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MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING – JULY 23, 2009

The monthly membership meeting of the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce will be held on Thursday, July 23, 2009, at 12:00 noon at **The Anvil Restaurant** in Harpers Ferry. The program will be “Tell Us About Your Business.” You will be given 5 minutes to introduce yourself and talk about your business. You may bring flyers and/or business cards to hand out. This is a great way to let people know what your business has to offer. The menu will include: chicken salad on a bed of lettuce with tomato, fresh fruit, beverage and dessert for \$11.00 per person including tax and gratuity. Please RSVP by July 17.

FARM BUREAU/CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL PICNIC

Mark your calendars for Thursday, August 6, 2009, for the **Jefferson County Farm Bureau/**Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce Annual Picnic. This year the picnic will be sponsored by the Farm Bureau and held at the Town & Country Nursery. See page 4 of the newsletter for more information.

NEW TEACHERS LUNCHEON – AUGUST 13, 2009

The New Teachers Luncheon will be held August 13, 2009, at the **Moose Lodge** in Ranson. See the corresponding insert for more information.

50th ANNUAL BANQUET SUCCESSFUL

Approximately 122 members and guests enjoyed a delightful meal and program at the 50th Annual Chamber Banquet on Wednesday, June 24, at the **Clarion Hotel & Conference Center** in Shepherdstown. In addition to recognizing 33 newly opened or expanded businesses, the Chamber honored **Shepherd University** with the George E. Vickers Major Industry Award. The 2009 Distinguished Citizen of Jefferson County Award, sponsored by the *Spirit of Jefferson Farmer's Advocate*, was given to Lyle “Cam” Tabb. Three retirees were also honored: Bill Chesley, Paul Manzuk, and Jane Peters. Officers Tiffany Hine, President; Paul Espinosa, 1st Vice President; Julie DeHaven, 2nd Vice President/Treasurer; Chris Colbert, Past President; and Heather Morgan, Executive Director, as well as Directors Edward “Pat” Dockeney, Chuck Ellison, Jeanie Hamilton, Judy Hockman, Pat Hubbard, Eric Lewis, Clint Miller, Tripp Lowe, Noah Mehrkam, Roger Ramey, Peggy Smith, Mary Via, Nina Vogel, and David White were recognized at the banquet and assume their duties on July 1st for the 2009-2010 term.

LEADERSHIP JEFFERSON

June was a busy month for Leadership Jefferson as it completed its 10-month program with the Recreation/Tourism module on June 10 and graduation on June 17 at **Charles Town Races & Slots**. Highlights of the module included a tour of the Jefferson County Community Center at Sam Michaels Park and demonstrations at **Summit Point Raceway**. During the day, participants also learned more about the Jefferson County Fair, the Mountain Heritage Arts & Crafts Festival, and other activities in the county that attract tourists. The graduates of the 2008-2009 class of Leadership Jefferson are David Asam, Laura Berkeley, Chris Bontoft, Alisha Burlett, Mike Chapman, Christina Coad, Laura Davis, John Dempsey, Jr., Jeanne Flowers, Annette Gavin, Darren Hine, Tiffany Hine, Tara Hostler, Aaron Howell, Jennifer Jensen, Cheryl Keyrouze, Jessica Liptak, Michael Martin, Nelson Parkinson, Jessica Polidor, Vickie Shean, Kathleen Sholl, and Jason Smith. The 2009-2010 Leadership Jefferson class will begin in September. Have you completed and returned your application?

MOUNTAIN HERITAGE ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

The weather was picture-perfect for the 38th Annual Spring Mountain Heritage Arts & Crafts Festival held on June 12-14. We would like to thank the many people and businesses who helped organize and put on 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, Holiday Inn Express, Jefferson County Parks & Recreation Commission, Specialty Business Supplies, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and members of Boy Scout Troop #68, Jefferson County Deputy Sheriff's Reserve, Jefferson County Fire and Rescue Association, and Jefferson County 4-H Leaders Association.** We also appreciate the support of our local and state governments. We further thank all of those who worked in the Finance Office during the festival: Julie DeHaven, **Nichols DeHaven and Associates;** Edward "Pat" Dockeney, **Spirit of Jefferson Farmer's Advocate;** Chuck Ellison, **Frontier;** Frank Fargo, **Fargo Insurance & Financial Services;** Tiffany Hine, **Briel PC Attorneys;** Patricia Ott; Jeff Rogers, **Specialty Business Supplies;** Peggy Smith, **City of Charles Town;** and **Mary Via.** In addition, we thank the following volunteers who manned the Chamber booth: Suzie Binns, **Vital Signs;** Miriam Brancato, **Panhandle Home Health;** Lynne Deming, **Comcast Spotlight;** John Dempsey, **City National Bank;** Joan Gaudet, **Apple Valley Office Products;** Jackie Geigle, **American Public University;** Diana Guina, **American Public University;** Kimberly Howard, **Shenandoah Health Village;** Katie Hawes, **ServPro of Panhandle;** Chris Johnson, **Panhandle Home Health;** Kathy Kester, **BB&T;** Edna King, **Belmont Realty;** Karen Kisner, **Panhandle Home Health;** Cheryl Mills, **Ranson CVB;** Nelson Parkinson, **Holiday Inn Express;** Cathy Reifer, **Panhandle Home Health;** Chenelle Resh, **The Inn at Charles Town;** John Sherwood; and Rose Stevenson, **Seamaster Cruises.** We also appreciate the assistance of Tiffany Hine, **Briel PC Attorneys;** Juliana Morgan; John Dempsey, **City National Bank;** Charles LeMaster, **Jefferson Security Bank;** Charles Lowery; and Keith Mumaw, **Mumaw & Vickers CPAs,** who checked the craftspersons out at the festival's end. And a special thank you goes to Nancy Morgan, our #1 Chamber volunteer, who helped man the phones over the festival weekend.

NEWS FROM CHAMBER MEMBERS

The **Care Pregnancy Center** will be hosting an Open House/Tupperware Fundraiser on Saturday, July 11, 2009, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at 1586 Winchester Ave., Martinsburg. For more information please call (304) 725-3598.

On July 15, 2009, the **Small Business Development Center of the Eastern Panhandle** will be sponsoring a workshop entitled "Give 'em the Pickle: Providing Great Customer Service," from 6-8 p.m. at the Eastern Panhandle Incubator @ Biztech, 150 East Burr Blvd, Kearneysville. Learn how to provide excellent customer service in this fun, interactive workshop, led by Christina Lundberg. The cost is \$15.00. Register by July 10th by calling (304) 728-3051, ext. 112.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers is proud to announce the election of **A. Neal Barkus** of Martinsburg, West Virginia, as a Fellow. Election as a Fellow is the highest recognition by one's colleagues of sustained outstanding performance in the profession, exemplifying integrity, dedication, and excellence.

The fourteenth installation of Fellows will be held November 7, 2009, in Washington, D.C. coincident with the American Bar Association's Labor and Employment Law Sections Conference. With the current installation, the College has over one thousand Fellows in forty-three states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Canada.

The College was established in 1995 through an initiative of the Council of the ABA's Section of Labor & Employment law. It operates as a free-standing organization recognizing those who by long and outstanding service have distinguished themselves as leaders in the field.

The Chamber congratulates Mr. Barkus for receiving this prestigious award.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We are pleased to welcome our newest members:

Horizon Lawn Care, Inc.

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Harpers Ferry, WV 25425
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Lawn Services

Clutch, Inc.

Stu Wharton, Representative
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Winchester, VA 22661
(540) 723-9600
www.Clutch-inc.com
Computer & Related Services

State Farm Insurance Co. Agency Field Office

Herman Dixon, Representative
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Insurance/Financial Services

West Virginia Thoroughbred Breeders Assoc.

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All-Star Limousine

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www.all-starlimosine.com
Service

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(304) 724-1834
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Miscellaneous

Statements for the 2009-2010 fair share investments were mailed recently. Remember the success of your Chamber depends on the active involvement of its members. Please 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. Your Chamber completed 2008-2009 with 451 members investing \$54,220.00.

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 23 Monthly Membership Meeting - **The Anvil Restaurant** - 12:00 noon
July 25 "Slavery, the Abolitionist Movement and Reflections of Jefferson" - **HFNP**, 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.
August 6 Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce/**Jefferson County Farm Bureau** Picnic at Town and Country Nursery



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JEFFERSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ANNUAL PICNIC**

**SPONSORED BY JEFFERSON COUNTY FARM BUREAU
at
TOWN & COUNTRY NURSERY**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2009

TOURS: 6:00 P.M.

DINNER: 7:00 P.M.

This year's picnic is sponsored by the Jefferson County Farm Bureau and hosted by Town and Country Nursery, 1885 Darke Lane, Kearneysville. There will be signs directing you once you are on Leetown Pike. The meal will be catered by Fresh Feast on the Farm with all locally grown food. Reservations are available at \$17.00 for adults and \$10.00 for kids 12 and under by calling the Jefferson County Chamber office at (304) 725-2055 or the West Virginia Extension Office at (304) 728-7413 by Wednesday, July 29. Please make checks payable to:

Jefferson County Farm Bureau

