

Obituaries

Eunice Taylor of Lavalette

Eunice Taylor, 89, of Lavalette, passed away Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at the Wyngate Senior Living Community. Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. Larry Skidmore on Saturday, November 25, 2017 at 1 pm at the Reger Funeral Chapel. Burial will follow at Rome-Proctorville Cemetery, Proctorville, OH. Eunice was born on May 30, 1928 in East McDowell, KY to the late Bert and Maudie Hall. She was a retired Wayne County school teacher having taught at Lavalette Elementary School with 17 years of service. She was a member of Shoals Missionary Baptist Church. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband John B. Taylor; a son, Randall B. Taylor; five brothers, Vernice B., Adrian Lee, Sternley George, James Marley, and Floyd; and three sisters, Irmal, Opal, and Vivian Raye. She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Gary (Judy) Taylor of Huntington, and Jeffrey "Jeff" (Letitia) Taylor of North Augusta, SC; one grandchild, Katherine "Katie" Taylor of North Augusta, SC; and a sister, Nannie Marie Stephenson of Plano, TX. Friends may call from noon until service time on Saturday at the Reger Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.regerfh.com.



James Burch "Flop" Marcum of Laurel Creek Louisa

James Burch "Flop" Marcum 82 of Laurel Creek Louisa went home to be with the Lord on November 20, 2017. James was born Feb. 9, 1935 at Webb, WV the son of the late James and Minnie Whitt Marcum. He was a retired railroader and coal miner. In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by his wives Nannie Hammond Marcum who died 2010 and Sharon Endicott Marcum who died in 2016, a granddaughter Kristi Blevins and siblings Betty Pope, Julius, Arnold Lee, Tom, and Frank Marcum. He was also a member of the New Friendship Church. Survivors include a daughter Pamela (Ishmael) Johnson of Fort Gay, WV; a son Wayne (Crystal) Marcum of Louisa; a step son Paul David Endicott of Vero Beach, FL; two step daughters Donna (Jerry Jones) Gilbert of Cynthia, KY and Roberta Blevins of Wayne, WV; a brother Roy "Tick" Marcum of Columbus, OH; three sisters Florine (Rondal) Preston also of Columbus, Melvie Endicott of Paintsville, KY, and Ruth Marcum of Columbus, OH, five grandchildren Caleb, Bobby, Shelby, Trevor, and Joshua, and a great granddaughter Madelynn. Funeral services will be held on Sunday Nov. 26th at 11:00 am at the New Friendship Church with Elder John Goble and Rev. Michael Horn officiating. Burial will follow in the Church of God in Christ Jesus Cemetery Fort Gay, WV. Friends may visit the family any time after 5:00 pm Friday and until time of services on Sunday at the church.

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underwear. On Marshall Monday, service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega is serving a spaghetti lunch, followed by Marshall President Jerome Gilbert and Marco helping us hand out kelly green toboggans to our clients.

Tuesday is the day to give and we encourage you to make a financial contribution to Harmony House or another local nonprofit that is positively impacting our community.

There is Keep Warm Wednesday, and we're hoping you'll find sweatshirts, hoodies and jeans in your closets to donate.

Thursday is our housewarming day. We're looking for household items, like pots and pans, towels and washcloths, and plates and silverware to provide for the many individuals and couples we're housing each month.

Friday is focused on food and fitness. In addition to collecting pop-top canned goods, Harmony House is hosting a mini resource fair that includes the dietetics and psychology departments at Marshall, therapy dogs and Zumba.

Finally, there is sock drive Saturday, which will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Barboursville Walmart.

We encourage you to get involved in some way, and help Harmony House continue to make a difference in the community.

Thank you for everything you already do to make an impact on so many lives.

Bill Rosenberger is director of development at Harmony House in Huntington.

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(FOIA) that would outline how the city hired and intends to pay for a Charleston law firm representing them.

Statehouse insiders insist there is much more to come regarding Supreme Court expenditures in the weeks ahead.

With the legislature scheduled to resume deliberations in a few weeks, various groups hold pre-session meetings. One, by the Business and Industry Council (BIC) proudly announced that it will feature West Virginia University President Elwood Gee. No mention is made of Marshall University in any way.

Groups and legislators at the statehouse tend to forget that MU serves the people of West Virginia and generally has more West Virginia students than WVU. As a Marshall man, I proudly refer to MU as THE University of West Virginia.

Folks like BIC should dismiss prejudice and treat the two schools as equals.

I lack the expertise of Chuck Landon on sports, but will say for the record that I have yet to be convinced Doc Holliday is head coaching material. On the other hand, the players should not be punished with a "boycott" of today's Herd game at the Joan.

One day last week, regular gasoline prices were \$2.58 in Williamson while they were \$2.42 in South Williamson, Kentucky. Again the credit goes to your Republican "no-tax-increase" legislature.

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Dorcas Marie Miller Hale of Prichard

Dorcas Marie Miller Hale, 82, of Prichard, WV, passed away Thursday, November 23, 2017 in the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House. Funeral service will be conducted 2:00 P.M. Monday, November 27, 2017 at Rollins Funeral Home in Kenova with Brother Clayton Sturgill and Minister Darrell Brewer, officiating. Interment will follow in Highland Memorial Gardens in South Point, Ohio. Dorcas was born January 19, 1935 in Wayne Co. WV. a daughter of the late Erastus and Lily Mae Mills Miller. She was a Retired Selector from Owens-Illinois. In addition to her parents she was also preceded in death by two sisters Meda Delores Marshall and Lily Mae "June" Raines. Survivors include four sons and two daughters-in-law Terry Hale, Carl Hale (Teresa), David Hale and Jeff Hale (Mary); five grandsons Chade, Cade and Casey Hale and Michael Sowder and Tim Sowder; thjree granddaughters Susan, Nikki and Tasha and nine great-grandchildren. Additional survivors include by one sister Jennie McGinnis (James) and one brother Lonnie Miller (Judy). The family wishes to send sincere appreciation to Hospice Home Health and the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House. Friends may call from 12-2 P.M. Monday, November 27, 2017 at Rollins Funeral Home in Kenova. Online condolences may be expressed at www.rollinsfh.com.

Reverend Willie "Bill" McClellan of Ranger

Reverend Willie "Bill" McClellan, 88, of Ranger, W.Va., entered into the presence of his Lord and Savior, Sunday, November 19, 2017, at his residence. He was born July 7, 1929, Ranger, W.Va., a son of the late George McClellan and Mary Smith McClellan. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Velma McClellan, second wife, Winnie Ruth McClellan, one daughter, Dorene Hatfield, and two brothers. Bill was an assistant Pastor of Cove Gap United Baptist Church, Kiahsville, W.Va. He was an ordained minister of 50 years. Bill was a U.S. Army veteran. Those left to cherish his memory include his son-in-law, Bob Hatfield; grandchildren Bobby (Charity) Hatfield, Mark (Zenia) Hatfield, Sabrina (Bill) Sizemore, Billy (Diana) Hatfield and 21 additional grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; nine step-children and their spouses; his loving caregivers, Roger Adkins, Angie Donahue and Cindy Toppins; and a host of friends. Services will be at noon, Saturday, November 25, 2017, at the Cove Gap United Baptist Church, Kiahsville, W.Va., with Pastor Mark Hatfield and Reverend Tommy Adkins officiating. Burial will follow at the Webb Cemetery, Ranger, W.Va. Pallbearers will be family and friends. Freeman Funeral Home, Chapmanville, W.Va., is in charge of the arrangements.

Drema Sue Smith of Kenova

Drema Sue Smith, 66 of Kenova, WV passed away at home on Tuesday, November 21, 2017. She was born on November 26, 1950 in Huntington, WV; a daughter of John Charles Smith and Margaret Lillian Black. She was a housekeeper for Mildred Mitchell Bateman Hospital. She leaves behind her daughter, Donna Sue Cox (Merle); her grandchildren: John Paul Michael Wilson and Jessica Lynn Wilson McKee Nerosa; and her great grandchildren: Jenesis Marie Clem and Caleb Paul Nerosa. Also surviving are her brother, Gary Lee Smith (Connie); her nieces Latonnya Stepp and Ronica Barrett.

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The question is whether those forces will also make a mockery of West Virginia Forward.

West Virginia Forward starts out well enough, noting the need to build on the state's existing assets, to target industries to which the state offers advantages, and to address West Virginia's most obvious deficits. Those include an undereducated workforce, poor quality of life and lousy infrastructure. But, it neglects to mention two forces that make West Virginia's economy unlike those of other states and seemingly immune to resuscitation.

First, even when West Virginia's economy grows, most of the wealth that's created vanishes. High rates of out-of-state property ownership combine with low rates of equity ownership by West Virginians to assure that most of the capital wealth created by West Virginia workers and resources ends up elsewhere.

That's in large part why wealth generated by the natural gas boom and, in earlier decades by the coal industry, evaporated almost entirely from West Virginia and failed to deliver predicted prosperity.

A second peculiarity of West Virginia's economy is that even the state's largest cities lack the ecosystems of mid-market suppliers and service providers that are necessary to attract large employers. In a diversified, integrated economy, major enterprises rely on local businesses to provide a range of services — telecom and IT, transportation, warehousing, printing, design, maintenance, and expert professional services among them. Many of these are in short supply in West Virginia's bare-bones business services sector.

This shortcoming, combined with West Virginia's shallow talent pool, poor quality of life, and spotty infrastructure, has so far offset any advantage the state achieved from business tax cuts, which succeeded only in plunging the state budget into chronic deficit.

Unless policymakers address these challenges, West Virginia Forward will be hit in the mouth like previous efforts.

But, there's hope. Nothing in West Virginia Forward precludes action on these issues. Many of the report's observations about the challenges West Virginia faces are correct. And its recommendations for initiatives in six areas — Business Attraction, Human Capital Strategy, Local Business Support, Innovation Leadership, Sector Diversification and Infrastructure Investment — are reasonable.

Still, the report is silent on the problems of capital flight and the state's inadequate business ecosystem. It's also silent on actions that should be taken to improve the quality of life and to deal with one other issue that could undermine any progress West Virginia might otherwise make.

Whereas federal spending comprises a fifth of the nation's gross domestic product, it represents a third of West Virginia's. Most

Elijah Garrett (Lige) McReynolds of Clifford, KY,

Elijah Garrett (Lige) McReynolds, 91, of Clifford, KY, passed away Thursday, November 23, 2017 in Three Rivers Medical Center in Louisa, KY. He was born June 11, 1926 at Clifford, KY to the late Elijah and Elizabeth McReynolds. He was a member of the Mt. Olive United Baptist Church and retired from Louisa Carpet Mill. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son Randall Dale McReynolds; five brothers, Thomas, Lucian, Jim, Bill, and Charlie; and three sisters, Mable Brown, Mildred Brown, and Georgia Stanley. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Rosemary Frazier McReynolds; a son and daughter in law Tom and Tracey McReynolds; a daughter and son in law Sandy and Paul Davis of Huntington, WV; 6 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, November 26, 2017 at 1:00 PM at Young Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Dolphus Perry officiating. Burial will follow in the McReynolds Family Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM at the Young Funeral Home. Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.youngfuneralhomeinc.com



Loretta Lee Perry of Kenova

Loretta Lee Perry 78, of Kenova, WV, passed away Thursday November 23, 2017, at the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House of Huntington, W.Va. Visitation will begin at 12 p.m. Sunday, November 26, followed by funeral services at 1:30 p.m., conducted by Pastor Randall Robertson at Rollins Funeral Home, Kenova, WV. Burial will follow at John Perry Cemetery. Loretta was born December 19, 1938, in Wayne County, W.Va., the daughter of the late Elias Lee and Marie Pratt Perry. In addition to her parents, five brothers and five sisters preceded her in death. Loretta was married to Alva Perry who also preceded her in death. Surviving is sister, Phyllis Caudill; one son, Jeffrey D. Perry(Lisa), two grandsons, Hunter Perry and Chris Adkins (Michelle); One great-granddaughter, Devyn Adkins; A special niece and nephew, Sheila and Bob Perry; and her loving caregiver Denitta Wroblewski. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Kenova, WV, and was a graduate of Ceredo-Kenova High School. She was the foundation of our family through her boundless kindness and giving. She took care of her mother and husband in their time of need. Loretta was a loving mother, wife, grandmother and homemaker. Loretta loved working in her flower garden and watching the birds and wildlife frolic outside. The love of her life was her grandson Hunter. Loretta loved to fix Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner and have her family around her to share all the special times in her life. Her grand dog Macy was also a special part of her life. Loretta had a life well lived, loving everything and everyone around her. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Hospice of Huntington.

comes in the form of benefits associated with Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, SNAP and Obamacare. Consequently, budget cuts to those programs would, if enacted, drain desperately needed money from the state's already anemic economy. Nor will proposed tax cuts do much to offset the impact in a state that receives at least twice as much money from the federal government as it contributes.

That's why West Virginia policymakers need to pair the top-down, business-focused approach of West Virginia Forward with bottom-up efforts to increase incomes and improve quality of life.

That begins by repairing damage done to education and the environment by recent policy choices and budget cuts that make West Virginia seem to outsiders, including prospective investors, like a place that has little to offer and much to fear from coal-poisoned air and contaminated water.

West Virginia must also stop the flight of wealth by restructuring taxes to lessen reliance on individual income taxes, which hit West Virginia residents almost exclusively, and rely more on property and corporate taxes that fall mostly on out-of-state interests. This would save residents thousands of dollars, most of which would be injected into local economies.

This cash infusion would be a boon to West Virginia businesses and it would create an environment in which mid-market suppliers and service providers can establish themselves and prosper. Then, when major employers look at West Virginia, they'll find the ecosystem they need to support their businesses.

Finally, West Virginians must demand that their representatives in Congress stop supporting budget and tax policies that take a sledgehammer to federal programs that make up a third of the state's economy. Without these and other bottom-up measures to increase incomes and improve West Virginia's quality of life, the recommendations in West Virginia Forward will prove ineffectual.

Something To Think About

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ENDURING THOUGHTS

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