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December 16, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin and Coldwater Creek CEO Dennis Peck participated in a groundbreaking ceremony to mark the start of construction for Coldwater Creeks Eastern U.S. I in Wood County.



December, 8, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin and representatives of The Esseco Group announced that the Italian company will invest approximately \$10 million to establish its first U.S. manufacturing facility at the Bayer CropScience Institute Industrial Park in Kanawha County, creating as many as 30 new jobs.



November 23, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin and First Lady Gayle Manchin helped serve a meal at Union Mission Ministries Charleston Shelter facility.



November 23, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin signed an executive order capping the state tax during a news conference at the West Virginia State Capitol.



November 14, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the Rx Consumer Hot-line at the West Virginia Department of Senior Services office in Charleston.



November 16, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin and General Darrell McGraw joined local community leaders to kick off the series of Kidney Early Evaluation Program/Pharmacy Brown Bag Fair in Fairmont.



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Oct. 31, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin and First Lady Gayle Manchin greet trick-or-treaters at the Governor's Mansion.



Oct. 27, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin speaks with attendees of the West Virginia AFL-CIO 25th Constitutional Convention at the Charleston House Holiday Inn.



Oct. 27, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin gives opening remarks during West Virginia AARP's fourth annual Consumer University.



Oct. 25, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin participates in a news conference regarding the recent announcement of the formation of the Mountain State Carbon LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SNA Carbon (a subsidiary of Severstal North America) and Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel. This joint-venture project will enhance the long-term viability of many more manufacturing jobs in the Northern Panhandle.



Oct. 19, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin participates in the official unveiling of the West Virginia Motorcycle, which was designed and built by Robert "Bear" Parsons, with Temple Street Choppers. The motorcycle highlights the capitol dome, state parks and various other items that truly illustrate the majestic beauty of the Mountain State.



October 15, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin watches base jumpers plunge off the New River Gorge Bridge during the 26th annual Bridge Day, one of the largest extreme sporting events in the world.



October 14, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin and First Lady Gayle Manchin join nearly 4,000 citizens during a ceremony to mark the official introduction of the West Virginia State Quarter and the completion of the State Capitol Dome restoration project. [More Photos from the Celebration](#)



The half-dollar size medallions, featuring the New River Gorge and the Governor's Seal, are being delivered to every West Virginia high school, college and university hosting football games Oct. 14 or Oct. 15 for use in pre-game coin toss ceremonies.



Sept. 29, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin participates in a ceremony announcing the Wheeling TIF Project, a downtown redevelopment project of the 180,000-square-foot Stone and Thomas building in the Central Business district.



Sept. 29, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin attends a ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening celebration for North Pointe Center's Plaza and Townhomes, located on Easton Hill just south of Morgantown Airport. This \$30 million development is located on a former mine site.



Sept. 26, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin joins Dr. Vicki Riley, President of Marshall Community and Technical College to cut a cake, recognizing the 20-year partnership between the West Virginia State Police Academy and Marshall Community and Technical College to offer post-secondary education to police officers.



Sept. 26, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin participates in the swearing-in of the 55th Cadet Class of the West Virginia State Police Academy.



Sept. 23, 2005 The completion of the State Capitol dome will be recognized during an October 14, 2005 celebration at the State Capitol. Festivities will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 2 p.m., with an official ceremony starting at 12 noon.



Sept. 20, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin joins Jeremy Gregg, Export Division, and Lorraine Gregg, Director of Worldwide Sales for Queensland, Australia-based Quik Corp. Pty Ltd., to announce the company's North American subsidiary, Intelli-Spray Inc. will relocate its headquarters from California to the Kanawha Valley, making it the first Australian investment project in the Mountain State.



Sept. 13, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin joins Senate President Earl Ray Tomblin, House Speaker Robert Kiss and members of the legislature to celebrate the culmination of a seven-day special legislative session highlighted by the overwhelming approval of a responsible reductino of West Virginia's state food tax.



September 8, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin today urged President George W. Bush and his administration to support legislation that will soon be introduced on Capitol Hill that would re-institute a law that expired in 1981, giving the President specific temporary authorities to deal with oil and gas shortages and gas pricing impacts on the U.S. economy.



Sept. 6, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin discusses the details of the September Special Session with members of the media during a press conference in the Governor's Reception Room, State Capitol.



Sept. 6, 2005 An evacuee speaks with Gov. Joe Manchin about what he encountered during Hurricane Katrina. West Virginia is hosting hundreds of displaced individuals.



September 5, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin speaks to union members at the annual United Mine Workers of America's Labor Day picnic in Racine.



Aug. 30, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin speaks during the statewide launch of the Medicare Rx Access Network of West Virginia - the first state-level coordinated outreach program in the nation to educate beneficiaries and caregivers about Medicare's new Part D drug coverage. Joining the Governor for the announcement were representatives of the state's aging and medical communities as well as congressional Representative Shelley Moore Capito and Wes Holden, representing Senator Jay Rockefeller (far left).



Aug. 29, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin and WV Attorney General Darrell McGraw discuss the impact of Hurricane Katrina on prices at the pump during a Monday news conference at the State Capitol in Charleston. The two state leaders issued a warning to petroleum distributors and dealers in West Virginia, putting them on notice that prices for existing gas supplies should not dramatically increase because of Hurricane Katrina.



August 25, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin and First Lady Gayle Manchin tour Blenko Glass Company with William Blenko, Jr. Located in Milton, this company has produced hand-blown glass that has been shown in museums and cultural exhibitions through the world, and has received numerous awards.



August 12, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin views some of the best produce that West Virginia has to offer during his visit to the State Fair of West Virginia.



August 8, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin helps to finish restoring the eagle on the very top of the capitol dome by inserting new red marble eyes crafted by Davis Marble Company of Pennsboro.



July 27, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin announces that the children's clothing voucher program's limits will expand from \$150 per child to \$200 per child for the 2005 school year. This is the latest step in the Governor's continuing series of "Responsible Government" initiatives.



July 27, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin unveils the new whitewater license plate with Cindy Dragan, wife of the whitewater pioneer Jon Dragan, during a ceremony at Fayette Station, Fayette County.



July 25, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin joins leaders from West Virginia's health care and insurance industries for a news conference to discuss innovative insurance solutions for West Virginia's small businesses and West Virginians faced with chronic and serious illnesses.



July 18, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin recognizes NGK's superior workforce during the 10th Anniversary Celebration of NGK Spark Plugs Mfg (USA), Inc.



July 14, 2005 West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin, aboard his 1998 Harley-Davidson Road King Classic, pulls out from the State Capitol's North Plaza to head to Snowshoe Mountain Resort Thursday afternoon, July 14. The Governor led a group of a dozen Harley-owners on a ride from Charleston to Snowshoe for the start of the 2005 West Virginia Harley Owner's Group (H.O.G.) State Rally. More than 2,200 motorcyclists from 36 states are expected to attend the three-day event in Pocahontas County.



July 13, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin joins West Virginia Lottery Director John Musgrave in presenting a \$10 million check to a group of 15 FEMA workers, who won the June 29th Powerball jackpot.



July 13, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin speaks with attendees of the Kanawha Valley Senior Services Annual Senior Picnic at Shawnee Park, Institute.



July 12, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin and First Lady Gayle Manchin recognize all the winners of the 2005 Governor's Service Awards at the Charleston Marriott.



July 7, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin and First Lady Gayle Manchin recognizes beBetter Networks Inc. for eclipsing its goal of 100 employees nearly 18 months ahead of schedule during a press conference at their downtown Charleston location.



July 1, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin presents a Veteran's Bonus Check to Staff Sergeant Yuan Pang, one of the first recipients, during a press conference in the Governor's Reception Room.



July 1, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin stands with members of the National Youth Science Foundation outside the Capitol Complex.



June 28, 2005 In front of the BRAC panel, Gov. Joe Manchin addresses the importance of the 130th Airlift Wing during a regional hearing in Charlotte, N.C.



June 24, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin joins U.S. Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony Principi, chairman of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission, Adjutant General Allen Tackett, West Virginia's congressional delegation and Charleston Mayor Danny Jones for a press conference regarding the 130th Airlift Wing facilities.



June 22, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin presents a \$1.3 million Hazard Mitigation Program grant to the Town of Oceana, Wyoming County. At least 50 homes in this community suffered major damage or were destroyed during the July 8, 2001 flood, and these funds will be used to acquire 23 flood-damaged homes from property owners in Oceana.



June 14, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin and First Lady Gayle Manchin join more than 150 legislative, business, labor and community leaders for a press conference regarding the upcoming June 25 Pension Bond Amendment special election.



June 13, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin discusses the importance of saving the 130th Airlift Wing in Charleston during a press conference with U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd (shown), U.S. Senator Jay Rockefeller, Congressman Nick Rahall, Congressman Alan Mollohan (shown) and Congresswoman Shelley Moore Capito.



May 17, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin joins athletic and administration representatives from the state's two major universities - Marshall University and West Virginia University - to announce the schools will meet again annually on the football field, beginning in Fall 2006.



May 17, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin tours the 100th house built in Kanawha and Putnam counties by Habitat for Humanity.



May 4, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin speaks at the FBI Memorial Ceremony at the Clarksburg FBI Center.



May 4, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin presents nearly 190 PROMISE Scholarships at Morgantown High School.



April 29, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin tours Putnam County's Toyota plant after the announcement that the company will invest \$120 million to increase transmission production, adding 150 jobs to West Virginia's manufacturing workforce.



April 9, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin recaps the final hours of the 2005 West Virginia Legislature during an interview with PBS in the lower rotunda.



April 6, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin joins state building and construction trade leaders and members of the state veterans community to announce West Virginia's partnership in "Helmets to Hardhats," a national program that helps transitioning military veterans begin careers in the building trades industry, to sign a proclamation supporting the program's efforts.



April 5, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin speaks at the annual "Leadership Gives" luncheon, hosted by the Buckskin Council of the Boy Scouts of America.



March 31, 2005 During the annual Friends of Coal Day at the Legislature, Gov. Joe Manchin joins members of the West Virginia Legislature and the Board of Public Works to show support for the industry.



March 31, 2005 Governor Joe Manchin speaks to hundreds of nurses and nursing students attending Nursing Unity Day at the Legislative activities.



March 29, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin (right) and Christopher Owen, a student from Lakeside Elementary in Putnam County, shovel soil on a newly-planted redbud tree as Agriculture Commissioner Gus Douglass (left) looks on during WV Arbor Month ceremonies at the State Capitol. The governor recognized Owen, statewide winner of the 2005 WV Arbor Day Poster contest, at the event, which was hosted by the WV Division of Forestry, WV Forestry Association and the WV Urban and Community Forestry Council.



March 9, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin greets Students Council members from schools across the Mountain State.



March 8, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin joins members of the West Virginia Legislature to sign Senate Bill 261, which submits the state's Pension Bond Amendment to voters for ratification at a special statewide election to be held on June 25, during a bill signing ceremony in the Governor's Reception Room, State Capitol.



March 3, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin speaks to hundreds of seniors during a rally at the Charleston Civic Center.



March 2, 2005 During Cool Savings Day at the Legislature, Gov. Joe Manchin shoots hoops to promote Treasurer John Perdue's SMART529 college savings plan in the Lower Rotunda, State Capitol.



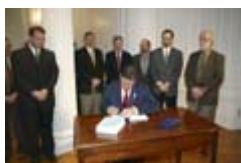
February 25, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin joins members of the WV Legislature and more than 20 veterans to sign House Bills 2285 and 2286, during a bill signing ceremony in the Gov.'s Reception Room, State Capitol. HB2285 formally enacts the constitutional amendment that provides bonuses to West Virginians serving in our most recent military conflicts and HB2286 establishes a school program that will provide Taps buglers for military funerals across the state.



February 24, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin discusses details of his legislative agenda during a briefing with members of the West Virginia Legislature in the House Chamber, State Capitol.



February 17, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin delivers the keynote address at the 32nd annual West Virginia Mining Symposium at the Holiday Inn Charleston House.



February 16, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin joins the members of the business and labor communities to sign Senate Bill 1004, which addresses the lingering debts of the state's workers' compensation system

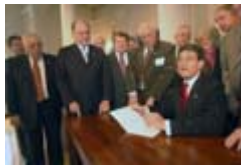
and sets in motion its mutualization, during a bill signing ceremony in the Governor's Reception Room, State Capitol.



February 14, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin signs Senate Bill 1002, approved by the West Virginia Legislature in its January special session, during a bill signing ceremony in the Governor's Reception Room, State Capitol. The bill relates to the reorganization of the Executive Branch of state government.



February 11, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin greets each graduate from the 54th Cadet class of the West Virginia State Police Academy at the University of Charleston's Auditorium.



February 10, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin joins members of the West Virginia Legislature to sign Senate Bill 1003 which revamps West Virginia's ethics laws, during a ceremony in the Governor's Reception Room, State Capitol.



February 9, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin speaks to the citizens of West Virginia in the House Chamber of the State Capitol. This marks the governor's first State of the State Address.



February 3, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin visits with members of AARP after holding a press conference to officially kick-off Consumer Protection Week.



January 26, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin visits with members of the 130th Airlift Wing of the West Virginia Air National Guard prior to deployment from their facilities at Charleston's Yeager Airport. Nearly 30 West Virginia members were sent to Uzbekistan in this recent deployment, part of the 130th Airlift Wing's regular rotation to support the U.S. Military's continuing operation in Afghanistan.



January 24, 2005 Gov. Joe Manchin and members of his staff detailed a comprehensive agenda targeted at addressing several issues critical to the state's future during a joint legislative briefing at the State Capitol.



Jan. 17, 2005 Governor Joe Manchin is administered the oath of office by West Virginia Supreme Court Justice Joseph Albright on the south steps of the State Capitol Monday.

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