

# NETWORKING 101

WEST VIRGINIA NETWORK (WVNET)

## WEB HOSTING AT YOUR SERVICE

Web technology is growing rapidly, with newer and better capabilities available each year. To take advantage of everything the web has to offer is becoming an increasing challenge. Creating modern web sites with a text editor is difficult at best and not practical if you want a site that will offer interactive tools or shared authoring. A simple web site can be developed with desktop applications and uploaded to a publicly accessible site using file transfer software. This method has the disadvantages of limiting updates to a single desktop and separating editing from the live web site.

A better approach to web site management is the Content Management System (CMS), where the site is built and managed entirely by a web browser connected to the site. A CMS makes it easy to create and modify a site, add sophisticated program functions, and share editing between multiple people. The use of style sheets helps a CMS managed site to have a consistent look and feel, and will adapt your site to desktops or mobile devices such as smart phones.

For many years WVNET has offered web space for customers to upload web pages, style sheets and components to a publicly accessible server. During the past decade we have made extensive use of Content Management Systems for numerous web-based projects, and we are offering these systems to customers. We have newer technology Content Management Systems such as Joomla and Word Press that make it easy to create and manage web sites entirely from your web browser. Content Management Systems have the ability to build complex web sites based on templates that you can obtain at no cost. Choose from thousands of free templates, select the one you like, and create a site based on it. You can change the look and feel of the site at any time by choosing a different template. Add content with a GUI editor, share editing with other people, add programs like calendars, photo galleries and surveys, all with a few clicks on the site.. Many templates will automatically create a mobile version of your site if accessed from a smart phone.

WVNET will provide you with web space to build your site, a pre-installed Content Management System ready for your customization, and a high speed connection to the internet so that your site responds quickly to visitors. Need help or answers? WVNET's skilled staff can help you get your site working to perfection. Content Management System technology is constantly being improved. WVNET keeps your CMS software up-to-date so that you need only be concerned with the content. Want to learn more? See our web site for web hosting package options [www.wvnet.edu](http://www.wvnet.edu) or call us today at 304.293.5192.

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## SEASONS' GREETINGS

from us to you



the O'Hanlon's



*All I want for  
Christmas...*

Dan O'Hanlon, Director, WVNET —  
**The \$3.5m grant for optical net-  
working equipment from the  
NTIA.**

Allen Daugherty, Deputy Director/  
Operations, WVNET— **A new data  
center.**

Bonnie Lynch, Manager/  
Administrative Applications, WVNET  
— **All the new hardware and  
software currently on site to be  
installed and running — AND —  
- happy customers.**

Rich Lynch, Manager/Systems,  
WVNET — **Staff members to  
support the new data center and  
all the new hardware and soft-  
ware currently on site once it is  
installed and running.**

Phil Snitz, Accountant, WVNET—  
**Revenue to pay for new staff  
members and new equipment.**

Greg Kidder, Chief Procurement  
Officer, WVNET — **For all govern-  
ment entities to have the ability  
to use WVNET contracts.**

Bob Roberts, Human Resources  
Manager, WVNET/HEPC — **A pot  
of gold from which we could fund  
salary increases for our wonder-  
ful staff of professionals at  
WVNET — AND — another year  
of good health and happiness for  
WVNET's staff.**

Peggy Connell, Receptionist, WVNET  
— **Continued growth and the  
knowledge that WVNET will no  
longer worry about the safety of  
jobs. My wish for the staff and  
all of the friends I have made  
around the state in my 25 years  
at WVNET is a wonderful holiday  
season!!**

Kathy Musick, Program Specialist,  
WVNET — **Wishing my WVNET  
family many years filled with  
health and all those things that  
make them happy.**

## WVNET Says Goodbye to Peggy Connell and Kathy Musick



Nearly 25 years ago, Peggy Connell joined the ranks of WVNET staff members as the voice of WVNET. Serving as receptionist over the years, Peggy has seen the staff as well as technology change drastically. When she was first hired, WVNET boasted 90+ employees on its roster and over the years it has been downsized to 43 dedicated, hard-working employees. As for technology, Peggy vividly remembers the days of the pink slips, that is, pink telephone message slips of paper, OMG. There was one for nearly each and everyone and sometimes multiples for certain staff members however that didn't dissuade Peggy's cheerful demeanor or can-do attitude. Coworkers and friends wish Peggy a healthy and happy retirement as she transitions into the next phase of her life.



Just over 33 years ago, Kathy Musick came to WVNET and first worked for the director, then as tape librarian, as a member of the training group and ultimately as Program Specialist where she worked with WebCT and Blackboard. Over the years, Kathy became highly regarded for her expertise in each of these areas and perhaps most notably for her work as Conference Coordinator for the WV Statewide Technology Conference, cosponsored by the Department of Education in Charleston. Staff members and customers alike will miss Kathy's wisdom, wit and experience. Coworkers and friends wish Kathy a healthy and happy retirement as she transitions into the next phase of her life.



## ON A MORE PERSONAL NOTE...

- ⇒ Here's a big **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to the following WVNET staff members with *birthdays in December*:: *Bonnie Lynch*.
- ⇒ How proud are we!! On Saturday December 10, *Peggy Connell's daughter Carin, grandson Aidan and brother-in-law Jim* participated in the placement of Christmas wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. *Bob Connell (uncle to Carin)* was a career Air Force member who served in Vietnam. He died recently and is buried at Arlington. This was a very memorable moment for the Connell family.
- ⇒ On a more somber note, we say goodbye to WVNET Deputy Director/Finance Roberta Linger whose last day with us is January 3, 2012.
- ⇒ Speaking of noteworthy, check out the **SNOW** on these pumpkins at Dianne Sisler's home in Terra Alta, WV, recently. Remember this one by James Whitcomb Riley (1853-1916):

*"WHEN the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock,  
And you hear the kyouck and gobble of the struttin' turkey-cock,  
And the clackin' of the guineys, and the cluckin' of the hens,  
And the rooster's hallylooyer as he tiptoes on the fence;  
O, it's then the time a feller is a-feelin' at his best,  
With the risin' sun to greet him from a night of peaceful rest,  
As he leaves the house, bareheaded, and goes out to feed the stock,  
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock..."*



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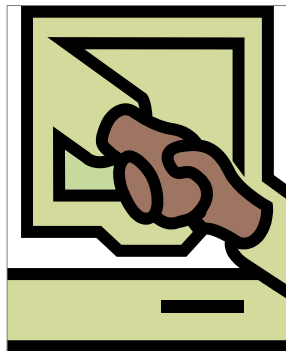
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## Update

**DegreeWorks Progress:** Implementation for the first wave of campuses is progressing. Planning for the software installation is underway. There will be 2 DegreeWorks Overview/Demos (WebEx sessions) scheduled, one for 1/5/12 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern and another 1/12/12 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern. Any participants can attend either session. Dates for scribing and training sessions will start in February and March.

**Argos Demo:** Several campuses and some folks from WVNET have been testing Evisions Argos reporting tool. We have several campuses anxious to participate in purchasing Argos at a steeply discounted price — if we can get a commitment from at least 14 campuses. Argos is a reporting tool that can access any data source and provides web-based or emailed reports and dashboard capabilities. WVNET's very own Ron Hamilton has developed a sample dashboard. Contact Bonnie Lynch [bonnie@mail.wvnet.edu](mailto:bonnie@mail.wvnet.edu) if your campus is interested or wants to arrange a demo.

**BUG:** The next **Banner Users Group** call is scheduled for Thursday January 19 at 2:00 p.m. If you are a Banner user, this call might be for you!! Join the associated listserv list by sending an email to [listserv@listserv.wvnet.edu](mailto:listserv@listserv.wvnet.edu) with "subscribe wvnet-bug" in the body of the email.

***Quote for this issue:** "Greatness is not in where we stand, but in what direction we are moving. We must sail sometimes with the wind, and sometimes against it — but sail we must. And not drift, nor lie at anchor." — Oliver Wendell Holmes*

FROM OUR OFFICE TO YOURS...

