The West Virginia Chamber's Women's Leadership Summit: "Women Paving the Way to a Diverse West Virginia" is 33 days away! Attendees will hear from incredible speakers from a wide spectrum of industries, and have an unparalleled opportunity to network with their peers. Diversity and inclusion is incredibly important to the future of West Virginia business, and we look forward to celebrating it and learning more about it next month.

This exciting event will take place at the beautiful Greenbrier Resort on December 4th and 5th. This is the not-to-be-missed event for women in West Virginia!

Once you have registered for the meeting, you can reserve your hotel room by calling Jessica Dowdy at 1-855-453-4858, option 2, and asking for the West Virginia Chamber Room Block.

For questions or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Kathy Thomas at kthomas@wvchamber.com or 304-342-1115.
We look forward to seeing you at The Greenbrier in December!

Register Now!

West Virginia Chamber Visits Local Schools

Earlier this month, the West Virginia Chamber reached out to every County Superintendent of Schools in our state. Each superintendent received copies of the West Virginia Chamber's About WV For Kids booklet. Many schools found the booklet helpful, and requested copies for their students. This morning, West Virginia Chamber staff visited schools in Spencer and Walton where over 500 copies of About WV For Kids were given out. Along with the booklets, dozens of shoes were donated to each school as well. The West Virginia Chamber staff is so happy to have the opportunity to collaborate with schools across our state and we look forward to visiting more in the future.

To print your own copy of About WV For Kids, click here.

Japanese Ambassador to Visit West Virginia Chamber

On Monday, November 4 the West Virginia Chamber will welcome Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the United States of America, Mr. Shinsuke J. SUGIYAMA. We look forward to discussing important topics involving Japanese-US relations, particularly those involving West Virginia business. For more information, contact the Chamber office at (304) 342-1115.

Dow jumps 200 points, S&P 500 hits fresh record after October jobs report easily beats expectations
CNBC - Stocks rose on Friday as investor sentiment got a lift from much stronger-than-expected U.S. jobs data. The Dow Jones Industrial Average traded 225 points higher, or 0.8%. The S&P 500 gained 0.8% to a fresh record high. The Nasdaq Composite also hit an all-time high, climbing 0.95%. Exxon Mobil was the best-performing stock in the Dow on the back of stronger-than-forecast quarterly results. The stock gained 1.2%. The industrials and financials sectors both rose around 1%. "The October jobs report was very strong," said Gus Faucher, chief economist at PNC. "Job growth slowed a bit because of the GM strike, but with the strike over it should bounce back in November."  

West Virginia News

Toyota WV president praises his team

WV MetroNews - While some West Virginia companies struggle to keep a solid core of employees, Toyota Motors Manufacturing West Virginia has been able to keep a stable work force and continue to grow. Toyota established its engine and transmission plant in Putnam County in 1996 with 300 workers. Since then it has expanded multiple times and now employs 1,800 workers. Srini Matam is the new president of the company and explained on Tuesday's MetroNews "Talkline" those 1,800 employees help to sell the place to new employees and prospective employees of the future. He added they are instrumental in every expansion decision the company has made for West Virginia.

"TMC, our global company.  

West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine opening new community center in Lewisburg

WV MetroNews - Better health for local residents is the goal of a new community center opening in Greenbrier County. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was planned for Tuesday evening in Lewisburg for the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine's new Clingman Center for Community Engagement located off Route 219 in Montwell Commons. "It's going to be a hub for community engagement," said Dr. James Nemitz, president of WVSOM. "It's going to be a place that people can come to in the community to learn about how to improve their health and to learn skills as well - things like how to prepare food, how to address their needs as a diabetic."  

Constellium plant in Jackson County, WV, awarded $9.5 million grant
WVNews - An aluminum manufacturing plant in Jackson County will see improvements thanks to a grant awarded by the federal government. The plant, located Ravenswood, will receive the $9.5 million grant through the U.S. Department of Defense. Funding will be used to modernize and upgrade the plant’s 144-inch mill for cold rolled aluminum, allowing the company to optimize armor plate production. The plant is operated by Constellium, a global aluminum products company. According to the company’s website, the Ravenswood plant is “one of the world’s largest rolled products facilities, offering customers the most powerful plate stretchers in the world, as well as one of the largest cold rolling mills.” The facility employs more than 1,100 people, according to the website.  

West Virginia Broadband Enhancement Council Broadband Plan Economic Development and Workforce Sector Survey

The West Virginia Broadband Enhancement Council has initiated the development of the 2020-2025 State Broadband Plan and requests your participation in a brief survey regarding broadband as it relates to economic development and workforce development in West Virginia. The 2020-2025 State Broadband Plan will build upon current broadband initiatives and incorporate input from residential and business users, community organizations, educators, local governments, internet service providers and other stakeholders. Responses are requested by November 29, 2019.

The survey should take 5 to 10 minutes to complete and the link is found here:  
https://wvbroadband.maps.arcgis.com/apps/GeoForm/index.html?appid=695d802e0eec46c2bd7aa9313b5f3b4

We are also seeking input on key stakeholders who should receive the survey, and appreciate any assistance you can provide with distribution to key stakeholder groups. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact CarolAnn Williams in the West Virginia Development Office at 304-957-2024 or CarolAnn.Williams@wv.gov. Thank you for your assistance in helping to expand broadband in West Virginia.

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