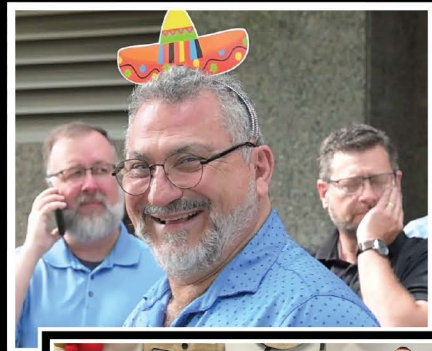


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Turnpike Travel Tops Half a Million, Exceeds Last Year's Figures for Memorial Day Weekend

Holiday traffic on the West Virginia Turnpike over the busy Memorial Day holiday weekend totaled 569,763 transactions, exceeding last year's travel numbers by more than 4 percent.

Traffic on the Turnpike from Friday, May 23, 2025, through Monday, May 26, 2025, exceeded 2024's numbers by more than 24,000 transactions, according to officials for the West Virginia Parkways Authority.

The tolls for passenger vehicles on the Turnpike are \$4.50 per plaza. There are three main toll plazas along the Turnpike. Alternately, an E-ZPass costs \$27.50 annually for unlimited use, plus a one-time transponder fee.

To get an E-ZPass, or to renew an existing E-ZPass, download the WVPA E-Zpass mobile app! Drivers may also apply in person at the West Virginia Parkways Authority E-ZPass Customer Service Center, 3310 Piedmont Road, Charleston, West Virginia 25306, or at the Beckley Customer Service Center located at 12 Pikeview Drive, Beckley, West Virginia 25801.



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Division of Motor Vehicles Goes All Out For Public Service Recognition Week

Public Service Recognition Week 2025 was a week to remember at the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The weeklong celebration, held in honor of the agency's dedicated team, was not only a time to express our heartfelt appreciation for the hard work and commitment of our staff, but also an opportunity to highlight the creativity and talent that make our DMV employees truly exceptional.



This engaging week not only highlighted our profound appreciation for the entire agency but also showcased the remarkable creativity and talent of our employees. Some exciting activities included a sweet bake-off, followed by a door decorating competition, craft display, a candy jar guessing game, and daily prize drawings. Each day brought something special, from delightful treats to movie trivia and themed dress-up days that added a sense of fun and camaraderie. This memorable week fostered employee engagement and highlighted our appreciation for the remarkable talent within our agency.



Division of Motor Vehicles Recognizes Employee's Years of Service



Kathryn Given - 35 Years of Service



Regina Ballard - 30 Years of Service



Robert Huffman - 25 Years of Service



Trish Anderson - 35 Years of Service



Tabitha Holliday - 20 Years of Service

GHSP Celebrates Successful HWY2SFTY Conference

The West Virginia Governor's Highway Safety Program recently held the HWY2SFTY Conference, from Wednesday, May 14, 2025, to Friday, May 16, 2025, which brought together a diverse group of highway safety professionals, law enforcement, educators, and advocates for three days of discussions, workshops, and networking. The event was intended to foster collaboration and share best practices to enhance road safety across our communities.

The conference kicked off with a focus on the power of data, featuring a Data and Dashboarding panel in the Opening General Session that was moderated by the Governor's Highway Safety Association CEO, Jonathan Adkins. Insights were shared by Marsha Mays (West Virginia Department of Transportation, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials) and Tara Casanova-Powell (Association of Transportation Safety Information Professionals), highlighting the power of data in shaping effective safety strategies.



This conference also celebrated law enforcement with the awards banquet handing out many awards to officers who helped keep West Virginia safe over the past year. The speaker for the banquet was James L. Mitchell, Superintendent of West Virginia State Police, along with a few words of encouragement and appreciation from Commissioner of the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles, (DMV) Everett Frazier. Barbara Lobert was handed the first lifetime achievement award for her hard work and dedication with the GHSP. Weirton Police Officer Brandon Palmieri was awarded the Child Passenger Safety Technician Instructor of the Year award while Kanawha County Sheriff's Office took home first for top DUI enforcement in the state.

The conference provided attendees with new insights and strategies to continue their vital work in West Virginia. This conference was a culmination of the hard work that GHSP Director, Jack McNeely, GHSP Division Manager, Amy Boggs, and the entire GHSP team put in to create a conference engaging and fun for attendees.



WVDOT Employee of the Year Winners

District 1 - Britney McKinney

District 2 - Jenise Fairchild

District 3 - Bridget Buffington

District 6 - Judy Burgess and Austin Martin

District 7 - Tyrone Campbell

District 8 - Andy Bland

District 9 - Michael Harper

District 10 - Joseph Ray

Budget - Benjamin King

Auditing - Zachary Setliff

Civil Rights - Francesco Pisaturo

Contract Administration - Larry Shea

Division of Motor Vehicle - John Springer

Equipment - Donna Hamner

Executive - Douglas Kirk

Finance - Jeremy Brown and Jessica Hancock

Human Resources - Lena Shavers

Legal - Donna Perdue

Lewisburg Division of Motor Vehicle - Charity Pence

Martinsburg Division of Motor Vehicle - Donna Beitel

Materials Control, Soils and Testing - Amanda Allison

Multimodal - Erik Hall

Multimodal - Henri Pauley

Office Services - Tom Tomczyk

Operations - Katlin Reed

Performance Management - Tammy Woolridge

Planning - Heather McCloud

Procurement - Lisa Smith

Programming - Michael Glover

Public Relations - Troy Morgan

Right of Way - Ian Haye

Summersville DMV - Shana Lambert

Tech Support - Joshua Ramsey

Traffic Engineering - Michael Holland



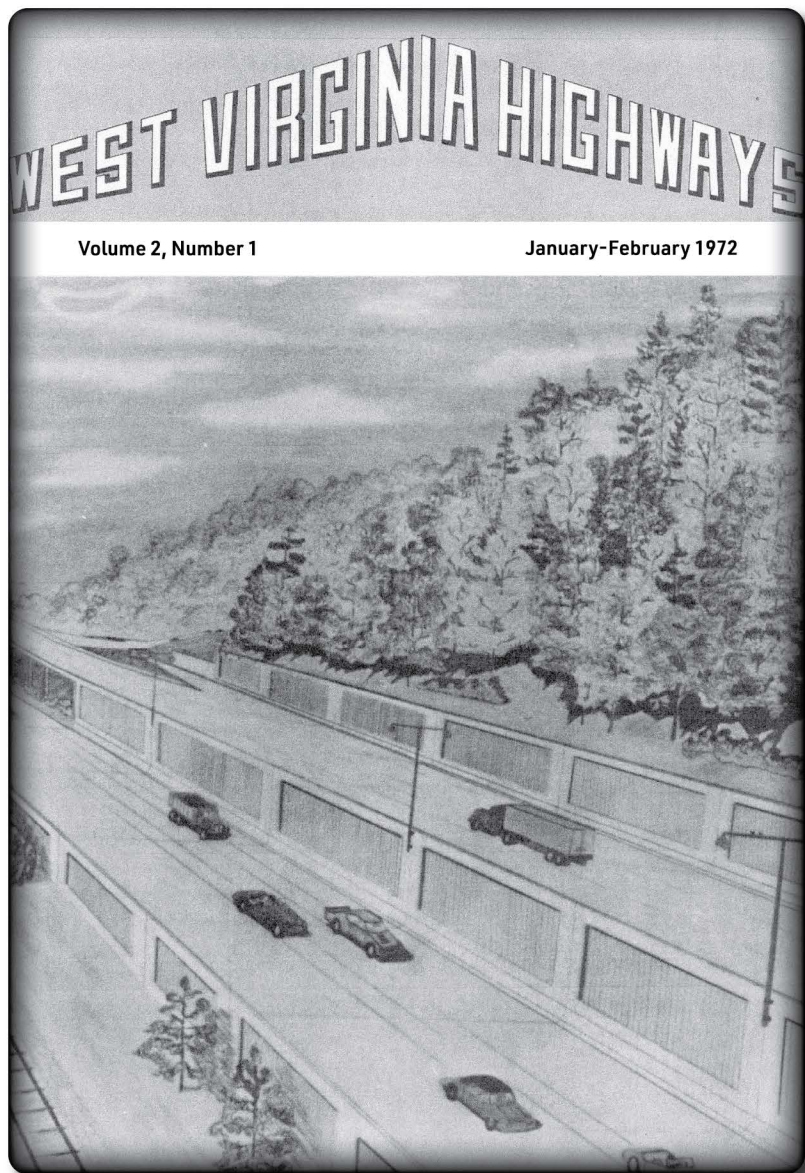
District 6- Judy Burgess



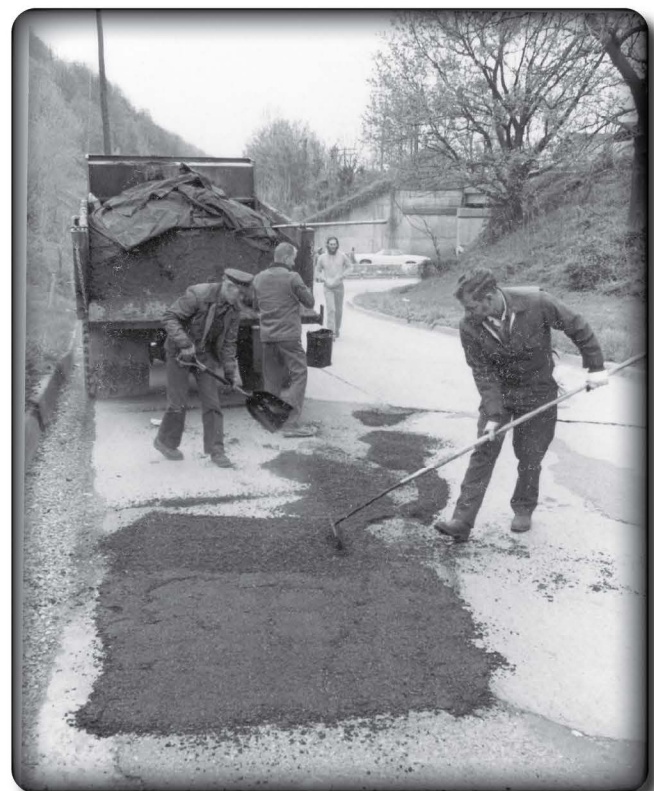
District 6- Austin Martin



Down here in the Public Relations Division we uncovered some photographs from earlier times in our transportation history, and wanted to share them for all to see. Hope you enjoy this blast from the past.



The image above is a rendering that resembles the plans to develop what today are I-64 and I-77. The drawing was done by Roadside Development Division landscape architect Ron Dale.



West Virginia Bridge Design & Build Contest Trophies Delivered

West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) held its 24th Annual West Virginia Bridge Design and Build Contest at WVU Tech in Beckley on Saturday, April 29, 2025. 41 middle and high school students, split into 26 teams, participate in both the software and balsa wood bridge competitions.

These four teams won in their respective categories, and trophies were delivered and presented by the Public Relations Division in early May.

We would like to recognize and congratulate each of the winning teams.



Princeton Senior High school Alden Miller



Morgantown High Schools Larry Du (Left) and Maxwell Chen (Right)



Eastern Greenbrier Middle School Ellie Burns (Left) and Emma Vincent (Right)



Eastern Greenbrier Middle School Arabella Webb



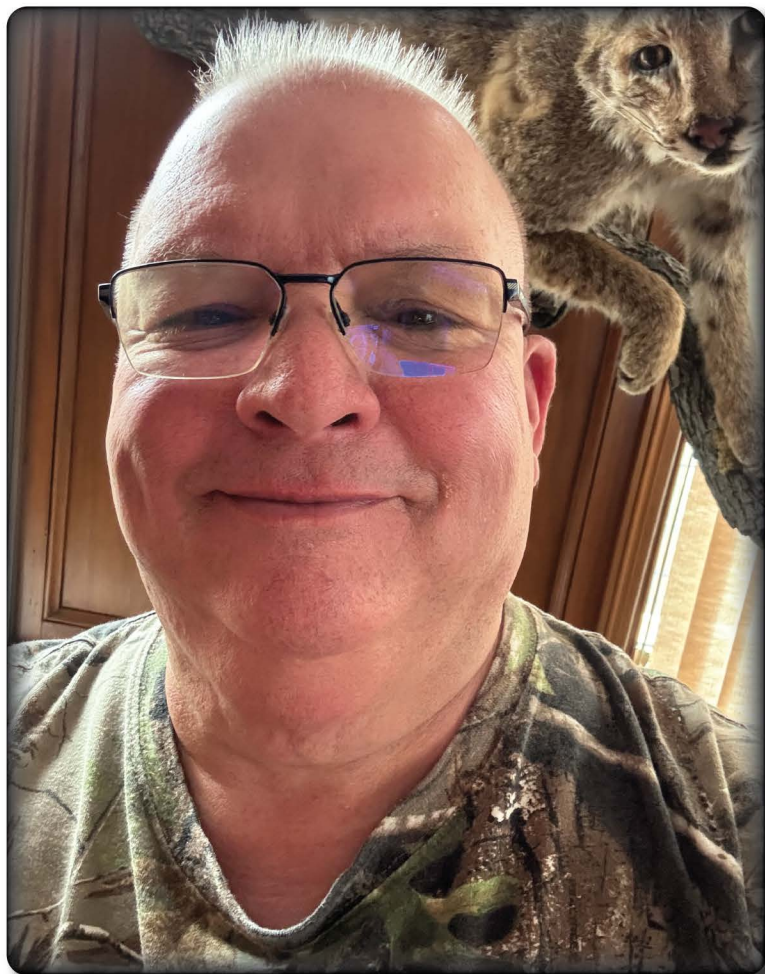
Congrats!



WVDOT Says You Can't See Us When It Comes To Walking Our Miles

The West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) wrapped up their Mountaineer Miles for the month of May with camo day hosted by the Engineering Division. It was mighty hard to get a good look at all the people walking with their attire. But we have some photographs for you to check out to get a better "picture" of the walk.

We will continue the walks into June with new and fun themes picked for each one. Come join us every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in the month of June to get your Mountaineer Mile in; we would love to see you there.





While patching Howell's Mill Road, West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOT) crews in District 2 responded to concerns about Elementary Drive in Ona. Thanks to their quick action, several areas have been patched. This benefited school buses, parents, and staff at Ona Elementary as they wrapped up the school year. We are committed to addressing community needs and improving road safety.



The West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) is always working to improve. Our Auditing Division's recent fraud training is just one way we're staying ahead of the curve. When our team excels, West Virginia's transportation system benefits. That's what we call a win-win!



"Tom Caulifield was from the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and was an excellent speaker who trained us on common areas for fraud in governments with anti-collusion and anti-corruption tests to implement," said Dawna Skaggs. "Our team really enjoyed this training and provided us with even more insight into using Data Analytics to help detect and deter fraud."



New Guests Each Week!



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