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On the cover
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Two themes were evident at this year’s CAWV Midyear Meeting: “The Magic of Magic” and the “Glory of Building.” Many classic and modern Disney characters provided the magic and the annual Prayer Breakfast featured a speaker who complimented CAWV members for “Building a Better West Virginia.”

Over 500 members and guests attended the 2016 CAWV Midyear Meeting at The Grand Floridian Resort at Walt Disney World, February 12 - 16. Over 100 children of members participated in this magical event. “Construction the Disney Way,” issues before the West Virginia Legislature, engaging the future generation into the CAWV, a roadmap to an effective return to work program, the association’s safety awards program and “keeping West Virginia moving” were all part of an exciting and informative meeting.
BVCC is rehabilitating and modifying many of the features of the park, which he noted can be very interesting given the perimeters of working in the parks.

“We had a vice president that didn’t want visitors to the parks to see any construction,” Troffer reported. “This is why you see fences everywhere. We do all our work behind the scenes. You will see construction cranes but not much else.”

The construction executive says there is a lot of hurry up and wait associated with their projects. Workers will wait outside the fence and then move in quickly to perform a task. While the company may work 24 hours, seven days a week, they may only work an hour at a time on a particular activity, including cleaning up after their work. Crews may have zero power which also effects how the project is scheduled.

“We have to be nimble when working around guests,” Troffer said. “We have overlapping shifts and we have to schedule paving even when there is a lot of rain. We figure out how to get around problems and hurdles.”

Walt Disney World is a very happy place but “not always inside the fence,” he joked.

Troffer told members about the process of getting permits to build and rehabilitate at the parks. The company can pull over 1,000 permits a year with over 200 permits open at any given time. Construction in the parks is governed by EPCOT Building Codes which are much more stringent than Southern Building Codes.

“Disney may have its own building codes but code officials are state employees,” Troffer commented. “Our codes exceed codes anywhere but we...
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“There have been a number of bills introduced to repair and build highways and bridges,” Southworth commented. “The CAWV and industry have gotten behind S.B. 610, introduced by Sen. Ed Gaunch, R-Kanawha, and cosponsored by about 20 senators. The bill raises DMV and other fees and taxes which would generate about $250 million for the West Virginia Division of Highways. Sen. Gaunch has made a compelling argument for the

Don’t get permits any faster than other projects. All of our permits are public documents which is done purposely to provide transparency. All our codes go above and beyond - for structural engineering and water - to make sure people in the parks are safe.”

Troffer said that BVCC’s challenges are probably not much different than CAWV-member companies. Finding qualified labor and employee benefit rates pose problems. The company has to bid to do the work.

“We are trying to attract youth in our company,” he noted. “We are looking for new and talented people to augment our workforce.”

Troffer alluded to a project that has yet to be announced that is going to be huge.

“I can’t release information but I can tell you that of everything that has been done at Walt Disney World, this will be bigger,” he commented.

[In March, Bob Chapek, chairman of Walt Disney Parks and Resorts, announced to Disney shareholders that construction will begin in April 2016 on Star Wars Land, a themed area at Disneyland Park in California and Walt Disney World in Florida. There will also by a new Toy Story Land at Walt Disney World.]

“Last year was a big year for business in the West Virginia Legislature,” said Louis Southworth, Jackson & Kelly. “In 2015, there were no bad bills and a lot of good things happened. This includes civil justice reform, asbestos reform, joint and several legislation, caps on punitive damages and non-partisan election of judges, all of which was passed on a bipartisan vote.”

In his 15th year of giving his legislative session outlook, Southworth said this year’s session has begun with some ominous overtones.

“Economic indicators are casting a dark shadow that will hurt the state’s efforts,” Southworth said. “Our population is declining and school enrollment is down 250,000 today from 320,000 in 1990. The downturn in the coal industry and the decline in gas prices have hit West Virginia quicker and harder than anyone ever imagined. There is a projected budget shortfall of $300 million and that could balloon to $500 million. Lower energy prices will have a crippling effect on the state’s finances.”

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Members enjoyed this year’s Prayer Breakfast before participating in the CAWV Division Meetings.

The Highway Division Meeting discussed a number of changes addressed in subcommittees.

CAWV President Dan Cooperrider and Minnie Mouse officiate their newfound friendship during the President’s Reception.

CAWV Associate Division Chairman Eric Ramey welcomes guests to the Beach Bash at Midyear.

Mike and Marci Thomas hang out with Mickey and Minnie Mouse.

Members enjoy line dancing with Chip and Dale at the Beach Bash.

Tattoo artists, face painting and glitter magic were part of the fun at the Welcome Night Beach Bash.

Mary Case O’Dell, Sean Mayberry and Lee Cooperrider pose for a photo during the Beach Bash.

CAWV President Dan Cooperrider joins Robert and William Hunter to catch up during the Welcome Night Beach Bash.

Chet Rodabaugh of West Virginia Paving, Inc., gets his face painted during the Beach Bash.

Members and guests enjoyed the evening at the Seven Seas Lagoon.

Doug and Shawna Meeks joined Wayne Taylor during the Welcome Night Beach Bash.

Members and guests dance to Disney Classics with DJ Jazzy Jeff.

Brad Coleman and Amanda Spear participated at this year’s Midyear Meeting.

Tattoo artists, face painting and glitter magic were part of the fun at the Welcome Night Beach Bash.

Sara Matheney and Cassie Black are in the Disney spirit during this year’s Midyear Meeting.
bill and people realize that we must fix our roads and bridges. Sen. Charles Trump, R-Morgan, has introduced a resolution to place a $2 billion bond amendment for highway projects before voters in November. If ratified, legislators will be authorized to impose a tax to generate funds to repay the bonds. There is also a bill by Sen. Chris Walters, R-Putnam, to keep the tolls on the West Virginia Turnpike."

Southworth said he isn’t sure how House members will respond to bills calling for tax increases given the number of delegates who have signed the ‘no tax pledge’ by the American for Tax Reform.

He also noted 2016 is a key election year, with the president, congress, governor, and Supreme Court on the ballot.

“There are five candidates running for one seat on the state Supreme Court,” Southworth stated. “The incumbent is Justice Brent Benjamin who is completing a 12-year term. The business community has coalesced behind Beth Walker, currently associate general counsel for West Virginia United Health Systems, Inc. in Morgantown and wife of Mike Walker, formerly of Walker Machinery Company. Bill Wooten, a former legislator from Raleigh County has entered the race, along with a late entry, Darrell McGraw, former Supreme Court justice and former Attorney General. Wayne King of Clay County has also filed to run.”

He reminded members that this is now a non-partisan election and the winner is selected in the May primary.

Southworth said he could not speculate on the gubernatorial race in November, telling members “your guess is as good as mine.” He did say that it’s almost positive that West Virginians will again vote for the Republican presidential candidate, as they have every election since 2000.

“We want business in West Virginia to be successful. We want to put people back to work. Building a safe and modern transportation system will accomplish this,” said John Boyle, Mountaineer Contractors, Inc. He outlined a new campaign to promote highway funding.

West Virginians for Better Transportation (WVBT), a coalition created to support and promote a better state transportation system has created a media campaign to encourage state lawmakers to develop a long-term funding solution for West Virginia road’s needs. The campaign, “Fix Our Roads Now,” was created to better educate legislators, policymakers and state residents of the funding crisis. It highlights the need for a secure funding package that guarantees West Virginia a stable and predictable highway system.

“WVBT unveiled its campaign during this year’s Transportation Day at the Capitol on January 18, where over 200 WVBT members and highway supporters gathered at the State Capitol to rally for increased funding to repair and maintain West Virginia’s deteriorating road system,” said Boyle, a WVBT board member. “The campaign includes a website, plus billboards, newspaper, radio and TV advertising, including a 30-second spot which was shown on a large TV screen outside the House of Delegates chamber during the event. The commercial, which resembles a video game with a car that loses points when it hits a pothole, depicts the higher costs of vehicle maintenance from driving on bad roads. The game also costs the driver points because West Virginia has the second highest fatality rate in the nation.”

Members gave the 30-second ad a round of applause for its content and design. Boyle thanked members who have donated to WVBT and encouraged members who haven’t to do so.

WVBT includes 300 organizations, groups, government leaders and companies that recognize and value the importance of a good surface transportation system.

President Cooperrider has made it a goal of his presidency to get more young members involved in CAWV activities to develop future leaders of the industry and the association.
“The president has challenged me to increase engagement in the Young Contractors Forum by adding programs that are educational, fun and charitable,” stated Josh Booth, Highway Safety, Inc. and YCF chairman.

“We know that young professionals have less experience which requires more guidance. It is important to the industry as well as the CAVV that young professionals recognize how the association and the YCF can benefit their development and, ultimately, their careers.”

Booth said YCF is creating the best avenues to get young professionals engaged by developing networking opportunities, professional development and educational programs. He reviewed some of YCF’s events including a kayak tour of the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection’s stream restoration projects on the Coal River, the “Toys for Tots” golf outing which raised money for the U.S. Marine Reserve’s toy campaign and a presentation on how young professionals can communicate more effectively with the ‘baby boomer’ generation.

“We have a great program scheduled for the year, including a leadership and motivational speaker slated during the West Virginia EXPO,” the chairman stated. “He is Mark McMillion, a West Point graduate that spent 22 years of active duty in the U.S. Army. He has also taught several college courses since his retirement. I invite everyone to attend his presentation.”

Chairman Booth also stated the YCF will be hosting a cleanup of tires and litter along the Coal River this summer. He invited all members to name someone from their companies to participate in the Young Contractors Forum. There is no age limit on YCF membership.

“We would like to have the up-and-comers in your companies,” the chairman stated. “This would be good for our industry and the future of the CAVV.”

“A Roadmap to an Effect Return-to-Work Program” was presented by Lisa Teel and Allan Williams of BrickStreet Insurance, the CAVV’s workers’ compensation partner.

“I would like to congratulate the companies in the CAVV’s workers’ compensation program for their commitment to improving safety on the jobsite,” Teel stated at the start of their presentation. “Because you’ve lowered your lost time, the discount for members is increased to 6.3 percent for 2016. Last year, the CAVV plan had 10 claims greater than $250,000. This year there were only two claims,” she said.

This is despite the fact that West Virginia’s workforce is getting older. She noted statistics prove that there is an increase in workers’ comp costs due to the increase in the average age of the workforce. Teel and Williams showed the average number of days off work increases with age.

It was at the 2009 Midyear Meeting at Walt Disney World that the CAVV Board of Directors entered into a partnership with BrickStreet Insurance to provide CAVV with a direct savings on their workers’ compensation premiums.

“We are proud to announce our partnership with the CAVV in offering an association safety program,” Jeff Benintendi told attendees that year. “Participation in the plan will be limited to the better performing accounts while offering an incentive for those with a high loss ratio to improve their safety performance.”

Benintendi, senior vice president of BrickStreet’s Strategic Business Group, outlined to members how the program will work. Since its inception in 2009, over 75 CAVV members have joined the CAVV/BrickStreet plan, saving thousands of dollars annually in workers’ comp premiums. Today, the CAVV is one of the best association plans in BrickStreet’s program.

Contractors must be a BrickStreet policy holder and they must be a CAVV member in good standing in order to participate in the program. Members wanting more information on the plan can contact their individual insurance agent, BrickStreet or the CAVV.

The average temporary days off for ages 25 to 40 is 11.5 days while the over 55 age group is 19.4 days off. The average of all age groups is 15.8 days. The average cost of lost time claims also increase with age. The 25 to 40 age group has $28,050 in claim cost compared to $36,586 in the 55 and over age group. Average lost time claim cost is $30,820 for all age groups.

“With the aging workforce, we must all work to get lost work numbers down,” Teel noted. “A roadmap to safety success includes management commitment, accountability, hiring practices, risk recognition, hierarchy of controls and measuring results,” she outlined. This same roadmap applies to return-to-work practices.

“A return-to-work best practice includes a comprehensive, repeatable process for managing injuries,” said Williams. “This helps to reduce cost and duration of injury regardless of severity. It also keeps cost from spinning out of control.”

Allen said communication is a key element and getting people back to work as quickly as possible, even if it’s light duty work. Also, contractors should make sure a new hire is a good fit for the organization.

“New employees must be trained from the beginnings,” he commented. “Employers should perform job function evaluations to ensure the employee is a good fit. Bad employees make worse claimants.”

Increasing safety on the jobsite was another feature of this year’s Midyear Meeting. Tim Quintrell, director of safety for Triton Construction Company, detailed changes in the CAVV’s safety awards program.

“Each year the CAVV Safety Committee invites members to participate in the annual safety awards program,” he said. “The program is not only a great way to get your company recognized for outstanding safety, it gives you an
Kyle Kalkoff and Steve Diehl tackled Disney’s Magnolia Course during the Midyear Meeting.

CAWV members weren’t the only turkeys at the golf tournament.

Bob Bubrick, Greg Gordon, Vic Green and Scott Pierson during the CAWV Golf Outing at Disney’s Magnolia Course.

Whitney, Allie, Bailey, Alivia and Justin Hudnell pose with Mickey and Minnie Mouse.

Madison, Lauren, Bryce, and Jonathan Powell with Princess Aurora.

Jeremy, Meredith, Bryson and Brennan Irons enjoy hanging out with Mickey and Minnie Mouse.

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Quintrell outlined the changes to this year’s safety questionnaire to make it easier for members to participate in the safety awards program.

“We have added additional award categories and split each of the categories into total man-hours worked,” he explained. “By doing this, members are competing against other companies of similar size that do the same type of work. The Safety Committee urges every CAWV member to participate in the program. The awards will be presented at the CAWV State Meeting during WV EXPO.”

The winners are chosen by a panel of safety professionals, owner representatives and insurance experts. Finalists are chosen from contractor and associate members who achieve an excellent performance rating.

Building, utility and highway division members enjoyed lively discussion on a number of timely topics, as did the association’s Board of Directors.

The Building Division meeting discussed the emergency rule to clarify that change orders related to government construction contracts do not need final approval before work can begin on the change order work. For years, contracting agencies were required to file construction change orders with the state Purchasing Division in a timely fashion. A change in the 2015 Legislature required that all change orders must be approved by the Purchasing Division and Attorney General (as to form) prior to commencement of work. If work was performed by a contractor prior to final approval, the contractor could not get paid for costs associated the change order. The bill moving through this year’s Legislature would restore the process to its previous requirements.

Building Division members also received updates from the School Building Authority and Purchasing Division task forces. They also discussed the new arrangement with iSqFt, the internet plan room service.

The Utility Division meeting heard from the Joint Utility Committee which meets regularly to evaluate materials cost and availability, AML waterline projects, measurement and payment status, and project status. Every state and federal water and sewer funding agency is a member of the joint committee.

Utility Division members discussed a new specification by the West Virginia Division of Highways that states the contractor is now responsible for locating WVDOH utilities along the DOH’s right-of-way. Until now, DOH employees would mark the division’s lines prior to excavation. Utility members have met with the agency to see how contractors will be able to access DOH’s plans to determine where underground utilities are located. The agency is also reconsidering their new specification.

The Highway/Heavy Division discussed a number of specification changes addressed in the subcommittees of Construction, Asphalt, PCC, Specifications and Publications. Division members also received an update on activities of West Virginians for Better Transportation and on legislation...
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introduced in the West Virginia Legislature to provide additional funding for highway and bridge construction and maintenance projects.

“The CAWV held tremendous dialogue on the issues facing our industry and association,” said President Cooperrider. “All the division meetings were very well attended and there were many ideas and recommendations presented. Our committees and board will be busy over the next twelve months implementing these ideas and proposals,” he said.

The “Glory of Building” was the theme at Sunday’s popular Prayer Breakfast. The speaker was Brooke Thomas who spoke on behalf of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Central Orlando Florida Chapter.

“I didn’t know who the Contractors Association of West Virginia is so I went on your website,” said the Wake Forest basketball standout and current sports journalist with Fox Sports Florida. “I see that you are “Building a Better West Virginia” by building the infrastructure that allows people and businesses to function. It’s up to you to build places and things that make everything else possible.”

Thomas, who now runs a fitness company where she trains adults and inspires them to have a lifestyle of faith and fitness, said there is so much glory in building.

“Jesus built by speaking the Word and God is the Master Builder,” she related to members. “When you guys work hard on a project, you get the glory and accolades for your work. I looked at a number of your company’s websites and you spotlight what you have done. Your websites draw people to you and provide a compass that brings direction and clarity to your work.”

Thomas was one of the best high school point guards in Florida and broke Wake Forest’s school career assist records with 510 assists in her career. While she said she was disappointed not to have played basketball professionally, she covered the NBA, MLB and NHL for Fox Sports Florida. Throughout her college and professional career, she has been involved with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She stated that in life, as in sports, you are constantly building and improving.

“We must continue to ask ourselves, are we shining the light on people, our companies and our co-workers? What can we do for the people in our companies? We can give them a paycheck but a pat on the back for a job well done is just as important,” she said.

“The stones used to build the tabernacles are the same stones we use to build relationships. I’m honored to be with members of this association this morning,” she concluded.

The Midyear Meeting began with the Welcome Night Reception sponsored by select members of the associate division. “Mickey’s CAWV Beach Bash Banquet” featured Disney characters and face painting and tattoos. Kids, and many of their parents, were transformed into lions, tigers and pirates by talented Disney artists. Following the banquet, members watched the Electric Water Parade. CAWV kids got to have their picture taken with Snow White, Cinderella, Aurora and Belle at the Princess Royal Tea Party held exclusively at this year’s function.

“This year’s social programs were fantastic,” said President Cooperrider. “Looking at faces of the kids getting their photos with their favorite Disney characters, there wasn’t anyone who wasn’t having a good time.”

This year’s meeting attendees were treated to a private reception at the Isle de France Pavilion at EPCOT for a private viewing of Disney’s spectacular “IllumiNations Reflections of Earth by Mountain State Insurance Agency. The annual golf tournament was held on Disney’s Magnolia Golf Course.

The highway and bridge contractor, Triton Construction, Inc., took 19 employees to this year’s meeting but, more importantly to company President John Farley, 21 children attended this year’s Midyear Meeting.

“Our employees put in a lot of hours at work away from their families,” Farley noted. “We were fortunate to be able to reward them with a relaxing trip with their families to Walt Disney World. We specifically targeted this meeting so the families could attend.

“Although there is a cost associated with taking this many people to a CAWV meeting, the looks on the children’s faces were priceless,” he said.
Families enjoy the Disney magic at this year’s CAWV Midyear Meeting. L to R: Kent and Rose Harwell; Sydney and Hannah Shamblin, Aliva Meeks, Jaden and Milley Wiseman; Kristi, Huck and Gage Captain; Zoey and Zachary Workman; and Lillian Lycans.

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A new survey, commissioned by West Virginians for Better Transportation (WVBT), indicates that a majority of West Virginians believe that there is an urgent need to fix state roads and bridges and they support legislation that would increase funding for transportation.

The poll, conducted by Norman Analytics and Research, interviewed 400 registered voters in West Virginia between March 4 and 6.

“The survey suggests that West Virginians would support increased funding for transportation as long as the funds are dedicated to roads and bridges and not lost to the general revenue account,” said Jan Vineyard, Treasurer, WVBT, a coalition of more than 300 groups pushing legislation for a long-term funding solution for roads and bridges.

Results of the poll concluded that 62 percent of those polled said they support the tax increases proposed in Senate Bill 555, a bill to increase funding for roads and bridges by $316 million annually. Despite a 25-9 vote in the Senate, and the overwhelming support of voters, House leaders said there was not enough support in the House of Delegates to advance any fee increase or tax measures. As such, the bill was taken off the agenda of the March 10 House Finance Committee and a vote was never taken.

Voters were given the specifics of increasing transportation funding as set out in S.B. 555 which included restoring the gas tax while prices stay below $2 a gallon and increasing Division of Motor Vehicle fees for the first time since 1970. The three components of the DMV fee increase that the average West Virginia motorist would pay would have increased fees 9 cents a day, or less than $33 a year (a tank of gasoline).

A study by The Road Information Program (TRIP) shows the average West Virginia driver is spending $333 a year, or about 90 cents a day, driving on bad roads.

Voters strongly supported this plan; 62 percent pledged support and 28 percent strongly so. Support is especially high among voters over the age of 55 (68 percent). Support is higher among Democrats (68 percent) although half of Republicans (50 percent) support a funding increase.

The poll’s authors concluded that, “No statistically significant differences in support or opposition are found based on political party affiliation indicating that while partisans disagree on the need to increase transportation funding, most voters, regardless of political affiliation, do not see anything extreme or problematic in the plan developed by the Senate. In fact, nearly two-fifths (39 percent) of those who oppose increasing funding for transportation in general, support the Senate’s current plan.”

There were numerous bills introduced in this year’s legislative session affecting highways and transportation but none that provided any new revenue to help the West Virginia Division of Highways’ funding crisis.

On January 18, WVBT held “Transportation Day at the Capitol” and hundreds of highway supporters came to Charleston to express their concerns over the lack of highway investment. Speaker Tim Armstead, Senate Majority Leader Mitch Carmichael, Senate Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman Chris Walters and House Roads and Transportation Committee Chairman Marty Gearheart all spoke to the assembled crowd and talked about the need to improve the state’s highways with some saying it will be a priority for this legislative session.
How much do you think the average West Virginia driver pays in gas taxes for road and bridge construction repairs?

(The average West Virginian pays $285 annually in gasoline taxes.)

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Preferred Method of Funding Road and Bridge Repairs

- Restoring the gas tax: 21%
- Slightly increasing the WV sales tax: 15%
- Increasing DMV fees: 9%
- Do not know/Refused: 32%
- None: 24%

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Structurally deficient means one or more of the key bridge elements, such as the deck, superstructure or substructure, is considered to be in “poor” or worse condition. While those bridges may not be imminently unsafe, they have serious deficiencies that need repair.

The report also shows that 1,462, or 20 percent, are classified as functionally obsolete. This means the bridge does not meet design standards in line with current practice.

These numbers are from the American Road and Transportation Builders Association’s third annual analysis of the latest Federal Highway Administration National Bridge Inventory database released in January 2016. The report notes there are 59,000 bridges in the U.S. that are structurally deficient. On the positive side, about 7,200 bridges nationwide classified as structurally deficient in 2014 were repaired, replaced, rebuilt or removed from the 2015 inventory. However, 4,625 bridges were newly classified as structurally deficient, based on their most recent inspection. The report notes that the net effect is a slow national reduction in the overall number of structurally deficient structures.

At this pace, it would take 21 years to clear the backlog of needed repair.

Age and weather are two factors that can have a significant impact on bridge conditions from state to state. In West Virginia, the average age of a structurally deficient bridge is 67 years, or 1 year older than the national average. A bridge that is not deficient is an average of 39 years in the U.S. and 33 years in West Virginia.

The FHWA report says the Top 25 structurally deficient bridges in West Virginia have nearly 650,000 crossings every day. Of the Top 25, most are located on the Interstate system. Two are on U.S. Route 50 in Harrison County and one is on WV Route 2 in Marshall County.

Federal investment in West Virginia has supported $1.7 billion for capital improvements on 780 bridge projects between 2004 and 2014, according to the report showing all bridge-related spending approved by FHWA during this time period. Since 2004, 725 new bridges have been constructed in the state while 61 have undergone major reconstruction.

West Virginians for Better Transportation drew attention to West Virginia moving from 14th worst bridges in the nation to 8th in the span of two years during their “Fix Our Roads” campaign conducted during the 60-day session of the West Virginia Legislature.

“While other states are making improvements, West Virginia is rapidly moving in the wrong direction,” WVBT told lawmakers. “Our roads and bridges are crumbling. Many West Virginians are unemployed are looking for good paying jobs.”

WVBT told legislators that “we’ve waited long enough. Fixing our roads and bridges will put West Virginians back to work. It will save lives. It will grow our economy.”

The West Virginia Senate passed S.B. 555 by a vote of 25-9 in March. The bill, which would have provided over $300 million annually in additional funding for highway and bridge construction and maintenance projects, died in the House of Delegates Finance Committee.

For a look at ARTBA’s national and state-specific data, visit: www.artbabridgereport.org.
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“I can do what no one has ever done, no one, because I have a creative mind like nobody’s business and I won’t take no,” the March 25, 2016 Charleston Gazette-Mail quoted Justice as saying. “I can pick up the phone and call anybody and he’ll take my call.”

Justice has said he sees a “real possibility” that coal jobs will come back in large numbers, a prediction that the Charleston Gazette-Mail says is at odds with global forecasts, market trends and industry analysts.

Kessler, a partner in the law firm Berry, Kessler, Crutchfield, Taylor & Gordon in Wheeling, touted his 19 years in the state Senate and spoke in detail of the legislative accomplishments.

“Fixing problems, that what I’ve done,” he told the audience. “We fixed medical malpractice, an out of control workers’ compensation program and made sure our unemployment compensation program is not in a crisis. We also created Tax Increment Financing that created economic development projects such as Cabela’s in Wheeling, Pullman Square in Huntington and the ball park in Charleston.”

With the state facing projected budget deficits in the hundreds of millions of dollars this year and next, Kessler stressed the need to increase tax revenue. He opined that the coal industry isn’t coming back the way it once was.

He said his campaign is focused on investing in people – through education and drug treatment – and investing in infrastructure – roads and broadband – both of which will require tax money.

“You don’t fix roads and fix potholes on wishes and spit,” he said. “You need to have asphalt and that costs money.” The final presenter was Senate President Cole who stressed that West Virginia must be open for business and that the Legislature has passed bills to make the state attractive to business.

He noted tort reform, reducing regulatory burdens and right-to-work legislation as a good start since Forbes magazine just moved West Virginia from 48 to 50 in the nation for the largest...
number of regulatory burdens on small businesses.

Cole, an auto dealer in West Virginia and Kentucky, served in the West Virginia House of Delegates from May 28, 2010 until December 1, 2010 to fill a vacancy and was elected to the West Virginia Senate in 2012. He said with a projected $450 million to $500 million revenue shortfall, the budget must be revamped and the size of state government must be cut.

“We need a governor that will go in with a scalpel that will reshape, reform, modernize state government,” he stated. “We can’t do draconian cuts across the board and slash good programs.”

He said that it’s the leadership who sets the agenda and, as governor, he will hire cabinet secretaries and other administrators to run the regulatory departments.

“Our state government doesn’t enable,” Cole proffered, “it blocks. We have to knock on the door of the businesses that are already here and say, ‘How’s it going for you? What can we do to make it better?’”

Cole said the past two legislative sessions have produced programs to open doors in West Virginia but “we’ve got a long way to make West Virginia open for business.”

Recently, the Washington Post ranked the top five governors’ races in the country most likely to flip parties. The paper moved West Virginia governor’s race to the number one race most likely to change parties in November.

In its assessment, they wrote, “Republicans are chomping at the bit to continue their steady march of painting the state red, much like they have in neighboring Kentucky. Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin is term-limited, and Republicans want to elect West Virginia’s first GOP governor in 16 years.”

The Post’s other states in the top five are: No. 5 – Indiana going from Republican to Democrat; No. 4 – New Hampshire going Democrat to Republican; No. 3 – North Carolina going Republican to Democrat; and No. 2 – Missouri going Democrat to Republican.

The primary election is May 10 and the general election is November 8.
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CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Offers Educational Opportunity for Construction Industry

Last year, BridgeValley Community and Technical College (BVCTC) implemented a two-year Associates in Applied Science Degree in Construction Management. The Construction Management program targets those individuals that are already in the construction industry looking to obtain a higher skill set for promotion within a company, as well as those individuals who would like to become a part of the construction industry.

The program was developed with substantial input from an advisory committee consisting of members from local career and technical schools, construction companies, engineering and architectural firms, project management firms and trade organizations.

The program has undergone several name and content changes throughout the last few years. Initially created to offer Building Professional Institute weatherization courses only, the development of the Sustainable Building Technology program incorporated weatherization and several LEED courses. Although the courses were well received by students and some employers, the need for these skills diminished over time.

Discussions were then focused on career and technical schools to determine what was needed. The program was modified to incorporate building design and construction courses and to eliminate the weatherization courses and most of the LEED courses. It was then renamed the Building Design and Construction program and was offered in fall 2014.

The program was architecture driven with some practical building principles. The goal was to place students in the field supervisor and junior project manager roles and to prepare them for a four-year degree in design fields.

Due to low-enrollment and the lack of job opportunities for students, the advisory committee once again convened to provide direction. The resulting discussions were clear that we had developed a pre-architecture program which provided a good pathway to a four-year degree but not something that would lead to employment with local contractors.

Taking the strong advice of the advisory committee, substantial modifications were made to meet the needs of local contractors while still maintaining a few of the original courses that were considered relevant.

In the fall of 2015 the new Construction Management degree program officially started. Many new courses were added that filled the need for persons desiring to be a junior construction project manager such as Estimating, Scheduling, Site Analysis, Safety and Project Delivery.

The program now focuses on residential and commercial construction. Upon completion of this program, graduates will be able to:

- Understand sustainability and how it applies to the design and construction industry.
- Complete the OSHA 30 hour course for construction safety.
- Understand construction drawings, prepare sketches and read prints.
- Understand the design and construction methods in new construction.
- Understand the basis of building construction.
- Understand building electrical and mechanical systems.
- Understand construction documents, contracts and project delivery.
- Prepare simple construction management plans.
- Develop construction schedules.
- Apply estimating techniques.

BridgeValley Community & Technical College’s Advanced Technology Center was constructed by The Neighborgall Construction Company, Huntington. The 55,000 square foot training facility was built for customized workforce development.
• Construct a virtual building model from concept to construction using building information modeling software (Revit).

Pathways have been created such that as many as 12 credit hours can be awarded for prior education or work experience in Electrical, HVAC, Carpentry, Plumbing, Masonry and Building Maintenance and Operations.

The program is offered in the evening on the South Charleston Campus and will be offered over the next several years, which will allow sufficient time to build a self-sustaining enrollment. It will persevere as long as students continue to obtain employment in the construction field.

BVCTC was formed by the merger in 2014 of Kanawha Valley CTC in South Charleston and Bridgemont CTC in Montgomery. Both schools were originally associated with their respective host four-year institutions, West Virginia State University at Institute and West Virginia University Institute of Technology in Montgomery. BVCTC offers classes at both campuses in South Charleston and Montgomery.

The school is committed to supporting industry requests for training and education. The school routinely asks for industry assistance in developing curriculum through the various advisory committees. The intent is for the school to develop programs that will best prepare the students with the skills the employers have requested.

BVCTC is committed to serving the academic, occupational, and enrichment needs in the area; enhancing quality of life; and supporting economic development through effective business and industry partnerships and collaborations, including the construction industry.

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Article provided by BridgeValley Community and Technical College.
The WVDOH opened the day with their statewide Asphalt PreConstruction Conference, featuring an update on various construction, design and materials issues and responses to questions submitted in advance by industry and WVDOH personnel.

APAWV Chairman Matt Dittman, Meadows Stone and Paving, Inc., opened and moderated the morning session, which began with an overview of the FAST Act by Karen Holmes, acting assistant division administrator, FHWA.

The next session offered attendees insight into the use of PaveXpress, a simplified, free pavement design tool. The demonstration was led by Danny Gierhart, P.E., regional engineer for the Asphalt Institute.

The Paving Awards Luncheon featured remarks and a presentation of the Commissioners Awards for Excellence in Asphalt Paving and Quality Craftsmanship Awards by State Highway Engineer, Greg Bailey. Bailey began by thanking industry professionals, WVDOH employees and the FHWA for the valuable service they provide to the citizens of our state. He also discussed the 2016 state and federal paving program estimated at $230 million ($115 million state and $115 million federal aid). Bailey explained an emphasis being placed on performance measures and the expanded use of pavement preservation.

Bailey also took time to praise the work and memory of Tom Medvick, former WVDOH state pavement engineer, who passed away unexpectedly in 2015. The WVDOH and APAWV announced the naming of an annual paving award this year in his name.

FHWA Director of Engineering and Operations, Ed Compton, P.E., moderated the afternoon session which opened with an interesting look at trends in asphalt binder materials. The session was presented by Tom Snyder, quality advisor - asphalt technology, Marathon Petroleum.

Conference organizers each year devote a portion of the program to Best Management Practices. This year they focused on transportation and trucking and its impact on building a quality pavement, a session presented by Bob Brookover, president of West Virginia Paving, Inc.

"Preserving Our Roads—Less Than an Inch at a Time," was a topic addressed by Chad Miller, quality control supervisor, J. F. Allen Company, Buckhannon. Miller discussed the importance of properly specifying various pavement preservation strategies.

Contractors and the WVDOH are helping stretch limited highway dollars by using higher amounts of reclaimed asphalt pavement (RAP) in pavements. Dr. John Zaniewski, asphalt technology professor, WVU, explained how he and his students are using their Asphalt Material Performance Tester (AMPT) to evaluate the performance of high RAP mixes.

John Crane, P.E., WVDOH asphalt engineer, provided the audience a progress update on the state’s use of their performance based specifications, focusing on the growing use of Percent Within Limits (PWL) specifications. Crane noted that analysis of roughly 800 sets of samples and 600 longitudinal joint cores continues to show promising results and expectations for more improvements in the future format and joint density, bond strength and other performance measures.

Some significant changes to the WVDOH Technician Certification Program went into effect January 1, 2016. State Pavement Engineer, Travis Walbeck, P.E., outlined the enhancements at the conference, including the new requirement that each paving crew include at least one employee certified as an Asphalt Field and Compaction Technician. Walbeck also explained that current Compaction Technicians will only be allowed to test asphalt through the end of 2017, when they, too, will need the new certification.

Walbeck wrapped up the conference with an update on the department’s use of their 9-year warranty provisions, which were used on their initial project in 2011 and for a second project to be built in 2016. Walbeck explained the performance criteria and threshold limits for the projects, noting that the 2011 project is performing well.

All of the presentations from the 2016 paving conference and the WVDOH Statewide Asphalt PreConstruction Conference can be found on the APAWV website at www.asphaltwv.com.
The paving awards were presented by State Highway Engineer Greg Bailey, who noted in his remarks the naming of an award in honor of the late Tom Medvick, former WVDOH state pavement engineer.

**Contractor:** West Virginia Paving – Dunbar, WV  
**Project Number:** S313-64-159.41 and S313-64-161.00 NHPP-0644(205)D and DNHPP-0644(206)D – Greenbrier County  
**WVDOH:** District Nine – Lewisburg, WV

**L to R:**  
Steve Cole, WVDOH District 9  
Kristi Cole, WVDOH District 9  
Greg Bailey, WVDOH State Highway Engineer  
Paul McNeil, West Virginia Paving, Inc.  
Dave Collins, Sr., West Virginia Paving, Inc.

APAWV members were updated on industry issues during the 36th Annual Asphalt Paving Conference, which was combined with the WVDOH Statewide Asphalt PreConstruction Conference.
Commissioner’s Awards for Excellence in Asphalt Paving 2016

Two-lane, Two-Way Projects

Contractor: P & W Excavating – McConnelsburg, PA
Project Number: S333-522-16.9 ACNH-0522(036)D- Morgan County
WVDOH: District Five - Burlington, WV

L to R:
Jeff Willis, WVDOH District Five
Greg Bailey, WVDOH State Highway Engineer
P & W Excavating, Not Pictured

Multi-lane Divided Projects ≤ 2 inches

Contractor: West Virginia Paving - Dunbar, WV
Project Number: S328-460-0.01 NHPP-0460(055)D- Mercer County
WVDOH: District Ten – Princeton, WV

L to R:
Donnie Nowlin, West Virginia Paving, Inc.
Dave Collins, Sr. West Virginia Paving, Inc.
Greg Bailey, WVDOH State Highway Engineer
Tracy Hamer, WVDOH District 10
Audra Giberson, WVDOH District 10
Quality Craftsmanship Awards 2016

Best Longitudinal Joint

Contractor: West Virginia Paving - Dunbar, WV
Project Number: S321-19-17.73 ACST-0019(435)D – Lewis County
WVDOH: District Seven – Weston, WV

L to R: John Ledden, West Virginia Paving, Inc. Dale Moore, West Virginia Paving, Inc. Greg Bailey, WVDOH State Highway Engineer Ron Smith, WVDOH District 7

Best Transverse Joint

Contractor: J. F. Allen Company – Buckhannon, WV
Project Number: S339-7-19.33 – Preston County
WVDOH: District Four – Clarksburg, WV


Best Surface Appearance

Contractor: West Virginia Paving - Dunbar, WV
Project Number: S334-129-1.17 STP-0129(005)D– Nicholas County
WVDOH: District Nine - Lewisburg, WV


Best Rideability

Contractor: Kelly Paving, Inc. – Williamstown, WV
Project Number: S354-77-176.46 NHPP-0773(456)D– Wood County
WVDOH: District Three – Parkersburg, WV

L to R: Mike Hylbert, Kelly Paving, Inc. Tony Saunders, Kelly Paving, Inc. Scott Hamm, Kelly Paving, Inc. Greg Bailey, WVDOH State Highway Engineer Howard King, Jr., WVDOH District 3
Alice George Honored
- FOR 24 YEARS OF SERVICE TO INDUSTRY -

Alice George, office manager for the Asphalt Pavement Association of West Virginia and the West Virginia Construction and Design Exposition, retired April 15 after 24 years of service to the two organizations. Members gathered in the CAWV headquarters for a reception honoring her for her hard work, commitment and dedication.

EXPO experienced significant growth during Alice’s tenure, including the number of exhibitors and attendees, but also in the number and quality of seminars and meetings.

“In 1991 when Alice began, EXPO had 172 exhibitors taking 210 booths,” says APAWV Executive Director and former EXPO Show Manager Pat Parsons. “EXPO has hosted as many as 340 exhibitors and over 500 booths, thanks to her help. Attendance to the show increased from 3,000 to around 5,000 in the same period,” he said.

In 1998, Alice oversaw the introduction of the show’s website (www.wvexpo.com), online registration and e-commerce. She also worked to guard against the disastrous Y2K events at the Millennium that were predicted but never realized. She also helped grow the number of EXPO cosponsors, which now stands at 24.

In addition to EXPO, she worked with the APAWV on meetings, seminars and programs.

“Our members are very grateful to Alice,” commented Parsons. “She helped grow our membership, expand our services and was just a wonderful friend and asset to the association,” he said.

“Alice has been an integral part of our organization for the last 24 years,” said APAWV Chairman Matt Dittman, Meadow's Stone and Paving, Inc., Gassaway. “Her contributions will always be valued and remembered.”

WVEXPO, APAWV and CAWV extend their best wishes to Alice and her husband, Ernie, in all their future endeavors.
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Dominion Transmission Inc.’s new office building in the White Oaks Business Complex in Bridgeport has attained Gold status under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program. The Thrasher Group of Bridgeport designed the four-story, 106,000-square-foot office building and March-Westin of Morgantown was the contractor.

- **Dominion Transmission Inc.’s new office building in the White Oaks Business Complex** in Bridgeport has attained Gold status under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program, the first privately owned building in West Virginia to achieve such status. The LEED program is an internationally recognized green building certification system that provides third-party verification that a building is constructed in an environmentally sustainable manner. LEED measures energy savings, water efficiency, carbon emissions reduction, improved indoor air quality and stewardship of resources. The announcement was recently made by DTI and the Thrasher Group of Bridgeport, which designed the building. LEED measures energy savings, water efficiency, carbon emissions reduction, improved indoor air quality and stewardship of resources. The announcement was recently made by DTI and the Thrasher Group of Bridgeport, which designed the building.

- **U.S. 35 in Putnam and Mason counties is expected to be completed in the fall of 2018.** Approximately 14.6 miles remain as a two-lane road after the Buffalo Bridge. The project, which costs around $230 million, will finish the last portion of highway. The Division of Highways announced in June 2015 that Bizzack Construction LLC, out of Lexington, Kentucky, was selected as the contractor for the project, with a winning bid of $174.5 million.

- **Construction is well underway for the new Ronald McDonald House in downtown Charleston** and is expected to be finished within budget and on schedule. The new $3.5 million structure will be located on Pennsylvania Avenue, next to the West Virginia Lottery building and within walking distance of CAMC Women and Children’s Hospital. The building is set to replace Charleston’s current Ronald McDonald House, the smallest and oldest of the three in West Virginia. The 19,000-square-foot house will feature an expanded common room, 14 guest rooms — four more than the previous house — and will have a third-floor shell for storage and future expansion. Construction began in October and is expected to be completed by the fall of 2016. Architect on the project is Williamson Shriver Architects of Charleston.

- **Culloden Elementary was able to cut the ribbon to its new additions after two years of construction.** The school received seven new classrooms, a new administrative wing, teacher resource room, student health clinic, student service area, updated food services area, multipurpose room and a combination library, learning resource and media center in a $7.4 million renovation project, which started in June 2014. The project was funded by $4 million in county funds, and a $3.5 million match from the School Building Authority of West Virginia. Architect on the project was ZMM Architects and Engineers, Inc. and the contractor was Wiseman Construction Company, both of Charleston.

- **The West Virginia University Coliseum in Morgantown is expected to complete $15 million worth of renovations over the course of two years.** The first phase will expand the concourses and increase the current restroom count of 62 to more than double that, as 155 total fixtures will be in use when it is complete in November of 2016. Also part of the initial phase is the expansion of concession points of sale from 28 to 52. A new team store will be accessible from both inside and outside of the Coliseum as the entire main floor will be used to accommodate game day needs. Another part of the construction, to be completed in January 2017, is a standalone weight room and training room, which will more than double...
the size of the training room currently in use. The Shell Building will also get a $5 million facelift as part of the project. Architect on the project is AECOM of Morgantown...

- Clarksburg Water Board recently accepted bids for the demolition and renovation of the approximately 2,400 SF administration office. Low bidder was Lee Reger Builds, Inc. of Shinnston for $246,315...

- Adventures on the Gorge, a well-known outdoor resort in Fayette County, recently announced the groundbreaking of the newest addition to its resort on the edge of the New River Gorge. Local officials, state leaders and regional economic development staff were in attendance as the company’s leaders announced their plans to build a new 2,000-square-foot conference center and outdoor meeting space, which will be one of its biggest investments to date. The construction of the conference center will include large event rooms, in-house catering services and a veranda overlooking the New River Gorge Bridge. The construction project is going to be managed by Agsten Construction Company, Inc. of Charleston...

- Fairmont Municipal Airport recently completed a $1 million expansion project that began November 2015. The new 50’x 357’ hanger will be able to house 16 small air planes which also added a conference room as well. The contractor on the project was Wolf Creek Contracting Company, LLC of Waterford, Ohio. Bear Contracting of Bridgeport completed the site work on the project...

- Funding hasn’t yet been secured for the redesign of Slack Plaza in Charleston, which is still in the conceptual phase. The city applied last year for a $2 million grant from the state Department of Transportation for Slack Plaza, but hasn’t received word on whether it will be awarded. The project would transform the paved plaza into a multi-use green space with areas designed for dining and socializing on opposite ends. Since GAI Consultants of Charleston unveiled its final design plans for Slack Plaza and Brawley Walkway a year ago, City Council finally approved a resolution last week authorizing an agreement with Ohio-based Wolf Creek Contracting Company, LLC to carry out the first phase of the project which includes the portion of Brawley Walkway from Court Street to Laidley Street...

- Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin recently presented more than $12 million in Small Cities Block Grant funds for 13 critical infrastructure projects to support communities across West Virginia. In total, more than $44 million in other federal, state and local funding will support these projects for more than 17,000 West Virginia households, improving infrastructure reliability statewide. Small Cities Block Grant funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Community Development Division of the West Virginia Development Office manages the administration of these funds...

- The contractor was recently selected for the replacement project on the Fourth Street Bridge in Fairmont. Triton Construction, Inc. of Nitro was awarded the project with the lowest bid of $6.8 million. Other bidders included Orders Construction Company, Inc. of St. Albans for $6.9 million; Vecellio & Grogan, Inc. of Beckley for $7.3 million; Bilco Construction Company, Inc. of South Charleston for $7.8 million; Kokosing Construction Company, Inc. of Columbus, Ohio for $8 million; and J.F. Allen Company of Buckhannon for $9.5 million. The bridge will provide direct access from the David C. Morgan Bridge at Third Street to the intersection of Fourth Ave. and Locust Ave. in Fairmont. Construction is to begin this summer and is to be completed by September 2017.
Kanawha Stone Company earns ‘Project of the Year’ Award

NITRO, WEST VIRGINIA - Kanawha Stone Company recently earned its third consecutive ‘Project of the Year’ Award from the Virginia Department of Transportation Staunton District. The latest award was in recognition of Kanawha Stone Company’s performance for the $12.7 million replacement project of a bridge over Gooney Creek and roadway improvements on Route 340, Stonewall Jackson Highway. Kanawha Stone completed the $12.7 million project on time and under budget for the Staunton District. The project included one mile of new road construction and the relocation of a 400 foot-long, two-lane, three-span bridge.

Crews performed 130,000 cubic yards of excavation work, associated storm drainage, and placed 170,000 tons of special rock fill embankment for the project. The bridge featured a steel superstructure and concrete deck with architectural stacked stone railing.

During the March 24th awards ceremony, officials noted that Kanawha Stone was the only contractor to have ever been awarded ‘Project of the Year’ for three consecutive years.

Additionally, the Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance awarded Kanawha Stone a ‘Contractor Safety Award’ for four consecutive years from 2012 to 2015 for safe work during the construction of these projects.

Company President Tom Kittredge said, “We are extremely proud of the safe, quality work our team has performed on these projects. We have been able to build respectful working relationships with the Staunton District staff and provide exceptional results to the District’s communities.

We are proud of the hard work of all our employees.”

Schoolcraft joins GAI’s landscape architecture team

CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA - Todd Schoolcraft, PLA, ASLA, LEED recently joined GAI Consultant’s Landscape Architecture Team of Charleston. Schoolcraft brings 23 years of extensive project management experience in landscape architecture and planning, and 31 years of experience in the building and construction industry. His specialties include commercial development, land planning and design, public development, site planning and design, park and recreation design, streetscape design and urban planning, and residential subdivision layout.

Schoolcraft served as a combat engineer with the Design Section of the 111th Engineer Group, West Virginia Army National Guard. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service associated with a multitude of engineering and architectural projects in Kuwait and Iraq. He was appointed to the West Virginia State Board of Landscape Architects and

Congressman David R. McKinley, P.E., met with CAWV officers and directors at the CAWV headquarters recently to discuss construction industry issues pending in the U.S. House of Representatives. The First District representative said he was glad to see passage of the federal-aid highway reauthorization bill, the FAST Act, which will provide continuity for West Virginia’s highway construction program. Joining Rep. McKinley were (L-R): Eric Ramey, Walker Machinery Company; Scott Pierson, Pipe Plus, Inc.; Doug Meeks, Brewer and Company of West Virginia; Gene Thompson, G.E.T. Construction Solutions; CAWV President Dan Cooperrider, Oldcastle Materials, Inc., Mid-Atlantic Division; Cathy Cooperrider; and Dick Smalies, Famco, Inc.
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served as Secretary and Treasurer for more than nine years and has received numerous merit awards for his work on local projects.

The State Journal recognizes 2016 class of Generation Next: 40 Under 40

CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA - The State Journal recently announced the 2016 class of Generation Next: 40 Under 40 which recognizes young, emerging professionals who work to build a better West Virginia. Among those chosen this year was Chad McLeish, vice president of estimating at Kalkreuth Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc. of Ohio. Company President John Kalkreuth saw how important technology was becoming and hired McLeish as an estimating coordinator, since McLeish had obtained a computer science degree and had experience with technology. In the past 18 years, McLeish has seen Kalkreuth implement technology as it evolved in the construction industry. McLeish grew with the company and received a bachelor’s degree in technical applied studies and an MBA while working full-time. McLeish started as an estimating coordinator and is now vice president of estimating, managing a staff of 11.

Also recognized was Laura Jordan, external affairs manager at West Virginia American Water, a water utility serving one out of every three West Virginians. Jordan is responsible for all media relations, public relations, government relations and community outreach for the state. Jordan serves as chairwoman for the Utilities, Telecommunications & Energy Coalition, on the board of directors for the American Water Works Association’s West Virginia Section, and is a member of the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce’s government relations committee and the Youth Leadership Association’s youth in government committee.

ASHE North Central West Virginia names Weaver 2015 Man of the Year

MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA – The American Society of Highway Engineers North Central West Virginia Chapter named David Weaver, AECOM, 2015 Man of the Year. He was selected for his 30 years of contributions to the transportation industry throughout West Virginia. Weaver is the West Virginia Surface Transportation Leader and Operations Manager of AECOM’s Morgantown office where he coordinates with AECOM offices around the country on planning studies, engineering design, and design-build and construction management for a variety of project types and disciplines.

Currently, Weaver is involved in a number of projects in the state, including AECOM’s design manager for a portion of the WVDOH’s U.S. Route 35 P3 project, design manager for WVDOH’s I-79 TIF interchange design-build project in Morgantown, and project manager for WVU’s PRT guideway inspection and structural maintenance program.
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