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**ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET – JUNE 27, 2007**

The Forty-Eighth Annual Awards Banquet of your Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce will be held on Wednesday, June 27, 2007, 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 **Carl M. Freeman Companies**, the developer who planned Potomac Marketplace, 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 other recognitions will take place. The evening will begin with a social period at 6:00 p.m. (cash bar) followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. Officers and directors will be recognized at the banquet and will assume their duties on July 1, 2007. Tickets are available until June 20 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 24<sup>th</sup> monthly membership meeting: Eric Lewis, **Ours and Lewis CPAs**; Tripp Lowe, **Clarion Hotel & Conference Center**; Roger Ramey, **Charles Town Races & Slots**; and Nina Vogel, **Washington House Inn**. Their terms will begin July 1, 2007, and continue until June 30, 2010. They join those whose terms will expire at the end of June 2008 and June 2009. 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 Julie DeHaven, **Nichols DeHaven and Associates CPAs**; Keith Mumaw, **Mumaw and Vickers**; and Peggy Smith, **City of Charles Town**; whose terms end on June 30, 2007.

**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 available for the 2007-2008 Leadership Jefferson program, should be received in your Chamber office by June 30. 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. The cost remains at \$750 for the 2007-2008 program.

Call your Chamber or visit [www.jeffersoncounty.com/leadership.index.html](http://www.jeffersoncounty.com/leadership.index.html) for more information or to receive an application.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

**Gauthier Consulting**

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As of this date, we have 501 members who have paid their fair share investments for a total of \$52,557.00 for fiscal year 2006-2007. Statements for fair share investments for 2007-2008 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 2007-2008 membership plaque within a short time. Please support the members who support your Chamber!

**NEWS FROM CHAMBER MEMBERS**

All veterans in the Martinsburg area are welcome to attend a Job Fair at the Martinsburg **V.A. Medical Center** on June 15 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. The Job Fair will be held in Building 502 – Courtyard Room, and a complimentary lunch will be served. Please RSVP by June 6. For more information, contact April Awad at (304) 263-0811 ext. 4517.

You're invited! **Guys Buick-Pontiac-GMC Truck** would like to invite everyone to a premiere event announcing the arrival of the all new 2008 Buick Enclave. The event will kick off on Thursday evening, June 21<sup>st</sup> in their showroom located at 1316 N. Mildred Street, Ranson. Come see this much acclaimed and beautiful new vehicle. Visit [www.buick.com](http://www.buick.com) or [www.guysgmc.com](http://www.guysgmc.com) for more information or call (304) 725-3448.

Relay For Life of Jefferson County, a signature fundraiser for the **American Cancer Society**, will be held at Jefferson High 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Complex on June 22 and 23. This is an all night event beginning at 7:00 p.m. on June 22. Individuals, businesses, and civic organizations can still form teams or make donations. Please contact Michelle Hart at (304) 725-0246 for more information.

**NEWS FROM CHAMBER MEMBERS (cont.)**

Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce member **Bob O'Connor** has just published his second historical novel, "The Virginian Who Might Have Saved Lincoln," an account of a man, born in Summit Point and raised in Bunker Hill, who became Abraham Lincoln's personal bodyguard. The book may be purchased at the Charles Town Visitors Center or the Harpers Ferry Visitors Center or online at [www.boboconnorbooks.com](http://www.boboconnorbooks.com).

**Good News Mountaineer Garage** is pleased to announce the hiring of and welcomes to their firm Marie Galazzi as Regional Director, serving the greater Eastern Panhandle area. Ms. Galazzi, a long-time resident of Jefferson County, previously worked at **Harpers Ferry Job Corps** and prior to that, served as the Jefferson County United Way Executive Director. The non-profit agency plays an important role in getting low income West Virginians back on the road to work. Instead of trading in or selling a used vehicle, members of the community are encouraged to donate it to the Garage. These cars change lives and the donor is usually eligible for a federal income tax deduction and, when available, a West Virginia income tax credit. To find out additional information about **Good News Mountaineer Garage**, visit their website at [www.goodnewsmountaineergarage.com](http://www.goodnewsmountaineergarage.com) or call 1-866-GIVE CAR (448-3227).

**Hospice of the Panhandle** is looking for people for the following positions in the Marketing Department:

- Volunteers are needed to distribute brochures and other materials to area offices and businesses. The time commitment is a few hours once every three months. The volunteer must be able to provide his/her own transportation, and may work in pairs.
- A volunteer photographer is needed in Hampshire County to assist the hospice marketing department in photographing various people and events for hospice publications. The volunteer may use his/her own equipment but must have a digital camera and be able to email photographs. The volunteers must attend a 1 ½ hour Hospice 101 training class. To apply for any volunteer position, please contact Pam Shanklin at (304) 264-0406 or (800) 345-6538 or email her at [pshanklin@hospiceotp.org](mailto:pshanklin@hospiceotp.org)

West Virginia State Treasurer, John D. Purdue, in partnership with **Girl Scouts of Shawnee Council** and **The Journal**, is sponsoring a Young Women's Money Conference for middle and high school aged girls. "Got Money??? Be Centsable" will be held on Wednesday, June 13 at Spring Mills Middle School in Martinsburg. This free, first-of-its kind event will introduce young women to basic money management principles. Registration is free, but space is limited. To register call (304) 263-8833 or download the registration form at [www.ShawneeGirlScouts.org](http://www.ShawneeGirlScouts.org). The deadline is June 1. Five Girl Scouts from Shenandoah Junction Troop 438 have earned their Gold Award. Lottie Cobb, Audrianna Hamilton, Anna Lloyd, Amy Tatina and Amanda Watson worked together and planned a 3-day camping weekend for Junior Girls Scouts and a second weekend where they shared their skills and passion for the outdoors with an even larger group of girls. The Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting, symbolizes outstanding accomplishment in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning and personal development.

**NEWS FROM CHAMBER MEMBERS (cont.)**

The Senior Supper Club at **Jefferson Memorial Hospital** will meet on Wednesday, June 20 at 5 p.m. in the first floor conference room. The topic for the evening will be nutrition and healthy eating, presented by Carolyn Sagle, a registered dietician at **JMH**. Jefferson Memorial's Senior Supper Club is open to area residents 55 and older. The cost for dinner and the program is \$7 per person. For more information or to register for the dinner program, call (304) 264-1223.

James D. Walker, M.D., a board certified emergency medicine specialist, has been named the medical director of emergency services at **Jefferson Memorial Hospital**. Dr. Walker brings over 20 years of experience as an emergency medicine physician to **Jefferson Memorial Hospital**. As medical director of the emergency department, he will be responsible for managing the physician staffing of the hospital's emergency department. The WVU Department of Family Medicine-Eastern Division and **Jefferson Memorial Hospital** will be offering free physicals to Jefferson County School athletes, grades 6 – 12, on Friday, June 8 from 1 – 3 p.m. at the **Harpers Ferry Family Medicine** office in the Bolivar Medical Center. Physical forms are available from the athletic directors at each school and must be completed with a parent's signature prior to the physical being performed. Physicals will not be performed without parental consent. For more information on the free physicals, contact the athletic department at the student's school or the WVUH-East marketing department at ( 304) 264-1223. This program is being offered free as a community service of the WVU Department of Family Medicine-Eastern Division and **Jefferson Memorial Hospital**.

David H. Ranck, veteran's employment representative for **Workforce West Virginia, Region VII** in Martinsburg, has been named as the U.S. Small Business Administration's Veterans Small Business Champion of the Year for 2007. Ranck was honored, along with nine other small business owners and champions, at the 2007 Small Business Week awards banquet in Charleston on Tuesday, May 15. Ranck was nominated by Christina Lundberg, center manager at the **Small Business Development Center of the Blue Ridge Community and Technical College** and Beth Ludewig, center manager at the Eastern West Virginia Community and Technical College Small Business Development Center.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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| June 5     | Bloodmobile – <b>Charles Town Races &amp; Slots</b> – 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  |
| June 8     | Bloodmobile – <b>Leetown United Methodist Church</b> – 2-7 p.m.   |
| June 8-10  | Mountain Heritage Arts & Crafts Festival – Sam Michaels Park, Harpers Ferry – 10 a.m.-6 p.m.                        |
| June 13    | Bloodmobile – <b>Jefferson Memorial Hospital</b> – 10 a.m.-3 p.m.   |
| June 22-23 | Relay For Life – Jefferson High 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Complex – 7 p.m.  |
| June 25    | Bloodmobile – <b>Shepherdstown Fire Department</b> – 2-7 p.m.   |
| June 27    | 48 <sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Banquet – <b>Clarion Hotel</b> , Shepherdstown – Social Period 6 p.m., Dinner 7 p.m. |