

WVDN JUL 30, 2021



Table of Contents

- Commissioner Tincher Changes Registration 1**
- John Henry Tunnel Featured on Man Vs History 3**
- City Of Ronceverte To Hold Council Meeting 4**
- Morrisey joins 'Friend-Of-The-Court' Brief 5**
- Dear Abby: Friday, July 30 5**

Commissioner Tincher Changes Registration

By by bobby bordelon | WVDN JUL 30, 2021



County Commissioner Tammy Shifflett-Tincher announced on Friday, July 30, that she has changed her voter registration.

“On July 27, 2021, I changed my party affiliation from Democrat to Republican,” wrote Tincher in an announcement posted to her social media. “This was a personal decision I made, just as it was when I was 18, and registering to vote for the very first time. After much consideration and deliberation over the last year, I believe that my moderate position is best suited in this party at this time. I am extremely fiscally responsible and believe in working hard for everything that I receive. I recognize that the majority electorate of Greenbrier County has changed, and believe that I must adapt to best serve their needs. I take this mindset into my position of serving Greenbrier County and will continue to do so in my term of office. With that said, I am still who I am. I am still the same person you voted for and elected to serve our community. I will continue to do so to the very best of my ability, and I will continue to strive to be the Commissioner that Greenbrier County deserves.”



The current Greenbrier County Commission Mike McClung (left), Tammy Shifflett-Tincher (center), and Commission President Lowell Rose (right).

Tincher was elected in 2018, replacing then-Commission President Woody Hanna.

Tincher's campaign focused not on national issues, but on getting a better voice for western end of Greenbrier County, better known as the Meadow River Valley, and bringing more skepticism to the Greenbrier County Sportsplex project.

When introducing herself at a candidate hall in 2018, she explained "I'm married, and my husband is a lifelong resident of Greenbrier County and a teacher and a coach at Greenbrier West. We adopted two boys and they are both in their early twenties and have moved out of the home and are on their own. That is one of my reasons for wanting to get back involved. Having been on the western end of the county for the time that I have and being involved in the flood and participating in the recovery, I felt like it was time for me to try to help the western end of the county and Greenbrier County. That is my purpose for running, to provide representation for the western end of the county and all of the people of Greenbrier County, but to make sure our western residents are represented."

Read Tincher's full statement below:

I do not have a storied family history of a life dedicated to any one particular political party. In fact, I grew up in a household that did not really discuss politics.

When I turned 18 and registered to vote, it was my personal decision to do so as a Democrat. For most of my adult life I have had very little involvement in politics. When I voted in various elections, my choices have always been based solely on who I believed to be the best person for the job, rather than the letter beside their name on the ballot. It wasn't until I actually became an elected official that I truly began to see the individual allegiances that people hold to in their political affiliations. I appreciate that dedication and commitment to one's beliefs. However, I also recognize that I am not one of those people.

When it was first suggested I run for a seat on the Greenbrier County Commission, I just shrugged it off. I thought to myself, "there is no way I could do that...I have no background in politics." But after some discussion with two ladies whom I respect tremendously, I decided to accept the challenge. I believed then, as I do now, that I could be a good representative of Greenbrier County. Yes, I was undertaking something that was unknown to me. But still, I believed I could do it.

When I ran, I did so as a Democrat because that is what I was registered as. And, as I went through the

campaign process I was supported financially, emotionally, and constructively by some extremely special people that I hold in high regard. I experienced some interesting ups and downs. But my belief in what I was campaigning for remained unchanged, and I am proud to say I ran a fair and professional campaign. Surprisingly (perhaps mostly to myself) Greenbrier County agreed and I was elected.

One of the first things I was told after being elected was “you will never please all the people all the time, so you’d better get used to it.” That was something which was very hard for me to accept. But over the last two and a half years, I have had to do just that. I don’t like it, but it is a harsh reality when you are a public servant. Greenbrier County is a constituency of some 35,000 people, all with different ideas on how to be successful.

The second thing I learned very quickly is this: county government should not be like state or national government in the sense that it is significantly impacted by party affiliation. Unfortunately it is, and that is another harsh reality.

On July 27, 2021, I changed my party affiliation from Democrat to Republican. This was a personal decision I made, just as it was when I was 18, and registering to vote for the very first time. After much consideration and deliberation over the last year, I believe that my moderate position is best suited in this party at this time. I am extremely fiscally responsible and believe in working hard for everything that I receive. I recognize that the majority electorate of Greenbrier County has changed, and believe that I must adapt to best serve their needs. I take this mindset into my position of serving Greenbrier County and will continue to do so in my term of office.

With that said, I am still who I am. I am still the same person you voted for and elected to serve our community. I will continue to do so to the very best of my ability, and I will continue to strive to be the Commissioner that Greenbrier County deserves.

I know that some will continue to base their future voting decisions on the letter by my name. So be it. But what I would ask you is this: base your decision on how I do my job as a Greenbrier County Commissioner. Do I know the people of this county? Do I know the issues of this county? Do I care? Do I listen? Do I try to implement change? Ask yourself, do I base my work for you on the letter by your name?

People will form their own opinion. But at the end of the day, no matter our differences, we are all human and deserving of love and compassion. I try each day to meet those needs and to work as hard as I possibly can for the betterment of Greenbrier County and its people. And that will never change.

Blessings

- Tammy Tincher

John Henry Tunnel Featured on Man Vs History

By by rebecca stalnaker | WVDN JUL 30, 2021

In the rural West Virginia town of Talcott, there is a legend of a man who could drive steel faster than a machine. This is, of course, the legend of John Henry. Talcott is an incredibly small town that mostly consists of river access, rolling hills and farms. However, the town is somewhat famous due to this legend. This story is so prominent that there is an entire festival held each year in Henry’s honor.

Not only is the famous tunnel from the legend in Talcott, but there is also a museum dedicated to Henry. For many who grew up in the area, songs about Henry and his life were more common to hear than classic lullabies. Another tunnel, the Great Bend Tunnel, was built later, directly beside the John Henry Tunnel. Even though it has been many years since the original tunnel was used, the Great Bend Tunnel tunnel remains in use today.

Even more prominent is the fact that the tunnel where Henry supposedly won the steel-driving competition against the machine has garnered attention from The History Channel. A new series on The History Channel, Man Vs History recently aired an episode filmed at the John Henry Tunnel. Each episode leads the History Channel team to investigate famous legends such as Billy the Kid's famous escape and Annie Oakly's most difficult shot. In the second episode of Man Vs History, the team traveled all of the way to Talcott in an effort to explore the fantastic claim that a man by the name of John Henry was able to best a steam-powered drill.

Man Vs History is hosted by Bil Lepp who is an award-winning author and investigative local historian from the Wild and Wonderful state of West Virginia. According to his official History Channel bio, Lepp has a Bachelor's degree in history with a focus on early American history. He also previously worked for the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History.

The episode featuring Henry initially aired on Tuesday, July 27. It is now available to watch on The History Channel website after signing in through a TV provider. Providers include but are not limited to, Xfinity, DirectTV, Dish, Frontier and Hulu.

For more information on Man Vs History, go to www.history.com/shows/man-vs-history. For more information on the legend of John Henry, the Steel-Driving Man, stop by the historical John Henry Tunnel site and the John Henry Museum, both located in Talcott, West Virginia, part of Summers County.

City Of Ronceverte To Hold Council Meeting

By WV Daily News | WVDN JUL 30, 2021

The City of Ronceverte will hold a meeting of the City Council on Monday, August 2, at 7p.m. at Ronceverte City Hall.

Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Approval of minutes
3. Citizens and other comments
4. Wastewater related business
5. Water-related business
6. Business-related
7. Other business: Council seat available, Committee updates, Creation of sub-committee for park
8. Reports: Police Department, Street Department, Fire Department
9. Council members comments
10. Administrators comments
11. Adjournment

Additionally, The Parks and Recreation Committee will be meeting on August 10th at 5pm. There are a couple

of positions that have come open and if anyone is interested in being on this committee please forward a letter of interest to City Hall.

Morrisey joins 'Friend-Of-The-Court' Brief

By WV Daily News | WVDN JUL 30, 2021

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey joined a 24-state brief supporting life in perhaps the most consequential pro-life case to reach the U.S. Supreme Court since 1992.

The brief, filed Thursday, urges the Supreme Court to support the right of individual states to regulate abortion and promote the sanctity of life within their borders.

"I'm proud to join attorneys general from across the nation in this brief to advocate for the sanctity of human life," Attorney General Morrisey said. "It's long past time to overturn the flawed Supreme Court decisions which led to the tragic deaths of so many unborn children. Our Constitution should never have been interpreted in such a manner to override states' compelling interest to protect innocent life."

The friend-of-the-court brief supports a Mississippi law that limits abortions to 15 weeks gestation.

The attorneys general argue that the Constitution affords states the right to prohibit certain elective abortions before viability where a rational basis exists to do so. They further argue that nothing in the Constitution, history, or national tradition supports a right to abortion and that the court has no business deciding public policy in this area.

In addition to upholding the 15-week law, Mississippi also asks the Supreme Court to overturn the pro-abortion rulings, Roe v. Wade of 1973 and Planned Parenthood v. Casey of 1992. It argues the high court should return decisions over abortion to the states.

Joining West Virginia in the Texas-led brief were Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah and Wyoming.

Read the states' brief at <https://bit.ly/3BXm7yb>, along with Mississippi's petitioners brief at <https://bit.ly/3rjfuL7>.

Dear Abby: Friday, July 30

By Abigail Van Buren | WVDN JUL 30, 2021

Dear Abby: My daughter is pregnant with her second child. Her first, my granddaughter, is two, and the light of my life. I lovingly offered to take care of her when it's time for my daughter to have the baby. She's having a C-section, so she may be in the hospital for a couple of days. My daughter wants me to come to her house one day out of every weekend to learn my granddaughter's routine. I have spent several weekends at her

house doing this, but not every weekend, as I work full time from home and also have a full-time rental business (30 rental units) that I manage with my fiancé. Recently, my fiancé has taken ill and is bedridden. Everything, including his care, has fallen on me. When I called my daughter to tell her I wouldn't be able to come for the weekends because of his illness and my other responsibilities, she lost it and became hateful and confrontational. I tried explaining that this is, hopefully, a temporary situation and that I will still be able to do what I promised, to no avail. Nothing I said appeased her. We are not talking, and I really cannot endure another confrontation with her. I am at a loss as to what to do. — **Sidelined in Florida**

Dear Sidelined: Give your pregnant, possibly hormonal, daughter time to cool off, and then contact her again. See if the two of you can work out an arrangement that's sensible. You already have your hands full, and the additional responsibilities because of your fiancé's illness may prevent you from caring for your grandchild as you had planned. If she unloads on you again, tell her you know she's disappointed and so are you, but you can't handle another abusive confrontation and end the conversation. She will manage. Trust me.

Dear Abby: My friend was telling me about the delicious dinner he had last night at a local restaurant. His meal cost \$8, and he raved to the waitress about how the food melted in his mouth and how incredible it tasted. He compared it favorably to the \$70 dinner he'd had at another restaurant the night before. He then informed me he was "in and out of that restaurant for only \$10." My response was, "Are you telling me you left a \$2 tip for THE most delicious meal you just ate?" He replied that he gave her a 25% tip and thought it was fair. I told him I thought he was cheap, and he could have given her more money at the very least for her effort in serving him. He said I should write you and ask, so here I am. I realize a 20% to 25% tip is generally generous, but considering these times of pandemic and slower business, I think he could have done better. What do you think? — **Flabbergasted in Ohio**

Dear Flabbergasted: Truthfully, those who can afford to do so should give more. The restaurant business has been decimated because of the extended COVID quarantines, and staff members have been hit hard in the pocketbook. That said, however, my suggestion would have been that your friend should have added a generous tip for the COOK sweating in the kitchen, who produced that memorable meal.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.