

Obituaries

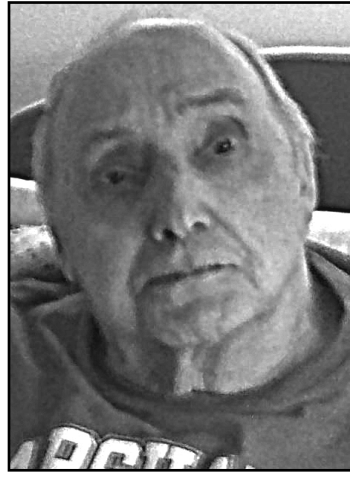
Kelly Lynn Black Stapleton of Huntington

Kelly Lynn Black Stapleton, 46, of Huntington, W.Va., passed away Friday, August 25, 2017, at her residence. She was born June 16, 1971, in Huntington. She is survived by her mother Vicki Monnig Black of Huntington and father and step-mother, Larry B. and Beverly Black; two daughters, Kayla (Anthony) Flemings of Dingess, W.Va., and Taylor Picklesimer of Logan, W.Va.; a son, Justin Hurt of Wayne, W.Va.; three grandchildren, Aiden Flemings, Kynlee Flemings and Kade Selly; a sister, Lesley Epling-Short and her husband Randy; her former husband Keith Stapleton; and step-son, Shawn Stapleton. There will be a memorial service 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 19, 2017, at Chapman's Mortuary, Huntington, with Rev. Thomas King officiating. Visitation will be from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. www.chapmans-mortuary.com.



Billy Joe Wellman of Huntington

Billy Joe Wellman, 86, of Huntington, W.Va., went to be with the Lord Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at the Heritage Center in Huntington, W.Va. Funeral services were 3 p.m. Friday, September 15, 2017, at Morris Funeral Home Chapel, Wayne, W.Va. Burial followed at Mount Vernon Cemetery, Wayne, W.Va. He was born April 3, 1931, in Wayne, W.Va., a son of the late Bert and Nolda Marshall Wellman. Billy Joe was retired from BASF, was an ordained minister and a member of the Big Creek Baptist Church. Also preceding him in death were three sisters, Darla Grace, Sally Perry and Beulah Frye; three brothers, Charles Wellman, Bert Wellman Jr. and Harold Wellman. Survivors include his loving wife of 66 years, Juanita Ward Wellman; two daughters, Linda Conrad and husband Laymond of Milton, W.Va., and Deborah Berry and husband Sonny of Denver, N.C.; a son Billy Ronald Wellman and wife Julia of Huntington, W.Va.; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; special friend and roommate Bill Daily; and the nurses and employees of Heritage Center.



Homer Jackson of Galloway, OH

Homer Jackson, age 75 of Galloway, OH went to his eternal rest on Sept. 12, 2017 at Kobacker House in Columbus, OH. Homer was born May 18, 1942 in Merrimac, WV, raised in Louisa, KY where he graduated from Louisa High School in 1961; then transplanted to Ohio to gain employment at Owens Illinois/Tecneglas for 38 years. He was preceded in death by his parents Clarence and Sarah Lee Jackson, brother Millard Jackson, and niece Crystal Jackson. Left behind to cherish his memory are his son Brian Jackson and "Adopted" sons Richard and Jason Pittman; grandchildren Tristen Jackson, Kyra Pittman and Ricky Pittman; brothers Don (Joy), James (Gwinn), Elmer, Junior (Angie), Cleve (Regenia), and Butch (Debbie); sisters Sherla Triplett and Lucille (Danny) Diamond; many nieces, nephews, friends, and co-workers. Funeral services will be held on Saturday Sept. 16th at 2:00 pm at the Wilson Funeral Home with Rev. Bobby Workman officiating. Burial will follow in the Jackson Cemetery Louisa, KY. Friends may visit the family on Saturday from noon until time of service at the Wilson Funeral Home 1270 Highway 2565 Louisa, KY. Care has been entrusted to Wilson Funeral Home.



Phyllis June Evans

Phyllis June Evans, age 80, passed away Wednesday, September 13, 2017, at her residence in Jackson, Ohio. She was born in Prichard, West Virginia, on August 28, 1937, to George and Ethel Miracle. Besides her parents she was preceded in death by husband William D. Evans; sons Michael D. Evans and Dale K. Evans; brothers Virgil R. Miracle, James R. Miracle, South Swann, Wayne Swann, Tom Swann, James Swann, Charles Swann and Pete Swann; sister Dorothy Beckley; and one great-grandchild, Gabby. Phyllis is survived by son George Evans; sister Goldie Mooney; grandchildren Jason and Wanda Evans, Monica Evans and Shannon Crank, Michael and Whitney Evans, Brandon Evans, Kristen Evans and Kaylee Evans and Desiree Nutt; great-grandchildren Victoria Davis, Sloan Evans, Gunner Evans, Neveah Evans, Bralyanna Evans, Josiah and Jayden. Friends will be received on Saturday September 16, 2017, at the Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home in Jackson, Ohio, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Service at 2 p.m. with Stan Howard and Herman Stewart officiating. Burial to follow at Fairmount Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home in Jackson, Ohio. Condolences may be sent to www.mayhew-brownfuneralhome.com.

Patsy C. Miller Wells of Huntington

Patsy C. Miller Wells, 67, of Huntington, W.Va., passed away Monday, September 11, 2017, at Cabell Huntington Hospital. She was born February 13, 1950, to the late Paul and Ferne Hardy Miller. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Michael Wells and her sister Linda Casey. Survivors include her children Jennifer Dotson of Las Vegas, Nev., Chris (Tammy) Wells of South Point, Ohio, Tessy Veith of Point Pleasant, W.Va., and Mikey Wells of Waverly, Tenn. She leaves behind her grandchildren Jacob, Paul, Mica, Shannon, Jon, Hunter, Eric, Justin, Ben, Brittany and Trevor, that she loved so much. In addition, she is survived by her siblings Lois Hurst, Sharon Wilkes, Pauletta Torres and Greg Miller; and her boyfriend Troy, who was very good to her. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Sunday, September 17, 2017, at Central Christian Church, Huntington. Burial will follow in White Chapel Memorial Gardens, Barboursville, W.Va. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, September 16, 2017, at the church. Young Funeral Home, Louisa, Ky., is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.youngfuneralhomeinc.com.

Luther Claymore Christian of Huntington

Luther Claymore Christian, 93, widower of Quindora Keenan Christian of Huntington, WV went to be with the Lord on Thursday, September 14, 2017. Funeral services will be held on Monday, September 18, 2017 at 11:00 am at the Reger Funeral Chapel. Services will be conducted by Pastor Alan Martin. Burial will follow at Spring Valley Memory Gardens. Luther was born on October 26, 1923 in Hammond, KY the son of the late Joseph and Maude Smith Christian. In addition to his parents and wife he was preceded in death by his son: Gary Finnell Luther was a laborer in the construction industry and a veteran of the US Army having served in WWII. He is survived by his two sons and daughters in law: Robert and Marilyn Christian and Larry and Jennifer Christian. Six grandchildren: Janice Bailey, Cassie Townsend, Joe Christian, Bobby Christian, Zack Christian, Mark Finnell, Harley and Haylee Baker. Twelve great grandchildren and five great great grandchildren. Friends may call from 4-6 pm Sunday, September 17, 2017 at the Reger Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.regerfh.com

Frank Pridemore of Louisa

Frank Pridemore, 63, of Louisa, Ky., died Thursday, September 14, 2017, at Three Rivers Medical Center, Louisa. He was born February 4, 1954, in Louisa to the late Willis Ray and Betty Frances Maynard Pridemore. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Jesse Pridemore and a sister, Mary Johnson. Survivors include a son, Frankie Allen Pridemore; a daughter, Trudy Harless; three grandchildren, Anna Pridemore, Zoey and Jesse Hammonds. Additional survivors include two brothers, Roy Pridemore and Randy Pridemore, and four sisters, Brenda Breeze, Rita Wellman, Betty Wallace and Kathy Pridemore, along with a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Services will be 3 p.m. Monday, September 18, 2017, at the Pridemore Family Cemetery where burial will follow. Visitation will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the Moore's Chapel Freewill Baptist Church. Young Funeral Home, Louisa, is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.youngfuneralhomeinc.com.

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immigration, and it won't reduce the jobs magnet that inevitably draws people here.

If Democrats were smart, they'd let Trump build whatever he wants on the border in exchange for massive concessions on other policies. But the Democratic base is too adamantly against The Wall, which it considers a symbol of exclusion and xenophobia, to make this negotiating strategy possible. Upon contact with the enemy, Trump will be lucky if The Wall ends up as much more than architectural plans and demonstration projects.

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throughout our community.

For reasons we are all still trying to understand, our region was hit earlier and harder by this wave of drug use and addiction. But the community's response to combat the problem and find solutions has been just as historic.

Today, opioid addiction is a national problem, and our region is providing leadership in drug treatment and recovery programs, special care for infants and children, public health outreach, innovative policing, alternative sentencing and a host of other initiatives. As the Netlix film shows, that is an inspiring story that needs to be shared across the country.

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counties struggling to keep up with their jail bills and also meet their other obligations may need more financial tools to cope successfully.

Currently, county governments have few options to raise more revenue when needed to deal with a true budget crisis - a result of the tight control that state government generally has on local public bodies in the Mountain State.

Perhaps state policy makers should join with local government representatives to explore ways that county governments can raise more fee and tax revenues when truly needed. This isn't a call for promoting sharp county tax increases across the state, but it is reasonable to loosen the reins on counties to some degree so that meeting the jail obligation can be met without hurting other services required of county governments. And since county commission members are elected, the voters will have a say in turning out any officials that go too far.

Corbin Factory now West Edge



By ROBERT THOMPSON
WESTMORELAND – Corbin Ltd. specialized in producing men's clothing and moved its factory to Huntington from New York in 1957. The new factory was located on Vernon Street in the Westmoreland section of Wayne County. It continued to operate until 2003. The factory is now under the direction of Coalfield Development Corporation and has been re-purposed as the West Edge Factory. It will house multiple tenants as well as Refresh Appalachia, a local

produce marketer. Currently, Coalfield has a wood shop in the factory where they produce wood items using re-purposed wood.

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SYMPATHY FLOWERS

When words fail, flowers can speak volumes about the way we feel and where our sympathies lie. Flowers, which are traditionally displayed during the viewing and the service, are symbolic of the beauty and continuity of life. Friends and family of the bereaved can expand upon these themes by sending flowers to the homes of mourners in a display of care and support. Although the initial outpouring of sympathy is a great comfort to a family who has lost a loved one, many people experiencing such a loss appreciate being thought of in the weeks and months after the funeral. With this in mind, consider sending flowers or a plant with a personal note to the home of the bereaved.

A floral tribute can either be sent to the funeral home or the residence. If sent to the residence, usually a planter or a small vase of flowers indicating a person's continued sympathy for the family is recommended. Life is full of opportunities to show someone we love them. One such opportunity is the funeral or memorial service. To learn more about the services we offer, please give us a call. *We invite you to tour our tastefully appointed facility, where we have been serving Wayne County with compassion since 1932.*

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"Flowers grow out of dark moments." ~ Corita Kent