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HIGH SCHOOL-BUSINESS SYMPOSIUM

Our thanks to all who have signed up to be a business leader for the High School-Business Symposiums on Thursday, November 6 at **Washington High School** and at **Jefferson High School** on Thursday, November 13. Leaders are to meet at the schools at 8:00 a.m. for registration. You will need to stop by the school office to sign-in and get a visitors pass. There is still time to sign up for the symposium if you would like to join us on either of those days. The symposium will be held from 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.

8th ANNUAL PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION BANQUET

Approximately 230 members and guests enjoyed a wonderful evening at the 8th Annual Public Service Recognition Banquet held on October 14 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 – Robert Shackelford, **Jefferson County Ambulance Authority**; Volunteer Emergency Medical Services Providers – Christopher J. Carter, Blue Ridge Mountain Volunteer Fire Company; Justice D. Jones, Friendship Fire Company; Douglas A. Evans, **Independent Fire Company**; Robert L. Burner, **Shepherdstown Fire Department**; Fire Services Providers – Christopher J. Carter, Blue Ridge Mountain Volunteer Fire Company; Bryan Lavallee, **Citizens Fire Company**; Jason S. Jacobs, Friendship Fire Company; Terry A. Carper, **Independent Fire Company**; D.L. Morgan Jr., **Shepherdstown Fire Department**; Law Enforcement Officers – Christopher A. Kutcher, **Charles Town Police Department**; Michael S. Armentrout, **Harpers Ferry Police Department**; Kenneth E. White Jr., Shepherdstown Police Department; Glen W. Kilmer, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department; Michael L. Dickerson, WV State Police Charles Town Detachment; and Jefferson County Emergency Communications – Laura L. Pope. Congratulations and thanks to all emergency personnel for their time and dedication in protecting Jefferson County and its citizens.

LEADERSHIP JEFFERSON

The third module of Leadership Jefferson – Local Government – was held on October 8. Participants visited county and city governments to learn about the inner workings of the local systems. That evening they attended a County Commission candidate's forum at **Washington High School**. The next module – Agriculture – will be held on November 12. Class members will visit different farms in Jefferson County and tour the Appalachian Fruit Research Station.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

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As of this date, we have 399 members who have paid their fair share investments for a total of \$50,839.00 for fiscal year 2008-2009. Your membership is important; to avoid having it cancelled, please take a moment to send a check to your Chamber if you have not reinstated your dues for 2008-2009.

NEWS FROM CHAMBER MEMBERS

You are invited to see “what’s new” on the 19th Annual **Over the Mountain Studio Tour**. Eighteen artists and artisans open their studios to the public on November 8-9, Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. The creative community of Jefferson County shares resources to market handmade products through the studio tour. Several artists carry on age-old traditions as seen through their own personal visions. Others work in a contemporary style. They all bring a commitment to work made by hand. Crafts include basketry, pottery, cabinetry and chair making, stained glass, folk art, tile-topped metal furniture, hand sewn bears, traditional blacksmithing, needle arts and lace, printmaking, jewelry, hand-hewn canvas bags, and hand-hewn and lathe turned bowls. The studio tour is a showcase for these creative members of the community; provides a marketing opportunity for fine craft products and stimulates interest in local crafts; provides information about different craft opportunities and provides information on improving one’s technical skills in a particular craft; demonstrates the value of working cooperatively; helps place the craft tradition within the historical context of West Virginia; and importantly, the tour emphasizes the value of home based businesses and cottage industry. The **Over the Mountain Studio Tour** is free and open to the public. Visitors may travel from studio to studio at their leisure on this self-guided tour. For map and brochure, call the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce at (800) 624-0577 or (304) 267-5468, email studiotour@studiotourwv.org or visit www.studiotourwv.org.

NEWS FROM CHAMBER MEMBERS (cont.)

On Sunday, November 9th, the Laureate Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will host a basket bingo fundraiser, with proceeds going to **Panhandle Home Health, Inc.** Doors at the Knights of Columbus will open at 1 p.m. and games begin at 2 p.m. The cost is \$25 to play and winners will take home baskets filled with goodies. **Panhandle Home Health, Inc.** is a non-profit organization that provides quality in-home health services to residents of Jefferson, Berkeley, and Morgan Counties in West Virginia. For more information, call (304) 263-5680 or visit www.PanhandleHomeHealth.org.

November 10th at 6:00 p.m...**Hospice of the Panhandle** is offering the first ever "Homegrown for Hospice: Local Fare and Local Wares Dinner and Auction" at **The Anvil** in Harpers Ferry! Ticket holders will enjoy food from **The Anvil** and other local restaurants, caterers, and bakers. The auction will spotlight wares from local artisans...the items were born and raised right here! Ticket items are \$25, must be purchased in advance, and are very limited! Call John Dempsey at (304) 724-9155, Kristen Ringstaff at (304) 725-8456, or Ashley Young (304) 267-1870 ext. 207 for more information or to reserve your tickets.

Hospice of the Panhandle is sponsoring *Grief and the Holidays*, a one-hour presentation, including video and handouts. Refreshments will be served. The program will be held on Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. and Monday, December 8, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. in Martinsburg. Please call (304) 264-3902 for locations and to register.

Panhandle Home Health, Inc. will host an open house of their new facility on November 19, 2008 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Come tour their new 7,500 square foot office and training facility, located at 208 Old Mill Road in Martinsburg, and learn more about this non-profit organization that has served the Eastern Panhandle for more than 30 years. For more information, call (304) 263-5680 or visit www.PanhandleHomeHealth.org.

Roberta Chromey, **Sir Speedy Printing** and **Welcome Books, LLC**, would like to extend a personal invitation to all who would enjoy a FREE sneak preview of a Concerto to be performed in Rome, Italy, this December. Roberta will be going on tour in Italy with the St. James Catholic Church choir. The choir will be performing their Rome repertoire at St. James Church in Charles Town on November 22, 2008 at 6:30 p.m., reception to follow. Directions: Rt. 9 east of Charles Town, towards Leesburg. Turn right into Cross Winds development. The first left is to the church. For more information call (304) 725-5558.

Your Chamber has received contact information for Tom Maiden, President of **Maiden Financial Inc.**, who is currently serving in Iraq. For those who might like to write to Tom, the information is: Tom Maiden (*no rank*), Unit 931003 TFT-PT, APO AE 09391. It is important that you leave his rank off the address.

NEWS FROM CHAMBER MEMBERS (cont.)

Would you like to *Create Ornaments to Remember Loved Ones*? The holidays are a time of reflection, especially when traditions are altered after the death of a loved one. This hands-on workshop offered by **Hospice of the Panhandle** provides the materials to create a memorial decoration as one of the many ways to transform grief into a connection with those we love and miss. All ages are welcome – children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. The program will be held Thursday, December 11, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 13, 2008 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. in Martinsburg. Please call (304) 264-3902 for locations and to register.

Elise A. Wallo, M.D., emergency medicine, has joined the emergency department physician staff at **West Virginia University Hospitals-East's Jefferson Memorial Hospital**. Wallo received her medical degree from Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia, and recently completed her residency in emergency medicine at York Hospital in Pennsylvania. Wallo is a member of the American College of Emergency Physicians and the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine. As a member of the emergency department staff at **Jefferson Memorial Hospital**, Wallo will join the hospital's active medical staff and serve on the faculty of the West Virginia University School of Medicine Eastern Division.

Four new physicians have joined **Harpers Ferry Family Medicine** and the medical staff at **WVUH-East's Jefferson Memorial Hospital**. Johanna Biola, M.D., William Lewis, M.D., Vishal Malpani, M.D. and Suganthi Rajah, M.D., are members of the clinical team at **Harpers Ferry Family Medicine** and faculty members of the WVU School of Medicine Eastern Division. Biola is a graduate of the WVU School of Medicine and recently completed her residency in family medicine through the WVU Rural Family Medicine Residency Program at Harpers Ferry. Lewis, a graduate of the WVU School of Medicine, completed his residency in family medicine at United Hospital Center in Clarksburg and a fellowship in rural family medicine through the WVU School of Medicine Eastern Division. Malpani completed his residency in family medicine at Louisiana State University Health Science Center and a fellowship in geriatrics at Tulane University School of Medicine. He is a graduate of the Topiwala Medical College, University of Mumbai in India. Rajah is a graduate of the Sri Ramachandra Medical College & Research Institute in India and recently completed her residency in family medicine through the WVU Rural Family Medicine Residency Program at Harpers Ferry. All four physicians are now accepting new patients. For more information or to schedule an appointment, phone (304) 535-6343. **Harpers Ferry Family Medicine** is located at 171 Taylor Street in Harpers Ferry.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 6	High School-Business Symposium – Washington High School
Nov. 8-9	Over the Mountain Studio Tour
Nov. 13	High School-Business Symposium – Jefferson High School
Nov. 27	Office Closed – Happy Thanksgiving!