



## WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Ruddle Park

**The weather was beautiful on planting day!**

Volunteers from the Ruddle area of Pendleton County came out to support this WV Project CommuniTree planting at Ruddle Park on Saturday, April 16, 2016.

Ruddle Park is and always has been a community effort. The park's main advocate, who was also the WV Project CommuniTree Project Leader, pulled together many local volunteers, including a local Boy Scouts troop from Franklin, to help make this project a success. In addition to the Boy Scouts, there were also members of the Pendleton County Parks Board to assist with planting the trees.

An augur was used to dig the holes prior to tree planting day.

Sheryl Heydt from Cacapon Institute and Rosie Santerre from WV Division of Forestry walked the Boy Scouts and their parents through the steps of planting a tree—how deep to plant it, how to fill the hole back in, how to stake and mulch it, and most importantly, how to take care of it in the future.

Some of the Boy Scouts were having so much fun that they pretended they were trees and planted themselves inside the metal cages.

According to Frankie



Roberson, “This was a great project for our park and the trees are beautiful.” She and her husband will be maintaining the trees and making sure they have plenty of water in the summer.

Some of the trees that were planted will be used as memorial trees to remember family members and friends from the Ruddle community.

### A word from the Project Leader, Frankie Roberson:

*“My favorite part of the tree planting was being able to see a young group of kids being out there and working hard to do this project. This is something you don't see much anymore.”*



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