

## From the Mayor

Are you enjoying this warm weather? I sure am! Although the warmer weather means everything grows more rapidly which requires more work from us, mowing, trimming, etc. I am still happy to see it!

We welcome our new businesses and encourage you to stop by and visit them once opened. Huntington Physical Therapy, 1733 Midland Trail, Suite A, Edward Jones, 1733 Midland Trail, Suite C and Active Medical, 1107 Main Street. We are definitely growing! The 3 new businesses above are opening, if not by the time you get this newsletter, then very soon. Also, included is a picture of the progress at the Valley Health Center on John's Creek Road, this will be a great for the medical needs of our community.



Below is the latest update on the various Hoops Family projects:

- Building adjacent to the bank building has been completely remodeled and Active Medical expects to open its showroom, warehouse and office billing by early May that will initially employ 17 people.
- Demolition of the bank building is approximately 75% complete with plans to start remodeling and construction into a new restaurant with a broad menu and a number of 3<sup>rd</sup> story private meeting rooms for dinners and business clientele.
- The Grand Patrician is expected to be under roof by the end of May, with plumbing and electrical work starting in the next few weeks
  - Expect ground breaking on the 500 seat ball room and convention center by the end of May
  - Expect ground breaking on the 300 seat Wedding Chapel by the end of June
  - Waiting on necessary permits for the golf course, prepared to break ground immediately upon issuance in the next 30–90 days.
  - Goal is to open the Hotel, Golf Course, Convention Center and Wedding Chapel in the spring of 2020.



New Heights Church has been busy with the renovation of their new location on Main Street. They recently added garage doors to the front, which when raised makes it inviting to the community. Looking good.

The Flood Wall Project is moving forward with continued communications with the Corp of Engineers, representatives from other branches of State government as well as with the Governor's Office. As with any large project the details and process is slow but all communications have been very positive, which is exciting. This project will greatly benefit our City and its citizens and businesses by bringing both out of the flood plain. This means savings due to "no flood insurance" and allows for major improvements to structures in these areas.

There is still room for you in Milton, we keep a list of available property and/or buildings to share every opportunity we have. Stop by and see what is available, we are growing and I can't wait!

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## DID YOU KNOW....

### We still want to hear from you!

The City mails over 1,000 copies of the "Miltonian," to residents and businesses inside the city limits. We are happy to announce you can now view on line or receive a copy by personal email. Please fill out the form on page 6.

This is an effort to save money and time while still providing our residents with their informative newsletter.

## From Recorder Vicki Mullins

We are wanting to "Go Green" and would appreciate an email address to update your account. We will send an email with a link to the next quarters Business & Occupation Tax Return.

Business License renewals will go out June 1, 2019. All forms for Business License Applications and Blank B & O Tax Returns are available online at [cityofmiltonwv.com](http://cityofmiltonwv.com).

We will always mail returns for customers/business' unable to receive info by email. Please include a mailing address on your application.

Reminder, note to ALL CONTRACTORS if you pull a permit you will be charged B & O Taxes at that time.

The City's 2018/2019 Final Budget Revisions will be submitted on or before June 21, 2019.

If you have questions feel free to call me at 304-743-3032, extension 204 or Cameron, extension 211.



The Milton Seniors Citizens meet the 2nd Wednesday of **EVERY MONTH** - **that's right we are back to every month!** Bring your favorite covered dish or two. For more information on this or any other senior events call the Center at 304-390-4164. (\*New Phone Number\*)

### From the Director of Public Works Charlie Conard

The new water line on Glenwood Avenue is 90% complete.



They are still working on the curbs and both are looking great. The sidewalk replacement is 50% complete and looks great as well. So far the only surprise we have experienced on this project is finding a 4" water line down the middle of the

street and then locating what it is connected to and determining if it is used and needed.

The weather has been much more cooperative on the Glenwood project than on the Adams Avenue project. Thanks to all the residents and travelers for all their patience while your life is interrupted by route changes, loss of parking, missed deliveries and many other issues. Thank you and hang in there, It will be worth it in the long run.

We will continue our paving project throughout the City. We recently paved Taylor Street, Meadow Lane and part of Mockingbird. Remember we can't do them all at once but eventually we will get your street.

The Sewer Project is moving along, slowly. We have been having monthly conference calls with the USDA, attorneys, engineers, etc., getting all the plans, permits, studies and other paper work complete. It will still be a while before actual work begins to replace the very old and add some new sewer lines.

A problem we need our residents to work on before the next "Cleanup" in the fall. Your junk items need to be out by Monday, the first day of the clean up, please do not put items out after that. Some of you put items out 3 or 4 different days. We should have everything picked up before the last day. Remember the limits is (1) one pickup truckload per house. This recent spring cleanup we had to return to some locations several trips, that is not how this works. In the future please respect our workers and follow this rule.



If you have any questions or issues regarding Public Works, which includes water, sewer and street departments, feel free to call me at 304-743-3032, extension 209.

### From the Utilities Office

Happy Spring! Spring brings showers, flowers and glimpses of summer. However, winter's freeze and spring's thaw can damage water pipes and cause leaks and water line breaks. The Utilities Department has kept busy repairing such problems, and many of our customers have experienced these troubles as well. As time has allowed, Terry, Timmy, Carl and Tom, your utility workers, have worked tirelessly to beautify areas disturbed by current and previous repairs. Thanks, fellas! We appreciate your hard work!

It is also time to begin thinking about pool maintenance and filling. We accept one request per year per household for utility bill adjustments for pool fills. The pool fill adjustment forms are available in our office, as well as on our website. After you have filled your pool, please remit a completed form to us. All requests will be reviewed at the September Utilities meeting. If approved, bills will be adjusted after that time, and will appear as a credit on the account. Customers are expected to pay their utility bills in full by the due date. If a payment arrangement is needed, please come to the office to set up a deferred payment agreement.

Enjoy these beautiful days ahead. Smile and be happy. Spread your happiness everywhere you go! And, as always, if you have any questions, please contact us at 304-743-3422.

Happy  
Mother's  
Day



May 12, 2019

## Code Enforcer/Building Inspector Mike Ramsey



With the nice weather comes projects. Lots of projects require hiring professionals. Which is my focus in this article. First, let me say there are wonderful, reliable contractors who work in the City of Milton, but the rest of my article refers to the few bad apples.

I cannot stress enough that you need to do your homework and research those you are considering for a job. There have been instances in the last few months where a homeowner has been "duped".

A little research and/or a phone call can save you money and lots of stress. It is important that ALL contractors be licensed and insured with the State as well as the City. A simple call to my office will let you know if they have a City license and in good standing. NEVER pay for a job before it is complete. Dishonest, shady contractors will take the money and run. Yes, this does happen.



If you become a victim, you can expect a headache. You have to contact the Division of Labor, who may investigate the incident and you have to file a complaint with the WV Attorney General's Office, both can take a lot of time. Quite often you will be out whatever money you already spent and still have an incomplete project to deal with, which will cost you twice as much.

Also, be observant about building permits. Most contractors build a fee for the building permit into your estimate. This does not mean they obtain a permit. There have been instances where the contractor pockets this money. A permit is required to be visibly displayed on the work site, such as front door or a window. If a permit is required and has not been purchased a Stop Work Order will be issued regardless of what stage of work the project is in. It is YOUR responsibility as the homeowner to assure a permit is issued. Always ask to see it and if you are told one is not required you can call me to verify this.



Part of my job is to check on contractors at the site to ensure they are following the rules and you are getting done what you hired them to do. I can't be everywhere and some of them do slide through the crack. So again, take time to check them out to prevent becoming a victim. As always if you have questions please give me a call at (304)743-3032, extension 202.



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## MVFD Events

- Every Friday; **Robert Trippett and the Starlight Band**; Country, bluegrass & rock music; Doors open @ 6:00 p.m. with concessions available. Show time: 7:00—10:00 p.m. Come out and dance to some great music!!!
- Saturday, May 4; take a trip down memory lane with **Yester-Year Rock & Roll Oldies**. Doors open @ 5:30 p.m. Show @ 7:00 p.m. Admission \$10.00; children 6-12 \$5.00; 5 and under FREE. Full concessions with Homemade Pies; come early to get a seat and bring your appetite!!
- Saturday, May 11; **Big Time Pro Wrestling**; Doors open @ 7:00 p.m.; Bell Time 7:30 p.m. Admission \$10.00; concessions available. If you didn't make it to the first one, come enjoy this show. This group of Wrestler's are awesome! Watch for their flyers pertaining to this show soon.
- Saturday, May 18; **Last Chance Band**; 6:00—9:00 p.m. This is the first time ever for this band to come to Milton. Come enjoy the evening of music and dancing; Concessions available.
- Saturday, June 1; **Last Chance Band**; 6:00—9:00 p.m. Concessions available.
- Friday, June 7; noon—8:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 8, 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. **Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 122 (FOP) Gun Show**; Concessions available, including breakfast until 11:00 a.m.
- Saturday, June 22; **Big Time Pro Wrestling**. Doors open @ 7:00 p.m.; Bell Time 7:30 p.m. Admission \$10.00. Concessions available. Watch for their flyers.





## City of Milton—Important

Listed below are May and June holidays and Municipal Court dates that have been changed.

- Monday, May 27, Memorial Day, Office Closed
- Thursday, May 9, Court
- Thursday, June 20, West Virginia Day, Office Closed
- Tuesday, June 25, Court

## Do You Qualify?

Southwestern Community Action Council Weatherization Program, office located at 1595 US Rt. 60 East, Milton, WV helps individuals with some weatherization issues if you qualify (NOT REPAIRS). For more info visit their website [www.acacwv.org](http://www.acacwv.org).

USDA (304-284-4861) also offers assistance through the 504 Program, a low interest loan for those 62 or older who own their home and the 502 Program, a 100% financed, no interest loan for low income homeowners.

## Pumpkin Park Events

The following events are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center: *The Guardian*, May 18; *The Perrys*, June 8. For more info contact a member of the Pumpkin Festival Board.



## From Chief Joe Parsons



Finally, we are back up to full strength. With the recent hiring of Matthew Newcome from Kenova Police Department we are again at nine full time and two part-time officers. Matt comes to us after two years of experience with Kenova PD and will be joining the midnight shift. We welcome Matt to the Milton PD and hope he enjoys working here.

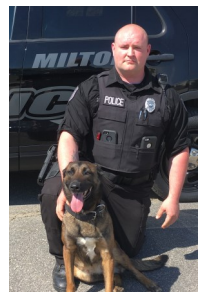
As the weather warms up more and more kids are out playing and riding bikes. Please be careful as you drive the residential areas and along US Route 60 and watch for those young'uns.

I will remind everyone again that if you need a Milton police officer please CALL 911, even if it's not an emergency. The 911 center dispatches for all law enforcement agencies in the county. We have a police clerk in the office Monday—Friday from 8-4 but she has no dispatch radio and would have to call 911 to dispatch an officer. Cut out the middle man and call 911 direct. We get way too many people contacting us via Facebook which is NOT monitored 24 hours a day. Also, call while the incident is going on. We can't do a lot when you call about something that happened a couple days ago.

School will be out soon and vacation season will be wide open. If you are going out of town, call our office and get put on the vacation watch list so we can give your home a little extra attention while you're gone.

Our brothers at Hurricane PD are experiencing some rough times, first with the shooting of Sgt. Phillip Armentrout (who is recovering slowly) and most recently with the open heart surgery of Chief Mike Mullins, who is also recovering but keep both in your prayers please. I can well attest to the power and benefit of those prayers to a full recovery and thank each of you who prayed during my own open heart surgery last May.

We have received our new drug dog although it is not the dog we initially thought we were getting. Instead of an English Pointer we received a female Belgian Malinois named Debbie. She is extremely friendly and has a tremendous hunt drive and is fully trained on her various drug scents. Again, this dog was donated to us by Makor K-9 and owner Jay Kerr and we thank him profusely as these types of dogs generally cost thousands of dollars. K-9 Patrolman Dallas Scarberry is Debbie's handler (I know) and if you see him out ask him to meet Debbie. Of course, Sgt. Albert Collins still has his dog Joe and will be working the evening shift while Dallas works days. Having a dog available in town is a great tool for our drug enforcement efforts.





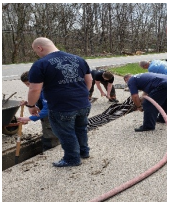
## MVFD News by Chief Timmy Chastain

Hello Folks; we hope everyone is enjoying the start of a beautiful summer! The weather is looking promising this year!

Since our last Miltonian, our members responded to over 78 emergency calls for service. We have also responded to several working fires in our jurisdiction and neighboring communities.

We are extremely EXCITED with the progress we have made during our building renovation projects. We are finishing up on our museum room and apparatus bay area as we speak. It has been a lot of hard work and money but we want to have a fire station that both our members and our community can be proud of!

Our members have been very busy the past few months not only working on the station but also continuing to respond to calls, assisting our community in non emergency functions such as installation of smoke alarms. Our members also provided their services in helping the Summer Acres community with cleaning out a drain at the entrance to the subdivision.



With the weather becoming warmer, we have a few reminders:

- Please remember to stay hydrated when the temps are high.
- Only vegetation can be burned and you must stay with it all times.
- Due to insurance regulations, we CANNOT fill swimming pools. We apologize!

When conducting your lawn maintenance this season please keep in mind that fire hydrants must be clear at all times. No flowers, shrubs or debris can be blocking any part of the hydrant. We have ran into a few situations where we could not access a hydrant because of shrubs and such.



We have contracted with a NEW wrestling company; April 13 was our first event with them and we had over 100 people! It is very FAMILY friendly and we have different wrestlers each event. The new company is BIG TIME PRO WRESTLING.

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## Milton Baptist VBS

Come join us at Milton Baptist as we blast off "To Mars and Beyond," for this year's Vacation Bible School, June 10-13, 6:00—8:00 p.m. with a 5:30 p.m. kid's dinner.

VBS is for any child preschool to 5th grade with a class for those in Middle School as well. We will have fun as we learn, do crafts, games and experiments. Can't wait to see you there.

## MUMC Yard Sale

Milton United Methodist will have a Rummage Sale on Friday and Saturday, June 7 & 8 at the church, corner of Smith and Church Streets. Mark the date and stop by to check out the bargains. Call the church for information 304 743 6461.

## TOPS

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at the Milton United Methodist Church every Thursday from 5:00—6:00 p.m. There is no obligation, just come visit and see if it is something you would like to join. If you have questions call 304-762-2305 or 304-743-3783 and please use the side entrance of the church by the library.



## HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY



The **MILTON HOUSING AUTHORITY** is now accepting applications for tenancy for the elderly & disabled, 62 years of age or older, or handicap/disabled regardless of age, with or without children.

### 1 BEDROOM ONLY

Applications may be obtained online at [cityofmiltonwv.com](http://cityofmiltonwv.com) or at City Hall, 1139 Smith St., Milton, WV 25541

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## Memorial Service at the Milton Cemetery

### Confederate Memorial Day Service, Milton West Virginia

On Saturday April 20, 2019, the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC), chapter Cooney Ricketts, 2726, in collaboration with the Sons of Confederate Veterans, (SCV) camp A. G. Jenkins #628, held a combined Memorial Service for the Confederate and Union soldiers buried in the town cemetery at Milton, WV.

In preparation for the service, several members of the Cooney Ricketts UDC chapter (*i.e. Marilyn Coleman, Jean Hatfield, Roberta Casey, Ethel Elkins, Renee' Spence and Billie Johnson*), expended many hours over several days cleaning the neglected Confederate and Union tombstones. This involved scraping off lichens, brushing, and applying an anti-biological agent to aid the rain and wind in naturally further cleaning the stones over time.



**Front Row:** The Honorable Tom Canterbury; **Second Row, Left to Right:** Dee McComas, Ethel Elkins, Teri Carr, Billie Johnson, Marilyn Coleman, Renee' Spence, Roberta Casey, Jean Hatfield; **Third Row, Left to Right:** Mitch McGuire, Dan Carr, Roger Casey, Gaines Johnson, Michael Stephens, George Swann, J.K. Spence, Ron Marcinko, Michael Esslinger, Chuck Clark

By the day of the event, the old Soldier's gravestones visually stood-out brighter from the other stones surrounding them. One of those Soldier's stones was chance situated on a raised and flat area in the middle of the cemetery, co-located with a permanent wooden cross. We chose that site as the central platform for the ceremony. The UDC chapter placed small, period-correct United States and First National Confederate flags at the foot of the wooden cross. The SCV camp erected larger flags on the flanks of the speaking area.

The services included an invocation, proclamation of purpose, a poem and a song. The Honorable Tom Canterbury, mayor of Milton, WV, was the keynote speaker. Following a solemn roll-call of the names of the fifteen known Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery, a seven-man SCV rifle and pistol detail performed a 21-gun salute to the honored dead. This was followed by a benediction and the twenty-minute service was concluded.

This memorial service was done in the spirit of the very first Confederate Memorial service that was performed one hundred and fifty-three years ago, in the year 1866,

by the Ladies Memorial Association of Columbus, Georgia, where they decided to set aside one day annually to memorialize the Confederate war dead. We, as the organized decedents of those brave and honorable men, were proud to continue this tradition in our local area. Nothing is ended until it is forgotten.

### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please mark and return your choice below regarding *The Miltonian*. You may email [cityclerk@cityofmiltonwv.com](mailto:cityclerk@cityofmiltonwv.com), leave a message on our website, include form with your water payment or drop in the night drop box. Include your address or email address. Thanks!

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## Floodplain & Stormwater News by Randy Rutledge

**Stormwater News**—Grass cutting season is back! By now, everyone has cut their grass at least once. Here are a few things to remember:

Set your grass cutting height to 3 or 3 1/2. This height is the healthiest for the grass and allows grass to grow and crowd out the weeds. Cutting your grass shorter than this is harmful to the grass, which allows the weeds to grow better and means you want to cut your grass more often. The shorter it's cut the faster it grows.

If you are buying a new lawnmower, please consider a mulching one. A mulching lawnmower will greatly reduce or eliminate grass clippings you must clean up. State regulations no longer allow grass clippings to be in the street and we also have an ordinance prohibiting it. Please keep your grass clippings out of the street. Remember, **"Only Rain Down the Drain!"** Mulching lawnmowers are a little bit more expensive initially but can save money in the long run as you probably won't have to buy lawn fertilizer anymore.



Consider doing a soil test before buying fertilizer this year. That way you will know exactly what your lawn may be lacking and buy only that type of fertilizer which will save money. The WVU Soil Testing Laboratory conducts soil tests free for West Virginia residents. For more information, contact WVU Extension specialist Jeffrey Skousen at 304-293-2667 or go to <https://extension.wvu.edu/natural-resources/soil-water/soil-testing>. Many studies have shown we tend to apply a lot more fertilizer than needed which wastes money and may harm your lawn. The excess will run off during storms and enter the storm drains and end up polluting the river.

**Floodplain News**—As you have read elsewhere in this newsletter it looks like Milton will be getting a levy and flood-wall system. In a nutshell, a large section of our city is in the floodplain. This levy will protect most of this area which will remove the restrictions imposed due to the floodplain. It will also mean you don't have to have flood insurance. It's still a good idea to carry it but the cost will drop dramatically.



This levy comes at a great time as FEMA is planning on making several changes to the National Flood Insurance Program, many due to climate change. The first two strategies are:

"Encourage long-term migration away from coastal areas and floodplains through a national 'discounts for buyouts' program that would offer homeowners discounts on their flood insurance premiums now in exchange for a commitment to accept a future buyout once their home is substantially damaged by flooding."

"Expedite bringing vulnerable properties into compliance with floodplain development requirements that decrease the potential for flood damage by community adoption of a cumulative and/or lower threshold 'substantial damage' or substantial improvement' standard." The current threshold is 50%. The one proposed is 25%.

Taken together this means you would, assuming you have a house worth \$100,000 in market value, voluntarily agree to sell to FEMA after sustaining flood damage over \$25,000. This is quite a change.

## Milton Library News

There is always fun at your Library! Here are our regular programs:

- **Mother Goose on the Loose**, Tuesday a.m.
- **Story Hour**, Wednesday a.m.
- **Adult Book Tea**, 3:00—4:00 p.m., 2nd Monday
- **Knotty Knitsters**, 1st & 3rd Tuesday 1:00—3:00 & 5:00—7:00 p.m.
- **Code Club**, Fridays 4:00—5:00 p.m.

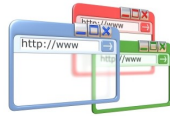
Additions to the regular programming:

- **Fire Department Appreciation Month**— we will honor 75 years of our volunteer fire department's commitment to safety in our community. Check our Facebook, as events will "pop up" during the entire month of May! We will honor each member on our wall, to show off the brave men and women that keep us safe. They can also expect a hand delivered "surprise" provided by our Story Hour and Mother Goose on the Loose programs!
- June 10: 2:00—4:00 p.m. **Blast Off for Summer Reading Program - A Universe of Stories!!!** Our kickoff will feature fun and games, build your own rocket and other surprises! Join us to receive your SRP log books and to sign up for Battle of the Books (grades 3-8). Milton wants to win 1st place in BOTH grade groups this year - so help us build a strong team!
- June 12: 2:00 p.m. **Martian Munchies:** Join our friends from Aetna Better Health of WV to read a story and build a space snack!
- June 13: 1:45 p.m. **Animal Adventures:** Take a walk on the wild side, learn about animals and conservation with Des Coveries Education and Entertainment. See a boa constrictor, hissing cockroaches, a tarantula and more!
- June 17: 2:30 p.m. **Cosmic Cartooning:** Get ready for an alien invasion! Join local artist/art educator, J. B. Bond for tons of cartooning fun! This will be highly educational, creative and entertaining!
- June 27: 2:30 p.m. **Art with the Museum:** A Huntington Museum of Art instructor will provide materials needed to create your own masterpiece, to take home or display on our library walls!

## Grant / IT News from Mike Nixon

I recently returned from an intensive Grant training session and am excited to start looking for some new opportunities for our beautiful City! This training was specific on how to find funding sources for several of the projects we would like to begin. These include park upgrades and revitalization to beautification to water and sewer projects. I'm excited to dive into these and hopefully get some projects started. However, grant funding can take up to a year to procure and I will be keeping everyone updated here.

Our new and improved website is entering its final stages. I am working with the creator and developer to make sure it is content rich and user friendly. The new website will be more organized with contact information for each department on their pages instead of a general contact us form. Speaking of forms, we will also have updated forms that are available and fillable online. This allows you to fill in all the information at your home or office, print and bring into us. I am excited to see this project come to a close soon and look forward to hearing any feedback from you on the new site.



I will also be doing some training in Charleston in May to assist our Police Department. I will be getting certified to program our handheld radios and meeting others in this field for support. I have also setup new computers for our officers in their cars to allow them to work faster and safer.

My tech tip is still a continuation from our last newsletter. These scammers are getting more elaborate every month. They are also calling and stating that your computer needs help, is out of date, or my favorite are the ones claiming to be Microsoft and that your PC is not compliant. These are all scams. Just like the IRS, none of these companies have your phone number and will not contact you via phone unless you call them first and specially request a callback for technical support. Just be safe and think before you click!



### (MVFD Continued)

We have also been blessed with another live music venue, YESTER-YEAR Rock & Roll Oldies Show! They provide music from the 50's, 60's and 70's and it's a fun time!

Please watch marquee sign in town and the calendar for these event dates and times!!

You are invited! The Milton Volunteer Fire Department, who has been providing superb service to our community, will be celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday, May 25, 2019. Beginning with an OPEN HOUSE from 10:00 a.m. till 7:00 p.m., the perfect opportunity to see all the recent improvements. They will also have a PARADE at 11:00 a.m. They will have INFLATABLES for the kid's, FREE REFRESHMENTS for everyone, and MUCH MORE!! Bring you family and please come out and join us!!!



Have a wonderful summer!!! God Bless!



**City of Milton**  
**Saturday, June 1**  
**8:00 a.m.**

This is for anyone in the Community who would like to participate. A permit is not required. All you have to do is be setup by 8:00 a.m. and close whatever time you like. We do not have designated spots for those outside the community, if you are wanting to setup on private property you must get the owners permission prior to the event.

### History of West Virginia Day

During the Civil War, the Virginia General Assembly in Richmond chose to join the Confederate States of America, much to the chagrin of most of the inhabitants in the trans-Allegheny region of the state who had long expressed their resentment toward the political elites in Richmond. Loyal unionists gradually pushed for the creation of a new state. After two years of legal maneuvering, West Virginia was formally admitted to the United States of America on June 20, 1863. June 20 had been informally celebrated across West Virginia over the next six decades until the WV Legislature gave the holiday formal recognition in 1927. The day has traditionally been celebrated with festivities at the state capitol complex in Charleston and at other locations across the state.

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## Welcome to Our New Businesses!

### Edward Jones Opening

On June 1, the City of Milton will welcome its own Edward Jones Office located at 1733 Midland Trail, Suite C, Milton. For those familiar with Milton it will be located across from Wallace Funeral Home.

Nathan Gainer, Financial Advisor stated, "I am excited to be opening an Edward Jones office in Milton, because I really see a need for the type of services we provide. This firm concerns itself exclusively with the needs of individual investors and small-business owners. I'm happy to be bringing that kind of personalized service to my community."

Stop by and welcome Edward Jones, along with Nathan and his staff, to the City of Milton and see if they can offer guidance or assistance with your financial needs.

### Huntington Physical Therapy of Milton

HPT Physical Therapy of Milton opened April 1. This is our third location, with a clinic in Barboursville and the main office in Huntington.

To start, we will be keeping a schedule of Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. We expect to transition to full days as our patient load increases. Our PTs, John Oxley and Amy DeMoss, can treat any number of injuries, provide post-surgery care, perform dry needling, and create castings for custom orthotics.

We invite you, the public, to stop by for our "Open House" at our facility on Saturday, May 11, from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. There will be food, a magician/balloon artist and inflatables. The public will be able to tour the clinic and meet the therapists.



HPT has been serving the Tri-State area for over 30 years. Our staff has the knowledge and experience to get you back to feeling great! Call our office, located at 1733 Midland Trail, Suite A, at 304-525-4473 to make an appointment and find out why HPT is the "Best in the Tri-State!"

### Active Medical

The anticipated opening date for Active Medical, located at 1107 Main Street, is May 1.

With 2 licensed Assistive Technology Professional and a Certified Orthotic Fitter on staff you can be confident that you or your loved ones are getting the best most qualified equipment evaluation, fitting and training West Virginia has to offer. We sincerely enjoy taking care of our patients and appreciate the opportunity to take care of your family.

The owners, Bill Browning and Robert Tant, are thoroughly involved in the everyday operations and want to make sure that you are completely satisfied with our services and fully understand how to use and receive maximum benefits from the equipment your physician has prescribed. Please give us a call to talk about your home medical equipment needs and we promise to value your business!

## Blenko Glass Events

**Garden Party**—May 10, 6:00–8:00 p.m. Be 1 of 100 people to join us in the Blenko glass garden for a quality evening of fun with live music and elegant finger foods as you stroll in our blooming spring garden at lake-side for our 4th annual garden party. In the event of rain, we will move indoors.

What makes a better evening than a lovely setting, good food, lovely music and flowers? A free piece of glass? Each guest will receive a FREE Limited Edition Annual Suncatcher for joining us (\$18 value). We will also make special glass for use in your home garden and have a grand assortment of colorful Blenko for your consideration.

A special feature is our judging for Best Garden Party Hat with 1st and 2nd place in these categories; Best Hat and Most Creative Hat. A free piece of specially created Blenko will be 1st prize and a gift certificate will be 2nd prize.

**OH NO!** Tickets are SOLD OUT. Plan early next year! Join a waitlist <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/garden-party-tickets-57516889565> click Tickets then Join Waitlist. You will be notified by email if tickets become available.

**After Hours Sale**—During this 2-hour event in our Gift Shop, customers can take advantage of amazing discounts and take 15% off their entire purchase. In preparation for this event we will close the Visitor Center Store at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 14 and will re-open from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. A special edition companion piece to the WV Birthday Piece will go on sale during this event. Designed by Emma Walters & Andrew Shaffer to continue to pay homage to our great state.

**WV Day Celebration**—Saturday, June 15. Annually we produce a very limited, special edition to celebrate our states birthday. West Virginia will be 156 years old in 2019, so we offer only 156 Birthday pieces. The West Virginia Birthday piece is offered beginning at 8:00 a.m. Saturday on a first come basis. The line to receive these begins to form several days earlier. Special annual limited edition production, signing event and sale.

## THE WELL ARMED WOMAN—GREATER HUNTINGTON CHAPTER

Where the Feminine and Firearms Meet

The Well Armed Woman Shooting Chapters (TAWW) is an organization of more than 200 chapters across the nation focused on teaching women about firearms. We are women helping women discover their passion, develop their skills, and build new relationships. We have our own local chapter, TAWW Greater Huntington Chapter.

Firearms can be intimidating for a lot of women for many reasons. Some have a fear of guns because they've never been exposed, they don't understand how it functions, it's a lethal weapon that makes a very loud noise, the negative exposure of firearms in the media, etc. We gear training towards women of all levels of firearm experience. Our leader is a certified NRA Instructor, Pistol Coach, and Range Safety Officer and our co-leaders are certified NRA Range Safety Officers.

There are many issues out there today leading women to want to protect themselves and their families. Many of them realize their best protection is a firearm but have no idea where to start. Where can I get training? How much does it cost? How do I know what firearm is best for me? Do I need to have a gun to get training? How can I carry a gun safely with young children? TAWW provides a safe, comfortable environment for women to learn, train, and discuss issues important to women gun owners. Women who carry have unique needs and we address those needs. We meet monthly at our host range and have presentations or guest speakers on subjects such as self-defense, gun safety, gun laws, owning and carrying a gun with children, conceal carrying options, basic pistol use, home defense, cleaning your gun, managing malfunctions, carrying a gun in public, etc. We teach, apply, and adhere to all gun safety rules on and off the range. After the presentation we head up to the range where we perform drills, Winchester Marksmanship, practice skills we need readily available as concealed carriers such as drawing from your holster, ammo replenishment with magazine reloads while shooting, multiple targets, shooting on the move, etc.



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Who can join? Any woman 18 years or older, no experience necessary. Annual membership is only \$50/yr., with class and range fees of \$10 each for meetings you attend. You are invited to attend your first meeting for free, with no obligation. As a guest, you will not be able to shoot but you are welcome to observe on the range. Check out the benefits of membership at [www.thewellarmedwoman.com](http://www.thewellarmedwoman.com), as well as articles, tips, and research.

- You can view more information on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/thewellarmedwomangreaterhuntingtonwv/>, which includes our scheduled monthly meetings, generally the first Saturday of the month, and topics to be covered.
- Chapter Leader: Kathi Christian, a Certified NRA Basic Pistol Instructor, Pistol Coach, and Range Safety Officer. She will receive texts at 304-421-2201
- Chapter Co-Leaders: Britney Elliot and Tina Randolph, are both Certified NRA Range Safety Officers
- Chapter Email : [twawgreathunt@gmail.com](mailto:twawgreathunt@gmail.com)

Our Host Range is Edwards Training Center, located at 4040 Howells Mill Rd. Ona, 304-390-6013 or 304-634-1738. They have a wide variety of resources and classes by excellent instructors to further your training and skills, which is highly recommended if you choose to carry a firearm. Schedules and further information can be found on their website, [www.edwardstrainingcenter.com](http://www.edwardstrainingcenter.com) and facebook page Edwards Training Center.

## Rotary Club

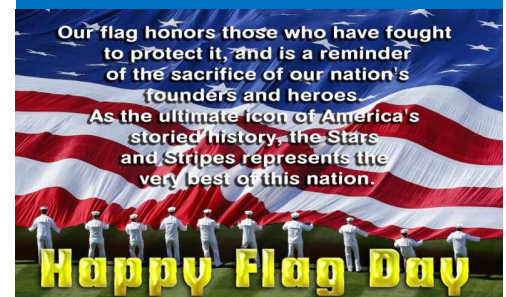
**Milton & Barboursville Golf Scramble—May 18—**All proceeds of this Tournament will help to fund the community services provided by the Milton and Barboursville Rotary Clubs.

In Milton these fundraisers are used for scholarships given to local students within the community.

Tee sponsors adds are being sold as well as donations for door prizes. Any and all donations would be greatly appreciated. Contact Phyllis Smith, 304-840-4922 if interested in being a sponsor.

The next page of this newsletter is a sponsorship form as well as a registration form for golf teams and all the details. We hope you will come out and support this important community event.

In the United States, Flag Day is



celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The United States Army also celebrates the U.S. Army Birthdays on this date; Congress adopted "the American continental army" after reaching a consensus position in the Committee of the Whole on June 14, 1775.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; in August 1946, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress. Flag Day is not an official federal holiday





## From the Mayor (Continued)

The City of Milton says welcome aboard Conner Lester, who has joined our team as a 2nd Electrician working along side John Newton. There are always electrical needs throughout the City but nothing keeps them busier than our many pump stations which require constant service, cleaning and maintenance.

The City of Milton is part of a great state, West Virginia. Our state turns 156 years old this June 20. As you travel throughout the state take a look around at the mountains and rivers and think of how beautiful our state is compared to others. Happy Birthday Wild, Wonderful, West Virginia!

I wish all Mother's and Father's a very Happy Day on May 12 and June 16, a day set aside to honor these important figures in our lives. I can't imagine a world without the love of a Mother and Father, or for some those who fill such shoes.

Also, I wish you and your family a Happy Memorial Day. I encourage you all to thank a Veteran....they deserve it! And you can do this every day of the year not just on Memorial Day, they served every day to keep us safe and America free. Thanks Veterans!



Thanks for letting me serve you as Mayor.

**WELCOME TO THE CITY OF MILTON ..... WHERE LIVING IS A PLEASURE!**

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