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January

January 1

2010 Person of the year. Merle Elliott helped keep region working. As a key member and past president of Hagerstown-Washington County Industrial Foundation, or CHIEF, he helped create industrial parks, attract employers and preserve local landmarks.

January 3

First New Year's baby at Meritus Medical Center. Elliott Pearson Denney was born January 2 at 6:53am. His parents are Travis Denney and Shalynn Cook.

January 7

Jobless rate rises. Washington County's unemployment rate for November was 9.8 percent, an increase from October's rate of 9.4 percent.

January 11

County to close senior nutrition site. The Washington County Commission on Aging will shut down one senior citizen nutrition site and shorten the hours of three others in an effort to beef up its Meals on Wheels program.

January 13

City Ok's purchase of former CVS store. The Hagerstown City Council unanimously approved spending \$220,000 to purchase the former CVS building at 60 W. Washington St. as a business incubator space for downtown.

January 14, 2011 Race to the Top share is increased. Washington County will receive \$3.1 million in federal education funding, slightly more than originally expected.

January 17

Antietam Academy set to open. The new 45,000 square-foot building marks the first time Washington County Public Schools has constructed a school specifically for student in what has at times been called the alternative school program.

January 19

Demolition of old hospital could begin in late spring. School board approves one-time payment to end impasse with 2nd union. The Washington County Board of Education voted unanimously to approve a one-time payment for support

personnel, putting an end to the impasse ordeals with both school system unions.

January 22

O'Malley outlines nearly \$1 billion in cuts. At least a dozen Washington County projects survive. The largest funding amount is \$9.7 million to replace housing unit windows and heating systems at the Maryland Correctional Training Center.

January 29

Jobless rate tops 10 percent. The unemployment rate for the county rose from 9.8 percent in November to 10.1 percent in December.

January 31

Report: County lost more jobs than gained in 2010. Washington County gained more than 300 jobs from new businesses and expansions in 2010, but lost more than 440 through layoffs and closures.

February

February 1

Interim schools chief named. The Washington County Board of Education voted 5-2 to name Stan Schaub, of Fayetteville, Pa, as the county's interim superintendent.

February 8

'Green' training could save employers some green. Local employers have an opportunity to train employees in "green" construction techniques at no cost through a \$30,000 grant received by the Western Maryland Consortium. The grant will reimburse employers in Washington, Allegany and Garrett Counties for 100 percent of the cost of training existing workers in new skills such as improving energy-efficiency, electrical generation and smart grid technology, residential and commercial tetro fitting, and installation and maintenance of solar photovoltaic and/or wind powered systems.

Meritus set to add more beds. Officials say new hospital often filled to capacity. High patient volumes have prompted Meritus Medical center officials to move ahead with the hospital's first expansion, a new 11-bed

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unit set to open in the spring.

February 10

County growth is 10th-fastest in state. Hagerstown remains sixth-largest city in Maryland; Frederick ranks second.

February 11

Foundation awards grants. Micah's backpack- (backpacks filled with food and given to students on Fridays to take home with them), \$3000; The Community Free Clinic of Washington County, \$7500 to continue and expand a diabetic-monitoring program; Court Appointed Special Advocates, \$5,000 to advocate for children involved in abuse cases; Easter Seals, \$5000 to support LINC, a medical day care system; Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry, \$5,000 to process donated game and livestock into meals for the hungry; Girls, Inc., \$5,000 for a bullying awareness program; Hospice of Washington County, \$5,000 for a benevolence program for the uninsured and underinsured; Memorial Recreation Center, \$3,000 for mentoring programs for the Jonathan Street community; Big Brothers big Sisters of Washington County, \$5,000 to expand a school-based mentoring effort; Boys and Girls Club of Washington County, \$5,500 for a character-building program; Children in Need, \$2,000 to host activities for at-risk youth in the Jonathan Street community; Washington County Community Action Council, \$7,500 for a community garden project; NORMAL, \$3,000 for a self-defense class for

girls; Raven House Rood Ministries, \$3,000 for refrigeration at a food bank; REACH, \$4,000 for a new server; The Salvation Army, \$2,500 for a healthy midday meal to parents and children in need; The W House, \$5,000 for a sexual health and behaviors curriculum for women; Women of Valor, \$4,000 for its programs.

February 12

Campaign hits goal. The 2010 United Way of Washington County raised \$1,605, 497 for its 26 partner agencies.

Downtown developer awarded tax credits. Mike Deming has been granted \$573,900 through a state program for apartment building projects on South Potomac and Antietam Streets.

February 13

Population shifts paints new portraits of towns. Numbers show change in Washington Co. communities.

Count affects accounts. Census data affects funding for local communities.

February 14

BayRunner Shuttle adds transport options to BWI. With the help of a federal grant, BayRunner Shuttle has begun offering daily roundtrip van rides between Western Maryland and Baltimore.

February 16

Meritus, airport name new leaders. Health system CEO plans to assess needs. Joseph P. Ross was named to lead Meritus Health.

Airport fire chief is appointed director. Hagerstown Regional Airport Fire Chief Phil Ridenour was

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appointed as the airport's new director.

February 17

John's Hallmark Shop at Valley Mall to close. John's Hallmark is the third store at Valley Mall that has closed is slated to close this year.

Mack Trucks CEO visits plant in disguise for CBS TV series. Denny Slagle is the president and chief executive officer of Mack Trucks Inc., is the latest company president to go undercover in his business in the upcoming episode of the CBS series "Undercover Boss".

Organization honors local man as Veteran of the Year. Fred Shinbur has made the U.S. military a lifelong calling. Even after he retired in 2003 with nearly 36 years of service, Shinbur continued to server veterans by helping to protect their benefits as a member of the Maryland Veterans Commission. He was named Veteran of the Year by the Joint Veterans Committee of Maryland.

February 19

VT Industries to close plant, move work to Hagerstown. A VT Industries Inc. production facility set to open this summer in Hagerstown will replace the company's Fine Laminate Countertop plant in Shelbyville, Ind. The Hagerstown located is better positioned to serve its customer base.

February 22

Dynamark Monitoring LLC expansion to bring 35 jobs. Dynamark Monitoring LLC, a commercial and residential security and alarm company will receive \$70,000 from the Maryland Department of Business and economic Development, and is expected to receive \$25,000 from both Washington County and the City of Hagerstown in conditional loans for a project that will create the jobs.

February 24

Sekula is named to business person. Charles Sekula, who started Schmankerl Stube Bavarian Restaurant and Biegarten downtown and was the driving force behind a long-running local German heritage festival, was named Business Person of the Year at the 12th annual Washington County

Business Awards.

Baltimore's loss is gain for county senior center. Washington County, as it builds a senior-citizen center, will benefit from money Baltimore City will not use. Washington County will get \$600,000 that was allocated to Baltimore several years ago for a project that has since been abandoned.

March

March 10

Hospital demolition process beings. Newer buildings along King Street, bridge to Pangborn Hall will come down first.

March 11

1700's stone house now 'endangered'. The structure on former Allegheny Power property near Halfway was recognized by Preservation Maryland based on it level of threat, historic and architectural significance, and community commitment.

March 15

County employment rate up in January. The number of people working in Washington County rose in January but so did the number of people without jobs, as the unemployment rate increased from 10.3 percent in December to 10.6 percent in January.

March 22

Facility to open for homeless female veterans. Way Station Inc. of Frederick, Md., which merged with Turning Point of Washington County, plans to start work this summer on a 27 bed facility on East North Avenue in Hagerstown that will serve as a home for homeless female veterans in the state.

March 29

County has highest diabetes death rate in Md. Health officials in Washington County are taking steps to curb a diabetes death rate that ranks higher than that of any other county in the state.

March 30

Airport to offer flights to Florida. A S.C. Hagerstown Regional Airport will be adding air service to Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Lakeland, Florida starting June 23.

April

April 2

County jobless rate dips

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slightly in Feb. The unemployment rate in Washington County fell slightly from 10.7 percent in January to 10.6 percent in February.

April 4

Demand at food banks rises with jobless rate. Washington Co. 'food insecurity rate'; more than 13%.

April 6

County welcomes new Meritus CEO. Joseph P. Ross is the new president and CEO of Meritus Health.

April 23

County jobless rate down in March. Washington County's unemployment rate dipped slightly last month moving from 10.6 percent in February to 9.9 percent in March.

April 24

Closing the doors on history Bast of Boonsboro going out of business after 174 years.

April 25

Program will automate immigration checks. Fingerprints of people booked into the Washington County Detention Center will be checked automatically against federal immigration law enforcement records under a new system implemented this month by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

April 28

Long named Teacher of the Year. Western Heights Middle School teacher Katharine Long named Washington County Public Schools Teacher of the Year.

May

May 1

Aviation school opens. An aviation maintenance technology school opened at Hagerstown Regional Airport, touting the facility as a building block that will give people the skills to compete in today's job market. It is a branch campus of the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics.

May 4

New superintendent named. Clayton Wilcox picked to take over reins at Washington County Public Schools. Airport to expand passenger space. Hagerstown regional Airport plans to expand its passenger holding space and add an automated baggage-conveyor system to ease growing pains form a new commercial air service.

County approves sale of \$14.7M in bonds. The Board of County Commissioners voted to approve the sale of \$14.7 million in Maryland Public Improvement Bonds to Janney Montgomery Scott Inc., which offered the lowest interest rate of nine bidders.

May 5

County to get \$8.4M for school construction. The Maryland Board of Public Works approved \$8.4 million in state funding for Washington County Public schools' projects. The state funds include money to finish covering the cost of the new Antietam Academy, which opened in January for money for Monroe Primary, which will open in August.

May 11

County project to receive Program Open Space funds. The Board of

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County Commissioners voted to approve recommendations from the county Recreation and Parks Advisory Board for divvying up \$146,333 in open-space fund. State open-space funding comes from real estate transfer taxes and federal programs. The six project approved for fiscal 2012 funding were: Winter Street Elementary School playground equipment; Funkstown Community park entrance upgrade; pavilion for Hancock's Kirkwood Park; Pavilion upgrade in Smithsburg's Veterans Park; Walkway for Hagerstown's Hellane Park; Signs and directory for Williamsport's Bryon Memorial Park.

May 18

County approves \$241.2M budget.

May 21

Solar-generating facility to be built near prisons. The largest solar-generated facility in Maryland, capable of powering more than 2,000 homes at peak output, is planned to open in 2012 on 250 acres of state-owned land near the Maryland Correctional Institution-Hagerstown and the Maryland Correctional Training Center.

May 25

It's official: New school superintendent hired. The Washington County Board of Education approved the appointment and contract for the schools system's next superintendent, Clayton M. Wilcox.

June

June 4

Callaham to retire as Food Resources executive director. County Commissioner Ruth Anne Callaham will retire as executive director of Food Resources Inc. Callaham has been executive director for 8 years. She was instrumental in developing numerous programs that led to the organization increasing the quantity and quality of food made available to the community.

June 9

Fed grant approved to extend Yale Drive. Washington County's request for a \$600,000 federal grant to help extend Yale Drive through Mount Aetna Farms has been formally approved.

The grant – the first of two consecutive \$600,000 grants the county is seeking from the Appalachian Regional Commission – will go toward funding a \$9.3 million project to extend Yale Drive to a new entrance to Hagerstown Community College.

June 16

Group buys Mount Aetna Farms land for technology park. A longtime local economic development organization completed its purchase of 173-acres of Mount Aetna Farms near Hagerstown Community College. CHIEF, also known as the Hagerstown-Washington County Industrial Foundations bought the property from Diakon Senior Living. The organization plans to promote the property to biotechnology and other high-tech companies as a technology park strategically located between the community college and Meritus Medical Center.

June 17

Ordinance could entice businesses to Eastern Blvd. The proposed ordinance would reduce the Eastern Boulevard improvement fee for a new development on a sliding scale, starting at 50 percent and eventually dropping to 30 percent. Goodwill leader receives top United Way award. Craig M. MacLean, executive director and chief executive officer of Horizon Goodwill Industries, received the Jesse L. Kagle Award for Distinguished Service at the United Way of Washington County's annual dinner.

June 19

City gears up for road projects. Hagerstown sets aside \$650,000 for pavement preservation program. Pavement preservation is part of the city's annual capital improvement program, and includes milling and paving portions of several streets, patching isolated deteriorating areas and crack sealing.

June 24

HCC Gets grant for new program. Hagerstown Community College will launch a new program with the help of a \$73,000 grant from the Appalachian

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Regional Commission. The money will be used to purchase equipment to prepare students who wish to major in Digital Instrumentation and Process Controls and earn associate degrees in applied sciences.

Direct Air takes flight. Airline's inaugural flight out of Hagerstown Regional Airport took off with a full load of passengers headed to Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Lakeland, Florida.

June 25

Unemployment up again. Reversing a four month trend, the unemployment rate in Washington County was back on the rise going from 9.2 percent in April to 9.6 percent in May.

July

July 3

County school fails to meet state standards, continues to improve. The Western Heights Middle School failed, yet again; to meet state proficiency standards in reading and math from assessment test take last school year.

July 7

Hospital ER named in honor of Fletcher's. Alice Virginia and David W. Fletcher set up their philanthropic foundation, their intent was to "help individual over come illnesses and adversities." The emergency room at Meritus Medical Center was officially changed to the Fletcher Emergency Department after the Alice Virginia and David W. Fletcher Foundation donated \$1 million for the department.

July 14

Judge Long named top post. Judge

M.; Kenneth Long, Jr. has been named the new administrative judge for the Washington County Circuit Court.

July 21

Va. Defense company acquires NETCONN. Hagerstown-area technology company NETCONN Solutions, which provides information technology services to department of Defense agencies has been acquired by Fairfax, Va.-based defense conglomerate General Dynamics. NETCONN will become part of General Dynamics Information Technology, that provides systems integration, systems engineering, professional services and stimulation and training to customers in the defense intelligence, homeland security, health, federal civilian government, state and local government and commercial sectors.

July 29

New Lions leader sees club's contributions. Carol White, the first woman president of the Hagerstown Lions Club, said the organization's contributions include vision care, scholarships and support for youth activities.

July 30

Unemployment numbers up in June. The job picture in Washington County worsened in June as the number of people working dropped by more than 400 while more than 300 people were added to the unemployment rolls.

August

August 1

Washington County truckers are

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champs. Charles Smetzer of Hagerstown was named grand champion of the 2011 Maryland State Truck Driving Championships, edging out Otho Kretzer of Boonsboro by just one point. Smetzer a driver for ABF Freight System, Inc. Both men will compete at the National Truck Driving Championships in Orlando, FL.

August 10

Direct Air ending service out of Hagerstown. Direct Air is ending its service out of Hagerstown Regional Airport on August 21 but might come back next year.

August 16

Volvo AB gets \$19 million to develop fuel-efficient tractor-trailers. The five-year project is part of a SuperTruck initiative the DOE announced last year aimed at improving heavy-duty truck fuel efficiency by 50 percent.

August 18

Brooks steps down as head of CSAFE. After more than 13 years at the helm of CSAFE in Hagerstown, Carolyn Brooks is stepping down to pursue other interests. CSAFE

(Collaborative Supervision and Focused Enforcement) main thrust was to put law enforcement, parole and probation, juvenile services, housing authorities and other agencies in the same meetings to better address crime in a designated area.

August 19

Solar farm is a step closer to reality. If there are no complications, Hearing Examiner Dennis Sober soon can recommend that Maryland Solar LLC be awarded a certificate of public need and necessity for its project.

August 22

Mother gets keys to Habitat house. Becky Hein presented house keys to Elaine at a dedication of a Habitat for humanity home on Interval Road in Hagerstown. Hein was the project leader for the home's construction.

County communications manager receives two professional awards. Peter "Pete" Loewenheim was chosen as Radio Frequency Technologist of the Year for Maryland by the Mid-Eastern Chapter of the

Association of Public Safety Communications Officials and Public Safety Communications Radio Frequency Technologist of year for 2011 by APCO International.

August 27

Jobless rate drops in county. The unemployment rate in Washington County dropped by 0.4 percent in July. The county's July jobless rate was 9.7 percent.

August 28

Farm of the Year is a family affair. Jim & Bonnie Weddle run Creek Bound Farms on Poffenberger Road south of Funkstown received this year's Farm of the Year award at the Washington County Agricultural Education Center. The award is based on conservation, preservation and the use of technology in new practices.

August 30

New MSO chief named. A Middletown, Md., native, Tamara Nuzzaci Park, was hired as the Maryland Symphony Orchestras new executive director.

September

September 2

Md. Red Cross to cut costs by consolidating. The American Red cross is cutting the equivalent of 17 full-time and one part-time staff positions across Western, Central and Southern Maryland, mainly to reduce administrative costs.

September 7

New county PR chief to coordinate news coverage. Under a new Washington County policy, media interviews with government staff members must be coordinated by the county's new public relations director. Sarah J. Lankford who was hired July 1 to direct the county's new department of Public Relations and Community Affairs will serve as the spokeswoman or designate an appropriate person for all interactions with the media, under the new policy.

September 6

Rubbish Roundup gets grant. The Antietam Creek Watershed Alliance has received a \$1,000 grant

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September 10

Snook takes over as CHIEF president. Hagerstown-Washington County Industrial Foundation, known as CHIEF. CHIEF is a nonprofit business-development organization based in downtown Hagerstown. Gregory I. Snook, a former Washington County commissioner, is the new CHIEF president.

September 14

County agrees to extend home stimulus program. The Washington County Commissioners voted to extend the program, which waives the first \$9,000 of excise tax due on residential building permit applications, which was set to expire on October 31.

September 16

Grant to help local families become more independent. The Hagerstown Housing Authority has received a \$100,125 federal grant to help pay for a program that sends the heads of low-income families back to school.

Foundation award to honor

Waltersdorf's legacy. The community Foundation of Washington County MD Inc. has established an award to recognized people who exemplify the philanthropic legacy of the late John M. Waltersdorf. The organization is asking the community to nominate someone living or dead who has given a share of his or her wealth and knowledge to help benefit others.

September 20

County names new department heads. Washington County officials named new department heads of the county's Planning and Zoning Department and Health and Human Services department. Stephen T. Goodrich is the Planning and Zoning director and Stephanie Stone as Health and Human Services director.

September 24

High ozone levels place city 11th on environment group's list. The Hagerstown area ranks among the smoggiest communities of its size in the country, according to a report based on Environmental Protection Administration data. The city and surrounding area had five "smog days:" in 2010 where ozone exceeded 75 parts per billion (ppb), the EPA standard.

September 28

Washington County will move forward with senior center project. Washington County's senior center project at Hagerstown Community College will go forward as planned, substituting \$800,000 in additional county funds for an anticipated state grant that didn't come through. The center is to include a gymnasium, kitchen, internet café, multipurpose

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dining room, and a variety of meeting and activity rooms for use by area senior citizens.

September 29

Chamber looks to future a meeting. Outgoing Chairman James E. Miller passed the Hagerstown-Washington County Chamber of Commerce's leadership gavel to Samuel E. Cool at their annual meeting.

September 30

Man honored for sustainable farming. Clear Spring farmer Steven "Steve" Ernst was recognized by the state of Maryland for conservation practices stated by his grandfather in the 1940s and 1950s and continued by his father. The state of Maryland has recognized him with Excellence in Agricultural Stewardship, as a 2011 Smart Green and Growing Award recipient.

October

October 1

County jobless rate inches up. Even though the number of people unemployed in Washington County was largely unchanged, the county's unemployment rate rose from 9.7 percent in July to 9.8 percent in August.

October 4

Habitat for Humanity volunteer honored as Woman of the Year. The Hagerstown Business & Professional Women's Club named Pam Meridith, who headed up the Women Build Program for Habitat for Humanity of Washington County, as their Woman of the Year.

October 5

VT Industries has grand opening. VT Industries, a company which manufactures laminate countertops, architectural wood doors and stone surfaces opened May 6 in the former Kongsburg Automotive plant at 101 Western Maryland Parkway. The grand opening ceremony brought together company executives, and state and county officials and the dozens of new VT employees.

Scores for SATs a mixed bag for WCPS. From 2010 to 2011, Washington County Public Schools students; average SAT scores decreased in every area except writing. Still the

school system's average scores were above the state public schools' average.

October 11

Schools'; audit is clean. Washington County Public Schools received a "clean opinion" on its audit for fiscal 2010-11. The audit for the fiscal year that ended June 20 was presented to the school board.

October 12

Solar-farm project gets state approval. Work can begin on a large solar-panel farm in Washington County. Maryland Solar plans to place at least 100,000 photovoltaic cells on the state prison complex south of Hagerstown. The \$70 million project, at peak, is expected to generate about 20 megawatts, which would roughly double the solar power now on Maryland's grid.

October 19

New agency to allot grant funds to groups. The Washington County Gaming Office will be renamed to Office of Community Grant Management and given the responsibility of distributing county grants to community groups.

October 20

Emergency dispatcher appreciates thank you. Washington County Emergency Services dispatcher was recognized as Washington County's Telecommunicator of the Year by the Maryland Emergency Humber Systems Board, an organization that coordinates the installation and enhancement of 911 emergency telephone services systems. Anonymous donor to give \$10K grants to three local organizations. An anonymous donor has agreed to give \$10,000 matching grants to three struggling organizations that help the homeless, provide free medical care to people who don't have health insurance and offer housing for low-income seniors.

October 22

Free clinic closes its doors to new patients for now. Hundreds of new patients have stressed the finances of the Community Free Clinic in Hagerstown, compelling its board of direc-

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tors this week to decide not to accept any new patients for the time being.

October 24

ThompsonGas chief named CEO of the Year by magazine. J. Randall "Randy" Thompson of ThompsonGas was named Baltimore SmartCEO magazine's 2011 CEO of the year.

October 27

Webb introduced as MCTC warden. Wayne A. Webb was introduced as Maryland Correctional Training Center's newest warden.

November

November 2

County approves building of transit museum. The Washington County Board of Commissioners awarded a \$232, 156 contract for construction of a transportation museum at the Washington County Agricultural Education Center. It will house exhibits such as wagons, sleighs, buggies and antique cars.

County joins in hiring lobbyist to protect interests. Concerned that a new state planning document will be used to "strong-arm" local governments, the Washington County Board of Commissioners decided to joining other Western Maryland counties I hiring a lobbyist to protect their interests.

November 3

Solar farm will move state closer to goal. The \$70 million solar farm being built at the state prison complex south of Hagerstown will move Maryland one step toward its man-

date of having 20 percent of its electricity by renewable energy sources by 2022.

November 21

Arts council gives grants to organizations. The Washington County Arts Council Inc. recently distributed the 2012 Community Arts Development Grants. The following organizations received grants: Augustoberfest Event; Ballet & All That Jazz; Blues Fest; Hagerstown Choral Arts Inc.; Hagerstown Community Concert Association; Maryland Symphony Orchestra; Potomac Players; Washington County Museum of Fine Arts.

November 30

Washington County jobless rate drops below 9 percent. For the first time since December 2008, Washington County's jobless rate has dropped below 9 percent, dipping to 8.8 percent in October.

December

December 1

Man gets new post in prison division. J. Michael Stouffer, who previously served as warden of the Maryland Correctional Training Center South of Hagerstown, was named deputy secretary of operations for the Maryland department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

December 2

FirstEnergy inks 20-year deal to buy solar power. FirstEnergy Solutions has signed a 20-year agreement to buy power from a large solar generating facility to be built south of Hagerstown.

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December 3

Lobbying coalition releases with list. Civil War marketing, tax credits are among coalition's priorities.

December 5

HCC gets energized by house for green training. Hagerstown Community College's new "energy house" will be the epitome of green living, complete with roof-mounted solar panels, a retractable wind turbine and a geothermal heap pump.

December 7

CHIEF to engineer Mount Aetna access. The first step in developing the property is to provide access to it through the extension of Yale Drive from Medical Campus Road to Scholar Drive at HCC. CHIEF drafted a memorandum of undertaking between it, Washington County and Meritus addressing each one's responsibilities as the project moves forward.

December 14

Ridenour re-elected BOE chief, Fischer is named vice president. Wayne D. Ridenour won a fourth one-year term as Washington County Board of Education President. Jacqueline B. Fischer was elected vice president.

December 21

City moves toward using speed cameras. Under a new ordinance cameras could be placed in school zones to enforce speed limits.

December 22

City Oks purchase of police cameras. The 50 new cameras will help the Hagerstown Police Department continue to crack down on crime throughout Hagerstown.

December 23

County jobless rate drops again. Washington County's unemployment rate has reached its lowest level since the recession hit in late 2008 dropping from 8.6 percent in October to 8.2 percent in November.

December 28

Woman honored for service to Red Cross. Barbara "Bobbi" Schnebly was honored with the Beulah T. Meyers Award for Distinguished Humanitarian Service 2011 by the Washington County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

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