

# That makes 10!

**I**t won't make any of Sports Illustrated's lists as one of the top streaks in sports. But winning 10 consecutive YMCA Corporate Cup championships isn't too shabby.

The Department of Environmental Protection's Corporate Cup team put the finishing touches on its 10th straight Cup championship on Saturday, July 23 at University of Charleston Stadium.

The DEP entered the final day of competition in first place in the Cup's Division III overall standings and breezed to another title with five first-place efforts in Saturday's track and field events.

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The Department of Environmental Protection's Margie Skeens competes in the passing portion of the Corporate Cup Punt, Pass and Kick competition on Saturday, July 23 at University of Charleston Stadium. Skeens finished first in Punt, Pass and Kick to help the DEP to its 10th consecutive Cup title.

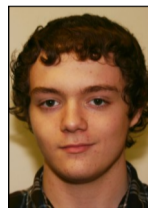
## DEP interns gain all-around experience

By Colleen O'Neill

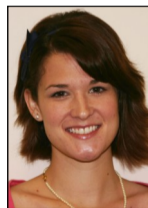
Forty-five interns are spending this summer in different divisions of the Department of Environmental Protection, working with program professionals and learning how DEP programs affect the environment and citizens of the state.

Adam McCallister, 18, is interning with the Division of Air Quality, under Renu Chakrabarty, head of the DAQ's Air Toxics section.

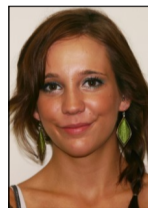
McCallister will major in chemical engineering



**McCallister**



**Gonzalez**



**Waybright**



**Huddleston**

when he starts at West Virginia University Tech this fall.

"I want to get a better understanding of the environmental laws," he said. "I'd like to meet people, so I can network."

Jillian Gonzalez, a 27-year-old graduate student in environmental

science at Marshall, is interning in the Underground Storage Tank section in the Division of Water and Waste Management.

"I get to see how this job's role impacts society," said Gonzalez, who's had the opportunity to go out in the field, as well.

"I went out on a boat and collected water samples to test for fecal coliform bacteria."

Kimberly Waybright, 19, is a communications major at West Virginia State University. She is interning in the Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP). REAP provides oversight of litter removal, statewide recycling, and open dump cleanups and is the perfect fit for a communications intern because much of its

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# New rules put state on right path

In recent years, West Virginia has had the foresight and discipline to position itself well and embrace the opportunities that come with good management.

In the past three years, our commitment to fiscal responsibility led three credit rating agencies to upgrade our bond ratings, resulting in an immediate savings for taxpayers in terms of publically financed projects like the construction of new schools. In addition, just this year I led the charge to lower the state's food tax for our families.

One new opportunity on the horizon is one that I believe we must proactively embrace for the benefit of our citizens, protection of our environment and to invigorate the private sector.

The natural gas industry has long been a source of good-paying jobs and fuel for West Virginians and their



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homes. The discovery of vast amounts of natural gas embedded in the Marcellus Shale presents us with a tremendous opportunity.

In the latter part of 2007, West Virginia natural gas producers began combining horizontal drilling techniques with hydraulic fracturing to recover large volumes of gas from the Marcellus Shale. Since January of 2008, the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection has issued close to 900 permits for

horizontal drilling into the Marcellus Shale. Those numbers are certain to increase.

The potential of the Marcellus Shale as an abundant energy source for our state and the nation, while creating thousands of good-paying jobs and revitalizing our chemical and manufacturing industries, is exciting.

Still, we must be diligent in our efforts to ensure that processes associated with the Marcellus and other shale gas production are responsibly regulated to protect all West Virginians.

As the discussions and practices of Marcellus Shale development have expanded, I have heard from many constituents.

I truly appreciated the time West Virginians took to voice their varying concerns about such development and its impact. I have listened and I've taken the crucial action

needed to start West Virginia on the right path toward regulatory certainty in Marcellus development, while protecting our citizens, and the environment.

Earlier this week, joined by state legislators and leaders of our state's natural resources, I announced the filing of my executive order that directs the state DEP to promulgate additional environmental regulations governing Marcellus drilling activities.

Specifically, my executive order requires companies to provide a list of additives they use in frack fluids; post signs at water withdrawal location points on streams; and take steps to protect in-stream flow during periods of withdrawal.

Marcellus drilling applicants who want to establish a well-site within the boundaries of a municipality must file

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## 'DEP on the Move' targets health benefits of walking

By Colleen O'Neill

At the Department of Environmental Protection, employees are taking to the streets, the hallways, or anywhere they can walk and rack up steps.

The agency's Wellness Program has started a team-oriented competition called "DEP on the Move."

"With the beautiful weather and the morning and evening temperatures being pleasant, we thought that having a program that encourages physical activity, like walking, would be beneficial to the employees," said Teresa Weaver, DEP Wellness coordinator.

"Walking is an activity that anyone, young or old, can do."

Studies show that walking can be very advantageous. It can reduce the risk of



coronary heart disease and stroke; reduce high cholesterol; lower blood pressure; reduce the risk of colon cancer; reduce body fat; help control body weight; increase bone density to help prevent osteoporosis; help with osteoarthritis; reduce the risk of non-insulin dependent diabetes; help with overall flexibility; and increase mental well being.

To increase chances of living longer, you need to walk at least 30 minutes every day.

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# School joins DEP building on list

## Marshall County has first LEED-certified school in state

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By Davin White

Students at Hilltop Elementary School in Marshall County learn, play and spend much of their day inside a facility that the U.S. Green Building Council considers the “greenest” school in West Virginia.

Architects with McKinley & Associates recently announced that Hilltop is the first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design-certified school in West Virginia.

To become LEED-certified, buildings must meet several standards of “sustainable” design, as set by the U.S. Green Building Council, a private nonprofit trade organization.

The school is very well insulated, making it energy-efficient, said Thom Worlledge, an architect and Charleston area manager of McKinley & Associates. He designed the building.

In a phone interview, Worlledge discussed the other features that helped make the building LEED-certified. Architects minimized the



The majority of materials used to build Hilltop Elementary came from within 500 miles of the school site at Sherrard.

levels of “volatile organic compounds” in paints and sealants, he said. Vapors from such VOCs can lead to nausea or dizziness in the short term and liver damage or cancer over time.

The majority of the materials used to build the school came from within 500 miles of the site of the school in Sherrard.

The metal roof and the siding on the second floor are “cradle to cradle” certified, Worlledge said. That means the roof and siding will be recycled after they’re removed from the school.

“The product stays in the loop,” he said. “That’s pretty unique.”

A teacher at John Marshall High School, Mark Swiger, plans to use the school’s design

as part of a problem-based learning course. Students will examine the features of the building and talk about why some parts are recycled, or why there are sunshades on the side of the building, Worlledge said.

Acoustics also are important, and there’s a high standard to meet for LEED certification, Worlledge said.

Architects and builders designed and placed walls at Hilltop to keep noise from transferring from room to room, have kept fan noises low and added some panels in the ceiling to limit sound reverberations, he said.

“At young ages it’s really critical to have good acoustics, because they’re learning language,” Worlledge

said of the students. “They need to have unambiguous acoustic sound.”

There are different degrees of LEED certification: “certified,” “silver,” “gold” and “platinum.” Hilltop almost reached LEED silver status, one step above. “We were very, very close,” Worlledge said.

Hilltop is already open to students.

The West Virginia School Building Authority has plans to help build more LEED schools, including a planned Morgantown elementary school, a new Cameron Middle/High School in Marshall County and a Spring Mills elementary school in Berkeley County.

McKinley & Associates also will design the Cameron school, Worlledge said.

Hilltop Elementary was not funded directly with SBA money, but the SBA did support a larger bond issue that paid for several new schools in Marshall County, he said.

Hilltop is the ninth LEED-certified building in West Virginia. The state Department of Environmental Protection building in Kanawha City is LEED silver.

# State McDonald’s first in country to offer chargers

By Tom Aluise

Tom Wolf doesn’t consider himself an environmentalist.

“But I do pay attention,” said Wolf, who owns 14 McDonald’s restaurants in West Virginia and Kentucky. “I think oil is a finite resource. You have to look at other resources.”

Wolf believes electric vehicles are going to gain in popularity, which is why his new restaurant on Fifth Avenue and First Street in Huntington became the first

McDonald’s in the country to offer a charging station for motorists driving electric cars.

Wolf opened the restaurant in December. Since then, other McDonald’s stores across the country have installed charging stations, including the new McDonald’s near the capitol in Charleston.

“I’m really amazed by the people who come in — young, old and in between — and say



This charging station for electric cars at a McDonald’s restaurant in Huntington has two hook-ups and is wired for three, said store owner Tom Wolf.

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DEP Youth Environmental Program employees Brad Blaine (left) and Nick Pahoundis work with a group of campers on geocaching at Junior Conservation Camp in Jackson County.

# Why they do it ...

## ► *DEP staffers talk about the rewards of working youth camp*

By Tom Aluise

Hanging out for a week with 200 chatty, excitable and occasionally whiney 11- to 14-year-olds is no vacation, even if much of the time is spent outdoors.

True, Department of Environmental Protection staffers who volunteer for the annual DEP-sponsored Junior Conservation Camp get to spend a week out of the office.

But don't think for a minute they get a week off from work.

So, why do they do it? In the end, it's all about the kids.

"I do it because I love the kids," said Jennifer Pauer, of the Division of Water and Waste Management. Pauer is a 17-year camp veteran and serves as the official camp photographer. "I don't have any kids of my own, but I really do enjoy them," she said.

This year's Junior Conservation Camp ran from June 20-24 at Cedar Lakes in Jackson County. It followed directly on the heels of the State



Keith Carte, from the Office of Explosives and Blasting, helps with canoeing.



REAP's Lisa Facemyer is busy checking in campers as they arrive at Cedar Lakes.

Conservation Camp (June 13-18) for 14- to 18-year-olds at Camp Caesar in Webster County.

Brad Blaine, who works for the DEP's Youth Environmental Program, served as a volunteer at

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they think it's a great idea," Wolf said. "I'm really surprised."

The Huntington McDonald's charging station has two hookups and is wired for three, Wolf said. It can fully recharge a car in four hours.

Perhaps most notable about the charger is that it's free.

"We had a couple from Massachusetts who came in at dinner time," Wolf said. "They plugged in and thought it was so neat. They said they couldn't believe it was free. In Massachusetts, they have charging stations where you pay. They were thrilled it was free."

Plug-in electric vehicles have yet to appear on the lots of Huntington area car dealerships, but Wolf expects that to change very soon, perhaps by the end of the year.

He believes electricity is the logical next step to power the nation's vehicles until other forms of energy are proven.

The benefits to the environment are obvious, including less tailpipe emissions from plug-in hybrid electric vehicles and zero tailpipe emissions from all-electric vehicles.

"If I thought natural gas would be easy to convert into power for cars, I would be all for it," Wolf said.

"I think electricity is an interim step. I think we need to get away from petroleum."



Visitors from Massachusetts were pleased to learn the Huntington McDonald's charging station is free.

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both camps for the 10th straight year.

“Working with hundreds of kids for two weeks consecutively breaks most people,” Blaine said. “It’s a labor of love, I suppose. I enjoy working with tomorrow’s leaders because they are the ones who will change the direction of West Virginia’s environment and stewardship of our natural resources.”

Blaine said the campers represent change, for better or worse.

“I foremost try to instill in them a sense of personal responsibility and accountability,” Blaine said. “Campers from all backgrounds bring different ideas and values to camp.

“If they come to learn something about the environment, then I’m honored and feel personally obligated to help them in their quest for environmental knowledge.

“I would have loved to have come to a camp like these when I was their age.”

Jennifer Garlesky, another Youth Environmental Program employee, worked her first camp and liked the way it made her feel.

“Junior Conservation Camp allows the staff to act like kids again,” she said. “The electives that the children select to participate in, like canoeing and geocaching are really fun for adults and middle school kids.”

Many kids at camp are experiencing outdoor-related activities for the first time, such as archery, fishing, shooting and boating.

“I like to see the look on the kids’ faces when they take a canoe out on the lake for the first time,” said camp volunteer Keith



**Diana Haid, the DEP’s Youth Environmental Program director, also serves as Junior Conservation Camp director. Above, she goes over camp details with staff.**

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Carte, who works in the Office of Explosives and Blasting.

Pauer said she has gotten to the point where she just enjoys being in the moment and watching all the different personalities interact. She also keeps a watchful eye out for campers who seem disconnected and are possibly thinking about calling to go home.

“I try to help them get over their nervousness and to see how much fun camp can be,” Pauer said.

The camp staff, under the leadership of Director Diana Haid, consists of volunteers from other state agencies, such as the Division of Natural Resources and the Division of Forestry. Pauer said they’re one big, happy family.

“We’ve become a family and for one week every year we can slip away into a world where we all want to be, even though it’s a lot

**The list**  
 DEP staffers who volunteered at Junior Conservation Camp:

- Diana Haid
- Annette Hoskins
- Brad Blaine
- Jennifer Pauer
- Jennifer Garlesky
- Keith Carte
- Kenna DeRaimo
- Mary Sanders
- Lisa Facemyer
- Nikki Davis
- Sandy Rogers
- David Roberts
- Sherry Thaxton
- Nick Pahoundis

of work and long hours,” she said.

“We love to see camp come, but also after five long days and four short nights, we also love to see camp go until we come back the next year.”

# Core ideals keep long-running camp viable

**By Tom Aluise**

It’s one of the longest-running camps of its kind in the country. This year marked the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the West Virginia Conservation Camp.

Camp Director Mike Hall attributed the camp’s longevity to its core ideals — to acquaint West Virginia’s youth with the economic and social importance of the state’s natural resources; to create a



**Repelling is an activity at state Conservation Camp.**

desire to use these resources wisely; and to train campers for leadership in

conservation.

“It’s an important topic and impacts either directly or indirectly just

about everyone,” said Hall, who oversaw this year’s camp on June 13-18 at Camp Caesar in Webster Springs. “There are a lot of organizations and people who support this camp and see the value of getting youth together with professionals to learn about conservation.

“The staff believes in what they are doing and keep coming back year after year to make it

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## Reward and Recognition

Rickey Blaney, who works for the Division of Land Restoration, out of the Philippi office, recently received a Reward and Recognition honor from the DEP.

Blaney is always ready to meet any new task or challenge that is put in front of him and completes every challenge with energy and high spirits.

He constantly works to improve treatment systems and techniques to ensure the DEP is effectively and efficiently treating water impacted by acid mine drainage.

Around June of last year, Blaney volunteered his services to a group in the Mount Storm area where a vacancy needed to be filled. He worked in very difficult weather to ensure vital work in the area was completed.

# Your suggestions are being heard

By Tom Aluise

In case you're wondering, yes, someone does retrieve and read items placed in the Department of Environmental Protection Suggestion Box.

"We check it daily," said June Casto, chief of Administration for the DEP.

And, yes, suggestions dropped into the box by employees — or even visitors to DEP headquarters — are sometimes put in place.

"If it's something I can fix, change or implement — if it's not real expensive — we'll try to do it," Casto said. "A lot of them we can't implement for various reasons."

The suggestion box is located near the back elevators on the first floor. It was

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happen. The week is more than a job. Quite a few of the staff have been with camp more than 15 years, and some much more than that."

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection is among the many sponsors of the camp, which drew 105 campers this year, ranging in age from 14 to 18.

Among the subjects covered each year are forest products, park and forest recreation, wildlife management and trapping, forest protection, fish management, water resources, law enforcement, nature study, soil and water conservation, non-renewable resources and youth conservation.

*"More of the campers would have lived on farms and other more rural areas than today."*

— Mike Hall,

*State Conservation Camp director comparing early camps to today*

So, what would the camp have looked like back in the early days of its existence?

"I think it would be very similar to camp today," Hall said. "Some of the concepts and ideas covered in the classes would have been different, and some of the class subjects and activities offered at camp would have been different, but the structure of the camp has not changed much."

"More of the campers would have lived on farms and other more

rural areas than today. There would have been hunting and trapping classes, and perhaps a few other classes related to rural living because of that.

"We focus more today on watersheds and recycling and our youth discussion focus is more about how campers, once they return home, can positively impact their environment."

And how are the kids today different?

"Kids are busier than ever," Hall said. "They have a lot of things

competing for their time. There are a lot of pressures on them to be successful. They are technologically involved and they want things to be instant and exciting.

"Many of those who come to camp have a real interest in conservation and have a pretty good knowledge and background when they get there. Because so many of our campers have a financial sponsor, such as a conservation district or garden club, we tend to have campers who want to be at camp. About one fourth of our campers are attending a residential camp for the first time."

Hall said the number of boys and girls attending camp is about equal.

Twenty years ago, he said, the boys would have outnumbered the girls two to one.

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a public notice of intent to drill.

This executive order is an important first step in providing

responsible regulatory oversight.

But, there is much work to be done by legislators serving on a Legislative select committee.

The committee is busy developing a reasonable and

comprehensive proposal related to Marcellus development. With input from all concerned, together, I am confident we will make the most of this opportunity.

# JUNIOR CONSERVATION CAMP 2011



Taylor Perkins is a picture of concentration as he zooms in on his target during archery class at Junior Conservation Camp.



Two campers enjoy a canoe ride.



DNR intern Taylor Phillips instructs a camper on proper hook-tying techniques.



The DNR's Danny Dolin helps a camper line up a shot at the shooting range.



Mary Sanders, of the DEP, spends time around the lake with campers.

## DEP Interns

A list of interns for the summer of 2011:

Chad Burdette	OA
Brianne Huddleston	DMR
Taylor Giorgio	DMR
Amelia Fowler	DMR
Nathan Carte	DMR
Ryan Moran	DMR
Kaitlyn Shamblin	DMR
Lori DeBruyn	DMR
Madeline Harper	DMR
Christopher Simmons	DMR
Anna Hubbard	DMR
Chelsea Jarvis	DMR
Elizabeth Belcher	DMR
Craig Smith	DMR
David Beaufort	DMR
Chelsea Carr	DMR
James Cooke	DMR
Whitney Sowards	DMR
Natalie Tupta	DMR
Anne Endres	DMR
Audrey Wright	DMR
John Higgins	DMR
Brittini Shriver	DMR
James Hamrick	DMR
Hunter Hamrick	DMR
Kayla Barlett	DMR
Brittany Barr	DMR
Brandon Cochran	AML
Ian Cook	AML
Natalia Mescheryakova	DAQ
David Williams	DAQ
Brittany Ireland	DAQ
Adam McCallister	DAQ
Kurt Suter	DAQ
Ashleigh Bennett	DLR
Lauren Schiefelbein	DLR
Kady Rogers	DWWM
Sarah Mandirola	DWWM
Regina Lucas	DWWM
Katrina Leaprot	DWWM
Danielle Stephenson	DWWM
Cody Howdyshell	DWWM
Kimberly Lyons	DWWM
Jillian Gonzalez	DWWM
Kimberly Waybright	REAP

## Rebate money available

Unclaimed rebate money is still available in three appliance categories in the West Virginia Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program, sponsored by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Approximately \$20,000 in rebate funds is still available for ENERGY STAR-qualified clothes washers, dishwashers and refrigerators. Rebates of \$75 are available for clothes washers. Rebates of \$50 and \$75 are available for dishwashers. Qualified refrigerators carry a \$100 rebate.

The Appliance Rebate Program kicked off in June 2010. It offers mail-in rebates to consumers to help them replace older, inefficient appliances with ENERGY STAR-qualified appliances.

The Appliance Rebate Program is being funded with federal stimulus money through the U.S. Department of Energy. West Virginia's rebate program will run through February 2012 or until funds are depleted.

Call 877-355-9153 for more information.

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"The neat thing about this program is that it involves teams of employees and family members or friends rather than just individuals," said the DEP's Susan Wheeler, who's on a team called the "Walking Divas."

Teams can have up to four members, with at least one member being a DEP employee.

"My sister is the fourth person on our team and she already walks a lot," Wheeler said.

In addition to Wheeler and her sister, the Walking Divas include DEP employees Paula Smith and Valinda Neal.

"This program is a team walking challenge that will not only increase the energy level and make employees feel better, but it will also give employees the chance to win cash and prizes, be part of a team, and have a great time doing so," Weaver said. "When you're on a team, the other members can motivate you and keep you excited. Everyone has some competitive edge in them. Competition can stir it up, making you push yourself."

The program began on July 18 and runs through Oct. 10. Twenty-nine teams and seven individuals are participating.

"We thought the employees would enjoy picking out their team's name," Weaver said. "We've gotten some really creative names."

One team name is "Legs Go," a take off of the phrase, "let's go." Team members are Jamie Chambers, Kenna DeRaimo, Jean Sheppard and Gary Burdette.

"We had about 10 good names to choose from," Chambers said. "We tried with each member writing her favorite two. We thought we'd go with the name that was repeated. Well, none were. So, we went to three."

Every walker received a pedometer so they could track their daily steps.

Employees can win monthly prizes, as well as a grand prize. Monthly prizes include sunglasses with visor clips, water bottles, and lighted reflectors. Grand prizes include a briefcase/laptop case, a stainless steel water bottle, a keychain, and \$100 in cash.

"As long as everyone on the team stays active, we win whether we get a prize or not," Chambers said.

## New Additions

### Recent DEP hires

- ▶ Linda Adkins, OA
- ▶ Tomi Bergstrom, DWWM
- ▶ Jon Bosley, DWWM
- ▶ Jefferson Brady, DWWM
- ▶ Erin Creelman, OA
- ▶ Larry Kade, DMR
- ▶ Casey Korbini, DLR
- ▶ Nathan Meadows, DLR
- ▶ Bin Schmitz, DLR
- ▶ Roger White, AML



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activities involve dealing with the public.

“I’ve gotten a broader perspective on jobs, state jobs in particular, and seeing what people do,” Waybright said. “This will make me a better

worker.”

Internships often involve doing tedious work, such as filing or data entry. Still, there are times when an intern might get to experience a taste of his or her major.

Other interns work in programs not even remotely related to their

area of study.

Brianne Huddleston, 19, will be a sophomore at Marshall this fall and is majoring in psychology.

She is interning with the Division of Mining and Reclamation.

“I want to help people,” she said. “I don’t know where; I haven’t found my

niche.”

DEP was her first choice for a summer internship. Her brother had planned to intern in the agency as well.

“Something came up and he couldn’t do it,” she said.

“He told me about it, so I applied.”

## Litter Control Matching Grants approved

Twenty-six applicants have been approved for amounts totaling \$57,241 for state Department of Environmental Protection REAP Litter Control Matching Grants.

DEP Cabinet Secretary Randy Huffman announced the grant recipients for fiscal year 2012.

Grants were awarded to state solid waste authorities, county commissions and municipalities.

Funding for the litter control program is generated through Legislative Rule §22-15A-4:

“For unlawful disposal of litter, the circuit clerk shall deposit 50 percent of all civil penalties into the Litter Control Fund.”

The DEP’s REAP program (Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan) empowers West Virginia’s citizens to take ownership of their communities by providing technical, financial, and resource assistance in cleanup efforts.

Grant recipients included: Barbourville; Berkeley County Solid Waste Authority;

Burnsville; Cowan; Fayette County SWA; Fayetteville; Gilmer County Commission; Greenbrier County SWA; Hardy County Commission; Hurricane; Kanawha County Commission; Kanawha County SWA; Kenova; Mannington; Mason County Commission; Monroe County SWA; Nitro; Parkersburg; Putnam County SWA; Raleigh County SWA; Richwood; Romney; Vienna; Webster County Commission; Wood County SWA; Wyoming County SWA.

## Tips on staying safe around the grill this summer

Every year Americans look forward to summer vacations, family reunions and picnics.

Summertime, however, also brings fires and injuries, due to outdoor cooking and recreational fires. Annually, there are almost 3,800 Americans injured by gas or charcoal grill fires.

An estimated 5,700 grill fires occur on residential properties each year in the United States.

**Grill Safety: Some**

**Tips To Remember**

► Propane and charcoal BBQ grills must only be used outdoors. If used indoors, or in any enclosed spaces such as tents, they pose both a fire hazard and the risk of exposing occupants to toxic gases and potential asphyxiation.

► Position the grill well away from siding, decks and railing.

► Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below the grill so it can’t be ignited by a hot

grill.

► Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited.

► Check the propane cylinder hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year.

A light soap and water solution applied to the hose will reveal escaping propane quickly by releasing bubbles.

If you determine your grill has a gas leak by smell or the soapy bubble test and there is no flame:

Turn off the propane tank and grill.

If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again.

If the leak does not stop, call the fire department.

► Never store propane cylinders in buildings or garages.

If you store a gas grill inside during the winter, disconnect the cylinder and leave it outside.

— *From the DEP Safety Committee*

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installed in 2008 and hasn’t exactly overflowed with suggestions since, Casto said.

But what it has lacked in numbers it has certainly made up in interesting suggestions, including:

■ Doing away with Employee Performance Appraisals because they are “outdated.”

■ Announcing rain

storms over the DEP intercom in case employees have left their car windows down.

■ Making every Friday “jean Friday.”

■ Running the building’s intercom into the bathrooms (“Which we did,” Casto said).

■ Placing a bird feeder in front of the building.

■ Making the bathroom toilet paper dispensers vertical instead of horizontal.

■ Handing out polo

shirts instead of T-shirts at the DEP picnic (“We’re doing that this year,” Casto said.)

■ Piping in environmental tips over the intercom in the bathrooms.

■ Installing hand sanitizers in all of the conference rooms.

One suggestion came from a visitor, who felt the hallways in DEP headquarters needed a splash of personality.

Casto said the

suggestion helped spark the new paint schemes and photos in the hallways.

There is not a physical suggestion box for the DEP cabinet secretary but there is an email address to which suggestions can be made. It is:

**DEP.suggestionstocabinetsecretary@wv.gov.**

Interestingly, the first-floor suggestion box was borne out of a suggestion made to the cabinet secretary.

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At the end of the day, the DEP had a two-week total of 286 points to second-place DuPont's 229.

The rest of the top 10 included CAMC 212; Frontier 210.5; DOW 191.5; CASCI 147; McJunkin Redman 131; Wells Fargo 128.5; West Virginia Department of Transportation 126.5 and TRG 114.

"Congratulations to each and every person who participated and to all who came out to watch the events this year," said DEP team captain Dan Roberts.

"It truly takes a team effort to be successful and win with the stiff competition we had to face."

Roberts also noted the contributions made by DEP staff from the agency's field offices.

"Christy Puckett works in the Welch office and drove all the way to Charleston to play in the softball tournament on the opening weekend,"



**DEP staffers and interns at Saturday's Track and Field competition of Corporate Cup celebrate the agency's 10th consecutive Cup championship .**

Roberts said.

"And for track and field day Saturday, there were two employees who work out of the Phillippi office who drove down for the day.

"Dan Lehmann came down and ran in the 35-Over Men's 5,000-meter run in the morning and Joel Shanesy came down and watched most of the running events

and then participated in the Tug of War, which was the very last event of the day."

The DEP's Matt Sweeney fought through a pulled hamstring to anchor the DEP's winning 35-Over 400 Medley relay team on Saturday.

Sweeney injured the hamstring shortly into his 200-meter leg of the

race.

"Everyone who saw it knew it was bad," Roberts said.

"But Matt gutted it out and kept on running."

In all, the DEP collected nine first-place awards in the two-week Corporate Cup competition. It scored points in all but one event.

# Cup results

A list of Corporate Cup events, how DEP finished and who participated:

**Horseshoes** — 1<sup>st</sup> Place (Paul Frantz, Jean Sheppard).

**Softball** — 7th Place (John Damron, Mike Egnor, Jay Fedczak, Diana Haid, Madeline Harper, Annette Hoskins, David Keatley, Misty Nichols, Scott Norman, Greg Null, Nick Pahoundis, Christy Puckett, Dan Roberts, Jean Sheppard, Margie Skeens, Megan Smith, Sherry Thaxton).

**Billiards** — 7th Place (Brian Carr, Annette Hoskins).

**Bowling** — 6th Place (Rose Brodersen, Lewis Halstead, Margie Skeens, Dan Roberts).

**Putt Putt** — 5th Place

(Jay Fedczak, Rebecca Johnson).

**Volleyball** — 5th Place (Rich Boehm, Kathy Cosco, John Damron, Chris Daugherty, Diana Haid, Greg Null, Dan Roberts, Jean Sheppard, Sherry Thaxton, Kim Waybright).

**Tennis** — 1<sup>st</sup> Place (Lisa McClung, Don Wang).

**Darts** — 3rd Place (Chuck Scruggs, Margie Skeens).

**Hoop Shoot** — 4th Place (Tom Aluise, Chris Daugherty, Jay Fedczak, Margie Skeens).

**Closest to the Pin Men** — 1st Place (Jay Fedczak).

**Closest to the Pin Women** — 4th Place (Debbie Peters).

**Table Tennis Women** — 3rd Place (Misty Nichols).

**Table Tennis Men** — Did not place.

**Cornhole** — 6th Place (Kathy Cosco, Paul Frantz).

**Combined Age Swim Relay** — 1st Place (Ashley

Carroll, Amy Molgaard, Matt Sweeney, John Wirts).

**Medley Swim Relay** — 2nd Place — (Ashley Carroll, John Wirts).

**Open 5,000 M Men's Run** — 6th Place (John Tingley).

**Open 5,000 M Women's Run** — 4th Place (Marcy Ferrell).

**35 & Over 5,000 M Men's Run** — 4th Place (Dan Lehmann).

**35 & Over 5,000 M Women's Run** — 3rd Place (Sandy Kee).

**5000 M Team Walk** — (John Damron, Mike Egnor, Diana Haid, Megan Smith).

**Shot Put Men** — 8th Place (Jerry Forren).

**Shot Put Women** — 3rd Place (Chris Daugherty).

**Open 100 M Dash Men** — 1st Place (Hunter Hamrick).

**Open 100 M Dash Women** — 3rd Place (Kim Waybright).

**35 & Over 100 M Dash Men** — 2nd Place (Matt Sweeney).

**35 & Over 100 M Dash Women** — 3rd Place (Amy Halstead).

**Punt, Pass & Kick Men** — 2nd Place (Scott Norman).

**Punt, Pass & Kick Women** — 1st Place (Margie Skeens).

**Obstacle Course Men** — 1st Place (Hunter Hamrick, Jamie Hamrick).

**Obstacle Course Women** — 2nd Place (Amy Halstead, Chris Daugherty).

**35 & Over 400 M Medley Relay** — 1<sup>st</sup> Place (Amy Halstead, Matt Sweeney, John Wirts).

**Open 800 M Medley Relay** — 1st Place (Amy Halstead, Hunter Hamrick, Jamie Hamrick, Kim Waybright).

**Tug of War** — 5th Place (Jerry Forren, Diana Haid, Lewis Halstead, Hunter Hamrick, Danny Haight, Corey McComas, Joel Shanesy, Jean Sheppard, Margie Skeens, Megan Smith).

# 2011 Corporate Cup



Jay Fedczak finished first in the Closest to the Pin competition.



DEP intern Hunter Hamrick finished first in the Open 100-Meter dash for men.



Matt Sweeney (center) pulls away from the field in his heat of the men's 35-Over 100-Meter dash.



Sherry Thaxton makes contact in softball action.



The DEP volleyball team finished fifth.



Chris Daugherty releases a shot during the Hoop Shoot at the YMCA.



Amy Halstead maneuvers through a station in the Obstacle Course.