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There will not be a monthly membership meeting held in July. The next monthly membership meeting will take place on Thursday, September 20, 2007, one week early due to the fall Mountain Heritage Arts & Crafts Festival.

FARM BUREAU/CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PICNIC

Mark your calendars for Thursday, August 9 for the Jefferson County Farm Bureau/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Annual Picnic. This year the picnic will be held at the O'Sullivan Farms. Tours will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will follow at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$11.00 per person. See enclosed flyer.

48th ANNUAL BANQUET SUCCESSFUL

Approximately 175 members and guests enjoyed a delightful meal and program at the 48th Annual Chamber Banquet on Wednesday, June 27, at the **Clarion Hotel and Conference Center** in Shepherdstown. In addition to recognizing more than 40 newly opened or expanded businesses, the **Carl M. Freeman Companies** was honored with the George E. Vickers Major Industry Award, and Andrew Skinner, Nichols & Skinner, was awarded the Allen R. Marshall Award. Jane Tabb was presented with the 2007 Distinguished Citizen of Jefferson County Award, sponsored by the *Spirit of Jefferson Farmer's Advocate*, for her contributions to the community. Congratulations to these individuals and businesses for their support of Jefferson County. The following officers – Chris Colbert, President; Tiffany Hine, 1st Vice President; Paul Espinosa, 2nd Vice President/Treasurer; Charles W. Ellison, Past President; Mary Via, Executive Director – and directors – Julie DeHaven, Edward “Pat” Dockeney, J. Frank Fargo, Eric Lewis, Tripp Lowe, Charlie Lowery, Heather Morgan, Roger Ramey, John Sherwood, and Nina Vogel – were recognized at the banquet and assumed their duties on July 1st for the 2007-2008 term.

LEADERSHIP JEFFERSON

June was a busy month for Leadership Jefferson as it completed its 10-month program with the Health Care and Higher Education module on June 13 and graduation on June 20 at **Charles Town Races & Slots**. For the health care portion of the module, participants met with Michelle Cornwall, **Shenandoah Health Care Village Center**, Roger Eitelman, CEO of **WVU Hospitals-East**, and Michelle Goldman, **Eastern Panhandle Free Clinic**. For information on higher education, they met with Dr. Pete Checkovich, President of **Blue Ridge Community & Technical College** and Dr. David Dunlop, President of **Shepherd University**. Congratulations to the twenty-three participants who graduated from the 1st class of Leadership Jefferson: Aaron Amore, Kellie Boles, Traci Bray-Taylor, Whitney Burch, Barbara Burger, Chet Cole, Anne Conlan, Michele Cornwell, Stephanie Diedericks, Ora Dixon, Stacey Dodson, Mary Duke, Tracy Kable, Joy Lushbaugh, Doug MacMaster, Terin Meade, Noah Mehrkam, Stefani Pierson, Jeff Pietz, Joe Sturm, Jane Tabb, Peggy Talley, and Robin Zanotti. The second class will begin on September 6, 2007.

MOUNTAIN HERITAGE ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Although Friday was unbearably hot, Saturday and Sunday turned out to be beautiful days for the 36th Annual Spring Mountain Heritage Arts & Crafts Festival held on June 8-10. We would like to thank the many people and businesses who organized and presented the festival. First, our Chamber members; without their support throughout the year, we could not be a Chamber! Next, the volunteers, artists, craftspersons, and food vendors; without them we could not have a festival! Special thanks to **BB&T, Courtney and Son Auto Parts/Wrecker Service, Frontier/A Citizens Communications Company, Good Shepherd Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, Harpers Ferry Job Corps Center, Lana Shultz/State Farm Insurance, Shenandoah & Potomac Valley Garden Railway Club, Specialty Business Supplies, Vicki Quinn/Long & Foster**, and members of the following: Boy Scout Troop #68, Jefferson County Deputy Sheriff's Reserve, **Jefferson County Fire and Rescue Association, Jefferson County 4-H Leaders Association, and Jefferson High School Band Boosters**. We also appreciate the support of our local and state governments. We thank Heather Morgan, **Community Griffith**, who managed the Finance Office all three days, along with Peggy Smith, **City of Charles Town**; Frank Fargo, **Fargo Insurance and Financial Services**; Chuck Ellison, **Frontier/A Citizens Communications Company; Charles Lowery**; Julie DeHaven, **Nichols DeHaven & Associates CPAs; Patricia Ott; Vicki Quinn/Long & Foster**; Tiffany Hine, **Paragon Title Company**; Chris Colbert, **Premier Bank**; and Jeff Rogers, **Specialty Business Supplies**. In addition, we thank the following volunteers who manned the Chamber booth: Paul Espinosa, Kathy Kester, and Lorrie Miller, **BB&T**; Edna King, **Belmont Realty**; Kelly Tidwell, **BizTech/Jefferson County Telecenter**; Roger Ramey, **Charles Town Races & Slots**; John Dempsey, **City National Bank**; Lynne Deming, **Comcast Spotlight**; Carolyn Zdziera, **Community Alternatives to Violence**; Adam Link, ERA Realty; Joyce Garrison, First Horizon Home Loans; Chuck Ellison, **Frontier/A Citizens Communication Company**; Marie Galazzi, **Good News Mountaineer Garage**; Katherine Dunbar, **Good Shepherd IVC**; Nettie Della Penna and Nelson Parkinson, **Holiday Inn Express**; Bill Willingham, **Jefferson County Community Ministries**, Allison Zotti, **Jefferson County Farmland Protection Board**; Diane Link, **MVB Bank**; Jim Nichols, **Nichols DeHaven & Associates CPAs**; Denise Cockeran, **Panhandle Pumping; John Sherwood**; Teri Smoot, **Smoot's LLC**; Chris Lundberg, **Small Business Development Center**; Jan Callen, **United Way of the Eastern Panhandle**; Jeanie Hamilton, **Valley Farm Credit**; and Tripp Lowe, **Yellow Brick Bank**. We also appreciate the assistance of Lorrie Miller, **BB&T**; Kim Mills, **Frontier/A Citizens Communications Company**; Fannie Crawford; Charles LeMaster, **Jefferson Security Bank**; Charles Lowery; and Keith Mumaw, **Mumaw & Vickers CPAs** who volunteered with checking out the artists and craftspersons. A special thank you goes to our number one volunteer, Nancy Morgan, who helped man the phones over the festival weekend.

NEWS FROM CHAMBER MEMBERS

Community Alternatives to Violence partners with Applebee's in Martinsburg for a pancake breakfast on Saturday, July 14 from 8-10 a.m. Call (304) 262-4424 for ticket information. Tickets are \$5 per person.

NEWS FROM CHAMBER MEMBERS (cont.)

Throughout the year, the National Humane Education Society (NHES) offers programs for students, bringing humane education to them through presentations that include puppetry, hands-on activities and live animal interaction. NHES is very pleased to offer "Cool to Care Camp" for children entering grades 4-8. A one week camp is scheduled from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. from July 23-27. The fee for the camp is \$75, and will be held at **Briggs Animal Adoption Center**, 3731 Berryville Pike, Charles Town. Activities will include animal care, arts and crafts, games and drama. Call (304) 725-0506 for more information.

After 3 years of selling the area's finest children's apparel and baby gifts, **Lullaby Lu** expands to include fine children's furniture, crib mattresses, bedding, and nursery décor to satisfy public demand. The expansion was revealed to the public on June 2 in the back addition at the 126 W. German St, Shepherdstown location. Initial furniture offerings from the elegant and timeless Bratt Decor are enhanced by bedding and decor by Serena and Lily, Petunia Pickle Bottom, Sweet Kyla, BeBe Star, with more to come. The store's emphasis will be on 0-24 month age range, but some of the cribs convert to toddler beds that can grow with children. Furthermore, the store is offering twin beds (complete with trundles), end tables and desks so you can add to the pieces you started the nursery with. Changing tables, cribs and cradles, petite armoires and other children's furniture are featured in the store. **Lullaby Lu** children's boutique continues to offer stylish apparel from preemie to size 7, and later this summer will be adding the next girl's size range from 8-10, in the Doodlebugs area of the store. Call (304) 876-9308 for more information. The store is open daily.

Panhandle Home Health, a local home health care agency, recently hosted their annual meeting. In response to the nursing shortage in West Virginia, **Panhandle Home Health** announced that they were awarding three scholarships to local nursing students. Recipients of this year's awards were Angela Mason from James Rumsey Technical Institute, Heidi Parker-Crawford from **Blue Ridge Community and Technical College**, and Holly Snyder from **Shepherd University**.

American Public Education Inc., parent company of distance learning provider **American Public University System**, has named long-time higher education and financial management experts J. Christopher Everett and F. David Fowler to its board of directors. Everett was most recently executive-in-residence at the Kogod School of Business at American University, where he taught graduate courses in technology and strategy. He has also presented on technology issues at the World Economic Forum. Fowler was dean of the school of business of George Washington University. The Economic Club of Washington, DC recognized him as Educator of the Year. The **American Public University System** includes American Military University and American Public University, and serves more than 20,000 civilian and military students worldwide. The distance learning institution provides relevant and affordable distance learning in more than 50 undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

NEWS FROM CHAMBER MEMBERS (cont.)

Girl Scouts of Shawnee Council, Inc. is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a \$5,000 Mutual of America “Penny Project” grant from Girls Scouts of the USA to expand the Smart Girl Investment Clubs program. The Council will use the grant to organize Smart Girl Investment Clubs for girls ages 6-11 in targeted communities that traditionally have low participation in Girl Scouting. Clubs will be organized during the summer sessions at the **Boys and Girls Clubs** in Charles Town and Martinsburg. The Smart Girls Investment Club is an ongoing initiative to teach girls how to make sound financial decisions, and to achieve financial independence through education, research and hands-on learning opportunities.

The **Contemporary American Theater Festival** will run from July 6 through July 29 and feature four thought-provoking plays: *1001*, by Jason Grote; *Lonesome Hollow*, a world premier by Lee Blessing; *My Name is Rachel Corrie* from the writings of Rachel Corrie, edited by Alan Rickman and Katharine Viner; and *The Pursuit of Happiness* by Richard Dresser. Since 1991, CATF has produced 59 new plays, including 22 world premieres. Come and experience Shepherdstown through the **Contemporary American Theater Festival**. Group and individual tickets are now available. For more information, please visit www.catf.org or call 1-800-999-CATF.

The 4th Annual Galen “June” Shaw Memorial Fundraiser to benefit **Hospice of the Panhandle** will be held on July 15 at 1 p.m. at the Troubadour Lounge in Berkeley Springs. The event is free except for drinks. Please bring a covered dish – meat will be provided. Donations are encouraged! Live music will be provided by Joe Wilt and the Rambling Fever Band, Luney Tunes, Sam and the Allnighter Band and others. There will also be an auction and items are needed. To arrange for pickup or for more information, call (304) 258-9381.

Dr. David Baltierra, Director of the WVU Rural Family Medical Residency Program, is pleased to announce that two medical students from the **West Virginia University Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center Eastern Division** have been awarded Rural Family Medicine Scholarships. Aaron McLaughlin and Sarah McLaughlin have completed their 3rd year of medical school and will graduate in 2008.

The **WVU Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center Eastern Division** is proud to announce there will be four new physicians who will be joining the West Virginia University Rural Family Medicine Residency program in Harpers Ferry. The new physicians – Justin Glassford, Jane Holt, Lakshmi Budi, and Quirispina “Cindy” Stoebig – will begin their residency July 2007. They will receive training at **WVU Hospitals East, the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Harpers Ferry Family Medicine Center, Ruby Memorial Hospital** in Morgantown, and several other area outpatient clinics.

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 4 – Independence Day – Office Closed