

WEST VIRGINIA FUN FACTS

Here's "double the fun" for you to learn interesting facts about West Virginia. Read over the facts below, and then see how many of the UNDERLINED words that you can find in the word search on the next page.

Minnie Buckingham HARPER, made a member of the House of Delegates by appointment in 1928, was the first african american woman to become a member of a LEGISLATIVE body in the United States.

The DOME on the West Virginia CAPITOL building is 292 feet high, approximately 5 feet taller than the dome on the nation's Capitol building in Washington, D.C.

Charleston native and George Washington High School graduate Jennifer GARNER was awarded a Golden Globe for her performances on ABC's hit television drama "Alias."

The New River GORGE Bridge in Fayetteville is the longest steel-arch bridge in the world, spanning 1,815 feet across the New River Canyon.

The first major land battle fought between UNION and CONFEDERATE soldiers in the Civil War was the Battle of Philippi on June 3, 1861.

Ironic to its name, the New RIVER is actually one of the oldest rivers in the World and flows south to north, opposite from most rivers because it was formed before the MOUNTAINS.

The first state SALES tax in the United States went into EFFECT in West Virginia on July 1, 1921.

On January 26, 1960 Danny Heater, a student from Burnsville, scored 135 points in a high school BASKETBALL game earning him a place in the Guinness Book of World Records.

The first rural free mail DELIVERY was started in Charles Town on October 6, 1896, and then spread throughout the United States.



Words to Find

LEGISLATIVE
DOME
HARPER
CAPITOL
GARNER



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UNION
CONFEDERATE
RIVER
MOUNTAINS
SALES
EFFECT
BASKETBALL
DELIVERY