

Obituaries

Roberta Marcella Thompson of Lavalette



Roberta Marcella "Bertie" Thompson, 86, of Lavalette, WV, passed away Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at St. Mary's Medical Center in Huntington, WV. She was born February 26, 1930 at Athalia, Ohio, a daughter of the late Earl and Sylvia Graham Donahoe. Her husband, Clarence William Thompson and three brothers, Don, Willard and Russell Donahoe, also preceded her in death. Survivors include two daughters, Linda Nolan (Ken) of Huntington, WV and Patsy Staley (Glenn) of Lavalette, WV; a brother, Kenneth Donahoe (Nancy) of Huntington, WV; two grandchildren, Shanna Staley of Huntington, WV and Eric Nolan (Brandy) of Ashland, KY; four great-grandchildren, Elijah, Kylie, Bentley and Logan; and a number of loving nieces, nephews and friends. Funeral services will be conducted 1:00 p.m. Friday, January 6, 2017 at Morris Funeral Home Chapel, Wayne, WV, with Rev. Devin Olachea officiating. Burial will follow at Dock's Creek Cemetery at Kenova, WV. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Morris Funeral Home.

Pauline Ellen Parks of Kenova

Pauline Ellen Parks, 92, of Kenova, passed away Friday, January 6, 2017 at St. Mary's Medical Center. Funeral service will be conducted 2:00 P.M. Monday, January 9, 2017 at Rollins Funeral Home with Pastor Greg Tomlinson and Pastor Paul Ray Farley officiating. Interment will follow in White Chapel Memorial Gardens, Barboursville. Pauline was born April 20, 1924 in Mingo Co. WV, a daughter of the late Shade and Recie Mae Willis Steele. She was a retired Executive Secretary for the Lutheran Church in the state of Michigan. Pauline was a member of the Jefferson Avenue Church of God. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by the love of her life Walter Ray Parks; a cherished daughter Patricia Mae Parks and four brothers. Survivors include two sisters Marie Daugherty of Front Royal, VA., and Evelyn Dean of Red Jacket, WV; two sisters-in-law Loretta Steele of Lavalette, WV, and Daisy Steele of Red Jacket, WV, and a host of nieces and nephews. Pauline was a loving wife, mother, sister and aunt. Friends may call one hour prior to service on Monday, January 9, 2017 at the funeral home. Rollins Funeral Home is assisting the family. Online condolences may be expressed at www.rollinsfh.com.

Ronnie Darrin Meeks of Louisa

Ronnie Darrin Meeks, 51, of Louisa, Kentucky passed away Thursday, January 5, 2017 at his home. Ronnie was born June 9, 1965 in Inez, Kentucky a son of the late Raymond and Ollie Ward Meeks. Ronnie was a self employed laborer. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a sister, Monakay Maynard and a brother, James Kelly Meeks.

Survivors include, his three sisters, Dorothy Endicott of Louisa, Kentucky; Judy Lopez of Columbus, Ohio and April Leann Meeks of Louisa, Kentucky; one brother, Steve Ray Meeks of Louisa, Kentucky. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers family ask that donations be made to Young Funeral Home 201 W. Main Street, Louisa, Ky 41230

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it best at a community meeting on December 15, 2016. "The people who grew up here see the tie to our past, and we don't want it to go. They say if you didn't live it, then you can't understand it, and that is true here. The bleachers are the only thing we have left".

A committee was formed by The School Board to report back on the sentiment for the stadium project. The committee unanimously reported that they were in favor of retaining the stadium with renovations, making it structurally sound and also handicapped accessible. Subsequent to that report, some members of the community had begun the process of cleaning around the stadium.

They were told to halt, by Board representatives, and wait for further notice.

One only needs to look next door to the stadium to observe the renovation of the old Ceredo-Kenova High School Gym. Headed by Rick Chaffin and community volunteers, an incredible makeover was accomplished. This was made possible without funds from the Wayne County School Board. Private funds were raised to take this dream and make it an important addition to the community and the new Ceredo-Kenova Elementary School.

In closing, my hope is that the Wayne County School Board will once again give the community the opportunity to restore this landmark. The Community is not looking to the Board for funding because, as I have previously stated, we realize funding is limited. Much like 1963, the community will provide the money and labor to complete the project. How often is it that the Board is approached with someone wanting to give them something. This is what we have here. Please come up with a plan between the Board and the Ceredo-Kenova Community to preserve a Stadium that has meant so much to the life of this community.

Clifton [Skip] Looney Bleacher Project Supporter

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"Your plan is the plan you will have, unlike what we got under Obamacare that said you can keep the plan you have, but that turned out to be not true. During the transition period, there will be a lot of stability."

Manchin also did not join Democrats as they met with President Barack Obama on Wednesday. Manchin said he thought it was divisive, maintaining a "toxic atmosphere" of a divided Congress.

"If I was president, everyone would have been invited," he said. Obama told Democrats to "keep up the fight," according to The Associated Press.

Vice President-elect Mike Pence met with Republicans, telling them to avoid hurting consumers when they repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act.

According to his Twitter account, Manchin had a "very productive meeting" with Pence after the budget vote.

Based on numbers provided by Manchin, 172,000 West Virginians have health care insurance because of the Affordable Care Act, including 12,000 young adults, 68,000 through Medicaid expansion and 33,235 who are covered through the state exchange. More than 390,000 non-elderly West Virginians with pre-existing conditions are also covered because of the act.

If the Affordable Care Act is repealed, the state could lose \$840 million in federal support to provide health care for low-income families, seniors could spend an average of \$1,197 more on prescriptions a year and 29,163 moderate and middle-income West Virginians could lose the tax credit that saved them an average of \$388 each month. The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Arthur Napier of Bremerton, Washington



Arthur Napier of Bremerton, Washington passed away peacefully Dec. 26, 2016 at the age of 91. Mr. Napier was born in Wayne County April 10, 1925.

Arthur is survived by his wife of 44 years, Margaret Napier; sons, Arthur Napier, Willis Artis and Michael Donahoe; daughters, Laura (Napier) Waddell and Carol Williams; his sister, Mae Stiltner; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Arthur retired from the U.S. Navy after 26 years and retired from the shipyard after 12 years. Arthur enjoyed fishing, hunting and spending time with his wife and family.

Visitation 10 - 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 4th with the funeral service at 11 a.m. in the Miller-Woodlawn Chapel. Entombment with Navy military honors at Miller-Woodlawn Memorial Park.

Mildred Faye Lambert of South Charleston, WV, formerly of Wayne

Mildred Faye Lambert, 85, of South Charleston, WV, formerly of Wayne, WV, passed away on Thursday, January 5, 2017 at Valley Center Nursing Home in South Charleston. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 7, 2017 at Morris Funeral Home Chapel, Wayne with Pastor Roger Perry officiating. Burial will follow at Elmwood Cemetery, Wayne.

She was born on May 12, 1931 at Genoa, WV, a daughter of the late Jay and Queen Crabtree Lambert. Mildred was a member of Bethesda Baptist Church and enjoyed crocheting and babysitting numerous children after her retirement. She was a United States Army veteran.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by a brother Ralph Lambert. Survivors include her brother, George Lambert of South Charleston, WV, and several nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, January 6, 2017 at the funeral home.

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The team we are building will be instructed that helping businesses and creating jobs is a top priority for our office, just as it is for all of our state government. The Secretary of State's Office plays a vital role in the transparent operation of state government, as it is the first point of contact for businesses and entrepreneurs wanting to do business in West Virginia. As the State's chief elections officer, I must assure that elections are conducted free of corruption, fraudulent activities, and irregularities -- otherwise, business builders will look to locate elsewhere.

I take these responsibilities very seriously, and I intend to deliver to the people of West Virginia the change they mandated in November. "Business as Usual" is no longer accepted as standard procedure in the Secretary of State's Office. The public expects an improved focus on the operation of the Office - one customer, one business, one voter and one client at a time. That will be the new emphasis of your Secretary of State's Office.

Mac Warner WV Secretary of State-Elect Morgantown, West Virginia

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the child answers, "I was thinking Santa, could you make people a little less greedy and maybe less mean? And could you make some of them a little more understanding?" He then asks Santa to "Have them be kind to animals, and not destroy the planet. And oh, yeah, no more shootings."

Yes, it's a comic strip, but there's a real message there. Greed is all over the place. We even have a popular TV show, "American Greed." We all know what is meant by "mean." Bullying has become a national problem. And it wouldn't kill us to be more understanding of others, be kind to animals and take care of our planet. His request for "no more shootings" doesn't imply anything negative about Second Amendment rights. It simply means that people would again like to feel safe in schools, at work and all other everyday places.

So instead of concentrating only on traditional New Year's resolutions that typically involve weight loss or more exercise and usually go by the wayside within 30 days, perhaps we should take more advice from cartoon characters.

The physical presents have been shared, used or returned by now. Some will be enjoyed for a long time; others are already stuffed in closets or broken. But what about a New Year's gift of a bit more kindness and caring and at the same time why not stop for a few minutes, and despite how we feel about our certain elected officials, recognize that we are so fortunate to live in this country. Yes, we Americans have many problems with no easy solutions, but these two comic strips offer positive ideas to welcome the New Year.

Diane W. Mufson is a retired psychologist. Her email is dwmufson@comcast.net.

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Ric Griffith's Pumpkin House in Ceredo was built by Joseph S. Miller, who was a friend of President Grover Cleveland who was rumored to have visited the home.

Wayne County Roots by June B. Ashworth

Each year in October Ric Griffith displays 3,000 pumpkins, all carved to perfection, on and around his home in Kenova. But that is not the beginning of activities at that home which was built by Joseph S. Miller, who was a friend of President Grover Cleveland. It is rumored that Cleveland once visited that home.

In the Ceredo Advance February 25, 1903 was the following article:

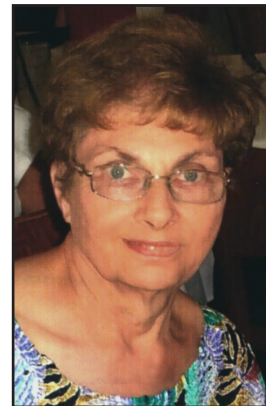
"One of the largest and most enjoyable social events of the season was the Progressive Clinch party given by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Miller at their lovely home in Kenova last Friday evening. The residence, which is a commodious and beautifully arranged one, was artistically decorated with palms and red and white carnations. There were twelve tables in play and following the game an elegant three-course luncheon was served. Seven ladies, having an equal number of games, cut for the first prize—a beautiful rookwood vase—and Mrs. S. H. Nigh was the winner. Dr. L. T. Vinson won the gentleman's prize—a Turkish pipe. Miss Sallie Thackston secured the lady's consolation prize—a gold ink stand—unique in design. Dr. James Kincaid received the gentlemen's consolation prize—a pen knife.

The following persons were in attendance: From Huntington: Mr. & Mrs. G. F. Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Frank McCullough, Mr. & Mrs. Will Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Blair, Mr. & Mrs. James Stewart, Mrs. S. H. Nigh, Misses Mary Miller, Sallie Thackston and Mr. Holton. From Catlettsburg: Dr. & Mrs. James Kincaid, Mrs. Bell Cecil, Miss Mae Miller and Messrs. Ernest Eastham, Kinzie Cecil. From Kenova: Mr. & Mrs. Charles Iehle, Mr. & Mrs. L. D. Baugh, Mr. & Mrs. C. C. Coe, Dr. & Mrs. L. T. Vinson, Mr. & Mrs. R. N. Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Smythe, Mrs. Boyd Vinson, Mrs. W. P. Slaughter, Mrs. R. P. Johnson, Miss Bessie Miller, and Messrs. David C. Lee, Henry Davis, A. G. Hill and Mr. Camm. From Ceredo: Prof. & Mrs. A. C. Kimler, Mr. & Mrs. Chas. P. Hoard, Mrs. & Mrs. J. Gieske, Mr. & Mrs. T. T. McDougal, Miss Julia Hoard and Mr. S. F. Hoard."

Another article on the same page: "L. Boyd Vinson has resigned his position as teller at the West Virginia Savings Bank & Trust Co., Huntington, to accept a more lucrative position with Lloyd Ritter, the well-known lumberman at Clay C. H. Mr. Vinson will leave in a few days for Clay, to assume the duties of his new position."

Still another article in this paper was a notice of the death of Capt. Hamilton Willis. His first wife was Nancy Wolfe with 3 children: Mary Jane married a Mr. Easthom, Annie married Rev. Geo. C. Shaw and a son that was deceased. His second wife was Mary Ellen Graham whom he married in Gallia County, OH. His last wife was Clara Bowen from Shoals, Wayne Co. In the 1900 Wayne County Census, Hamilton H. Willis was age 75, born in Ohio and Clarrie was age 50. They had married 12 Sept 1895. His body was taken by B & O Train to Gallipolis, OH for burial.

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