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**NEW TEACHERS BANQUET – NOVEMBER 15, 2006**

Your Chamber will be honoring the new teachers at **Jefferson County Schools, Country Day School, Shepherd University** and **American Public University** at the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual New Teachers Banquet. The banquet will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2006, at the **Moose Lodge** in Ranson with registration and a social period at 6:00 p.m. with dinner to follow. To serve as a sponsor, you need only to pay for your own ticket(s) and to introduce the teacher at the banquet. Your Chamber will pay for the teacher and his/her guest. Your Chamber will also need items for the “goody bags.” If you would like to serve as a sponsor and/or can provide items for the goody bags, please call your Chamber office.

**6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION BANQUET**

Approximately 250 members and guests enjoyed a wonderful evening at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Service Recognition Banquet held on October 17 at Charles Town Races & Slots. Your Chamber thanks Charles Town Races & Slots who co-sponsored and assisted in the coordination of details for the event. Congratulations to all the honorees who were selected by their departments: Career Emergency Medical Services Provider – Edward M. Hannon, **Jefferson County Ambulance Authority**; Volunteer Emergency Medical Services Providers – Donald L. Dunn Jr., Friendship Fire Company; Tara Hough, **Independent Fire Company**; Douglas M. Pittinger, **Shepherdstown Fire Department**; Fire Services Providers – Michael Pond, Bakerton Fire Department; Douglas W. Snowden, **Citizens Fire Company**; Stephen D. Hough, Friendship Fire Company; Michael A. Schweitzer, **Independent Fire Company**; Stephen J. Gorman, **Shepherdstown Fire Department**; Law Enforcement Officers – Jonathan B. Quinnam, **Charles Town Police Department**; Brian J. Dolan, Harpers Ferry Police Department; Perry M. Ballenger, **Ranson Police Department**; Tracy L. Edwards, Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department; Benjamin M. Wilfong, WV State Police Charles Town Detachment; and Jefferson County Emergency Communications – Kimberly D. Burke. Congratulations and thanks to all these emergency personnel for their time and dedication in protecting Jefferson County and its citizens.

**LEADERSHIP JEFFERSON**

The second module of Leadership Jefferson – Local Government – was held on October 11 in the Charles Town area. This class covered county and city governments. Class participants played out a scenario where they visited the different areas of county government, including the County Clerk’s office, Sheriff’s Department, Magistrate’s Court and others. Marriages, divorces, arrests and court cases all took place. The participants also visited **Charles Town City Hall** and met with the mayor and other city officials. The next module – Education thru High School will be held on November 8. Participants will visit area schools.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

**CAPP Builders, Inc.**

Christopher T. Payne, Representative  
P. O. Box 35  
Ranson, WV 25438  
(304) 725-5509  
Contractor  
[ctpayne@zoomlinx.net](mailto:ctpayne@zoomlinx.net)

**Panelwrights, LLC**

Alan Cobb, Representative  
808 French Road  
Shenandoah Junction, WV 25442  
(304) 876-0265  
Structural Insulated Panels Distributor  
[www.panelwrights.com](http://www.panelwrights.com)

**The Piedmont Group, LLC**

Andy Bennett, Representative  
P. O. Box 664  
New Market, MD 21774  
(866) 620-7260  
Insurance Agency  
[www.thepiedmontgrp.com](http://www.thepiedmontgrp.com)

**Gotldap, Inc.**

Adam Ellwood, Representative  
1076 Shenandoah River Drive  
Harpers Ferry, WV 25425  
(304) 885-4209  
Computer Consulting  
[www.gotldap.com](http://www.gotldap.com)

**Health Insurance Solutions Company**

Judie Marshall, Representative  
361 Phillips Lane  
Bunker Hill, WV 25413  
(304) 229-9331  
Health Insurance Agency  
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**Seize the Moment Properties, Inc.**

John & Melodie Williams, Representatives  
P. O. Box 872  
Harpers Ferry, WV 25425  
(304) 725-7152  
Real Estate Investing  
[www.renew4you.com](http://www.renew4you.com)

**Budget Blinds of the Eastern Panhandle**

Scott MacKinnon, Representative  
231 N. Tennessee Avenue  
Martinsburg, WV 25401  
(304) 262-9101  
Custom Window Treatments  
[www.budgetblinds.com](http://www.budgetblinds.com)

**Ours & Lewis CPAs, PLLC**

Eric Lewis, Representative  
124 ½ S. Queen Street  
Martinsburg, WV 25401  
(304) 876-6037  
Certified Public Accountants  
[www.ourslewiscpas.com](http://www.ourslewiscpas.com)

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As of this date, we have 458 members who have paid their fair share investments for a total of \$49,259.00 for fiscal year 2006-2007.

**NEWS FROM CHAMBER MEMBERS**

Believe it or not, the Holiday Season is almost upon us and many of you are already displaying your Christmas wares. The **Sounds of the Shenandoah (Barbershop Chorus)** has begun preparing for this special event. They would like to become part of your celebration. The chorus is preparing a program that may be used for your annual Christmas parties or to entertain your customers while they are shopping. They would be willing to perform for a donation to their Chapter. If you are interested, you may call George Lloyd at (304) 728-7538 to schedule a time. It is important that you call early to book your event. The chorus is also available for singing Valentines and to sing for any other special occasion you may have throughout the year.

Chamber member, **Bob O'Connor**, has just been notified that his book "The Perfect Steel Trap Harpers Ferry 1859" has been named a finalist in the historical fiction category for the Best Book 2006 Book Awards. O'Connor's book is a novel about the John Brown raid, trial, execution and the raiders who escaped. The book is available on-line at [www.boboconnorbooks.com](http://www.boboconnorbooks.com), and at [www.buybooksontheweb.com](http://www.buybooksontheweb.com), or at the Jefferson County Convention & Visitor's Center, Charles Town Visitors Center and at various locations throughout the region.

**Sir Speedy Printing** has been voted the #1 Best Printer in *The Journal's* 2006 Readers Choice Award. Roberta and Jack Chromey wish to thank their many friends and loyal customers for supporting them throughout the years they have served the Eastern Panhandle region.

Roberta Chromey from **Welcome Books, LLC** invites lady golfers of all levels to "Save the Date" (the last Thursday before daylight savings time starts in spring of 2007). Come sign up for the 9-Hole Ladies League at Stonebridge Golf Course in Martinsburg. They play every Thursday throughout the summer starting late in the afternoon to accommodate working women. Good rates, good company and good fun! Come join in. Call (304) 725-6492 or (304) 267-0703 for more information.

To better understand the management role in risk management, marketing and cash management, the **Small Business Development Center (SBDC) of the Blue Ridge Community and Technical College** will sponsor a series of workshops entitled "Small Business Management Series: Risk Exposure, Marketing and Cash Management". Each workshop in the 3-part series will be held at the **Blue Ridge Community and Technical College** located at 400 W. Stephen Street in Martinsburg. The first of three workshops is "Limiting Financial Risk Exposure" and will be held on Wednesday, November 15 from 6-8 p.m. "Creating a Marketing Strategy to Build Profits" will be held on Tuesday, November 21 from 6-8 p.m. The final workshop, "Managing Cash for Financial Control" will be held on Tuesday, November 28 from 6-8 p.m. For complete information on these workshops, visit [www.BlueRidgeCTC.edu/sbdcweb](http://www.BlueRidgeCTC.edu/sbdcweb) and locate the workshop on the training schedule. Pre-registration is required and there is a \$30 fee for each workshop. A discounted rate of \$75 will be offered for those that attend all three workshops. To register, please call the **SBDC** at (304) 260-4385 or download the Workshop Enrollment Form from [www.BlueRidgeCTC.edu/sbdcweb](http://www.BlueRidgeCTC.edu/sbdcweb). Deadline to register is Friday, November 10. The **SBDC of Blue Ridge Community and Technical College** celebrates their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2006. They have served Jefferson, Berkeley and Morgan Counties for 20 years by providing quality consulting services and training events.

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

Light Up A Life will soon be under way in all four counties. For 20 years, Light Up A Life, has given people an opportunity to remember or honor their loved ones by lighting lights on a hospice tree. With a donation of \$10, a light will be placed on the tree in memory or in honor of your loved one. With a donation of \$100 or more, a handmade Angel will be placed on the tree in memory or honor of your loved one. Proceeds from Light Up A Life help **Hospice of the Panhandle** assure that quality hospice care and bereavement services are available to all appropriate people, regardless of ability to pay.

**Hospice of the Panhandle** announces meetings for three support groups. The “Parent’s Grief Support Group” begins on Monday, November 6 from 7-8:30 p.m. and continues every first Monday night of the month through April 2, 2007. The “Loss of a Spouse Support Group” begins on Monday, November 13 from 7-8:30 p.m. and continues every second Monday night of the month through April 9, 2007. The “Suicide Grief Support Group” begins on Monday, November 27 from 7-8:30 p.m. and continues every third Monday night of the month through April 16, 2007. There are no fees for participation; however, prior registration is required. To register, for additional information, and for directions to the location of the meetings, please call Larry Crawley-Woods at (304) 264-0406, (304) 267-1870, or (800) 345-6538.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Nov. 2 High School-Business Symposium – **Shepherd University**
- Nov. 4 Bloodmobile – **Citizens Fire Company** – 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Nov. 11-12 Over the Mountain Studio Tour – Jefferson County
- Nov. 15 New Teachers Banquet – **Moose Lodge**, Ranson
- Nov. 22 Bloodmobile – O – Jefferson Community Drive – Bardane Center/Chapter House – 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Nov. 23-24 Happy Thanksgiving – Office Closed
- Nov. 24-26 Christmas in Shepherdstown
- Nov. 30 Bloodmobile – Storer Center Ballroom, **Shepherd University** – 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Dec. 1-3 *My Three Angels* – **Old Opera House**, Charles Town
- Dec. 1-3 Christmas in Historic Charles Town
- Dec. 1-3 Old Tyme Christmas in Harpers Ferry
- Dec. 2 Christmas Parade – Shepherdstown – 11 a.m.
- Dec. 2 Christmas Parade – Charles Town – 2 p.m.
- Dec. 2-3 Christmas in Shepherdstown
- Dec. 8-10 *My Three Angels* – **Old Opera House**, Charles Town
- Dec. 8-10 Christmas in Historic Charles Town
- Dec. 8-10 Old Tyme Christmas in Harpers Ferry
- Dec. 10 Parade of Horses – Charles Town – 2 p.m.