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ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET – JUNE 28, 2006

The Forty-Seventh Annual Awards Banquet of your Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce will be held on Wednesday, June 28, 2006, at the **Clarion Hotel & Conference Center** in Shepherdstown. This is one of the highlights of the year for your Chamber, with recognition going to new and expanded businesses that have demonstrated progress during the year. This year the **Clarion Hotel & Conference Center** will be honored with the George E. Vickers Major Industrial Award. The *Spirit of Jefferson Farmer's Advocate* will present the Distinguished Citizen of Jefferson County Award to an outstanding citizen of Jefferson County and several retired businesspersons will also be recognized. The evening will begin with a social period at 6:00 p.m. (cash bar) followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. The recently elected officers and directors will be recognized at the banquet and will assume their duties on July 1, 2006. Tickets are available at your Chamber of Commerce office at 29 Keyes Ferry Road (**BB&T** Bank building) in Charles Town at \$27.00 per person.

REMINDER: This banquet will take the place of the monthly membership meeting for June.

CONGRATULATIONS AND FAREWELL

Congratulations to the following directors who were elected to three-year terms at the May 25th monthly membership meeting: Paul Espinosa, **BB&T**; J. Frank Fargo, **Fargo Insurance & Financial Services**; Tiffany Hine, **Paragon Title Company**; and Charles Lowery, **MVB Bank**. Their terms will begin July 1, 2006, and continue until June 30, 2009. They join those whose terms will expire at the end of June 2007 and June 2008. We send best wishes and congratulations for successful terms to all officers and directors. As a new year begins, an old one draws to a close and with it we say farewell and thanks to **Dan Burhans**, Individual; Nancy Hockensmith, **Good Shepherd Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers**; Roger Ramey, **Charles Town Races & Slots**; and Ken Rozich, **Ken Rozich Insurance Agency**, whose terms end on June 30, 2006.

THANKS FROM THE OFFICE STAFF

As this current fiscal year comes to a close, the office staff thanks all Chamber members for their support that has enabled your Chamber to sponsor two Mountain Heritage Arts & Crafts Festivals and several banquets. In addition, your membership in your Chamber has helped provide scholarships to **Shepherd University** and James Rumsey Technical Institute.

LEADERSHIP JEFFERSON

Applications, which are still available for our newest program "Leadership Jefferson", should be received in your Chamber office by June 15. The primary goal for Leadership Jefferson is to educate current and future community leaders about Jefferson County's assets, opportunities and hurdles, in order to strengthen the sense of community and ensure a prosperous future. This 10-month program will begin in September and meet on a monthly basis. Call your Chamber for more information or to receive an application.

Special thanks to **Charles Town Races & Slots** for a great introduction to their new Epic Buffet. The May monthly membership was held there on May 25, and Chamber members were invited to be the first ones to try out this new addition to their facility. The food was delicious and the assortment of food was truly amazing. If you were unable to attend the meeting, be sure to make a visit to **Charles Town Races & Slots** to enjoy the Epic Buffet. You won't be disappointed!

Your Chamber is pleased to enclose information from members in these monthly bulletins on a first-come, first-served basis. Due to the increasing number of members who request this service, please notify your Chamber three months in advance of your requested date. Enclosures should be standard size (8 1/2" x 11"), standard paperweight, and folded in Z form. No business cards!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Jude Hoffman	Quality Inn-Frederick	Richard S. Durham
FoodPro	Roxanne Goodwyn, Rep.	P. O. Box 721
93 7 th Street	420 Prospect Street	Kearneysville, WV 25430
Shenandoah Jct., WV 25442	Frederick, MD 21701	(304) 671-3696
(304) 728-7306	(301) 695-6200	Individual
Food Products	Lodging	

As of this date, we have 501 members who have paid their fair share investments for a total of \$52,787.00 for fiscal year 2005-2006. Statements for fair share investments for 2006-2007 will be mailed shortly. Please remember the success of your Chamber depends on the active involvement of its members. When you receive your statement, take a few minutes to write your check and mail it. You will receive your 2006-2007 membership plaque within a short time. Please support the members who support your Chamber!

NEWS FROM CHAMBER MEMBERS

Bank of Charles Town (BCT) President and CEO Robert F. Baronner, Jr. announces the appointment of John V. Loeffler as Director-Financial Planning for **BCT's** One Financial Center. In over thirty years in the financial services industry, John has held senior executive positions in international banking, commercial banking, real estate lending, insurance and financial planning. For the past nine years he has been affiliated with Lincoln Financial Advisors/Sagework Consulting, one of the largest fee-based financial planning firms in the nation. John's skills and experiences blend with the proven capabilities of **BCT's** Trust and Investment Departments to form **BCT One Financial Center**. One Financial Center will deliver the highest level of professionalism to customers to help them plan for and realize their dreams and aspirations for themselves and their families.

American Public University System, a 100-percent online, distance learning institution headquartered in Charles Town, graduated more students on Saturday, May 22 than ever before. The University System includes American Military University and **American Public University** and serves more than 15,000 students worldwide. More than 900 distance learning graduates, studying from all 50 states and many countries around the world, earned bachelor's and master's degrees.

American Public University System has earned regional accreditation through the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA). The NCA's Higher Learning Commission oversees accreditation for 19 states and nearly 1,000 institutions, and is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. **American Public University System** provides relevant and affordable distance learning to more than 15,000 students worldwide, who are taught by professors experienced in the real-world subjects they teach. AMU and **APU** prepare students for careers in homeland security, intelligence, national security, criminal justice, emergency management, business and more.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 9-11	Mountain Heritage Arts & Crafts Festival – Sam Michaels Park, Harpers Ferry – 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
June 28	47 th Annual Awards Banquet – Clarion Hotel , Shepherdstown – Social Period 6 p.m., Dinner 7 p.m.
August 2	Jefferson County Farm Bureau/Chamber of Commerce Picnic – Summit Point Raceway