



# McDowell County FACES Newsletter

## The FACES of HOPE

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### AUGUST: ROMANCE AWARENESS MONTH



*Hi, I Just Wanted  
To Send You A  
Little Note To Let  
You Know That I Was  
Thinking Of You!*

Romance Awareness Month is celebrated the whole month of **Au-gust**. This holiday is not to be confused with "[Creative Romance Month](#)" which is celebrated the month of February. This holiday is a celebration of romance. The goal of this observance is to make the public aware of how important romance is and how important romance is to our relationships.

An important point to make is not only should we be aware of how we add romance to our own lives but rather how our mates add romance to our lives. Be aware of the efforts your partner put into the relationship. It's important not to take your loved one for granted. Way too often romantic efforts go unnoticed and that's why August is Romance Awareness Month. Notice and appreciate your partner's efforts no matter how big or how small.

Romance Awareness Month is celebrated by letting your spouse know how appreciated they are. Let them know how much you enjoy the little things they do. Tell

them how much you love it when they caress your back. Let them know how it makes you feel when they hold your hand. Let them know how you love it when they cook your favorite meal. When a person knows they are loved keeps the relationship healthy. The act of communicating about love is romantic in itself.

Add a bit of romance in your life: It doesn't matter if your married, engaged or single. Romance can be incorporated no matter what your status is.

Our research did not find the creator of this day. We did however find that this holiday has been celebrated for many years. There is plenty of documentation to support that this holiday does indeed exist. This is referred to as a "National" day. However, we did not find any congressional records or presidential proclamations for this day. Even though we didn't, this is still a holiday to celebrate.

Romance is a term that is described as a pleasurable feeling of excitement and wonder associated with love. It is also used as a way to court or pursue amorously. In the context of romantic love relationships, romance usually implies an expression of one's love, or one's deep emotional desires to connect with another person. Historically,

the term "romance" originates with the medieval ideal of chivalry as set out in its Romance literature.

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On August 1, I will celebrate 34 years of marriage to Paul. Growing up just across the river, we knew each other but because he was 5 years older we didn't hang out. I moved back from Kentucky in June 1980 and one week later he moved back from Connecticut. We began going to the same church, working with the youth group, started dating and married the following August.

Romance for me includes the surprise of finding fresh cut flowers that he has grown just for me, the sound of his voice filling the room with a goofy song or laughter, the quiet softness in his voice when he says everything will be ok, just don't get too upset, and finally the way he has always supported my caring for my mom and dad, how he loves our child unconditionally, and "caves" to our grandchildren.

Knowing he worked after an accident left him 85% disabled, dragging himself to finish school, and never taking his pain out on us: these things have shown me what romance really is all about.

He did it all for me and our son. How much more love and romance could you ask for.

# U.S. Coast Guard: August 4-225 Years of Service

## Search and Rescue:

Those familiar with Coast Guard history know that the Service's development has been shaped in part by the nation's response to natural and man-made disasters. Nowhere is that lesson clearer than the history of the Service's search and rescue, or SAR, mission.

**Marine Environment:** The U.S. Coast Guard has been the steward of the nation's maritime environment since the 1820s. This mission dates back to 1822, when Congress tasked the U.S. Revenue Cutter Service with monitoring Federal forest preserves that provided specialized ship timber required for construction of U.S. Navy warships.

**Defense Readiness:** For 225 years, the Coast Guard has served as the nation's lead Federal maritime law enforcement agency, protecting our shores each and every day. The Coast Guard also serves as one of the nation's five armed forces, assisting in the defense of our nation during times of war.

**Drug Interdiction:** Each and every day, the Coast Guard combats the illicit drug trade in a six-million square mile area, including the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico and Eastern Pacific. In addition to deterrence, Coast Guard drug interdiction accounts for nearly 52% of all U.S. government seizures of cocaine each year.

**Aids to Navigation:** The technolo-



gy has changed over the years but not the mission: to safeguard the Nation's waterways and the ships, craft and personnel that ply those waters, maintaining the nation's economy by supporting, guiding and protecting the most efficient form of transport we have – our Nation's waterborne commercial vessels.

**Living Marine Resources:** As the Nation's environmental and Homeland Security priorities continue to evolve, the Coast Guard's living marine resources mission will continue to evolve in order to meet shifting demands. Throughout all the changes, however, one thing will remain certain: the Coast Guard will remain 'Semper Paratus' to ensure safety, security and stewardship- protecting life, not only at sea, but within the sea as well.

**Migrant Interdiction:** The Coast Guard began its mission of migrant interdiction on the high-seas in 1794, when the Congress of the United States declared that no American citizen may carry slaves from the U.S. to another nation or between foreign nations. The Coast Guard, through its predecessor the

Revenue Cutter Service, was charged with enforcing this law.

**Marine Safety:** In the U.S. Coast Guard, the responsibility to safeguard life at sea falls heavily on the shoulders of those who operate within the marine

safety mission. This mission does this by striving to prevent maritime incidents through regulation and inspections of commercial vessels and by conducting thorough investigations when accidents do occur.

**Ports, Waterways and Coastal Security:** The genesis of the Coast Guard's ports, waterways and coastal security, or PWCS, mission dates back to 1888 when its predecessor agency, the Revenue Cutter Service, was tasked with the movement and anchorage of vessels in New York.

**Ice Operations:** By the 1920s, the Coast Guard had become fully committed to ice breaking operations with the original intent of the Revenue Cutter Service – to utilize ice breaking primarily in Alaska and in support of other traditional missions.

<http://coastguard.dodlive.mil/tag/225-years-of-service-to-nation/#sthash.k1RDi5Wr.dpuf>

*In honor of Daniel Whitt (son) and Darrell Foster (brother) for their years of service and in loving memory of Mark Foster (nephew) who died while in the Coast Guard.*

## FACES Receives DHHR Planning and Coordination Grant

Once again, DHHR has funded McDowell County FACES \$38,600, through its Bureau of Children and Families funds.

The statement of work includes:

1. identifying existing services and identifying service gaps in the community through the collaborative process;
2. plan and organize opportunities for all stakeholders to work together to coordinate efforts to obtain new services to fill identified gaps in services and supports; and

3. Promote opportunities for families, agencies, and all stakeholders to increase involvement and satisfaction with collaboration and coordination efforts of the Family Resource Network (FRN)

McDowell County FACES, as the FRN will hold monthly meetings to provide opportunities for families and local partners to maximize community investments and coordinate services to benefit families. FACES will coordinate with the multi-county collaborative and re-

gional summit to develop activities, services and programs. FACES will promote community resources through distribution of resource directories, brochures, etc. to promote and support the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), WV 211, and Safe at Home Program at public events.

All meetings are open to the public and are on the 2nd Thursday of each month beginning at 12:00 noon at the FACES Office—25 Bank Street.

## The Carry-On Campaign: Providing Luggage for Children in Foster Care



⇒ No stuffed animals please

“They had never really had NEW things like this before and to see the smiles those bags brought to their faces was awesome. It made their transition to the foster homes a lot easier as they could think about something else during the trip” Child Protective Service Worker.

No child should have to leave home carrying only a garbage bag. Please help by donating new or gently used luggage or duffle bags, in addition, if you are able, please pack them with some of these essential items for children in foster care:

- ⇒ Toothbrush, paste, and container
- ⇒ Non-perishable snacks
- ⇒ Hair brush or comb
- ⇒ Books and journals
- ⇒ Flip flops
- ⇒ Crayons, coloring books
- ⇒ Blanket
- ⇒ Disposable camera
- ⇒ Flashlight
- ⇒ Toiletries
- ⇒ Travel soap.
- ⇒ Personal hygiene products

Partners: Mission WV, Inc; WV DHHR; US Attorney's Office; Southern District of WV; WV Endangered Children Task Force; WV Child Advocacy Network. Contact: 866-225-5698 or [cdawson@missionwv.org](mailto:cdawson@missionwv.org)

### Give Thanks and Carry On



## River View High School SADD Chapter News

Throughout the summer the SADD youth have been busy with:

1. Energy Express,
2. Community Movie Nights,
3. Merchant Education on Underage Drinking,
4. SYNAR Tobacco Compliance Checks

The youth participating in these activities include Kiersten Dority, Katie Collins, Taylor Graham, Savannah Cline, Lakyen Rash, and Kayla Kennedy.

Over the next few weeks, the SADD youth will be going to pools, parks, and local teen spots to recruit new members and to promote the SADD philosophy.

For more information, contact Ginger Day at 303-436-5255 or check out the River View High School SADD Chapter Face Book page.

## Southside Community Schools Minutes

The Steering Committee met at Advent Christian Church on 7/27/15 with Danny Cyphers, Kathie Whitt, Keny Birchfield, Sarah Muncy, Maranda Bland, Cheryl Cruey, Greg Cruey, Flo McGuire, Inga Barker, Leann Stutso present. Items of business are as follows:

- Report on TEACH 15 Conference in Washington, DC: Most of the conference is on video. AFT is covering expenses except for Sunday which is covered by the grant. Greg spoke about the session on parent involvement. The session we presented went well and donations were promised to help get the Community Center operational.
- Report on KidStrong Conference in Charleston: Vendors and sessions were described. Updates with Reconnecting McDowell were described.
- Status Update on Sisters of St. Joseph Grant: The Sisters are asking for a budget. They are coming on Aug. 4 which will give us an opportunity to ask questions. Discussion occurred as to what options we have to provide health services and a search for a provider. We decided to talk to the Sisters about using the grant to renovate space in the Community Center. The committee is invited to attend the meeting with the Sisters beginning at 10:00.
- Discussion about opening the gym: The Fire Marshall report was received and a plan was submitted to address the concerns. The gym needs to be open on the Fall Festival day. Events are on hold due to the BCHS building and recent fire. Memorabilia is available to restore at the Community Center. Possible events were discussed.
- Participation in the School and Community Social: Location was discussed due to the demolition and complications. We decided to keep the Social but move the site (possibility of using the Church) and a smaller scale. The process of gathering information for community interest was discussed. Greg will develop the survey. We need to determine what community events are occurring so that we do not overlap activities.
- Other items included updates on the priorities for the center; hiring policy; after-school positions; GED classes; grand opening for Thomas C. Hatcher Community Center, memorabilia, and financial support options.

The next meeting date will be August 24, 4:00-6:00 at Southside.

# Meetings/Events of Interest

**McDowell County  
FACES  
Community/Board  
Meeting  
August 13, 2015  
12:00 noon FACES  
Office**

**RSVP 304-436-5255**

## **HOPE Coalition**

**August 24, 2015**

**10:30 a.m.—12:00 noon**

**FACES Office**

**Special Speaker Jim  
Keresztury**

**304-436-5255**

## **South Central Community Collaborative**

**August 20, 2015**

**Wyoming County DHHR**

**10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon**

**Safe At Home Initiative: your  
help is needed to keep our chil-  
dren in WV.**

## **Reconnecting McDowell Community Meeting**

**Big Creek People in Action in Caretta**

**Monday, August 10 at 5:30 PM.**

**All are invited. RSVP to Debbie at [delmore@aftwv.org](mailto:delmore@aftwv.org) or  
Kris [kmallory@aftwv.org](mailto:kmallory@aftwv.org) or  
1-800-222-9838**

## **Community Movie**

**August 21, 2015**

**Bradshaw Town  
Hall Park beginning  
at 9:30 p.m.**

**“The Croods”**

## **Love In Action—WV 2015**

**A Free Community Event for the Entire Family**

**Saturday, August 1, 2015**

**9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

**Linkous Park  
Welch, WV**

**Laptops, Tablets, Bicycles, Cameras, Clothing, Groceries, Walmart Gift  
Cards, Backpacks filled with School Supplies, Hot Dogs, Beverages, Music,  
Children & Teen Activities, Give-Away Prizes & Much More.**

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