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Capitol Complex Celebrates Take Our Daughters To Work Day April 22

With the national theme *The Future Is Me*, the West Virginia Women's Commission will host the 7th Annual Take Our Daughters To Work Day at the State Capitol Complex on Thursday, April 22, 1999. The event is geared toward girls between the ages of nine and fifteen. Research by the University of North Carolina-Greensboro and the University of Maryland suggest that going to work with either a mother or father will help a girl nurture career aspirations.

A brief program with a science and nature focus for girls and their sponsors will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the State Cultural Center Theater. The keynote speaker will be Janet L. Clayton, a West Virginia Division of Natural Resources wildlife biologist and Coordinator of the State's *Becoming an Outdoors Woman* program.

A visit to the State Supreme Court of Appeals and a reception at the Governor's Mansion are included in the day's events. Reservations are required for all activities and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Please call the Women's Commission at 558-0070 to make reservations or for additional information.

Earth Day Activities at the Capitol

Earth Day at the Capitol will be held April 22. It began in 1970 as a method of increasing awareness by the public and in the political arena of the environmental problems facing our nation.

The event will be held around the capitol fountain plaza unless the weather is inclement, in which case it will be in the lower rotunda area. There will be approximately 25 exhibits including Smokey Bear, live birds of prey from Three Rivers Avian Center, free tree seedlings and a recycling discovery area.

Also on Earth Day, the Environmental Resources Section of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources has a suggestion for organizations looking for useful environmental activities. Offices may want to participate in "CLEAN YOUR FILES DAY." It's a dress down day to clean up offices stacked with memos, reports and documents that will never be read again.

By recycling, you not only keep it out of the landfill, but you also create a valuable raw material for making new paper. Paper companies need the high-quality fiber found in most office papers, because it's the kind that can most easily be converted into new products. By the year 2000, about 3.4 million tons of office paper will be collected for recycling. While that sounds like a lot, it's still less than half of all the paper used in offices today.

So this Earth Day, dress down to clean up.

For more information about Earth Day activities contact Kim Mitchell of DNR at 304/558-3370.



Susan Jenkins of IS&C's Technology Learning Center (TLC) shows a group of employees how to manage their e-mail.

The TLC provides training for various personal computer software packages commonly used by state agencies.

A class schedule is posted monthly to the intranet site located at <http://intranet.state.wv.us/train/default.htm>.

Old Time Wingding Set for May

It's time to dust off your dancing shoes and head to Clifftop for a brand new weekend event – the Old Time Wingding – scheduled for May 7-9.

The 3-day old-time dance gathering will feature dance workshops for students of all abilities, nightly square and contra dances, storytelling, great food, and music jams.

“A group of Fayette County residents recently contacted us about sponsoring an old-time dance weekend at Camp Washington-Carver,” said Renay Conlin, commissioner of the West Virginia Division of Culture & History, which will host the event in conjunction with FOOTMAD (Friends of Old Time Music and Dance).

“They wanted to build on the success of our Appalachian String Band Music Festival, expanding the season to include a dance event.”

Members of the local planning committee include Laura Davis and Gary Reynolds of Fayette County and Donnie and Mike Herr of Raleigh County.

The weekend will kick off with a square/contra dance at 8 p.m. on Fri-

day in the Great Chestnut Lodge.

The featured bands will be the Yahoos from Marlinton and a Virginia-based group called The McKenzies.

Dance workshops will begin Saturday morning in the lodge.

Music jam sessions are scheduled throughout the day on Saturday. Banjo, fiddle and guitar players of all abilities are encouraged to join in.

In addition, the West Virginia Storytellers Guild will be on hand to share favorite Appalachian stories for listeners of all ages.

The Saturday night square/contra dance will begin at 8 p.m. in the lodge and will feature the County Commissioners from Asheville, NC, and the Trusty House Band from Charleston.

Daily admission is \$5. Children under three are admitted free. Rough camping is \$20 per person or \$50 per family for the entire weekend and includes all activities.

For more information, you should call 304/558-0220 or visit the event website at <http://spitfire.cwv.net/~llama/wingding.htm>.

8th Annual WV Public Employees Golf Tournament

Pipestem Resort State Park,
Monday May 10th

\$35 per person,
includes Cart and Cookout

Prizes will be awarded for:

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place low gross in men's division
- 1st place low gross in women's division
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place net scores (Callaway)
- Closest to the pin and long drive contests
- Also door prizes

Entry Deadline is
May 1, 1999,
field will be limited
to the first 120 entries

Retired Employees Welcome

For more information contact
Ed Henderson at 558-2764

Discount lodging rates
are available for
tournament participants.

Please contact
Pipestem Resort State Park
for information on lodging.

New Lower Mileage Rate Begins April 1

Just a reminder: Effective April 1, 1999, the business standard mileage rate for employees who drive their own cars for work purposes, set by the Internal Revenue Service, will change from 32¢/mile to 31¢/mile.

A decline in gasoline prices and reduction in the depreciation rates of automobiles have contributed to a decline in the costs of operating an automobile.

In addition, the new rate recognizes 30-year lows in inflation.

The IRS made the decision to postpone implementation of the new rate from January 1 until April 1 in order to allow businesses enough time to update their payroll reimbursement procedures.

The 1998 mileage rate of 32¢/mile continues to apply with respect to any mileage expenses paid or incurred before April 1, 1999.

Another recent change put into effect was the Federal per diem for meal reimbursement rate effective January 1, 1999.

To access the new rates, type in the web page address (<http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/tm1.htm>) then scroll down to the flag and click on CONUS.

Next, to find the new rate, locate the city to which you will be traveling.

For more details and information, you may contact your agency travel coordinator or call Catherine DeMarco, Travel Manager for the West Virginia Department of Administration, at 304/558-2613.

PEIA SPRING 1999 BENEFIT FAIRS

PEIA has set open enrollment for the 2000 Plan Year (July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000) for April 5 through May 21, 1999. Thirty-five Spring Benefit Fairs have been scheduled to provide PEIA insureds the opportunity to meet with plan representatives and discuss any questions they may have about their medical and flexible benefit plans. The fairs will be held at various locations throughout the state from April 12 through May 6, 1999. Additional information will be provided to insureds in a *Shopper's Guide* which they should receive in their mail by mid-April.

Monday, April 12, 1999

Institute (9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
WVSC Student Union

Shepherdstown (9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
Shepherd College
Blue-Gray Room, College Center

Martinsburg (3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)
Comfort Inn

Tuesday, April 13, 1999

Charleston (9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
State Capitol Complex
Bldg 7, Conference Center Hallway

Keyser (9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
Potomac State College
Basement, Science Hall

Romney (3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)
Hampshire County High School

Wednesday, April 14, 1999

Petersburg (3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)
Grant County Public Library

Thursday, April 15, 1999

Montgomery (9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
WVU Technical College
Ballroom, Tech Center

Snowshoe (3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)
Mountain Lodge and Conference Center, Black Bear C Room

Monday, April 19, 1999

New Martinsville (3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)
Public Library

Tuesday, April 20, 1999

Wheeling (9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
Northern Community College
Auditorium, B&O Building

Wheeling (3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)
McClure House

Wednesday, April 21, 1999

West Liberty (9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
West Liberty State College
Student Union

Weirton (3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)
Best Western Inn

Thursday, April 22, 1999

Parkersburg (9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
WVU at Parkersburg
2nd floor, Rooms 2536-2538

Parkersburg (3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)
Ramada Inn

Ripley (3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)
Best Western - McCoy's Inn & Conf. Center

Monday, April 26, 1999

Clarksburg/Bridgeport (3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)
Holiday Inn

Tuesday, April 27, 1999

Morgantown (9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
West Virginia University
Rhododendron Room, Mountainlair

Morgantown (3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)
Holiday Inn

Wednesday, April 28, 1999

Fairmont (9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
Fairmont State College
Fireside Room, Turley Center

Flatwoods (3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)
Days Inn

Thursday, April 29, 1999

Charleston (9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
State Capitol Complex
Bldg. 7, Conference Center Hallway

Mount Gay (9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
Southern WV Community and Technical College, Room 154-B

Logan (3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)
Chief Logan State Park
Restaurant

Monday, May 3, 1999

Huntington (9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
Marshall University Alumni Lounge

Huntington (3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)
Best Western - Gateway

Bluefield (9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
Bluefield State College
Dickinson Auditorium

Bluefield (3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)
Holiday Inn

Tuesday, May 4, 1999

Athens (9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
Concord College
College Ballroom or State Room

Beckley (3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)
Tamarack Park
Gallery

Charleston (3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)
Civic Center
Parlor B

Wednesday, May 5, 1999

Lewisburg (9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
WV School of Osteopathic
Medicine, Auditorium

Thursday, May 6, 1999

Glenville (9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
Glenville State College
Lobby, Heflin Center

Elkins (3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)
Days Inn

DEP Forms Speakers Bureau

The agency charged with protecting the State's environment has formed a speakers' bureau to provide information and teach people about the West Virginia Division of Environmental Protection.

The bureau comprises 35 people from every program and field office within the state agency that serves as an umbrella organization for a multitude of separate regulatory and permitting units.

Members of the speakers' bureau will be available to the public to give presentations on any of the DEP programs at functions related to the environment.

"We thought this would be a good way to get out the message of what this agency does," DEP Director Michael P. Miano said. The bureau was formed at Miano's instigation. "Too much of what we do is understated or misunderstood. I believe this will help explain our mission."

Speakers will be dispatched to civic groups, schools, and environmental and industry groups that request a speaker on a DEP issue or topic.

The bureau is under the overall supervision of Jessica Welsh in the Public Information Office. Groups and organizations interested in learning more about the bureau or scheduling a speaker for an upcoming function can contact Welsh at the Office of Water Resources, 1201 Greenbrier St., Charleston, West Virginia 25311-1088, 304/558-3616 or by e-mail at jwelsh@mail.dep.state.wv.us.



Local Talent Exhibited

The Cultural Center is hosting an exhibit of watercolor paintings by local artists.

It is sponsored by the West Virginia Watercolor Society (WVWS) and features beautiful scenes such as this one by Linda Turner of Jane Lew.

The painting, "Afternoon in Newton" won the WVWS Award of Excellence and was awarded \$350.

Two of the paintings in the exhibit, "Signs of Spring" by Betty Warner, and "Fruit Plate" by Carolyn Cavendish were purchased by the Cultural Center for its permanent collection.

The exhibit will be displayed on the lower level of the Cultural Center until April 4.

Pencil In ...



March 13, 1999 - 2000 - *Our Friends and Relatives Were All Among Them: The Civil War in West Virginia* exhibit at the Cultural Center.



April 4 - Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 a.m. Spring Forward!



April 15 - Income Tax Filings Due.



April 17 - Gov. and Mrs. Cecil H. Underwood will host the first Governor's Awards for Culture, History and the Arts at 7 p.m. in the State Theater of the Cultural Center.



April 21 - Professional Secretaries Day



April 23-25 - West Virginia Dance Festival Dance professionals offer workshops, dance classes and performance opportunities in ballet, modern and jazz dancing.



April 30 - Arbor Day - Celebrate by planting a tree!