

Governor Appoints Lorrie Smith as New State Workforce Resiliency Officer

Governor Jim Justice announced last week that he has appointed Lorrie Smith of Braxton County to the new position of State Workforce Resiliency Officer.

Created by the passage of the Governor's West Virginia Workforce Resiliency Act, the new State Workforce Resiliency Office will operate on behalf of the Governor to coordinate workforce development, job training, education, and related programs across numerous State agencies and entities to grow West Virginia's workforce and to provide more options for West Virginians seeking work and West Virginia businesses seeking employees. The Workforce Resiliency Officer is tasked with leading these efforts.

Smith brings 24 years of workforce development, job training, and related experience on behalf of the State to the role. Most recently, she has served as Manager of the Governor's Jobs & Hope West Virginia program, which offers support through a statewide collaboration of agencies providing West Virginians the opportunity to obtain career training and remove other barriers to job opportunities to ultimately secure meaningful employment. To date, over 1,900 Jobs & Hope participants who entered the program without work now have a job, and 300 West Virginians have graduated from the program and achieved career employment.

"Lorrie really is the perfect person to head up our new State Workforce Resiliency Office. The work that she has done helping lead the way with our Jobs & Hope program is off the charts," Gov. Justice said. "Now, we need her to step into this



leadership role with our new Workforce Resiliency Office to help even more West Virginians land great jobs and make their lives better."

In her new role, Smith will advise the Governor on the workforce development landscape across West Virginia and assist in developing policies, plans, and procedures to ensure that state agencies, private partners, and federal programs are effectively utilized for workforce development across the state, among other job duties.

"I would like to thank Governor Justice for his confidence in me, appointing me to serve as West Virginia's first State Workforce Resiliency Officer. It's an incredible honor," Smith said. "We have incredible programs and initiatives across the state to help West Virginians achieve career employment and I'm excited to get to work connecting the people of this state with these services, while also looking for new and exciting ideas



to help our people land their dream jobs. I really believe that the work we'll be doing will make a meaningful difference in people's lives."

Smith also previously served as the Governor-appointed Director of the West Virginia Center for Professional Development.

Smith earned her bachelor's degree in Business from Glenville State University. She earned her master's degree in Business from Missouri State University.

Smith lives in Gassaway with her husband Okey, daughter Payton and son Paxton. Payton is a student at Glenville State University. Paxton is a freshman at Braxton County High School.

Several have day in Circuit Court

Several Braxton County Circuit Court hearings have recently been completed by the Honorable Judge Richard A. Face-mire. Braxton County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Dara A. Acord presented the state's evidence to the court during the proceedings.

On June 1, Johnny Lee Kerr and attorney Tyler Cottrill appeared in court for a plea hearing. In the plea agreement, Kerr entered a guilty plea, to the felony offenses of possession of methamphetamine with the intent to deliver and receiving or transferring stolen goods. The state agreed to dismiss remaining charges in the indictment and stand silent at the sentencing hearing.

Adron Harold Claypool came before Judge Face-mire with his attorney Bernard Mauser to enter a guilty plea to the felony charge of driving while license revoked for DUI-3rd or subsequent offense. The state did not object to the defendant being placed on home confinement as their part of the plea agreement.

After accepting the plea agreements, Judge Face-mire set the sentencing hearings for August 8.

Kasandra Dawn Utt appeared in court for her sentencing hearing with her attorney Kevin Hughart. Tyler Morlan

was also present from the Braxton County Probation Office. The defense requested an alternative sentence while the state remained silent per the plea agreement. The court granted the request and suspended the one to fifteen year sentence for possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver. Utt was placed on five years of probation.

Ryan Seth Rollyson and his attorney Tyler Cottrill came before the court for a sentencing hearing on the felony charge of failure to appear. The defense asked the court to run his sentence concurrent to the one he is serving. The state requested incarceration and for the sentence to run consecutive to any other sentence. Judge Face-mire sentenced Rollyson to one to five years in prison and for the time to run consecutively to all other sentences.

Betsy Lynn Cogar appeared before Judge Face-mire with her attorney David Karickhoff. The defense requested probation and the state stayed silent per the plea agreement. The court stated she was in need of correctional treatment and would likely reoffend. On the felony offense of possession of fentanyl with intent to deliver, she was sentenced to three to fifteen years in prison.

Braxton County Magistrate Report

Magistrate Beth Smith
June 21: Sarah Beth Balcourt of Sutton, fraudulent schemes, warrant issued, bond set at \$2500 personal recognizance.

June 22: Wesley D. Miller of Cowen, no hands free device, dismissed by request of officer; Robert Conrad of Orlando, driving suspended for general-2nd offense, expired MVI, dismissed per plea, fine/court costs assessed; Nicole Marie Miller of Frametown, expired registration x2, no contest plea, expired MVI x2, no contest plea, no proof of insurance, no contest plea, fines/court costs assessed; Justin Ray Chapman of Gassaway, intimidation of state witness, no probable cause found.

June 23: Michael Edward Neal of Chloe, grand larceny, conspiracy, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$15,000 cash only; Tyler Ray Castle of Mt. Nebo, arson-4th degree, warrantless arrest, bond set at \$15,000 cash only; Timothy James Jarrell of Charleston, creating wake in no wake zone, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed and paid; Francis Alber Lough of Sutton, no proof of insurance, guilty plea, no operators, guilty plea, fines/court costs assessed; Johnny B. Harmon of Madison, overweight vehicle, no contest plea, expired MVI, no contest plea, fines/court costs assessed and paid; Ray-

mond Anthony Denuzzo of Sutton, shoplifting, guilty plea, 30 days of jail with credit for time served of one day, remainder suspended and placed on eight months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed; Melissa Leanne Mace of Gassaway, conspiracy, no contest plea, 30 days of jail with credit for time served of three days, remainder suspended and placed on seven months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed; Beverly F. Berlo Tanner of Burnsville, cruelty to animals, no contest plea, fine/court costs assessed.

June 24: Johnny Bennett Martin of Duck, grand larceny, conspiracy, warrant issued, bond set at \$15,000 cash only; Lisa Marie Barker of Cairo, burglary, grand larceny, conspiracy, warrant issued, bond set at \$50,000 cash only.

Magistrate David Singleton
June 25: Cameron Wade Crites of Birch River, burglary x2, conspiracy x2, warrant issued, bond set at \$25,000 cash only.

June 27: John Charles Barnette of Sutton, trespassing asked to leave, guilty plea, obstructing an officer, dismissed per plea, battery on officer, dismissed per plea, 180 days of jail with credit for time served of 15 days, remainder suspended and placed on 12 months unsupervised probation, fine/court costs assessed.



WV Bigfoot Festival thank you

On Friday June 24th and Saturday June 25th, the second annual West Virginia Bigfoot Festival was held in Downtown Sutton.

This year's festival was the biggest event yet, with a rough esti-

mate of 5,000 guests over the course of two days. The festival had a massive positive response and a lot of people are excited to come back next year.

Laurel Petolicchio, David Petolicchio, Ja-

net Six, and Les O'Dell organized the event but it wouldn't have been possible without the extensive efforts of contractor Joe Gates and the event staff. The committee would like to thank the following: Andrew Hall, Debra M. High, JT Stokley, Virginia Nissly, Louis Petolicchio, Sarah Petolicchio, Arlene Bauman, Kristen Gates, Chris Tucker, Robin Smith, Isaiah Kerstetter, Dawn Sharp, Terry Freas, Andy Singer, Rob Jay, and everyone else that helped with the raffle, greeting, parking, and security.

They would like to say thank you to both Shane Boggs for helping to promote the Sutton Police Department as well as the Sutton Fire Department for helping to close the streets and providing a space for musicians.

The festival committee is very thankful for all 85 vendors that they

hosted, all of the food trucks that attended, and would also like to include a thank you to the Sutton Public Library, Sutton Baptist Church, Sutton 4H, Judy's Garden Club, and the Strumalongs for representing the local community during the festival.

A special thank you needs to go out to the sponsors of this year's event: S&S Home Improvements (Joe Gates), Skidmore Development-Days Inn & Suites, Braxton CVB and Mountain Laurel Country Store.

The WV Bigfoot Festival is thankful to God for allowing this event to run smoothly, for a safe weekend, and for allowing them the privilege of promoting Sutton, not only to West Virginia, but to the rest of the United States as well!



David Petolicchio, co-founder and co-owner of the WV Big Foot Museum and Dr. Jeff Meldrum.

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Legislative Update

By Delegate Brent Boggs

Another successful and well-attended Gassaway Days celebration concluded late Saturday night. It's always great to see the streets teeming with activity late into the evening, as was also the case the previous weekend in Glenville during the WV Folk Festival and in Sutton at the WV Big-foot Festival last Saturday. All these bring visitors to our area and help boost the local economy.

In addition to the wide variety of music, food, and activities around town, Saturday night was special in the Gassaway Days committee honoring the residents that passed away over the past year, including several that made lasting contributions to Gassaway.

My lifelong friend and legislative colleague, Delegate Steve Westfall joined me on the stage to present legislative resolutions to the family of U.S. Army Captain Billy Jake Smith, who was killed in action in 1970 during the Vietnam War on his second tour of duty. In December 2019, former Gassaway Mayor Jeff Skidmore and the Gassaway Town Council passed a resolution requesting that the WV Division of Highways name the new bridge across Elk

River in his honor. Utility relocation issues are nearly completed at the site of the new structure, but the utility delays have held up the construction phase for several months and should begin soon.

So, to honor the request by town council, Steve and I sponsored a resolution during the 2022 session to name the bridge. Billy Jake's surviving brothers, Roger and Mike Smith met me Saturday morning to unveil the signs, with the formal presentation and announcement being part of the ceremony Saturday night with one of Billy Jake's son in attendance. I want to thank Mayor Richie Roach and the Gassaway Days committee for a moving and meaningful ceremony. It was a great addition to the annual event, and I hope this is part of the program in future years.

Healthcare is one of the most important factors to our population, ranking up there with food and shelter. The importance of our local hospitals, clinics and providers has been one of my major priorities during my long tenure in the Legislature. We've taken many steps to strengthen and expand access to care by our citizens throughout the State, including here in central West Virginia.

However, if you don't have ready and reliable access to seek healthcare in an emergency or timely transport when circumstances dictate the need for transfer to a trauma center, you're in trouble. Medical transportation and first responder EMT treatment is our first line of healthcare defense.

For the first time in several years, the Governor's office is requesting a change in the state plan, in conjunction with DHHR, to increase reimbursement on Medicare rates allowable for EMS transportation services. This is a good first step. However, with record surplus revenues about to be announced sometime after July 1, a portion of this needs to be used for providing some much-needed fiscal relief to local EMS providers.

Make no mistake, any increases in funding that may be allowed by Medicare or Medicaid is a band-aid at best. It also requires sufficient funding on the local level to assure our local EMS is properly staffed, has up-to-date equipment and safe vehicles in place, and available when needed. The State needs to do its part, but it must be a funding partnership in each county. We must give our citizens the peace of mind that emergency medical treatment and ambulance transportation is always available when needed. That's an important component in retaining our residents and attracting new residents and businesses in rural areas of West Virginia.

Finally, well wishes to my great-nephew, Tyler Boggs, and several other young men from central West Virginia as they departed Sunday for Marine basic training at Parris Island, SC. Tyler enjoyed a heartfelt send-off early Saturday afternoon from family and friends at the church camp at Bonnie. Godspeed to Tyler, and all the young men and women who made recent decisions to serve our nation by enlisting into one of the branches of the United States armed services.

Now that the session has concluded, please contact me at my home office at: 151 Park Street, Gassaway, WV 26624. The phone number is 304-364-8411. For those with Internet access, my legislative email address is: Brent.Boggs@WV-House.gov

Remember to thank a Veteran every day for their service and remember our troops - at home and abroad - and keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Until next week, take care.

DHHR to accept applications for clothing allowance benefits

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Family Assistance will begin accepting School Clothing Allowance applications on July 1, 2022, for eligible children enrolled in West Virginia schools. Each eligible child will receive a \$200 benefit that may be used toward the purchase of appropriate school clothing or piece goods for families who sew clothing for their children.

The following groups will automatically receive School Clothing Allowance benefits for each school-age child in the home by the end of June:

Families with school-age children who currently receive WV WORKS cash assistance

Parents or guardians of children in foster care

Children ages 4-18 who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, are en-

rolled in school and whose household income is under 130% of the Federal Poverty Level

Families who received School Clothing Allowance in 2021 and currently have Medicaid coverage should receive a School Clothing Allowance application by U.S. Mail in late June.

Others may be eligible for School Clothing Allowance benefits based on the income limits by household size as listed below. Verification of income for July must be submitted with the application.

Income Limits for the School Clothing Allowance Program for 2022:

Number of Persons in Household	Income Limit
1	\$1,396
2	\$1,888
3	\$2,379
4	\$2,871
5	\$3,363
6	\$3,855
7	\$4,347
8	\$4,839
9	\$5,331
10	\$5,823

Families may apply online at www.wvpath.org or request a paper ap-

plication be mailed by contacting their local DHHR office or by calling 1-877-716-1212. Applications must be received by July 31, 2022.

School Clothing Allowance recipients will receive an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card in place of the traditional paper voucher. This system change was implemented in 2021 to allow for both online transactions and increased choice of vendors when purchasing school clothing or piece goods. The EBT card will operate like a debit card and can be used at any retailer who accepts EBT cash transactions. Parents or guardians of children in foster care will receive the School Clothing Allowance benefit as a check.

Those needing to update their address may do so at www.wvpath.org or by calling DHHR's Customer Service Center at 1-877-716-1212.

Dog Tails: Adoptable Dogs at the Braxton County Animal Shelter

Are you looking to add a four legged, tail wagging member to your family? Rescues from the Braxton County Animal Shelter are looking for their final "Furever" homes and are anxious to meet you.

There is a reason we call them man's best friend. We can learn so many things from a dog's behavior, personality, demeanor, resiliency, and most importantly, the willingness to provide their family members with unconditional love, loyalty, and companionship down to their very last breath. BCAS is open Monday through Friday from 10-3.

There is no charge to surrender a dog, but donations toward their care are appreciated. Adoptions are \$99.00 for male dogs and \$119.00 for female dogs, and include spay/neuter, rabies vaccination, parvo/distemper vaccination, kennel cough vaccination, flea treatment and deworming. No dog will leave the shelter unfixed and we are very willing to work with reputable 501c3 rescues.

Please call the shelter for vet pricing and ask for our adoption/rescue coordinator Megan at (304)765-2200

old male Walker Hound. Rizzo is playful and sweet but not overly energetic. He came to us as a stray so we know nothing about his history. He came in underweight but seems to hold no animosity and loves all people. Rizzo is very treat motivated and would learn quickly given the opportunity and lots of snacks. He is kid friendly and dog friendly but we believe he would like to chase cats.



Denny and Danny These little boys were found stray in Sutton. They are around twelve to fourteen weeks old. These boys soak up all the attention they can get and are looking for wonderful new forever homes.



This sweet girl is **Sasha**, she is a five to six month old lab mix who weighs thirty-five pounds. She is already such a good girl! Sasha has the sweetest disposition. She is great with small chil-

dren, other dogs, and has been around horses. No cats for Sasha please. This smart girl knows sit, lay, come, shake and walks great on a leash. She's only had accidents in the home when no one is around to let her out to potty.



Molly is a five month old female Blue Heeler/Beagle mix. Molly is crate trained and has lived indoors before but still needs some work with house training as she has had accidents when no one is home. She has been around small children and other dogs but does not do well with chickens! Molly loves toys and playing with other dogs. This girl is very sweet and would make an excellent family companion.



Rowdy and Rascal These sweet boys are litter mates who are now ten months old. Their momma is a Great Dane and we can't be sure the breed of the father of this litter. They have lived mainly outdoors and were very timid when they came to the shelter but they are warming up to our staff quickly. These guys have been around children and are very gentle, do not jump up at all. They are also dog social and have been around chickens and rabbits as well. They love a good game of tug with a rope or toy.

Braxton Co. Animal Shelter has been given the opportunity to provide five free dog spay surgery vouchers per month, to low-income Braxton County families. (One per household) These vouchers may be obtained by completing a Spay Assistance Application, which can be picked up and submitted at the animal shelter during business hours. Vouchers will be good for 30 days. BCAS reserves the right to deny financial assistance for any reason.

Strange Creek Days

July 16th, 2022 from 11 a.m - 4 p.m. at the Barn Rocks in Strange Creek, WV. Join us for live music, food, crafts, pictures

and memories! Please call or text Bob-Smith at 304-415-0183 for more information or to make a donation.

Gassaway High School Alumni Banquet July 2

The Gassaway High School Alumni Banquet will be held on Saturday July 2, 2022 at 5:00pm at the Days Inn Conference Center. This year's "Special" Program will commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Gassaway

High School which will be a reflection of the past 100 years to the present. The banquet fee will be \$30.00 per person. Please mail the fee to Nancy Carr, Treasurer, at 1105 Chapel Road, Gassaway, WV 26624.

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Obituaries

Melvin W. Cochran "Papaw"

Melvin W. Cochran "Papaw", 87 of Webster Springs peacefully entered into the arms of his Lord and Savior on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at Webster County Memorial Hospital.

He was born November 9, 1934 down Elk River in Howell Run Hollow to the late Leslie William Cochran and Vergie Clutter Cochran. Melvin went to work, at the age of 16, in the coal mines for Bert Clutter. Melvin, along with Bill and Rab Cool, started Cool Motors of Webster Springs in 1964. He then, along with his son Max, went on to become owner of Cool Motors.

Melvin was a member of Emmanuel Assembly of God; liked to hunt, fish, go camping, and ride around.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by two brothers, Waldo and Bobby Cochran and two sisters, Jean Harrison and June Powell.

Melvin is survived by his loving wife of close to 55 years, B. Caroline Gillespie Cochran; son Max (wife Sandra) Cochran of Webster Springs; four grandchildren, Eddie Cochran, Max (wife Christina) Cochran, Jr., Matthew (wife Vicky) Cochran, and Jessica Cochran; along with four great-grandchildren, Desirae, Matthew Jr., Grace, and Lauren; a great-great-granddaughter, Elena; brothers and sisters, Bonnie (Eddie) Garvin of Parkersburg, Juanita (Bob) Chaney of Buckhannon, Terry (Cheryl) Cochran of Elderton, PA, and Tommy (Judy) Cochran of Buckhannon; and several nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends.

Celebration of Life Services was held on Monday, June 27, 2022 at 12:00 noon at Dodd & Reed Funeral Home with Pastor Marty Cowger officiating and Eulogy given by Jack Alsop. Friends joined the family for visitation two hours prior to service time.

Friends and family joined the family for Graveside Services at 3:00 PM at Big Run Cemetery, Diana.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made to Emmanuel Assembly of God, PO Box

839 Cowen, WV 26206.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.doddreedfh.com.

Gary Wayne Loyd

Gary Wayne Loyd, 55, of Flatwoods passed away at his home on Friday, June 24, 2022.

He was born on October 10, 1966 in Braxton County to the late Mary Ruth Loyd.

In addition to his mother he was preceded in death by his aunt, Sarah Ann Loyd; and his grandparents, William Cecil and Susan Loyd.

Gary was an outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a dog breeder, and owned and operated Salt Lick Plott Kennels in Flatwoods. He also worked as a manager for a company that power washed. Spending time with his family and friends was one of his favorite pastimes.

He leaves behind his companion of 15 years, Alma Teter; sister, Martha Sue Pugh and husband, Delmer, of Ft. Ashby, WV; nephew, Delmer Pugh II; step daughter, Ashley Brown; step grandchildren, Ariana Brown, Brooklyn Mollohan, Aidan Mollohan, and Hunter Mollohan.

Gary's visitation was 4 P.M. to 8 P.M. Monday, June 27, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

His funeral will be 11 A.M. Tuesday, June 28th at the funeral home with Reverend Delmas Singleton officiating.

Interment will follow in the Little Kanawha Memorial Gardens, Heaters.

Words of comfort and fond memories may be extended to the family at www.roachfuneralhome.com.

Patricia "Patsy" Ann Criss White

Patricia "Patsy" Ann Criss White, 66, of Heaters, WV passed away on Friday, June 24, 2022 at her residence after a long battle with COPD.

She was born January 23, 1956 in Cleveland, Ohio to the late Doy and Deeoma Conrad Criss.

Because of her illness she was limited on physical activities but enjoyed

spending time with family and friends. In her life she held several jobs, but her last job was as a laboratory technician.

She leaves behind her husband of 49 years, Otis "George" White; daughters, Tina Smarr and husband, Ian, of Sutton, Brandy Dellinger and husband, Shane, of Frametown and Georgia Carder and husband, Rick, of Glenville; seven grandchildren, Seth Shaver, Shiann Shaver, Cherokee Shaver, Destiny Kinder, Mason Dellinger, Skylar Carder, and Emily Carder; and three great grandchildren; brothers, Robert Criss, Jacob Criss, and Danny Criss; sisters, Sandra Damron and Brenda Nicholas; and several nieces and nephews.

She will be missed.

Patsy's funeral service will be 2 P.M. Friday, July 1, 2022 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway. Interment will follow in Keener Cemetery, Little Birch.

Visitation will be 2 hours prior to the service at the funeral home.

Words of comfort and fond memories may be extended to the family at www.roachfuneralhome.com.

Rev. Bobbie Harper, Sr.

Rev. Bobbie Harper, Sr., 86, of Little Birch, went home to be with his Lord on Thursday, June 23, 2022 at his residence,

surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on June 17, 1936 in Sutton, WV the son of the late, Romie Harper & Virgie Long Harper Matheny. Also preceding him in death was his loving wife, Betty Jean Lewis Harper; brothers, Harold Harper, Clyde Harper, Homer Harper, Junior Harper Billie Harper; sister, Thelma Harper.

Bobbie was a retired coal miner, member of the UMWA and a member of Wayside Community Church, Sutton. The thing he loved the most was the Lord. He was a minister for many years and touched many people's lives because of his love of the Lord.

He is survived by his sons, Rev. Dale Harper (Cheryl), Timothy Harper (Carrie) both of Little Birch; daughter, Darlene Rose (Carroll) of Little Birch; grandchildren, Tawnya, Billy, Heather, April, Tiffany, Grace, Amira; great-grandchildren, Katlyn, Charity, Dylan, Delaney, Duncan, Addison, Ryeland, Elliot, Paisley, Adalynn and Maileigha.

Funeral were held 2:00 pm, Sunday, June 26, 2022 at Little Birch Community Church, Little Birch with Rev. Tom Harper officiating. Burial followed at Little Birch Community Cemetery, Little Birch beside his beloved Betty. Friends called noon till time of service at the church.

Greene-Robertson Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Harper family.

Online condolences may be sent to: greene-robertsonfuneralhome.com

Jerrold K. Widener

Jerrold K. Widener, 80, of Hacker Valley, passed away on June 16, 2022 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Buckhannon. Born September 2, 1941 in Braxton County, he was the son of the late Herbert and Hilda Fowler Widener.

He was meticulous in all of his affairs, always having things in order. He enjoyed the outdoors and spending time with his family. To him, family was everything.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandparents Dee and Idena Widener; brother, Donald Widener, grandsons, Kirby Uhl and Zachary Raber; and great-grandson Caiden Bailey.

He is survived by his wife of just shy of 58 years, Mary Sue Whitney Widener; his five loving children, Debora Laws, John Widener, Marcelle (Henry) Raber, Mark (Rebecca) Widener, and Jerrold E. Widener; grandchildren, Jennifer (Nate) Brady, Erica (James) Anderson, Cody Helms, Sara (Justin) Raber, Joshua Raber, Matthew (Estrella) Raber, Daniel Reidenbach, Seth Widener, Benjamin Widener, Rachel Widener, Lilyanna Widener, Luke Widener, Ethan Widener, Jacob Widener, Liam Widener, and Isabella Widener; great-grandchildren, Jesse (Hanna) Brady, Justus (Caitline) Brady, Lewis Brady, Lucas Brady, James Anderson, Leland Anderson, Abigail Anderson, and Piper Helms; great-great-grandchildren Mackenzie Brady and Ryan Brady; and many other extended family and friends to mourn his passing.

In keeping with his wishes, cremation has taken place. Private celebration of life services will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.doddreedfh.com.

Dodd & Reed Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Widener family.

Everett Lee "Zeb" Sharp

Everett Lee "Zeb" Sharp, 79, of Bolair, passed away after a sudden illness on June 12, 2022 at Webster Nursing

& Rehab Center. He was born in Webster Springs on May 24, 1943, the son of Lee Roy Sharp and June Hamrick Sharp.

Zeb grew up in Webster County and spent his working life in Delta, PA, working for Whiteford Packing Co. When Whiteford closed, he ran a farm for several years.

He returned to Webster County in 2000. He loved to cut firewood, work on lawnmowers, hunt and ride his side by side. He lived a simple life and could fix anything with a pair of pliers and some tie wire.

Left to cherish his memory are his three daughters, Peggy Reynolds of PA, Sandra Lee "Sam" Granruth of Welch, WV and Sandra Cogar Young of Bolair, WV; his two brothers, Charles Sharp of WV and Edgar Sharp of MD; his two sisters, Edna Larmore of Bolair, WV and Eloise Sharp of Washington; 11 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews and extended family and friends to mourn his passing.

His house was always open to everyone. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Tammy Reynolds; his long-time companion, Betty Reynolds; brother, Eugene Sharp; grandsons Jeremiah Reynolds and Jeffrey Cole Young; and son-in-law Jeffrey A. Young.

A graveside service was held on June 18, 2022 at 2:00 PM at Salem United Methodist Church Cemetery, 5042 Delta Road, Airville, Pennsylvania and he was buried alongside his beloved, Betty.

Online condolences may be left to the family at www.doddreedfh.com.

Dodd & Reed Funeral Home is honored to be serving Everett's family.

Thomas Junior Shaw

Thomas Junior Shaw, 39, passed away on June 6, 2022.

He was born on July 22, 1982 to parents Monty Shaw and Jean Smith Cogar who preceded him in death.

Along with his parents; he was preceded in death by his brother David Shaw.

Thomas enjoyed spending time with family, ATV riding and he loved animals.

He is survived by his step father of 35 years: Craig Cogar, step sister: Dorothy Jarvis (Rick), nieces and nephews: Sabryna Moats, Levi Jarvis, Lauryn Jarvis, Blayne Jarvis, Jase Jarvis and Avaya Jarvis; uncles: Pliant Smith, Theodore Smith and Roger Shaw; aunts: Betty Jane Shaw, Dolly Marks, Faye Richardson, Barbara Green, Lena Dennison, Nancy Loper, Helen Smith and Betty Clifton.

A graveside service was held at 1:00 PM on Friday, June 17, 2022 at Barker Ridge Cemetery, Centralia, WV.

Stockert Funeral Home & Cremation is honored to serve the family of Thomas Shaw.

Wilma Jean Brady

Wilma Jean Brady, 60, of Duck, passed away on

Friday, June 17, 2022, at her residence.

She was born July 18, 1961 in

Sutton, the daughter of the late James Edmund & Dorothy Mae Dancy Brady. She was also preceded in death by brothers, William Jay Brady, Bradley Allen Brady, Alva G. Brady; sister, Bonnie Faye Brady.

Wilma is survived by her son, Joshua B Jeffrey of Nebo, WV; daughter, Brandi S Litton of Kanawha City, WV; brothers, James Ray Brady of Nebo, WV, Ronnie Dale Brady of Duck; sisters, Barbara E Brady of Hurricane, WV, Sharon L Brady Broyles of Beckley, WV, Melissa A Brooks of Sugar Grove, VA; grandchildren, Angel Grace of Charleston, WV, Hannah MacKenzie Litton and Dakota Shawn Litton both of Duck, Caleb Blain Jefferies of Nebo, WV.

Upon her request, the body will be cremated. A family memorial service to honor her memory and spread her ashes is being planned.

Greene-Robertson Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Brady family.

Online condolences may be made to: greene-robertsonfuneralhome.com

Roger Lee Means

Roger Lee Means of the Tellico Village Community, Loudon, TN passed away June 26, 2022.

He was born April 18, 1937 to parents, Ora Gay Means and William Allen Means in Clarksburg, West Virginia who preceded him in death.

Roger served in the U. S. Air Force and was stationed in Riverside, California. He retired after 35 years of working for the U. S. Post Office. Roger loved to play golf and was an avid fisherman. He will be missed by many friends and family.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Geraldine Sutton of West Virginia; brother, Bill Means of Weirton, West Virginia, and nephew, Jeff Means. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Janet Griffin Means; sister, Carolyn Robinson of Brooksville, FL; nephews: Gary Means (Valerie), Tommy Means (Debby), Doug Robinson (Monica), John Morrison (Linda); nieces, Pam Klinglesmith, Debra Robinson, Andrea Gekler (Todd), and Linda Jackson (Jerry).

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Parkinson Association or the charity of your choice. There will be no public services.

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On the Other Side of the Mountain



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Rosemary.

By Verena Sava

When I was a kid, a long, long time ago, my father used to point out members of our community that have exemplary characteristics, people that should serve as guides for me. They were all men, as was expected at that time but nevertheless, they had lots in common. You could trust them. They were always ready to offer assistance to anybody who needed it without expecting anything in return. They were leaders without promoting their position. They had strong ethical values. I can vividly remember their names and faces till today. Unfortunately, we experience the reverse in present times. The more one lies, the more ignorant and crazier one portrays oneself; the more followers can be registered. I guess if I were to write in my garden column that it is better to set a plant upside down with its roots sticking up in the air and the top buried in the ground, I would become famous for coming up with brand new ideas of how to grow things, regardless if it would work or not. The crazier the proposal, the greater the fan crowd.

When I wrote about our homemade insect repellent last week (mixture of vinegar and lemon eucalyptus), the question came up if there were any other natural insect repellents for us and plants. I want to point out that if we rub any plant material on our skin or use essential oils of these plants, we need to first make a trial application, just using the crushed plant material on a very small area of our body. Essential oils

are very concentrated and need to be diluted with a carrier oil like olive or almond oil. If we use these oils undiluted, our skin can get burned. Usually, a 2.5% concentration is recommended for being safe, which means that you add 15 drops of essential oil to 6 teaspoons of carrier oil. Rosemary is a well-known herb, but it does not repel any critter, even if we put rosemary plants in a circle around a plant we want to protect from insects, but it has other wonderful properties. It can make us feel more alert, especially when we are tired, and it contains potent phyto-nutrients that stave off dementia. Pick a sprig, rub it between your hands and inhale the aroma. Another way is to add some Rosemary essential oil to a diffuser and let it permeate the air. If a diffuser is unavailable, use a small sprayer to get the same effect. The essential oil can also be used orally by adding a few drops (4) in a glass of water. Use the herb in cooking, raw in salads, or added to stews and potato dishes. Rosemary has zero insect problems, probably due to its pungency, resinous and woody nature.

Plants containing lemon fragrance are effective mosquito repellents. Look for a lemon scented geranium to hang on the porch. Lemon thyme would work well too, but it is a small plant and picking it for culinary reasons as well as for an insecticide might be a challenge to have enough to harvest. Of course, lemon balm is just as effective. Keep in mind, to pick some leaves, crush them and apply the sap to your skin, but al-

ways make sure you have no allergy to the plant. As I mentioned last week, lemon eucalyptus works great. All these natural products have a pleasant fragrance.

Here are a few suggestions to solve some garden problems that arise with lots of moisture and hot weather. If you detect any light green and yellow angular spots on your cucumbers or squash plants, it could be powdery mildew. When you inspect the undersides of the leaves you might see fuzzy, dark gray spots with a purplish tint (spores), and you definitely have powdery mildew. The best organic treatment is using potassium bicarbonate . Dissolve one tablespoon of potassium bicarbonate in a gallon of water and add one teaspoon of liquid soap. Another option is to make a spray of 1 gallon of water with adding 2 tablespoons of baking soda and 1 tablespoon of non detergent dish-washing soap. Potassium bicarbonate is a contact fungicide that kills powdery mildew quickly, while the baking soda mixture is more recommended for prevention.

I read somewhere that there are about 250 reasons for what can go wrong with our tomatoes. Let's concentrate on a few. Do not use high nitrogen fertilizers! It weakens the plant. They will grow profusely but bear little fruit. Make sure the plants are set about 4' apart for plenty of air circulation. Add a tablespoon of Epsom salt every month. Use your pH meter to see if it still registers around 6.5, if not, add some garden lime or your plant will suffer from blossom end rot which happens when there is not enough calcium available to the plant. Even if the pH level was adequate at planting time, the heavy rains we experienced might have dissolved and washed away some of the calcium. Stake the plants or use cages to hold them up. Mulch the bed heavily to avoid water splashing on the plants from soil that contains bacteria and fungi. If you detect any diseased leaves on a plant, pick them and burn them, don't add them to the compost pile. Treat any bacterial onslaught like early blight, with a low copper pesticide, we use Soap Shield from Garden's Alive.

Craziness is scorned in farming. Sometimes we do some risky (crazy) things out of necessity but not for entertainment. It usually involves tractor and chainsaw work. We try to avoid such situations, but sometimes there is no other way than to do what is needed. Farming is based mostly on common sense, using caution in trying situations, persistence and hard work, not exactly what is in demand today. It does not seem to be the main theme on tik Tok.



Pat's Chats

By Pat Ridpath

We went to Scott's today because it is the birthday of his son, Chuckie, the youngest of my five grandchildren. My other grandchildren live too far away to visit often.

Earlier today I had talked with friends from our Forest Service days in California. Jo & Dick Lund live in a very hot climate in California. Jo was telling me about their "swamp cooler." When she described it, I had memories of such a fan in the windows of one of the homes we have lived in during our years of moving so often. We moved from state to state, town to town, house to house, maybe some other ways I cannot remember, in our many-splendored history of moving. (He was a Forest Service employee most of those years.) I wish I had kept a record of places and times of our moves. We were good at it, though. I couldn't remember where it was that we had a Swamp Cooler fan. I asked Scott if he remembered, and, of course, he did. It was in the grapefield home in Biola, California, and he remembered that his brother, Chuck, had a tower room and he told us about the swamp cooler fan in a window there. I am sure it was not the greatest sleek version of that type of fan, but it did the job. Water was dripped over a gunny sack type of filter and the fan took the cooled air that

happened when the fabric's water-soaked filter evaporated water, making cooler air to be fanned into the rooms. The heat to evaporate the water took the heat from the outside air and then the fan sent the cooled air into the house. My California friend, Jo Lund, said that using the swamp cooler in their home uses much less electricity than air conditioners. Until I looked this site over, I had NO idea the extent to which this type of cooler is used with much success. Maybe someone out there will want to go to this site and glance through or study more deeply into these coolers. It is not a NEW idea but has been used for thousands of years. Who knew?

It was really neat to see how in some really arid (dry) climates this type of cooler can also be used to put the right amount of moisture back into the climate of a home like a humidifier without the danger of mold or other problems.

I was wondering to myself why I am writing such a chat and decided that it is because I was fascinated with the idea of it. I love the thought that one of these fans might help some people manage to have a cool summer home without the expense of electricity, which like all our expenses seem to be climbing up, up, up. Here is where I looked

them up: swamp coolers for homes - Search (bing.com) Speaking of unusual definitions such as Swamp Cooler, our new Quarterly for Sabbath Starting this week is entitled "In the Crucible with Christ." I had to look up the meaning of "crucible"! I thought it had to do with crucifixion somehow. The definition I got from Googling it is: "a ceramic or metal container in which metals or other substances may be melted or subjected to very high temperatures." (CRUCIBLE English Definition and Meaning | Lexico.com)

The introduction to our lessons tells us, among other things, that although Jesus made all things (John 1:3), he wept.. He was "despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief (Isa. 53.3). He once cried out, "My God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matt. 27:46). We must remember that no matter what any of us faces, Jesus Christ, our Creator and Redeemer, went through worse. Pain, suffering, loss don't mean that God has abandoned us; they mean only that, even as believers, we now share in the common lot of a fallen race. God is love--we can trust the promise that "all things work together for good to those who love God"(Rom. 8:28, NKJV)--the God who, though He made all things, suffered all things, too (and that's why we love Him). Don't you want to come and study with us every week? We would love to have you.

Maranatha

Depression Years Recipes

By: Jeanette Riffle

Someone said that with groceries getting so high, we had better go back to the old ways of cooking. My mother knew how to cook like that and everything she fixed was just delicious. I learned how to cook like she did and I still fix some of the things that she made. I made what Mom and Dad called, "Larp," for our supper this evening. I had some left over boiled potatoes and there was some bacon grease in a cast iron skillet. I put some chopped onion and chopped green pepper in the skillet and added cut up boiled potatoes. Brown that and keep turning until everything is cooked and browned. If you have any hot dogs, that is good to cut into pieces and add to the skillet. Some people like to add hot peppers. When everything is well done, add a few eggs and stir them through to scramble. Season to taste. When the eggs are fully cooked, turn off the fire and add slices of cheese to the top. Put a lid on the skillet and let the cheese melt. Take an egg turner and lift out onto plates and enjoy. I had applesauce and bread with mine. It's been too hot to light the oven and bake bread. By evening, most of the time it has been sandwiches for us.

June has been more like dog days of summer.

What has happened to the June bugs? We haven't seen any yet? When we were growing up, we used to catch one and tie a string to a hind leg and fly it like a kite. I did not teach our son to do that because a hind leg ended up coming off. We are seeing a few Japanese Beetles now and then. They eat everything up that they land on. We have seen them on corn, flowers, bushes and lots of things in the past. You have to spray them with an insecticide, or they will destroy everything growing.

I have been battling an

upper respiratory thing and was to our doctor. I have four days left on the antibiotic. The allergies are bad this year. I've spent a lot of days inside under the AC.

There were 66 out to Rosedale Baptist Church this morning. Special singing was done by Jan Dobbins. Retired minister, Larry Fisher, brought a wonderful sermon and Preacher Richard Westfall brought the Sunday evening message. We get him every fourth Sunday evening. I was under the weather this morning but I hope to get back next week.

Until next time, everyone be safe and take care. God bless everyone and keep you in his care.

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Those recognized as Distinguished Business Students included: Tiffany Cole of Glenville, West Virginia; Seth Fallon of Parkersburg, West Virginia; Aline Fevrier of Brest, France; Chloe Griffith of Madison, West Virginia; Robert Pence of Raceland, Kentucky; Ian Pomeroy of Beckley, West Virginia;

and Alyssa Woods of Drennen, West Virginia.

Specific award recipients included:

Ernest H. Smith Award Recipient - Joseph Rubalcaba of Catonsville, Maryland

Outstanding Senior Students - Vendela Danielsson of Stockholm, Sweden and Sabrina Gonzalez of Glenville, West Virginia

Outstanding Junior Students - Avery Book of Columbus, Ohio and Jaycie Johnson of Glenville, West Virginia

Outstanding Sophomore Students - Avalon Green of Salt Lake City, Utah and Hunter Lemmon of Glenville, West Virginia

Outstanding Freshmen Students - Grant Krajieski of Maysel, West Virginia and Jacob Mattox of Ravenswood, West Virginia

Outstanding Accounting Student - Ellis Lilly of Crab Orchard, West Virginia

Outstanding Computer and Information Systems Student - Timothy Roy of Norman, West Virginia

Outstanding Integrated Marketing Student - Vendela Danielsson of Stockholm, Sweden

Outstanding Management Student - Ashton Palmer of Gainesville, Florida

Outstanding Sport Management Student - Joseph Rubalcaba of Catonsville, Maryland

Outstanding Off Campus and Online Student - Herb Curtis of Weston, West Virginia

For more information on these recognitions or the GSU Department of Business, call (304) 462-4123.

Waking Up At Night

By: Joseph J. Mazzella

Until I was 11 years old my Mom, Dad, two brothers and I lived with my Nana in her 70 year old, ramshackle wooden house. Then one fateful night a fire burned it to the ground. We all escaped with our lives but we lost everything we owned. Thankfully, our loving, caring community helped us and soon my Dad was able to get us a low-income house. My Nana, however, didn't join us. Instead she bought a small 2 bedroom trailer a few miles away. I missed seeing her everyday but soon enjoyed my visits to her new home and the delicious meals she made me there. Plus, she had a luxury in her

home I had never seen before, cable television.

I can remember the first time I stayed overnight with her. I watched TV until long after she went to bed. Then when I turned it off a strange feeling came over me. This was the first time I had ever stayed up later than my Mom, Dad, or Nana. And suddenly the world seemed a dark, scary, and lonely place. I quietly walked to my Nana's room and watched her snore peacefully until the feeling passed and I felt I could sleep.

I will tell you a secret, though. Sometimes when I wake up in the middle of the night now 44 years later I still get that feeling. I am still

not used to being the oldest generation alive in my family. I still miss Mom, Dad, and Nana every single day. And at times this world still feels like a cold, dark, lonely, and scary place.

In truth no matter how old we get a part of us is still a child. A part of us still needs a parent's love. A part of us still needs to be held and comforted. That is why when I wake up at night in the dark I say a little prayer to our Heavenly Father. It is not to ask for anything but to just reconnect with His Love and Light. And that Love is always there waiting for me when I do. Always remember then that you are loved, even when you feel alone and scared.

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serole, Crackers, Fruit. Monday 11 Chicken Enchilada, Pepper Strips, Black Beans, Rice, Fruit. Tuesday 12 Pepperoni Roll, Tomato Soup with Cheddar Cheese, Cracker, Fruit. Wednesday 13 Pork Chop, Scalloped Potatoes, Beets, Dinner Role, Fruit. Thursday 14 BBQ Pulled Pork on Bun, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Fruit. Friday 15 Pizza, Garden Salad, Chicken Wing, Fruit. Monday 18 Pork Riblet on Bun, Sweet Potato, Fries, Fruit. Tuesday 19 Chicken Ala King, Rice, Dinner Role, Fruit. Wednesday 20 Lasagna, Garden Salad, Garlic

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