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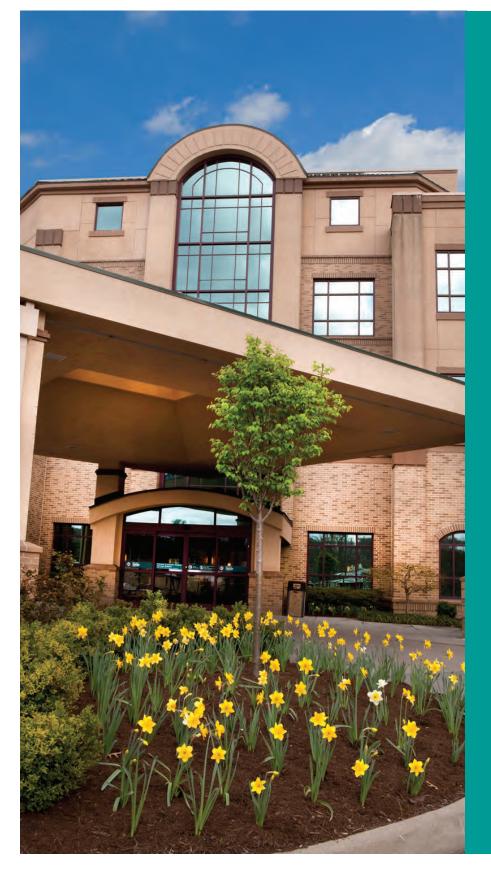












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Welcome and Introduction



Robert Farley

President & CEO

From the Princeton-Mercer County Chamber of Commerce

On behalf of the Princeton-Mercer County Chamber of Commerce, I want to welcome you to Princeton, Mercer County, West Virginia. We are proud of the area we serve including portions of southern West Virginia. This is our

second publication of our Membership Directory. Last year's directory was very successful. It highlighted our entire membership, businesses and community and it is our intention to do the same this year, 2012. This publication, as well as the first one, would not have been possible without the support and help from many volunteers, advertisers, and the sales and editorial staff of the Bluefield Daily Telegraph.



Keith Circle Executive Assistant

As was mentioned in last year's directory, the region is deeply rooted in railroading and coal mining. The region has some of the richest seams of coal and is recognized for its high quality. Over the years the economy has changed to a service based economy. There are only a few manufacturing businesses and very few coal mines. Healthcare and education are the driving



forces that push our area. Tourism also plays an important part of our economy. This year the Hatfield-McCoy ATV trail system will move into Mercer County with a trail head located in Bramwell, West Virginia. This will bring thousands of visitors to our community.

Even though Princeton and Mercer County are considered rural, our highway system allows us to be in some of the largest cities in Eastern United States in a matter of a few hours. So we have the both of two worlds. The highway system in Mercer County has helped move our economy forward. Exit 9 (I-77 & Route 460) is flourishing with new businesses which include motels, restaurants, retail,

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college, banks, and car dealerships. This is one of the major intersections in the state and is still growing.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention our workforce. Some of our core businesses over the years have demanded hard work, and that work ethic has been handed down from generation to generation. Businesses that want to locate here will benefit from this type of workforce.

Take a moment to look at this booklet. We hope you

find it informative and helpful, and we invite you to browse through the pages and save the resources for future reference. If you want more information, check our web site www.pmccc.com or contact us for more details on what our area has to offer. Chances are that you are going to discover that one of the areas located in Princeton or somewhere in Mercer County is the right place for you.

> Robert Farley President & CEO



From the President & CEO Robert Farley

In 2012 "The Princeton-Mercer County Chamber of Commerce" will be 85 years old. Every year since 1927 we have met the challenges and have been able to move PMCCC forward. We believe we possess the tools needed to move your business forward.

The mission of PMCCC: "To promote economic development and advance professional and educational growth to our businesses and communities". Over the years we have been blessed with a strong board, great volunteers and lots of support from our membership which is approximately 325 strong.

Over the years we have been very proactive in matters that affect our businesses and community. In our effort to bring the community together, we sponsor several different events throughout the year.

Since 2004, our office has been located in the Dr. Robert McNutt House located at the intersection of North Walker Street and Honaker Avenue. The house is listed on the Historical Register. It is the only house left standing in Princeton that was not burned during the Civil War.

Again, let me say "Thank You" to all of our sponsors that help us achieve our goals each year.



JANUARY

Princeton-Mercer County Chamber of Commerce's Annual Dinner

FEBRUARY

Concord University Annual Ground Hog Day Breakfast

MARCH

- Greater Bluefield Chamber of Commerce's Four Seasons Women's Conference
- All Together Arts Week ٠

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• Greater Bluefield Chamber of Commerce's Better Living Show

MAY

- Princeton-Mercer County Chamber of Commerce's Shrimp Feast
- PMCCC East River Soccer Classic
- Princeton-Mercer County Chamber of Commerce's Golf Tournament
- Greater Bluefield Chamber of Commerce's Cole Chevy Mountain Festival
- Bramwell Spring Home Tour

JUNE

- June August Princeton Rays Baseball
- June – August Bluefield Jays

JULY

Pipestem's Summer Outdoor Amphitheatre Series

AUGUST

- Athens/Concord Town Social
- Mercer County Fair
- Lemonade Days in Bluefield
- Blue-Gray Shriner's Horse Show

SEPTEMBER

- Greater Bluefield Chamber of Commerce's Coal Symposium (biennial event)
- Greater Bluefield Chamber of Commerce's Coal Show (biennial event)
- Princeton-Mercer County Chamber of Commerce's Princeton AutumnFest





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OCTOBER

- Bramwell Octoberfest
- Italian Heritage Festival
- Shriner's Oyster Dinner
- Princeton-Mercer County Chamber of Commerce's Women's Expo

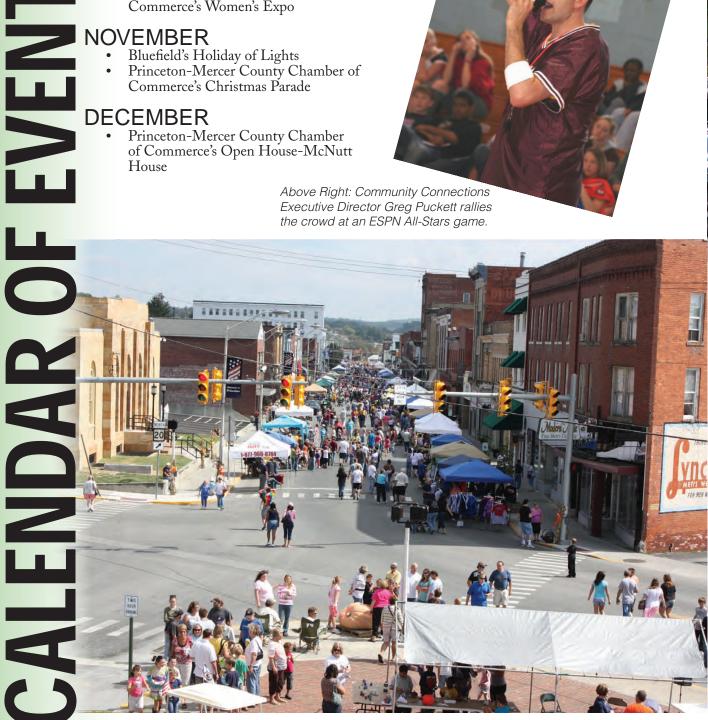
NOVEMBER

- Bluefield's Holiday of Lights Princeton-Mercer County Chamber of Commerce's Christmas Parade

DECEMBER

Princeton-Mercer County Chamber of Commerce's Open House-McNutt House

> Above Right: Community Connections Executive Director Greg Puckett rallies the crowd at an ESPN All-Stars game.





Nestled along the foothills of the majestic East River Mountain is Mercer County-West Virginia's Southern Gateway to unsurpassed scenic beauty and an unexpected variety of attractions. The glorious mountains surround the contemporary, but quiet small towns. The area, known for its rich coal heritage, antique and mall shopping, quaint B&Bs and local attractions, is nestled in a tranquil environment with charming people.

Nearby state parks including Pipestem, Pinnacle



Rock, Camp Creek, and Bluestone, provide picturesque settings to enjoy beautiful scenery.

Mercer County is home to the newest addition of the Hatfield-McCoy ATV trail system – the Pocahontas Trail. The trail head is located in the historic town of Bramwell and consists of mainly scenic and easier to ride as compared to the more difficult trails. Permits are available at the Town Hall in Bramwell, WV.

In the historic town of Bramwell, one may view the statuesque mansions once occupied by famous coal operators. In the early 1900s, 14 trains a day stopped in Bramwell, once considered the richest small town in America. During that time, it was home to as many as 19 millionaires and their families, who made their fortunes in the abundantly rich Pocahontas Coalfield.

Mercer County operates Glenwood Recreational Park which offers a 55-acre lake, fishing, playgrounds, hiking and biking trails, picnicking, miniature golf, tennis courts and paddleboats. Princeton City Park offers an Olympic-size pool with water slide, an exercise trail, skate park, playground and picnic shelters.

Mercer County is home to a magnificent coal story. Rich deposits of coal were discovered deep in the mountains. Princeton is home to the Princeton Railroad Museum, housing artifacts from The Virginian Railway known as the "Richest Little Railroad in the World." This railway eventually merged with what we now know as Norfork & Southern Railway.

"Dedicated to Those Who Served," The Mercer County War Museum located in Princeton is filled with articles and true wartime memorabilia from the Civil War to present day wars. The McNutt House, a Civil War Era home located on the Civil War Trail

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in West Virginia, was the last known standing structure when the town of Princeton was burned during the Civil War. The Chuck Mathena Center, the newest performing arts theatre is host to a Rotunda Art Gallery, a Grand Hall and a beautiful proscenium theatre with plush stadium seating for 1,000. Mercer County recently designated a Certified Arts Community, includes the cities of Princeton and Bluefield.

Baseball lovers can enjoy the action of two professional baseball franchises in Mercer County. The Princeton Rays is an affiliate of the Tampa Bay Rays. Enjoy





their games at Hunnicutt Field, a modern new stadium in the Appalachian League. Bowen Field is now the home of the Bluefield Blue Jays, an affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays.

We invite you to enjoy all that Princeton and Mercer County have to offer. �

Top right: ATV riders ready for a Poker Run. The area is an ATV enthusiast's dream with a natural terrain that hosts miles of challenging as well as beginner trails.

Above: A scene from the annual Mercer County Fair

Right: The Railroad Heritage Museum.





Lodging Restaurants

There is a large variety of restaurants, motels and bed & breakfasts in Princeton and the surrounding area. Exit-9 at the I-77/Route 460 intersection has a majority of the restaurants and motels. In most of the cases, the motels and restaurants are in walking distance of each other. Exit 9 is about halfway from major hubs in Ohio and the Myrtle Beach area, making it a convenient location to stop and get something to eat and take a break or just stop and spend the night.

There are approximately 100 restaurants in Princeton and the surrounding area. A wide variety dining options are offered from fast foods, Mexican, Italian, seafood, Oriental, to good old down-home Southern cooking. \diamondsuit







Intertainment

In March of 2010, Mercer County was named one of West Virginia's five Certified Arts Communities by the West Virginia Division of Culture and History. The distinction is an honor to all those around the county who created our thriving arts community: educators, artists, musicians, writers, dancers, singers, volunteers, and patrons.

Princeton and Mercer County are alive with venues for the performing arts, art galleries, museums, coffee houses and local night clubs. Bluegrass, country, pop, jazz, gospel and blues music keep the past alive and tell the story of who we are.

There are two state-of-the-art centers in Mercer County – the Chuck Mathena Center in Princeton and the Performing Arts Center in Bluefield. Each one brings in a large variety of entertainment including the theatre, ballets, concerts and other nationally acclaimed artists.

Art galleries displaying the talent of young artists in the area are located throughout the county.



Museums that are located in Mercer County really tell the story of our past culture. The Princeton Railroad Museum displays all types of photos, books, artifacts and railroad material that will take you back in time. The "Those Who Served" War Museum located in Princeton displays artifacts back to World War I. Bramwell, West Virginia houses the Coal Heritage Trail Interpretive Center where you can learn how coal played an important part of our culture today.

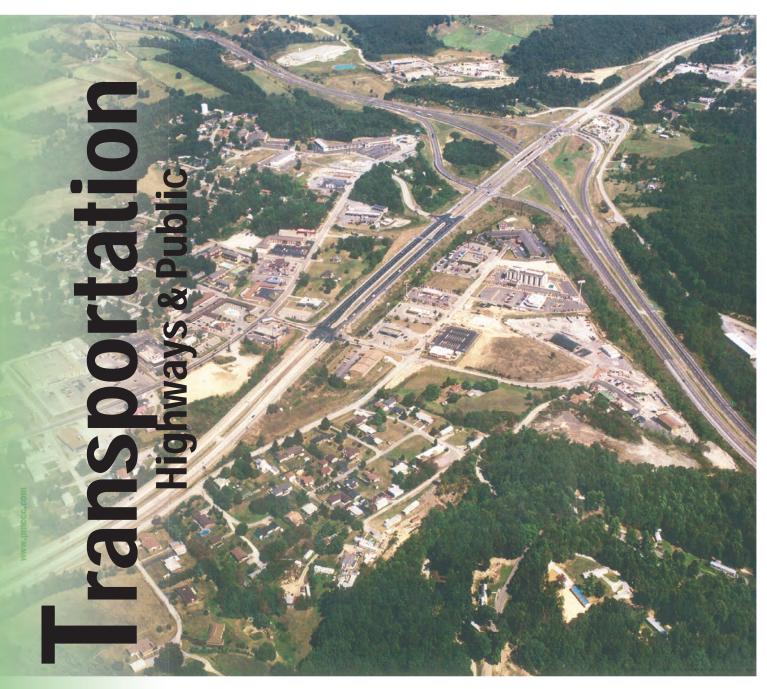
The music in our area also tells a story of who we are in Princeton, Mercer County, West Virginia. Mountain music, gospel, bluegrass, and country tell where we all came from and the challenges we faced getting here. You can hear this music at local coffee houses, concerts that are hosted periodically by Appalachian Highlands Music Association, Culturefest, and other venues. Local nightclubs also play rock, jazz and pop for those that enjoy that type of music. �











Princeton, Mercer County, West Virginia lies at the hub of several major transportation routes serving the eastern United States. Not only does the network facilitate excellent intra-regional transportation links, but it also offers outstanding intra-regional networking potentials. I-77 provides an ideal link with major northern population centers like Cleveland,

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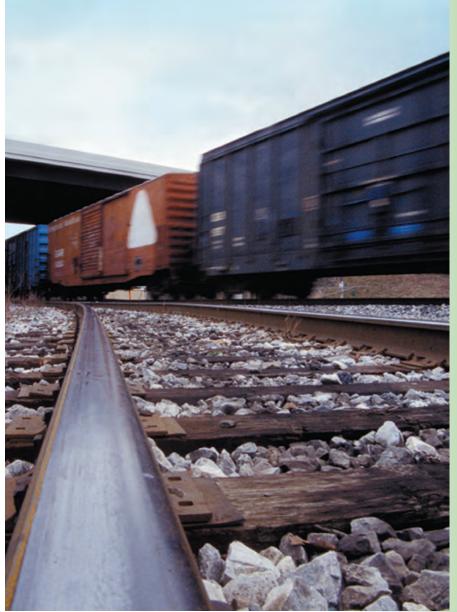
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Ohio, and via I-79, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I-77 also offers excellent access to major centers in Virginia, North and South Carolina.

I-64, east of Beckley, provides access to the Midwest, and with U.S. Route 460, the area has excellent service to the East Coast. I-64, I-77, and U.S. Route 460 provide convenient links with I-81, which extends from Tennessee to New England.

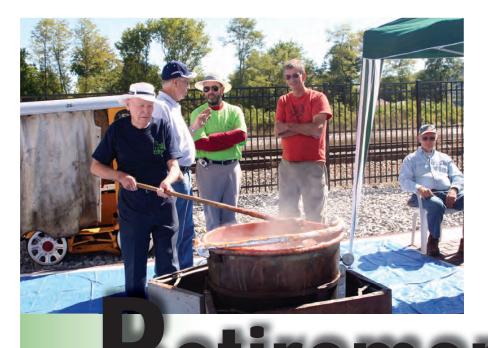
If you would rather have someone else drive, then there is public transportation available as well as local taxi service. Mercer County Airport is available for private planes and the Norfolk Southern offers rail service to several states. Greyhound bus service will get you anywhere nationally.

Princeton, Mercer County, West Virginia lies within 500 miles of 50% of the population of the United States. �









John Denver said it best in his song "Take Me Home Country Roads." Princeton, Mercer County West Virginia is the place to go with its majestic mountains, lazy rivers, unique arts and crafts, and friendly neighbors.

Princeton and Mercer County, West Virginia are just conductive to family life. There is a friendly atmosphere here that you won't find anywhere. There is a relaxed pace with no long rush hours of traffic.

Based on the West Virginia Department of Commerce, we enjoy a low cost of living which is 4.5% below the national average. Housing costs for an average home is 64% below the national average. We enjoy one of the lowest crime rates in the country. We lead the nation in home ownership because of our low property taxes.

For retirees our region has a lot to offer in terms of religious activities and volunteer opportunities. Through organizations like the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, CASE of West Virginia and the Mercer County Commission on Aging, our senior citizens can devote their time and energy to a wide variety of activities.

Our area offers some of the finest medical care you can find anywhere. Three hospitals and several clinics are within a short driving distance. There are also three facilities that offer longterm care. Our highway systems can get you anywhere you want to go in a short period of time. Recreation opportunities are everywhere. Whatever your leisure activities are, you'll be able to find something that you will be able to enjoy.



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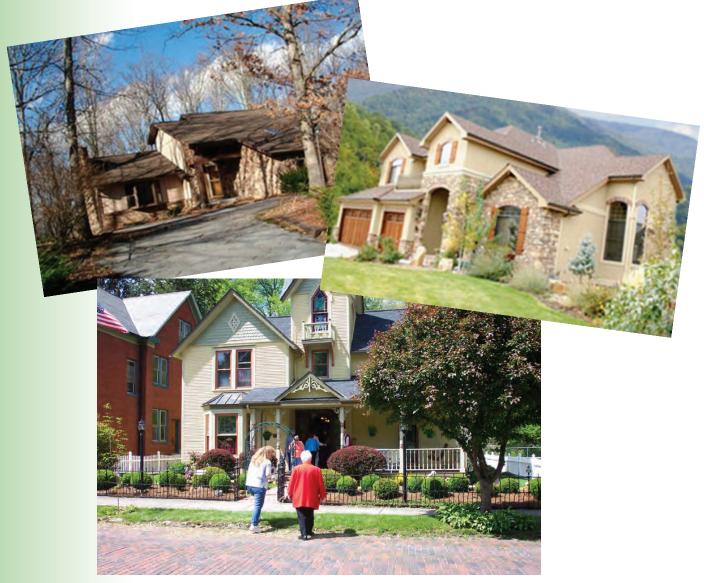
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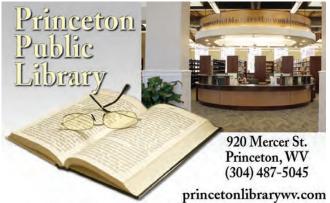
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Housing in Princeton, Mercer County, West Virginia is very desirable. We have top notch custom builders that can build any thing your imagination desires. We also have a very low property tax in Mercer County that really makes it desirable to build your dream home here. \clubsuit



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A book is like a garden carried in the pocket. ~ Chinese Proverb

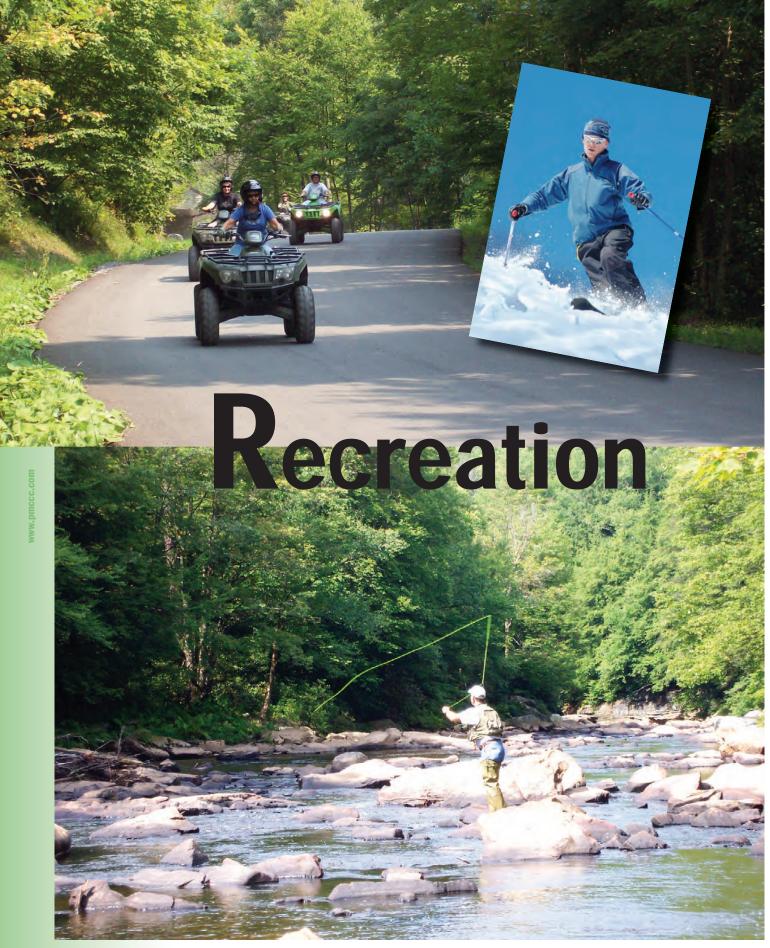


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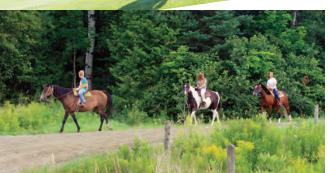




Recreation activities abound in our area. Wherever your leisure activity interests lie, there will always be something that you will be able to enjoy.

Fishing, swimming, hiking, camping, water skiing, snow skiing, whitewater rafting, golfing, ATV trails are just a start. The list could go on and on. We have four state parks in our area that can provide you hours of relaxation enjoying different kinds of recreational activities. There are several lakes in our area that have boating and good fishing. �





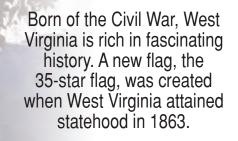
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Before there was a Princeton and Mercer County, there were Indians using the rugged terrain as a hunting ground. Mercer County was created in March, 1837 out of the counties of Giles and Tazewell by the General Assembly of Virginia.

Princeton

Mercer County

Mercer County was named after General Hugh Mercer, and since Mercer was killed by the British at the Battle of Princeton, New Jersey (1777), Princeton was chosen as the Mercer County Seat.

The Civil War came to Princeton in 1862. The town at that time consisted of the Court House and

approximately 40 homes located nearby. The Confederate Army, hearing that the Union Army was on its way down from Ohio, decided to burn the town so they wouldn't have a place to set up camp. The Dr. Robert McNutt house is the only house left standing in Princeton that wasn't burned because Dr. McNutt agreed to provide care for the soldiers if they didn't burn the house. The house was used as a hospital for about 30 days. Today it is the home of the Princeton-Mercer County Chamber of Commerce.

History

Coal and two railways were the moving forces that started the growth in Mercer County. The N&W made their headquarters in Bluefield, and The Virginian put a big operation in Princeton. Hundreds of coal mines started opening up in southern West Virginia, bringing thousands of immigrants and African American coal miners that really increased the population.

Bramwell, West Virginia, was a product of the coal

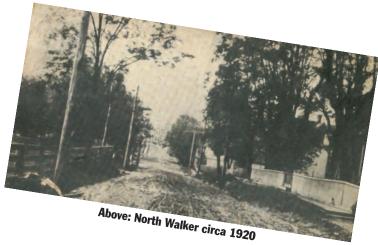
boom in southern West Virginia. At one time it had more millionaires per capita than any town in America. �

> Mercer County traces its name back to the Revolutionary War and the Battle of Princeton, New Jersey in 1777.



Above: North Mercer Street circa 1940

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There are approximately 200 churches located in Mercer County. Catholic, Episcopal, Greek Orthodox, Muslim and Protestants are the traditional churches along with a few contemporary churches.

The early 1800's brought a lot of religious activity to Mercer County. Initially Divine Worship was held by itinerant ministers of all denominations when they passed through at different intervals. Church worship in the early days was primitive and devoid of ostentation.

Today churches are located everywhere and each one provides a variety of religious beliefs. So anybody that is seeking a religious home will be able to find one in Mercer County. *****







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The signs of economic prosperity, growth, expansion, and progress are everywhere. The public and private investments in our city have proved, once again, that Princeton's future is worth their confidence.



🛇 Princeton remains West Virginia's "business friendly" city with our policy to encourage businesses to locate in our city by providing assistance as well as opportunity. The City of Princeton has been recognized for our regional planning initiatives as we focus on business recruitment, growth and development, as well as quality of life issues.

Operation of the second sec Our city is a symbol of hope and promise in southern West Virginia and a success story for the whole state.



WELCOME RESIDENTS AND VISITORS

Ø Blessed with beautiful surroundings in the southern part of the state, Princeton offers a special quality of life for families and an ideal location for business and industry. We realize our importance as a strategic location for the entire area.

O The City of Princeton continues to attract newcomers as we offer progressive development in a fine community where families can live safely and serenely. We are preparing this city to be an asset for the future generations, to provide a secure home for developing families, a comfortable haven for the elderly, and a location worthy of settlement by industry and new citizens alike.

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Business Industry

Princeton and Mercer County West Virginia is a service-oriented economy with very little manufacturing. It would be our hope that some day we could draw in some manufacturing and operate in a more stabilized economy.

We have always been a coal-driven area. There are no coal mines in Mercer County, but there are several businesses in our county that support the coal mining industry. The railroad has a big presence in Mercer County. It not only moves coal, but also moves timber. At one time there were two railroad companies located in Mercer County. A merger in the mid-50's brought that to an end. Norfolk & Southern sits on one of the main lines going from Hampton Roads, VA, to Chicago, IL.

Today, with the highway system that we have, and our scenic beauty, it is a big benefit for a company to locate here. Our prime location makes interstate





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	2005	2007	2010	
County	64,980	62,070	61,921	
Princeton	7,043	6,222	6,432	
	MERCER COUNTY L	ABOR FORCE		
YEAR	WORKFORCE	UNEMPLO	DYMENT RAT	
1998	28,230		5.3%	
2000	28,246		4.3%	
2008	24,280		3.4%	
2010	23,240		7.9%	
	PER CAPITA/INCOM	AE AVERAGE		
MERCER COU	NTY 2008		\$30,680	

MERCER COUNTY LABOR FORCE

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CLIMATE

		MONTHLY
	ANNUAL	AVERAGE
TEMPERATURE	52.0	JAN. 30.9
		JULY 70.2
RAINFALL (inches)		38.4
SNOWFALL (inches)		35-45

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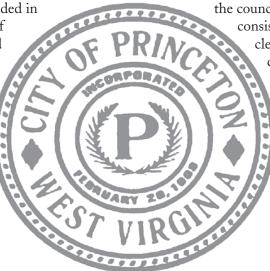




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The City of Princeton was founded in 1837 to serve as the county seat of Mercer County which was named after Revolutionary War General Hugh Mercer. Princeton was the first organized town in Mercer County. Princeton was incorporated on February 20, 1909.

Princeton City Government consists of 7 councilmen who include a Mayor and Vice Mayor elected by their peers and a city manager hired by



the council. Other government officials consist of a police chief, fire chief, city clerk, code enforcer, public works director and a recreation director.

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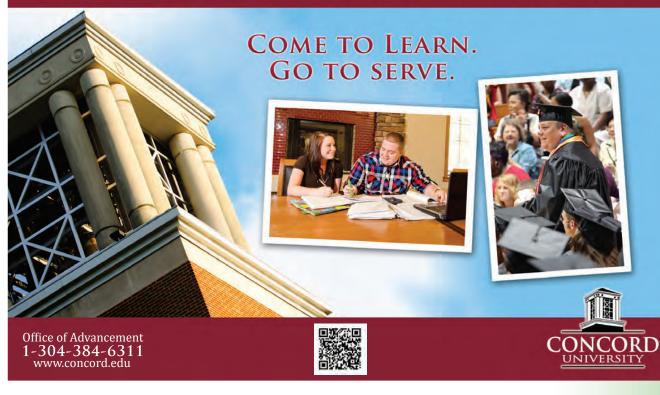


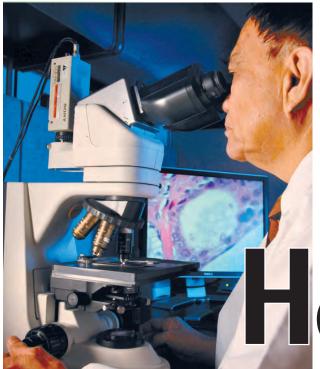
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Healthcare

Access to quality healthcare is vital to a thriving community. Fortunately, residents of Princeton and Mercer County enjoy the benefits of numerous stateof-the-art medical facilities including Princeton Community Hospital, The Behavioral Health Pavilion of the Virginias, Health South Rehabilitation Center, Southern Highlands, Bluefield Regional Medical Center, and several smaller clinics including Mercer Medical Group and Athens Family Practice.

Princeton Community Hospital was the first hospital in West Virginia, and currently the only one in our region, to have been awarded breast Magnetic





Resonance Imaging (MRI) accreditation by the American College of Radiology. It also boasts the latest technology in a fully accredited Cancer Center, Sleep Center, and a Women's Center that features beautifully appointed home-like birthing suites.

Over 200 highly skilled and dedicated physicians, both general practitioners and specialists, serve the residents of Mercer County.

Promoting a healthier lifestyle that enhances the quality of life is the goal of Princeton Health & Fitness Center, a dynamic 44,000 square foot facility that opened in 1997. The fitness center offers racquetball courts, a swimming pool, therapy pool, cardiovascular fitness, strength training, basketball court, group exercise studio, and a variety of clinical programs.

The county is served by several professionally trained and committed fire departments and rescue squads. Citizens in the Princeton area rest a little easier knowing that the Princeton Rescue Squad, rated one of the top in the state, is just minutes away.







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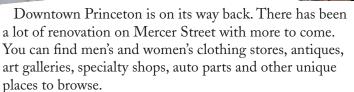


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EDUCATION: Offering in house training • Recertification

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Trail System

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The Hatfield-McCoy Trail System was established in 1996 by the West Virginia Legislature to provide trail based outdoor recreational opportunities in nine counties of southern West Virginia.

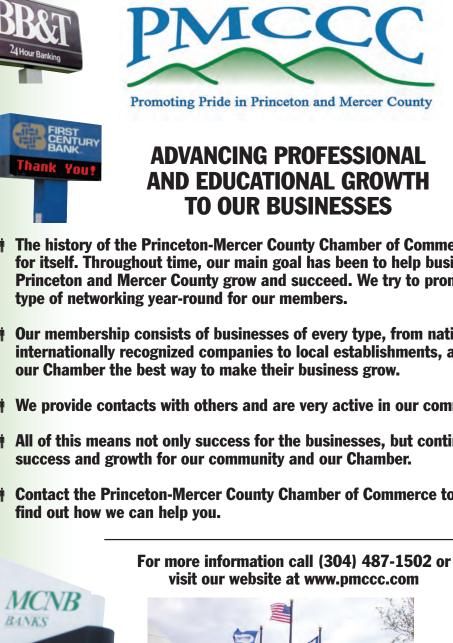
Since the trails were open in 2000 the impact of the Hatfield-McCoy Trail System has grown and become a significant factor in the economic life of the region. Six of the nine counties now have trails open to the public with Mercer County being the last one to open. The plan calls for 2000 miles of trails, spread over a million acres of privately owned land, to be open in all of the nine southern counties. This is a long term goal many years down the road.

Even at our current size, the Hatfield-McCoy Trail System is the second largest recreational vehicle trail system in the country, second only to Pauite ATV Trail in Utah. It has been estimated that the riders of our trails spend about \$10 million for lodging, permits, meals, repairs, fuel and other related activities annually. It is the primary goal of the trail to create a tourism industry in Southern West Virginia. 87% of the riders on the Hatfield-McCoy Trail are from out of state.

Despite its short lifespan, the Hatfield-McCoy Trail System has received several national recognitions for excellence in its facilities and activities. This includes being chosen as one of the very few National Recreation trails designated by the U.S Department of the Interior.









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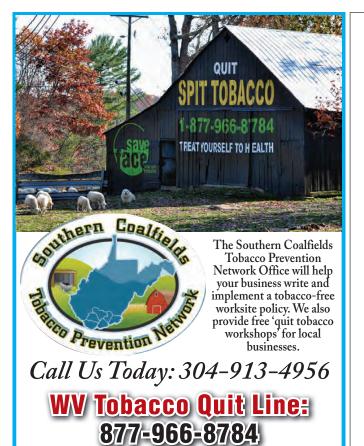


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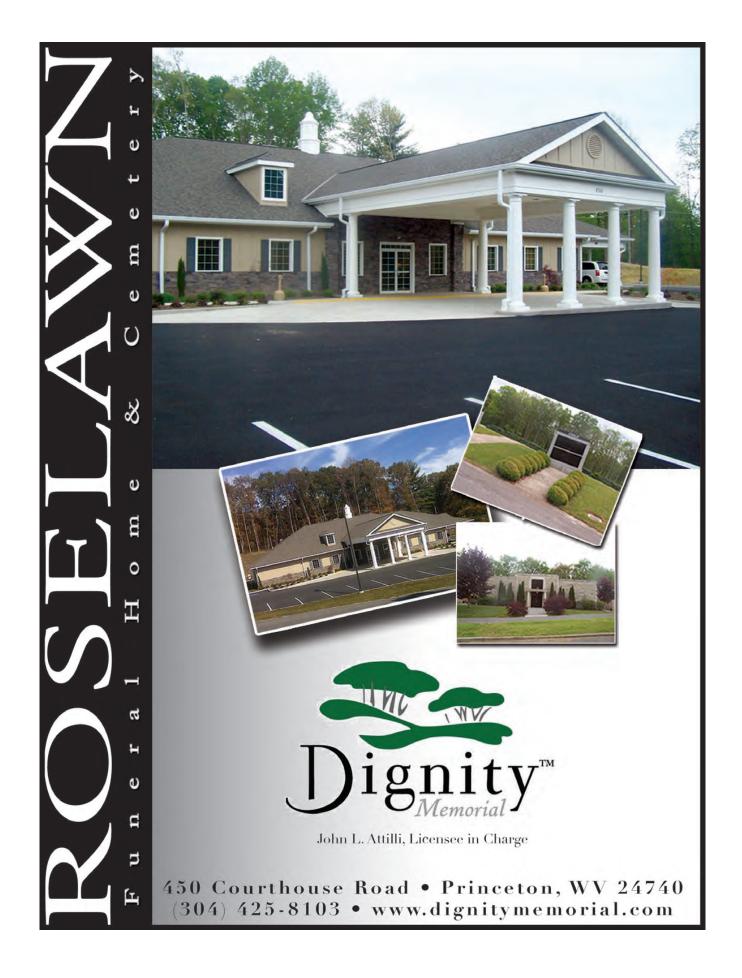
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