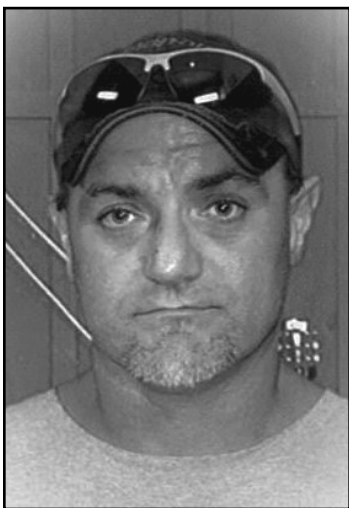


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ROBERT ERIC "ROBBIE" SPEARS of Fort Gay



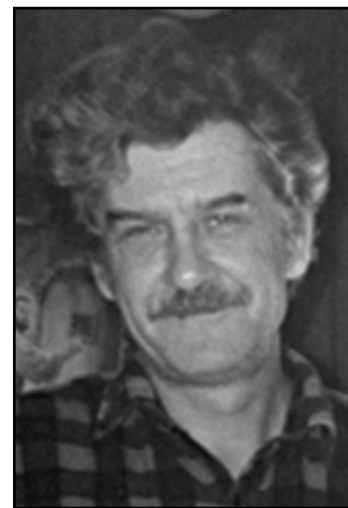
ROBERT ERIC "ROBBIE" SPEARS, 41, of Fort Gay, W.Va., passed away Thursday, July 6, 2017. Robbie was born February 13, 1976, in Huntington, W.Va., the son of Robert "Buck" and Patty Copley Spears. He was a diesel mechanic with West Virginia Trucking. Survivors include his parents, Buck and Patty Spears of Fort Gay, W.Va.; a son Lacy Spears of Fort Gay; a sister Lisa Methax and husband Jimmy, also of Fort Gay; a niece Mackenzie Methax, and a nephew Josh Methax; his paternal grandfather, Willie Spears of Fort Gay; and a host of loved ones. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Sunday, July 9, 2017, at the Salt Petre Community Church with Rev. Richard Maynard and Rev. Darrin Fetherolph officiating. Burial will follow in the Birdie Copley Cemetery, Fort Gay, W.Va. Friends may visit the family from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Wilson Funeral Home, Louisa, Ky. Care has been entrusted to Wilson Funeral Home.

PAUL EDWARD NELSON of Huntington



PAUL EDWARD NELSON, 79, of Huntington, passed away Wednesday, July 5, 2017, at Cabell Huntington Hospital. Funeral services will be conducted by Pastor Thomas Dyer and Pastor Willis Mills at noon Saturday, July 8, 2017, at the Reger Funeral Chapel. Burial will follow at Maple Hill section of Docks Creek Cemetery. Paul was born on March 9, 1938, in Wayne County, W.Va., to the late Timothy and Ruby Smith Nelson. He was retired from Nelson-Crockett Home Improvement. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Richard Nelson; his two sisters, Mary James and Garnet Sturgill. He is survived by his wife, Naomi Frances Carter Nelson; one son, Paul Nelson Jr. of Huntington; two daughters, Ruby Collins of Kenova and Patricia Kimbler of Huntington; five grandchildren, Jason Crockett, Deidre Crockett, James Paul Crockett, Troy Kimbler and Matthew Kimbler; and three sisters, Hazel Kremer, Bonnie Rummell and Betty Higgins. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until service time at the Reger Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.regerfh.com.

IVORY JACKSON of Fort Gay



IVORY JACKSON 70, of Fort Gay, West Virginia passed away on Wednesday, July 5, 2017, at Cabell Huntington Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. He was born in Mingo County, West Virginia on January 24, 1947, to the late Brady and Melissie Salmons Jackson. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by two brothers, Bennie Jackson and John Jackson.

Ivory is survived by five siblings, Anna Mae Schmauch of Columbus, Ohio, Eula (Jim) Lycan of Fort Gay, West Virginia, Nannie Boggs of Cross Lanes, West Virginia, Linda (Alton) Hannah of Delbarton, West Virginia and James (Lupie) Jackson of Warfield, Kentucky.

Funeral services will be held at the Warfield Chapel of the Callahan Funeral Home in Warfield, Kentucky on Thursday, July 6, 2017, 2:00pm with Tommy Damron officiating. Burial will follow at the Low Gap Cemetery. Friends may visit at the funeral home on Thursday starting at 11:00 am until time of service. Arrangements are under the direction of the Callahan Funeral Home, Inez, Kentucky.

BETTY JUNE RUSSELL of Lavalette



BETTY JUNE RUSSELL, 67, of Lavalette, W.Va., passed away Thursday, July 6, 2017, at the Emogene Dolin Hospice House in Huntington, W.Va. She was born April 10, 1950, in East Lynn, W.Va., a daughter of the late Truman and Gladys Davis Russell.

Also preceding her in death were two sisters and a brother-in-law, Janet Russell and Mary Justice and husband Roy; and five brothers, Clifford, David, Daniel, Truman Russell Jr., and Jerry Lee Russell.

Betty worked for Infocision in Huntington, and was a member of the Garretts Creek Community Church.

She is survived by two sons, Donald Ray Adkins and wife Susan of Proctorville, Ohio and Barry Allen Adkins of Cleveland, Ohio; one daughter, Jennifer Lynn Myers of Ceredo, W.Va.; seven grandchildren, Destiny, Dillon, Amanda, Tyler, Tanner, Kameron and Shana; two great-grandchildren, Arizona and Bentley. Also surviving are sisters Gladys Ferguson and husband Ralph of New Boston, Mich., Arlene Caldwell and husband Delbert of Fort Gay, W.Va., and Judy Christian and husband Roger of Wayne; brothers Jimmy Russell of Kiahsville, W.Va., Jackie Russell and companion Mary "Tiney" Fortner of East Lynn; along with many beloved nieces, nephews and friends. She is also survived by former husband and lifelong friend, Donald Adkins of Proctorville, Ohio.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Sunday, July 9, 2017, at Johnson Tiller Funeral Home, Wayne, W.Va., with Pastor Danny Stapleton officiating. Burial will follow at Elmwood Cemetery, Wayne. Friends may call two hours prior to the service.

JOHN PAUL LESTER of Ceredo



JOHN PAUL LESTER, 46 of Ceredo, WV went to be with his Lord on July 4, 2017. He was born February 6, 1971, the son of Jennings and Patricia Lester. John was a member of The Beech Street Christian Church in Ashland, KY. He is survived by his parents; his son, Tanner Lester; his sister, Angela Tang, nephews; Jacob and Joey Tang. He will be greatly missed by many. Funeral Services will be held at 1 p.m. on July 11, 2017 at Ceredo- Kenova Funeral Home with a public visitation one hour prior. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.ceredo-kenovafuneralhome.com.

DARRELL GLEN BREWER Jr. of Prichard



DARRELL GLEN BREWER Jr., 50, of Prichard, W.Va., passed away Wednesday, July 5, 2017.

Born January 27, 1967 in Louisa, he was the first of three children born to Darrell and Etta (Patton) Brewer.

He was preceded in death by his loving grandparents, Bill and Sis Brewer, and Perry (Jim) and Florence Patton; a very special niece, McKenzie Sha' Brewer; and a nephew, Danny Staley.

In addition to his parents, Darrell Jr. is survived by his children, Caitlin Johnson and Darrell Glen (Trey) Brewer III, and their mother, Lisa Brewer; his siblings Steven Brewer (Sonya) and Jennifer Haywood (Andrew), all of Prichard. He is also survived by nieces and nephews that he adored: Kayla Brody (Danny); Will, Ben and Megan Clayton; Kierra Sowards; Christy Smith (Jeremy); Kenzleigh, Kasen and Brynleigh Brody; Gunner and Dannika Smith, and Austin and Nate Haywood. Also, Genevieve, Greg and Reta Staley, who he loved dearly; many uncles, aunts and cousins, and his faithful dog, Dora.

If love could have saved him, he would still be here with us, for he was greatly loved by his big, wonderful family.

His children were his greatest pride and he loved them both without comparison. He was the uncle who truly adored and was adored in return, teaching them to ride bicycles, dirt bikes and go-carts in granny and papaw's front yard, doing his Donald Duck voice for the babies and spoiling them with gifts and candy. He loved adventure and speed; he loved cars and was a gifted mechanic. He went out of his way to help those he saw in need. He had a big, generous heart.

Visitation will take place Saturday, July 8, 2017 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Prichard Freewill Baptist Church. Funeral services will be held at the church, Sunday, July 9, at 11 a.m., and will be conducted by Bro. Ray Vance. Burial will follow at his family cemetery on Queens Creek Rd. in Prichard.

Arrangements by Young Funeral Home, Louisa, Ky.

SALLY LOWE NEWTON of Huntington



SALLY LOWE NEWTON, 73, of Huntington, W.Va., went to be with her Lord on July 5, 2017, at her home. She was born December 22, 1943, in Huntington, W.Va., to the late Winchester "Checker" Lowe and Elma "Doris" Adkins Lowe. She is also preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Edmond "Tom" Newton and her son, Thomas "Tommy" Newton Jr. Mrs. Newton worked at Corbin Ltd., for 30 years and volunteered as a receptionist at Sybene-Chesapeake Senior Center. She is survived by her children, Doris Marie Gibson (Lee), Victoria Lee Maynard (Tom), Dennis Allen Newton (Michelle) and David Earl Newton. Also surviving is a daughter-in-law, Phillis Newton; 12 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, a special grandchild, Tasha Marie Newton, along with a host of relatives and friends. A special thank you to Darlene and all her senior center friends. There will be graveside services at noon Monday, Spring Valley Memory Gardens. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.ceredo-kenovafuneralhome.com.

JESSICA DAWN BILLITER of Kermit



JESSICA DAWN BILLITER 35, of Kermit, West Virginia passed away on Wednesday, July 5, 2017. She was born on July 2, 1982, in Mingo County, West Virginia to Dodge and Debra Jude Hunt. She is preceded in death by one brother, Brandon Dodge Hunt.

Jessica is survived by her parents, fiancé, Orville Sheppard and four children, Hunter Ramey, Tyler Gage Sheppard, Payton Billiter and Peyton Lynn Sheppard. She is also survived by two siblings, Zach Richardson of Fort Gay, West Virginia and Chanda (Josh) Ratliff of Crum, West Virginia.

Funeral services will be held at the Light House Community Church in East Kermit, West Virginia on Saturday, July 8, 2017, at 1:00 pm. Burial will follow at the Jude-Maynard Cemetery. Friends may visit at the church on Friday, July 7, 2017, from 2:00-9:00 pm with special services at 7:00 pm. Arrangements are under the direction of the Callahan Funeral Home, Inez, Kentucky.

ROBERT WAYNE LOVE of Genoa

ROBERT WAYNE LOVE, "Bob", 65, of Genoa, W.Va., went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, July 6, 2017, at the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House, Huntington, W.Va. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Sunday, July 9, 2017, at Morris Funeral Home Chapel, Wayne, with Pastor Travis Perry officiating. Burial will follow at the Robertson Cemetery, Genoa. He was born on March 9, 1952, at Charleston, W.Va., a son of the late Henry H. and Anna Jean Robertson Love. Bob was a member of Rush Branch Church in Genoa, and was a United States Army veteran. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by two brothers, James Eugene and Roy Lee Love; brother-in-law James Stanley Rutledge and a nephew, Mark Allen Love. Survivors include his sons, Robert W. Love II "Wayne" of Genoa, whom was also his caregiver, Glen Michael Love of Rittman, Ohio, Shawn Lewis Love (Danielle) of Orville, Ohio, Dana Scott Love of Rittman, Ohio and Michael Wilson (Michelle) of Genoa, W.Va.; four brothers, Henry D. Love (Patricia) of Tornado, W.Va., Patrick W. Love of Athens, Tenn., Charles A. Love of West Salem, Ohio and Harold D. Love (Rebecca) of Charleston, S.C.; four sisters, LoWilma Rutledge of Tornado, W.Va., Mary Ann Sheppard of Riverview, Fla., Carolyn Love Ratliff (Gary) and Doris Love Ratliff (Greg), all of West Salem, Ohio. Bob is also survived by four grandchildren, Nathaniel (Kayla), Alexys, Brooklyn and Bailey, two sisters-in-law, Karen Sue Love of Rittman, Ohio and Patricia Ann Love of Spencer, W.Va.; 24 nieces and nephews, 38 grand-nieces and nephews and five great-grand-nieces and nephews. Bob loved his church and his church family. The family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to his friends Bonnie and Claude Perry, Ivory Damron and to his son Wayne for being there in Bob's time of need. God bless. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

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STATEMENTS from Page 5A

scheduled; broadcasting clubs established in all high schools and online classes made available to Wayne County students beginning the fall of 2017. When we attempted to explain the previous superintendent's 10-year plan, suddenly there was more interest in getting rid of the station and transferring or eliminating employees rather than following the plan to encourage more student involvement or classes.

Over the last six years several presentations have been made to the Board of Education and no one asked to expedite or change the plan.

Had the Board of Education wanted to expedite the 10-year plan, there has been every opportunity to do so and the plan overview was presented several times to the Board of Education without anyone asking for a change.

At all times there has been student involvement as well as encouraging students interested in broadcasting, media, public address and sound reinforcement, to pursue their interests. During a meeting on April 18th, the board members were provided with an extensive list of student involvement with the radio stations. The stations have provided a wealth of resources to students in all of the schools of Wayne County from the beginning of WFGH.

Mr. Morrone's statement regarding my refusal to meet with interim Superintendent David Roach is also not true. In fact, in May, Mr. Roach came to the radio station and we had a lengthy meeting. I was then advised by our union attorney that he needed to be present at all subsequent meetings. I have never refused to attend any meetings with Mr. Roach or anyone else representing the school board when my attorney was available.

Callers to the radio station, after the board meeting, said they have never seen an elected official do something so unethical as discussing employees in a public meeting. Evidently the employees of the radio station did not deserve to be included in the hour long executive session where employee matters are supposed to be discussed in private.

On two different occasions we attempted to meet with the Board of Education in executive session, to provide actual facts, not misinformation or hearsay regarding the radio stations, but were refused by President Morrone. Past board members and superintendents have strongly disagreed with the board's refusal to meet with us.

A formal letter of apology by the Board of Education to the employees of the radio station for President Morrone's slanderous statements should be received and published in the Wayne County News.

Sincerely,
Hazel B. Damron

P.S. I personally feel that the citizens of Wayne County still deserve to know what happened to the \$45,000 that was paid to the Wayne County Board of Education to completely repair the lighting damage to the radio station.

GRACE from Page 5A

Congressional Republicans, both representatives and senators, in large numbers are said to be at their wit's end in being asked by the media to defend or defame a former reality TV star and real estate mogul with no previous experience of public service and little interest in hearing intelligence briefings or reading policy memos.

I've said it to friends and I'll say it here: I'd bet dollars to doughnuts Trump would flunk one of the civics quizzes I periodically run in my column, touching on key moments in America history or the makeup of our tripartite government, and our system of checks and balances.

Trump's fervent base is still hanging tough, despite a plethora of negative news.

For many Trump voters, it seems to be "a feeling thing." One day I ticked off a list of missteps and awkward policy forays of Trump's administration to a fervent Trump supporter, an admin assistant in a medical office. She didn't deny that what I said was true. She replied only: "I have a right to my feelings."

John Patrick Grace salutes professionals in the news media in Washington and elsewhere who are working hard to dig out the truth in issues domestic and foreign that affect the health of our Republic and the American Dream.

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