



Newsletter

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2014 WV PRIMARY ELECTION EARLY VOTING UNDERWAY

Beginning April 30, registered voters can go to their county courthouses and cast their votes early for the Tuesday, May 13, Primary Election. All 55 courthouses will allow early voting during normal business hours and each Saturday through May 10. Being an off-year election, there are no state constitutional officers or Supreme Court candidates on the ballot. Voters will cast ballots for U.S. Senate, three congressional races, all 100 members of the West Virginia House of Delegates and 17 members of the West Virginia Senate. There are a number of local races, levies and bond issues. The CAWV has sent CAWV members a list of candidates for the West Virginia Legislature supported by HUB/PAC. President Phil Weser encourages members to work actively for the candidates endorsed by the CAWV. Anyone needing a copy of the endorsements can contact the CAWV office.

Voters in Wayne County will go to the polls to vote on bond issue for new and renovated schools. If voters pass the \$18 million bond issue it will be matched by another \$18 million from the state School Building Authority. With county funds, \$42.2 million would be available to build a new \$20.4 million Ceredo-Kenova Elementary and a \$17 million Crum PreK-8, along with \$4.7 million in renovations at Wayne High School. A 2012 bond issue that was twice this amount was defeated by voters. School leaders have revamped their proposal.

REGISTER NOW FOR CAWV AFTERHOURS, THURSDAY, MAY 8

Over 100 CAWV members are attending the business afterhours reception being held on Thursday, May 8, at the Mardi Gras Casino and Resort, Nitro. "One of the wonderful services provided by the CAWV is their ability to join members together for networking and fun," said association President Phil Weser. This informal event will include a reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres and a view of the dog races. Members can check out the improvements in the casino and try their luck at the gaming tables or machines. "We want members to come and enjoy being with their fellow CAWV members," the president stated.

The Afterhours begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Easy Lounge. A registration form is attached to this Newsletter. Anyone needing a room at the Mardi Gras Casino & Resort Hotel should contact Wendy Long at (304) 342-1166 or long@cawv.org

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WEST VIRGINIANS OWE \$1,035 EACH FOR ROTTEN INFRASTRUCTURE

West Virginia led U.S. states with \$1,035 needed per resident each year to fix and maintain roads, drinking-water systems and airports, according to [data](#) compiled by Bloomberg. Bloomberg ranked the states and District of Columbia based on the annual per-capita cost of needed repairs and upkeep for that infrastructure from 2013 through 2017. The analysis was based on costs of improving state-owned roads in poor condition and data from the Federal Aviation Administration and other agencies, as well as a March report from Smart Growth America and Taxpayers for Common Sense.

West Virginia needs \$1.84 billion a year for road repairs, \$58 million for projects to provide safe drinking water and \$22 million for development at airports considered significant to national transportation, the analysis said. After the Mountain State, Wyoming and North Dakota had the highest annual need per resident at \$700 and \$649, respectively, according to the ranking. The three states with the lowest amounts were California, \$103; Massachusetts, \$96; and New Jersey, \$78.

MAY 15 WEBINAR RESCHEDULED

The next webinar in the CAWV / BrickStreet Educational Series that was scheduled for Thursday, May 15, at 2:00 p.m. has to be rescheduled due to a scheduling conflict with the speaker. The webinar entitled 'Equipment Maintenance for Mobile Equipment' will be presented by Terry Taylor, Senior Consultant with IDCON, Inc. A new date will be set for the webinar and members will be notified in the CAWV Newsletter and by email. Also an email will be sent to members with registration details one week prior to the webinar. This webinar, along with other past webinars in the CAWV Educational Series sponsored by BrickStreet, will be available on the CAWV website in the near future.

STATE LOTTERY REVENUES CONTINUES TO FALL

State Lottery revenues continued to slide in March, dragged down by declining profits at the state's four racetrack casinos, all reeling from competition in neighboring states. For the month, gross revenues totaled \$110.2 million, down \$14.1 million or 11 percent, from March 2013. Racetrack video lottery fell \$7.4 million, to \$53.46 million, while table games at the four casinos plunged 31 percent, to \$4.18 million. The state's share of Lottery profits for the month, \$49.19 million, was down \$6.88 million from March 2013. For the first nine months of the 2013-2013 fiscal year, gross Lottery revenues are down \$86.18 million, at \$911.09 million.

Lottery proceeds fund numerous construction programs through dedicated annual revenues for various state agencies including the School Building Authority, WV Infrastructure Council, Community and Technical College system, State Parks system, and economic development projects. Lottery proceeds now also will fund projects at Beech Fork State Park and Cacapon State Park and about \$246 million for state wastewater projects included in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed cleanup program.

While these monies are dedicated and probably won't be affected by the decline in Lottery revenues, the downturn does not bode well for getting additional funding for expanded infrastructure investment. The downturn does impact the dollars that help fund other general fund programs. The governor introduced bills this legislative session to divert \$60 million from the WV Infrastructure Fund and \$26 million from the State Road Fund to help offset the \$150 million shortfall in the general fund. The highway fund diversion bill did not pass and an agreement was reached with the administration to take \$20 million from WVIF instead of \$60 million.

SAVE THE DATE: CAWV ANNUAL MEETING JULY 10 - 13, THE GREENBRIER

An exciting lineup of programs and speakers is being scheduled for the 2014 CAWV Annual Meeting, which will be held July 10-13 at The Greenbrier. The Program Committee is finalizing the General Business Session details. In addition to the General Business Session, meetings of the CAWV occupational divisions will be held, a Welcome Night Reception sponsored by the Associate Division, golf and fishing tournaments and the President's Reception and Banquet round out the popular meeting. Meeting information will be sent to members next week. For additional information, contact Wendy Long at (304) 342-1166 or long@kawv.org. Watch future Newsletters for full details.

WVDOH, FHWA, CAWV PROMOTE WORK ZONE SAFETY

"Work Zone Speeding: A Costly Mistake," is the theme for this year's highway work zone safety campaign. West Virginia Department of Transportation Secretary Paul Mattox led a press conference April 30 to promote safety while driving through work zones. He was joined by representatives of the Federal Highway Administration, WV State Police and CAWV. To view the press conference that was reported on many TV, radio and newspaper outlets around the state, [click here](#).

CAWV PERSONNEL CHANGES

Shannon Louk, CAWV Communication/WVEXPO Manager, has left the CAWV for other opportunities. The association wishes her well in her new endeavors. Any calls or correspondence for Shannon should be directed to Wendy Long at (304) 342-1166 or long@kawv.org