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Saab and West Virginia-based CMI2 mark first year of collaboration to test and implement advanced military training systems



Leadership from the West Virginia National Guard receive an overview of Saab's technology from David Rees, Director, Training and Simulation, at the most recent DIRT Days iteration held at the CMI2 Adaptive Experimentation Facility in Fola, West Virginia, July 21, 2023. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Edwin L. Wriston)

The Civil-Military Innovation Institute (CMI2), based in Morgantown, West Virginia, is marking the first year of a signed collaboration agreement with Saab, combining CMI2's capability to bridge the gaps in defense innovation and technology experimentation with Saab's expertise in advanced training solutions. The alliance blends CMI2's focus on experimentation and training at its Adaptive Experimentation Facility in Fola, West Virginia, with Saab's focus on producing and implementing advanced military training systems to improve Soldier and warfighter readiness.

The first full year of the collaboration between CMI2 and Saab boasts numerous successful events via partnerships with the Unit-

ed States Army Combat Capabilities Development Command (DEVCOM), the 101st Airborne, and 82nd Airborne Divisions. Most recently, in July 2023, CMI2 engaged Saab to support Soldiers from the West Virginia Army National Guard.

"Our collaboration with CMI2 combines our world leading military training solutions and their capabilities in experimentation to create something truly unique – a live training environment that forces adaptive thinking to fulfill our customers' unique and ever evolving training requirements," said Erik Smith, President and CEO of Saab in the U.S. "I'm proud of what our two organizations have been able to accomplish in such a short amount of time."

The CMI2 Fola site is

a stand-alone training and experimentation facility designed to enable Soldiers, Marines, Special Operators, and other groups to conduct live free-play events to evaluate new technologies in a realistic training environment. Saab's collaboration with CMI2 combines its training solutions and CMI2's capabilities in experimentation to create a unique, austere and challenging training environment.

"The beauty of this collaboration is that CMI2 and Saab are implementing a one-of-a-kind offering that includes the ability to perform technology experimentation and advanced training in the same location," said CMI2 founder Dr. Zenovy Wowczuk. "This collaboration also includes creating a joint office and innovation

facility at the Fola site." In mid-April, CMI2 and Saab collaborated to host the second of three successful Driving Innovation in Realistic Training (DIRT) Days, where more than 300 military personnel participated in and field-tested emerging tactics and technology while bolstering their operation skill sets through challenging, realistic exercises in the rugged terrain of Clay County, West Virginia.

"CMI2 not only established a collaboration with an international company the caliber of Saab, but they have found a leading defense company who's also investing in West Virginia and hiring West Virginians," said Governor Jim Justice. "Together, these two companies are building a one-of-a-kind military capability right here in the Mountain State, which will no doubt be the premier training space for the next decade."

Built on a reclaimed coal mine property, the Adaptive Experimentation Facility was transformed by CMI2 to create a destination for testing and experimentation of military technology against a permanent, professional adversary/red-team force. The opposition force capability allows the developers to stress experimental

technology and provide real-time design modifications to optimize the development cycle. This red-team capability also allows Soldiers to interrogate current tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTP) during and after training events with the help of Saab's advanced training aides, After Action Reporting (AARs), and leverage the data they can collect and analyze.

Wowczuk said each organization's unique capabilities will allow for new technologies

and advanced training systems to be implemented and create a one-of-a-kind testbed for both Soldiers and technology developers.

"The Adaptive Experimentation Facility is not your cookie cutter test range or training facility. We have created a truly niche facility and a new way for Soldiers to prepare for the next fight," Wowczuk said. "The combined resources of Saab and CMI2 will truly make Fola a distinctive destination with exceptional

Visitors enjoy the ERT



Friends Trish, Amy, and Eunice from Jackson County, West Virginia submitted this photo of them enjoying a run on the Elk River Trail, stopping at the sign at Glen for the photo. "We absolutely love the area," said Trish.

Braxton/Clay Master Gardeners Attend Appreciation Day



The Braxton/Clay County Master Gardener members attended the Adopt-A-Highway Volunteer Appreciation Day. This event is held the first Saturday in August each year. The locations change to accommodate volunteers throughout the state. This event was held this year at the Tamarack in Beckley.

The Master Gardeners have adopted a spot on Rt. 4 near the Nottingham Bridge. Cleanups are done twice a year, once in the spring and another in the fall. Safety is of the outmost importance. Safety videos must be completed the safety equipment is provided by the DOH.

During this event the members were treated to bingo games and an art class. There were activities for children with bounce houses and other activities. The kids were treated to prizes for their participation. Bingo prizes were awarded and prizes were given for completing and presenting paintings. A delicious lunch was served.

Groups were presented service awards. Speeches were given by DOH personnel and gratitude was expressed to the volunteers for making West Virginia shine.

The Master Gardeners were presented a certificate for removing 1,450 pounds of litter since adoption.

From the Master Gardeners, thank you for your support!

How to get your best photos this fall



Learning to control your camera gets the best results. By Allen Hamrick.

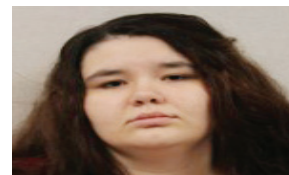
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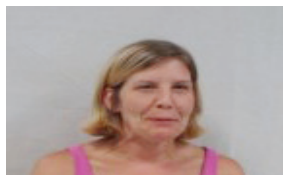
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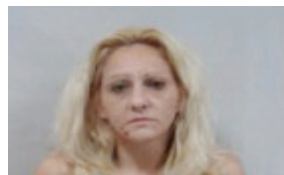
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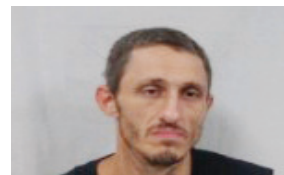
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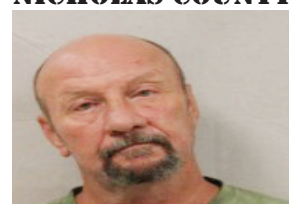


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Poss. of a cont. substance, poss. w/ intent



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Assault, brandishing a deadly weapon

NICHOLAS COUNTY



Lucky Dewitt Barber
Booked 8/8/23
Bond violation



Brian Scott French
Booked 8/11/23
Driving suspended



Austin Blake Kyer
Booked 8/13/23
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CLAY COUNTY

Puzzle Answers

Weekly SUDOKU

Super Crossword

Answer

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PUBLIC NOTICE

- Peoples Community Church Open House will be held August 19 at 2 p.m. with singing, food, and fellowship. From tragedy to blessings, we thank God and everyone that made our new church possible. Come join us in our celebration.
- The Clay County High School - Class of 1948 will meet in the high school on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023 at 2 p.m. for their 75th class reunion. The meeting room will be posted at the main entrance of the school. The Annual Alumni Dinner will be provided in the school cafeteria at 5 p.m. The Class of 1948 appreciates the Clay County Bank and Mr. Greg Gency - CEO, for providing this meal over the past 30 years. Any Questions Call; Bob Boggs 304-965-5118, or Clarice Shamblin Parsons 330-534-9957.
- CCHS CLASS OF 1993 will celebrate their 30th reunion on Saturday, September 16, from 4 pm to ? at Craft Kings in Mt. Nebo. A full food and drink menu will be available; each party is responsible for purchases. For more information, call or text Quincy at 304-549-8203.
- The 1966 Class of Clay County High School will have a get together on September 16, 2023 from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at the Clay High School. Come join us! Dinner will be served at the school by the Clay High School Alumni Association.
- Attention CCHS Class of 1953: Are you interested in attending our 70th year reunion during the Golden Delicious Apple Festival on Saturday, Sept. 16 at CCHS? If so, please let Muriel Whaling Sizemore or Yvonne Hart King know soon. Muriel's address is 307 Price Street, Mineral Wells, WV 26150 and her number is 304-489-2958. Yvonne's address is 113 Center Street, Glenville, WV 26351, and her number is 304-462-7856. It's been at least 10 years since our last reunion, and we aren't getting any younger! See you in September?
- Holcomb Family Reunion: There will be a family reunion for the family of John and Mary Holcomb on Saturday, July 29 at 1 P.M. at the Middle Creek Baptist Church, Bickmore. All family and friends are invited to attend.
- The Clay County Middle School afterschool program is still seeking donated sewing machines. If you have a working portable sewing machine that you no longer need and would like to donate to a beginning sewist, please drop it off at the Clay County Library earmarked for the CCMS sewing class. The manual would be great to have with the machine. Please, include your contact information. In the case that the class is too small for the number of machines that may be donated, leave a note saying what you want done with it. Thank you in advance for your support!

- The Clay County WIC office located at 452 Main Street in Clay is open to serve the public every Monday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- The Clay County Alumni Luncheon Group will be meeting Wednesday, September 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Carol's Crossroads Best restaurant in Maysel. Anyone who attended CCHS and their family or caregivers is welcomed to attend. We have a good time eating, reminiscing, sharing photos and stories, and meeting new people. Carol has a variety of tasty foods and desserts on her menu so come hungry. For more information, call/text Quincy at 304-549-8203. (Each person responsible for payment of own food.)



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- 09:00 AM, State v. Joyce Marie Demoss, Pre-Trial Hearing, Trespass on property other than structure or conveyance
- 09:30 AM, State v. Michael Wayne Alley, Pre-Trial Hearing, Trespass on property other than structure or conveyance
- 10:00 AM, State v. Joshua C. Fox, Pre-Trial Hearing, Knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance without a valid prescription
- 10:30 AM, State v. Chad Lee Bishop, Bench Trial, Domestic assault, unlawful injury to or destruction of property
- 11:00 AM, State v. Zachary Collin Boggs, Pre-Trial Hearing, unlawful injury to or destruction of property
- 01:00 PM, State v. Candy Renee Brown, Pre-Trial Hearing, Petit larceny, contributing to the delinquency of a minor
- 01:15 PM, State v. Jeremy Allen Brown, Pre-Trial Hearing, Petit larceny, contributing to the delinquency of a minor
- 01:30 PM, State v. Sandra Bishop, Preliminary Hearing, Grand larceny
- 02:00 PM, State v. Jennifer Lively, Bench Trial, Brandishing deadly weapons
- 02:00 PM, State v. Jennifer Lively, Bench Trial, Misdemeanor offense for violating protective order mandatory provisions
- 02:30 PM, State v. Bobby Ray Hanshaw, Bench Trial, Unlawful injury to or destruction of property, trespass on property other than structure or conveyance
- 03:00 PM, State v. Rosalie Julianna Hart, Pre-Trial Hearing, Prohibitions – solid waste disposal, conspiracy to violate chapter (DNR) withhold info, obstruct officers
- 03:30 PM, State v. Amanda Dawn Harris, Bench Trial, Unlawful disposal of litter – public highway/waterway

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One More Scam Call and I'm Going to Scream*By: Dr. James Snyder*

Upon retirement, my life changed in few ways. I'm still as busy as before; I just don't get a paycheck for being busy. Nothing has changed that much. The one thing that has changed is I schedule a nap every day. As most people know, a NAP is simply Navigating A Position. That position is level. At my age, I tell people that having these naps is essential; every day, I schedule a NAP at a particular time known only to myself.

It's important for me to keep this a secret so nobody knows when I'm doing it. I try to keep it from The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage for obvious reasons. Usually, right after lunch, she goes to the store and picks up groceries. As soon as she closes the front door, I'm in my lazy chair, leaning back, ready to snooze away.

There is only one problem with this scenario. My phone is next to my lazy chair, in case anybody needs to reach me. The truth being said, since my retirement, nobody needs to get a hold of me. But you never know, and I can only hope. Habits are hard to break.

The other day I was in the middle of sawing some very important logs when a noise next to my chair frightened me. It was my phone. It took me a while to realize the phone was ringing, and I needed to answer. Who knows who's calling me?

Setting up, I cleared my throat and answered the phone. Wouldn't you know it was one of those phone scams? For some reason, the person on the other end knew my car warranty had just expired. For his information, that car warranty ran out 10 years ago, and it was a truck, not a car.

I wasn't too happy with this phone call, and I must confess that I let the person on the other end of the phone know how unhappy I was. It's good I don't know French.

That took me a while to settle down after that kind of phone call, but I soon drifted off into La-la-land, my favorite place.

It wasn't long before I heard the phone ring again, and without even thinking, I sat up and answered the phone.

After all, why would anybody call me the second time? Was it another scam?

This time it had something to do with my Medicare. According to the person on the other end of the phone, he had an amazing offer for me to enhance my Medicare coverage. Being drowsy from sleeping, I didn't quite understand what he was talking about.

"According to our records," the person said most enthusiastically, "you qualify for an upgrade in your Medicare coverage."

I wasn't a happy camper because my nap time is a fairly important part of my day, and how dare somebody interfere with that sacred time.

With a bit of anger, I asked, "Is there any extra coverage for mental insanity? I am about to go crazy."

The next thing I heard was a click on the phone.

My phone buzzed all afternoon, and I was about to lose my mind.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage came home and noticed I was sitting up in my chair, fully awake. She just looked at me and then took her groceries into the kitchen.

Then, surprise, surprise, surprise, my phone rang again. I answered it, and a live person was on the other end of the phone. Just then, a thought came to me. I called my wife and said, "My dear, I think there's a thrift store owner on the phone and would like to talk to you."

She almost danced her way to me to pick up the phone. I must say I was dancing in my head when she came.

"Hello," she said enthusiastically, "I've been expecting your call. Thanks for calling."

Then there was a pause, and she said, "Who did you say you were?"

Another pause, and I heard her say, "You better never call me again." And she hung up the phone.

Looking at me with one of "her looks," I could see she wasn't very happy about it. She stood before me, staring a little bit, and then said, "Don't you ever do that again to me. Do you understand?"

What was I supposed to do? There was so much laughter within me that I didn't know if I could keep it from exploding. When she went back into the kitchen, I softly chuckled to myself. Then I heard, "You're not laughing, are you?"

"No, my dear," I said, "I was just thinking about a joke. Why was 6 afraid of 7? Because 7, 8, 9."

"No, you weren't," she said sarcastically, "and that's not even funny."

That gave me pause to think. Does it matter who is lying? Is a scammer's lie worse than my lie? I then thought about some verses of Scripture that address this.

Proverbs 12:22-23, "Lying lips are abomination to the Lord; but they that deal truly are his delight. A prudent man concealeth knowledge; but the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness."

It's easy to think that my lying is not as bad as some scammer trying to hook me out of some money. Lying is lying, and I'm trying to process that. Lying is a serious business, no matter who does it.

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DHHR Reminds Residents of Mental and Behavioral Health Support for West Virginia Children

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) reminds residents of mental and behavioral health support available for West Virginia children. HELP4WV and its Children's Crisis and Referral Line provide screenings and referrals for families to home and community-based services.

The Children's Crisis and Referral Line connects families to services including Children's Mobile Crisis Response and Stabilization teams, which de-escalate behavioral health crises by phone or in person, and West Virginia Wraparound, which includes the Children with Serious Emotional Disorder Waiver.

A recently published report indicates an increase in the number of mental health screenings, referrals and connections to services for West Virginia children.

"More and more West Virginians are using the Children's Crisis and Referral Line, which has in turn helped to decrease the number of children in residential treat-

ment placements," said Cammie Chapman, DHHR Deputy Secretary of Children and Adult Services.

Mental and behavioral health services are available to all West Virginia children, including children in foster care. Of the approximately 6,300 children in foster care in West Virginia, more than half are placed in kinship/relative homes.

"West Virginia leads the nation in placing children in foster care with kin, which supports our overarching efforts to serve children in community settings," added Chapman.

For parenting support, crisis counseling, and local resources, visit help4wv.com. For more information about behavioral health resources for children and families, visit kidsthive.wv.gov. To view/apply for career opportunities in the child welfare and behavioral health fields visit dhhr.wv.gov/Pages/Career-Opportunities.aspx

Volunteers needed for WVDEP's Great Kanawha River Clean Up on Sept. 9*Cleanup sites located in Fayette, Kanawha, and Putnam counties*

The 33rd annual Great Kanawha River Cleanup, sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP), is set for Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023 from 9 a.m. to noon. Cleanup sites include Winfield Beach, St. Albans Roadside Park, the South Charleston boat ramp, and Kanawha Falls at Glen Ferris. Other cleanup sites could be added as the day of

the event nears.

The WVDEP's Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP) will supply bags and gloves for volunteers and will arrange for trash to be hauled away. All volunteers will receive a T-shirt.

Those wishing to volunteer for this year's cleanup are urged to register with the WVDEP so enough supplies can be obtained for each

cleanup location.

Last year's cleanup saw 80 volunteers from Kanawha, Putnam, and Mason counties collect nearly 4,000 pounds of trash and two tires from 11 sites along the Kanawha River.

To volunteer, or suggest an additional cleanup location, contact the WVDEP's Chris Cartwright at 304-389-8389 or by email at christopher.j.cartwright@

wv.gov.

REAP, whose motto is 'Keeping WV Clean and Green,' was created in 2005 and strives to clean up West Virginia and rid the state of litter. The program empowers citizens to take ownership of their communities by providing technical, financial, and resource assistance in cleanup and recycling efforts. More information is available on the REAP webpage.

Showing us That We Are Loved*By: Joseph J. Mazella*

It was late July and except for a few fluffy, white clouds the sky was a brilliant blue. The sun was shining on the green grass giving it a golden hue. Birds were busy flying to and from their nests feeding their rapidly growing babies. The air was full of the smell of fresh cut grass and the scent of sweet clover. In the meadow behind my house I could see deer grazing by the edge of the woods. Our black cat, Alice was snoozing under the shade of our maple tree ignoring the little bunny that was hopping along in the graveyard behind my home. I could see too the dandelions, buttercups, daisies, and Queen Anne's lace blooming along the side of the road. It was like a perceptual overload. All of this beauty was here for me just as I stepped outside.

Taking it all in, my heart felt so full. I breathed in the sweet, cool, morning air and walked barefoot in the grass. I knew that a heat wave was on the way so I wanted to enjoy the comfort of the morning and take in all of these glorious gifts of God's creation. Just then a lovely, yellow butterfly flew down and landed on a grave-stone right in front of me. It fluttered its wings and I smiled. It flew up circled my face and then floated away on the gentle breeze. A peace filled me as I took in its message of Heavenly Love. And I thanked God for this beautiful day, this beautiful world, and this beautiful life.

Isn't it incredible how God can sometimes use this entire world just to show us that we are loved? All of nature tells us of His Love from the sun shining above us to the tiniest blade of grass. This Love flows through books, music, art, and knowledge too. People and angels can be messengers of this Love as well. It is up to us, though, to open our hearts and welcome this Love into our souls. It is up to us to embrace this Love, live in it with joy, and share it with the world. It is up to us to grow in this Love forever and make our lives as beautiful as a summer day.

Home Country*By: Slim Randles*

Ran into Doc down at The Mule Barn the other day, so naturally we had to rid the world of about a gallon of coffee and solve the world's problems for an hour. It is the duty of all true Americans of our age, you know.

Doc said he'd been aching a little bit lately. Joints or something. He'd been out fixing the pasture fence where the mare had been pushing on it. The next morning it made him walk funny.

"I remember when my dad was my age," he said. "I asked him how it felt to be this old. Well, he looked at me as though I were committing a crime by having brown hair, you know? And then he said, "To be this old? Well, I guess it beats the alternative."

The truth is, the morning coffee drinkers of our area aren't really old, not inside. We hurt a bit more the next day when we do things, that's all. And having to walk funny for an hour or so is a small price to pay for our experience.

Being experienced sounds better.

"The other day," Doc said, "I was down to the feed store, and the kid there took one look at me and carried those heavy sacks out to the truck for me. It was embarrassing, and she shouldn't have done it."

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TRIVIA

What was "The Troggs" number one single? (1966)

Answer to last week's Trivia: The Detroit born singer hailed as "The First Lady of Motown" who was the first to sign with Motown, the first to have a top ten single with them, and the first to produce a #1 hit for them ("My Guy", May '64), who also won a lawsuit against Motown for using profits from "My Guy" to promote The Supremes was: Mary Wells.

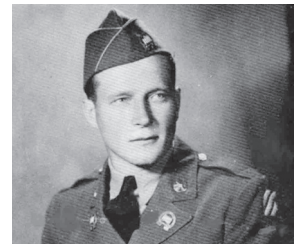


BE SAFE ON THE WATER
THIS SUMMER

THIS WEEK IN West Virginia History

The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to *www.wvencyclopedia.org*.

Aug. 16, 1851: William Hope "Coin" Harvey was born in Buffalo, Putnam County. Harvey, a social reformer, was nominated for president of the United States by the Liberty Party in 1932.



Aug. 17, 1944: Staff Sergeant Stanley Bender earned the Medal of Honor in southern France. Bender rushed through intense machine gun fire and grenades, and knocked out two German machine guns with rifle fire. His actions inspired the rest of his company to take out a German roadblock, kill 37 enemy soldiers, and take 26 prisoners.

Aug. 17, 1976: The National Mine Health and Safety Academy opened at Beaver, near Beckley. The academy, located on a 76-acre cam-

pus, is the world's largest educational institution devoted solely to safety and health in mining.

Aug. 18, 1885: Artemus Ward Cox was born on a farm at Red Knob, Roane County. In 1914, Cox bought the George Ort Department Store on Capitol Street in Charleston. That store became the first in a chain of 21 A. W. Cox stores in West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky.

Aug. 19, 1863: Union cavalry under Brigadier General William W. Averell destroyed the Confederate saltpeter works near Franklin.

Aug. 19, 1997: Fiddler Curly Ray Cline died. Born in Logan County, Cline was a member of the Lonesome Pine Fiddlers and Ralph Stanley's Clinch Mountain Boys.



Aug. 20, 2004: Eldora Bolyard Nuzum died in Elkins. While working for the *Grafton Sentinel* in 1946,

she became the first female editor of a daily newspaper in West Virginia. For three decades, she was editor of the *Elkins Inter-Mountain*.

Aug. 21, 1861: Confederate troops under General John B. Floyd crossed the Gauley River at Carnifex Ferry, Nicholas County, and began to entrench their position. It was the beginning of what became known as the Battle of Keslers Cross Lanes.



Aug. 21, 1915: Singer Ann Baker was born in Pennsylvania. She later operated a popular Charleston nightclub, The Shalamar, and became known as "Charleston's First Lady of Jazz."

Aug. 22, 1872: Following the Constitutional Convention of 1872, the West Virginia electorate ratified a new state constitution by a vote of 42,344 to 37,777. In the same election, voters rejected a controversial convention proposition that would have restricted office-holding to white citizens.

Andy Moore



Andy Moore, 40, of Duck, entered into rest on Friday, August 11, 2023.

He was born in Gassaway on May 11, 1983 to Opal Duffield of O'Brien and the late Dallas Nelson Moore, Jr.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Okla and Callie Duffield and Dallas and Margaret Moore; an infant child; uncle, Donald Moore; and cousin, Lance McCracken.

Andy was a 2001 graduate of Clay County High School. He worked for Asplundh, Penn Line, and Slurry Paving and also did some independent roofing. He was an outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing. His pride and joy was his children and he loved to play outside with them.

He will be forever remembered by his mother, Opal Duffield of O'Brien; the love of his life for the last 12 years, Emmajean Richards; daughters, Hannah Moore,

Emmaleigh Moore, Aerolyn Moore, Jaycee Moore; stepdaughters, Danielle Richards and Ashley Richards, both of Morgantown; brother, Justen Duffield and wife, Samantha of Mill Creek; twin sister, Kandy Nida and husband, Joe, of Charleston; sisters, Michelle Hamrick and husband, Allen of Maysel, and Misty and Mandy of Charleston; nephew, Dr. Lucas Hamrick; nieces and nephews, family and friends.

His visitation was held from 3 to 4 P.M. on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at Roach Funeral Home, Gassaway.

A graveside service will follow in the John Duffield Cemetery, Duck with Geoff Hamrick officiating.

Words of comfort and fond memories may be extended to the family at www.roachfuneralhome.com.

Doris Madalyn Butcher Hughes

Doris Madalyn Butcher Hughes, 94, of Clay entered into rest on August 6, 2023, in Mon General Hospital in Morgantown, WV after a short illness.

She was a member of the Trinity Missionary Baptist Church.

She was born on April 28, 1929, to the late Frank and Selena (Elswick) Holcomb.

She is survived by her

four children, Jim Butcher of Texas, Carol Brown of Maysel, Michael Butcher of Beverly, and Kevin Butcher of Charleston, WV; five grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 19, 2023, at Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, Maysel, WV, with a one-hour visitation prior to the service from 1 to 2:00 p.m.

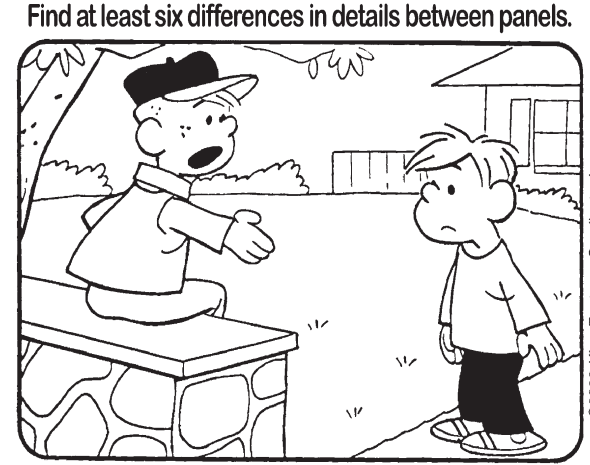
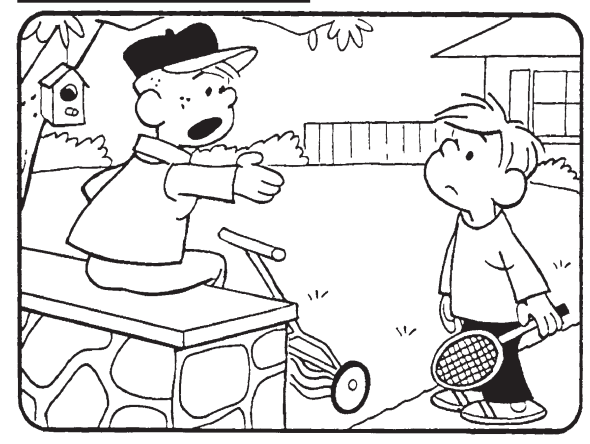
Online condolences may be sent to carlwilsonfuneralhome.com

Wilson Smith Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Hughes family.



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Birdhouse is missing. 2. Arm is moved. 3. Lawn mower is missing. 4. Fence is shorter. 5. Head is tilted. 6. Tennis racket is missing.

Super Crossword

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Alabama city | 1 Rocket part |
| 6 Change to fit | 2 Flynn of old Hollywood |
| 11 Kind of port on a PC | 3 Boxer Ali |
| 14 Seizes the attention of | 4 Iraq's locale |
| 19 Follow behind | 5 Sheltered from the wind |
| 20 First half of an album | 6 "Have — trip" |
| 21 Salada drink | 7 How faint memories are recalled |
| 22 Roll back to 0 | 8 "Zip- — -Doo-Dah" |
| 23 "Hitchin' —" | 9 Father, in French |
| 24 U.S. version of a cue sport | 10 Chinese calisthenics system |
| 27 Argonauts' quest | 11 Thespian great Hagen |
| 29 Screening airport gp. | 12 Popular Nissans |
| 30 Lead-in for Rooter or tiller | 13 Certain guitar player |
| 31 Israel's main airline | 14 Miracle- — |
| 32 Motorist's 180, slangily | 15 Corporate shake-up, for short |
| 33 Common seabird with black wingtips | 16 Invite on a date |
| 36 Doc wielding a penlight | 17 Scarab, e.g. |
| 38 Chou En- — | 18 Leisurely walk |
| 40 "— la vista!" | 25 2.0 grade |
| 41 — Aviv | 26 French edict city of old |
| 42 Chess piece four squares from the king at the start of the game | 28 Granola bits |
| 47 Alternatives to inns | 34 "Help Me, —" (1965 hit) |
| 49 Wife's father, e.g. | 35 Fancy party |
| 50 Left on the dinner table | 37 Boise-to-Spokane dir. |
| 52 Arid African expanse | 55 Inmate who's broken out |
| 56 Small drinks | 57 African cobra |
| 57 Keep — profile | 100 Staples Center, e.g. |
| 58 Egypt's Anwar | 101 "Aw, shucks!" |
| 61 Experts | 102 Pantry pest |
| 62 Mooing herd (1970 hit) | 103 Baby who doesn't need a pacifier, perhaps |
| 64 Cars move up and down in it | 106 Actor Mineo |
| 68 Fleur-de- — | 108 Spoken |
| 69 "Yes, yes!" in Spain | 112 Sorvino of "Mimic" |
| 71 Land in the ocean, to Yvette | 113 I love, to Livia |
| 72 Iraq's locale | 114 It connects to a car engine's water pump |
| 73 Group of two | 118 People who do what's at the ends of nine answers in this puzzle |
| 74 Certain injury from an arachnid | 121 Barbera's collaborator in cartoons |
| 78 Gives 10% to the church | 122 Borden's "spokescow" |
| 80 See 96-Down | 123 Actor Romero |
| 81 Dragster fuel | 124 Common bellybutton |
| 82 Guesses at JFK or SFO | 125 Rear- — (car accident) |
| 84 Iowa city | 126 Banana oil or benzoate |
| 86 Printed notice with no pictures | 127 Secret U.S. gov. group |
| 89 Newly capped tire | 128 Big name in insurance |
| 91 Makes a sock, say | 129 Deck out |
| 92 Old buddies | |

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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THE WIDEN NEWS



The people who think alike should vote alike.

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Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.

Have You Heard That . . .

Widen visitors reported here in recent weeks, include: Lois Nicholas who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Nicholas of Roane Street . . . Mr. and Mrs. Richard Starcher with the Lakie D. Starchers . . . Mrs. Thomas E. Hareford (Nancy Shearer) at her parent's home, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shearer; Mrs. Hareford's husband is an Air National Guardsman 3-C, expected home from ANG encampment this week after which they will return to their home in Charleston where Mr. Hareford is employed by the Automotive Parts Company . . . Mrs. Artie Riggeman from Akron, Ohio to visit her sister, Mrs. Doris Beam of Strange Creek . . . Mr. and Mrs. D. Russell Hogue of Orlando, Florida visiting with Mrs. Hogue's mother and family, Mrs. Stanley Gibson; son Denny and daughter Janet will remain with their grandmother and Aunt Helen for the summer . . . Harry L. Shaffer at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Shaffer. Harry is employed by the Locke Manufacturing Company at Lodi, Ohio . . . Mrs. Dorsel Perry (Sharon Dodrill) and children Pam and Mike visiting with Mrs. Perry's parents Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dodrill . . . Miss Reuginia Wood from Washington to visit with parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Wood and family . . . Mr. and Mrs. Hal Neal (Gladys Ellis) and Diana Jean from Cleveland, O. visiting with parents and families here . . . Mrs. Betty Tharp (Betty Butcher) of Uniontown, Pa. with sons Phillip 6 and Jeffrey 2, at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Butcher

he went to Kissemie to see his eldest daughter, Miss Deanna Ruth Stalnaker, graduate from the Osceola High School of that city; then to a small new town near Tampa where he hopes someday to build a new home and shop . . . The Walker W. Hendersons worked out a clever plan to spend some time in Indianapolis, Indiana, with their eldest daughter Luanna, Mrs. Harold Bryant and Mr. Bryant. Mr. and Mrs. Farrell Henderson motored to that city with their Mother and Dad, spent a few days then returned to Widen leaving their parents there, who will be brought home when Mr. and Mrs. Joe Potasnik, Jr. take their vacation there. (Nice going, chilluns!) . . . Mr. and Mrs. Newt S. Frame of Strange Creek are expecting to spend some time with Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Boggs (Doris Jean) of Circle Barnwell, S. C. unless the young couple get to attend the Fourth of July Homecoming here celebrating Doris Jean's 19th birthday . . . Miss Drema Dodrill was home on an over-night-I'm-homesick-trip from her sister's home, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hamrick in Charleston . . .

Sunday School Class Brings Surprise 'Apple' to Teacher

The boys and girls of Mrs. Reva Wilson's Walnut Grove Methodist Church Sunday School class took off their shoes and "snuck" into the living room of the Charles Wilsons on Wilson Ridge June 14th, and were quietly waiting for her to "discover" them with their packages of bread, cake, cup cakes, (which some of the boys baked) and gifts galore. She did, and when she recovered from her confusion at being caught so easily, found that the affair was engineered and promoted by her three sons David, Jack, and Rocky; aided and abetted by Paul and Carolyn Dean, Joyce Houghton, Janice Triplett, Larry and Billy Waters, Judy Gibson, Cathleen Hall, Junior, and Ernest Hardway, Coleman Murphy, Sue Dean, Jane Gibson, Mildred Gibson, Herbie and Earl Gibson, and Ernest Hall. Of course the Wilsons added the ice cream to make the eats complete.

Bereavement Comes

Mr. and Mrs. Troy King of Hookersville mourn the loss of their newborn grandson who only lived one day; Darrell James King. His parents live in . . . O. The baby died in the Richwood Hospital.

Mrs. Clarence Fisher of Swandale lost her father recently, William Oscar Adkins, a former employee of Elrico. He passed away at his home in Harrison at the age of 65 years. He is survived also by another daughter and four sons.

Here and There

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Banta of Orlando, Florida, and their children Janie and Tommie are visiting with Mrs. Banta's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Johnson, until after the Fourth . . . YMCA barber John Stalnaker is back on the job after a three thousand mile jaunt to and over Florida where

Widen Relief Committee Meets

The Widen Relief Committee met at the offices of Elk River Coal and Lumber Company on Monday, May 27, 1957, at 4:00 P. M., with Lanty Facemire, Lloyd Butcher, Jr., and Ernie Acree representing the employees and R. G. Elliott, who acted as chairman, and G. D. Craft, representing the company. The committee noted with regret the passing of one of the retired men during May. That was George Johnson, who had been on the retired list nearly six years. His death left 28 men on the list at present, all of whom were approved for \$100 for the month of June.

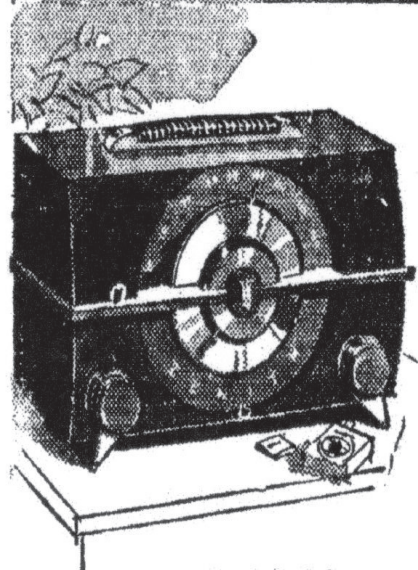
Twelve men received disability benefits, nine for the entire month and three for a part of the month. Three men, Oral Sigman, Norval Keener, and T. A. Salisbury, returned to work during May.

There were two additions to the list of survivors receiving benefits. Those were Hettie Bowers, widow of Chelsie Bowers, with five small children, and Lillie Johnson, widow of George Johnson, with two dependent great-grandchildren. There are now a total of twenty-nine widows and fifty-nine minor dependents receiving these benefits. Payments to Mrs. Pearl Casto and Mrs. Flora Graham were reduced \$10 per month each as a child in each of those families reached age 18 during May.

Medical and hospital bills were approved for 201 employees at Charleston, Clay, Clendenin, Cowen, Fairmont, Gassaway, Gauley Bridge, Glenville, Marmet, Montgomery, Philippi, Richwood, Summersville and Sutton, W. Va., and Kingman, Arizona, in addition to the regular list account at Charleston General Hospital. None of the bills submitted at this meeting was turned down, and a bill that had been turned down at the last meeting was reconsidered and paid when evidence was produced that in this particular case it was necessary that extraction of teeth be done under care of a medical doctor due to the physical condition of the young patient.

The number of bills for baby cases being paid by the Relief Committee indicates that the number of persons eligible for benefits is increasing at a rather steady pace. Has that new baby at your house had his (or her) name added to the list of your dependents on your card at the payroll office? Save yourself cash and embarrassment by being sure the card is kept up to date at all times.

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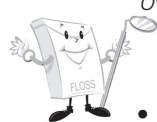
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August is National Immunization Awareness Month



As part of National Immunization Awareness Month, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Public Health joins partners across the country to highlight the importance of routine vaccination for people of all ages. Governor Jim Justice also proclaimed August as Immunization Month in West Virginia.

“Children and adults are encouraged to keep vaccinations up to date to protect themselves and vulnerable populations from vaccine preventable diseases,” said Dr. Matthew Christiansen, Commissioner for DHHR’s Bureau for Public Health and State Health Officer. “Vaccines are the safest way to protect against preventable illnesses, and routine well-visits with your physician help ensure you or your child do not fall behind on vaccines.”

On-time vaccination throughout childhood provides immunity before children are exposed to potentially life-threatening diseases. Vaccines are recommended for adults based on age, health condition, job, lifestyle, travel, and other factors. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Adult Vaccines Self-Assessment Tool helps users determine when vaccines are recommended.

Learn more about vaccines for children and adults at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/index.html. To view and apply for careers in the public health field, visit dhhr.wv.gov/Pages/Career-Opportunities.aspx.

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LEGALS

Notice of Administration to Creditors, Distributees & Legatees

Notice is hereby given that the following estate(s) have been opened for probate in the Clay County Clerk’s Office at P.O. Box 190, 246 Main Street, Clay, WV 25043-0190. Any person seeking to impeach or establish a will must make a complaint in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code 41-5-11 through 13. Any interested person objecting to the qualifications of the personal representative or the venue or jurisdiction of the court, shall file written notice of an objection with the County Commission through the Clay County Clerk’s Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of the first publication or within 30 days of the service of the notice, whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is forever barred. Any person interested in filing claims against an estate must file them in accordance with West Virginia Code 44-2 or 44-3A.

Settlement of the estate(s) of the following named decedent(s) will proceed without reference to a fiduciary commissioner unless within 60 days from the first publication of this notice a reference is requested by a party of interest or an unpaid creditor files a claim and good cause is shown to support reference to a fiduciary commissioner.

Publication Date: Thursday, August 3, 2023
Claim Deadline: Monday, October 2, 2023

APPOINTMENT DATE	01/26/2023
ESTATE NAME:	BUFFORD LYNN BROWN
ADMINISTRATRIX	DR. RESSIE LYNN PHILLIPS 53 BYRON RD SUMMERSVILLE WV 26651 JOHN F HUSSELL IV WOOTON, DAVIS, HUSSELL & JOHNSON, PLLC PO BOX 3971 CHARLESTON WV 25339
ATTORNEY	
APPOINTMENT DATE	05/30/2023
ESTATE NAME:	BILLY JOE DORSEY
EXECUTRIX	PAMELA M DORSEY 401 NORTH DAVIS AVE NEWTON NC 28658-2224
APPOINTMENT DATE	07/13/2023
ESTATE NAME:	DIANN M LEGG
EXECUTOR	RUSSELL B LEGG JR 158 GRASSY FORK RD LIZEMORES WV 25125-8102
APPOINTMENT DATE	03/08/2023
ESTATE NAME:	PHYLLIS Y MORTON
EXECUTOR	KENNETH SCOTT MORTON 533 PACK FORK RD LIZEMORES WV 25125-8087
Subscribed and sworn to before me on 7/31/2023	
Sheila Stone County Clerk Clay County P.O. Box 190 246 Main Street Clay WV 25043-0190	

LEGALS

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON

CASE NO. 23-0434-G-PC
HOPE GAS, INC. and SOUTHERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
Joint petition for consent and approval for Hope Gas, Inc. to acquire Southern Public Service Company

NOTICE OF FILING

On May 19, 2023, Hope Gas, Inc. (Hope) and Southern Public Service Company (Southern) (jointly, petitioners) filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia (Commission) a joint petition (Joint Petition) for Commission consent and approval of an acquisition transaction pursuant to which Hope would acquire all of the capital stock in Southern and merge Southern into Hope. Southern currently provides natural gas sales to approximately 6,400 customers in six counties in West Virginia.

In the Joint Petition, Southern and Hope assert that the acquisition transaction will have no adverse effect on Southern’s or Hope’s customers, other public utilities, or the public in general. Following the transaction, the former utility assets of Southern will be owned and operated by Hope, subject to the Commission’s continuing jurisdiction and regulation. From and after the closing of the acquisition, the former customers of Southern will become customers of Hope.

Upon the closing of the Transaction, Southern’s customers will continue to pay Southern’s existing base rates and purchased gas adjustment (PGA) rate as it changes from time to time, and a Legacy Surcharge rate increment, which surcharge equates to Hope’s pipeline replacement and expansion (PREP) rate increment, as it changes from time to time. Consequently, at close, based on the current base, PGA and surcharge rates proposed, the average monthly bill impact for Southern’s customers as a result of the Transaction will be as follows:

Type of Customer	Increase/(Decrease)	Percentage Increase/(Decrease)
Residential	\$ 5.88	9.74 %
Commercial	\$ 17.39	7.20 %
Transportation	\$ 224.77	2.73 %

Hope proposes that the Southern customers will eventually pay the Hope base rates plus PGA rates and Legacy Surcharge as those rates change from time to time. If the Southern customers were immediately charged the Hope base rates, the current Hope PGA rate, and the current Legacy Surcharge rate, the average monthly bill impact for Southern’s customers as a result of the transaction would be as follows:

Type of Customer	Increase/(Decrease)	Percentage Increase/(Decrease)
Residential	\$ 25.92	42.97 %
Commercial	\$ 56.20	23.28 %
Transportation	(\$ 1,701.96)**	(20.68 %)

**Does not reflect the cost of retinage. Hope will retain between 5.5% and 8.0% of a transportation customer’s self-supply gas delivered to Hope.

The Joint Petition is on file with and available for public inspection at the Commission, 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia, and is available online at the Commission website (www.psc.state.wv.us). Anyone desiring to intervene or protest should file a written request to intervene or protest no later than thirty (30) days following the date of this notice, unless such period is otherwise modified by Commission Order. Failure to timely intervene or protest can affect your right to participate in or protest aspects of this proceeding. All requests to intervene or protest should briefly state the reason for the request to intervene or protest and comply with the rules set forth in the Commission’s [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#). All requests to intervene and protests should state the reason for the request to intervene or protest and comply with the rules set forth in the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure. All requests to intervene and protests should contain the case name and number and be addressed to Karen Buckley, Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

In the absence of substantial protest received within thirty (30) days of the issuance of this notice, the Commission may waive formal hearing and grant the Joint Petition based on the Commission’s review of the evidence submitted with the Joint Petition.

HOPE GAS, INC.
SOUTHERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY

LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CLAY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

IN RE: State v. Aquayla Fugate Case No. 23-F-16
In the matter of the State of West Virginia vs. Aquayla Fugate,
ORDER OF PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF ANSWER
To: AQUAYLA FUGATE

(The object of this action is to notify the Defendant of an Indictment herein filed so that said Defendant may answer the same to protect her interest.)

You are hereby notified that an Indictment has been filed with the Circuit Court of Clay County, West Virginia, on the 11th day of July 2023, and assigned Case Number 23-F-16 wherein. You are hereby notified that you are required to appear and you have the right to have counsel present at all stages of these proceedings.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that Aquayla Fugate shall appear before this honorable court for an Arraignment Hearing. It is further ORDERED that Aquayla Fugate shall appear on the 5th day of September 2023, at 9:15 a.m., before the Honorable Richard Facemire at the Clay County Courthouse, 246 Main Street, Clay, West Virginia.

A copy of said Indictment can be obtained from the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Clay County, West Virginia, at the Clay County Courthouse, Clay West Virginia.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
BY: Jim E. Samples, Prosecuting Attorney Clay County
ENTERED by the Clerk of said Court this the 9th day of August, 2023.

Clarissa D. Hanshaw
Clarissa D. Hanshaw, Clerk of Court

LEGALS

Public Hearing Notice

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health, Office of Nutrition Services, Women, Infants and Children’s (WIC) Program is seeking public comment on its 2024 State Plan, in accordance with Federal Regulations 246.4 (23) (b). The plan outlines the program’s goals, priorities and objectives for the upcoming fiscal year.

A public hearing will be held to receive public comment on the plan on Friday, August 11, 2023, in Room 507 at 350 Capitol Street, Charleston, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

A copy of the State Plan may be viewed on the Office of Nutrition Services website at <https://dhhr.wv.gov/WIC/policyprocedure/Pages/default.aspx>. Written comments about the plan may be sent to: WV WIC Program, Room 515, 350 Capitol Street, Charleston, WV 25301-3717, Attention: Public Comment. The deadline for submitting written comments is August 25, 2023. Those comments will be made available for public review at the above address beginning Wednesday, August 30, 2023, through Wednesday, September 6, 2023, on regular business days between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information contact:
Heidi Staats
WV WIC Program Director
304-558-0030
E-mail: Heidi.E.Staats@wv.gov

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Notice of Ancillary Filing without any Administration to Creditors, Distributees & Legatees

Notice is hereby given that the following foreign will or affidavit of heirs has been filed in the Clay County Clerk’s Office at P.O. Box 190, 246 Main Street, Clay, WV 25043, and no appointment or administration is being made pursuant to the provisions of West Virginia Code 44-1-14b.

An interested person(s) objecting to the filing of the foreign will or affidavit or objecting to the absence of appointment or administration being made in this state must file a statement with the Clay County Commission through the County Clerk’s Office at the address listed above within 60 days after the date of first publication or 30 days of service of the

Commission upon receiving any timely objection thereto shall schedule a hearing or hearings thereon and order relief, if any. It considers proper including, but not limited to, an order directing that full and complete ancillary administration of the estate of the nonresident decedent be made in this state.

First Publication Date: Thursday, August 10, 2023

ESTATE NAME: Effie Ann Carr, 287 East St., Wadsworth, Ohio 44281
ANCILLARY ADMINISTRATOR: Randall Carr c/o Steptoe & Johnson, 400 White Oaks Boulevard, Bridgeport, WV 26330

Subscribed and sworn to before me on August 2, 2023.

Sheila Stone
Sheila Stone
Clerk of the Clay County Commission

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Tariff Form No. 8-C
(Tariff Rule 14.2 et seq. (Historical Rule 30-C))
PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGE IN RATES UPON APPLICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that Hope Gas, Inc. (the “Company”), a public utility, has filed with the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, an application containing decreased rates, tolls and charges for furnishing natural gas service to all of its customers at various locations in the Counties of Barbour, Boone, Braxton, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Gilmer, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mingo, Monongalia, Nicholas, Pleasants, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood and Wyoming.

The proposed decreased rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2023, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will decrease revenues approximately \$38.0 million annually, a decrease of 27.50%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

TYPE OF CUSTOMER	(\$) DECREASE	(%) DECREASE
Residential	\$19.60	16.93%
Small Commercial Sales	\$82.58	20.22%
Small Commercial Transport 1/	\$10.06	0.95%
Large Commercial Sales	\$4,401.82	26.10%
Large Commercial Transport 1/	\$147.70	1.69%
Industrial Sales	\$7,699.35	27.49%
Resale Sales	\$10,509.21	25.57%
Daily Balancing for Transport	\$0.00	0.00%
1/ To account for decrease in standby rate.		

Resale customers of the Company include Standard Gas Co., Consumers Gas Utility Co., Cardinal Natural Gas Company - Northern Division (Lumberport), Mountaineer Gas Co., Southern Public Service Co., Cardinal Natural Gas Company - Northern Division (Blacksville), and Peoples Gas WV LLC.

The decreases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated classes. Each class may receive a decrease greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive decreases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested decreased rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increase or decrease) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase or decrease in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. (If a hearing is conducted, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at the Morgantown office of the Company, 781 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 100, Morgantown, West Virginia.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

The 30-C procedure is designed to provide a procedure for changing rates charged to customers by natural gas distribution utilities based exclusively on the cost of purchased gas. Consequently, protest should be limited to the reasonableness of such costs and the method by which they are calculated. Anyone desiring to protest or intervene should file a written protest or notice of intervention within twenty-five (25) days following the date of this publication unless otherwise modified by Commission order. Failure to timely intervene can affect your rights to protest any rate increases or to participate in future proceedings. Requests to intervene must comply with the Commission’s rules on intervention set forth in the Commission’s [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#). All interventions must be mailed or hand-delivered and be addressed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, Post Office Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323, with copies to Daniel M. Taylor, Jr., Hope Gas, Inc., 781 Chestnut Ridge Road, Suite 100, Morgantown, WV 26505 and Kurt L. Krieger, Post Office Box 1588, Charleston, WV 25326-1588. Protests may be filed online through the Commission website using the “Submit a Comment” link or may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, Post Office Box 812, Charleston, West Virginia 25323.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO CHANGE PURCHASED GAS RATES

Notice is hereby given that Peoples Gas WV LLC, a public utility, has filed with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia, an application containing increased purchased gas rates for furnishing natural gas service to 12,700 customers in the Counties of Northwestern Barbour, Braxton, Clay, Doddridge, Gilmer, Harrison, Lewis, Marion, Marshall, Monongalia, Ritchie, Taylor, Tyler, Upshur, and Wetzel.

The proposed increased rates will become effective November 1, 2023 unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will produce approximately \$785,678 annually in increased revenue, an increase of 4.5%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed as follows:

	(\$) Increase	(%) Increase
Residential	\$3.89	4.41%
Commercial	\$18.43	4.82%
Industrial	\$65.35	4.98%

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated class. Each class may receive an increase or decrease greater or less than stated here. Individual customers may receive increases that are greater or less than average. Furthermore, the requested increased rates and charges are only a proposal and are subject to change (increases or decreases) by the Public Service Commission in its review of this filing. Any increase in rates and charges will not become effective until authorized and approved by the Public Service Commission. (If a hearing is conducted, notice will be given of the time and place of hearing.)

A complete copy of the proposed rates, as well as a representative of the Company to provide any information requested concerning it, is available to all customers, prospective customers, or their agents at any of the following offices of the Company: 1200 Bottle Works Ave, Fairmont, WV 26554.

A copy of the proposed rates is available for public inspection at the office of the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission at 201 Brooks Street, Charleston, West Virginia.

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Mounting Evidence Finds Youth Incarceration Ineffective

By Nadia Ramlagan for WVNS

A wealth of research shows youth incarceration doesn't increase public safety or work for youth well-being, according to a recent report from the Sentencing Project.

Despite the evidence, West Virginia has been slow to implement juvenile-justice reforms and reduce the number of kids behind bars.

In recent years, West Virginia had the highest rate of incarcerated youths in the nation - with 329 youths in state custody in 2017.

Senior Fellow at the Sentencing Project and report author Richard Mendel said effective alternatives to incarceration are catching on in some states.

He pointed to Credible Messengers, a program that provides intensive mentoring to youths at high risk of offending.

"The mentors work intensively with young people," said Mendel. "They're typically available 24/7, providing support and encouragement and crisis intervention for the young people."

According to state data, out of more than three hundred probation officers in West Virginia, twenty work in county school systems.

Recently, the state's juvenile-justice subcommittee recommended more than \$300,000 in funding toward community-based programs and services for juveniles and their families.

Mendel said alternatives to traditional court processing include restorative justice conferencing, which focuses on repairing the harm caused by an offense.

During conferencing, the crime victim and the young person meet along with important people in their lives, discuss the harm caused by the events, and craft a plan for the youths to make it right to pay back the victim.

"To date, most restorative-justice programs have focused on minor offenses," said Mendel. "But some jurisdictions have started employing restorative justice as an alternative to court processing for youth."

Nearly a decade ago, West Virginia passed a statute eliminating life-without-parole sentences for juveniles, and requiring juvenile offenders be eligible for parole after serving no more than 15 years.

100 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

The month of August has been home to many historical events over the years. Here's a look at some that helped to shape the world in August 1923.



United States President Warren G. Harding dies suddenly in San Francisco on August 2. President Harding was conversing with relatives when he passed away from what was then suspected to be a stroke but is now believed to have been heart failure. President Harding was 57 years old.

Henry Sullivan becomes the first American to swim the English Channel when he completes the feat on August 6. Sullivan needed a little more than a full day

to make his mark on history, swimming the channel in 27 hours and 25 minutes.

Many businesses close and owners go on strike in Berlin on August 9. The protest is an attempt to force German Chancellor Wilhelm Cuno from office. Opposition to Cuno hardened over the next several days, ultimately prompting him and his cabinet to resign on August 12.



An expedition by the American Museum of Natural History to the Flaming Cliffs in Mongolia's Gobi Desert leads to the discovery of the first velociraptor fossil on August 11.

A series of tidal waves strike the western coast of Korea on August 15. At least 346 people are killed and an additional 1,000 are considered missing after 25,000 homes are submerged in waves and

flooding.



Ada Delutuk Blackjack is rescued on August 19 after being marooned on Wrangel Island above the Arctic Circle. Blackjack, an Alaskan native hired as a cook for a Canadian expedition to claim the island for Canada, had been marooned since September 15, 1921. Blackjack was the last survivor among the five-person expedition team.

On August 20, a train is robbed near Okemah, Oklahoma, and bandits take off with \$20,000 in cash and bonds. The incident marks one of the last train robberies in the United States.

Lawmakers in Kalamazoo, Michigan, pass an ordinance on August 21 that

forbids dancers to stare into their partners' eyes.

Four-year-old child actress Peggy-Jean Montgomery signs a three-year, \$1 million contract on August 26. Known as "Baby Peggy," Montgomery would make more than 150 short films and receive millions of fan letters in the 1920s. However, Montgomery's parents mismanaged her earnings and she was forced to work as an extra by the 1930s.

The first parliamentary election since the founding of the Irish Free State is held on August 27.



"The Hunchback of Notre Dame" starring Lon Chaney premieres at New York City's Carnegie Hall on August 30. The silent film is the most expensive Universal Pictures production up to that time.

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How to get your best photos this fall season



By Allen Hamrick

Summer sports and fall sports will be clashing soon, and the landscape will also change with the bright colors of autumn. Your kids are on the team or you're planning a leaf trip to catch the vivid colors that will soon dot the landscape, but you can't seem to get the camera to cooperate with your eyes. I am sure that at some time you have wondered why your photos don't look like ones in a magazine or perhaps you wish that you could take a wall hanger photo from a trip in the mountains. I have been asked to give some tips to the parents for great sports photos and tips for fall shooting. Here are some tips I use to get the job done. What's the big secret, the trick to getting those images? It's not impossible, it's not luck, and it is not dependent on tricks. It's not necessarily equipment (unless you're shooting an evening ballgame or the night sky) or Photoshop skill. It is a number of decisions, based on those brief moments when you see a scene, raise your camera to your eye, frame the shot, adjust the settings and click the shutter.

raise a camera to your eye will get you the best shots in sports. Shooting from the end zone will give you the best chance at an uncluttered background and a good image. So, picking the spot you will shoot is always a top priority in sports or landscapes. You have to consider the point of view that will give your subject the best point of view.



Anticipating what will happen will yield great results.

Here's what to do:

Follow the Light: The eye is always looking for the best lighting, the dance of light, shadows and silhouettes even in ball games. So, it is important during the game or in the field to trust the creativity that is embedded in everybody. Everybody has the ability to find the best angle, the best light at the time the shutter is snapped. You have to be aware of the quality of light – the color, the warmth or coolness of the light or as the camera says white balance. Ideally, a landscape shooter only shoots at the best times - in the morning and evening. But that isn't always possible in sports, so you must seek out the setting that makes the best of the available light. During night time sports activities, sometimes the light is there but not the subject and sometime you just have to wait. Lighting on the main subject and the light in the background could enhance or distract from the subject. You have to get yourself in the right position according to the light that's available whether it's the sun or field lights, so move around as necessary as it changes.

Anticipating: To get the photo you want, you have to anticipate the shot before it happens especially in sports or landscapes. Being able to see the composition of the image before you



The intense moments will always be remembered.

Metering: When you find that interesting light or what light is given, you have to know how to meter the camera for it. Don't count on your camera to know how your eyes see the scene, so do pretest shots using partial metering or spot metering directed at the scene to determine your exposure settings. It is a discipline that requires practice, especially in hard lighting. Most all cameras have a metering section... use it.

Camera Settings: Know your camera inside and out and understand its limitations and strengths. Not all cameras are suited for sports, but all cameras are good for landscapes. If you are a sports mama or dad that has kids playing sports, it is best to bite the bullet and invest in a good camera and lens, otherwise you will be disappointed. A lens that carries a 2.8 aperture throughout the zoom is best for sports. It is a must because a camera tends to under-expose or over-expose in certain situations, especially during a night time sporting event.



Capture the emotion.

Aperture Priority Mode: Aperture priority mode, if your camera is equipped, can control the aperture and depth of field which will institute a relationship of near and far elements of foreground and background. Blurring the background will make the subject pop to the eye thus making a dramatic great photo. The APM is a great creative mode to shoot in.

Shutter Priority Mode: This mode is used to freeze a moment or perhaps blur a scene or a pan shot. Knowing the proper shutter speed is critical to this type of shot; never let the camera choose it for you or you will be disappointed.

ISO: The film speed is critical for low light conditions; it controls the amount of light that the camera sees.

Framing: When you look through a viewfinder, frame the shot so that all parts of the frame - the subject, from edge to edge and each corner, from near to far - is within its borders. Move left or right, or up or down to get all you want in the frame without unwanted background.

Clicking the Shutter: Finally! Press the shutter smoothly. Set your camera for a single exposure for landscape or multiple exposures for sports.

These are just a few tips that can get you started; practice them and most importantly, don't just set the camera on auto and shoot. Most of the time that will not get the shot you wanted, and in sports, it almost always leaves you scratching your head. It is also not a necessity to have a pro camera with pro lenses to get a great image. It is all about your eyes and the final product that you want people to see or to simply enjoy the moment you captured for years to come. It is the process of knowing how to adjust your camera for the situation you are in and use its controls, as well as making decisions based on your understanding of the many shots you have done. Practice makes perfect and learning from your mistakes will always get you the best results. Having a \$10,000 set of golf clubs doesn't make you a better golfer any more than a \$10,000 camera and lens will make you a good photographer. Experimenting and learning from the results, both good and bad, and how to adjust the camera you have will give you the best results.



Learning aperture controls and lighting gives quality photos.