

Annual Appalachian String Band Festival Comes to Fayette County July 29 – August 2

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The West Virginia Division of Culture and History's 20th Appalachian String Band Music Festival will be held July 29 to August 2, at Camp Washington-Carver in Clifftop, WV (Fayette County). The popular annual festival draws thousands of string band musicians, and fans from across the country and around the world for its contests, concerts, dancing, and workshops.

Music contests include banjo and fiddle on Thursday, July 30; neo-traditional string band on Friday, July 31; and traditional string band on Saturday, August 1. The top five winners in each category will receive prizes ranging from \$100 to \$700 for bands, and \$50 to \$400 for fiddle and banjo. Senior (age 60 and

over) and youth (age 15 and under) categories in fiddle and banjo are also available, with the top three winners in each category receiving awards.

In addition, the festival presents an old-time dance contest on Saturday, August 1, which emphasizes the flatfoot style and awards three prizes ranging from \$25 to \$75 in four age categories.

Workshops, which include beginning flatfoot dancing, beginning square dancing, and gospel singing, are included with festival admission. Nightly square dances in the Great Chestnut Lodge and outdoor concerts on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening are additional festival attractions. Highlights for chil-

dren and families include arts and crafts, storytelling, bingo, making baskets and split-bottom woven stools, Allegheny Echoes' Please Touch the Instruments, slow jams, cowboy fun, Three Rivers Avian Center demonstrations, daily yoga sessions, and more. Craft, food, and instrument vendors will be set up on the grounds and in the Great Chestnut Lodge. In addition, there will be three masters showcases featuring prominent old-time musicians.

The neo-traditional band contest also awards ribbons for the best new original composition for both a tune and a song. The ribbons will be given

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Fun times at the 2008 Appalachian String Band Festival are depicted in the photos. Won't you join friends and family for this year's event?



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based upon the composition's mastery of the old-time aesthetic, artistic merit, originality, and innovation.

Daily admission is \$15 for adults, and \$10 for seniors (age 60+) and youth (ages 6-17). Children aged five and under may attend free. Rough camping for the five-day festival is available on a first-come, first-served basis for \$45 for adults, \$40 for seniors and youth, \$90 per family (two adults and any number of children under the age of 18), and \$80 per senior family. The rough camping rate and daily admission fee includes admission to all activities.

Located in Fayette County, Camp Washington-Carver is a beautiful retreat listed in the National Register of Historic Places and operated by the Division of Culture and History. The camp serves as the State's mountain cultural arts center. The facility nurtures the cultural heritage embodied in the site since its dedication in 1942 as a 4-H and agricultural extension camp for West Virginia's African-Americans. The camp is located in Fayette County adjacent to Babcock State Park.

For a complete schedule, call 304-558-0220, or visit the Division's website at www.wvculture.org/stringband/index.html. Camp Washington-Carver can be reached at 304-438-3005 after July 20.

VACCINATIONS ... THEY'RE NOT JUST FOR KIDS!

We all know the importance of vaccinating our children against diseases, but what isn't commonly known is that adults need immunized, too!

To find out what you need, see the 2009 Immunization Schedule from the Centers for Disease Control at:

www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/downloads/adult/2009/adult-schedule-11x17.pdf

Governor Awards More than \$1 Million in 'STOP Violence Against Women' Recovery Act Grants

Earlier this month, Governor Joe Manchin announced the awarding of approximately \$1.15 million in STOP Violence Against Women Act American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grants for 19 projects across West Virginia.

These funds establish or enhance teams whose core members include victim service providers, law enforcement, and prosecution to improve the criminal justice system's response to violence against women. Grants provide personnel, equipment, training, technical assistance, and information systems for these teams.

Additionally, statewide projects are funded to provide training and educational opportunities for all victim service providers, law enforcement, prosecution, and court personnel throughout the State.

Several projects and statewide initiatives have been recommended for funding by the West Virginians Against Violence Committee. These grants will be funded utilizing Federal Fiscal Year 2009 funds from the Violence Against Women Grants Office, Office of the U.S. Department of Justice. The funds are administered by the Division of Criminal Justice Services.

Grants were awarded to the following: Cabell, Fayette, Greenbrier, Hampshire, Harrison, Kanawha, Marion, Mason, McDowell, Monroe, Putnam, Raleigh, Wetzel, and Wood Counties. Statewide awards were also given. For a complete list of awards and amounts, visit the Governor's Office website at www.wv.gov/sec.aspx?id=32&articleid=1812.

VEG OUT THIS SUMMER!

For the fifth year in a row, the Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), the Department of Agriculture, and the Capitol Market have teamed up to make it easy for workers at the Capitol Complex to enjoy healthy, fresh, and tasty vegetables and fruits.

First Lady Gayle Manchin and Agriculture Commissioner Gus Douglass will be on hand to kick off the opening on July 15 at 11:30 A.M. At the kickoff, the Department of Agriculture will offer samplings of West Virginia food products.

See the poster at the right (provided by DHHR's Marsha Dadisman) for complete dates and times.



Shop for healthy and fresh West Virginia produce at the Capitol Complex Farmers Market located at the fountain behind Building 1.

WEDNESDAYS

(fruits & vegetables available on Wednesdays)
July 15, 22 & 29, August 5, 12, 19

FRIDAYS

(only fruits available on Fridays)
July 17, 24 & 31, August 14

FALL FESTIVAL- Thursday, September 16

(mums & pumpkins will be available)

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

WVU Now Accepting Applications for Online Masters Program

Contributed by Chad Proudfoot, Master of Legal Studies Program Coordinator.

West Virginia University (WVU) is currently accepting applications for the Spring 2010 cohort for its Master of Legal Studies Program (which is part of the Division of Public Administration). This program consists of 36 hours of coursework, and students are normally expected to take six credit hours (two classes) per semester. **There are no on-campus meetings, as all coursework is completed online.** The cohort begins in January 2010 runs through December 2011. Applications are due by October 15, 2009.

The Master of Legal Studies Program (MLS) was developed primarily for mid-career professionals who desire a more advanced knowledge of the legal system, or who wish to further their education for professional advancement.

“This is why we think the MLS Program is a perfect fit for those that are working in a variety of fields,” said Chad Proudfoot, Program Coordinator for the MLS Program. “These officials interact with the legal system and the public on a daily basis, and could really benefit from the training that our program provides.” Proudfoot also emphasized that “Since the program is completely online, all requirements can be fulfilled from anyplace with a computer and internet access. This is perfect for those with full-time jobs, families, or those who simply do not have regular access to the campus.”

West Virginia Cares About Its Teens!

New GDL Laws in Place Effective July 10

In a stepped-up effort to reduce the number of accidents among teen drivers, and consequently, the number of overall injuries and deaths caused by these accidents, the West Virginia Legislature has passed Senate Bill 398. Passage of this bill resulted in several changes to the terms and conditions of Level 1 and Level 2 Graduated Drivers Licenses (GDL), effective July 10, 2009. The following is taken from a mailing sent out by the West Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to holders of Level 1 and Level 2 GDLs.

1. A Level 2 driver may not operate a motor vehicle between the hours of 10 P.M. and 5 A.M. unless there is a supervising licensed adult age 21 or older seated in the front passenger seat.
2. A Level 2 driver may not operate a motor vehicle during the first six months of Level 2 status with any non-family member passengers. For the next six months, the Level 2 driver is restricted to only one non-family member as a passenger.
3. The certified hours of practice required for eligibility for Level 2 is increased to 50 hours, of which 10 hours must be nighttime driving. (NOTE: Until September 10, 2009, the DMV will accept both 30-hour and 50-hour certification forms.)
4. **The ban on the use of cell phones and texting devices for Level 1 and Level 2 drivers is now a primary offense for which the driver may be stopped and cited by law enforcement. Only emergency 911 calls are permitted.**

Even adults should play it safe with regard to cell phones and texting devices. Use only hands-free devices for cell phones and make only necessary calls, and *never* text while driving.

All courses are completed “asynchronously,” meaning that students do not have to be online at any particular time. Assignments are completed at a student’s convenience according to the schedule set by the instructor in each course. In addition, courses are offered consecutively rather than concurrently, so students take two courses per semester but never have to focus on more than one at any given time.

Faculty members for the program are drawn from distinguished and experienced instructors in Public Administration, Law, Political Science, Sociology, and Anthropology, as well as practicing attorneys.

Program Director Dr. Nancy Adams is a long-time Division of Public Administration faculty member. She points out that the program is not a “pre-law” or a beginning paralegal program. It’s designed for those who desire a better understanding of the legal system because of their interactions with it. Applicants should possess an undergraduate degree (BA, BS, etc.) with a GPA of 2.75 or better, and must also submit graduate-level standardized test scores (such as the GRE or GMAT), three letters of recommendation, a current resume, and a personal statement. Students with five or more years of work experience may petition for a waiver of the graduate-level standardized test requirement.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to visit the program website at <http://legalstudies.wvu.edu> for all necessary information regarding curriculum, schedules, course descriptions, and the application process. Interested persons may also contact Chad N. Proudfoot, Program Coordinator, at 304-293-2614, ext. 3160; Dr. Nancy Adams, Program Director, at 304-293-2614, ext. 3159; or send a request by email to: LegalStudies@mail.wvu.edu.

Substance Abuse Costs WV's Criminal Justice System More Than \$330 Million

Contributed by Michelle Burnside of The West Virginia Partnership To Promote Community Well-Being, West Virginia's Governor-Appointed Substance Abuse Prevention & Intervention Planning Body.

A new report reveals the estimated financial burden of drug and alcohol use. More than \$330 million of West Virginia's (WV) criminal justice system budget was consumed to address alcohol and drug involved offenses in 2008, according to a new report released this month by the WV Partnership to Promote Community Well-Being.

"The Financial Burden of Substance Abuse in WV: The Criminal Justice System" – available at www.PrevNET.org – provides trends in the estimate of the cost of drug and alcohol use in the criminal justice system from 2005 to 2008. The State's criminal justice system includes the Regional Jail Authority, Division of Corrections, Parole Board, Prosecuting Attorneys Institute, Public Defender Program, Law Enforcement, the Judicial System, and Division of Juvenile Services.



"The cost of drug and alcohol use is increasing astronomically in different agencies, and the State of West Virginia bears the burden of most of the cost," said Mike Lacy, Chair of the WV Partnership to Promote Community Well-Being and Director of Probation Services for the WV Supreme Court of Appeals.

"Direct and indirect drug and alcohol crimes make up a large proportion of what the criminal justice system deals with in West Virginia.

For example, nearly 65% of inmates at the regional jail authority facilities are there for direct and indirect drug - and alcohol-related crimes in 2008, costing the State over \$50 million, a cost that has increased by nearly 20% since 2005," said Lacy.

"The Financial Burden of Substance Abuse in WV: The Criminal Justice System" is the first set in a series of reports that will examine the cost of

drug and alcohol use in the criminal justice, health care, education, child welfare, and workforce systems in West Virginia. A comprehensive report, incorporating estimates from all these different sectors of the government, will be produced at the end of the project. The reports are part of a larger Family Funding Study project which is funded with federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Block Grant money administered by the WV Division of Criminal Justice (DCJS).

This report was produced by the WV Partnership to Promote Community Well-Being's staff at the WV Prevention Resource Center. The WVPRC is an affiliate of Marshall University and funded primarily through two federal grants: the Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment Block Grant administered through the WV DHHR's Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities and a Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant administered through the West Virginia Governor's Office via its Division of Criminal Justice Services.

Additional information about the WV Partnership, the WVPRC, and the Funding Study project is available at www.PrevNET.org.

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