year and the out-of-county rate would be \$75. The Breeze has kept subscription rates in check by meeting increased production and distribution costs with revenue generated by legal advertisements. The legal ad rate is set by the West Virginia State Legislature and cannot be increased by the Breeze. The last increase in legal ads rates was 15 years ago. The out-of-pocket cost of printing the Breeze increased 11% in January and the cost of mailing the newspaper jumped 9.75% in

July. The increase in annual subscriptions is necessary to meet these increased costs.

WHY THE DRAMATIC SINGLE COPY INCREASE?

The Breeze initiated single-issue sales in 1984 with the intent of reaching more readers. The cost of distributing the paper to twenty-some honor racks throughout the county exceeds the revenue generated by rack sales because of theft and/or discounts created by lack of honor. If the increase in single copy price does not result in increased honor rack sales, it may become necessary to discontinue or to limit single-issue sales.

IMPLEMENTATION

The September 26 issue will feature an updated subscription coupon with the new rates. Any new subscription or renewal payments received after October 1 which are less than the new rates will be pro-rated (payment using the old rate will not result in a 12-month subscription). Subscribers whose subscriptions are due in October, November and December of 2024 may renew early at current rates and will be credited with 12 months if received before October 1st (The date listed after the name on the mailing label is the subscription due date).

History Does Not Forget — 1906 Paint Creek Mine Explosion Left Eight Hurricane Men Dead

The following article was published as a three-part series in the October 4, 11, and 25, 1984 issues of the Breeze.

Introduction and Local Comment by Irene Ambler

The headlines in the CHARLESTON DAILY GAZETTE, published in Charleston, West Virginia, January 19, 1906 (Volume

LXXI, Number 369) read as follows:

"Horrible Mine Disaster yesterday at Detroit Mine on Paint Creek," and "Lives of Eighteen Men Suddenly Snuffed out."

This tragic news held almost unbearable grief for the victims' families; but for four Hurricane families, the happening had very special meaning. Four brothers in the Bridgeman family - Peter Bridgeman, who was

married and the father of two children, and Melvin, Ed and Philip Bridgeman, all unmarried - lost their lives, as did two brothers in the Snyder family. G.P. Neal, a brother-in-law of the Bridgemans, and A.C. Sovine, added up to a total of eight Hurricane area miners who died in the Detroit Mine at Paint Creek.

Two other Hurricane citizens - William Amos

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WEATHER SUMMARY		
August 27 - September 2		
	Low	High
August 27		
Hurricane	59°	92°
August 28		
Hurricane	60°	95°
August 29*		
Hurricane	63°	97°
August 30		
Hurricane	61°	93°
August 31*		
Hurricane	65°	92°
September 1		
Hurricane	64°	80°
September 2		
Hurricane	50°	73°

*RAIN
1.0 inch recorded Aug. 29
0.7 inch recorded Aug. 31

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.

THURSDAYS

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER

• Bringing Back 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 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 Putnam County Republican Party will be holding a grand opening for their 2024 Election Headquarters at 109 Liberty Park Drive, Hurricane, at 6:00 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.

• Maddog Disc Shop will be at Hurricane Bridge Park at 4 p.m. for Putting the Pieces Together Family Night. To register, go to https://www.discgolfszene.com/tournaments/Putting_the_Pieces_Together_Family_Night_2024

SEPTEMBER 7 - 9

• The 95th Annual Putnam County Homecoming will

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be held in Winfield. For a schedule of events, go to <http://www.putnamcountyhomecoming.com>

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.

• Coffee With a Twist, 101 Main Avenue, Nitro, will be holding an open mic night and fall flavor debut from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

• SpeakEasy Singles will be holding a singles dinner at 5 p.m. at Diehl's Restaurant in Nitro. Bowling after dinner. RSVP by calling 304-989-0710.

• The City of Winfield is holding a monthly tire collection event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. beside Payne's Produce.

• Zoology Zone Science Center, located at Valley Park in Hurricane, will be celebrating their first anniversary from 10 a.m. to noon.

• Mt. Zion Church, Jim Ridge Road, Given, will be holding a song and praise service at 6 p.m.

• 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.

• There will be a membership meeting for the Girl Scouts from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Putnam County Main Library.

• 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).

SEPTEMBER 8

• The Bancroft Mission will be holding a Sunday School Picnic at 1 p.m. at the Bancroft Park.

• There will be a Putnam County Homecoming community church service at 10:45 a.m. on Main Street, Winfield.

SEPTEMBER 9

• The Huntington Bank - Special Olympics WV Golf Classic will start at 9 a.m. at Sleepy Hollow Golf Course in Hurricane.

• There will be a five-week Halloween/fall hand quilting class on Mondays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Valley Park in Hurricane. The cost is \$40. To register,

WVDNR Reminds New Hunters

To Complete Required Hunter

Safety Class Before Fall Seasons

Hunter education required for new hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1975

As opening dates for fall hunting seasons approach, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) is reminding new hunters who were born on or after Jan. 1, 1975, that they need to complete a certified hunter education class before they can purchase a hunting license.

"The WVDNR's hunter education class is an essential part of ensuring that all new hunters in West Virginia are equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to hunt safely, ethically and responsibly," said WVDNR Director Brett McMillion.

The two-day, 12-hour class is free and offered at various locations around the state. The class covers topics such as gun safety, wildlife management, ethics, survival, first aid, game identification and other need-to-know information. Once a hunter completes the class, they must also complete a hands-on firearm practical and pass a final exam under the supervision of a Natural Resources Police officer or volunteer hunter education instructor to become fully certified in hunter education.

"Even if a hunter isn't required to take the hunter education class to purchase a hunting license in West Virginia, we encourage everyone to get their hunter education certification because it will allow them to hunt in other states that may have different hunter education requirements," said Natural Resources Police Colonel Bobby Cales.

To learn more about West Virginia's hunter education program, visit WVdnr.gov/hunter-education. To find and register for a free class, visit register-ed.com/programs/westvirginia.

West Virginia's

Fall Hunting Seasons

West Virginia offers several small and big game hunting seasons throughout the fall. The first hunting opportunity comes on Aug. 31 with the first split of the black bear firearms season. Additional black bear firearms seasons open in September through December. Squirrel season is the next to open (Sept.

email bluebellejill@aol.com

SEPTEMBER 10

• Hurricane VFW 9097, 3836 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, will be holding a team trivia night from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

• There will be a Girls Fun Fitness Night Out Backpack Buddy fundraiser starting at 6:30 p.m. at Potential PLUS, 3910 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane. For more information, call (304) 454-5531.

SEPTEMBER 11

• The Putnam Chamber of Commerce and Marshall Health will be hosting a Lunch & Learn workshop on creating a safe workspace at noon at Area 34, 971 State Route 34, Hurricane.

SEPTEMBER 12

• Heartbeat of the Valley, 28 Mission Way, Suite 100, Scott Depot, will be holding a meeting for expectant mothers and mothers of babies under two from 11:20 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

• Calm Unity Integrative, 3761 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane, will be holding an open house from 5 to 8 p.m. Learn about this holistic wellness center.

• Pack 236 will be holding a Cub Scout recruiting night at 6:30 p.m. at Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, 2848 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane.

14), followed by the archery season for white-tailed deer, black bear and wild boar (Sept. 28). Additional hunting seasons for wild turkey come in October. The early firearms season for antlerless deer opens Oct. 24, with additional dates in November and December. The buck firearms season is Nov. 25 - Dec. 8.

To learn more about West Virginia's hunting seasons, download a copy of the Hunting Regulations Summary at WVdnr.gov/hunting-regulations. To purchase a West Virginia hunting license, visit WVhunt.com.

WVU Extension Seeks Community Research Feedback

WVU Extension is the outreach arm of West Virginia University. WVU Extension serves all 55 counties, where it builds prosperity, enhance educational opportunities, improve health and wellbeing, and create purpose for our fellow West Virginians. Programs include agriculture and natural resources; youth programming, including 4-H and STEM based learning; community engagement and service-learning opportunities; and family and community development programs that focus on health, safety, tourism, and economic development.

Local Extension Agents in Jackson, Mason, Putnam,

and Wayne Counties are seeking feedback from residents about which program areas are of priority to our region. Your feedback in this research survey will help agents develop and conduct programs to meet community demand.

Your participation in this research survey is anonymous and completely voluntary. This survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Complete the survey at this link: https://wvu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1CiozJBWVn9ZVXM

To learn more about WVU Extension, including finding your local county office, visit extension.wvu.edu

The Way We Were, The Way We Are

By Brenda Burke

I miss my friends... I always miss my friends... there are so many of them in Indiana, WV, Ohio, and other states... so many through the years. Friendship is a gift... yet it is a relationship that needs work, patience, and caring... we just don't forget our friends... Prayers... that keeps us together and moving forward.

My Florida living—for the past 3 plus years—has centered around my family here... and my family visiting me from Indiana. I am aging, and I prefer to keep myself limited to the time I do outside activities. Therefore, I have not joined in groups or churches here. (I watch church online... have a great Bible and prayer life... and prayer group friends...) I miss my church in Indiana... the people there... I miss my church in WV... the people there...

My friends are important to me... we do snail mail, texting, and fewer calls... the texting is so much easier... and the cards we send... what a gift to open the mailbox... a letter or a card from family or friends... I don't look at the cost of cards or stamps... and those who do... look at the price of FOOD... of gas for the car, and other ways to save... don't give up caring enough to send a card.

It seems that this summer my closest friends have had many health problems, yours truly included... it seems that every day, we are praying for healing... surgery... or other things for those friends... I know they are dear to me. I have written about my friends a million times in this column, but they always deserve a shout out yet again.

My sister-in-law, Betty, and I text and call... snail mail... we are hoping to get together soon. Almost made it in Indiana, but we mixed up our times... my schedule with my family was hectic, and she was traveling also. Betty and I have been friends since the 1960's when she dated Marshall. Betty has a huge family, and she is at one of their homes and back again... she is amazing, and she is a good good friend... prayers for her since Marshall died in 2021...

My friends in Indiana... I did not get to see most of them this time because of my aforementioned schedule... there are four ladies in their 80's and 90's... we continue to do snail mail... and prayers... I did get to see Karen, the sweet librarian at one of my favorite libraries ever (Greenwood). Karen was the first person I met in Indiana when I moved there

in December 2017... she and I became close, and my granddaughter worked for her during college. Karen had kind words for me and my family and touched my heart. She is amazing... as are the other ladies there.

In the 1970's, Mike and I sold our first home in Circleville, Ohio. We moved across the street to a larger home. We sold the first one to David and Beverly... we have been friends ever since. We do gifts... snail mail, texts... calls... and visits... I miss Beverly and David... they stay in close touch. Miss them. Beverly has now joined David in retirement, only going into work one day a week. She is also keeping her art work going.

Linda F. lives in Oak Hill. As I have written before, I met her at the state department in 1966... she has left Charleston to move to her home town near her remaining siblings and their families... and her church. We have been friends forever... and continue to text... snail mail... cards... a sweet person...

Lorraine... I met this special person in the 1980's when she and her then husband lived behind us. We have visited back and forth... calls... all of these years. She actually visited me at Myrtle Beach in South Carolina... Lorraine has no children, and she has just retired yet again... we are the same age... miss her also.

Linda F. and Beverly are in my text prayer group, along with my two friends in WV. Flora Lee and Linda A. Anyone who has ever read this column know how much these two mean to me... sisters of the heart... I met Flora Lee when I was in junior high and have loved her ever since... she is one of the most special ladies who ever walked this earth... she is the heart of our texting prayer group. Linda F and Beverly have never met each other or Flora Lee... one day when we all get to Hurricane. Linda A. is the sister of my heart... my best friend in life... we met when we were toddlers, and I won't write about our relatives and the connections to us... again... Linda and I are the same age... we have been together through thick and thin... so to speak... forever and ever. She has never met Linda F. but she met Beverly when we had Kathy's wedding in Ohio... and at our place in Summersville... and of course, she adores Flora Lee also... There are five of us who are praying partners.

My friends mean so much to me. I made special

friends when I taught in South Carolina. My best friend there was my principal... first my vp and then principal... so good to me... we enjoyed it when all of us went out together. I also had another good friend there, J.P., who has since died... we all had fun at country club dances. One of the secretaries at one of the schools there... we send cards and stay in touch.

My friends at the schools in WV... amazing... Cindy and Diane at Nitro High... Not to mention Mr. McClannahan... angels... Mr. Hughes at WHS, another angel, and Mr. Grim... BHS... all great people... the names of some of the teachers... escape me... but Kathy at Nitro was fantastic... Mrs. Hughes, VP... always there for me. Helen worked in the office at NHS... kept us all going...

Phyllis C. retired from Putnam County Bank (Linda A's sister)... she is loved by all of us and helped us so many years. Without her, it seemed to change... I depended on her way too much, but she never said NO... thank you, Phyllis... we adore you.

Hurricane High, one of the teachers there... we stay in touch... we love talking about teaching... she is an amazing person and so good to me... young and dynamic teacher... the staff at HHS, especially Robin Chaney, got me through anything... and everything... Mrs. Hughes, VP... always... other teachers... Kelly Allen... and the cute group... Jeannie L., Chris B., Glenna... and the little math teacher... I adored them... there were too many at HHS for me to name... but I considered them friends... miss seeing that group each day...

So many friends in my life... Patty H. We send cards. She sold her home and moved to Assisted Living... I miss her... friends at the churches... When I watch First Baptist Online... I look for Susan and Tim Hayslette... always there... I miss Dorothy, my best... Tim's cousin... of course, when I list my friends, Mike has remained one of my best friends... all through my years... always there for me and our family... no matter what... friendship is the best gift... and my daughter and son, two of the best gifts from God... I must close this long column... I know names are left out... just know that because the way we were is the way we are... friendship is a relationship I take seriously... thank you, Lord, for my dear friends. Prayers...

Bridge over Hurricane Creek Named for U.S. Army Veteran



Hurricane High School football team of 1947 (Kenny Lucas is #39)

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Family members in the Hurricane area include Kenneth's son, Nathan, and nephew, Randy Lucas.

House Concurrent Resolution 67, naming the bridge, follows:

HOUSE CONCURRENT Resolution 67

(By Delegates Cannon, Crouse, Foster, and Butler)

[Introduced February 1, 2024; Referred to the Committee on Technology and Infrastructure then Rules]

Requesting the Division of Highways name the bridge where U.S. Route 60 crosses Hurricane Creek, near the

intersection of U.S. Route 60 and State Route 34, the "U.S. Army SGT Kenneth R. Lucas Memorial Bridge."

Whereas, Kenneth R. Lucas, originally from Hurricane, WV, lived a life of distinction worthy of being remembered; and

Whereas, Mr. Lucas was the last of 12 children from a family who has resided in Hurricane since the 1870's; and

Whereas, Mr. Lucas was a graduate of Hurricane High School in 1948; and

Whereas, Mr. Lucas enlisted in the United States Army to serve as a Sergeant in the Tank Company, 14th Armored Cavalry; and

Whereas, Mr. Lucas returned from his service

and worked for many years at the Union Carbide plant in Institute, WV; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Division of Highways is hereby requested to name the bridge

where U.S. Route 60 cross Hurricane Creek, near the intersection of U.S. Route 60 and State Route 34, the "U.S. Army SGT Kenneth R. Lucas Memorial Bridge."; and, be it

Further Resolved, That the Division of Highways is hereby requested to erect signs containing bold and prominent letters identifying the bridge as the "U.S. Army SGT Kenneth R. Lucas Memorial Bridge"; and, be it



Kenny in uniform (1954)

Further Resolved, That the Clerk of the House forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of the Division of Highways.

County Commission News

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In other business, County Clerk Brian Wood announced that voter registration deadline for the November election is October 15. Wood received approval for an ADA Grant which would fund signage identifying van parking for the handicapped.

Commission president Andy Skidmore announced that the Health Board has recommended changes

to the county's vaping ordinance which changes will be on the agenda for action at the September 10 commission meeting.

The commission approved the application for \$446,900 grant to fund water service to five residences on Bowles Ridge.

In other action, the commission appointed Debbie Elkins to the Putnam County Library Board.

The next county commission meeting is Tuesday, September 10.

Miss Putnam County Candidates

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Pitchford, is also a senior at Buffalo High School. He is the son of Jeff and Jennifer Pitchford. While attending Buffalo High School, I have been very involved and participated in many clubs and activities. I am the Secretary of our high school's chapter of National Honor Society as well as National Teenage Republicans. I am a Captain of the BHS Dance Team and active member of the Golf Team, Track Team, Bison for Christ, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Pep Club, and Prom Committee. I attend Midway Church, and volunteer regularly at All Aboard Therapy. After I graduate high school, I plan to attend Marshall University in pursuit of a Doctorate degree in Physical Therapy. I would love to work with both pediatric and geriatric populations. My sincerest thank you to my classmates and school for giving me the opportunity to represent Buffalo High School. I wish the best of luck to the rest of the contestants! Go Bison!

Miss Hurricane Carly Dingess

Hi, my name is Carly Dingess, representing Hurricane High School as Miss Hurricane. I am the daughter of Joey and Alicia Dingess and sister to Caden Dingess. I attended Hurricane Middle School and I am currently a senior at Hurricane High School.

I'm thankful for all the opportunities I have both socially and academically at Hurricane High School. I am the historian of both National Honor Society and the student body. I'm a member of the National English Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, DECA, Link Crew, and Raze Club. In my community, I actively participate in Backpack Buddies, visit local elementary schools, and support the Putnam County Animal Shelter. I am Captain of the reigning West Virginia state champion cheerleading team. I was also a member of the World Championship team at Famous Superstars. In my free time, I love spending time with my family and friends, reading, shopping, and taking pictures. I maintain over a 4.0 GPA while taking many college courses that will prepare me to attend West Virginia University in the fall of 2025. I plan to pursue a degree in business with hopes to attend law school. I am very grateful for the opportunity to represent my school as Miss Hurricane and I would like to thank my teachers, classmates, and friends for supporting me. Go Redskins!

Miss Poca Shiloh Harding

Shiloh Harding is the daughter of Chad and Bille Harding of Poca. She is currently a senior at Poca High School and was chosen to be Miss Poca High School 2024-2025. Shiloh has grown up in the town of Poca and has attended school there since Kindergarten. Hunter Tusing, also a senior at Poca High School, is the son of Allison LeMaster of Bancroft and Courtney and Autumn Tusing of Hurricane. He will be serving as her escort.

During her years at Poca High School, she has been actively involved, serving as president in the National Honor Society, Student Council, and Students Against Destructive Decisions. She is also a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Science National Honor Society, Link Crew, Mu Alpha Theta, and Prom Committee. She also serves as the captain of the girl's basketball team and the alto section leader for Poca Visual Volume. Additionally, Shiloh attends Teays Valley Church of the Nazarene where she serves in the worship ministry.

Following graduation,

Annual Putnam County Homecoming Schedule

*****Saturday September 7, 2024*****

CLz Finest Car Show

Proceeds benefit Ronald McDonald House

- 11:30 Music of Brandon Tolliver
- 12:00 Petting Zoo for the kids
- Inflatables for the kids
- Smash Car at Windfield Fire Dept
- Face Painting
- Putt Putt Golf
- 1:00 Joyce Hanna History Presentation
- 1:00 CAMC Teays Valley Hospital Health Fair
- 2:00 Cole Parsons
- 3:00 Joey Stepp Magician
- 3:30 Jonah Cline
- 4:45 Joey Stepp Magician
- 5:15 Lost Cause
- 6:45 Introductions of Miss Putnam County Contestants —Miss Hurricane, Miss Poca, Miss Winfield, Miss Buffalo
- 7:00 Appalachian Rain

*****Sunday September 8, 2024 *****

- 10:00 Opening Ceremony
- 10:05 Flag Raising
- 10:05 National Anthem & Presentations by Winfield High School Band
- 10:45 Community Church Service
- 12:00 4 the Gospel
- Petting Zoo for the kids
- Inflatables for the kids
- Smash Car at Windfield Fire Dept
- Face Painting
- Putt Putt Golf
- 1:00 Introductions of the Queens of Putnam County
- 1:30 Grand Parade
- 2:30 Appalachian Lassies
- 3:00 Music of Kenny and Julie
- 4:00 Homecoming awards
- 4:15 Crowning of Miss Putnam County

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She will have completed 30+ hours of college classes and plans to graduate early from West Virginia State University with a degree in Business. Following college, she intends to go to Mortuary School. Shiloh would like to thank her fellow classmates and teachers for giving her the opportunity to represent her school, as it is an honor she does not take lightly.

Miss Winfield Sydne Alexander

Winfield High School is represented by Sydne Paige Alexander. Sydne has one brother, Jaxin Alexander, and is the daughter of Derek and Nichi Alexander of Teays Valley. She is the granddaughter of Tony and Jaeda Smith of Teays Valley, Kelley and the late Richard Lanning of Hurricane, as well as Fred and Dana Alexander of Tennessee.

Sydne is involved in a number of activities and clubs in and out of school. She is the secretary of the senior class and a member of Link Crew, Pep Club, Key Club, National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Beta Club, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Sydne's extracurricular activities include varsity soccer and Winfield High School's show choir. She also participates in club soccer for Eastern Elite Soccer Academy, and formerly, for West Virginia Futbol Club. For both high school and club soccer, Sydne is a team captain. Her accolades in varsity soccer include All Kanawha-Valley Freshman of the Year, three-time all-state and all-conference member, and Region 4 Player of the Year. While succeeding in these extracurricular activities, she maintains a 4.2 GPA and has completed several college courses.

Sydne is a member of the Hurricane First Church of the Nazarene. She has participated in various community service activities, but her favorite is Top Soccer through Putnam United. Sydne's biggest achievement thus far is having the honor of being selected as the 2024 West Virginia Scholar winner, which gives her full tuition to West Virginia Wesleyan College. After graduating high school, Sydne plans to attend West Virginia Wesleyan College where she will play soccer and major in Health Sciences. While in college, she hopes to become involved in several activities and clubs. Upon completion of her major, Sydne plans to attend medical school and pursue a career as a Pediatrician.

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Fillers Page

Edited by Betsy Allen



SEPTEMBER

From Jeff Burkhardt's *Rhyme & Reason*
Submitted by Myra Simmons

Dressed for summer as I was, I
watched a bank of trees because
Their first few leaves were letting go,
a subtle hint to let me know

The wind let in a touch of chill, as it
gave way to winter's will
Harvest's bounty reaping toil,
the sweat of spring pulled from the soil

The wise had gathered up and saved,
prepareth not the foolish knave
Time came to get what planting
gave, relentless winter yet to brave

The sun ebbed off its summer roil:
"twas just as I remembered
August had its way but then, the
world became September

Fillers Contributors Wanted

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

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

You can also email submissions to breezenews@citynet.net

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

Jokes From Linda

Submitted by Linda Lavender Armstead



A young couple invited their uncle Victor for Sunday lunch. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, uncle Victor asked their son, what they were having.

"Goat," little Robbie replied.

"Goat?" Replied the uncle. "Are you sure about that?"

"Yup," said Robbie. "I definitely heard Dad say to Mom, we might as well have the old goat for dinner today as any other day."

Shetland Sheepdog: What do you mean I'm controlling?

Sheep: You herd me.

Fillers from Linda

Submitted by Linda~Lavender Armstead
Washington Hill Road, Hurricane

The smallest hands make the biggest mark on Nana's heart.

I'm retired. Under new management. See my grandchildren for details.

Lord, please keep my grandchildren on the right path as they grow older.

Grandkids - if you only knew how much those little moments with you matter to me!

Grandparents don't just love their grandchildren every now and then; it's a love without end.

I never imagined I'd be the luckiest Nana with the most precious grandchildren, but here I am with Kelci and Braeden Armstead!

It's my honor, my privilege, my blessing to love my grandchildren. I don't care how old they are; they're mine to love for life.

As a grandparent, there will be many times in your life that you hug your grandchild, knowing you needed that hug more than they did.

Manipulating a child to despise their grandparents is one of the most despicable things someone can do.

Grandchildren, respect your grandparents. They passed school without Google.

If you're lucky enough to still have grandparents, visit them, cherish them, and celebrate them while you can.

Grandchildren make you feel better when you're around them, they're sunshine for your soul and medicine for your mind.

Blessed are those who snuggle and hug, spoil and pamper, boast and brag, for they shall be called grandmothers.

Seeing your grandchildren excited to see you is one of the biggest joys in the world.

Grandchildren are the greatest gift your heart will ever know.

Grandchildren are like flowers. You never get tired of watching them grow.

Be the grandparent you want them to remember.

Grandchildren are angels sent from above to fill our hearts with unending love.

Grandchildren are like snowflakes. Each one is beautifully unique.

Just when you think you know what love is all about, then come grandchildren.

A grandchild is a flower like no other you will ever see, as the love of a grandchild blooms in your heart forever, and in your soul for eternity.

You know you're a grandma when you used

Grandparents' Day September 8



to get angry at your kids and now you laugh when your grandkids do the same thing.

Parents become grandparents and lose all their sense; all of a sudden they have Wendy's money now.

One of the best feelings in the world is holding your grandchild in your arms, and knowing no matter what happen in life, they will still be yours to love.

Grandma's prayers are the reason a lot of us are still here.

As a grandmother I'm not perfect. I forget things and make mistakes. It's okay because in the end, no one could love my grandkids the way I do.

I wouldn't change my grandchildren for the world, but I wish I could change the world for my grandchildren.

My grandchildren are a window to my past, a mirror of today, a door to tomorrow, and a keeper of my heart.

Being a Nana means that your heart is no longer yours. It wanders wherever your grandchildren are.

There's nothing like a grandchild to put a smile on your face, a lump in your throat, and a warm feeling in your heart.

Being a grandma is an honor, being a great-grandmother is priceless.

Too much died with our parents and grandparents. Knowledge will always be empowering.

Grandparents like heroes, are as necessary to a child's growth as vitamins.

Grandchildren are God's gift to grandparents.

Studies shows kids need their grandparents more than they realize.

Behind every grandchild is a grandparent that is very proud, grateful and extremely happy to be a part of their lives.

Some people think "grandma" means old. To me it means blessed.

Of course I believe in love at first sight - I'm a Nana!

My grandkids are my sunshine.

Each of my grandkids have a piece of my heart.

I just want my grandchildren to be able to look back and be proud to have had me as their Nana.

Grandparents make the world a little softer, a little kinder, a little warmer.

Grandkids are the greatest gift your heart will ever know.

Grandmothers hold their grandkids' tiny little hands for just a while, but hold their hearts forever.

You will never look back on life and think, "I've spent too much time with my grandkids."

Being called Nana is not a title; it's a beautiful adventure.

When the child you love has a child you adore with all that is within you, only then do you fully understand just how grand being a grandparent is.

Do you ever just look at your grandchildren and feel your heart melting because you love them so much?

Grandparents don't call it babysitting; they see it as quality time spent creating cherished memories with their grandchildren.

Grandchildren - the best part of getting old.

Grandmothers think about her grandchildren all the time. They are always in her prayers, and even if they're not with her, they are always in her heart.

Being a grandma is the highest paid job since the payment is pure love.

Happiness is when your grandchild comes and hugs you just because.

My Grandkids make my heart full.

I don't get to see my grandchildren every day. But, every single day, I love them, I pray for them, and I ask God to guide their every step.

When the child you love has a child you love with all that is within you, only then will you know just how grand being a grandparent truly is.

Grandma has ears that listen, arms that always hold, love that's never an ending and a heart that's made of gold.

Hanging out with your grown-up grandkids is like visiting the best parts of your life.

Lord, please watch over my grandchildren and protect them from this crazy world. Amen.

Bible Verse



When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul. —Psalm 94:19

Bring a Chill to Summer with Cool, Creamy Cheesecake

(Family Features) When it's hot but you crave something sweet, turn to a delicious dessert that's cool and creamy. French Style Cheesecake with Vanilla Wafer Crust offers the best of both worlds as a fresh, no-bake, refrigerated favorite you can top with chocolate, fruit or vanilla wafer crumbs. Find more summer dessert ideas at Culinary.net.

French Style Cheesecake with Vanilla Wafer Crust



Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"
Total time: 25 minutes, plus 3 hours refrigeration
Servings: 8

Crust:

- 2 cups vanilla wafers, crushed
- 1 stick butter, melted
- 1/4 cup brown sugar

Whipped Cream:

- 1 cup heavy cream
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Cheesecake:

- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar

To make crust: Mix crushed vanilla wafers, melted butter and sugar; press into pie pan or individual pudding cups.

To make whipped cream: In large bowl, using electric mixer, mix heavy cream, sugar and vanilla until thickened into whipped cream.

To make cheesecake: Add softened cream cheese, vanilla and powdered sugar to whipped cream bowl. Using electric mixer, mix until smooth. Pour over vanilla wafer crust and chill 3 hours.

History Does Not Forget — 1906 Paint Creek Mine Explosion Left Eight Hurricane Men Dead

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(a brother to the other four), and O.M. "Oat" Bias – were employees of the mine, and would have also lost their lives on January 18, 1906, had they reported for work that day. O.M. Bias did not go to work because he was ill; and the family does not know why Amos Bridgeman did not report in.

The other ten men who died in the Detroit Mine, were: Patrick McLaughlin, Stephen McCardle, Patrick McCardle, James McCardle, James McLaughlin, Claude Saunders, William Miskell, James Miskell, Isaac Snyder, and Isaac Pancake.

Simon Peter Bridgeman was born September 11, 1877.

Philip Henry Bridgeman was born April 17, 1879.

George Melvin Bridgeman was born May 4, 1881.

Charles Edward Bridgeman was born February 9, 1883.

They all died on January 19, 1906, with the oldest, Simon Peter, being about four months away from his twenty-ninth birthday. The youngest, Charles Edward, would have become twenty-three years of age in February, 1906.

Peter, Philip, Melvin and Ed were sons of John T. and Elizabeth J. Bridgeman. The mother died in September, 1892, at the age of thirty-nine; and the father died only one month later, in October, 1892, at the age of forty-. They were survived by eleven children, the oldest, William Amos, being twenty years of age and the youngest, a daughter, Allie, being two and a half years old.

To say that life during that time was hard for the Bridgemans would be putting it too mildly. William Amos assumed responsibility of caring for and keeping the family together. He would rise early in the morning, cook breakfast for the others and prepare food for the remainder of the day so that he could walk to Culloden to work for fifty cents a day. After walking back home, sometimes after dark in the fall and winter months, he would prepare supper, get the smaller ones ready for bed and then cut wood for cooking and heating until his own bedtime. In the summer he would work in the garden with the older children helping out as much as they could. The love and devotion for the family members to each other and their desire to maintain their home possibly made it easier to cope with their seemingly insurmountable odds; but we wonder how they could manage to survive with so little money and so much hard work under such adverse and sad conditions, not to mention that only a few years later four of the boys would lose their lives in the mines.

Florence Bridgeman (Neale) Mynes was only seven years of age when she lost her parents; and she had the later added tragedy of losing, not only four of her brothers, but also her husband, G.P. Neale, in the explosion at the Detroit Mine at Pain Creek. She had been married only a short time to G.P. Neale. Mr. Neale was the brother of Mrs. Kate McElfish, Mrs. Cosby Wood, and Mrs. Addison Neale, long-time Hurricane residents, all of whom are now deceased.

The two Snyder brothers were related to Mrs. Lena Thomas of Tacketts Creek Road, Hurricane. They were listed as unmarried, while A. C. Sovine was listed as married, but we do not have the information concerning this family.

Following is a newspaper story by a writer identified only as "A Staff

Correspondent" of the CHARLESTON DAILY GAZETTE.

"Paint Creek, W. Va., January 18, 1906 – Eighteen lives went out today as the result of an explosion of dust in the Detroit mine of Paint Creek, about nine miles from this place. The dead who with one exception are still in the charred house, in which they met their death, are:

"G.P. Neale, Patrick McLaughlin, Peter Bridgeman, Isaac Snyder, Stephen AcArdle, Patrick McArdle, James McArdle, A.C. Sovine, James McLaughlin, Claude Saunders, Ed Bridgeman, Melvin Bridgeman, Philip Bridgeman, Ben Snyder, Charles Snyder, William Miskell, James Miskell, Isaac Pancake.

The only body yet recovered is that of G.P. Neale, which was found about 6 o'clock this evening.

"The explosion occurred eight minutes past twelve, when all the day men, that is those who are employed by the day, as distinguished from those who actually dig coal, were outside at their dinners, or the death loss would have been much larger. The force of the explosion was terrific. The mine is a drift, with its mouth 100 feet above the railroad track, the incline being tolerably steep. The drum house was built on a rock just above the drift mouth and almost out of reach of the sweep of the protrusion from the explosion, but nevertheless it was entirely demolished and the splintered wood from the framework was distributed all the way to the bottom of the incline and some even far beyond in the little valley between the two opposing mountains on the opposite of Paint Creek.

"Great timbers ten and twelve inches square and eight or ten feet long, solid oak, were thrown from the mouth of the mine across the intervening valley and almost buried in the mountain side a thousand feet away. A mule and a Shetland pony used to haul the coal from the entries were tied inside about a hundred feet from the mouth. They were thrown from the mouth of the mine and down to the railroad track, where they struck in shapeless heaps with probably every bone broken and the way by which could be told which was the pony and which was the mule or that either was either was by the hoofs. Nine cars that stood inside the mine a hundred feet or more were swept out and thrown down the mountain side all the way to the bottom. The blacksmith shop stood at the side about ten feet from a straight line from the nearest edge of the drift mouth and its nearest side was torn to kindling wood. "the Detroit mine is the property of the Paint Creek Colliery Company, which was chartered one day this week with a capital of five millions, to take over all the mines on Paint Creek except two. The Detroit mine was turned over to the company on Monday. It was opened in October, 1903, by the Detroit and Kanawha Coal Company, composed of Detroit capitalists. The main entry is driven but thirteen hundred feet and there are not sufficient rooms for many men to work, which accounts for the small number of miners employed. District Mine Inspector Bonner Hill (?) inspected the mine two weeks ago and declared it free from gas, but said in his report that it was very dusty and ordered that means be taken to sprinkle it. This, the new manager W.W. Mucklow, was making preparations to do and part of the paraphernalia was on the ground ready to be installed. It was supposed

the explosion was caused by a blast setting off the dust.

"One theory is that someone used a mixture of dynamite and powder used in blasting, a combination that is considered very dangerous. Blasts of this kind were used some time ago and the superintendent ordered it stopped on pain of discharge, but it is thought the order was probably disobeyed today with fatal results. The mine is ventilated by an eight-foot fan run by compressed air, and the ventilation was said to be perfect, leaving no doubt that the explosion was one of dust. The fan was totally demolished and had to be rebuilt and the air pumped into the mine before anyone could venture in, but that made little difference as it was utterly impossible that anyone inside could have survived the shock of the explosion. It was later in the afternoon when the fan had been reconstructed and air was again passing through the mine. Then a party went in to explore. It found that every brattice had been demolished and that beyond where the first one stood there could be no good air."

(Continued next week)

October 11, 1984

According to additional information we have received since last week concerning the eight Hurricane men who were victims of the 1906 Paint Creek Detroit mine disaster, A.C. Sovine was married to Elizabeth M. Sovine; and they were the parents of Sylvia Sovine Myles, who was a Putnam County school teacher for many years before her death. Sylvia was half-sister to Morris and Betty Jo Wentz. Mrs. Florence Bridgeman Neal (Mynes) was the wife of G.P. Neal; and she had the grief to bear for, not only her husband, but also for her four brothers, Simon Peter, Philip Henry, George Melvin, and Charles Edward Bridgeman.

When Elizabeth J. Bridgeman, age 39, died in September, 1892; and her husband, John T. Bridgeman, age 40, died only a month later in October, 1892, they left eleven children. The oldest son, William Amos, was twenty years of age. The next son, James David, was eighteen years of age. The oldest daughter, Annie, was sixteen years of age. Then came Simon Peter, age fifteen; Philip Henry, age thirteen; George Melvin, age eleven; Charles Edward, age nine; Florence, age seven; Eva, age five; Laura, age three; and Allie, age two.

It took more courage than can possibly be told for the family to stay together and survive. It is almost impossible to visualize how a family this large could be fed, clothed, and housed in that long ago day when work wasn't too plentiful and jobs didn't pay much even if they were available. The second son, James David, either had a job when his parents died, or obtained one shortly thereafter; and he helped raise the family, giving them financial, physical, and moral support in every way possible – help that lasted for many years.

The CHARLESTON DAILY GAZETTE, the newspaper which reported the disaster, published glowing accounts about the Bridgemans, about their love and concern for each other after their parents died fourteen years previously and about their struggle to stay together and survive under seemingly-impossible circumstances.

A writer identified only as a "Special Correspondent" in telling his story of the recovery of the eighteen victims of the Detroit mine disaster at Paint creek stated in graphic detail the following:

"Paint Creek Junction, W.Va., January 19 – the Work

of rescue in the Detroit mine has been completed, and its fruit is 18 bodies lying cold in death in a morgue improvised from a disused boarding house.

"The only important discovery made was that a number of men met death not by the force of the explosion, as was at first thought was the fate of all, but by the slower, more awful means of asphyxiation.

"Patrick McLaughlin was assisted in his work by his 14-year-old son, Jimmie, and when found he had the boy clasped to his bosom as if in an attempt to save him from the death he knew in his heart was inevitable.

"Two of the McArdle brothers, of whom three lost their lives, were found folded in each other's arms, as though trying to "double-team" and fight off the grim reaper. They seemed to have sat down to eat their dinner, as the buckets in which they brought it to the mine were sitting close by unopened, and not even turned over by the explosion.

"Others were found in such positions as seemed to prove that they had made some struggle to escape after the explosion had expended its force, but were overcome by the deadly damp that followed.

"All through the night a brave band of workers, led by Deputy Mine Inspector Earl Henry, Manager W.W. Mucklow and Mr. John E. Miner, toiled through the mine, putting up brattices and mending air shafts as they proceeded, having to come out once because the fans stopped and the air got bad, but returning as soon as the trouble had been repaired. From entry to entry and from room to room they went, until in the farthestmost parts of the mine they began to find the bodies of those who had perished, and by daylight had brought eleven to the surface. By 11 in the forenoon the remaining seven had been found and brought out."

(Next week: the conclusion and the poem written by H.M. Kelley in honor of the victims of the Detroit mine.)

October 25, 1984

(Conclusion)

After the explosion in the Detroit Mine at Paint Creek on January 18, 1906, there came the sad task of identifying and claiming the eighteen victims' bodies and the arrangements for their burial. Families — widows, children, brothers, sister and parents of those killed in areas outside of the Paint Creek community — arrived by train to claim their dead. Eight Hurricane men lost their lives that day; and their bodies were sent to Hurricane by train for interment. The coffins were unloaded near the C&O crossing on what is now called Mill Road, and taken to a nearby house, where they remained until the graves could be prepared.

The eight men were buried in local cemeteries, the four Bridgeman rothers in a common grave in the old Hurricane Cemetery on Virginia Avenue.

Local victims of the mine disaster were: G.P. Neal; A.C. Sovine; brothers Ben and Charles Snyder; and brothers Peter, Ed, Melvin and Philip Bridgeman.

At the time of the tragedy of the United Mine Workers of America were holding their national convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. When they received news of the explosion they voted to contribute one thousand dollars to each of the miner's families.

H.M. Kelley, a Hurricane citizen living on Main Street, Hurricane, at the time, wrote a poem in honor of the victims of the Detroit mine on Paint Creek. The poem follows:

DETROIT MINE EXPLOSION

By H. M. Kelley

January 19, 1906

Detroit was exited as she never was before
Upon learning that the miners all around
Were rushing up the incline
Their dearest friends to find
But we learn that they were beneath the ground.
The smoke and dust came forth from underneath the ground.
And Oh, how sad a sight it was to see
To hear the women crying and looking up to God
While the rest stood in confusion all around.
Eighteen Union men have perished
Doubtless, covered up in gob
While their anxious wives were waiting,
Also praying to God.
Mothers praying, children crying
Oh, for God to spare their lives;
Not as out will, Heavenly Father,
But for the sake of their dear wives.
We learn that when they found two boys
And McArdle was their names.
With their arms around each other
They had suffered death and pain.
Jesus Christ these two had slain.
Why this was we do not know;
Have their souls gone to Jesus?
We are humbly praying so.
Oh, God, we pray receive their souls and also other ones.
These poor men were working hard
Yes, to earn their children's bread.
But, alas, this great explosion
Has them numbered with the dead.
If these Union men, dear Father,
Only were prepared to die
They shall wear crowns of glory
And we will meet them by and by
Let us read the Holy Bible
And prepare ourselves to die
Because you know Jesus tells us
As the tree falls, it shall lie.
One poor boys was in a meeting
Two nights before on Paint Creek line
This poor boy was tender hearted,
Noble, true, loving, kind.
And the preacher begged and pleaded;
"Be in haste, make up your mind
For the Gospel Ship is sailing,
Soon you will be left behind."
As the preacher asked his boy
Confess your sins;
For God's sake, do
Be in haste and wait no longer
Something bad will happen to you.
Now take warning from this boy
I think _____ was his name
Broken hearts are sadly mourning
Has he missed the gospel train?

WV Department of Education Recognize Teacher of Year Sponsors

The West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) and the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) will welcome program sponsors to the 2025 Celebration of Excellence in Education honoring the West Virginia Teacher of the Year (TOY) and the West Virginia School Service Personnel of the Year (SPOY). The WVDE will host the event on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2024, at 5 p.m. at the West Virginia Culture Center.

Each year, business and organization partners honor educators and service personnel with generous sponsorships as part of West Virginia's TOY and SPOY programs. These commitments make it possible to celebrate these exceptional and dedicated individuals who give fully to the children in West Virginia public schools.

"We are grateful for these sponsorships that not only celebrate our educators and school personnel but also bring much-needed attention and respect to those who serve our children," said WVBE President Nancy J. White. "We appreciate their continued support and the value it brings to our school community."

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Our children return to the classroom this fall and we are aware of dangers that we never used to concern ourselves with. How can we protect them in what was once thought of as a secure environment? There are no guarantees, but we can ask God to work in the hearts and minds of those who shape our nation and the wonderful teachers who guide our children. We can talk with our children and always listen when they talk to us, for molding young spirits is not accomplished quickly. Most importantly, we can set an example for our youth. Worship together regularly as a family; we are determining the future of our society.

Daily Bible Readings

Mark 4:1-9	Mark 4:10-20	Mark 4:21-34	Mark 6:1-13	Mark 7:1-13	Mark 7:14-23	1 Kings 3:1-15
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By Ron Allen
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Daniel's Friends Refuse to Bow

Daniel 3:1, 8-18

All who have attended Sunday School from an early age know the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Children know that the three young men were thrown into the fiery furnace because they refused to bow before the great image that Nebuchadnezzar built.

In Sunday School, children learn of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's faith in God. Children understand that the three young Hebrew men were saved from the fiery furnace because they placed their trust in God.

Adult believers possess deeper understandings than children. We know the reason that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego trusted God. We know that all believers are saved by grace through faith and that saving faith is a gift from God (Eph. 2:8). We know that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were saved by grace through faith given to them by the Lord God. They were saved by that which God did.

New Testament believers know that saving faith results from having heard the word of God (Rom. 10:17). Was the faith that saved Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego any different? Consider all that is known of the three men.

They came with Daniel to Babylon from Jerusalem following the conquest of the city by Nebuchadnezzar. The three were among those deemed to be "... skillful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science" (Dan. 1:4). If Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego really possessed wisdom, knowledge and understanding, they knew why they were carried off to Babylon. They knew that "... the Lord rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land" (Deut. 29:28). They had heard the word of God and had witnessed the curse placed upon Israel because the people turned from the Lord God. They also knew the promise of Deuteronomy 30:5-6. They knew that they would live if they loved the Lord with all their heart and with all their soul. They had heard the word of God and they believed.

We are introduced to the great idol without explanation in verse 1. The scriptures do not reveal Nebuchadnezzar's motive for making this image of gold. The dimensions, ninety feet high and nine feet wide, and its location, in a plain, suggest that the king wanted the image to be seen by all.

The golden image would not have been pure gold (an idol consisting of pure gold the size of Nebuchadnezzar's image would have weighed 179 tons and consist of gold valued at more than \$10 billion in today's currency). The image would have been fashioned from wood overlaid with gold. That said, it was no small project. It would have required months to construct. It is a project that would have involved many people.

The falling down of every member of the large assembly that had gathered before the idol at its dedication ceremony would have been a sight to behold. It was a scene which Nebuchadnezzar wanted viewed. It was a tribute to him.

The large assembly consisted of government officials from every corner of the Babylonian Empire (v. 3). Failure to bow and worship the image would result in that official being thrown into the flames of the fiery furnace — a public execution.

In verses 8-13, Nebuchadnezzar learned that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego did not fall before the idol and worship it. The accusers were Chaldeans (pagans); the accused were Hebrews (God's chosen people). The Chaldean accusers phrased their words carefully. They made it known that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were Jews. They described Shadrach's, Meshach's and Abednego's action as an assault upon Nebuchadnezzar and the gods of Babylon.

Nebuchadnezzar reacted in a predictable manner. He was furious. He summoned the three Hebrews to come before him (v. 13). He demanded to know if the charges were true and he asked them if they were prepared to face the consequences of failing to bow down and worship the golden image. He, then, directed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to identify the God "that shall deliver you out of my hands" (v. 15).

The three boldly declared "our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand" (v. 17). The God whom Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego served is the self-existent God who spoke to Moses from the burning bush. He is the creator of the Earth, the moon, the Sun, and the stars. He is the God who is able to wrest whomever He chooses from the hand of the most powerful king in all the world.

Shadrach's, Meshach's and Abednego's final words are most telling. They said they would not bow down and worship the golden image even if God were not to deliver them from the fiery furnace. Fear of death had no hold upon them. They were going to do that which God had commanded. They would not bow down. Their faith was like that of Abraham who believed that obeying God's command to slay Isaac (Gen. 22:2) would not prevent God from fulfilling His promise of an everlasting covenant through Isaac (see Gen. 17:7, 21).

The three possessed the faith of Abraham. They possessed the faith that saves. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego believed as Abraham believed and were saved. New Testament believers, likewise, are saved because we believe as Abraham believed (see Rom. 9:6-8). Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego declared their faith. Let us do likewise.

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JUANITA MAE CREECH

Juanita Mae Creech, 89, of Teays Valley, went Home to be with the Lord on August 2, 2024. She was a member of Teays Valley Church of God.

She was born August 3, 1934 in Given to the late Mary F. Casto Kessel and Hansel "Hank" Kessel. Juanita grew up in the country and was known to ride her horse to school. Later in life she moved to Dunbar and graduated from Dunbar High School in 1953. She went on to attend and graduate from Charleston Business College and with those skills she was hired as a Secretary/Clerk for Union Carbide. At another point in her career, she was a Nutritionist Instructor for the State of West Virginia. Later in her life, she was a Sales Representative for Nutro Pet Products.

On December 3, 1955, Juanita married the love of her life, the late William "Bill" D. Creech. And in 1964 she became a homemaker and mother to their surviving daughter, Teresa A. Creech. In those years she worked side by side with Bill at his shop, Horseman's Supply and could always be found at area horse shows helping Bill sell horse tack and supplies and supporting Teresa with her love of horses.

Juanita was known for her vibrant outgoing personality. She had a deep love for people, gardening, canning, traveling, cooking, dancing, horse shows, her grand dogs, attending community senior centers, and being a member of several organizations such as Woods & Irons Garden Club, KVHA, Putnam County Republican Club, Bunko, KWHA and Gable

Gals of Teays Valley.

Juanita was preceded in death by her husband, William "Bill" D. Creech; sisters: Willa D. Davis, Wanda L. Basham and Anna D. Cunningham.

She is survived by her loving daughter, Teresa A. Creech of Teays Valley; sister, Sherry Kessel of Scott Depot; and special friends: David and Susan Frampton, Drema Davis, Sara Kell and Lori Kaeberle.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Celebration of Juanita's Life, 7:00 pm, Friday, September 6, 2024 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane, with Rev. Dr. Melissa Pratt and Rev. David Bowen officiating.

JESSIE 'JOE' FLANERY

Jessie Calvin "Joe" Flanery rode off into the sunset one final time at the age 86 on August 28, 2024, in Hurricane. Born on November 13, 1937, in Martin, KY, Joe lived a life dedicated to his family. Joe also had four years of commendable Air Force Service and a distinguished career with C&P and AT&T.

Joe leaves behind his loving wife Barbara; sons Tim and his wife Katie; Tony and pets Reggie and Elly; Todd and his wife Sheri; daughter Mary and her husband Chris Sommerville; beautiful sisters, Doris, Nora, Flo, and loving brother, Bryan; eleven grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

His family will hold dear the memory of his gentle spirit and fondly remember his dry, quick wit, an abounding love for cowboy westerns, deep interest in

emerging technologies and a fresh cup of coffee.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Parley and Grace Flanery; his sisters Eunice "Sis" Hall, Emma "Goose" Pigman, Mavis Blair, and brother Billy James Flanery.

In keeping with Joe's private nature, a memorial service will be held for immediate family members.

We bid farewell to Joe, a man whose dry humor and steadfast presence enriched the lives of all he touched. His legacy is one of love, laughter, level walls, and unwavering commitment to his family.

DONNA KEELING

Donna Belle Keeling, 76, of Hurricane, passed away Sunday, September 1, 2024.

Born July 5, 1948, to the late Eldon and Lena Mae Johnson. She was also preceded in death by her husband Jerry D. Keeling, brother, Kay Johnson, sisters, Linda Bays and Barbara Casey.

She is survived by her children Kenneth (Robin) Keeling, Lena (Dave) Salmons and Angela (Cynthia) Keeling. Her sister, Lora McKellar, Margie (Dennis) Hodges and Tresea Johnson, brother, Owen Johnson. Grandchildren, Gabe and Logan Keeling, Megan and Brooke Salmans, Griffen, Nathaniel and Camden Cutright, and many nieces, nephews, family and friends she loved very much.

Funeral service was Thursday, September 5, 2024, at Allen Funeral Home. Burial was in Mt. Moriah Cemetery.

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CONNIE SUE LEWIS

Connie Sue Lewis, 63, of Winfield, passed away August 31, 2024, at home.

She was born August 15, 1961, in South Charleston, to the late Paul and Paula Roach.

Connie is a graduate of Winfield High School and retired from Rite Aid Warehouse.

She is survived by her loving husband, Dell "Dude" Lewis; son Jeremy and wife Lindsey Lewis of Winfield; daughter Megan and husband Jerod Cash of Winfield; grandchildren Austin Lewis, Addison Cash, and Raelyn Cash all of Winfield; sisters Kathy and husband Keith Young of Hardy, VA, Lisa Roach of Winfield, and Shelley and husband Stevie Short of Winfield; and her beloved dog Sadie. Connie is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews and other family and friends.

Visitation was Thursday, September 5, 2024, at Gatens-Harding Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Winfield Cemetery, Winfield.

WILBUR LOCKE

Wilbur M. Locke, 94, formerly of Hurricane, died

Sunday, August 18, 2024 at Goodwill Mennonite Home, Grantsville, MD, where he had been a resident for the last five years.

Born November 26, 1929 at Shade Gap, PA, he was a son of the late Earl and Mabel (Fraker) Locke. He was united in marriage to the former Alma "Sis" Collins who preceded in death on May 9, 2015.

He is survived by three children, Paula Resh and husband Jay of Grantsville, MD, Daniel Locke and wife Katherine of Meyersville, MD and Carol "Susie" Locke of Hurricane. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one grandson, Logan Locke and one sister, Cora Mae Plank.

Mr. Locke was a member of the Salem United Methodist Church, Hurricane. He was an avid hunter, fisherman and will be remembered as a real family man. Mr. Locke was a veteran of the Korean War serving in the U. S. Army.

Funeral service was Monday, August 26, 2024 at the Martin R. Brown Funeral Home, Orbisonia, PA. Interment was in Locke's Valley Cemetery,

Shade Gap, PA.

WILLIAM MILLAR

William Millar 77, of Hurricane, went home to be with the Lord on August 26, 2024 at Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House, Huntington.

At William's request there will be no services.

ANN MARIE MOORE

Ann Marie (Barker) Moore, 69, of Winfield, passed suddenly into the arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on August 24, 2024 ending her long fight with Muscular Dystrophy.

Ann was born in Newtown, Pennsylvania, to the late Ada Marie (White) Barker and John Barker. She later moved to South Carolina, where she graduated from Anderson College with a Bachelor's Degree in Childhood Education. Ann married her husband, David in 1983. They lived in Dayton, Ohio for 7 years, then Lilburn, GA for 21 years and for the last 11 years in Winfield.

Ann was a very warm and loving person who always had a smile for everyone. She loved her family and was a very caring, devoted mother and wife. Her daughter, Rebecca, was already

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Ann was a member of Cross Lanes Baptist Church, where she was a leader of AWANA classes there and at previous churches for many years, she loved working with children. She also served in church bus ministries, special needs children's classes, food pantries and as Sunday School teacher throughout her life. Over the past 10 years, she has shown tremendous courage, patience, and a joyful and content spirit as she struggled with declining strength because of muscular dystrophy. Her positive spirit, her love and care for others, even as she struggled with her own disabilities, was a model of grace to those around her.

Ann is now with her Lord who she served well and faithfully throughout her life.

Funeral Service for Ann was Friday August 30, 2024 at Cross Lanes Baptist Church with Rev. Dr. Seth Polk officiating. Burial was in Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens Cross Lanes.

ALLEN E. REED

Allen Eugene Reed, 78, of Scott Depot, went Home to be with the Lord on August 30, 2024.

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He was born to the late Ted M. and Margarette Wells Reed on January 18, 1946 in Charleston. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother: I.B. Reed; sister: Joyce Ann (Charlie) Sullivan; nephew: Randy L. Sullivan; and son in-law: John F. Turner.

Allen was an accountant with WV DMV. He enjoyed spending time at his family camp in Pocahontas County. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and boating with family and friends.

He is survived by his daughters: Christine M. Turner of South

Charleston, Nicole R. Reed of South Charleston, and Dionne L. (Steve) Lauritsen of Friendswood, TX; granddaughters: Jordyn L. (Adam Fridley) Reed of St. Albans, Alexis M. Lauritsen and Olivia R. Lauritsen both of Friendswood, TX; sister: Brenda K. (Bill) Wiggins of Snellville, GA; his best friend: Steve Stamper of Scott Depot, and many nieces and nephews, as well as other family members.

Visitation is from 6:00pm until 8:00pm, Thursday, September 5, 2024 at Chapman Funeral Home, Hurricane.

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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 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 9-3-2024.

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.

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Kimberly Wood to Steve Briscoe - Two Lots, Ranch Lake Estates, Scott District for \$6,000.00.

Samuel Moore and Abigail Ball to Jonathan Rucker - Lot, Glenwood Subdivision, Scott District for \$360,100.00.

Junior Bays and Eddie Byrd to Derek Stanley - Parcel, Curry District for \$110,210.00.

Daniel Forsythe and Michaelle Corbett to James and Karla Slack - Lot., Beechwood Estates, Scott District for \$270,000.00.

Franklin Webb to Amy Ashmus - Lot, White Pine Subdivision, Scott District for \$325,000.00.

Jeremy and Amy Creathers to Jess Pridmore - Lot, Hidden Farms Subdivision, Poca District for \$335,000.00.

Rita Woodall to Michael Roat and Rowan Robinson - 36.04 Acres, Curry District for \$353,000.00.

Nathaniel and Katheryn Boone to Connie Cantley - Lot, Sandt Subdivision, Scott District for \$325,000.00.

Bobby and Janna Thornsbury to Benjamin Bergstein Descendant Trust - Lot, Crystal Springs, Scott District for \$522,500.00.

Larry Skaggs to David Whitehead - Lot, Curry District for \$12,000.00.

Carol Campbell Whittington to Melanie Cooper - Lot, Cross Creek

Village, Buffalo District for \$45,000.00.

Dream Payne Dawson to Carol Whittington - 0.75 Acres, Poca District for \$15,000.00.

Poca Valley Bank to James Reed and Cierra Hackett - 0.44 Acres, Midway Addition, Poca District for \$135,000.00.

Briane Bennett to Tyler Good - 0.335 Acres, Scott District for \$100,000.00.

Ronald Fleming to Carl Wilkinson - Lot, Poca District for \$60,000.00.

Nancy Morrison to Delbert Linville - Parcel, Scott District for \$225,000.00.

Jason and Amy Foster to Tyler and Christina Davenport - Lot, Cobblestone Subdivision, Scott District for \$650,000.00.

Betty Wilson to Swarthmore Capital LLC - Two Parcels, Hurricane District for \$187,500.00.

Sterling Office and Industrial Properties LLLP to Califanol LLC - Two Tracts, Scott District for \$2,100,000.00.

Harper Ridge Properties LLC to Bryan and Kristin Davis - Lot, Beacon Hill, Scott District for \$130,000.00.

Travis and Sondra Dillon to Ashley Scragg - Lot, Rosewood Subdivision, Curry District for \$259,000.00.

Marsha Seacrist to Brian Kirby, Don Cunningham and Marilyn Cunningham - Lot, Scott Acres, Scott District for \$220,000.00.

2010 Properties LLC to Eastland LLC - Two Parcels, Hurricane District for \$215,000.00.

Robert Weiford to Dram Marion and Alicia Harper - Lot Willow Ridge Subdivision, Scott District

for \$299,900.00.

C R Development LLC to Robert Dunbar - Lot, Castleknock Ridge, Scott District for \$9,500.00.

Christopher and Bree Anna Schuler to Richard and Pamela Burton - Lot, Shawnee Estates, Scott District for \$325,000.00.

Hannelore Allen to City of Hurricane - Two Parcels, Curry District for \$180,000.00.

Debra Alford and Diana Harbert to Kenneth Saunders - Lot, Poca District for \$2,800.00.

Trina Leone to Timothy and Barbara Carper - Lot, Country Villas, Scott District for \$480,000.00.

Arthur and Wilma Adams to Pamela Gunter - Lot, Oakbridge, Scott District for \$279,000.00.

Ryan Stumbo to Samuel Moore and Abigail Ball - Lot, Morning Dove Acres, Scott District for \$528,000.00.

P P & J Structures and General Contracting LLC to Nathan and Oliva Jones - Parcel, Winfield District for \$269,900.00.

Impact House Buyers LLC to Charles and Adriane Prickett - Two Parcels, Westwood Estates, Scott District for \$95,000.00.

Priscilla Stone, Daniel Price and Billy Price to Daniel and Gina Thomas - 121.82 Acres, Scott District for \$302,500.00.

Stephanie Shane to April Burke - Two Parcels, Curry District for \$245,000.00.

Anthony Marchese to Jonathan Parks and Madison Workman - Lot, Jamestown Subdivision, Teays Valley District for \$460,000.00.

Robert Adams to Tina Gillenwater and Nellie Thomas - Parcel, Curry District for \$207,000.00.

Mark Sanders to Joshua Thaxton - Lot, Nitro District for \$189,000.00.

Majo LLC to Jennifer

Rausa - Lot, Country Cove Estates, Scott District for \$385,000.00.

Ali Smith to Joshua and Stacey Mehall - Lot, Devonshire Townes, Scott District for \$263,000.00.

Gary Jones to Andrew Jones - Lot Beechwood Estates, Scott District for \$289,600.00.

John Bullock to Andrew and Julie Schaer - Interest - 88.75 Acres, Teays Valley District for \$30,000.00.

DHB LLC to Ahmet Oruc - Lot, Alexanders Place, Teays Valley District for \$450,000.00.

Richard Lovell to Brandon and Lauren Crist - Lot, Teays Valley Meadows, Teays Valley District for \$225,000.00.

Connie Lipscomb, Mary Fisher and Lincolnogger Family Trust to Bailey and Bailey Properties LLC - 18.93 Acres, Curry District for \$200,000.00.

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc to Franklin Spears - Parcel, Poca District for \$165,900.00.

David and Tammy Bright to Charles Farley - Interest, Teays Valley District for \$3,000.00.

Kevin and Peggy Litton to Brandon and Allison Eaves - Lot, Scott District for \$7,500.00.

Charles and Katrina Barry to S A Johnson Enterprises LLC - Lot, Hurricane Estates, Hurricane District for \$40,000.00.

Dorothy Foster and Marlene Black to Nicholas Hooker - Lot, Imperial Estates, Curry District for \$165,000.00.

Kenneth Sayre to Randall and Pamela Stone - Lot, Carriage Pointe, Scott District for \$172,000.00.

Daniel Summers, Linda Walter and Tina Bledsoe to John Brumfield - Parcel, Brookside Addition, Curry District for \$145,000.00.

John and Evelyn Martin to Alan and Jessica Hovanec - Lot, Aarons Corner, Scott District for \$325,000.00.

Laura Jarrell to Tyler Abbott and Haley Fowler - Lot, Hale Street Subdivision, Hurricane District for \$167,500.00.

Brett and Rebecca Preece to Mason and Elizabeth Midkiff - Lot, Oakvale Subdivision, Curry District for \$225,000.00.

Tyler and Morgan Hart to Thomas and Madison Carpenter - Lot, North Woods East, Eleanor District for \$349,900.00.

Hunter Salmons to Christopher Stollings and Kayla Quinn - 1.06 Acres, Buffalo District for \$152,000.00.

Neill and Carrie Shepherd to Edward Flores - Parcel, Stewart Acres, Scott District for \$142,500.00.

James and Karla Slack to Zackery Morris and Asha Whitsett - Lot, Rustic Highlands, Scott District for \$248,000.00.

Janet Noe to Perry White - Lot, Shawnee Estates, Scott District for \$304,000.00.

Pamela Kay Smith LLC to Rylynn Holdings LLC - Three Lots, Lynnhurst Addition, Hurricane District for \$500,000.00.

Mary Burt to Kathryn Miller - Lot, Kanawha View Addition, Union District for \$147,000.00.

Ray Nichols to Cathy Johnston - Lot, Glen Oaks, Scott District for \$385,000.00.

Paul and Cara Koerner to Alexander Young - 6.93 Acres, Scott District for \$194,000.00.

Christopher and Kristin Brown to Marshall and Jacqueline Adkins - Lot, Woodridge Estates, Teays Valley District for \$680,000.00.

Advertisement for Putnam Solid Waste Authority (PCSWA) featuring 'Tire Collection Day!' in Winfield, West Virginia. The ad includes the PCSWA logo, the City of Winfield logo, and images of stacks of tires. Text details the event: 'First Saturday Each Month! Personal Passenger Tires Only! 9am-1pm Max 10 tires Per Person!' and provides contact information for Stephanie Smith, Circuit Clerk. A map shows the location at Winfield Rd 34.



SHERRY KINSER Catlettsburg, Kentucky August 27th	JERRY YOUNG 12507 Terra Nova Lane Austin, Texas 82nd Birthday September 9
TOMMY TEE AKERS Apple Grove 66th Birthday September 6	JAMES CAMPBELL Hurricane 50th Birthday September 9
TRINITY MICHELE LILY 4583 5&20 Mile Road Frazier's Bottom 18th Birthday September 6	JOHN CAMPBELL Charleston 50th Birthday September 9
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CHRIS AKERS Red House 61st Birthday September 7	PHILIP RALPH FUGETT 6626 Millstone Road Apple Grove 17th Birthday September 9
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MICALAH POWERS 890 Kilgore Creek Road Milton 30th Birthday September 8	BRYSON DALE SETLIFF 3583 5&20 Mile Road Frazier's Bottom 11th Birthday September 9
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GRANT ROBINSON 5 & 20 Road Frazier's Bottom 19th Birthday September 8	TODD SARGENT Milton Birthday September 9
GARY STOWERS Newberry, Florida 76th Birthday September 8	JOSEPH DANIEL VOTTO Cincinnati, Ohio 41st Birthday September 10
JORDAN NASH 3504 Wellington Drive Hurricane Birthday September 8	KATLIN STRICKLIN #32 Sand Hill Court

Milton
25th Birthday
September 10

SARA DAWN THOMAS
1004 Elm Street
Hurricane
38th Birthday
September 10

SKYLAR BALL
120 Deer Run Road
Huntington
18th Birthday
September 10

B. J. ELLIS
#56 TWP RD 342
Proctorville, Ohio
Birthday September 10

KARI KAUFFER
SHUMAKER
1775 Woodward Terrace
Huntington
47th Birthday
September 11

JIMMY GEFFS
Texas
54th Birthday
September 11

DAVE CONNER
Columbus, Ohio
81st Birthday
September 11

CHESLEA SETLIFF
HOLLEY
Milton
32nd Birthday
September 11

KRYSTAL GREMILLION
4139 5&20 Mile Road
Frazier's Bottom
Birthday September 11

GREG ARVIDSON
266 North Poplar Fork
Road
Hurricane
Birthday September 11

SALLY HOLMAN
PAULEY
1017 Cape Charles Drive
Columbus, Ohio
75th Birthday
September 11

KAYLEE MICHELLE
HIGGINBOTHAM
132 Margaret Street
Poca
10th Birthday
September 12

BILLY GIBSON
2861 Hurricane Creek
Road
Hurricane
67th Birthday
September 12

LES REYNOLDS
207 Poplar Drive
Hurricane
75th Birthday
September 12

BRYAN TONEY
425 Buffington Acres
Milton
Birthday September 12

RICK BRYANT
Route 2, Box 182
Milton
Birthday September 12

HOWARD MOORE
504 Crestfield Road
Bristol, Tennessee
75th Birthday
September 12

MURPHY GOFF
Hurricane
73rd Birthday
September 12

CALEB MERRITT
Barboursville
16th Birthday
September 12

REV LAFE MEADE
Frazier's Bottom
45th Birthday
September 12

LEWIS MILES
7324 Princess Anne Drive
Mechanicsville, Virginia
Birthday September 12



Lung Cancer Screenings in Hurricane

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

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

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

For information on LUCAS, see WVUCancer.org/LUCAS

Song and Praise Service

Mt. Zion Church, Jim Ridge Road, Given, 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.

Happy Anniversary

Jay and Jennifer Chapman Garrigan of 3420 Bernard Blvd. in Charlotte, North Carolina, will celebrate their sixteenth wedding anniversary on September 6.

Bob and Robin Adkins-Niebur of Hurricane will celebrate their forty-seventh wedding anniversary on September 7.

Jay and Laurie Harvey of Union, Kentucky, will celebrate their twelfth wedding anniversary on September 9.

Duane and Karen Bowers of Route 2, Box 196-1 in Midway will celebrate their forty-second wedding anniversary on September 10.

Jeremy and Kim Armstead Meadows of 3290 Turkey Creek Road in Hurricane will celebrate their thirteenth wedding anniversary on September 10.

Bob and Ginette Berry of 667 Washington Hill Road in Hurricane will celebrate their forty-fourth wedding anniversary on September 10.

Dana and Karen Duncan Lanham of Buffalo will celebrate their wedding anniversary on September 11.

Rex and Kelli Clagg of 2345 Kilgore Creek Road in Milton will celebrate their thirty-seventh wedding anniversary on September 12.

Douglas and Tina Jones Smith of 109 Poplar Circle in Hertford, North Carolina, will celebrate their twenty-sixth wedding anniversary on September 12.

Putnam Republican Election HQ Opens

The Putnam County Republican Party will be holding a grand opening for their 2024 Election Headquarters. All Republicans are invited to attend the event on September 5 at 6:00 p.m. The Republican Party Election Headquarters will be located at 109 Liberty Park Drive in Hurricane.

Calling All Crafters!

Cross Lanes United Methodist Church is hosting their 20th Holiday Craft Fair on October 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00p.m.

The "Boo Gobble and Jingle" Triple Holiday Craft Fair will provide crafters the opportunity to prepare crafts for all three holidays. A bake sale and concessions will also be available for eat in or carry out.

Space and table rental is \$30.00 Space only \$25.00.

Applications are available by calling (304) 542-7161 or (304)415-3194, or emailing isop247@hotmail.com

Mt. Vernon Craft Fair

Calling all crafters and vendors! It's that time again for the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church fall harvest vendor event. November 8 is early set up, and November 9 is the day of the event. The church is located at 2150 Mt. Vernon Road, Hurricane. Call Rachel Dailey at 304-419-4466 to get your rental form and any questions.

Baby Love Pantry

The Baby Love Pantry at Cross Lanes United Methodist Church, 5320 Frontier Drive, will distribute free diapers and wipes, as well as formula when available.

September and October distribution dates are 10:30 a.m. to noon on September 6 and 20 and October 4 and 18.

Proof of identification will be needed along with proof that the child you are getting supplies for is your child, grandchild, or that you are that child's legal guardian.

See the Baby Love Pantry Facebook page for more information, any updates, and other upcoming dates of operation.

WVDEP opens 2025 Roadsides in Bloom Photo Contest

The deadline for entries is September 13th

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) is now taking submissions for the 22nd Annual 2025 "Roadsides in Bloom" calendar contest.

The deadline for entries is Friday, September 13, 2024.

The following rules for the contest apply:

- Photographs must be taken in West Virginia.
- Entries must be submitted as an 8"x10" print in high resolution and must be landscape orientation (Portrait orientation will not be accepted). Print quality demands the photos have a resolution of 300 pixels per inch (ppi) or better. Low-resolution images may be inadequate and not considered.
- Entries must be in electronic format and submitted to dep.aah@wv.gov.
- Flowers must be growing along a road and the road must be prominently visible in the frame.

Girl Scouts Informational Meeting

Learn what Girl Scouts is all about! Let your imagination lead the way as you try new things. Find your inspiration and discover a different side of yourself.

There will be a membership meeting for the Girl Scouts on Saturday, September 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Putnam County Main Library in Teays Valley. Join an existing troop or form a new one.

For more information, call 304-982-0237.

Bridge Services

On the third Thursday of each month, the Bridge Church, 279 Dairy Road, Poca, holds a clothing closet, hot meal, and food pantry box from 5 to 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. This month's event will be on September 19.

Putnam County Food Pantries Christian Community Cupboard

2843 Virginia Avenue Hurricane (304) 562-9373

Open from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Fridays

Five Loaves Two Fish Food Pantry

Poca United Methodist Church

Silver Street (304) 755-7341

Open from 9 a.m. to noon second and fourth Saturday

Calvary Baptist

3653 Teays Valley Road Hurricane (304) 757-8829

Open from 8:30 to 11 a.m. the last Saturday of the month

The Pulse Church

5368 WV Route 34 Winfield (304) 936-1679

Open from 2 to 6 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month

Salt & Light Food Pantry

Winfield Church of the Nazarene

10822 Winfield Road (304) 586-2180

Teays Valley Baptist Church

3926 Teays Valley Road Hurricane (304) 757-9306

Opens at 9 a.m. on the third Saturday of the month



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