

# Intersection changes



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The DOH, after traffic studies are conducted, will make a decision on mitigation proposals to the W.Va. 7/Green Bag Road intersection, in Sabraton.

## DOH likely to proceed with proposal for Green Bag/W.Va. 7 junction fixes

Spokeswoman: Work set to begin next fall

### UPDATE

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The Division of Highways (DOH) will tentatively proceed with a proposal to mitigate traffic problems at the W.Va. 7/Monongalia County 857 intersection in Sabraton.

The proposal would include a left-turn signal, but nix a roundabout due to safety concerns for pedestrians and bicyclists, Carrie Bly, DOH spokeswoman, said.

The DOH will make its final decision on the proposal after it conducts additional traffic studies. The studies won't delay the construction start date, which is slated for next fall, Bly said.

Traffic turning left off of W.Va. 7 onto Mon County 857 has to sit in a lane in the middle



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The proposal the DOH is likely to proceed with for the intersection fixes includes a left-turn signal, but gets rid of a roundabout due to safety concerns for pedestrians and bicyclists.

of intersection with no light visible, not knowing if oncoming traffic or traffic turning left off the 857 Y has the right of way.

The DOH asked for public

comments on four proposals to change the traffic pattern and a no-build option. It received 30 responses.

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# Buck season with firearms begins today

Game can be checked over phone and online

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West Virginia's traditional buck firearms season begins today.

The season runs through Dec.

The buck firearms season has opened the Monday before Thanksgiving every year since 1965.

The timing of the season is a balance of hunting during some of the mating season, or rut, which still allows for the annual renewal of the deer herd.

This fall, hunters are required to get a permanent state Division of Natural Resources (DNR) identification number which allows them to check in their game by phone, at 1-844-WVCHECK (1-844-982-4325); by computer, at wvhunt.com; or at a hunting and fishing license agent.

Hunters may harvest two deer on the same day, but only one of those can be an antlered buck. The first deer does not have to be legally checked before harvesting the second deer in the same day.

However, all deer must be checked and the checking confirmation number recorded by the hunter before hunting on any subsequent day.

In 2014, 37,450 antlered bucks were harvested during the traditional bucks-only firearms season, a 34 percent drop from 2013.

DNR predicts a larger harvest in 2015, as the drop in 2014 means many bucks survived the season. Also, the percentage of yearling bucks in the harvest in 2014 was near 30 percent. That means many bucks are surviving to reach older age classes, boosting the chances to kill a large antlered buck.

Hunters are required to wear at least 400 square inches of blaze orange — about the size of a vest — as an outer garment for visibility and safety. Blaze orange must be visible from both the front and the back.

Hunting licenses and stamps can be purchased at wvhunt.com.



Andrew Jackson, the seventh president of the United States, said, "It is a damn poor mind indeed that can't think of at least two ways of spelling any word."

Would a Muslim cadi ask a golf caddie to keep tea — or a tee! — in a caddy?

In this deal, though, there are two ways for South to try to amass 12 tricks in six no-trump. After West leads the club nine, South chews over the options — which should he choose?

When South opened one no-trump, showing 15-17 points, North knew the combined values were 32-34 points. The magic number for six no-trump without a five-card suit or a 4-4 fit is 33. So North drove into slam via Gerber, which asked for aces. North's alternative was to respond with a quantitative four no-trump. Here South, with a maximum 17 points, would have jumped to six no-trump.

South has 11 top tricks: one spade, two hearts, four diamonds and four clubs. He has two finesses, one in each major suit, that could produce a 12th winner. Declarer hopes to find West with the spade king or heart queen. (If East has both of those cards, the slam would be makable with a squeeze-endplay, but South would need X-ray vision.) Should declarer try spades or hearts first?

The rule is to take the finesse for the higher honor first. So, declarer should lead a spade toward dummy's queen. Here, that works perfectly, but if East could take dummy's queen with the king, the heart finesse would still be available.

Note, though, that if South takes a losing heart finesse first, he will fail, whoever holds the spade king.

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## DOH

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Of the proposals presented to commenters, the plan was alternative number 5, which would do away with the Y and island at CR 857, rework the traffic signals to include left turns, eliminate Hardee's, and realign the Sabraton Avenue connector through that land to keep traffic flowing more easily to CR 857 (Green Bag Road). The proposal also included a one-lane roundabout on Sabraton Avenue.

A representative from Hardee's was un-

available for comment.

"Eliminating the roundabout will also cut down on costs," Bly said. Alternative 5, including the roundabout, would cost \$9.21 million. At this time, Bly said she didn't know how much the new plan would cost.

Four commenters preferred alternative 5, but two of those wanted to eliminate the roundabout. Twelve commenters said they didn't have a preference, but had large concerns for bicycle and pedestrian traffic.

Bly doesn't anticipate another request for comments for the project.

A state media outlet reported that the decrease is more than double the declines in the last two years.

Only nine of the 55 counties saw increases in overall enrollment. Berkeley and Monongalia saw the biggest gains, while Kanawha and Cabell counties, home to West Virginia's two largest cities, saw the biggest drops.

Counties with fewer students will receive less money from the state next year.

## Girl Scouts raise money for K9 badges

CHARLES TOWN — Hyde, a black lab, was on his best behavior at the Charles Town City Council meeting when senior patrolman Jason Newlin ex-

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behavioral initiatives to eliminate conflict.

"We added the High 5 program, which promotes being good sports, the Blue and Gold Student Ambassadors, and the Goodwill City Ambassadors, who work with our fans to encourage good behavior to-

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### The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources' Bureau for Children and Families

is seeking Grant Applications for the following services to be provided beginning on February 1, 2016:

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