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Walking information for Patti Hamilton
(LiveWell Walking - Kanawha County)

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(In Minutes)

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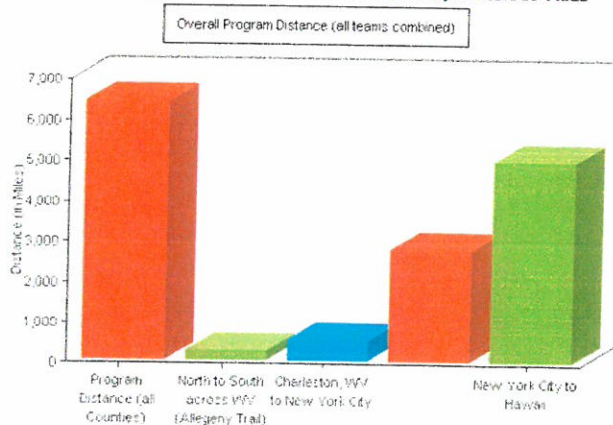
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Your overall total is 54.00 Miles since 06/03/2013.

Overall Program Distance (all teams combined): 6423.969 Miles



Did you know?

- The average adult walking speed is approximately 3 mph. This means for every 20 minutes of walking you will have covered about 1 mile.
- The average adult stride (step length) is 30 inches (2½ feet), but this will vary by height. For a more accurate idea of your personal stride length, check out this article on [How to Set Your Pedometer](#).

TRY THIS!



A Survey for All County Officials

The West Virginia Association of Counties is a partner in the Try This! Project, funded by the Benedum Foundation. Try This! will result in a web site that you will be able to use to get information about how you can do a - you name it health activity - in your county or community. You will find pictures and contact information for a wide range of activities that are currently working and successful in West Virginia. It will be like a big catalogue for one-stop shopping that refers people to those who can help them get started on similar initiatives for their counties.

It's not easy to find all this out on your own. Our role is to help identify what is already happening in West Virginia's counties & communities. Please take a minute to complete the survey below and fax it back to WVACO at 304-346-0592. Thank you!

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County _____ Name & Office (optional)

1. If you could or can say that your county offers many active recreation possibilities, do you see that as an economic development tool? _____ Yes _____ No
2. What steps, if any, has your county taken toward offering active recreation possibilities?
3. Has anyone in your county inventoried the healthy lifestyle offerings available in your area? (For example, has your CVB maintained a list of healthy lifestyle/active recreation offerings?) _____ Yes _____ No

If such an inventory exists, is it available for the Try This! project? _____ Yes _____ No
4. Does your county/community feature local active recreation/healthy lifestyle in your promotional information? (Examples: Jefferson County brochures, Summersville billboards, Greater Parkersburg web site). _____ Yes _____ No
(If answer is Yes, please send or provide examples.)

TRY THIS!



5. Check if your county has the following:

___ Volleyball league. If so, contact info:

___ Running/Walking organization. If so, contact info:

___ Adult soccer. If so, contact info:

___ Biking organization. If so, contact info:

___ Bike rental service.

___ Biking-on-streets policy

___ Any program that connects people who want to exercise by doing something helpful such as repairing homes, mowing lawns for elderly, helping tend community gardens, or Adopt-a-Highway (If so, please provide examples).

6. Does the county courthouse or the school system have any joint use agreements that allow the public to use the buildings after hours for health-promoting activities?
_____ Yes _____ No (If yes, please give examples).

7. If the Legislature were to make a fund for counties to apply for grants to do healthy life-style projects, would your county be interested in applying? _____ Yes _____ No

8. Does your county offer any amateur adult sports leagues? _____ Yes _____ No
(If yes, what is offered?)

9. What kid sports leagues - open to all - does your county offer?

10. Anything else you can think of happening in your county that will be helpful!

Thank you for your participation! Please fax back to 304-346-0592.

Supported a coalition effort led by AARP that accomplished the Complete Streets Act, SB 158:

"The Division of Highways is encouraged to create an implementation plan, including a schedule and a regional and local government and public outreach plan....."

"Division of Highways may provide assistance to and coordinate with regional and local agencies in developing and implementing complementary complete streets policies."

"The commissioner (of Highways) is encouraged to consult local and regional plans and leaders, as appropriate, in assessing exceptions."

The Act establishes an Advisory Board "to provide and facilitate communication, education, and advice between Division of Highways, counties, municipalities, interest groups and the public." One member representing counties will serve on the Advisory Board.

Supported and participated in the working group that developed SB 371, the Governor's Prison Overcrowding bill:

Prosecuting Attorneys were strong and vocal advocates for substance abuse treatment funding and the issue became one of the three basic tenets of the recommendations from the Justice Reinvestment Initiative of the Council of State Governments.

Prosecuting Attorneys also accomplished the WV Contraband Forfeiture Act, HB 2521. Law enforcement agencies will get 90% of the forfeiture and the prosecutor will get 10%. It is now 80/20 on the federal level. Therefore, This will make it more attractive for law enforcement to take contraband to the county prosecutor rather than to the federal level.

Sheriffs helped defeat an amendment made on the House Floor to HB 2431 that would have decimated Concealed Weapons Permit Funds by as much as 50% to 80%:

*"I don't know a single veteran who would want to say take this money away," Senator Wells said on the Senate Floor after amending out a House Floor amendment that would have waived all gun permit fees for active military and veterans. Senator Wells, who is also active military, characterized the House amendment as well-intentioned but detrimental to State Police, **Sheriffs** & county funds, and the Courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority.*

Circuit Clerks accomplished SB 601 that will eliminate the need to physically seal confidential juvenile records but instead keep them in a separate, secure confidential place.

County Clerks made effective changes to Secretary of State election legislation that will save money and protect counties' role in elections.

Assessors helped defeat several detrimental property tax initiatives and accomplished beneficial changes to HB 2590, a Governor's bill that takes brownfields land off the property tax rolls if they participate in a land bank program, the WV Land Stewardship Corporation. We added notification to county officials (commissioner and assessor) if a land in their county makes application and added that if a property is leased to a for-profit entity, payment in lieu of taxes in an amount not less than the property tax is required to be paid on the property.

But What Happened to the Compensation Increase bill.....?

FY12**July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012**

COUNTY	TRANSFER TAX AMOUNT Sent to State	REGIONAL JAIL COST
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Barbour	\$ 41,949.60	\$ 173,027.95
Berkeley	\$ 678,966.20	\$ 4,693,877.00
Boone	\$ 81,259.20	\$ 997,081.60
Braxton	\$ 31,430.30	\$ 386,642.40
Brooke	\$ 69,993.00	\$ 278,746.00
Cabell	\$ 459,586.60	\$ 3,455,576.80
Calhoun	\$ 18,994.80	\$ 105,700.80
Clay	\$ 26,081.00	\$ 397,670.80
Doddridge	\$ 52,154.30	\$ 163,138.40
Fayette	\$ 191,619.45	\$ 871,128.80
Gilmer	\$ 24,085.10	\$ 180,072.00
Grant	\$ 39,649.50	\$ 456,182.40
Greenbrier	\$ 217,529.40	\$ 499,599.20
Hampshire	\$ 102,817.00	\$ 522,111.00
Hancock	\$ 75,645.90	\$ 561,053.60
Hardy	\$ 53,138.00	\$ 410,262.00
Harrison	\$ 375,413.00	\$ 1,758,117.00
Jackson	\$ 82,152.40	\$ 763,720.00
Jefferson	\$ 377,535.40	\$ 1,159,927.20
Kanawha	\$ 886,630.80	\$ 4,414,936.00
Lewis	\$ 63,079.50	\$ 300,364.00
Lincoln	\$ 31,062.90	\$ 527,576.80
Logan	\$ 103,862.00	\$ 1,046,857.60
Marion	\$ 271,885.90	\$ 1,536,419.20
Marshall	\$ 259,501.00	\$ 518,839.00
Mason	\$ 53,254.30	\$ 709,015.20
McDowell	\$ 38,812.40	\$ 623,712.70
Mercer	\$ 203,962.00	\$ 1,462,293.00
Mineral	\$ 87,144.20	\$ 854,488.00
Mingo	\$ 32,007.82	\$ 999,374.90
Monongalia	\$ 783,154.90	\$ 1,498,062.40
Monroe	\$ 46,778.00	\$ 186,464.00
Morgan	\$ 77,927.30	\$ 494,344.60
Nicholas	\$ 82,722.20	\$ 1,495,368.80
Ohio	\$ 183,371.10	\$ 837,554.00
Pendleton	\$ 24,192.30	\$ 116,706.67
Pleasants	\$ 24,200.00	\$ 111,117.60
Pocahontas	\$ 79,807.20	\$ 291,287.20
Preston	\$ 114,095.30	\$ 399,720.80
Putnam	\$ 392,175.30	\$ 1,333,313.60
Raleigh	\$ 380,298.75	\$ 2,313,364.00
Randolph	\$ 109,123.30	\$ 447,447.20
Ritchie	\$ 33,943.80	\$ 174,704.00
Roane	\$ 45,336.50	\$ 368,422.80
Summers	\$ 42,334.00	\$ 273,238.00
Taylor	\$ 69,130.60	\$ 179,632.80
Tucker	\$ 43,488.50	\$ 52,215.30
Tyler	\$ 31,054.10	\$ 145,326.40
Upshur	\$ 83,518.60	\$ 511,357.90
Wayne	\$ 98,255.30	\$ 925,589.60
Webster	\$ 16,156.80	\$ 562,712.80
Wetzel	\$ 79,961.20	\$ 345,601.60
Wirt	\$ 13,415.60	\$ 90,516.00
Wood	\$ 390,184.30	\$ 2,062,211.80
Wyoming	\$ 27,453.80	\$ 1,116,495.20
TOTALS	\$ 8,303,281.72	\$ 47,160,286.42