

Governor, First Lady Meet Queen Elizabeth, Prince Philip

Early this month, Governor Joe Manchin and First Lady Gayle Manchin had the honor and privilege to greet Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of England, and her husband, Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, during the Queen's visit to commemorate the 400th anniversary of America's first permanent English settlement at Jamestown.

Prior to the meeting, Governor Manchin commented that he was truly honored to represent West Virginia during Her Majesty's historic visit. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Gayle and me to meet Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip, and we're just as delighted to be a part of a celebration that marks our State's role in our nation's history 400 years ago."

On Thursday, May 3, 2007, Governor and Mrs. Manchin met the Queen during a brief reception at the Virginia Governor's Mansion before attending the Queen's address to the Virginia General Assembly at the capitol in Richmond. The Manchins later attended a private reception and dinner for the Queen at the Virginia Governor's Mansion, hosted by Virginia Governor Tim Kaine and First Lady Anne Holton.

On Friday, Governor Joe Manchin and First Lady Gayle Manchin attended a luncheon with the Queen and the Duke at the Governor's Palace in Colonial Williamsburg. The event was hosted by the Virginia governor, with Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip as the guests of honor.

Queen Elizabeth first visited the Jamestown Settlement in 1957, in

what was then a segregated state of Virginia, for its 350th anniversary. During her speech to the Virginia General Assembly, she praised the cultural changes that have taken

place in both Virginia and the United States as a whole since that visit.

Manchin was the only governor outside of Virginia's current and former governors to attend the royal visit.



Governor and Mrs. Manchin greet England's Queen Elizabeth II during her visit to Virginia for the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown Settlement. Pictured are (L-R): former Virginia First Lady Roxanne Gilmore, West Virginia First Lady Gayle Manchin, West Virginia Governor Joe Manchin, Virginia Governor's Chief of Staff Bill Leighty, Virginia Governor Tim Kaine, and Queen Elizabeth II. Photo courtesy of Michael White, official photographer for Virginia Governor Tim Kaine.

Parking Building Named for Legislator Craigo

Senate Concurrent Resolution 31 was passed in the 2007 Legislative session, officially naming the Capitol Parking Building as the Oshel B. Craigo Parking Building.

The building, constructed in 1999, was named for Craigo to recognize his service in the West Virginia House of Delegates (1980-1982) and the West Virginia Senate (1982-2002). Craigo was chairman of the Senate Finance Committee at the time the funds to build the building were secured.

A commemorative plaque now hangs near the building's walkway door.

Beneficiary Designation Forms Revised

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The Consolidated Public Retirement Board (CPRB) has revised its Pre-Retirement Beneficiary Designation form. As a result of legislation passed during the 2005 legislative session, new form changes reflect the way employees can name beneficiaries.

With five different sections contained in the packet, the form may appear intimidating at first glance. The old form consisted of three pages, which all had to be completed; the new form is eight pages, but the member only completes the page and section pertaining to him or her.

To help employees understand the form, definitions such as 'annuity,' 'beneficiary,' and 'insurable interest' are defined on the first page of the packet.

Contributions Manager Lisa Trump said, "One of the most significant changes is located on the first page showing specific categories that each member falls under. The stipulations are now based upon hire date, in addition to the past stipu-

lations of years of service and marital status."

As family situations change (birth, death, divorce, etc.), employees should re-evaluate their beneficiary designations.

"A very common misconception among PERS members, who also have PEIA life insurance, is that changing their beneficiary for their PEIA life insurance also changes their beneficiary information with the retirement system."

But, Trump says that this isn't the case. Changing a beneficiary with your life insurance **does not** change this information with the Consolidated Public Retirement Board.

When employees fail to notify CPRB of the changes in family situations, various problems may surface. For example, imagine the problems resulting when an employee divorces, remarries, but dies prior to retirement and has failed to name

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By river or by rail, it's 'AIIIIII Aboard!' for Summer Fun



Two must-visit sites this summer: Blennerhassett Island and Cass Scenic Railroad.

Your first stop for Blennerhassett Island is the museum for island orientation. A museum visit includes an audio-visual program explaining the life and times of Harman and Margaret Blennerhassett, and a three-floor tour of intriguing archaeological and historical exhibits.

After the museum, it's a short walk on Second Street to Point Park, the departure site for the 20-minute sternwheeler ride to the Island, which is located in the Ohio River.

The Island: Take a picnic lunch or snack and enjoy a great day outdoors. Enjoy horse-drawn wagon rides, shopping at the Friends of Blennerhassett Gift Shop, the refreshment stand, bike rentals, nature walks, and, of course, touring the Blennerhassett Mansion. The island ticket booth sells tickets for the mansion and wagon ride tours. There's a world of history, natural heritage, and relaxation to keep you island bound, but your fourth stop will be a return to the mainland.

Blennerhassett Island Historical State Park, located in Parkersburg, is open from May 1 through Oct. of each year. For more: www.blennerhassettislandstatepark.com.

Water transport was your ticket at Blennerhassett, but water fired by coal turns to steam power as a conductor calls 'all aboard' the Cass Scenic Railroad.

Cass Scenic Railroad State Park transports visitors back to an era when steam-driven locomotives were essential to everyday life. There's rich history, amazing views of vast wilderness, company houses to rent, and the sights and sounds of a steam-driven engine departing for Whittaker Station, Bald Knob, or the Spruce Run.

From May 25 to Oct. 28, the locomotives at Cass chug the rails on the **Back Allegheny Mountain**, the company store is open and the Cass showcase welcomes the curious. Rent a caboose for day trips or overnight – three cabooses are available and there's even a wilderness rental cabin on the top of the mountain at **Bald Knob** for the adventurer. There are 16 two-story company houses for rent year-round.

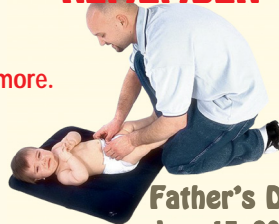
Known worldwide to railroad and train enthusiasts, Cass Scenic Railroad in Pocahontas County and her houses, town buildings, and locomotives are West Virginia wonders. Mesmerizing tots to tottering, this railroad town recalls images of the past in the present and creates memories for a lifetime. For more: www.cassrailroad.com.

For more State parks/forests info  [click here](#)

TOP 10 DAD-ISMS:

10. Don't ask me, ask your mother.
9. That's enough of your lip, young man!
8. Don't you know any normal boys?
7. Say please and thank you. That way you get more.
6. Do you think I'm made of money?
5. No, we are NOT lost – I'm just not sure where we are at this particular moment.
4. Why yes, I am the TV King - now give me my royal scepter ... I mean, my remote control!
3. You want something to do? I'll give you something to do ...
2. You didn't beat me. I let you win.

REMEMBER



**Father's Day
June 17, 2007**

and landing at Number 1:

1. You should visit more often ... your mother worries.

DOP Updates Secondary Employment/ Certain Volunteer Activity Policy

State employees who want to work a second job or perform volunteer work may be required to request a conflict determination of these activities, in accordance with the Division of Personnel's (DOP) newly revised **Secondary Employment/Certain Volunteer Activity Policy** (Policy DOP-P21).

Essentially, your State employer considers your job with that agency as your primary employment, and any secondary job or volunteer activity cannot interfere or conflict with your State position. The outside activity cannot conflict with the interests of the employing State agency, nor can it result in official State business. Further, you cannot appear or make a presentation before your employing agency on behalf of your secondary employer or volunteer organization, or use State time, information, or supplies. An exception is made for individuals on military leave, allowing the military service to serve as the primary employment for the duration of the leave.

The policy outlines the procedures and provides the required request form. When completing the form, please be sure to read the instruction page so that you follow the proper submission procedure. It's important to note that a separate form must be submitted for each secondary employment or volunteer activity, and that if the duties and/or responsibilities of either your State job or your secondary activity change, you must submit a new request for determination.

Often, the employing agency's Appointing Authority can make the final determination as to whether a conflict exists; however, sometimes, an opinion will be needed from the West Virginia Ethics Commission and/or, for those in the classified service, the State Personnel Board. These circumstances are outlined in the policy. **Keep in mind that for ALL State employees, there are provisions in the West Virginia Governmental Ethics Act that apply**, as stated both in the policy and on the form's instruction page.

For more information, the policy is available on the DOP's website (www.state.wv.us/admin/personnel/emprel/policies/OtherEmp4.pdf), or you can ask your supervisor for a printed copy. If you have any questions, discuss them with your supervisor first. Additional questions regarding the policy may be directed to the DOP's Employee Relations Section at 558-3950, ext. 511; additional questions regarding the Ethics Act should be directed to the Ethics Commission at 558-0664.

NOTE: Employees who work in the classified-exempt service should consult their supervisors for conflict determination requirements. Also, some agencies may have more stringent requirements due to the nature of the agency's and/or individual employee's work.

SUMMER CAMPS FOR KIDS

West Liberty State College's Science, Math and Resource Technology Center (SMART-Center) is offering several summer camps for kids in grades 2 through 9. The camps will cover topics like robotics, chemistry, space, and many other related subjects. For more on dates, cost, etc., visit the SMART-Center website at www.wlsc.edu/_NewsViewItem.asp?niID=422 or call 304-277-2308.

State Police Offers Anonymous Tip Line

In the war on crime, one of the best sources of information comes from tips provided by our citizens. Unfortunately, people are often fearful about providing the police with information.

The WV State Police operates an on-line site that allows the anonymous submission of tips. The information is sent to the State Police without providing your name or contact details.

Submit anonymous tips/information at: www.wvstatepolice.com/tipspage.htm

SAVE A LIFE ON JUNE 18



The American Red Cross will set up its quarterly donation center at the Capitol Complex (Bldg. 7) on June 18, 2007. Although walk-ins are always welcome, you can e-schedule a time at www.redcrosslife.org.

Presenting donors will receive a Racing T-shirt and be entered into a drawing for 2 tickets to the 2008 Daytona 500!!



Schedule a time and recruit a friend!

Donating blood is a simple thing to do to save a life.

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the new spouse as the beneficiary. "We try to encourage everyone that anytime there is a life change to contact the Retirement Board," said Trump.

CPRB will send new beneficiary forms to employers this year requesting that each PERS member update his or her beneficiary information. However, should you prefer to update your beneficiary form now, the new form can be found at www.wvretirement.com/forms/preretireBenePers.pdf.

The CPRB is in the process of adding beneficiary information to its annual member statements.

Ireland to Publish Charitable Organizations Listing

Contributed by Ben Beakes of the Secretary of State's Office.

Secretary of State Betty Ireland has announced that her office will publish a list of all charities registered in West Virginia, and how much of their money received actually goes to the charity's programs versus management and fundraising costs. The information is currently available on the Secretary of State's website at www.wvsos.com/CharitySearch/main.asp; however, Ireland notes that it's only searchable by individual charity and isn't a listing at this time.

"West Virginians are a giving people," Secretary Ireland said. "We just want our citizens to know where their hard-earned money is going."

The new list will enable citizens to research charities when considering donating. "This list is not a ranking, and we will not pass judgment on any organization or group. We'll leave the judgments up to the giving people of West Virginia," Secretary Ireland said. "All we're doing is publishing facts." The data to be published is extracted from each organization's annual report submitted to the Secretary of State's Office.

Other information that will appear on the list is: name of the organization, contact person and address, and how much money was raised within West Virginia. The list will be ready for publication in early June.

ON JUNE 20, IT'S

HAPPY 144th BIRTHDAY, WEST VIRGINIA!!!

Manchin Signs Joint Letter to Bush on Gas Price Gouging

As Vice Chairman of the Democratic Governor's Association, Governor Joe Manchin has joined governors from 17 other states in signing a letter to U.S. President George W. Bush, strongly requesting that he and the U.S. Congress take immediate action to fix the record-high gasoline prices.

The letter urges an investigation into price gouging and anti-trust/commodities violations among oil companies. It advises the President that the states themselves are looking at many energy issues, including alternative energy sources and rolling back oil/gas subsidies. In light of these efforts, the letter calls for Bush to take immediate action, including pressuring oil companies to invest their profits into fixing refinery capacity problems. These problems are often used as a pat excuse for rising fuel costs.

Manchin has long been concerned about energy issues, often focusing attention to alternative fuel and energy independence issues. In 2005, he sent a letter to President Bush asking him to revive a law that expired in 1981 which gave the President the authority to monitor and regulate gas prices. **In this year's State of the State Address, he profiled a plan that could allow West Virginia to become the first in the nation to obtain energy independence, and he has been working with the West Virginia Public Energy Authority on ways to make it happen.**

Manchin also serves as chairman of the Southern States Energy Board that includes 16 southern states and two U.S. territories: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Virginia and West Virginia.

Pencil In ...



The 9th Annual Smoke on the Water Chili Cook Off is slated for June 9, 2007 in Charleston at Appalachian Power Park. Entry categories include:

- Best Chili
- Best Green Chili
- Best Salsa
- Best Booth
- People's Choice
- Hot Pepper Eating Contest
- Farthest Traveled
- Best of Charleston

For details and registration form, visit:

www.smokeonthewater.org
and

www.wvpower.com/events/chilicookoff.aspx




Evenflo Embrace Infant car seats/carriers are being recalled due to a defective handle that releases suddenly. Affected models have numbers beginning with 317, 320, 397, 398, 540, 548, 549, 550, 556, 597, 598 or 599. Go to <http://money.cnn.com/2007/05/10/news/companies/evenflo/index.htm?cnn=yes> for more.



Inspiration
STATION

To be loved, be lovable. *Ovid*

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