

MID-OHIO VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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Workforce Development Board

September has been a busy month for the Workforce Development Board. We are continuing to make improvements to our Youth program, now called Career Connections. One of our Youth participants, Bobbi Lewis, was recognized in the paper for completing the Step Up for Women Advanced Manufacturing Pre-Apprenticeship Program. The WDBMOV is also working towards revamping and creating a long lasting, effective adult mentoring program for our Out of School Youth participants. We have also had success stories for our On the Job Training program. Mr. Thomas Ady had attended the Armacell LLC job fair, and although they said he had the experience necessary, he didn't meet requirements of Armacell's policy. With the help of the Adult/Dislocated Worker Case Specialists, Thomas obtained his high school equivalency and is now employed at Armacell LLC through the WIOA OJT Program. We also had our Professional Development Retreat at Cedar Lakes in Ripley earlier this month, with presentations over the MACC system with Workforce WV.

Senior Companions Attend Barbour County Fair



Senior Companion Volunteers from a 10 county area enjoyed a day at the Barbour County Fair. The day was filled with entertainment and health screenings along with a nutritious meal. Seniors could be found riding the Ferris Wheel and Carousel or taking a ride in a horse drawn carriage.



Taking part in the Fair's activities included 45 senior companions along with Rod Poling, Program Director and Debbie Wilfong, Program Coordinator.

Attendance included over 200 senior citizens from Barbour and surrounding counties. A good time was held by all!



Our Senior Corps Directors will be attending a non-profit leadership conference at the end of September.

Watch next month's newsletter for updates from the conference.



Community Development News



The Calhoun County Park hopes to expand STEM programming and build astronomy lessons at the park into Calhoun County science curriculum in part through a grant from the Foundation for Rural Service. The FRS is a subsidiary of The Rural Broadband Association and SHENTEL was kind enough to act as the required corporate sponsor for this project. Jeff Bary, a McDowell County native and current Professor of Astronomy and Physics at Colgate University will travel with his students to train Calhoun County teachers and students on how to measure darkness and GPS test points on a map. The results will be used to qualify Calhoun County park for certification as an International Dark Sky location. The grant also includes funds for a new student accessible telescope in the \$3,840 request. The grant announcement will be in December 2018.

September 26th at Tygart Lake Park in Grafton there will be a free County Focused Mountain State Land Use Academy 9:30 to 4:00 pm. This will be useful for any county commissioner and county staff. Register here by copying the following link into your browser:

<https://landuse.law.wvu.edu/mountain-state-land-use-academy>

Deadline for registration is September 21, 2018.

The Wirt County Commission, with assistance from an ARC Flex-E Grant and the WVU Law Clinic has established the Wirt County Planning Commission. The first meeting was held on August 30th and included the election of officers and a review of the steps and timeline to create the Wirt County Comprehensive Plan. Members are: Diane Ludwig—LKADC, Mary Jane Pope-Albin—Superintendent of Wirt County Schools, Diane Bellis, Ph.D.—Science/Environment Associates, Greg Thorn—Owner of Dick’s Market, Robert Lowe—Wirt County Commission President. Meetings will be scheduled semi-monthly and are open to the public, please contact Luke Peters with any questions.

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The Planning Process for the 2020-2025 Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan will begin Fall 2018. Please watch for an invitation to a planning kick-off meeting.



SEPTEMBER 26—COUNTY FOCUSED MOUNTAIN STATE
LAND USE ACADEMY AT TYGART LAKE

SEPTEMBER 28—WIOA BOARD MEETING IN SPENCER, WV

DID YOU KNOW??????????

The gorgeous red, orange and yellow pigments found in fall foliage are actually there all year, just under the surface. Sunlight helps fuel plant cells containing a chemical called chlorophyll, which gives leaves its vivid green color while working to turn light into energy. When sunlight diminishes in fall, chlorophyll breaks down, letting plant's hidden red, yellow, and orange hues shine.

