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**ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET – JUNE 24, 2009**

The Fiftieth Annual Awards Banquet of your Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce will be held on Wednesday, June 24, 2009, 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, **Shepherd University** 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, 2009. Reservations are available until June 19 at your Chamber of Commerce office at 29 Keyes Ferry Road (**BB&T Bank** building) in Charles Town at \$28.00 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 28 monthly membership meeting: Tiffany Hine, **Briel P.C.**; Paul Espinosa, **Frontier**; Patricia Hubbard, **Blue Ridge Community Technical College**; and Peggy Smith, **City of Charles Town**. Their terms will begin July 1, 2009, and continue until June 30, 2012. They join those whose terms will expire at the end of June 2010 and June 2011. 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 Frank Fargo, **Fargo Insurance & Financial Services**, whose term ends on June 30, 2009.

**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**

On May 12, 2009, Leadership Jefferson and Leadership Berkeley held their first ever joint meeting, which focused on Economic Development. The day started in Martinsburg with a presentation on starting and operating a small business, followed by a tour of three downtown businesses in Martinsburg. In the afternoon, the group traveled to Harpers Ferry and took a tour of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Advanced Training Center. The two groups proceeded to the **Inn at Charles Town**, where a panel spoke to the group about economic development initiatives in the region. The day rounded out with a behind the scenes tour of **Charles Town Races & Slots**. This module was sponsored by **Blue Ridge Community and Technical College**.

**LEADERSHIP JEFFERSON 2009-2010**

Applications are available for the 2009-2010 Leadership Jefferson program and should be received in your Chamber office by August 31, 2009. 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 to Chamber members will be \$825 for the 2009-2010 program. Call your Chamber or visit [www.jeffersoncountywvchamber.org](http://www.jeffersoncountywvchamber.org) for more information or to receive an application.

**NEW TEACHERS LUNCHEON – AUGUST 13, 2009**

Mark your calendars now for the New Teachers luncheon, where your Chamber will honor new teachers from **Jefferson County Schools, Country Day School, Shepherd University, and American Public University**. The luncheon will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2009, from 11:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. at the Moose Lodge in Ranson. More information will follow.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

We are pleased to welcome the following new member:

**Horizon Lawn Care, Inc.**

Donna Beitzel, Representative

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Lawn Services

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As of this date, we have 442 members who have paid their fair share investments for a total of \$54,095.00 for fiscal year 2008-2009. Statements for fair share investments for 2009-2010 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 or call the office with a credit card. You will receive your 2009-2010 membership plaque within a short time. Please support the members who support your Chamber!

**NEWS FROM CHAMBER MEMBERS**

**Girl Scouts of Shawnee Council, Inc.** is seeking nominations from the community to honor outstanding women in the Eastern Panhandle for its WOMEN OF DISTINCTION luncheon on September 29, 2009. The WOMEN OF DISTINCTION event highlights the importance of positive female role models and the significance of Girl Scouting in the lives of girls. **Girl Scouts of Shawnee Council** is inviting local business and service organizations in Jefferson, Berkeley, and Morgan Counties to nominate women who have distinguished themselves as outstanding role models for girls and women through their professional and personal achievements. Nominations are being sought in the following categories: Arts, Business/Industry, Communications, Human Services, Professions, Public Service, Health Care, and Education. A Selection Committee not affiliated with **Girl Scouts of Shawnee Council** will make the final recommendations regarding honorees. To obtain a WOMEN OF DISTINCTION nomination packet, contact **Girl Scouts of Shawnee Council** at (304) 263-8833. Nominations are due by June 30, 2009.

The **Small Business Development Center (SBDC) of the Eastern Panhandle** and Eastern Panhandle Business Incubator will sponsor a seminar entitled "Managing Your Business by Managing Your Cash." The seminar will be held on June 9, 2009, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at **Biztech**, 150 East Burr Blvd. The cost of the seminar is \$15.00. To register or for more information call (304) 728-3051, ext. 112.

Hundreds of people in West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle will be all smiles after a free two-day Mission of Mercy (MOM) dental clinic sponsored by the **United Way of the Eastern Panhandle**. The clinic, offered for anyone 18 or older who is uninsured, underinsured, or otherwise cannot afford to see a dentist, is scheduled for June 26 and 27, 2009, at Hedgesville High School, beginning at 6:00 a.m. each day. In order to serve the greatest number of patients, each patient may receive only one service – extraction, restoration, or cleaning – on a first-come, first-served basis. Service will be limited to the first 500 patients in line each day. All services are provided by volunteer board-registered dental and medical professionals, including dentists, dental assistants, hygienists, and dental students. Other, non-dental volunteers are also needed. For information about volunteering or receiving services, go to [www.healthysmileswv.org](http://www.healthysmileswv.org).

Make your plans now to attend this year's season at the **Contemporary American Theater Festival (CATF)**. CATF prides itself on producing and developing new American theater. Since 1991, CATF has produced 68 new plays, including 23 world premieres. This year, CATF again presents five new plays by American playwrights in rotating repertory at **Shepherd University**. The 2009 CATF season runs from July 8 through August 2 and includes the following plays: (1) the political drama *Farragut North* by Beau Willimon, (2) the funny thriller *Yankee Tavern* by Steven Dietz, (3) the hair-raising domestic drama *Fifty Words* by Michael Weller, (4) the transformative love story *The History of Light* by Eisa Davis, and (5) the metaphysical cabaret *Dear Sara Jane* by Victor Lodato. For more information, please visit [www.catf.org](http://www.catf.org) or call (304) 876-3473 or (800) 999-CATF (2283). The preseason box office is open Monday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m.

**SBA ANNOUNCES 2009 SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS CELEBRATION**

Judy K. McCauley, director of the U.S. Small Business Administration's West Virginia District Office is pleased to announce it will hold its 2009 Annual Small Business Awards Celebration on Wednesday, June 17, 2009. The event will be held at the prestigious Tamarack Conference Center in Beckley. Award winners from the Eastern Panhandle area include: Marten Jenkins, executive director of the Natural Capital Investment Fund in Shepherdstown; Joseph H. Lillard, Jr., president of Washington Homeopathic Products in Berkeley Springs; and David K. Whalen, publisher of B2B Outlook, LLC in Martinsburg. To register for the Celebration, being hosted by the West Virginia Women's Business & Training Center, go to [www.westvirginiawbc.org](http://www.westvirginiawbc.org) or contact Karen Jones at (800) 766-4556 or [kjones@westvirginiawbc.org](mailto:kjones@westvirginiawbc.org). Cost for the event, which begins at noon, is \$30 per person. For an entire list of award winners, visit the SBA's West Virginia website at [www.sba.gov/wv](http://www.sba.gov/wv).

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- June 5 First Friday Concert Series with the band Fast Lane, at Charles C. Marcus Football Field (behind Kohl's), Ranson – 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. – bring lawn chairs and blankets – Sponsored by the **Ranson CVB** and the **City of Charles Town**
- June 9 “Managing Your Business by Managing Your Cash” seminar – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at **Biztech**, 150 East Burr Blvd – Sponsored by the **Small Business Development Center (SBDC) of the Eastern Panhandle** and Eastern Panhandle Business Incubator
- June 13 Paws and Claws Dinner-Live and Silent Auctions - **Charles Town Races & Slots** – Cocktail Hour 6 p.m., Dinner 7 p.m.
- June 12-14 Mountain Heritage Arts & Crafts Festival – Sam Michaels Park, Harpers Ferry – 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday & Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday
- June 24 50th Annual Awards Banquet – **Clarion Hotel**, Shepherdstown – Social Period 6 p.m., Dinner 7 p.m.
- June 25-26 John Brown Event: Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission Kickoff – Harpers Ferry National Historical Park – time to be announced
- June 26 **Rock Springs Church** – Golf Tournament – **Sleepy Hollow Golf Course** – 9 a.m. Shotgun Start
- June 26-27 Mission of Mercy (MOM) dental clinic sponsored by the **United Way of the Eastern Panhandle** -- Hedgesville High School, beginning at 6:00 a.m. each day
- June 26-27 **American Cancer Society** - Relay For Life of Jefferson County – Jefferson High School – 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- June 27 John Brown Event: Tour of the John Blessing House, 303 East North Street, Charles Town
- June 28 John Brown Event: John Brown Walking Tour of Charles Town – Jefferson County Courthouse – 2 p.m.