Shepherd receives $1.1 million grant

Montes will fund Support Services TRIO Program

SHEPHERDSTOWN – Shepherd University has been awarded a $1.1 million, five-year renewable grant from the U.S. Department of Education’s Student Support Services TRIO program.

Grant funds are awarded to institutions of higher education to provide opportunities for academic development, assist students with basic college requirements and motivate students toward the successful completion of their postsecondary education. The goal of the Student Support Services program is to increase the college retention and graduation rates of its participants. Shepherd will receive $220,000 in annual funding for the program.

Student Support Services projects provide academic tutoring, which may include instruction in reading, writing, study skills, mathematics, science and other subjects; advice and assistance in postsecondary course selection; information on the full range of student financial aid programs, benefits and resources for locating public and private scholarships; and assistance in completing financial aid applications. Education or counseling services designed to improve financial and economic literacy and assist students in applying for admission to graduate and professional programs also are provided.

“This TRIO funding will secure student success,” said Dr. Suzanne Shipler, president of Shepherd University. “With this support we can provide new pathways for students to enter their chosen careers well prepared to help themselves and others. Shepherd University will benefit from this federal supplement providing the assistance students need to persist in their academic endeavors and to graduate. I know the Student Support program will make a positive difference in the university and especially to the students in the program.”

The Student Support Services program began accepting students this academic year with the grant officially on Sept. 1.

More information is available by contacting Shepherd University’s Center for Teaching and Learning at 304-876-1594.

From staff report

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Shepherd once again named a Best in the Southeast college

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The Princeton Review chose for its Best in the Southeast designation are located in 12 states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

The Princeton Review also designated 218 colleges in the Northeast, 120 in the West, and 152 in the Midwest as best in locations on the company's 2011 Best Colleges: Region by Region section on its Web site. The 623 colleges named regional winners represent about 25 percent of the nation's 2,500 four-year colleges.

The Princeton Review does not rank the colleges in its 2011 Best Colleges Region by Region Web site. The Princeton Review survey asks students to rate their own schools on several issues, from accessibility of their professors to the quality of the campus food, and answer questions about themselves, their fellow students and their campus life.

"We're pleased to recommend Shepherd to users of our site as one of the best schools to earn their undergraduate degree," said Robert Frank, the Princeton Review's senior vice president of publishing. "We chose it and the other institutions we name as regional best colleges mainly for their excellent academic programs. From several hundred schools in each region, we winnowed our list based on institutional data we collected directly from the schools, our visits to schools over the years and the opinions of our staff, plus college counselors and advisors whose recommendations we invite. We also take into account what students at the schools reported to us about their campus experiences at them on our 80-question student survey for this project."

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New facilities benefit Shepherd students

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In August, architects for Douglas Moss, Bottino, based in New York, unveiled plans for phase two of the CCA, which will be located adjacent to the current facility, located off W. Va. 480 on Shepherd’s West Campus.

Construction on the facility is set to begin in spring 2011. Included in the 29,000-square-foot facility will be a sculpture studio, gallery, outdoor working space, first floor mezzanine, rehearsal space that can double as a classroom and a studio theater that can be used as a lecture hall or event space, as well as offices, computer lab and a costume shop, among other features. CCA phase two will provide for the visual arts department to be housed in one location.

The theater, which would replace the current studio theater located in Sara Crest Hall, could be used for classes during the school term and the Contemporary American Theater Festival will utilize it in the summer. This space features natural light that can be blocked off for performances as well as moveable seating, making it a possible location for events and gatherings.

In summer 2009, the $11.6 million Wellness Center opened. The Wellness Center includes a 25-yard, eight-lane pool and scoreboard with video capabilities, two basketball courts (which are also lined for volleyball and gymnastics) and six basketball hoops; two racquetball courts; indoor elevated 11/10-mile jogging track; rubber flooring; two multipurpose rooms with a mirrored wall for group exercise classes; and a floating wood floor to reduce joint and muscle strain; a room on a unique square-foot weight and fitness area with new free weights, resistance machines and cardio equipment and nine flat-screen televisions; men’s and women’s locker rooms with private showers and swimming docks; dining venues operated by Shepherd University’s Dining Services; casual seating area, and administrative offices.

The field turf project at Ram Stadium was completed in fall 2008, and it cost approximately $1 million. The project was financed through a blend of private and institutional funds. It is being utilized during the fall semester by the football and women’s lacrosse teams.

The $10 million CCA phase one opened in February 2008 and was built with state funding. The building houses 16 classrooms, a digital photo processing studio and a print-making studio, as well as the offices for faculty in the Department of Contemporary Art and Theater and the Contemporary American Theater Festival at Shepherd University.

In June 2007, Erma Ora Byrd Hall, which houses Shepherd’s nursing department, opened. The 77,000-square-foot, four-story building houses specialized nursing classrooms, labs, office space, conference rooms, student study center, general purpose classrooms and a lecture hall. The late Sen. Robert C. Byrd obtained $10 million in federal funding for Erma Ora Byrd Hall, which was named after his late wife.
Guy J. Frank

Guy J. Frank, May 9, 1919, to Aug. 24, 2010, of Shepherdstown, died in his sleep at Willow Tree Manor.

He was a World War II staff sergeant with honors, serving the 29th Infantry Division Bank.

In education for 34 years, he served at Shepherd College as chair of Creative Arts Division and Music Department and helped establish The Center For The Performing Arts, in 1981. He received a BA from Whittier, in 1943; an MA from Claremont, in 1948; and a Ph.D., from Eastman School of Music, in 1958.

He was preceded in death by wife, Alice Wright Frank; and sister, Rose Frank Bishop.

He is survived by daughter, Meredith Rose Frank; and several nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 25 at Trinity Episcopal Church, Shepherdstown.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Alice Wright Frank Music Memorial Scholarship Fund, may be sent via check to Shepherd University Foundation, P.O. Box 5000, Shepherdstown, WV 25443-5000.

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While clearing out items in Senator Byrd's office, Dr. Smock said, "Every item had a memory." Staff would pick up an object, stop packing and reminisce. Byrd framed 1,034 objects including newspaper articles, notes, and letters. One special item is a baseball bat that Senator Byrd received from the Disabled American Veterans in appreciation of his efforts. Another momento is a framed note from Senator Ted Kennedy for Byrd's 89th birthday.

If you would like to pack up your history and help "Preserve the Past, Enhance the Present, Invest in the Future," contact Regent Cherry at 304-876-3817 or Regent Hale at 304-640. To learn more about DAR work of today, visit www.DAR.org.
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Shepherd math department begins research guild

Shepherd University’s Department of Mathematics has established a research guild and is looking for students who are interested in participating in applied research.

Laboratory space in Stutzman-Slonaker, which was formerly a biology lab, will now be used as a classroom space and lab space for students to do applied research, according to Dr. Christopher Elmer, assistant professor of mathematics and engineering.

Students interested in doing research are eligible to get one, two or three credit hours of a Math 430-level independent study credit, which will allow students to move forward on new projects and accomplish others they may be working to finish.

For more information, contact Dr. Elmer at celmer@shepherd.edu.
NASFAA Constituent Member News

[The following is a news release issued by Financial Aid TV.]

Shepherd University Chooses Financial Aid TV

*Online Video Service Improves Student Understanding, Effectiveness of Customer Service, and is a Valuable Tool in Achieving Default Aversion Goals*

**BOULDER, CO** -- Financial Aid TV (FATV), a leading supplier of online video solutions for college financial aid offices, announced today a new addition to its online network.

Shepherd University (Shepherdstown, WV) is the latest school to take advantage of Financial Aid TV's customized online video counseling and outreach solutions.

"FATV provides a human touch by putting a face and voice to financial aid when we're not available," said Sandra K. Oerly-Bennett, Director of Financial Aid. "It reduces the amount of interpretation our students and parents often make from just reading financial aid information online. The accessibility goes without saying! All feedback has been positive!"

"FATV is designed to assist all schools regardless of size, including online distance education programs and traditional brick and mortar institutions. The ability to have questions answered after office hours is a key benefit," said Paul Burke, VP of Sales for Financial Aid TV.

Schools are deploying FATV in a variety of ways, including:

- To Increase FA Applications
- To Improve Default Aversion Efforts
- To Improve Customer Service
- To Improve Financial Literacy Efforts
- To Reduce Student Wait Times
- To Reduce Student Phone Calls
- To Expand Counseling Reach

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A lifelong learner: Sen. Byrd

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Part of Byrd’s collection includes large black binders that hold photocopies of books he requested from the library. The senator liked to read books and devoured their contents. On the photocopies pages, he wrote notes in the margins and used highlighters. Byrd could recite passages and give quotes from the books. Smock said of Byrd, “He was a student all of his life. He learned from staff, and he was a great teacher to members of both parties.”

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When a letter went out from Byrd’s office, his staff knew to make sure it was perfect. Byrd is credited with saying, “This may be the only letter this person ever receives from a senator, and it better be good.”

After Smock’s presentation, the chapter discussed plans for participating in the Berkeley County Fall House Tour and Constitution Week. As a conservation project, members received reusable shopping bags donated by Rite Aid, CVS, Martin’s and Food Lion. Three prospective members were welcomed and introduced to the membership, Lillian Kinser, Penny Hoeflinger and Lt. Col. Kim Smendiver. The hostesses for the evening were Margaret Writt, Darla Ambrose and Megen Showe.

If you would like to attend a Pack Horse Ford Chapter meeting and help “Preserve the past, enhance the present, and invest in the future,” contact Regent Cheryl Brown at 304-876-3817 or Registrar Doreene Hale at 304-723-6140. To learn more about the work of today’s DAR, visit www.DAR.org.
Shepherd College Fair starts on Monday

By Tricia Fulk
Chronicle Staff

The college admissions process can weigh a student down with applications, essays and financial aid documents. A local institution will prepare students for the admissions process while opening their eyes to the variety of higher education opportunities.

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Howard Guth, principal at Jefferson High School, said they will send about 100 seniors on Tuesday.

"I think the kids need to see that experience and actually see what's out there."

Zimmerman said attendees, whether its high school students or transfers, will be able to speak to state institutions as well as schools from Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Vermont and North Carolina.

Officials will be there to answer questions about financial aid, NCAA forms and the Med-Step Program, a partnership between SU and West Virginia University that can admit high-caliber Shepherd biology students into WVU's medical school.

Guth said while some JHS students have started the college admissions process, others don't know where to begin.

"A lot of the kids aren't on the ball, and this gets the ball rolling," he said.

When Guth became principal at JHS five years ago, the college-go rate was at about 45 percent. Guth proudly reports that number to be about 72 percent. He said students need higher education degrees these days to land jobs.

Guth said his school even has a good relationship with SU and is glad to send students to the fair.

"It's free," Zimmerman said about the fair, which hosts over 50 schools each year. "It’s about finding out where (the students) fit, and this is the first step in the process."

The fair is Monday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, contact SU's Admissions Office at (304) 876-5212.
Counties need more local control

By Delegate John Doyle

The Doyle Report

For many years I've heard the argument that the reason West Virginia counties have little ability to make decisions for themselves is the result of "Dillon's Rule" (often pithed as "The Dillon Rule"). Not so fast.

Thanks to a critical article that ran across a 2003 study of this issue by three academics done for the Brookings Institution. The lead author is Professor Jesse Richardson of Virginia Tech. He was assisted by Meghan Zimmerman Gough of Virginia Tech and Robert Pestes of Brookings. I think the findings are quite interesting.

Iowa Judge John Dillon was a leading authority on municipal law in the latter half of the 19th century. In 1869 he handed down a decision in city of Clinton v. Cedar Rapids and Missouri River Railroad that stated, "Municipal corporations owe their origin to and derive their rights wholly from the Legislature." He went on to say that they are "the mere brutes at will of the Legislature."

Three years later, Judge Thomas Cooley of the Michigan Supreme Court laid out the opposite view in People v. Hurles (1871). He said that local governments held the inherent right of self-governance. Richardson et al. believe that 39 states, including West Virginia and four of the five states bordering her are "Dillon Rule" states. Ten others, including Ohio, are "Cooley Doctrine" states, and they believe that Florida cannot be classified. They came to these conclusions based on an exhaustive review of state supreme court decisions on this question in all 50 states. However, they also came to the conclusion that whether a state is "Dillon Rule" or "Cooley Doctrine" is mostly irrelevant. What really counts, they say, is what powers local governments have, not how they came to get them.

In some Dillon Rule states (Maryland is an example) the legislature has, ever time granted so much power to local governments that they enjoy as much autonomy as those in some Cooley Doctrine states. By contrast, the legislatures of some Cooley Doctrine states (such as Massachusetts) have taken away so much of the authority presumed inherent to them that they have less ability to act on their own than most Dillon Rule states.

Either Dillon's Rule or the Cooley Doctrine are merely starting points for discussion. What counts is the extent of how much local control there really is, not the source of that local control as determined by the courts.

Several years ago in this column I said I thought that the West Virginia Supreme Court couldn't make up its mind whether or not our state operated under Dillon's Rule. Richardson and his fellow authors agree. Here is an excerpt from their study. "The West Virginia Legislature passed a law in 1969 abolishing Dillon's Rule, at least as it pertained to certain grants of power. However, the courts virtually ignored the provision until 1997, when the West Virginia Supreme Court recognized the statute and applied a literal rule of construction (McAllister v. Nelson). Since 1997 the West Virginia Supreme Court has alternated between applying Dillon's Rule and the statutory rule, seemingly at random."

We are faced, however, with an even more fundamental question. Even if we were a Cooley Doctrine state, we would have the same problem of lack of a lot of local control we have now. Our state constitution gives more specific authority to local governments to make local decisions than that of most other states. So it doesn't make any difference whether any powers left unaccounted for are inherent to local government or reserved to the state. There just aren't that many left to discuss. That's the real problem, not Judge Dillon.

Richardson and company also question the assumption that more local control means better growth management. They point out that while growth management done at the state level (as in West Virginia) means a tendency toward a "one size fits all" (my quotes) mentality, lots of local control often,"causes local governments to pursue local goals that are often detrimental to the overall goals."
Charleston, W.Va. (AP) - Fairmont State and Shepherd universities each will receive about $100,000 to launch science-related programs.

Gov. Joe Manchin's office said Thursday that $100,000 of interest earned by the "Bucks for Brains" Research Trust Fund will go to Fairmont State University for its efforts to capture content from new-media applications such as social-networking sites. The information would be used to generate new knowledge about national security and law-enforcement threats.

Shepherd University will receive $99,893 in "Bucks for Brains" interest to develop a program to help prepare students for careers in robotics engineering and science.

The universities will work to match the state research funds.
Shepherd University to host visitation day

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Students will attend classes, meet the music faculty and current students, visit with representatives from the admissions office, hear ensemble rehearsals and performances, have lunch in the dining hall and take a guided campus tour. Interested parents are also welcome to attend Visit Day.

There will be the opportunity to stay and attend an a cappella Choral Concert at 3:00 p.m. in the Frank Center Theater later that evening.

If interested in attending or for more information about Shepherd University's Music Department Visit Day, contact Esperanza Alzona, music operations manager, at ealzona@shepherd.edu or 304-876-5711, or go to www.shepherd.edu/musicweb.
SU hosting 'A Cappella' concert

The Shepherd University Chamber Singers, Men's Choir and Women's Camerata, under the direction of Dr. Erik Reid Jones, will present an A Cappella Concert on Friday, October 15 at 8 p.m. at the Frank Arts Center Theater on the campus of Shepherd University.

General admission to the A Cappella Concert is $10, $5 for faculty, staff and students 18 and under, and free to Shepherd University students and Friends of Music MAC cardholders. Admission and seating is on a first-come first-serve basis and advance reservations are not accepted. The box office opens one hour prior to performance. For information contact the Shepherd University Concert line at 304-876-5555, or visit www.shepherd.edu/musicweb.
Shepherd’s Department of Contemporary Art and Theater hosting Venice tour

Shepherd University’s Department of Contemporary Art and Theater is hosting a weeklong tour of Venice next summer. The tour will include a gondola ride, as well as visits to the Venice Glass-blowing factory, Doges’ Palace, St. Marks Basilica, Naval History Museum and the Arsenal (the location of the Venice Biennale), and a day trip to the Sforzesco Castle and Museum in Milan.

The tour, which is headed up by Rhonda Smith, chair of the department, is an eight-day, six-night trip. Participants will depart from Washington, D.C., on Tuesday, June 7 and return Tuesday, June 14.

Cost of the trip is $3,265 per person and includes round trip airfare, transfers to and from the airport and hotel, overnight stays in first-class, superior tourist class hotels with private bathrooms, daily continental breakfast, dinner on the second day of the tour, and full-time services of an EF Tour director.

To enroll in the tour, visit www.eftours.com and search for tour number 549886. For more information, contact Rhonda Smith at rsmith@shepherd.edu

SU Alumni Association offering cruise tour

Shepherdstown, WV — The Shepherd University Alumni Association is hosting a Western Caribbean cruise on the Royal Caribbean cruise line from January 16-23, 2011.

The cruise will benefit the Alumni Association. All alumni, families, and friends are invited on this trip. The Allure of the Seas features ice-skating, an aquatheatre, rock-climbing wall, Central Park with real grass and trees, and Boardwalk with a merry-go-round.

The tour will begin in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and dock at Labadee, Haiti; Costa Maya, Mexico; and Cozumel, Mexico.

Reserving specific types of rooms depend on availability and the prices are subject to change. Rates begin at $1,159 and go up to $2,269. Rates include the cruise, government fees, taxes, port charges, and pre-paid gratuities. Reservations should be made as soon as possible to ensure cabin availability.

Royal Caribbean will be making a donation to the Shepherd University Alumni Association based on the number of cabins booked.

For more information, contact Barbara Cline with Cruise Planners at 240-575-5966 or 1-866-397-3201 or e-mail at barbaracline@cruiseplanners.com or visit www.Go2BCruising.com.
SU sponsoring Appalachian Heritage Festival

The Performing Arts Series at Shepherd University will sponsor the 15th annual Appalachian Heritage Festival on Friday, October 1 and Saturday, October 2. The concerts begin at 8 p.m. in the Frank Center Theater.

Friday night’s program will feature performances by West Virginia First Lady of Gospel Ethel Caffie-Austin, a reading of the 2010 West Virginia Fiction Award-winning story, and old-time string band music from celebrated fiddle champion Jake Krack with the Bing Brothers Band. Saturday’s concert will feature young vocalist Elizabeth LaPrelle and music of the Civil War with Jay Ungar and Molly Mason. Both concerts will be hosted by songwriter and musician John Lilly.

In addition to the concerts, the festival will feature free workshops in Shepherdstown. A lecture at Shepherd University’s Reynolds Hall will be held on Saturday, October 2 at 10 a.m. focusing on the impact of mountaintop removal practices on the communities of southern West Virginia. Guest speakers will include Larry Gibson and Ken Hechler. At 1 p.m. Ethel Caffie-Austin will sing at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church on King Street, followed at 2 p.m. by a special fiddler’s workshop with Jay Ungar and Molly Mason at the Great Hall of O’Hurley’s General Store.

Tickets are available for purchase at the Shepherd University Bookstore, 304-876-5219, or online at www.shepherdbook.com. Festival passes (admission to both concerts) are available for $20 for general admission, $15 for seniors and Shepherd staff, and $5 for children under 18. Single concert tickets are $15 for general admission, $10 for seniors and Shepherd staff, and $5 for children under 18. Concerts are free to Shepherd students with a valid Rambler ID.

Guitarist Manuel Barrueco in concert at SU

World renowned guitarist Manuel Barrueco is coming to the Frank Arts Center Theater at Shepherd University on Tuesday, October 5 at 8 p.m. as part of the Friends of Music concert series.

Barrueco is a Grammy-nominated recording artist with guest appearances on PBS, “CBS Sunday Morning” and A&E’s “Breakfast with the Arts.” Barrueco began playing the guitar in his native Cuba at age eight and, in 1967, his family immigrated to the USA as political refugees. He completed his advanced studies at the Peabody Conservatory of Music where he continues to share his love of music and teachings with gifted young guitarists from all over the world.

For ticket information and to learn more about the Friends of Music concert series please visit www.sufom.org or call 304-876-5765.

SU Art and Theater seeking high-heel shoes

The Department of Contemporary Art and Theater is embarking on a new, large-scale project and is in need of high-heeled shoes. Any size, color, or style will be accepted, and wear and tear is not a problem.

Donations will be accepted through Monday, October 4. Shoes can be dropped off in the second floor lobby of the Center for Contemporary Arts (CCA) weekdays until 6 p.m. A drop box is also located on the first floor of the CCA near the vending machines weekdays until midnight. Campus departments can contact organizers if they are interested in information on shoe pick up.

Donated shoes will not be returned to owners. Shoes will be seen in action in an upcoming theater production this semester.

For more information, contact Krisy Cherry at kcherry@shepherd.edu and Karen Gergely at kgergely@shepherd.edu, adjunct professors in the Department of Contemporary Art and Theater.

SU baseball camp Oct. 17

 Shepherd University Baseball Prospect Camp for current High School students will be held on Sunday, October 17 at the Fairfax Baseball Field at Shepherd University.

Join Shepherd University Baseball Head Coach Wayne Riser, his staff, players and others at this one day camp/showcase event. This is an instructional/evaluative-based clinic. Evaluations will be assessed using a "pro-style tryout method."

For more information, go to www.shepherdbook.com.
Incredible women" honored

Girl Scout Council hosts its annual awards luncheon
BY KEENNI MACZUZAK
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

MARTINSBURG — A beloved Girl Scouts tradition was carried on Wednesday as three local women were honored for their remarkable achievements at The 2010 Women of Distinction Luncheon, held at the Holiday Inn Martinsburg.

The event, hosted by the Girl Scout Council of the Nation’s Capital, was sponsored by Shepherd University President Suzanne Shipley.

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"We feel that strong women make strong communities, and this is the perfect partnership between Girl Scouts and these women of distinction," Tipton said.

Those honored this year were Betty Lou Hamilton, vice president of the Museum of the Berkeley Springs, Sheila M. Hamilton, advocate for education, and Rebecca "Becky" Linton, regional manager of City National Bank.

Diane Tipton, president of the GSNC, described the past and present honorees as being "inspirational to all they do." "They’re of all ages, from all walks of life and they show the Girl Scouts of our region how to become the best they can be," Tipton said.

"We feel that the Girl Scouts is the premier leadership organization for all of our young women — and it is a part of our everyday life," Hamilton said.

"I’ve worked with Sheila on various committees and it’s always been a pleasure," Perry said, joking that she doesn’t have a sister and needed one. She’s a woman any of us would want to be like when you grow up.

Hamilton, 64, was noted for her dedication to history, the arts, especially music, and for being named a West Virginia History Hero for her efforts to preserve and promote the Town of Bath.

Hamilton is an active member of the Landmar Commission and assisted in getting Historic District status for Berkeley Springs. She works two jobs, seeing art at the Ice House Arts Co-op Gallery and serving as owner and operator of B&G Knoll Cottage.

"I was overcome when I learned I would be given this award," Hamilton said. "Girl Scouts will be celebrating their 100 years and I’m almost there with them.

Becky has made such a significant impact on our community, bringing forth the full spectrum of human services," Miller said. "When I met her several years ago, I saw how organized she was and admired how, even though she gives so much of her time to help a lot of individuals, she wants to remain in the shadows for the things she does.

Linton, a graduate of Martinsburg High School and Shepherd College, is the founder and chair of the United Way’s Christmas Cash for Kids Program, which provides assistance to more than 200 area children each holiday season.

She previously served on the board of Shepherd College Foundation and currently serves on the Main Street Martinsburg board. City National Bank employees named her Volunteer of the Year and she also was the West Virginia Main Street Board Member of the Year.

"I’m so honored," she said. "Becky has made such a significant impact on our community, bringing forth the full spectrum of human services," Miller said. "When I met her several years ago, I saw how organized she was and admired how, even though she gives so much of her time to help a lot of individuals, she wants to remain in the shadows for the things she does.

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"I’m so honored," she said. "I have a great family and I work for a wonderful company. I feel like I’ve won an Academy Award.

The Women of Distinction program supports the GSNC’s Student Development program, funded by the West Virginia Women’s Foundation, and its scholarships help local Girl Scouts who earned the Gold Award offer some of their college expenses. The net proceeds from the Women of Distinction event, up to $125,000, are matched by the Girl Scout Gold Award Scholarship Endowment challenge gift.

The Gold Award is the highest honor that can be achieved by a Girl Scout.

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Festival: The Performing Arts Series at Shepherd University has scheduled the 15th annual Appalachian Heritage Festival for Oct. 1-2. The concerts begin at 8 p.m. in the Frank Center Theater.

Tickets are available at the Shepherd University Bookstore, 304-876-5219, or online at www.shepherdbook.com.

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SHEPHERDSTOWN — Scott Anderson recently received the President Award for the mid-Atlantic region from the National Association of College and University Food Services.

Anderson is assistant director and chef of Shepherd University dining services.
Shepherd to present research forum

SHEPHERDSTOWN — Shepherd University’s Faculty Research Forum will be held Oct. 4 and will feature Jacob Stump, assistant professor of political science. Stump will present “Critical Terrorism Studies Research” at 7 p.m. in the Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies auditorium. More information about the Shepherd Faculty Research Forum is available at www.shepherd.edu/aaweb/frf/.
In February 1991, then U.S. Sen. Robert C. Byrd announced that he had secured $110 million in federal funds for a "demonstration project" to upgrade W.Va. 9 from two lanes to four between Martinsburg and the Loudoun County, Va., line atop the Blue Ridge Mountain.

Nineteen-and-a-half years later, the portion of the road between Martinsburg and Charles Town (about two thirds of the total) was finally open to traffic. The final section of that portion, the part between Kearneysville and Opequon Creek, was opened to traffic about a month ago. The portion between Charles Town and the Loudoun County line will be open in two to two-and-a-half years. The section between Charles Town and the Shenandoah is complete now, except for paving. The section between the Shenandoah and the crest of the Blue Ridge is under construction and will be finished in about a year. The new four-lane bridge over the Shenandoah was just put under contract and will take a bit over two years to complete.

None of this portion of the road will be open to traffic until all of it is ready. I think that makes sense because the course of this entire portion of the new road is only near the existing W.Va. 9 at each end.

So, barring any further delays, the road will be finished about 32 years after Byrd laid down what he thought at the time was enough money for the 80 percent federal share of the total cost of the road (the state was required to come up with the remaining 20 percent, or $22 million).

How time flies.

The first 10 years saw attempts by opponents of the road to stop it. This was the cause of much of the delay. I didn't think a very high percentage of people in Jefferson and Berkeley counties opposed construction of the road (this was later confirmed by an extensive scientific poll which showed about 75 percent in favor, 10 percent against and 15 percent undecided). But many of the opponents were quite intense in their opposition.

They were able to use the federal rules at the time to delay the beginning of the project. I don't fault them for this, even though I was a strong proponent of the upgrade from Day One. It was their right as citizens to do what they could to stop the construction, and they exercised it. I did fault the federal rules at the time for permitting as much delay as we had.

The same thing was happening in Pennsylvania at the time. A $600 million four-lane road was stopped for many years. The federal government has since modified its rules to shorten the time for all the reviews required (which was what enabled Byrd to effectively delay what they didn't like).

Environmental studies, historic preservation studies, archaeological studies and other such reviews must now be done concurrently rather than consecutively.

But that's not the only cause of the delay. Folks from other parts of the state wanted new roads built for them as well. Some, like the Appalachian Corridor I highway and U.S. 35, are, in my view, critically important to West Virginia moving into the mainstream of the American economy. But others are not so critical.

Roadbuilding is one of the most political of undertakings. Legislators, county commissioners, mayors, city councilpeople and local economic development folks are always lobbying whoever happens to be the governor to build "my" road, not the roads desired in other parts of the state.

At some point in the future we may be able to find enough money to begin to upgrade W.Va. 9 to four lanes west of Martinsburg. But the state road fund is presently woefully short of money to do what is already planned.

Many of our roads are well behind schedule for maintenance. Our bridges are among the worst maintained in the nation. A higher percentage of our bridges are in substandard condition than those of all but four other states, and the nation as a whole has too many poorly maintained bridges.

Meanwhile, a road that was originally to cost $132 million to build will end up costing about $345 million because of far too many years of delay and changes made to meet objections. The 12 miles that is already open cost $147 million. The 6 miles yet to be opened will cost close to $200 million.

The reason for the discrepancy is the shorter portion crosses a major river and climbs a mountain, while the longer portion was built over relatively flat land and only had to cross a creek.
Shepherd to get $100,000 grant

Governor Manchin announced last week that two universities, Shepherd and Fairmont State would both receive grants for their initiatives in the STEM areas of research. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. The Universities must also try to match the funds in the grant.

Shepherd’s grant will be used to develop undergraduate research experiments in robotics. Dr. Paul Hill, Vice Chancellor for Science and Research at the Higher Education Policy Commission, believes that “By infusing the universities with the support they need to launch these initiative programs, the state is affirming its commitment to up-and-coming STEM fields and the potential they hold for economic expansion in West Virginia.”

President Shipley proudly stated, “The award-winning our students and faculty are doing with robotics and engineering can continue and flourish because of this $100,000 West Virginia EPSCoR grant. Shepherd University is proud to be recognized with this support from the “Bucks for Brains” research fund.”
Research, tech efforts continue to move West Virginia forward

In my 2008 State of the State Address I announced an initiative called "Bucks for Brains," that established a $50 million research endowment for our two research universities, Marshall and WVU. When we created this program, our goal was to not only spur research and intellectual capital at our state's major research institutions — but also to encourage greater learning in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) areas, at colleges and universities statewide.

This week, I had the pleasure of announcing nearly $200,000 in awards supported by interest earned on the "Bucks for Brains" Research Trust Fund to enhance STEM programs at Fairmont State University and Shepherd University.

Fairmont State University received $100,000 for the "New Media Assessment Project," which will enable the university's Open Source Intelligence Exchange to create a process that allows the university to capture large amounts of content from new media applications such as Twitter, social networking sites and discussion boards. Consequently, this project will generate new knowledge about national security and law enforcement threats that will enhance the school's competitiveness with federal agencies, its status as a leader in quality STEM research, its ability to incubate entrepreneurial economic development and the quality of instruction provided to students.

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Shepherd University received just under $100,000 to develop an "Undergraduate Research and Experiments in Robotics-Based Accomplishments for STEM Students" project. Through this robotics initiative the university will seek to improve the recruitment and retention of STEM students and better prepare them for careers in robotics, engineering and science.

Robotics is an emerging multi-disciplinary STEM area that combines mechanical, electrical and computer engineering in the design and construction of robots to perform specific tasks, in addition to emphasizing mathematics and computer science. These two programs are invaluable additions to higher education in West Virginia, but they are also investments that benefit us all through job creation. I firmly believe that our state's scientists and researchers and the higher education institutions have all of the potential in the world to see us through a new period of cutting edge innovation — all they need from the state is the necessary support.

Through innovative programs like "Bucks for Brains," we fully intend to make West Virginia a leader that understands the importance of scientific research and what it will do to provide opportunities for our current and future generations.