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MEMBERSHIP MIXER – SEPTEMBER 23rd, 2009

A membership mixer will be held on Wednesday, September 23rd from 8-9:30 a.m. at **Chick-fil-A**. This is a great chance for Chamber members and guests to visit one of the new restaurants in Ranson. **Chick-fil-A** serves breakfast, lunch and dinner six days a week and is closed on Sundays. Come by on September 23rd and see what else **Chick-fil-A** has to offer. Enjoy complimentary breakfast items and enter to win door prizes with your business card. Please RSVP to your Chamber office by September 21st for this event.

FARM BUREAU/CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PICNIC

Farm Bureau and Chamber members and guests who attended the Annual **Jefferson County Farm Bureau/Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Picnic** on Thursday, August 6th at Town and Country Nursery were treated to a delicious meal catered by **Fresh Feast on the Farm**. There were farm tours narrated by Robert “Bobby” Tabb regarding their 2009 harvest. Jane Tabb’s **Fresh Feast on the Farm** provided a wonderful meal with food from all local farmers. Thanks to Town and County Nursery for sponsoring the event and to **Fresh Feast on the Farm** for the great food.

IN APPRECIATION OF OUR MEMBERS

In appreciation of our members’ support for our biggest project, enclosed with this bulletin are two passes to the Mountain Heritage Arts & Crafts Festival. Each pass is good for one admission on any one day at the fall festival being held on September 25th -27th, 2009 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Sunday. Before presenting the pass at the admission gate, please fill in the name of the Chamber member and sign on the lines provided.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Your Chamber will have a booth at the September festival for members who wish to display their brochures. If you are interested, please bring at least 100 brochures to your Chamber office by Friday, September 11th. If you would like to volunteer in the booth, please call your Chamber office.

LEADERSHIP JEFFERSON

The first module of the 2009-2010 class of Leadership Jefferson will be held on September 17th -18th at the **National Conservation Training Center** in Shepherdstown. Participants will be placed into teams in which they will remain throughout the 10-month program. Plans for the first module include team building skills. Best of luck to those who will participate!

PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION BANQUET – OCTOBER 13th 2009

Mark your calendars for the 8th Annual Public Service Recognition Banquet to be held on Tuesday, October 13th at **Charles Town Races & Slots**. This banquet will honor our county's finest – the emergency medical services providers, fire fighters, and policemen who are available in emergency situations and put their own lives on the line to keep our community safe. With the co-sponsorship of **Charles Town Races & Slots**, reservations will be required at a fee of \$10.00 per person. More banquet information will be included with the October bulletin. For more information or to make reservations, call your Chamber office.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

FB Solutions

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Business Consultant

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Individual

As of this date, we have 347 members who have paid their fair share investments for a total of \$42,081.00 for fiscal year 2009-2010. If you have not paid for fair share investment for 2009-2010, won't you take a few minutes to do so? Remember, the success of your Chamber depends on active involvement of its members.

NEWS FROM CHAMBER MEMBERS

Cheers School Family is sponsoring the 9th Annual Clay & Charity Shoot at Prospect Hall on Saturday, September 19th. Registration is at 8:00 a.m. and shoots at 9:00 a.m. For registration information please email cheersdevelopment@frontier.com. Registration fee includes shoot, continental breakfast, a pig roast for lunch and awards. Special contests for women and children 17 and under. Come and enjoy good company, good food and a good cause.

Casa & Community Alternative to Violence 2nd Annual Carole Ergin Unity Walk against child abuse, neglect and family violence will be September 12th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Poor House Farm Park, Kester Pavilion. Registration fee is \$10.

The Animal Welfare Society of Jefferson County is having its' annual Bark in the Park fundraising event at Sam Michael's Park on October 17th (rain date Oct. 18th) from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. with registration at 9:30 a.m. If you or your business would like to be a sponsor for this event or set up a booth as a vender, please visit the **AWS** website for more info and forms. More information will be in next months newsletters.

NEWS FROM CHAMBER MEMBERS (cont)

The **Independent Fire Co.** will host its 8th annual 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony on Friday, September 11th at 9:58 a.m. The ceremony will take place at the fire station, 200 W. 2nd Ave., Ranson. It should last approximately ½ hour. The eighth anniversary commemoration will occur between the times the World Trade Center Towers collapsed. Those killed and injured at the Pentagon, in Pennsylvania and in the war on terror will also be honored. Assisting will be members of the Jefferson High School Chorus, Cougar Air Force Junior ROTC and Washington High School Patriot Band. Bagpipe music will be presented by Joe Kent. The public is encouraged to attend to help us remember. Available Police, Fire, EMS, and Military personnel are requested to attend, in uniform if possible.

The **United Way** Day of Caring in the Eastern Panhandle is quickly approaching. This year's Day of Caring will be held on Tuesday, September 15th. For more than a decade, the **United Way** Day of Caring has provided opportunities for the Eastern Panhandle community to participate in projects that benefit local nonprofit organizations and their clients. The Day of Caring official kick off will be held at 7:30 a.m. at War Memorial Park in Martinsburg, with breakfast provided by **WVU Hospitals-East**. Following breakfast, volunteers will report to their respective project sites to perform a variety of community service activities. Volunteers will then celebrate their day of service at a dinner sponsored by the **Clarion Hotel** in Shepherdstown from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Again this year, the Mega Food Drive is being held in conjunction with the Day of Caring. The public can help stock local food pantry shelves by dropping off nonperishable food items at any Eastern Panhandle bank or at **Jones Nationwide Insurance** offices in Charles Town, Inwood or Kearneysville, or at any other participating businesses or organizations. People and groups interested in volunteering should contact the **United Way of the Eastern Panhandle** at 304-263-0603 x224 or visit the web site at www.uwayep.org.

The **Charles Town Auto Wash** is having a fundraiser to support **Citizens Fire Company** on Thursday September 24th from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. 20% of all revenue will be donated to **Citizens Fire Company**. Mention the code word "Citizens".

The **Eastern Panhandle Free Clinic** open house will be at their new location of 1212 N. Mildred Street, Ranson, on Wednesday, September 9th. The hours are 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 10:00 a.m. For directions or questions about the clinic please call (304) 724-6091.

NEWS FROM CHAMBER MEMBERS (cont)

WVUH-East's Jefferson Memorial Hospital will host a lecture for diabetics as part of the A1C Champions Program, sponsored by Sanofi-Aventis on September 29th from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. The lecture, which is free of charge and open to all diabetics, will be held in the first floor conference room. In these 60 minutes, patient to patient presentations, an A1C Champion talks about his or her physical, emotional and psychological experiences with diabetes. By sharing insights and helpful approaches with others, A1C Champions help empower others to make the right choices in taking care of their diabetes. For more information or to register, contact Val Penick at (304) 728-1693.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can get an estimate of your Social Security benefits online. Social Security's new online retirement estimator helps you estimate your own future Social Security retirement benefit. The retirement estimator is a convenient, secure and quick financial planning tool that lets you find out how much you might expect to receive in Social Security benefits when you retire. It's easy to use, just visit www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 7	Labor Day- Chamber Office Closed
September 10-19	"Sweet Charity" Old Opera House , Charles Town
September 11	8 th Annual 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony, Independent Fire Co.
September 12	2nd Annual Carole Ergin Unity Walk, Poor House Farm 9am-1pm
September 15	United Way Day of Caring
September 16	John Brown Community Forum, Charles Town, 7 p.m.
September 17-19	John Brown's Raid "The Anvil", Jefferson County Courthouse
September 18-19	Display of original David Hunter Strother drawings
from the John Museum	-Brown Raid. Trial and Execution Jefferson County -7 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday
September 19	"Oktoberfest", Bavarian Inn , Shepardstown
September 19	Cheers School 9 th Annual Clay & Charity Shoot, Prospect Hall
September 22	Preparing files for Printing 101, Printing Impressions 5 p.m.
September 23	Morning Membership Mixer- Chick-fil-A , Ranson 8-930 a.m.
September 25-27	Mountain Heritage Arts and Crafts Festival, Sam Michael's park
September 29	Jefferson Memorial Hospital , Diabetes Program 6 p.m.-7p.m.
October 3	Marathon Run Harpers Ferry to Antietam Battlefield, starting at -Harpers Ferry National Park