

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.

Braxton County Magistrate Report

Magistrate Beth Smith

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

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.

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.



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.

Legislative Update

By Delegate Brent Boggs

Another successful and well-attended Gas-saway 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 week-end in Glenville during the WV Folk Festival and in Sutton at the WV Big-foot Festival last Satur-day. All these bring visi-tors 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 Gas-saway Days committee honoring the residents that passed away over the past year, including several that made last-ing contributions to Gas-saway.

My lifelong friend and legislative colleague, Delegate Steve Westfall joined me on the stage to present legislative reso-lutions 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 re-questing that the WV Di- vision of Highways name the new bridge across Elk

River in his honor. Util-ity 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 re-quest by town council, Steve and I sponsored a resolution during the 2022 session to name the bridge. Billy Jake’s sur- viving brothers, Roger and Mike Smith met me Saturday morning to unveil the signs, with the formal presentation and announcement be- ing part of the ceremony Saturday night with one of Billy Jake’s son in at- tendance. I want to thank Mayor Richie Roach and the Gassaway Days com- mittee 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 pri- orities during my long tenure in the Legisla- ture. We’ve taken many steps to strengthen and expand access to care by our citizens throughout the State, including here in central West Virginia.

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 mu- sic, food, crafts, pictures

and memories!

Please call or text Bob- by 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 Confer- ence Center. This years “Special” Program will commemorate the 100th An- niversary 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 Cha- pel Road, Gassaway, WV 26624.

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However, if you don’t have ready and reliable access to seek healthcare in an emergency or timely transport when circum- stances 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 Gov- ernor’s office is request- ing a change in the state plan, in conjunction with DHHR, to increase reim- bursement on Medicare rates allowable for EMS transportation services. This is a good first step. However, with record surplus revenues about to be announced some- time after July 1, a por- tion 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 Medi- care or Medicaid is a band-aid at best. It also requires sufficient fund- ing 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 partner- ship in each county. We must give our citizens the peace of mind that emer- gency medical treatment and ambulance transpor- tation is always available when needed. That’s an important component in retaining our residents and attracting new resi- dents and businesses in rural areas of West Vir- ginia.

Finally, well wishes to my great-nephew, Tyler Boggs, and several other young men from central West Virginia as they de- parted Sunday for Marine basic training at Parris Is- land, 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 na- tion by enlisting into one of the branches of the United States armed ser- vices.

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 remem- ber 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 Fam- ily 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 pur- chase 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 Nu- trition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, are en-

rolled in school and whose household income is un- der 130% of the Federal Poverty Level

Families who received School Clothing Allow- ance in 2021 and currently have Medicaid coverage should receive a School Clothing Allowance appli- cation by U.S. Mail in late June.

Others may be eligible for School Clothing Allow- ance benefits based on the income limits by house- hold size as listed below. Verification of income for July must be submitted with the application.

Income Limits for the School Clothing Allow- ance Program for 2022:

Number of Persons in Household Income Limit

1 \$1,396, 2 \$1,888, 3 \$2,379, \$ \$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-

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, per- sonality, 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 dona- tions 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, ken- nel cough vaccination, flea treatment and deworming. No dog will leave the shel- ter unfixed and we are very willing to work with repu- table 501c3 rescues.

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



This handsome boy is Rizzo, he is a three year

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 at- tention 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-

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

School Clothing Al- lowance recipients will receive an Electronic Ben- efits Transfer (EBT) card in place of the traditional pa- per voucher. This system change was implemented in 2021 to allow for both online transactions and in- creased 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 transac- tions. Parents or guard- ians of children in foster care will receive the School Clothing Allowance ben- efit as a check.

Those needing to up- date their address may do so at www.wvpath.org or by calling DHHR’s Cus- tomer Service Center at 1-877-716-1212.

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 acci- dents 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 main- ly 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 chil- dren 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 Shel- ter has been given the oppor- tunity 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 Assis- tance 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.



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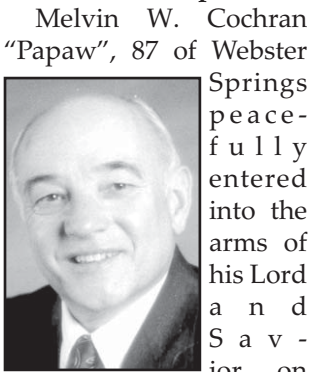
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Obituaries

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 a son 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 outdoorsmans. 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 Heat-ers, 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.

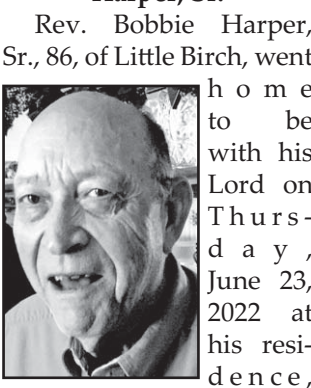
She will be missed.

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.

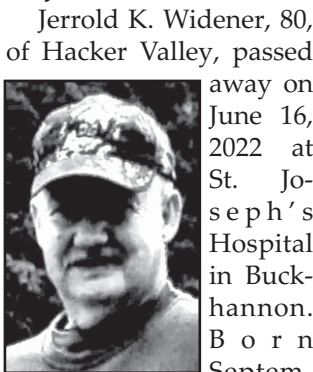
He is survived by his sons, Rev. Dale Harper (Cheryl), Timothy Harper (Carrie) both of Little Birch ; daughter, Darlene Rose (Carroll) of Little Birch; grandchildren, Tawnya, Billy, Heather, April, Tiffany, Grace, Amira; great-grandchildren, Katlyn, Charity, Dylan, Delaney, Duncan, Addison, Ryeland,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

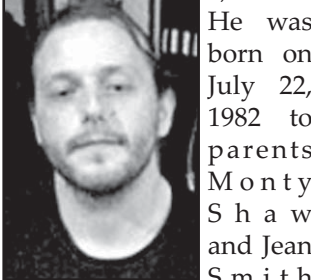
A graveside service was held on June 18, 2022 at 2:00 PM at Salem United Methodist Church Cemetery, 5042 Delta Road, Airville, Pennsylvania and he was buried alongside his beloved, Betty.

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, Laurn 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.

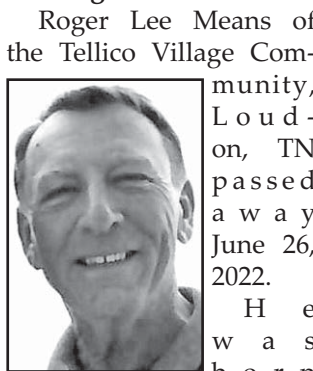
Wilma is survived by her son, Joshua B Jeffrey of Nebo, WV; daughter, Brandi S Litton of Kanawha City, WV; brothers, James Ray Brady of Nebo, WV, Ronnie Dale Brady of Duck; sisters, Barbara E Brady of Hurricane, WV, Sharon L Brady Broyles of Beckley, WV, Melissa A Brooks of Sugar Grove,VA; grandchildren, 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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Distinguished students recognized by GSU Department of Business

The Glenville State University (GSU) Department of Business has announced its list of Distinguished Business Students for 2022. Recognition of these top business students is based on multiple criteria including academic achievement, class rank, campus involvement, and leadership in department classes and programs. Additionally, some students are recognized for specific departmental awards.

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 Lemon of Glenville, West Virginia

Outstanding Freshmen Students – Grant Krajewski 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 Normanstown, 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.

Braxton County Senior Center July Menu

Menu subject to change due to food availability. 2% milk served with each meal.

Friday 1 4th of July Celebration! Cheeseburger with Lettuce and Tomato, Potato Chips, Baked Beans, Macaroni Salad, Fruit. Monday 4 Holiday, center closed. Tuesday 5 Sausage Biscuit with Gravy Roasted Potatoes, Fruit. Wednesday 6 Steak and Pepper Strips, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Peas, Dinner Rolls, Fruit. Thursday 7 Salmon Patty, Macaroni and Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Coleslaw, Fruit. Friday 8 Chicken Noodle Soup, Broccoli Casserole, 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

Bread, Fruit. Thursday 21 Breakfast Bake, Hash browns, Biscuit, Spiced Apples, Juice. Friday 22 Hamburger Steak with Onion Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Spinach, Fruit. Monday 25 Cornish Pasties, Peas, Dinner Role, Fruit. Tuesday 26 Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli, Garlic Bread, Fruit. Wednesday 27 Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Corn Pudding, Dinner Role, Fruit. Thursday 28 Hot Dog with Chili, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Fruit. Friday 29 Garlic Tomato Shrimp Pasta, Garlic Bread, Honey Glazed Carrots, Fruit.

Blue November is on the Way to Burnsville

Unfortunately, covid strikes again!

Due to members of the band coming down with Covid, Billy "Thunder" Mason...The Ultimate

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Blue November.

to perform at the Burnsville Freedom Festival, and are excited to per-

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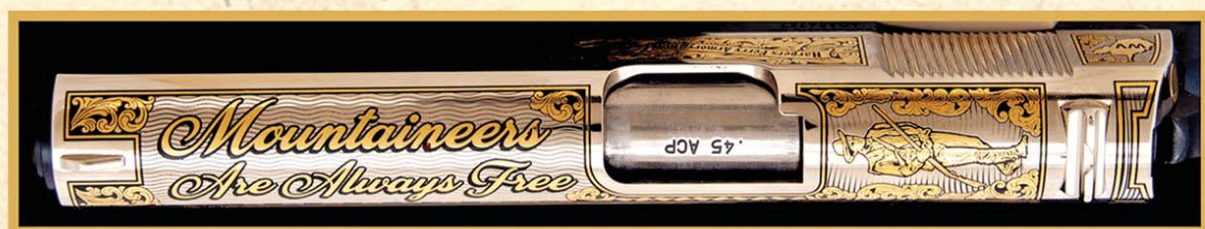
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