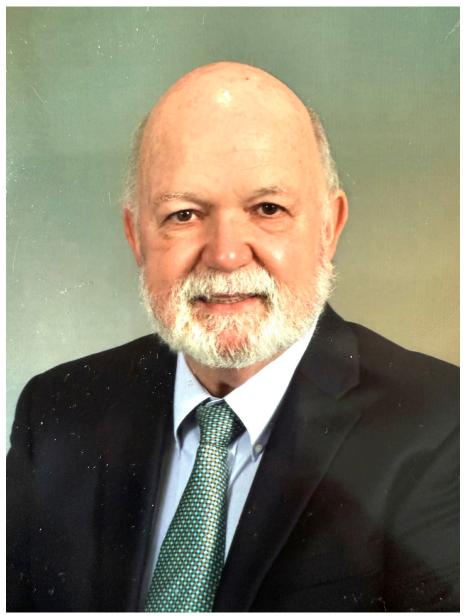
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### Area dentist, Dr. R.B. Legg Jr., celebrates milestone in career



August 2, 2025 marked 50 years of practicing dentistry for area dentist Dr. R.B. Legg Jr.

On August 2, 1975, Dr. Russell Brooks Legg, Jr. began serving his local community by starting a dental practice in the town of Clay. This Aug. 2 marked his 50th anniversary. From humble beginnings working in his father's general store, Dr. Legg developed the inner values that would carry him into adulthood and throughout his career. He is an avid fisherman and hunter, and always found time to finish his chores early, so that he could get out into the woods. He achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in high school where he learned leadership skills and the importance of public service.

He graduated Clay County High School in 1968. He attended both University of Kentucky and West Virginia University, with majors in chemistry and physics. Due to his exemplary academic record, he was accepted early to West Virginia University School of Dentistry through their accelerated program. There, Dr. Legg excelled even further by being named the top academic freshman of his class. He received the Robert Biddington Scholarship, which is awarded to the freshmen dental student with the highest scholastic grade point average. Not bad for a country boy, eh?

Dr. Legg leaned onto the values and skillsets that he learned as a young boy in Indore, WV and as an Eagle Scout, to propel him through dental school. Dr. Legg finished third in his dental school class of '68, graduating in 1975. He received many awards at graduation including his election to the Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKC) honor dental fraternity, which is limited to those dental students who have distinguished themselves by excellence in scholarship. He also received the American Academy of Oral Medicine Award, a Certificate of Honor (1975), the C.V. Mosley Award, and the Dentsply Removable Prosthodontics Award.

Dr. Legg married the love of his life, Diann Marie Brown of Cannelton, WV on July 20, 1974. After graduation, Dr. Legg and his wife Diann moved back to his hometown of Clay to begin his practice. Dr. Legg and his wife Diann opened a practice in the Clay County Health Department on Main Street in

After several years, Dr. Legg broke the walk.

ground on his own office on 63 Carr St. in Clay, WV. He started out with one assistant and one secretary. Through adversity, Dr. Legg continued his serve to the community he loves, and grew his practice. He added dental hygienists, office administration and two additional dentists to his practice.

He has devoted most of his adult life to his patients, both adult and pediatric. Most of his patients know Dr. Legg to be a jokester and also a man of incredible integrity. He has mentored and tutored many students in the Clay County education system over the years. He has been known to say, "I've never worked a day in my life. I have the greatest job in the world." His admiration is routinely reflected by his patients through the decades.

He was elected to the Clay County Board of Education in 1986 and was selected as President in 1998. He served as President of the Board of Education for 17 out of his 29 years as a member. He has always and continues to be an advocate for improving the economic and education opportunities for the residents of Clay County. He has a true passion for dentistry and serving his community. He has led by example his entire life, and continues to do so. He is a member and deacon of the Buffalo Valley Baptist Church. He has three children who adore him, and grew up in his practice. Dr. Legg's practice is welcoming to all and has a family environment. When he expanded his office in 2001, he added a large communal room for his office family. Family and faith are the truths most valuable to Dr. Legg. Over the last 50 years, Dr. Legg has seen hundreds of patients both young and old. A big kid himself, he has developed a book of jokes, where his common contributors are his pediatric patients.

Dr. Legg's career is one that many dream of. He has stayed true the values that were instilled in him as a child, and has persisted to achieve excellence. Success has various definitions. How do we measure one's success? I'd say, for Dr. Legg, why don't you ask his community. He has made an incredible impact of many lives in Clay County, one smile at a time. Dr. Legg's practice not only talks the talk. He walks



### Clay County loses historic icon, Henry Clay Hotel, in downtown fire

By Gary Lee Stuber

The historic Henry Clay Hotel in downtown Clay on late Wednesday afternoon was reported on fire by 911 services. By midnight it was a total loss. As of Friday evening as this is being written, it is still on fire, a controlled fire, monitored by the Clay County fire department. Mike Scott, with the fire department, said, "I was at the fire department when the call came in. It is standard to call in a second fire department. As I got to looking at the building, I called in a third department." Eventually there would be nine different departments called in to fight the fire. Big Otter, Lizemore, Newton, Clendenin, Servia, Frametown, Clover, and, Mike says, "A group from Gauley River also associated with the Fayette County Fire School brought down a big cooling tent." That was badly needed. Wednesday was hot, humidity was high and the raging fire only added to the heat. Add in the heavy protective gear the firefighters wear and you can easily see how the tent helped tremendously.

The fire department had to have electric power shut down in Clay as they battled the fire across overhead power lines in front of the hotel. Ladders and water across active power lines is not a safe thing. Fortunately, there was no fire damage to either the power lines, phone lines or the new fiber optic cables. Power was restored as quickly as possible.

Despite the big cooling tent, four firefighters were treated for heat exhaustion and smoke inhalation by local EMS, and



The scene was monitored until the fire dwindled.

a fourth firefighter was treated onsite for heat exhaustion and transported to a Charleston area hospital for observation. He is fine.

"We couldn't get the fire out," Mike says, "But we got it knocked back enough we could start sending people home about midnight." He said they kept an engine there all night. And they have been periodically spraying it down in the days since. Friday afternoon, the second floor and the remaining roof collapsed and appears to be in its final stages of burning.

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## Go big or go home was the **CTE** summer camp motto



Big Foot and his chair are complete and ready for visitors. Allen Hamrick photo.

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## BOOKED



## REGIONAL JAIL MUGSHOTS

#### BRAXTON COUNTY



Randy Roger Childers Booked 8/3/25 Driving revoked, expired MVI



Adron Harold Claypool Booked 8/4/25 False report emergency, Capias, prohibited person with firearm

#### CLAY COUNTY



Jeffery Earnest Mollohan Booked 8/2/25 Attempted burglary



James Edward Tidwell Booked 7/30/25 Fleeing in vehicle with reckless indifference to the safety of others

Joshua Burl McCourt Booked 7/28/25 Domestic battery

Jennifer L. Douglas Booked 8/3/25 Domestic battery

CLAY COUNTY



Michael Chad Hodge Booked 7/30/25 Conspiracy, receiving or transferring stolen goods



Kristin Dawn Johnston Booked 7/30/25 Receiving or transferring stolen goods, conspiracy

#### NICHOLAS COUNTY



Brandy Marie Chapman Booked 8/2/25 Capias



Tristan David Lewis Musick Booked 7/30/25 Escape



Frederick James Rinker Booked 8/4/25 Wanton endangerment



Michael Shane Tenney Booked 8/4/25 Possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance

#### NICHOLAS COUNTY



Travis Leroy Thompson Booked 7/28/25 DOP, grand larceny



Jeremy Allen White Booked 8/3/25 Circuit court Capias



Bonnie Jean Yates Booked 8/4/25 Pretrial felon

# PUBLIC NOTICES

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.

### Puzzle Answers Weekly SUDOKU

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### Public comments taken in Appalachian's ENEC case

The Public Service Commission of West Virginia has scheduled a virtual and in-person public comment hearing and an evidentiary hearing on a proposed \$71.6 million annual increase in Expanded Net Energy Cost (ENEC) rates for Appalachian Power and Wheeling Power Company customers.

The public comment hearing will begin at 5:30 p.m. on August 11, and the evidentiary hearing will begin the following day at 9:30 a.m., continuing through August 13, if necessary. Both hearings will be held at PSC headquarters, 201 Brooks St., Charleston.

Those who wish to participate in the public comment hearing should register with the Commission by 4 p.m. on August 8. Registration may be made through the Microsoft Teams meeting link at https://bit.ly/ WVPSC202508011. You may also register by calling Alexis Weimer at (304) 340-0822 or Andrew Gallagher at (304) 340-0820; or by emailing aweimer@psc.state. wv.us or agallagher@psc.state.wv.us.

Those who wish to comment in person should attend and sign up to speak before 5:30 p.m. As an alternative to speaking, written comments regarding this case may be submitted by mail or hand delivery to the Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 812, Charleston, WV 25323, or online at http://www.psc/state/wv.us by clicking on "Submit a Comment" in the left column and following the directions provided. All written comments should be marked as pertaining to Case No. 25-0413-E-ENEC

The companies filed for the increase in April. If approved, the average residential customer would see an increase of \$5.31, or 3.03 percent.

More information on this case is available on the PSC website at www.psc.state.wv.us. Click on "Case Information" and enter 25-0413-E-ENEC.

### West Virginia Young Musicians Fund launches new website

Officials with the West Virginia Young Musicians Fund (WVYMF) have announced the launch of a new website. The site, wvymf.com, contains information on both the Child Instrument Recycle Program (CHIRP) and the WVYMF Scholarship Program.

The website will serve as a central hub for the WVYMF, allowing students, educators and supporters to learn more about the Fund, apply for current programs, and discover opportunities to donate or get involved. Designed to be modern and user-friendly, the platform features a clean layout and easy navigation. Additionally, it streamlines the application process, making it easier for students to apply as well as for educators to recommend applicants.

"The new site will allow us to reach more West Virginians than ever before, which reflects our commitment to helping every child have a chance to play," Dr. Michael Hess, president of the WVYMF, stated. "It's more than just a website – it's a gateway to opportunity.'

The WVYMF scholarship program provides financial support for students in West Virginia who wish to pursue musical ventures. There are four scholarships currently available: the Chris Broadwater Memorial Music Scholarship, the Constantine Thymius Memorial Instrument

Scholarship, the Randall Hall Memorial Instrument Scholarship and the Anthony Ellis Special Events Grant. These can help to cover expenses like tuition assistance, the cost of an instrument, audition preparation and more.

CHIRP provides recycled instruments to students who may not be able to afford one. Partnering with Bandland, they evaluate, repair and sanitize the donated instruments, restoring them to proper playing condition for students who are passionate about music. Instrumental music teachers can apply for their students to receive an instrument scholarship. Since the program's start, the WVYMF has been able to donate over 100 instruments across 15 counties in WV.

The WVYMF began with a simple belief: music has the power to change lives. Founded by the family of Dr. Robert D. Hess, the mission grew from the CHIRP program — placing unused instruments into the hands of students who need them most. What started in Harrison County now echoes across West Virginia. Through instrument donations and need-based scholarships, the WVYMF is breaking down barriers and building up confidence, creativity and connection. Because when a young person is given the chance to make music, something extraordinary happens.

### **O**BITUARY



Jack Wilson, "William Addison son", of Strange Creek, passed away on Sunday July 27, 2025 at UHC Bridgeport surrounded by his family. He was a man of Christian faith. He was born on December 16, 1943, in Charleston WV to the late Charles Andrew Wilson Reva T. Samples Wilson. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his loving wife Carolene Miller Wilson;

his brother, David Wilson; grandson, Addison Parsons; granddaugh-Hannah Parsons. graduated Jack from Widen High School in 1961. That same year he married Carolene and enlisted in the United States Air Force. After being honorably discharged, he worked in Webster Springs at the pharmacy before beginning a long and dedicated career with Mon Power. He retired after 38 years of service. He was a Master Mason for a total of 48 years. He was a past Master and member of the Gassaway Lodge #133 for 45 years and past Master and member of Strange Creek Lodge #130 for 3 years. In his spare time, he loved hunting, golfing, playing cards and going to his grandchildren's events. He was a

devoted family man and a loving Dad and Pawpaw, whose presence will be deeply missed. He was well known for his sharp sense of humor, his warm heart, and his love of conversation. If you were out with Jack, chances were high he would run into someone he knew-often two or three people-no matter where he went. Left to cherish his memories are his five daughters, Penny his dog being the favorite, Melinda Wilson of Fayetteville, Betsy Wilson Parsons (Bryan) of Fayetteville, Jacoba Wison Michael (Paul) of Sutton, Emilee Wilson (Johnnie Strup) of Sutton, his brother Rocky Wilson (Billie) of Bervard, NC; his sister-in-law Sandra Wilson of Camden SC; grandchildren Jedidiah Butler (Joanne), Jessica Parsons, David Parsons,

Helen Strup, Delilah Michael and Sterling Michael; great grandsons Owen Jones and Thomas Addison Butler; and his estranged wife Cynthia Wilson of Herold Route. Funeral service was held at 3 p.m. Sunday, August 3, 2025, at Stockert Funeral Home, Flatwoods, WV, with Pastor Johnny Conrad officiating. Visitation was from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Burial with Masonic Rites/Military Honors followed at the Walnut Grove Methodist Church Cemetery, WV. Strange Creek In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to Walnut Grove Methodist Church Cemetery Fund, attention Judy Shafer, PO Box 416, Birch River WV 26610. Stockert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Jack Wilson.

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### A Gift Of Dandelions

#### By Joe Mazzella

I was a young father struggling just to earn enough to feed my family. I had gone back to college to earn a teaching degree hoping that it would help me to land a better paying job. All of the full time teaching positions were filled, however, so I found myself on the substitute list, waiting each day for the phone to ring telling me where I'd be working that day, if at all. I'd teach history one day, high school english the next, and kindergarten the day after that.

Now it was near the end of the school year and I worried how we would get by with not even substitute work for the next three months. I was even starting to question if teaching was the right career for me. I stood sadly outside on the playground while the children ran and played during recess. I wished I could share in their childlike joy but I was weighed down with the pains and problems of adulthood. Just before the bell rang to go back inside a little girl no more than 5 ran up to me and handed me some dandelions that she had picked in the field at the edge of the playground. I looked down at her and thanked her for her gift. Then when the bell rang I took her hand and walked with her back inside. I noticed something too. My heart no longer felt heavy. My worries seemed far away. And my spirit felt light and joyful. Thanks to her loving gift my face was smiling and so was my soul.

I quit working in schools decades ago, but I still teach. That sweet, little girl taught me that day that we are all teachers. We are teachers in everything we say and in everything we do. And the best teacher of all is an act of kindness and a loving heart. I wish I knew where that little girl was right now. I would thank her again for that gift of dandelions. I would thank her for allowing me to feel God's Love shine through her kindness and joy that day. I would thank her for reminding me that the most important thing in life is the Love we give away.

## **Home Country**

#### Slim Randles

Now one thing's for dang shore, everwho come up with drugstore language should be roped and dragged out in the brush and wearin' a big sign that jest says "Guilty." No need to get more infinitesimal than that until he's through bouncin' through the puckerbrush.

As I'm shore you know, since our choice of subject today is arithmeticals and has to do with the language we speak, this here is yore ol' pal and philosophizer Windy Wilson. Slim usually does these, but he looks the other way sometimes if I sneak by him. You know. Only when it's a universal primalchordium that applicates to all of us, of course.

So here's the skinny, and I'm shore you recognizate it, too. Drugstore language was invented by some guy who thought he was educationin' the world by teachin' 'em a new language. Used to be, there was aspirin. Now that ain't too bad. Spelled it right, too, cuz we been starin' at it by the sink since Spot was a pup.

But you know how them educators get. You don't stop at aspirin, oh no, you gotta rename all the pills ever made so no one can pronounce 'em. Like

Tramexabuteral. That one has somethin' to do with curin' the miseries, but I don't rememberate which part of you needs to be fixed.

But don't you worry, cuz them druggist guys and doctor guys went to college for a hunnert years to learn that, and it's dang few that want to share.

Wouldn't it be a heckuva lot easier to jest walk in and ask for a pill to make it easier to use the ... little house? You know. But that would jest make sense and would embarrass the doctors and nurses and pharmacinders in our lives cuz they couldn't show off any more.

Wish we could try it out, like askin' for a bottle of Leftleglimpnomore or Catchanoserunnin'. That's why it takes down-to-earth kindaphilosofickals like me to set the tone for universality-type improvements. And you can tell 'em I said so.

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### I Had A Thought But I Can't Remember It

Dr. James L. Snyder

I just celebrated another birthday. I never imagined I would get this old, but here I am, old and still breathing.

Reflecting on my birthday celebration, I looked back on my life and realized I've been so busy, I've not had much chance to think. I know most people believe thinking is an essential part of life. I guess it is, but it has never been an essential part of my life.

Instead of thinking, I have just responded to life issues spontaneously. I'm a rather spontaneous type of person, just ask The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. Life gets so busy for me that I cannot take a day off to have a thought.

In high school, I wasn't a very good thinker. I cannot remember one test I passed with an A, even though I studied for those tests. While I was taking them, I couldn't turn on my Thinking Machine.

The fact that I graduated from high school is as close

to a miracle as I've ever seen. And the truth is, I didn't do so by thinking at all.

I'm sure back then I had some kind of a thought, but I just can't remember any now.

It wasn't until I met The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage that I began to understand what thinking was all about. If I've ever known anybody to think, it certainly was her. She could think about everything.

There are times when together she would look at me and say, "So, what are you thinking?"

When she first asked me that, I didn't quite understand what the question was; therefore, I did not know how to respond. I eventually figured it out and would respond by saying, "I was just thinking about how nice you look today."

That always got a giggle from her and saved me from trying to figure out what I was really thinking.

I suppose most people would believe that thinking is a major part of their lives. I'm not sure why, because it has never been a major part of my life. Once I got out of high school, thinking was never part of my agenda. Life has its ups and downs, and looking back, I'm not

sure which were up and which were down. The only thing important is that I survived, and here I am today, no thought about it.

I got into a little bit of trouble the other day. We were

sitting in the living room, and The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said, "You know, I've been thinking..." Being the advanced knucklehead that I am, I respond-

ed before she could finish her sentence by saying, "... with what?"

I don't have to explain that I was in trouble. That's just

the way my life tumbles down the cowboy trail. Believe

me, I try not to respond like that anymore. At least I try.

Now that I'm retired, I do not have to think. Thinking is just a waste of time because I know what I want to do every day. My pleasure is not based on my ability to think through something. I have discovered that thinking causes a great deal of trouble and pain. So, I leave the thinking to those who aren't too bright.

Years ago, I was informed that I need to think about my retirement. What's there to think? It comes automatically whether you keep track of your age or not. Just let life flow as God intended it to.

I have some family members, who shall remain anonymous, who spend a lot of time thinking. As I watched them over the years, I noticed that their thinking has not produced anything worth thinking about. But still, they think, and think, and think until they are completely worn out.

Maybe that's why I'm not "wore out." I just live every day as it should be lived.

Someone once asked me, "If you could change anything in your past what would it be?"

That's a rather silly question if you ask me. To do that, I would have to spend quality time thinking which I don't have the time to do these days. I don't want to change yesterday; I just want to live today.

Of course, if I could change anything in the past, it

parents for the year I was born. They could've waited another 20 years, but they didn't. I guess they weren't thinking.

I suppose if I were to give it any thought, and I'm not going to, I could make a list of all the things I would

might be the year of my birth. I've never forgiven my

going to, I could make a list of all the things I would change. But what good would that do? I don't want to change my past; I just want to live for today.

I remembered what the Apostle Paul said along this

line.

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Philippians 4:8).

Thinking is good, but only if thinking on the right

things. That is the challenge set before me. If I think on the wrong things it will effect my life as Christian. The world would have me think on the wrong things which in effect, pulls me away from God.

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### New WVU President plans tour across state

Hello, West Virginia,

If we haven't met, I would like to introduce myself. I am Michael T. Benson — you can call me "Mike" — president of West Virginia University.

I officially started July 15 and I am amazed at how three decades of work in higher education across the United States have brought me, step by step, to the place I belong — the beautiful state of West Virginia in a position to lead its flagship, land-grant institution into a new era.

My wife, Debi, is especially looking forward to experiencing the four seasons the Mountain State offers after our time under the palm trees at Coastal Carolina University in the Myrtle Beach area of South Carolina, a destination so many of you know from summer travels.

Our kids — Truman, Tatum and Talmage — have also visited Morgantown, played regional golf courses with friends and are looking forward to exploring many other parts of the state, and I am excited for my two oldest children — Emma and Samuel — to visit as well and experience the gold and blue spirit.

As I have done at other colleges and universities, I plan to continue teaching history at WVU, a field that reminds us that we are where we are because of the people who have come before us. And as my hero Harry

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Truman often said, "There is nothing new in the world except the history you do not know."

It was July 3, 1862, for example, less than a year before West Virginia became a state, when President Abraham Lincoln signed the Morrill Land-Grant Acts into law, a key step that set the course for the founding of

To begin my time as the University's 27<sup>th</sup> president, I am hitting the road to listen and learn about how West Virginians embrace our University and its impacts in their respective communities.

Between Monday, July 28, and Friday, Aug. 1, I am excited to visit historic and cultural sites, WVU Medicine hospital facilities, business and industry locations, and land-grant activities in counties that include Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall, Wetzel, Tyler, Pleasants, Wood, Jackson, Kanawha, Clay, Braxton, Lewis, Harrison, Taylor, Barbour, Randolph and Upshur counties.

If I don't make it to your area on this initial trip, I'll hopefully get a chance to meet you in person soon either in Morgantown or out along our country roads.

Importantly, I'll be talking with state and community leaders and the many other West Virginians who understand the critical role West Virginia University plays in the state and who support our work to prepare the institution and its current and prospective students for the future

Now is really our chance to create the future of West Virginia University to position us for success, and it will take all of us working together to accomplish that goal.

As I look ahead, I see the University continuing to improve and expand as an educational training ground built on exploration by putting the student experience first, leading to growing enrollment supported by sound financial planning.

We should all be proud to say "This is West Virginia's University."

Let's work collaboratively to improve the Mountain

Let's provide our kids opportunities to do more than they ever thought they could.

Let's build our future together.

Let's Go!

-Mike Michael T. Benson

President, West Virginia University

Born in Utah, Benson was raised in Texas and Indiana, and worked and studied abroad for more than six years in Italy, England and Israel. He is an accomplished athlete who played basketball at both BYU and Oxford. Benson earned his doctoral degree in modern history from the University of Oxford, St. Antony's College. He also has a bachelor's degree in political science from Brigham Young University, a master's degree in nonprofit administration from the University of Notre Dame, and a Master of Liberal Arts from Johns Hopkins University.

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Dame, and a Master of Liberal Arts from Johns Hopkins
University.

He is the author of several books, including "Daniel Coit Gilman and the Birth of the American Research
University," published by the Johns Hopkins University
Press in 2022. Forbes Magazine named it among the

best higher education books in 2023.

An avid traveler, he has visited all 50 states and five of the seven continents.

## This Week in West Virginia History

Aug. 7, 1864: In what became known as the Battle of Moorefield, Union troops under Gen. William W. Averell attacked the headquarters of Gen. Bradley Johnson. The Confederates were routed and fled south into the town; the Union captured 500 men and 400 horses.

Aug. 7, 1877: West Virginia voters chose Charleston as the state capital over Clarksburg and Martinsburg.

Aug. 7, 1893: Parsons became the county seat of Tucker County. Parsons was named for Ward Parsons, a prominent resident and the largest landholder.

Aug. 8, 1915: Businessman Alex Schoenbaum was born in Richmond, Va. After settling in Charleston in 1943, he went into the restaurant business. His restaurants were named Shoney's when Schoenbaum's nickname was selected in an employee contest.

Aug. 9, 1916: A storm front from the northwest dumped nearly six inches of rain in less than five hours on the headwaters of Cabin Creek in eastern Kanawha County; 71 people died, and 900 homes were destroyed in the flood.





Aug. 9, 1927: Matthew Reese was born in Huntington. During the 1960 presidential Democratic primary, he helped organize all 55 counties and recruited thousands of campaign volunteers for John F. Kennedy. JFK's victory forged Reese's national political consulting career, working on more than 450 campaigns.



Aug. 9, 1954: Don Chafin died in Huntington. As sheriff of Logan County, Chafin was a bitter foe of union organizers and, with financial support from coal companies, used his many deputies to keep labor organizers out of the county. He most famously led the anti-union forces at the 1921 Battle of Blair Mountain.

Aug. 10, 1913: Sam Shaw was the beloved third-generation editor of the Moundsville Daily Echo from 1951 until his death in 1995. His letters home during World War II earned him the Ernie Pyle Award. He was also a tinkerer, long-distance runner, hiker, musician, photographer, linguist, and bird watcher.

Aug. 10, 1920: General Frank Kendall "Pete" Everest Jr. was born in Fairmont. Everest was a military aviator and a pioneer in U.S. rocket plane flying. In 1956, he flew the X-2 at Mach 3, exceeding 1,900 miles per hour and breaking the record of Chuck Yeager, his rival and close contemporary.



Aug. 11, 1844:Emanuel Willis Wilson was born at Harpers Ferry. He served as the seventh governor of West Virginia from 1885

Aug. 11, 1910: Funeral

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**Super** Crossword

director Elizabeth Harden Gilmore was born in Charleston. In 1958, she was an original organizer of West Virginia's first Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) chapter and, on her 48th birthday, began leading demonstrations that desegregated Charleston businesses.



Aug. 11, 1974: Singer Landau Eugene Murphy Jr. was born in Logan. In 2011, he won the nationally televised America's Got Talent competition, performing standards. His win offered him a chance to perform at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas.

Aug. 11, 1994: The

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Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge became the 500th refuge in the National Wildlife Refuge system. It is one of the largest and most diverse freshwater wetland areas in central and southern Appalachia.



Aug. 12, 1937: Author Walter Dean Myers was born in Martinsburg. In January 2012, Myers was named the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature by the Library of Congress. He died in 2014.

Aug. 12, 1997: The Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel strike ended when 79 percent of the workers approved a new contract. The 10-month walkout was the longest steel manufacturing strike on record when it concluded.

**COMMON FEATURES** 

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### **HOCUS-FOCUS**

HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



6. Cart handle is shorter. is moved. 4. Lid on ice cream eart is moved. 5. Tire is thicker. Differences: 1. Arm is raised. 2. Stripe is added to sleeve. 3. Light

Weekly SUDOKU

#### ACROSS

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆

numbers from one to nine.

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging

#### ♦♦♦ HOO BOY! © 2025 King Features Synd., Inc.

## Puzzle Answers Page 2

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## THE WIDEN NEWS

The people who think alike should vote alike.

### "DUNDON" RED ASH COAL

Where all think alike, no one thinks very much.



September 1958

### Widen Woman's Club Holds Annual Tea At Big Poplar Lodge Sept. II

The Annual Dues Tea of the Widen Woman's Club was held on Thursday night, September 11, 1958 at the Big Poplar Lodge. Mrs. Cecil Butcher, Club President. presided at the business meeting. Mrs. Paul Donohue, Devotional Chairman, was in charge of devotions.

Miss Judy LaCorte, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe LaCorte and Miss Rosa Gibson, daughter of Mrs. Prussia Gibson, both students of Widen High School, were guests at the meeting and gave very in teresting reports of "eir act"

in the camps which they attended in June. Judy LaCorte attended Camp Horseshoe near Parsons and Rosa Gibson attended Rhododendron Girl's State near Jackson's Mills. Both girls were sponsored by the Widen Woman's Club. The club also sponsored Judy LaCorte as a contestant in the Miss Clay County Fair Beauty Contest.

Mrs. Robert Osborne gave a review of the General Federation Woman's Club Magazine.

Miss Hazel Baughman gave a report of the second Adult Eduation Institute, held at Morganwn, West Virginia on August 13 ind 14, 1958.

A donation of \$25.00 was made to the Widen High School Band to be used toward the purchase of a Kettle Drum.

A \$25.00 donation was approved for Camp Galahad.

The Club voted to work on the following three new projects this year: Sight Conservation, Adoptng a Foreign Country and High School Recognition for Outstanding students.

The following people were ac cepted for club membersalp, wirs. Theodore Griffith, Jr., Mrs. Charles Barrett, Mrs. S. W. Shelton, Mrs. George Kitzmiller, Mrs. Larry Kitzmiller, Mrs. Howard Shaffer, Mrs. Henry Shaffer, Mrs. Winnie P. Bragg, Mrs. Earl Donohue and Mrs. Frank Dorsey.

Refreshments were served from a beautifully decorated tea table which was in keeping with the fall season, by Mrs. Harold L. Beattie, Chairman, Mrs. Russell Parsons, Mrs. Richard Shelton and Mrs. J. I. Dunlap to the following members: Mesdames Newman Butcher, Robert Osborne, H. Scott Williams, Richard Manning, Noble Conner, Adam Roberts, Carmel Ramsey, William Patton, Eugene Frame, B. E. Taylor, Paul Donohue, D. F. McMillion, Jr. Leo

Lykins, Charles Dodrill, ,Joe La Corte, Walker Henderson, Joe Potasnik, Ferrell Henderson, Marvin Shaffer, E. D. Moyers, Ronald Brown and Melvin Conner, Miss Hazel Baughman and Miss Tressie

REVIVAL TO START OCT. 5

The Widen Baptist Church will hold a series of revival meetings, beginning October 5, 1958. Rev. Ray Baker, of Richwood, will be guest evangelist, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Ernest Hammack. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these meetings. Services will begin each evening at 7:30 p.m.

#### FIFTEEN PLUS CLUB SPONSORS DANCE

The Fifteen Plus Club sponsored a dance Saturday night, September 20, the first since early Spring. The dance was held in The Big Poplar Lodge, the newly completed lodge building at the recreation area of the Buffalo Valley Sportsmen's Club. (Pictures of the new lodge appear elsewhere in this issue).

A large crowd attended the dance, including a number of outof-town guests.

Music was furnished by "The Sportsmen," a five-piecė orchestra composed of piano, drums, accordian, guitar and bass fiddleall men from this locality.

Mr. Richard Manning was chairman of the Dance Committee, with Mrs. Richard Manning and Mr. and Mrs. Folio Davis at committeemen.

Delicious refreshments were prepared and served by the members of the Dance Committee.

### BUS DRAWS ADMIRATION

Gee whizz! Good gravy! Is this real? I can't believe my eyes. Man, is that cool! Many and varied were the comments heard on September 1 from the students crowded around the bus-stop waiting for the school bus to pick them up.

A new '58 International bus had stopped quietly beside us. Forrest Hamrick, the driver, beamed proudly as he slid back the shiny, new door. Reverently we entered and stood gazing in silent appreciation. It was beautiful and clean. Sixty new, shiny seats awaited us, and three big-heaters assured us that the winter riding would be pleasant, too.

We made a silent vow-We'll keep it that way!

#### NOTICE

Miss Hazel Baughman, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Widen Band Bosters Club has announced that there will be a bake sale at the Widen YMCA, Saturday, October 4, 1958. Anyone wishing to donate anything for this bake sale should contact Miss Baughman or .Mr. Gerald Simmons Band Director.

October 5 to 11, 1958, is Nation al Fire Prevention Week.

#### SPORTSMEN'S CLUB MEETS AT NEW LODGE

A goodly turnout of the membership of the Buffalo Valley Sportsmen's Club attended the meeting held at Big Poplar Lodge on Friday evening, September 19. This was the first time many of the members had been inside the lodge since the fireplace and lighting fixtures were completed.

The major business of the meeting was the appointment of the committee to prepare for the annual banquet of the club, always one of the high spots of the year at Widen.

President H. L. Beattie appointed Scott Williams as chairman, with Charles Dodrill as cothe production and referred others as committeemer. Mr. Beattie also appointed all the female members of the club, seven in number, to the banquet committee. The membership selected Saturday, January 31, 1959, as the date for this year's dinner. The selection of the principal speaker for the occasion was left in the hands of the club president, who has done an outstanding job of securing speakers for the previous dinners, including the governor of West Virginia at the last one.

Also up for discussion was the matter of furniture for the lodge, particularly tables and chairs. No definite decision was reached on that subject except to provide for the purchase of a small table and two chairs for the use of the officers at meetings.

Vice President Corley Frame reported that the hunting lodge on Taylor Fork needs some repair

The need of a trophy case for the lodge was discussed and the club directed that Harold Stump

The club president also appointed a committee to get the feminine contingent of the club both members and wives, tend the next meeting of the club, scheduled for Friday, October 3, 1958, at the Big Poplar Lodge, at 7:30 P. M.

Following the meeting, refreshments were served by the Band Boosters Club represented by Pearle Williams, Lib Manning, Peg Brown, and Betty Acree.

Dr. and Mrs. E. Burns Gray, of Widen, W. Virginia, announce the birth of their second child, a daughter, September 21, 1958, at the Charleston General Hospital. The baby has been named Elizabeth Ann Gray.

### Completes Course In Coal Mining

Mr. Doyle Waggoner, Mr. Calvin Monet Waggoner and Mr. James Paul Turner, employees of the Elk River Coal and Lumber Company, have completed a course in mining electricity and equipment maintenance which included electrical theory and applied mathegenerators, wiring. matics, switches, motors, controllers, cables, etc. Special emphasis was placed on preventive maintenance. They received certificates at a presentation ceremony held in Richwood, West Virginia, August 19, 1958. This course was of eight weeks duration and classes were held one night each week at the Richwood High School. Sections. were also held in the Trade School. which is a coordinated part of Richwood's High School Program.

This training course was held under the sponsorship of the West Virginia University School of Mines. Instructors for the classes were: W. H. MacKenzie, resident instructor of Richwood, and J. Shirley Young, member of the staff of the Nicholas County Trade School. Consultant for the school was W. R. Huffman, electrical engineering consultant for Donegan Coal and Coke Company.

Doyle Waggoner maintained an average of 97 and received highest honors in the group of 19 men who received certificates.

#### ATTENTION HUNTERS

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## **CHURCH DIRECTORY**



ALTA CHURCH OF GOD Sunday Night Services Wednesday 7:00 PM Everyone

is welcome! Pastor: Paul E.

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**BELL CREEK COMMUNITY BAPTIST** CHURCH

NO Scheduled Services At This Time

BELL CREEK PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Dixie Tuesday Night 6:00 PM Thursday Night 6:00 PM Sunday Morning 10:00 AM PM Pastor: Lee Holiday (304) 632-1135

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH of Adonijah. Preaching from K.J.V. Bible Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Morning 11:00 AM Sunday Evening 7:00 PM

Thursday Evening 7:00 PM BETHEL COMMUNITY CHURCH, Porter Creek Road, Bomont, WV Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sunday Night Service 7:30 PM Thursday Night Service 7:30 PM

Everyone welcome! Pastor: Junior Davis

BICKMORE BAPTIST CHURCH located at Bickmore on Fola Road Sunday School 9:45 AM Morning Worship 11:00 AM Sunday Evening 6:00 PM Wednesday evening services 7:00 PM

Pastor: Ralph D. Lane

**BIG OTTER BAPTIST** CHURCH OF IVYDALE

Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching 11:00 AM Wednesday prayer service and Bible Study 6:30 PM Pastor: Danny Richardson

#### BIG UNION BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM

Worship Service 11:00 AM Sunday Evening Service 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays Preaching 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Prayer & Bible Study 7:00 PM 2nd Sunday Communion

Service 6:00 PM

Pastor: Pete Shaffer

BLUE KNOB CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching 11:00 AM Everyone

is Welcome! **BUFFALO VALLEY** 

**BAPTIST CHURCH** Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Sunday Evening Service 6:00 PM

Radio Broadcast, Sunday Morning 9:00 AM. WCWV Summersville

Everyone Welcome Pastor: Doug Newell IV

BURKE MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH in Procious. Across Camp Creek

Bridge on the left. Preaching Every Sunday 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Bible Study every Wednesday 7:00

PM Pastor: Jerry Chandler

#### CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF LIZEMORE

Prayer Service and Bible Study, Tuesday 7:00 PM Regular Service Sunday Nights at 7:00

Pastor: Thurman Sizemore

#### CHURCH OF GOD

Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Evening Service 7:00 PM

Wednesday Service 7:00 PM Come and worship the Lord

Pastor: Michael L. Holcomb, Sr. CLAY COMMUNITY

CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM Wednesday Night Service 7:00 PM. Everyone welcome.

#### METHODIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM.

Everyone is Welcome! Pastor: Wilma Dobbins

CLENDENIN UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH 10:00 AM - Sunday School 11:00 AM - Preaching

6:00 PM Wednesday 7:30 PM Pastor: Fred Walker

#### **CLIO COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Night Preaching 7:00

Wednesday Worship 7:00 PM

Everyone welcome. Pastor: George Stickland

COLD SPRINGS GOSPEL TABERNACLE, Upper Falling Rock, Clay County Sunday Morning Worship

10:00 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Sunday Evening Service

Tuesday Evenings 7:30 PM Teachings from the King James Bible Everyone welcome!

Pastor: Darris Barker CORNERSTONE INDEPENDENT BAPTIST

CHURCH, Rt. 3, Newton Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:00 AM Sunday Night Service 7:00

Wednesday Prayer Service/ Discovery Clubs 7:00 PM Pastor: Roy Huffman

#### ELK RIVER BAPTIST **CHURCH**

Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching 11:00 AM Wednesday Service 7:00 PM Saturday Night 7:00 PM Pastor: Brace Cook

#### FAIRVIEW BAPTIST TEMPLE

Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:00 AM Sunday Evening 6:00 PM Wednesday 7:00 PM Pastor: Bret Wiley

#### FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Dutch Ridge Laurel Road Sunday Service 6:00 PM Tuesday Service 6:00 PM Everyone Welcome!

Pastor: Brother B. J. Evans Associate Pastor: Lee Roy

#### FAITH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Bomont, WV Sunday Service 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM Wednesday Service 7:00 PM Pastor: Nick Bird Phone 304-548-6665

FLAT FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 PM Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:30 AM Pastor: Chris Johnson

FOLA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching 11:00 AM Sunday Night Service 7:00 PM Wednesday Adults Bible Study & Kids for Christ 7:00 PM Pastor: Daniel Tanner

### **GAULEY BRIDGE**

BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 9:45 AM Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM Junior BYF/Senior BYF 6:00 PM

Sunday Evening Worship 7:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study

7:00 PM Wednesday Kids/Children/ Youth 7:00 PM

**GOSPEL LIGHT COMMUNITY CHURCH** 

Located on Rt. 119 at the mouth of Gabe. Everyone welcome. Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday night 6:00 PM Wednesday night 6:00 PM Pastor: Rev. David Smith

**GROVES CREEK** COMMUNITY CHURCH Sunday Service 10:00 AM

Wednesday Service 7:00 PM Friday Service 7:00 PM Pastor: Dean Rogers

### HALLBURG BAPTIST

Sunday Sunday 10:30 AM Sunday Night Preaching 6:00

### BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:00 AM Sunday Night Service 6:00 PM

Pastor: Jeremy Holcomb

#### HORNERS FORK MISSIONARY BAPTIST

Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM Wednesday Evening Youth

Pastor: Joe Dawson

HOUSE OF PRAYER Hansford Fork Rd, Maysel, WV (off Rt. 36) Pentecostal/Full Gospel Sunday Morning 10:00 AM Sunday Evening 6:00 PM Wednesday evening 7:00 PM

Pastor: James R. Paxton

#### IDA BAPTIST CHURCH

Bentree Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching 11:00 AM Wednesday Prayer Service & Bible Study 7:00 PM Wednesday BYF 7:00 PM. All ages welcome. Also have crafts, etc., all children welcome.

Pastor: Larry Skaggs

Sunday Worship 10:00 AM Sunday Class 11:00-12:30 Preaching Lunch 12:30-1:30 PM Wednesday Service 6:30-7:30 PM

#### IVYDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 Everyone Welcome! 304-395-9990

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Vineyard Ridge Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Night Service

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Sunday Morning 10:00 AM Sunday Night 7:00 PM Wednesday Service 7:00 PM Youth Meeting 7:00 PM

#### FREEWILL BAPTIST **CHURCH**

Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Service 7:00 PM

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching 11:00 AM Wednesday Night: Bible Study/Prayer Meeting and Youth Group 7:00 PM Pastor: John Barnhouse

#### LICKFORK BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching 10:00 every Sunday Morning Sunday Night Services 7:00 PM

Wednesday 7:00 PM Come worship with us! Pastor: Herb Vance

LIGHTHOUSE BAPTIST Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:00 AM Everyone welcome! Pastor: Mark Dudley

#### LITTLE LAUREL MISSIONARY BAPTIST

Phone 304-286-5909

Morning Worship 11:00 AM Sunday Evening Worship

Pastor: David McLaughlin LIVING GOD WORSHIP

worship with us. Thursday Evening 7:00 PM Sunday Morning 10:00 AM Pastor: Cecil Lee

#### LIZEMORE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Church Service 11-12 Noon Wednesday Service 7:00 PM Pastor: Robert Thomas

### MAYSEL COMMUNITY

Sunday School 10:00 Sunday Night 6:00 PM Monday Night Service 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 6:00 PM

MAYSEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Everyone Welcome Pastor: Jim Hamrick

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM Sunday Night 6:00 PM Wednesday Night 7:00 PM Pastor: John Osborne

MT. OLIVE **COMMUNITY** CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Preaching 7:00 PM

Wednesday Prayer Meeting

School 11:00 AM Sunday Night 6:00 PM Wednesday Night & Jr.

Church Service 7:00 PM Everyone Welcome! Pastor: Christopher Stout

Preaching every Sunday Morning at 10:00 AM

Sunday School 11:00 AM Preaching, Prayer Meeting

Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Service 11:00 AM Sunday Night 7:00 PM Wednesday Night Prayer

#### NEWTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching every Sunday

Pastor: Kenneth Boggs

11:00 AM

NEWTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00PM

Pastor: Darius Walker Pastor Emeritus: Ron Fisher

Thursday 7:00 PM Sunday 7:00 PM Pastor: R.J. Mullins, Sr.

#### O'BRION ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching after Sunday School. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM

#### Pastor: James L. Balser OVAPA METHODIST **CHURCH**

Preaching every Sunday at 9:45 PM Sunday School 10:30 AM Sunday School on the 2nd Sunday is at 10:00 AM

Wednesday 7:00 PM Phone 304-587-2955 Pastors: Cindy & Roger Dunlap

OTTERLICK **COMMUNITY CHURCH** Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Night Service 6:00 PM

Bible Study Thursday 6:00 PM

OTTERVALE ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching every Sunday, except 5th, 11:00 AM Prayer Meeting Tuesday Evening

Pastor: Rev. Rick Sams

### PEOPLES COMMUNITY

Wednesday Night 7:00 PM Sunday Night Service 7:00 Take time out for Jesus, he

took time our for you. Pastor: Freddie Schoolcraft

BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Evening Bible Study & preaching 6:00 PM

PLEASANT DALE BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM

Pastor: Dennis Vance

Wednesday night Bible Study

BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching 11:00 AM Sunday Evening 6:30 PM

**PROCIOUS** COMMUNITY CHURCH Welcomes You! Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching 11:15 AM

### QUEEN SHOALS F.G.C.

Sunday Morning 10:00 AM Sunday Night 7:00 PM Thursday Night 7:00 PM Everyone Welcome!

Pastor: Scott Means

RISEN LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH at Maysel Sunday Liturgy 8:30 AM followed by Religious Education

Wednesday Liturgy 6:00 PM Everyone welcome! Pastor: Father Matheus Ro SVD

ROGERS FORK BAPTIST

Saturday Prayer Meeting Sunday Worship 7:00 PM

Sunday School 10:00 AM

CHURCH

COMMUNITY CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching 2nd & 4th Sunday

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday

11:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM Come see us in church.

#### STRANGE CREEK CHURCH

Sunday Morning 10:00 AM Preaching 10:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Thursday Service 7:00 PM Everyone welcome!

Pastor: Jason Belt

#### THE AMERICAN CHAPEL AT ELKHURST

Saturday Services 7:00 PM Sunday School 10:00 AM

Pastor: Hiram Lewis

#### TRINITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching 11:00 AM Sunday Worship 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Service 7:00 PM.

Everyone welcome! Pastor: Clifford Samples

#### UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LIZEMORES Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Service 6:00 PM Wednesday Service 7:00 PMEveryone welcome Pastor: Don Dobbins

### UNITY GOSPEL

Preaching 11:00 AM Sunday Night 6:00 PM Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 PM Everyone welcome!

Night 7:00 PM Evertyone is welcome to attend. **W** -

days 9:45 AM Bible Study Wednesday Eve-

#### ning 7:00 PM Everyone welcome. Pastor: Rev. Stewart Cottrell

CHURCH Preaching 1st & 3rd Sundays 11:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM

WALNUT MEMORIAL

Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching 10:00 AM Thursday Evening Service

WHITE PILGRIM METHODIST CHURCH Preaching Sunday 9:45 AM

Pastor: Lester Tanner

WHITESTAR TABERNACLE CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM

#### Sunday Night 6:30 PM Wednesday Night 6:30 PM

Sunday School 10:00 AM Preaching 11:00 AM Sunday Night Service 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Service

Everyone welcome!

6:00 PM

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Rt. 4, 1/4 miles below Maysel on the left Sunday Morning 10:00 AM Sunday Night 6:00 PM

Phone: (304) 587-7410 Pastor: Jerry Hanshaw



Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sangamore Rd., Bentree, WV

Everyone Welcome!

### PM

### CHURCH

Pastor: Michael Jackson

HARTLAND COMMUNITY Wednesday Night Service

**CHURCH** Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

Pastor: (304) 587-2996 (home), (304) 587-2703

(church)

INDORE BAPTIST CHURCH

Everyone welcome!

Pastor: Freddie Elliott

Wednesday Night 7:00 PM JOHNSON CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Wednesday Night 7:00 PM

## LEATHERWOOD

Wednesday Services 7:00 PM LIBERTY ADVENT

**CHURCH** Sunday School 10:00 AM

Everyone Welcome!

CENTER We invite you to come and

Sunday School 10-11:00 AM

CHURCH

Everyone welcome!

MIDDLE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 AM

Everyone welcome! MUD FORK CHURCH Sunday & Jr. Worship Service 10:00 AM Sunday

NEBO BAPTIST CHURCH

Wednesday at 7:30 PM NEW ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH

Meeting 7:00 PM Please join us in Praise! Pastor: Gary Walker

Adult Choir Practice Sun. 9 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM Sunday Night Service 6:00 PM

NOAH'S ARK FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

Pastor: Gene Copen

### **CHURCH**

Sunday School 10:00 AM

PISGAH FREEWILL

Preaching Sunday 11:00 AM

Saturday Night Preaching Pastor: Wayne Litton PLEASANT HILL

Wednesday Night 6:30 PM Everyone welcome. Pastor: Wayne Smith

Bible Study 2nd, 4th, 5th Wednesday Night 6:30 PM

## Pastor: David Walker

9:30 AM

Pastoral Associates: Father Dominijus Boak SVD

Everyone welcome! Pastor: Delbert McKenzie **RUSH FORK** 

Singing or Preaching Wednesday Prayer Service & Pastor: Harry Dobbins

#### **TABERNACLE** Sunday School 10:00 AM

VALLEY RIDGE **CHURCH** Sunday School 10:00 AM

Bible Study Wednesday

WALLBACK METHODIST CHURCH Preaching 1st, 3rd, 5th Sun-

WALNUT GROVE UNITED METHODIST

Pastor: (304) 332-5503 Pastor: Jimmy Adkins

**CHURCH** 

7:30 PM Evervone welcome!

Sunday School 11:00 AM Everyone welcome! Pastor: Paul Coon

Pastor: Rev. Mike Hall WIDEN BAPTIST **CHURCH** 

Pastor: Randy Tinney WINGS OF DELIVERANCE APOSTOLIC

Wednesday Night 7:00 PM Come worship the Lord with



### LEGAL

#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CLAY COUNTY. WEST VIRGINIA

In the Matter of Petition of Name Change of

Civil Action No. 25-P-12 Emma Hartshorn Current Name Emma Marie Hartshorn Judge Jasmine R. H. Morton

New Name Emma Marie Arnold **Legal Notice of Publication** 

Change of Name Order of Publication

Circuit Court of Clay County West Virginia

Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of October, 2025 at 2:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, Petitioner Emma Hartshron will apply by Petition to the Circuit Court of Clay County, West Virginia, for the entry of an order by said court, changing name of Emma Marie Hartshorn to Emma Marie Arnold at which time any interested party may appear and be heard, if they so desire.

A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the undersigned Clerk

ENTERED by the Clerk of said Court this 31st day of July, 2025.

( Pariora Hanshaw

### LEGA

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,

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.

whichever is later. If an objection is not filed timely, the objection is

forever barred. Any person interested in filing claims against an estate

Publication Date: Thursday, August 7,2025 Claim Deadline: Monday, October 6, 2025 APPOINTMENT DATE 07/09/2025

ESTATE NAME: EVELYN ALDEN RYERSON HATHAWAY EXECUTRIX VIRGINIA HATHAWAY 4321 BIG OTTER HWY IVYDALE WV 25113-8226

APPOINTMENT DATE 07/01/2025

ESTATE NAME: CLINTON NOLAN NICHOLS EXECUTRIX BEVERLY JEAN CARPER NICHOLS 2227 CLAY MAYSEL ROAD PO BOX 121

CLAY WV 25043 APPOINTMENT DATE 07/02/2025

ESTATE NAME: PHYLLIS JOY SAMPLES EXECUTOR DARRELL A SAMPLES JR 2700 MIZELL AVE, UNIT 902 FERNANDINA BEACH FL 32034-2399

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 07/30/2025

Sheila Stone County Clerk Clay County P.O. Box 190 246 Main Street Clay WV 25043-0190





Mike Scott

The Oddfellows building next door which houses Kathy Taylor's used furniture store and Advantage Home Care in the back was also at risk. "Not much space between the buildings," Mike noted, "The fire jumped over to the roof of that building and began burning a strip of the roof a few feet wide by about twenty-five feet and we quickly got that stopped. That resulted in some water



Kathy Taylor

"About 5:30 I got a call that the building next to us was on fire," Kathy Taylor says, "I came up and saw what was going on. I truly thought that it was going to get into our building but it did not." She breathes a sigh of relief. "The only damage we received was a little bit of water damage when they sprayed the fire out on the roof, some water ran down inside the wall."

Kathy is a grateful woman. "We know," she insists, "that we were protected. We know. We believe."

In fact, Advantage Home Care in the back of the

building has file cabinet after file cabinet of paper health care records of hundreds of vulnerable patients in this county that would have been a catastrophic loss if they had caught fire. "That night," Kathy says, "They let us in briefly and we went back there and moved all those filing cabinets that were along the wall facing the Henry Clay Hotel, and moved them about three feet away from the wall. That is about all they would allow us to do." It was enough. Kathy believes she was blessed.

As far as getting the building down, Mike Scott said, "DEP gave us permission to take it down that night, but we didn't have funds. Commissioner Legg is trying now to find funds to get the building torn down to prevent public danger in the near future." Right now the brick structure still stands and is surrounded by police tape. Mike thinks the building may burn for another few days. They will continue to monitor and spray when necessary. The property is currently owned by Morgan and Joyce Gibson.

Commissioner Duane Legg is indeed trying to find funds, and Commissioner David Schoolcraft says he is too young to remember when the hotel was still open. David it has always been closed. Both commissioners pointed me to Commissioner Joyce Johnson. "That place," Joyce reflects, "Has so many memories for everyone. Mary Rhodes kept it clean, immaculate. The food was delicious. Everyone ordered hot dogs there for lunch. It is sad that the town has suffered this loss, but it is good that it is bringing back so many memories and has everyone talking about them."

Like so many others she also expressed, "It is heart-breaking, but it just shows how our little town is just

dwindling away and that everybody needs to work together to bring some life back into our town."

Donna Salisbury, who operates the Family Resource Center in town and is currently running for



Joyce Johnson

County Commission, said she was called that night to help provide tables for firefighters. Tables were found before she could respond. "As far as I know, I was one of the last businesses in that building. Me and Terry King had a dance studio in



**Donna Salisbury** 

there for kids. For a while, before moving to our next location. Terry was Wayne King's daughter and is gone now. She died with cancer." She laughs when she says, "Many people have fond memories of that place. They would go in to eat or play pool. Jerry's brother drove through that building. He was mad at Peach.'

The mayor, most city officials, and even the sheriff's department were out on Friday and might have been reluctant to speak after the media feeding frenzy of the last couple of days. Some of them have even been targets of trolls on social media as much rumor and innuendo always gets mucked about when incidents like this

happen. 'As a historian," Jerry Stover, newly reappointed to the Landmarks Commission, said, "I think we are slowly losing who we are, who we have been and who we wanted to be. With the loss of this building we



Jerry Stover

have less. It was built by Clay County people. It was occupied by Clay County people. There was a time when it was the center of activity in town. It was a place to gather and talk, even kids were there to play games and have fun in a family friendly environment. The environment. It was beautiful, and the place was surrounded by mirrors. You have good and bad people everywhere. But good people kept a lid on bad people. That might be its legacy." He echoed Joyce's comment, "I'm afraid this is going to happen to many buildings in Clay, they will fall into obscurity. One person cannot do this. You need a lot of people to come together before we lose our

Let's hope for now that the Henry Clay Hotel is the last thing this town loses for a while.

town completely to apathy."

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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 PUB-LIC 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, Cabell, Calhoun, Clay, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Harrison, Jackson, Kanawha, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monongalia, Nicholas, Pleasants, Preston, Putnam, Raleigh, Randolph, Ritchie, Roane, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood and Wyoming.

The proposed increased rates and charges will become effective November 1, 2025, unless otherwise ordered by the Public Service Commission and will increase revenues approximately \$14.6 million annually, an increase of 7.78%. The average monthly bill for the various classes of customers will be changed

Section A - Hope Gas, Inc. ("Hope') Customers

Section B - Former Peoples Gas WV LLC ("Peoples") Customers

Section C - Former Southern Public Service Company ("Southern") Customers

Gas Company ("Standard" Section E - Former Consumers Gas Utility ("Consumers") Customers

| HOPE GAS, INC PROPOSED                         |              |             |  |  |
|--|--------------|-------------|--|--|
| TYPE OF CUSTOMER                               | \$ INCREASE/ | % INCREASE/ |  |  |
|  | (DECREASE)   | (DECREASE)  |  |  |
| Residential Sales (Rate Class RS)              | \$6.38       | 7.33%       |  |  |
| Small Commercial Sales (Rate Class SGS)        | \$27.99      | 10.03%      |  |  |
| Small Commercial Transport (Rate Class SGS) 1/ | \$35.30      | 3.18%       |  |  |
| Large Commercial Sales (Rate Class LCS)        | \$1,498.53   | 15.67%      |  |  |
| Large Commercial Transport (Rate Class LCS) 1/ | \$532.24     | 6.01%       |  |  |
| Industrial Sales (Rate Class LCI-D & LCI-DS)   | \$3,044.08   | 17.36%      |  |  |
| Resale Sales (Rate Class WS)                   | \$3,775.12   | 13.81%      |  |  |

1/ To account for an increase in standby rate.

| Section B                           |              |             |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--|--|
| FORMER PEOPLES GAS WV - PROPOSED    |              |             |  |  |
| TYPE OF CUSTOMER                    | \$ INCREASE/ | % INCREASE/ |  |  |
|                                     | (DECREASE)   | (DECREASE)  |  |  |
| General Service - Residential Sales | \$6.36       | 7.88%       |  |  |
| General Service - Commercial Sales  | \$33.62      | 9.74%       |  |  |
| Industrial Service - Sales          | \$495.78     | 12.99%      |  |  |
| Swing Service Charge for Transport  | \$1.31       | 1.37%       |  |  |
| Section C                           |              |             |  |  |

| FORMER SOUTHERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY - PROPOSED |              |             |  |  |
|---|--------------|-------------|--|--|
| TYPE OF CUSTOMER                                  | \$ INCREASE/ | % INCREASE/ |  |  |
|   | (DECREASE)   | (DECREASE)  |  |  |
| General Service - Residential Sales               | \$5.36       | 9.38%       |  |  |
| General Service - Commercial Sales                | \$30.47      | 11.89%      |  |  |
| Section D   |              |             |  |  |

FORMER STANDARD/BAZZLE GAS COMPANY - PROPOSED % INCREASE/ TYPE OF CUSTOMER \$ INCREASE/ (DECREASE) (DECREASE) General Domestic - Residential Sales \$5.80 8.17% Commercial Service - Sales \$19.91 10.91%

Section E

| FORMER CONSUMERS GAS UTILITY COMPANY - PROPOSED |              |             |  |  |
|---|--------------|-------------|--|--|
| TYPE OF CUSTOMER                                | \$ INCREASE/ | % INCREASE/ |  |  |
|   | (DECREASE)   | (DECREASE)  |  |  |
| General Domestic - Residential Sales            | \$5.54       | 7.83%       |  |  |
| Commercial Service - Sales                      | \$22.00      | 9.76%       |  |  |

Resale customers of the Company include Cardinal Natural Gas Company - Northern Division (Lumberport-Shinnston), Cardinal Natural Gas Company - Northern Division (Blacksville) and Mountaineer Gas Company.

The increases shown are based on averages of all customers in the indicated classes. Each class may receive an increase 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 (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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State of West Virginia **Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water and Waste Management** PUBLIC NOTICE WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, PUBLIC

INFORMATION OFFICE, 601 57TH STREET SE, CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25304-2345 TELEPHONE: (304) 926-0440. APPLICATION FOR COVERAGE UNDER THE GENERAL WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL

POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT NO. WV0115924

Public Notice No.: BS-073-2025

Paper: Clay County Free Press The following has applied for coverage under the General WV/NPDES Water Pollution Control Permit

No. WV0115924 for this facility or activity: Appl. No.: WVR112547 Applicant: CM12

3592 COLLINS FERRY RD MORGANTOWN, WV 26505 **Location:** 

LIZEMORES, CLAY COUNTY Longitude 38:20:16 Latitude

**Receiving Stream:** 

UNT/Right Fk. of Sycamore Ck./Sycamore Ck./Elk Rv. Activity:

14.74 acres of earth disturbance for the construction of a 20' wide gravel access road approximately 6300' long from WV Route 16, to serve as future command center on the property. This project is being sent to Public Notice due to the length of permitted grading activity extending over a year in length. **Business conducted:** 

Discharge of treated stormwater through a UNT into the Right Fork of Sycamore Creek, a tributary of Sycamore Creek a tributary of the Elk River. Implementation:

On the basis of review of the application the "Water Pollution Control Act (Chapter 22, Article 11-8(a))," and the "West Virginia Legislative Rules," the State of West Virginia will act on the above application.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the site registration permit application and may request a public hearing by addressing such to the Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management within 30 days of the date of the public notice. Such comments or requests should be emailed to billy.t.shirley@wv.gov or addressed to: Director, Division of Water and Management, DEP

ATTN: Billy Shirley, Permitting Section 601 57th Street SE

Charleston, WV 25304-2345

The public comment period begins August 7, 2025 and ends September 6, 2025.

Comments received within this period will be considered prior to acting on the permit application. Correspondence should include the name, address and the telephone number of the writer and a concise statement

of the nature of the issues raised. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever a finding is made, on the basis of requests, that there is a significant degree of public interest on issues relevant to the site registration permit application and this facility's coverage under the General Permit. Interested persons may contact the Public Information Office to obtain further information.

The application may be inspected, by appointment, at the Division of Water and Waste Management Public Information Office, at 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on business days

## Bigfoot gets his arm back

#### By Allen Hamrick

The CTE Summer Camp students have achieved the nearly impossible once again. Last year they constructed a ten and a half feet tall Elk River Big Foot using chainsaws, grinders and grit. Since then, he has been included as part of the WV Paranormal Trail and has enjoyed by many.

Unfortunately, someone in their infinite wisdom decided earlier this to amputate one of his arms to the shock of many. "Why in the world would someone do this?" was asked numerous times. Alas, this summer CTE camp students reconstructed the arm and made it even better. Now, not only does Big Foot have a new arm but a walking stick, as well, complete with a carved

bear's head at its top. The walking stick also has a wood spirit carved into it that the students have named Saxon L Breckinridge. The bear's head, aptly named Scarface, was carved from the forearm left after the amputation.

The CTE students went one step further in their wood working journey by constructing one of the largest chairs in the state for Big Foot. Standing eleven feet tall and weighing nearly a ton, the giant chair is an ominous figure in a landscape setting near Big Foot on the Elk River Trail. The chair was a massive undertaking for the students due to its sheer weight and size. One of the reasons for the build was to teach the students design, joinery, the use of tools and the joy of hard work, according to the instructor.

Go big or go home was the motto, and soon, with the aid of secondary level after school students, Clay County could be home to the state's largest working rocking chair. Once the skills are learned, there is no place to go but up for those that want to move forward in the field of woodwork. With the trees coming down at CCHS, some of the material may be used for tabletops and other projects. The students will be involved in the process of learning how to work with epoxy and design of furniture. All this would not be possible without the 21st Century after school programs and the continued effort to promote learning outside of the traditional classroom. Thanks to all those that were involved with the project.



The CTE Big Foot repair crew



Dalton "William" Jarrett was straw bossing the move.



Acelyn Tanner used the original backhoe.



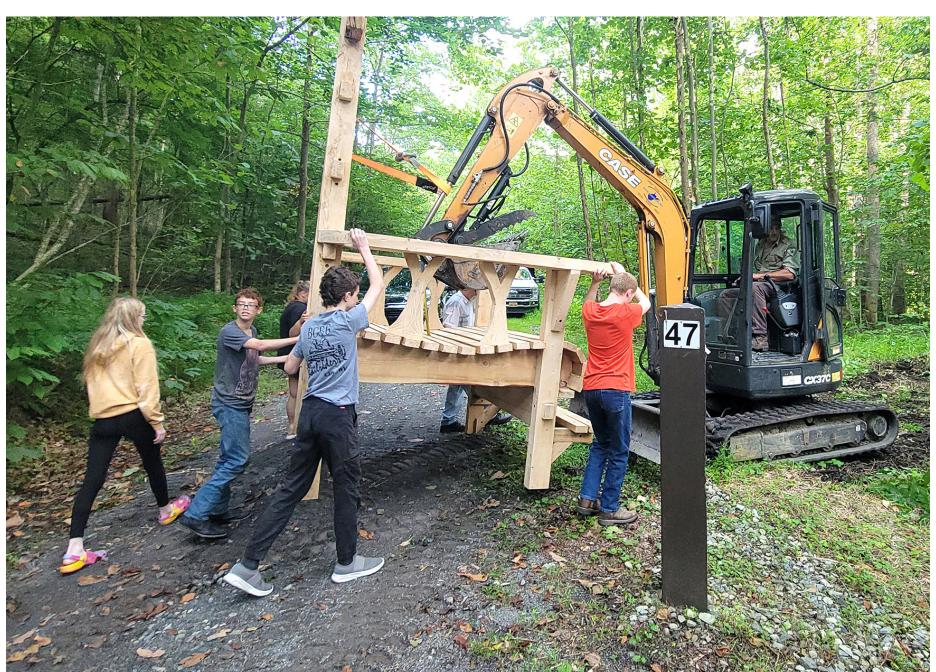
Micheal Jarrett shown in the building process.



Sadie Cliver and McKenzie Taylor dug the hole for the



Ember Price anchored the post to the chair.



The CTE crew maneuvered the chair into place.