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DRS Communications Team Earns PR Excellence Award

Article and photograph contributed by the Division of Rehabilitation Services.

The Crystal Award, given by the West Virginia Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA), has become the standard of excellence for public relations practitioners in West Virginia. The PRSA Crystal Award recognizes excellence in public relations through awards in campaign and project categories. The competition is open to both member and non-member practitioners in West Virginia. The Communications Team at the West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) has met and exceeded that standard of excellence and has been recognized by the WV Chapter of PRSA.

Members of the Communications Team recently attended a gala hosted by the West Virginia Chapter of PRSA where they were given 4 awards. Robin Wilson and Robin Hammer together accepted an award for the DRS website. Wilson also took home a Crystal for her speech entitled, "The American Dream." Deena Ellison submitted the winning entry for a Campaign Crystal, which she said was, "entered and accepted on behalf of the whole communications team" for their Rehabilitant of the Year Special Event, "When You Believe." Ellison, who is the editor of *Workable*, also received a Project Crystal for the DRS external newsletter.

PRSA members of the WVDRS team are Penney Hall, Assistant Director; Robin Wilson, Public Affairs Manager and Deena Ellison, Public Affairs specialist. Hall and Ellison are Accredited in Public Relations. Other members of the team are Steve Young, Shirley Klein, Vera Dixon, Jennifer Davis, Sue Eichelberger and Robin Hammer. Congratulations to the whole Communications Team for their excellence in Public Relations!



Deena Ellison is pictured with event emcee Samantha Kozsey of WSAZ-TV.

So you couldn't make it for the last special? Look for the new discount coupon in this issue of Stateline! See Page 4.



This 4th of July, or anytime, if you drink, don't:

- Drive any vehicle
- Pilot a boat or plane
- Swim, surf, or ski
- Operate machinery

An 8-foot ice cream sundae?



What a way to start the summer! In celebration of Dairy Day earlier this month, workers prepared and served the sundaes, which included a 12-inch cherry ball. See the story on Page 2.

Check Your Check!

Next month, State employees will notice changes in their pay and the amounts they bring home. Effective July 1, employees will begin receiving an across-the-board pay raise of \$756 annually. Also most employees will notice changes in their insurance premiums. The amount of change in each person's paycheck will be different, depending on tax deductions and insurance premiums.

In addition, eligible employees who have 3 or more years of qualifying service will receive an annual increment check along with their regular paycheck on July 31, 2000. Fifty dollars (\$50) is paid for each year of qualifying service, up to a maximum of 20 years.

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State Parks Brim With Good Times!

Adapted from Department of Natural Resources press releases.

Our West Virginia State Parks are offering ideal summertime entertainment. Whether it's an interesting educational opportunity or a relaxing day on the golf course, it's all right here!

2000 Summer Performers Series

The 2000 Summer Performers Series is set at various parks and offers something interesting for all ages. Call for dates/locations of the following; admission is free.

Karen Vuranch stars in a one-person show about Mary Draper Ingles on the frontier. Ingles was captured by Shawnee Indians and taken west. She escaped and followed the Ohio, Kanawha, and New Rivers for over 450 miles in 42 days to return home.

Traditional Appalachian dance and modern line dancing instruction will be lead by **Lou Maiuri**. He's the director and founder of Appalachian County Cloggers and is known throughout the U.S. for his line dancing and teaching abilities. Maiuri has years of experience as a mountain-style square dancer, caller, and dance instructor, and has won many competition awards, including 3 national championships in his age division.

Mountain Women offer visitors a unique experience in story telling. **Suzie Whapples and Carrie Newman**, both West Virginia natives, entertain children and adults with stories of childhood in the mountains and homespun songs.

Gary Boothe, a magician and children's entertainer, performs magic and balloon artistry with a twist. Gary started in magic in the late 80's and was then asked to speak to numerous schools and camps about environmental and recycling issues. He found that he could hold the kids' attention and still give a good message by using simple magic.

Three River Avian Center's Birds of Prey Education Program

features live birds of prey native to the Mountain State. A variety of live raptors, including hawks and owls, will be on display. The program covers habitat, diet, and behavior of each bird presented, and includes information on common injuries and protective laws. This is a very informative and interesting program, and cameras are permitted.

2000 Summer Outdoor Amphitheater Series

Pipestem State Park is hosting the 2000 Summer Outdoor Amphitheater Series. Every Saturday night in July, a professional theatrical and musical presentation will be featured. Cost for any of the performances is \$6 for anyone age 13 or older; showtime is from 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

July 8: The Collegians - Great rock and roll oldies from the 70's.

July 15: Pipestem Hoedown - featuring Tammy and the Greenbrier Mountain Boys, and, The West Virginia Bluegrass connection.

July 22: Blues Night in the Park - 2 of the State's best blues groups, The One Eyed Cats and Nat Reece, will perform.

July 29: Rick K and The Allnighters - nationally-known West Virginia based high energy Rock and Roll, pop, and contemporary country music.

For more information on these and other programs at our State parks, dial 1-800-CALL-WVA.

PSRW BAKE-OFF

winning recipes are being compiled into an online cookbook. Watch future *Stateline* issues to find out when the cookbook is available



Got Milk?

Article and photos contributed by Sarah Riffle of the Department of Agriculture.

A large crowd and sunny weather helped make this year's Dairy Day at the Capitol a great success. Visitors enjoyed a portion of the 8-foot ice cream sundae while being entertained by the Milk Moustache Contest of local celebrities. The contestants included Jack Kane, WOWK-TV 13; Erik Wells, WCHS-TV 8; David Aldrich, Newschannel 3; Agriculture Commissioner Gus R. Douglass; Lisa Neehouse, 2000 Dairy Princess; and Willie Ruiz with the Charleston Alley Cats.

David Aldrich of Newschannel 3 won the event by drenching himself twice to win first place. Commissioner Douglass came in second and



State Agriculture Commissioner Gus Douglass (right) admires the winning milk moustache of Newschannel 3's David Aldrich.

Erik Wells of WCHS-TV 8 was third. The winners were decided by audience response.

Commissioner Douglass thanks all those involved for their hard work and support of West Virginia's dairy industry; Marketing & Development Division: Bob Williams, Jean Smith, Connie Tolley, Birdie Wood, Sabrina Brooks, Cindy Martel, Teresa Halloran, Rob Nichols, Tracy Fitzsimmons; Regulatory Protection: Grant Bishop, Chuck Dransfield, Sarah Shelton; Publications: Leah Worley, Jerry Jenkins; and Executive: Candi Moore.



The FBI, the Department of Justice, and the SANS Institute have together released a list of the 10 most important Internet security threats.

What are the top 3? Opening unsolicited e-mail attachments without verifying their sources or checking their contents leads the list. Second is failing to install patches, especially for Microsoft Office, Microsoft Internet Explorer, and Netscape browsers. Coming in third is installing games or screen savers from unknown sources.

What's the bottom line? Beware of anything you open in e-mail or download and/or install on your computer.

Capitol Security Guard Wins \$100,000 Powerball Prize

Article and photograph contributed by the West Virginia Lottery.

Coworkers of Michael Calhoun, a security guard at the State Capitol, might be surprised to see a "Gone Fishing" sign in his place for a little while. Calhoun was as surprised as anyone else when he looked at the West Virginia Lottery's winning Powerball numbers in the newspaper one Thursday morning last month to find he had matched 5 of the 6 numbers, only missing the Powerball itself.

At 7:00 A.M., Calhoun said he began to call his friends to share the good news. Within an hour, a group had gathered at his home for a celebration breakfast. Calhoun said disbelief seemed to be the most common reaction, followed closely by, "How much?"

For matching 5 numbers, Lottery Director John Musgrave said the answer to that question is \$100,000 cash.

Sharing in the excitement, Calhoun's wife and mother traveled with him to the Lottery Office in Charleston to pick up his check. "Now it's time to pay off some bills, give some money to mom, and go fishing for a weekend," the new winner laughed.

Calhoun said he purchased his winning ticket at Shop & Go on Washington Street in Charleston. He used *Easy Pick* to choose his winning numbers.



A very happy Michael Calhoun picks up his check for winning the \$100,000 prize in the West Virginia Lottery's Powerball.

Garnes Receives Jefferson Award

Cheryl Garnes, a graphic artist with the Department of Health and Human Resources, received the



Cheryl Garnes

Jefferson Award for Outstanding Citizen on the local level in the category of Volunteer and Community Service.

The awards, established in 1972 by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Senator Robert Taft, Jr., and Sam Beard, are presented by the American Institute for Public Service to rebuild public trust and encourage community involvement by

saluting the "Best of America" – today's heroes. They are presented on 2 levels: local and national. On the local level, recipients are comprised of ordinary people who do extraordinary things without expectation or reward. Nominations to the national level come from a myriad of media sponsors, including newspapers, television and radio stations, and cable systems which solicit them at the local level. One representative from each media sponsor is chosen by the Institute's Board of Selectors to attend the Jefferson Awards National Ceremony at the U.S. Supreme Court Building in

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Uniform deductions for the increment checks are as follows:

State Tax:	4.00%	(0.0400)
FICA:	7.65%	(0.0765)
Retirement:	4.50%	(0.0450)

Previously, a flat 28% was deducted for federal taxes; however, this year, employees will see an increase in the take-home amounts of their annual increment checks due to a different way of calculating the federal tax.

Though you should always check each paystub, be especially mindful for both of your July paychecks and report any discrepancies immediately to **your agency payroll office**.

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Washington, D.C. Five of these are selected for the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Award for Greatest Public Service Benefiting Local Communities.

Garnes' nomination came for her "kind, tireless, dedicated, unselfish commitment to caring of the elderly in our community" and the "time she spends volunteering." She transports individuals to medical or other appointments, reads to those who can't read for themselves, assists with dressing/bathing activities for those who need help, runs errands or takes people shopping, and countless other tasks.

Congratulations Cheryl!

Law Enforcement Officer Training Set

Taken from a press release issued by the WV Prosecuting Attorneys Institute.

The 2000 West Virginia Prosecuting Attorneys Institute Law Enforcement Training will be conducted in 5 West Virginia cities this August. Targeting West Virginia law enforcement officers, these sessions will be conducted free of charge from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. as follows:

- Aug. 7: Shepherdstown, Clarion Hotel
- Aug. 8: Morgantown (WVU College of Law)
- Aug. 9: Sutton (Flatwoods Days Inn)
- Aug. 10: Huntington (Marshall University)
- Aug. 11: Beckley (Beckley Mining Acad.)

Funded by a grant awarded by the Governor's Office and administered through the Division of Criminal Justice Services, this training will address such topics as the Fourth Amendment (search and seizure issues); legislative and case law updates; driving under the influence; testifying in court, and domestic violence.

The Institute's staff and county-elected prosecutors and assistant prosecutors will conduct the sessions. All law enforcement officers in the State are encouraged to attend. Officers should pre-register; however, they may also register the day of the training. For more information or to request a brochure, contact the Prosecuting Attorneys Institute at 304/558-3348.

Pencil In ...

Camp Washington-Carver may hold just the ticket for your summer fun!

The Doo-Wop Saturday Night Outdoor Concert will be held July 15, featuring great hits from the 50's and 60's. Performers include the Big Bopper, Jr., Chris Montez, The Tokens, and Doo-Wop Saturday Night regulars Rockin' Robin's Rhythm Kings. Gates open at 1 P.M.; show is at 7 P.M. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$7 for kids under 12.

Can't make that one? Then how about the **11th Appalachian String Band Music Festival** from August 2-6? Get a healthy dose of Clifftop hospitality at this 5-day mountaintop gathering for string band musicians and friends - featuring concerts, contests, crafts, workshops, and nightly dances. Adults \$5; kids 3-15, \$3.

For more on either activity, call the West Virginia Division of Culture and History at 304/558-0220.



The Tokens will perform at Camp Washington-Carver's Doo-Wop Concert on July 15.



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July 14 - 23, 2000

Purchase up to six (6) admissions at the reduced rate.

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DISCOUNT COUPON (\$38.99 Value)
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Visit the park after 5:00 p.m. the night before your full day visit for only \$10.00 per person. (Must purchase next day admission at the same time).



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