Annual WV Chamber HR Conference

The conference began yesterday morning and wrapped up this afternoon in Charleston.

West Virginia Senate President Bill Cole (left) is joined by Mark Carter (right), chair of the WV Chamber's Human Resources Committee (Dinsmore & Shohl) to discuss the results of the 2016 legislative session and looking ahead to the 2017 session.

BERKELEY SPRINGS
APRIL 22

ResourceU
Moving West Virginia Forward

The Small Business Committee of the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce will conduct a free small business "university" in Berkeley Springs on Friday, April 22 from 2-5 p.m. at The Country Inn. ResourceU is being offered in conjunction with the West Virginia Small Business Development Center,
Leadership West Virginia and West Virginia Executive magazine. A networking reception co-sponsored with Leadership West Virginia will be held immediately following ResourceU. Participation is free, but registration is required.

For more information & to register, click here.

West Virginia Chamber of Commerce
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Keynote Speaker Forest Jackson Bowman

Top HR professionals from across the state receive the latest updates, best practices & ways to keep their companies protected.

WV Chamber Announces Five-Diamond Employer Winners

The West Virginia Chamber of Commerce yesterday announced three West Virginia companies have been named "Five-Diamond Employers". The awards were presented in Charleston at the Chamber's Annual Human Resources Conference and included the following companies:

- **HealthNet Aeromedical Services** is one of the few statewide hospital-based air medical services in the country. Founded 30-years ago, it is a not-for-profit shared service of Charleston Area Medical Center (CAMC), Cabell Huntington Hospital and WVUMedicine and has served over 70,000 patients since 1986.
• **City National Bank** is headquartered in Charleston and has 85 locations throughout West Virginia, Kentucky, Virginia and Ohio. It was founded in 1957 and has 875 employees.

• **WVU Medicine - West Virginia University Hospitals** is West Virginia University's affiliated health system with eight hospitals, three institutes and more than 800 physicians and specialists who provide healthcare services to all of West Virginia, Southeast Ohio, Western Maryland and Southwest Pennsylvania. WVU Medicine - West Virginia University Hospitals is West Virginia's largest healthcare provider and second largest employer.

The Five-Diamond designation recognizes outstanding companies for their employee policies, continuing educational opportunities for employees, community service participation and empowerment of employees. All Chamber member companies doing business in the Mountain State were eligible for the award.

In addition, eight employers were recognized as "Five-Diamond Certified Employers" for their outstanding employee policies and approaches in the workplace. They included: **Mon Power, McKinley Carter Wealth Services, NGK Spark Plugs, AMFM, Unicare, Arnett, Carbis & Toothman, Cabell Huntington Hospital and West Virginia American Water**.

**2016 Five-Diamond Award Recipients**

*HealthNet Aeromedical Services*

Clinton Burley (right), HealthNet is presented award by Amanda Pasdon, WV Chamber (left)

**City National Bank**
West Virginia's Primary Election - May 10

Early Voting Starts Next Week

West Virginia's Primary Election is three weeks away. On May 10, state voters will choose nominees for a host of state offices including a successor to Governor Earl Ray Tomblin, all three members of the state's congressional delegation and members of the Board of Public Works (Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Auditor and Commissioner of Agriculture).
For the first time, all judges, including one seat on the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, will run on a non-partisan basis and will be elected in the Primary Election.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The election on May 10 is, in effect, the General Election for all judges including the Supreme Court seat. Also, be aware the Supreme Court vote is located at the bottom of the ballot.

Important dates leading up to the election include the following:

- **May 4 --- LAST DAY** that eligible voters may apply to receive an **absentee ballot** by mail. For more information on absentee voting, [click here](#).

- **April 27 - May 7 --- EARLY VOTING** is open during regular business hours at each county courthouse or courthouse annex and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on your county's early voting, [click here](#).

- **May 3 - May 10 --- eligible voters may request an emergency absentee ballot** until noon on Election Day. For more information, [click here](#).

- **Tuesday, May 10 --- PRIMARY ELECTION DAY** - Polls open statewide from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. To find your polling place, [click here](#).
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- April 22 - Morgan County (Berkeley Springs)
- June 29 - Braxton & Calhoun Counties (Flatwoods)
- July 13 - Taylor County (Grafton)
- September 21-22 - Ritchie & Pleasants Counties (St. Mary's)
- October 26 - Monroe County (Union)
- November 16 - Kanawha County - Charleston
Upcoming Events

Leadership West Virginia
Economic Development & Education Session
Martinsburg
April 21-22

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ResourceU - Small Business Training
Country Inn, Berkeley Springs
April 22 3 - 5 p.m.

REGISTER HERE
WV Chamber 2016 Environment & Energy Conference
Charleston Marriott Town Center
May 24, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

REGISTER NOW
WV Chamber Washington DC Fly-In
June 14 & 15

ResourceU - Small Business Training
Braxton & Calhoun Counties (Flatwoods)
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Save the Date
80th WV Chamber Annual Meeting & Business Summit
The Greenbrier
August 31 - September 2, 2016