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Update from Foster Grandparents & Senior Companions



Foster Grandparents from Tucker County and Senior Companions from Barbour, Randolph and Tucker, held an in service at The Darden House in Elkins on February 24th. Our guest speakers were Laura Ward, Director of Randolph County Senior Center and Jillian Toothman, Activity Director. Laura spoke to the volunteers about the programs the Center provides to the seniors in Randolph County along with services that all Centers in the state provide. She Spoke with the volunteers about information regarding taxes, medication, transportation and senior fraud. Laura and Jillian also gave each volunteer insulated grocery bags, pens, notebooks and their newsletters with an opportunity to sign up for a monthly newsletter from the RCSC, regardless of the county they live in. The group then went to the Senior Center and enjoyed lunch before returning to The Darden House for the remainder of the in service.





Update from Foster Grandparents & Senior Companions

Foster Grandparents and Senior Companions from Braxton and Lewis Counties



Foster Grandparents and Senior Companions from Braxton and Lewis Counties met at the Gilmer County Senior Center for their in service meeting on February 26th. A presentation was provided by Kelly Radcliff, Transportation Coordinator and SHIP Counselor, that included information on the topics of programs their Center provides, activities that are scheduled on a monthly basis and introduction to the new Activity Director who talked with the group as well. We enjoyed our lunch at the Senior Center and finished our in service following. Director of Gilmer County Senior Center, Sallie Mathis, stopped in for a hello and introductions, thanked us for coming and welcomed our return.

Coronavirus



A Real Concern for All of Us. Please be cautious, be careful, be responsible, and be smart to how we respond, like washing hands frequently, wipe down hard surfaces frequently, sneeze or cough into a tissue or the bend of your arm, and be considerate and respectful of the people around us.

Updates From MOVADC

The **Tyler County PSD** opened bids for their WWTP Rehabilitation Project on March 3rd. The bids came in over budget, even when eliminating all deductive alternates. USDA was able to assist the PSD in funding the project as bid for the full scope of work by adding \$46,000 to the committed \$700,000 loan and adding \$134,000 in grant to the committed \$463,000 grant. **The Tyler PSD sewer plant had seen no significant upgrades in its nearly 30 year lifetime so this is an important project.**



Through a collaborative effort, the **Town of Elizabeth** will be able to install Wirt County's first adult exercise playground in Sportsman Park this summer. The Copeland Clinic donated 6 pieces of adult exercise equipment and the Wirt County Development Authority donated space for the playground to the Town of Elizabeth. To help with the concrete pad, MOVRC applied on the Town's behalf to the Sisters Health Foundation and the McDonough Foundation. In total, the local foundations awarded the Town \$15,000 to complete the concrete pad for equipment installation.

FTA Announces Transportation Program for Areas with Persistent Poverty

On March 3rd, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for the new Helping Obtain Prosperity for Everyone (HOPE) Program. This program will make available \$8.5 million to improve transit services or facilities in areas of persistent poverty through funding for planning, engineering, technical studies, or financial plans. An area of persistent poverty is a county with 20% or more of the population living in poverty over the 30 years preceding the date of enactment of the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020, or December 20, 2019, as measured by the 1990 and 2000 decennial census and the most recent Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates. Applicants for the HOPE Program must be eligible recipients or sub-recipients under section 5307, 5310, or 5311 of title 49 of United States Code. Applications are due **May 4, 2020**.





WEST VIRGINIA DEVELOPMENT OFFICE



From: West Virginia Development Office, Charleston

RE: Providers Survey of Capital Needs for Local Park & Playground Improvements

The State is currently updating its policy plan (the 'SCORP') or Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, for continuation funding from the National Park Service for public outdoor recreation facility grants through its Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program. Identifying capital repair, replacement and new facility park and playground costs help justify funding demands and continued financial support from the National Park Service for the LWCF program. Please help on this matter by taking a short survey of your local needs to be included in, and made part of, an update to the state's policy plan for LWCF funding. Please use the following link to access the survey, take a few minutes to read and respond to the questions and return by email to john.r.mcgarrrity@wv.gov; otherwise a paper copy of the same can be printed and mailed to: John McGarrity, WV Development Office, Capitol Complex, Building 3-Suite 700, Charleston, WV 25305-0311 on or before April 30, 2020.

Thank You.

<https://movrc5.squarespace.com/s/2020-Park-Providers-Survey.pdf>



33+ Things To Do Along Route 33 In West Virginia

Plan a road trip through Weston, Buckhannon and Elkins. Centered in the state, the area is full of scenic views, deep history and family experiences. Stop by Stonewall Resort, Appalachian Glass or the Trans Allegheny Lunatic Asylum while in Weston. Stroll along Buckhannon's vibrant Main Street or plan a paddle down the Buckhannon River. And be sure to drive the back roads or hike an Elkins trail for a spectacular view. No matter the season, the winding roads of West Virginia are always an adventure. Drive through the state to see the scenic countryside and beautiful wildlife. Stop in the small towns along the way for a unique experience.