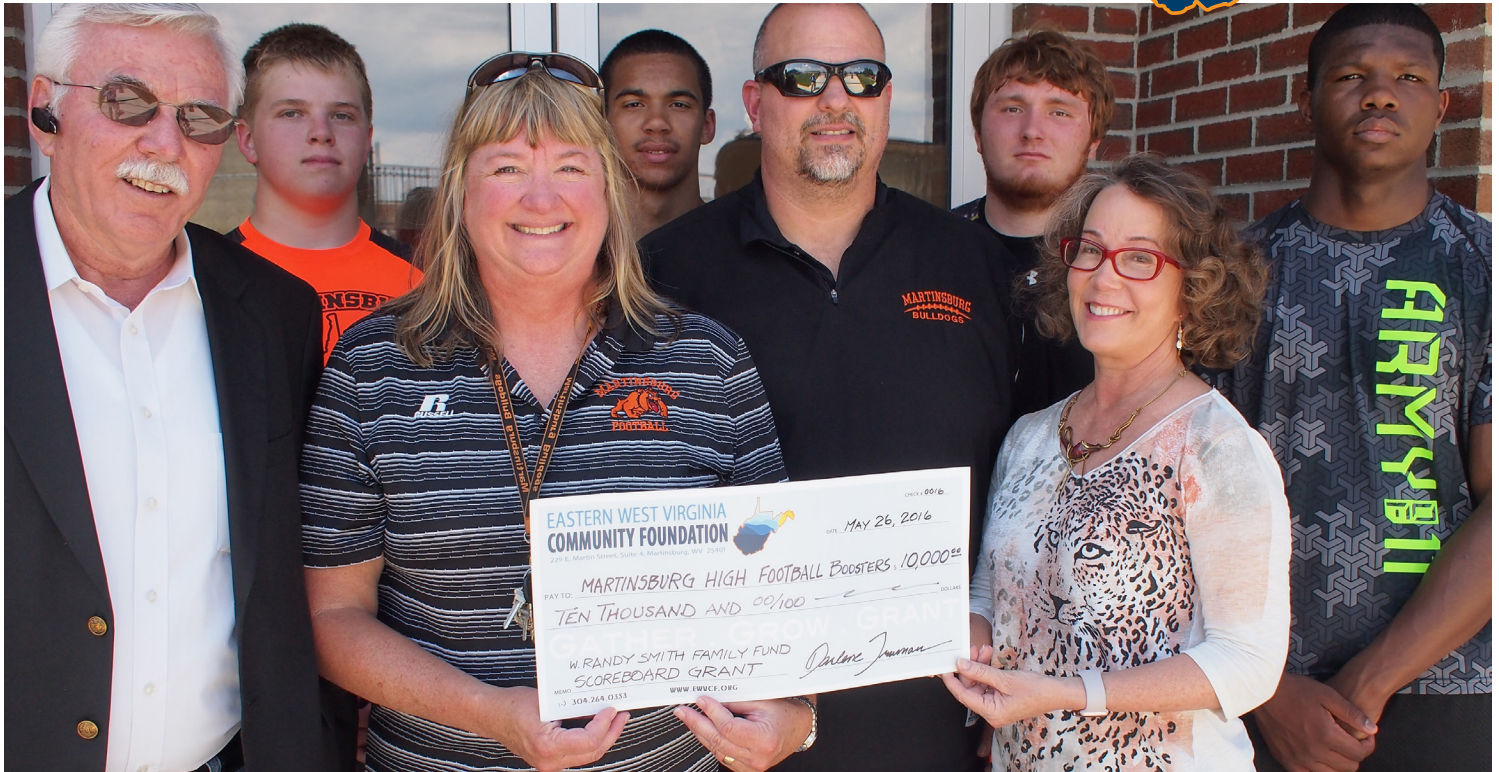


EASTERN WEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Summer, 2016

Gather. Grow. Grant.



Martinsburg High School football team members back row (L to R) Adam Stilley, Isaac Brown, Coach Walker, Michael Berlo, and Tavis Lee, joined donor Randy Smith, Bulldogs Booster Club President Lorrie Stilley and Community Foundation President Darlene Truman for the presentation of a \$10,000 check to help replace the aging scoreboard electronics at Coburn Field.

GIVING BACK

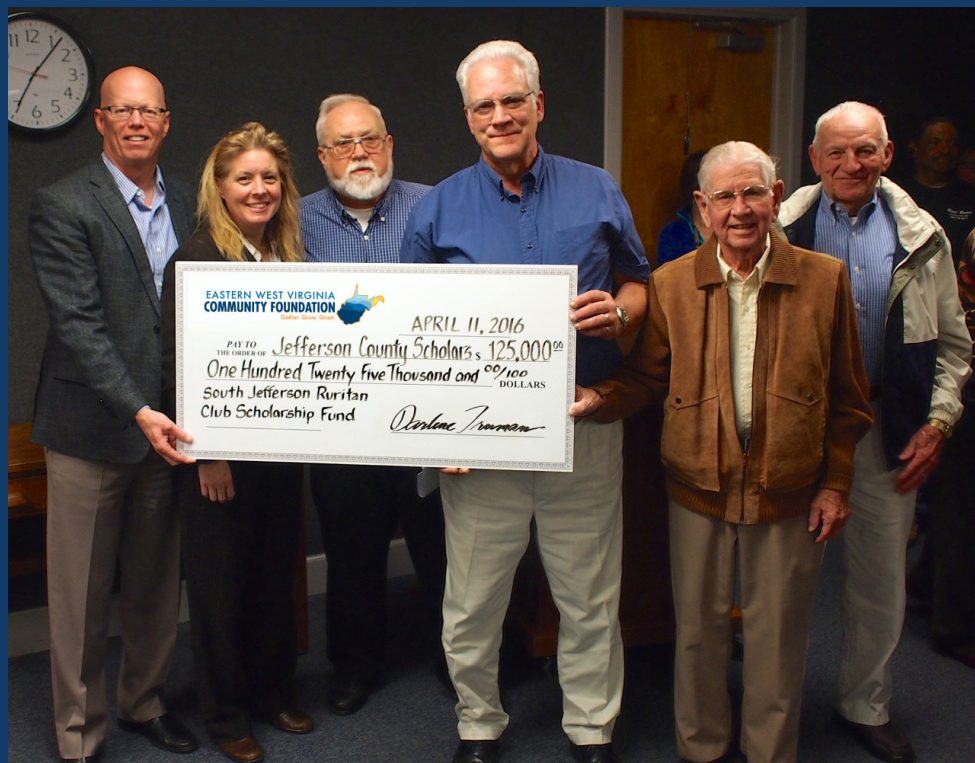
Former Berkeley County Sheriff **Randy Smith** has continued to do great things for the community after hitting the Powerball Jackpot in late 2010. Shortly after winning, he created the W. Randy Smith Family Fund with a contribution to the Community Foundation of nearly \$6 million. More than \$3 million in grants have been awarded from the fund since it was established and Smith has been busy throughout the winter and into spring, recommending grants to support many charitable causes in Berkeley County.

The long list of projects includes three grants to Martinsburg High. The first was to design, construct, and install the brick and electronic sign on Queen Street in front of the school. A second grant paid for two large bulldog statues that are being installed near the school entrances, and another will help fund needed repairs to the scoreboard at the Bulldog's football stadium.

Always the champion for recreation and education, Randy Smith continues to recommend grants to support a wide range

of nonprofit organizations in Berkeley County. In early March, the board approved a \$5,000 grant to provide uniforms for the Martinsburg Police & Fire Explorers Post 27. A joint operation of the city's police and fire departments, this program gives older teens the opportunity to experience what it takes to be police officer or fire fighter and helps them determine if they'd like to pursue a career in public service.

S. JEFFERSON RURITAN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Jefferson County School Board members recently met with representatives from the South Jefferson Ruritan Club to celebrate the establishment of a scholarship fund at the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation. School board President Scott Sudduth (L) and Superintendent Bondy Shay Gibson, recognized Ruritan President Roger Dailey, Scholarship Chair Mike Dick, and longtime members Calvin Hough and Buck Willingham for their contributions to the community. The endowed scholarship fund was established with a \$125,000 gift from the South Jefferson Ruritan Club. Nearly \$6,000 in scholarships will be awarded annually to students from Jefferson County who are studying veterinary science or one of the fields leading to a career in agriculture.

Jefferson County's oldest Ruritan Club has been a moving force in the success of the Jefferson County Fair for generations. The club has

built all three permanent kitchen structures and the pavilion, and helped construct other buildings at the fairgrounds as well. Their fundraising efforts have contributed more than \$500,000 to local charities with donations being made to South Jefferson Elementary, Page Jackson, Wright Denny, Summit Point Library, Independent Fire Company, Boy Scout Troop 83, Cub Scout Pack 95, Girl Scout Troop 40145, Meals on Wheels, 4-H Foundation, Eastern Panhandle Care Clinic, Camp Frame 4-H, and many others.

By establishing the endowed scholarship fund, the members of the South Jefferson Ruritan Club have assured continued support of Jefferson County's best and brightest students. We appreciate their trust in the Community Foundation and we promise to be good stewards this year, and forever.

Congratulations to all these Eastern Panhandle students receiving scholarships in 2016:

Natalie Adams
Whitney Adams
Sophia Bakar
Jordan Beer
Dana Bishop
Britlee Brock
Jade Burton
Andrea Compton
Zachary Crooms
Carter Davis
Miguel Diaz
Lindsay Dodds
Kiona Dokes
Juan Casas-Doza
Ayana Feliciano
Sarah Fizer
Sabrina Foxx
Caroline Fresch
Jordan Hardiman
Keara Heck
Isaac Heironimus
Madison Hinkle
Violet Hott
Dmitri Hunter
Madison Isenberg
Emily Ivanescu
Alize Johnson
Stephanie Johnson
Claire Linton
Nicolas Lopez
Elizabeth Lynch
Paige Mendzela
Samantha Mudge
Michaela Munson
Gerrit Myers
Travis Nupp
Jillian O'Connell
Juliana O'Reilly
Christiana Otto
Alyssa Paul
Maerin Phillips
Rachel Piepenbrink
Raven Powers
Jacqueline Prashaw
Tyler Richards
Zachary Salman
Anna Samandasuk
Michaela Sencindiver
Kallie Shaffer
Taylor Shrewsbury
Sabrina Shroades
Raeshean Simmons
Taylor Stocks
Rachel Stottlemeyer
Airtica Thomas
Brooke Thomson
Morgan Triggs
Jacob Vanorsdale
Tiffany Youngblood

The Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation (EWVCF) honored 59 students at the annual Scholars & Donors Reception held at the Purple Iris on Thursday, May 12. Thirty-two endowed funds that were established by donors to honor loved ones awarded a record \$93,150 in scholarships this year. Recipients included seniors from every public high school in West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle.

The reception was emceed by Scholarship Coordinator Amy Pancake and guest speakers were Betsy Pritchard, who represented the foundation's donors, and Natalie Adams, recipient of the Eastern Panhandle WVU Alumni Scholarship the past four years. Awards ranged from \$500 to \$5,000 and Martinsburg High topped the list with 18 students receiving scholarships. There were eight scholars from Musselman, seven from Hedgesville, seven from Jefferson, four from Berkeley

SCHOLARS & DONORS RECEPTION



Springs, three from Spring Mills, two from Washington, and one from Paw Paw.

Major financial support for the Scholars & Donors Reception is provided by the foundation's Partners in Philanthropy: BB&T Wealth, Bowles Rice, CNB Bank,

Jefferson Distributing, First United Bank & Trust, United Bank, City National Bank, BCT Bank of Charles Town, ROCS Local Market/Roach Energy, and Gat Creek Furniture.

LOOKING FORWARD



Forward-thinking Berkeley County civic leaders Bill and Bonnie Stubblefield donated \$500,000 to the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation to establish the Campaign Against Litter Fund. The Stubblefield's gift, along with contributions to the fund from other donors, will

be invested by the Foundation for the next four to five years. The goal is to grow the Campaign Against Litter Fund to \$1 million and at the same time, begin laying the groundwork for establishing a comprehensive program to pick up roadside litter in Berkeley County.

We are honored to have been entrusted with this gift and are looking forward to working with other community organizations to make certain that an effective litter control program will be put into action. The Stubblefield's shared vision is an exciting one, and we believe

that we can make Berkeley County a more beautiful place to live and work by implementing this simple program. Our mission is to bring about lasting change through a focused effort picking up roadside litter using investment gains from the fund. By doing so, the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation can make certain that the program will be supported in perpetuity, and that the Stubblefield's vision for a cleaner community will be realized.





The Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation awarded \$11,000 in Martin Luther King Scholarships to students from the Eastern Panhandle. Eight of the 11 recipients are pictured above. (L to R)

Washington High's Juan Casas-Doza and Spring Mills' Emily Ivanescu will attend WVU to study engineering. Seven seniors from Martinsburg High School received Martin Luther King Scholarships. Interestingly, these seven plan to attend different colleges to study everything from sports psychology to pre-med; veterinary science to film production; and physical therapy to biology. Congratulations to Zachary Crooms, Alize Johnson, Airtica Thomas, Raeshean Simmons, Miguel Diaz, and Nicolas Lopez.

The other Martin Luther King Scholarship recipients who are not pictured are Jefferson High's Dmitri Hunter, Martinsburg's Jackie Prashaw, and Spring Mills' Sophia Bakar.

GOLDIE GIBBONS PARK

Goldie Gibbons' daughter Virginia has wanted to donate the family property across from the fire hall in Bedington to Martinsburg-Berkeley County Parks and Recreation to be used as a park for several years now. Thanks to the efforts of longtime Bedington resident Phil Martin, Steve Catlett of Parks & Recreation, and attorney David DeJarnett of Bowles Rice LLP, the plans recently came together and Virginia Gibbons transferred ownership of the land to Parks & Rec. She also established the Goldie Gibbons Park Fund at the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation to help cover some of the costs of converting the vacant 1.7-acre lot into a park that will provide a safe and fun place for dogs, kids, and families. We are honored to be able to help Virginia Gibbons create this lasting legacy in her mother's memory, and we are grateful to David DeJarnett and everyone involved for helping move the project forward.



EWVCF President Darlene Truman (R) congratulates Samantha Mudge, a Hedgesville High graduate who wants to be an elementary school teacher. Samantha received the Mary & Walter Duke Teachers Scholarship and the Wurzburg Family Scholarship this year.



The Community Foundation serves Jefferson, Berkeley and Morgan counties, with affiliates in Hampshire and Hardy Counties.

THE SUSAN WELLFORD SMITH SCHOLARSHIP FUND



The Susan Wellford Smith Scholarship Fund was established by Ruth Pritchard (L), her daughter Betsy Pritchard (R), other family members, and their friends to honor their Aunt Susan, a woman who achieved a perfect balance between academic excellence and involvement in sports.

Madison Hinkle, a senior at Jefferson High School who will attend WVU to major in biology, received the \$1,500 scholarship in 2016. Madison, a standout soccer player for the Cougars, maintained a stellar academic record in spite of taking vigorous honors and AP courses.



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"HAWK" HAWKENS SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Capt. David "Hawk" Hawken was a United States Air Force U-2 pilot who lost his life when his aircraft malfunctioned while flying a NATO mission during the Bosnian conflict in 1995. His family and friends established

a scholarship in his memory and each year three students from the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia receive "Hawk" Hawken Scholarships. This year's recipients (L to R) Michaela Munson of Paw Paw High School,

Washington High's Brooke Thomson, donor Susan Hawken Whalton, and Anna Samandasuk of Hedgesville High, had the opportunity to visit during the annual EWVCF Scholars & Donors Reception.

SAVE THE DATE - AUGUST 24TH

EMERITUS COUNCIL & NONPROFIT LEADERS LUNCHEON

AUGUST 24, 2016

NOON TO 2 PM

Invitation, with details to follow.

Plan to join us when guest speaker **Paul Daugherty** from Philanthropy West Virginia talks about the Keep5Local Campaign. And help us celebrate as we award grants to local nonprofit organizations. Call the office at 304-264-0353 or visit our web site at **www.EWVCF.org** for more information.

Past presidents of the Community Foundation Stew Borger, Tia McMillan, Doug Roach, and Diane Dailey will be recognized for their service to the community at the Emeritus Council and Nonprofit Leaders Luncheon. Look for invitations and event details later this summer.



KEEP 5 LOCAL

West Virginia is experiencing the largest generational transfer of wealth in its history, and community foundations have a new tool for harnessing those resources.

Keep 5 Local is a statewide program of **Philanthropy West Virginia's Give2WV: Community Foundations Network**, and it is based on the fact that West Virginia, like the rest of the country, is in the midst of the biggest personal wealth transfer in history.

If West Virginia communities can capture at least 5 percent of today's wealth, it will translate to millions, if not billions, in community philanthropy funding across the state. By encouraging local residents to take a new look at philanthropic estate planning through the lens of a community foundation, West Virginia can

see a powerful private sector solution to its longtime local charitable needs.

Paul Daugherty, president and CEO of Philanthropy West Virginia, said Keep 5 Local is using economic data compiled by "transfer of wealth" or TOW studies that have been conducted in at least 33 West Virginia counties.

"As wealth transfers from generation to generation, a lot of it is expected to leave the state," Daugherty said. "But if we manage to keep at least 5 percent of it in West Virginia, we could see thriving communities in every corner of the Mountain State."

EWVCF has completed a TOW study for each of the five counties we serve: Jefferson, Berkeley, Morgan, Hampshire, and Hardy and the results are astounding.

Jefferson and Berkeley counties alone have more than \$15.5 billion in personal wealth today and more than \$3.6 billion will be transferred to the next generation during the coming 10 years. If 5 percent of that wealth is set aside for community philanthropy, the community foundation will grow to more than \$180 million and will be able to award nearly \$9 million in grants to local charities every year.

Although this is a lofty goal, other areas of the country have had great success with similar programs. Considering how generous West Virginians are, we believe we can help donors create lasting legacies that will benefit the Eastern Panhandle for generations to come.





Thanks to the efforts of Delegate Stephen Skinner and the Commissioner of the West Virginia Division of Culture and History Randall Reid-Smith, Spring Mills Middle School has been selected to receive a grant from VH-1 Save the Music Foundation. The Community Foundation is helping the school secure the required matching funds so that a total of \$32,500 in new musical instruments will be delivered to Spring Mills Middle School in the fall of 2016.

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The following organizations have recently been awarded EWVCF field-of-interest grants:

BE-Hive, A Family Inspiration Place
Bedington & Marlowe Elementary Schools
Berkeley Arts Council
Berkeley County Backpack Program
Bethany Christian Services
Boys & Girls Club of the EP
CASA of the Eastern Panhandle, Inc.
Catholic Charities of WV
Children's Home Society of WV
Community Alternatives to Violence
Community Combined Ministries, Inc.
Community Networks, Inc.
Edge Hill Cemetery, Inc.
Hedgesville Elementary School
Hedgesville High School VO-AG
Hedgesville High School Shop Class
Historic Shepherdstown Commission
Horses with Hearts
Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission
Junior Mentoring Programs (JUMP)
Martinsburg-Berkeley County Parks & Recreation
Martinsburg North Middle School
Martinsburg South Middle School
Morgan Arts Council
Morgan County Association for Food and Farms
Morgan County Partnership, Inc.
Morgan County Starting Points
Mountain Ridge Middle School
Norborne Preschool & Day Care Center
Potomac Valley Audubon Society, Inc.
Relatives As Parents Program
Rosemont Elementary School
Shepherdstown Middle School
Spring Mills Middle School
Spring Mills High School
Spring Mills Primary School

FIELD-OF-INTEREST FUNDS & GRANTS

Since the founding of the Community Foundation in 1995, donors have established field-of-interest funds to support youth, education, and recreation programs; along with the preservation of Civil War-era graves and the growing problem of homelessness in the area. Each spring, members of the Community Foundation's Grants Committee meet to review proposals that have been submitted by nonprofit organizations serving the community. In 2016, grants totaling \$102,100 were awarded to local schools, daycare centers, women's shelters, recreation programs, historic cemeteries and more.

The Jane P. Snyder Youth Fund was our first field-of-interest fund and since its inception in 1995, more than \$350,000 has been granted to programs serving the Eastern Panhandle. Although Jane P. Snyder Youth Grants have been awarded every year, the original gift of \$500,000 has grown to more than \$586,000 today. The Frada Fine Berkeley Education Fund, Bonn "Buzz" Poland Roundhouse Recreation Fund, Robert A. Sanders Fund, Tom & Virginia Seely Morgan County Children's Fund, C. Scott & Elizabeth C. Shade Youth Fund, and Helen Parker Willard Fund all share similar success stories.





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THE GIVING TREE, ¡EN ESPAÑOL!



Hedgesville Middle School eighth grade Spanish 1 teacher Kelly Sholl thought she had a great idea when she applied for a community foundation mini-grant last fall. It turns out she was right, as her proposal was one of the most popular with our Grants Committee. In fact, at \$96.05 it was also the least expensive of all.

Ms. Sholl delivered great “bang for the buck” by purchasing one dozen popular children’s books that were printed in Spanish. Looking at the expressions on the students’ faces confirms that the idea was a resounding success.

In her grant report, Ms. Sholl stated, “My students have really

enjoyed revisiting familiar stories from their early childhood years. Spanish became ‘real’ and alive to them when they were able to see the language in an authentic setting and not just from their textbooks. ¡Muchas gracias!”

We commend Ms. Sholl and her Spanish 1 students, and we are thrilled to be able to offer Mini-Grants to Teachers each fall. Our simple one-page applications go online September 1st and it takes less than an hour to apply. Mini-Grants range from under \$100 up to \$500 and this year we will award just over \$30,000 total to teachers from Jefferson, Berkeley, Morgan, and Hampshire county schools.