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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 Clay.

After several years, Dr. Legg broke 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 the walk.



The Henry Clay Hotel

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.

DOWNTOWN FIRE cont. on page 7

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.

See story on Page 8

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



Joshua Burl McCourt
Booked 7/28/25
Domestic battery

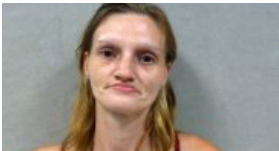
CLAY COUNTY



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



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

CLAY COUNTY



Jeffery Earnest Mollohan
Booked 8/2/25
Attempted burglary



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

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 de-
liver 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



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

Answer

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Super Crossword

Answers

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Jack Wilson

Jack Wilson, “William Addison Wilson”, 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 and 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; granddaughter, Hannah Parsons. Jack graduated 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 Gas-saway 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, Strange Creek WV. 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.

OBITUARY

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.

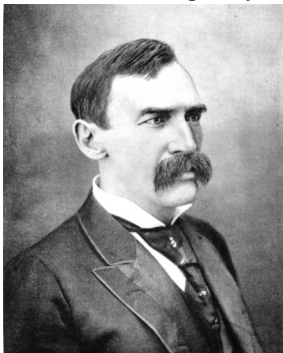


Aug. 9, 1954: Don Chafin died in Huntington. As sheriff of Logan County, Chafin was a bitter foe of union organizers and, with financial support from coal companies, used his many deputies to keep labor organizers out of the county. He most famously led the anti-union forces at the 1921 Battle of Blair 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 to 1890.

Aug. 11, 1910: Funeral

director Elizabeth Hard- en 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

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.

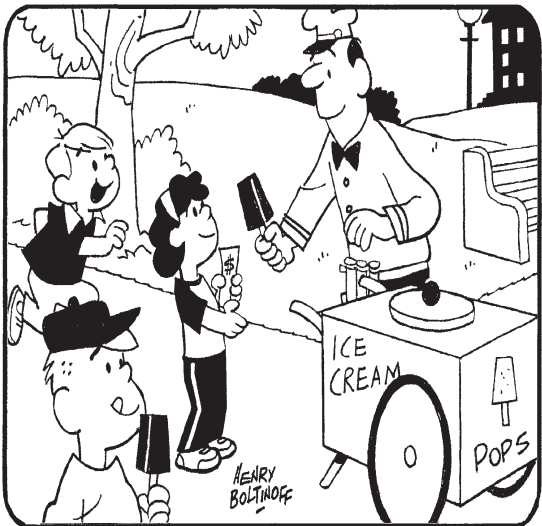


Aug. 12, 1937: Author Walter Dean Myers was born in Martinsburg. In January 2012, Myers was named the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature by the Library of Congress. He died in 2014.

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.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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

Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

COMMON FEATURES

ACROSS

- 1 Devices for basement water removal
10 Moves joltingly up and down
17 Possesses
20 Repetition of a process
21 Faze
22 #1 hit for the Jackson 5
23 Clickers for couch potatoes
25 Letter before omega
26 Bygone Brit
27 Bklyn., e.g.
28 Neck backs
30 Fire remains
33 Food zappers
38 Luge, for one
39 "— your best behavior"
41 Starving
42 Really liking
43 Tops worn at proms
47 Rudolph, e.g.
49 "— changed man!"
50 Headlining hip-hopper
51 Lilylike garden staple
52 — Moines, Iowa
53 De Mille of dance

- 55 Irene of "Fame"
57 Figure skater Midori —
59 Pointing symbol
60 Xbox or Switch accessory
68 Spiteful
69 Freak out in fear
70 Italian actress Sophia
71 Piece for two
72 Events to rouse candidate supporters
75 Start a volley
76 Op. — (kin of "ibid.")
77 Dwarf planet beyond Pluto
78 — cavae (big blood vessels)
79 City of the White Sox, for short
82 Turnpike exit structures
85 More savage
89 Bro's sib
91 Sweetums
93 Some dueling swords
95 Kett of the comics
96 "Am not!" rejoinder
98 Actress Chaplin
99 Beer grain

- 100 Floor numbers appear on them
104 Monetary penalties
105 "R.U.R." playwright Capek
106 Like a res. of the U.S.
107 On the job
109 Every once — while
110 Theme of this puzzle
119 And more, in brief
120 Small hardware item split lengthwise
121 Drink with tapioca pearls
122 Squealer
123 Toppers for certain auto engine parts
124 Wandering pouches

DOWN

- 1 "Park it!"
2 Off-roading truck, in brief
3 Gibson of "Mad Max"
4 Come before
5 Puts asphalt over
6 Elec., water or gas
7 Fine rain

- 8 Luau chow
9 Lead-in to cone
10 Court case hearer
11 Very taxing
12 Like lawns needing to be cut
13 Lead-in to con
14 Passé PC screen type
15 Lead-in night
16 Emmy-winning journalist Frank
17 Occurred
18 No-show
19 Barber's tool
24 Seth Meyers' network
29 Very eager
30 — Spumante
31 Potential target of urban renewal
32 Certain six-pointed polygon
33 — scale of hardness
34 Still having a shot to win
35 Hendrix hairdo
36 Victory signs
37 Book version
39 Big snakes
40 Psychic "gift"
44 Sketched

- 45 Indy vehicle
46 — II (Gillette razor brand)
48 Pt. of NBA or NCAA
51 Vietnamese capital
54 Like sexist jokes
56 Arrives like fog or the tide
58 Of time past
59 "Better Call Saul" channel
60 Practical joke
61 "Raggedy" doll
62 Sticks in the mud
63 Luigi's three
64 Notes after dos
65 Like Russia, continent-wise
66 Morning bugle call
67 Enhaloed Fr. woman
69 Sound of falling rain
73 Ethereal
74 Animation
75 Feudal peasant
78 "Luka" singer Suzanne
79 More impudent
80 Nickname for Georgia's capital

- 81 Affect one another
83 Muralist Joan
84 Look intently
86 "Green" sci.
87 Jamaica's Ocho —
88 Anderson Cooper's network
90 Retired JFK jets
92 Roof edge
93 Gets lathery
94 Left out
97 Madrid's land, in Italian
101 In spite of the fact that, for short
102 Colorful salamanders
103 "— tu" (Verdi aria)
104 In a suitable manner
107 Truncated form of a wd.
108 Huge horn
111 "Bali —"
112 Unwell
113 Org. for the Eagles, but not the Ravens
114 0.5 fl. oz.
115 Crude house
116 Plains tribe
117 Like nos. below zero
118 Carrier to Stockholm

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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. 11

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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 interesting reports of their activities 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 Education Institute, held at Morgantown, West Virginia on August 13 and 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, Adopting a Foreign Country and High School Recognition for Outstanding students.

The following people were accepted for club membership: Mrs. 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 Cecil Butcher, 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

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

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 out-of-town guests.

Music was furnished by "The Sportsmen," a five-piece orchestra composed of piano, drums, accordion, guitar and bass fiddle—all men from this locality.

Mr. Richard Manning was chairman of the Dance Committee, with Mrs. Richard Manning and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Davis as 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. Mr. 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 Boosters 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 National 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 co-chairman. 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 work.

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

The club president also appointed a committee to get the feminine contingent of the club both members and wives, to attend 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 mathematics, generators, wiring, 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.

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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 Bick-
more 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
PM
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Pastor: Thurman Sizemore

**CHURCH OF GOD
BENTREE**
Sangamore Rd.,Bentree, WV
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Service
7:00 PM
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Come and worship the Lord
with us.
Everyone Welcome!
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.

**CLAY UNITED
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
PM
Wednesday Worship
7:00 PM
Everyone welcome.
Pastor: George Stickland

**COLD SPRINGS GOSPEL
TABERNACLE**, Upper Fall-
ing Rock, Clay County
Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 AM
Sunday School 11:30 AM
Sunday Evening Service
7:30 PM
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
PM
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
Anderson**

**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
CHURCH**
Sunday Sunday 10:30 AM
Sunday Night Preaching 6:00
PM
Pastor: Michael Jackson

**HARTLAND COMMUNITY
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Wednesday Night Service
7:00 PM
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday Night Service
6:00 PM
Pastor: Jeremy Holcomb

**HORNERS FORK
MISSIONARY BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship
6:00 PM
Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Youth
7:00 PM
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: (304) 587-2996
(home), (304) 587-2703
(church)
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

**INDORE BAPTIST
CHURCH**
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
Everyone welcome!

**IVYDALE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Worship Service 11:00
Everyone Welcome!
304-395-9990
Pastor: Freddie Elliott

**JODIE BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Come Worship with Us!
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Evening Service 7:00 PM
Wednesday (BYF) 7:00 PM
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM

**JOHNSON CREEK
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Vineyard Ridge
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Night Service
7:00 PM
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM
**JUBILEE MOUNTAIN
CHURCH**
103 Main Street, Clay, WV
25043
Sunday 10:00 A.M. - 12 noon
For more info call 304-587-
4779
Pastor: David Davis

**LAUREL FORK
MISSIONARY BAPTIST
CHURCH** of Adonijah
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
Sunday Night 7:00 PM
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Youth Meeting 7:00 PM

**LEATHERWOOD
FREEWILL BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Service 7:00 PM
Wednesday Services 7:00 PM

**LIBERTY ADVENT
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
Phone 304-286-5909

**LITTLE LAUREL
MISSIONARY BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship
6:00 PM
Everyone Welcome!
Pastor: David McLaughlin

**LIVING GOD WORSHIP
CENTER**
We invite you to come and
worship with us.
Thursday Evening 7:00 PM
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
Pastor: Cecil Lee

**LIZEMORE CHURCH
OF THE NAZARENE**
Sunday School 10-11:00 AM
Church Service 11-12 Noon
Wednesday Service 7:00 PM
Pastor: Robert Thomas

**MAYSEL COMMUNITY
CHURCH**
Sunday School 10:00
Sunday Night 6:00 PM
Monday Night Service
6:00 PM
Wednesday Night Prayer
Meeting/Bible Study 6:00 PM
Everyone welcome!

**MAYSEL MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Worship Service 11:00 AM
Everyone Welcome
Pastor: Jim Hamrick

**MIDDLE CREEK
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Sunday School 10:00 AM
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

Everyone welcome!

MUD FORK CHURCH
Sunday & Jr. Worship
Service 10:00 AM Sunday
School 11:00 AM Sunday
Night 6:00 PM Wednesday
Night & Jr.

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

NEBO BAPTIST CHURCH
Preaching every Sunday
Morning at 10:00 AM

Sunday School 11:00 AM
Preaching, Prayer Meeting
Wednesday at 7:30 PM

**NEW ANTIOCH
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Service 11:00 AM
Sunday Night 7:00 PM
Wednesday Night Prayer
Meeting 7:00 PM
Please join us in Praise!
Pastor: Gary Walker

**NEWTON UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching every Sunday
11:00 AM
Pastor: Kenneth Boggs
**NEWTON BAPTIST
CHURCH**

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

ing & Bible Study 7:00PM

Pastor: Darius Walker
**Pastor Emeritus: Ron
Fisher**

**NOAH'S ARK FULL
GOSPEL CHURCH**
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
Pastor: Gene Copen

**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
CHURCH**
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM
Sunday Night Service 7:00
PM
Take time out for Jesus, he
took time our for you.
Pastor: Freddie Schoolcraft

**PISGAH FREEWILL
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Bible Study
& preaching 6:00 PM
Pastor: Dennis Vance

**PLEASANT DALE
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching Sunday 11:00 AM
Wednesday night Bible Study
7:00 PM
Saturday Night Preaching
Pastor: Wayne Litton

**PLEASANT HILL
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening 6:30 PM
Wednesday Night 6:30 PM
Everyone welcome.
Pastor: Wayne Smith

**PROCIIOUS
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Welcomes You!
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:15 AM
Bible Study 2nd, 4th, 5th
Wednesday Night 6:30 PM
Pastor: David Walker

**QUEEN SHOALS F.G.C.
CHURCH**
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 fol-
lowed by Religious Education
9:30 AM
Wednesday Liturgy 6:00 PM
Everyone welcome!
**Pastor: Father Matheus Ro
SVD**
**Pastoral Associates: Father
Dominijus Boak SVD**

**ROGERS FORK BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Saturday Prayer Meeting
7:00 PM
Sunday Worship 7:00 PM
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Delbert McKenzie

**RUSH FORK
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 2nd & 4th Sunday
11:00 AM
Every 1st and 3rd Sunday
Singing or Preaching
11:00 AM
Wednesday Prayer Service &
Bible Study 7:00 PM
Come see us in church.
Pastor: Harry Dobbins



**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
TABERNACLE**
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:00 AM
Sunday Night 6:00 PM
Wednesday Prayer Service
7:00 PM
Everyone welcome!

**VALLEY RIDGE
CHURCH**
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Bible Study Wednesday
Night 7:00 PM
Everyone is welcome to
attend.

**WALLBACK
METHODIST CHURCH**
Preaching 1st, 3rd, 5th Sun-
days 9:45 AM
Bible Study Wednesday Eve-
ning 7:00 PM
Everyone welcome.
Pastor: Rev. Stewart Cottrell

**WALNUT GROVE
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**
Preaching 1st & 3rd Sundays
11:00 AM
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Pastor: (304) 332-5503
Pastor: Jimmy Adkins

**WALNUT MEMORIAL
CHURCH**
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 10:00 AM
Thursday Evening Service
7:30 PM
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Lester Tanner

**WHITE PILGRIM
METHODIST CHURCH**
Preaching Sunday 9:45 AM
Sunday School 11:00 AM
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Paul Coon

**WHITESTAR
TABERNACLE CHURCH**
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Sunday Night 6:30 PM
Wednesday Night 6:30 PM
Pastor: Rev. Mike Hall
**WIDEN BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Preaching 11:00 AM
Sunday Night Service
6:00 PM
Wednesday Night Service
6:00 PM
Everyone welcome!
Pastor: Randy Tinney

**WINGS OF DELIVERANCE
APOSTOLIC
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**
Rt. 4, 1/4 miles below
Maysel on the left
Sunday Morning 10:00 AM
Sunday Night 6:00 PM
Wednesday Night 7:00 PM
Come worship the Lord with
us!
Phone: (304) 587-7410
Pastor: Jerry Hanshaw



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CLAY COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

In the Matter of Petition of Name Change of

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

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

Christina Henshaw
Clerk of the Court

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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 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

LEGAL

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, 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 as follows:

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

Section D - Former Standard/Bazzle Gas Company ("Standard") Customers

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

Section A

HOPE GAS, INC. - PROPOSED		
TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$ INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	% INCREASE/ (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/ (DECREASE)	% INCREASE/ (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/ (DECREASE)	% INCREASE/ (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		
TYPE OF CUSTOMER	\$ INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	% INCREASE/ (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/ (DECREASE)	% INCREASE/ (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 (Lumberton-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.

DOWNTOWN FIRE



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 damage in the building."



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. For 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

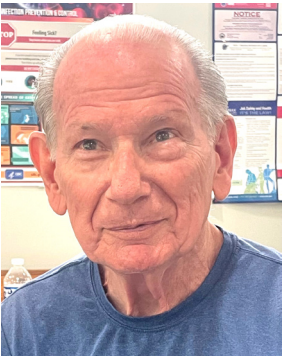
there for kids. For a while, before moving to our next location. Terry was Wayne King's daughter and is gone now. She died with cancer." She laughs when she says, "Many people have fond memories of that place. They would go in to eat or play pool. Jerry's brother drove through that building. He was mad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

The mayor, most city officials, and even the sher-

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iff'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 town completely to apathy."

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

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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
LIZEMORES, CLAY COUNTY

Location: 38:20:16

Latitude: 38:20:16

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: N/A

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 table-tops 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 anchor post.



Ember Price anchored the post to the chair.



The CTE crew maneuvered the chair into place.