Over 800 people have registered for the **West Virginia Chamber's 83rd Annual Meeting and Business Summit**. This year's meeting will take place **Wednesday, August 28 - Friday, August 30** at The Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, WV. A packed agenda with
incredible, top-notch speakers is available to view here. If you have not yet registered for this event, click here now!

For information about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Amanda Pasdon at apasdon@wvchamber.com. We look forward to seeing you at The Greenbrier!

Register Now!

Interested in a friendly competition with your friends and colleagues? The 3rd Annual Sporting Clays Invitational is the place you want to be! This annual event will take place on Thursday afternoon, August 29th, during the West Virginia Chamber's Annual Meeting and Business Summit.

Enjoy a round of competition on the Greenbrier's beautiful sporting clays course, located on Kate's Mountain, just a few minutes from the hotel. Hurry! Space is filling up and this event will sell out. Register now! *Please note* You must be registered for the Business Summit to participate in this event. You can register for both the Business Summit and the Sporting Clays Invitational by clicking here. You are welcome to bring your own equipment for this
event, though the Greenbrier will provide all necessary equipment. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Thomas at kthomas@wvchamber.com.

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State Auditor's Battle Cry: Open the Books on K-12 Spending

Education Week - As West Virginia's teachers waged war with politicians last year over the fate of the state's financially strapped and rapidly shrinking public schools, State Auditor John "JB" McCuskey hit the road, preaching his gospel of fiscal transparency during dozens of late-night school board meetings to any official willing to listen. Open your books, he told them. Rebuild trust by letting the public see exactly how you spend the millions of dollars you're provided each year. If McCuskey is successful, it would make West Virginia's public school systems one of the most transparent K-12 systems in the country when it comes to spending. Continue...

Feds shut down WV pharmacy over 'imminent danger'

Charleston Gazette-Mail - Federal authorities halted an Oak Hill pharmacy's ability to dispense controlled substances Thursday, saying its practices of distributing buprenorphine, an opioid, posed "an imminent danger to the public health or safety" of the community. After a Thursday morning raid, the feds placed an immediate suspension order on Oak Hill Hometown Pharmacy, blocking it from distributing controlled substances. Mike Stuart, the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia, said that, between December 2016 and March 2019, the pharmacy filled approximately 2,000 prescriptions for Subutex (buprenorphine), despite "obvious red flags" for abuse and diversion. More than half of the prescriptions, Stuart said, came from an out-of-state clinic more than 200 miles away from Oak Hill. Some customers drove as far as 600 miles to the clinic. About 96 percent of the prescriptions were paid for in cash. Continue...

End date put on more than 100 years of health care at Ohio Valley Medical Center

WV MetroNews - Forums continued Thursday in both Wheeling and Martins Ferry, Ohio where two hospitals, Ohio Valley Medical Center and East Ohio Regional Hospital, are slated
for closure by October if a potential buyer is not found. Alecto Healthcare Services, the owner of the two sites since June 2017, did not provide an immediate specific timeline for the shutdowns that will affect more than 1,100 employees. Continue...

Editorials / Op-Eds

Hoppy's Commentary: Is Medicare for All, all that?

WV MetroNews

Last week's Democratic debates got all the candidates and much of the country talking about health care, and that's a positive regardless of your politics. A Pew Research Poll earlier this year found that while the economy was the top priority for Americans, health care was a close second. A Gallup Poll determined that 45 percent of adults are concerned that a major health event could lead to bankruptcy. Continue...

Upcoming West Virginia Chamber Events

West Virginia Chamber 2019 Annual Meeting & Business Summit

August 28-30, 2019

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EPA Region-III Fly-In

October 22, 2019
West Virginia Chamber 2019 Women's Leadership Summit

December 4-5, 2019