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*From the Hawk's Nest* is distributed on the first and third Friday of each month. We need your input! Please send your ideas for stories on upcoming events, reports on attendance at conferences, awards and honors received, photos or information on outstanding employees or students to Barbara Elliott, [belliot@newriver.edu](mailto:belliot@newriver.edu). **The deadline for the next issue is 4 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16.**

## NEW RIVER CTC WELDERS FEATURED ON BARNWOOD BUILDERS

A new season of Barnwood Builders will premiere next Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 10 p.m. on the Great American Country network. The series features Greenbrier County's own Mark Bowe and his team of craftsmen who are passionate about salvaging old barn wood and using old-world craftsmanship to re-purpose it. According to the show's publicist, "They are masters of big, filthy, difficult, 19th-century restorations, and they are as entertaining as a woodpecker in a lumber yard."

One of the projects the team tackled this season was transforming a standard shipping container into a tiny log cabin by overlaying it with barn wood. In order to make the transformation, they needed to cut windows in the metal and also take the metal roof off the container so that a sloped roof could be constructed. They needed welders, and New River CTC had students with the skills to get the job done.

Brad Veneri, welding instructor at the Advanced Technology Center recruited students Thomas Legg (above left) from the Greenbrier Valley Campus and Zach Amon (above right) from the ATC to assist with the project. In July, they spent several very warm days in front of the cameras at Bowe's business, Antique Cabins and Barns, located on Route 92 north of White Sulphur Springs.



The Portable Container Cabin episode featuring our students is scheduled to air on Nov. 11. To find out which channel carries the program on your local cable provider, visit the [Barnwood Builders Website](#).

### Reminders from the Finance Office

- A travel authorization is needed for all overnight travel and requires pre-approval by the budget manager and the President of the College. This needs to be submitted 30 days prior to the actual travel.
- All association dues and professional membership involving payment of dues require pre-approval by the budget manager and the CFO.
- Prior to a purchase of more than \$1,000, a Purchase Request Form with departmental, major administrator and the CFO's approval is required.
- Hospitality-related expenses exceeding \$500 require pre-approval by the CFO. A sign-in list of all attendees at an event funded by hospitality is required.
- All contracts and professional service agreements require the approval of the CFO prior to any work performed for the College. The President and the CFO are the only employees of the College permitted to authorize money to be encumbered.

Please contact Heike Soeffker-Culicerto, CFO, at [hsoeffker@newriver.edu](mailto:hsoeffker@newriver.edu) or 304-929-6731 with any questions.

### Welcome to New River



**Suzanne M. Fry** is the new financial aid counselor at the Greenbrier Valley Campus. She is no stranger to the campus, having worked there for the past 15 years as an educational outreach counselor through Bluefield State College. In that capacity she assisted prospective and current students with the admissions and financial aid process. She graduated from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA, with a degree in counseling. She also has taken graduate courses in counseling at the Marshall University Graduate School in Charleston.

### Career Cafes Held at All Locations

The Office of Career Services hosted a Career Cafe at each location in September. The events were held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the student lounge and

served as an opportunity for students to learn about the services offered through Career Services such as resume review, interview prep and free career assessments. Local employers and alumni were also invited to the events. The photo at right is from the Cafe at the Advanced Technology Center.

Thank you to all faculty, staff, students and community member participants! The next round of Career Cafes will be held during the spring 2015 semester.



## Payroll Sign-On Needed for Every State Employee

At the recent State Auditors Conference we learned more about the new wOASIS Payroll, the new Kronos Leave system and Employee Self Service (E.S.S.) to be implemented in 2015. Every State employee will need to have access to the wOASIS MyAppsV2 website by November 1, 2014. Please watch your New River CTC email and the *From the Hawk's Nest* newsletter for instructions and updates on additional payroll changes in the coming weeks.

## Governor's Substance Abuse Task Force to Meet at Mercer County Campus

The Governor's Substance Abuse Regional Task Force will meet on Monday, Oct. 6, from 5:30- 7:30 p.m. at the Mercer County Campus. These meetings are conducted by the WV Department of Health and Human Resources Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities. These regional meetings are open to the public to receive information and provide recommendations pertaining to substance abuse.

The Oct. 6 meeting is for Region 6, which includes Fayette, Greenbrier, McDowell, Mercer, Monroe, Nicholas, Pocahontas, Raleigh, Summers, Webster and Wyoming Counties. For more information, please visit [their website](#).

## Accreditation Self-Study Make-Up Sessions Scheduled

Makeup sessions have been scheduled for the three Accreditation Self-Study presentations that were cancelled. They will be Monday, Oct. 13, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Advanced Technology Center; Monday, Oct. 13, 5 to 6:30 p.m., Raleigh County Campus; and Friday, Oct. 17, 2 to 3:30 p.m., Nicholas County Campus.

## Honoring Rahni

A celebration of the life of Rahni Borders will be held Monday, Oct. 6, from 5-6:30 p.m. in the Student Lounge at the Raleigh County Campus. All are invited to come and share memories of our beloved friend and co-worker.



## Think Pink!

The Greenbrier Valley Campus is thinking pink for breast cancer awareness this month. Medical Assisting students provided information and refreshments in the student lounge on Thursday, Oct. 2, and are encouraging everyone to wear pink on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the month of October to show their support. Pictured at left with MAST instructor Vanessa Bailey (second from right) are MAST students (l-r) Tara Burns, Eisha Brohier and Christina Frazer.

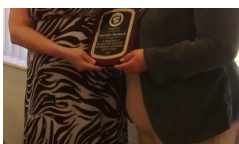


To show solidarity with the cause, Cosmetology students are offering \$5 off any pink hair or nail service this month. Pictured above with some of their pink paraphernalia are (l-r) Shana Smith and Tara Altizer.



## A Fond Farewell

Faculty and staff at the Nicholas County Campus surprised Dr. Carolyn Sizemore with a retirement reception on Sept. 30. She was presented with a plaque of appreciation by Regional Director of Operations Mary Igo. It read: "To Carolyn in appreciation for



your service to New River CTC, its students and its communities." Kudos to you, Carolyn! You will be missed.

## Students Conduct Research for Exhibit of Historical Photos

When Janice Cooley needed research assistance as she was curating the Invisible Roots and Legend exhibit currently on display at Cooper Gallery, she turned to students at the nearby Greenbrier Valley Campus of New River CTC.

Dr. Christopher Linsin, instructor of history, pitched the project to his classes, and three students eagerly accepted the challenge. Jennifer Miller, Deny Doss and Samantha May all want to become teachers, and working on the exhibit was an excellent opportunity to explore a fascinating aspect of local history.



The exhibit consists of a collection of photographs and artifacts, from post-civil war to today, of African Americans who have contributed to the growth and development of this area in business, religion, education, sports, politics, and entertainment as well as general family life. It highlights a few individuals who were born and raised in Greenbrier County, left the area and are making significant impact in various areas, such as the U.S. Government and the arts.

"We will be developing an ongoing association with the Greenbrier Historical Society and Ms. Cooley in the future. This project is just the beginning," Linsin said.

Miller (right in photo) and May (left in photo) attended the opening reception for the exhibit on Sept. 20. Also attending from the College were President L. Marshall Washington and his wife, Tonja; GVC Director of Operations Roger Griffith; Board of Governors Chair David Nalker and his wife, Susie; faculty member Dr. Lucie Refsland and her husband, Ron; Sandra Wilmer,

coordinator of community education classes in the Office of Workforce Education; and Wanda Johnson, student program coordinator.

The exhibit is free to the public and continues through Oct. 4 at Cooper Gallery located at 122 E. Washington Street in Lewisburg. The exhibit is open Monday, Thursday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## Mark Your Calendar

The Mercer County Campus will host a joint Business After Hours for the Bluefield and Princeton-Mercer County Chambers of Commerce on Thursday, Oct. 30, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Faculty and staff from all campuses are invited to attend.



**Check out our Facebook page for more information on College events. Just click on the logo above or connect from the home page of the website.**

### Keep us Posted!

Share the good news about what's going on at New River CTC. Send your articles, photos or Kudos to Barbara Elliott, belliot@newriver.edu. Many thanks to Candice Stadler, Mary Igo, Dr. Chris Linsin, Ingrid Hudnall, Heike Soeffker-Culicerto and Jill Holliday for their assistance with this issue.

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### Mission

New River Community and Technical College provides accessible, affordable, quality education and workforce programs to meet the needs of the region it serves.