

Morgan County Has Talent show benefit April 14

The first Morgan County Has Talent show will showcase local talent and celebrate community togetherness on Saturday, April 14.

Featuring 15 contestants, with performances ranging from music, dance and instrumentals will be emceed by deejay, Stacy Drake, of local radio station, Max 92.9.

Morgan County Has Talent will be held at Berkeley Springs High School's auditorium at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be available by the 4-H Settler's Club.

Each contestant will have a chance to win a cash prize. The winners of the first, second and third place prizes will be determined by three judges which include: Joel Newman, a guitarist/vocalist and music teacher with Duet in Music in Frederick, Md. and Cumberland Valley Music School in Chambersburg, Pa.; Dr. Susan Kirchner, chairperson and professor of the Townson University Department of Dance in Maryland and professional flutist,

Susan Mott, who played flute and piccolo with the Maryland Symphony Orchestra for 26 years.

In addition to supporting local talent, this event will also serve as a fundraiser for two local non-profit organizations; the Morgan County Partnership and the BlackCat Music Cooperative. Both organizations work with Morgan County youth.

Tickets are available at the Morgan County Partnership, BlackCat Music, Morgan County Chamber of Commerce and Roy's Service Center. Tickets are available at the door. For more information, call 304-258-7807.

Morgan County Partnership stages talent show

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BERKELEY SPRINGS — Morgan County Partnership is staging its first talent show for Morgan County citizens to showcase their abilities on Saturday at Berkeley Springs High School.

Morgan County Has Talent features 15 contestants, with performances ranging from music, dance and instrumentals. Emceeding this showcase of talent will be local deejay Stacy Drake of radio station Kool Hits Max 92.9.

Morgan County Partnership Executive Director Megan Hauser said a silent auction opens at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria, followed by the talent show at 7 p.m. Refreshments are available, supporting the 4-H Setter's Club.

Each contestant will have a chance to win a cash prize. The winners of the first, second and third place prizes will be determined by three accomplished judges, such as music teachers and professors of dance and a professional flutist.

Contestants submitted video auditions in February, and the talent pool was screened for in-person auditions.

The finalists will perform Saturday. The contest is open to ages 9 to 90.

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The Morgan County Partnership is a coalition made up of local citizens united in a shared vision of building a supportive network for young people, their families and others connected with them to create a safe, healthy and drug-free community.

The Partnership includes all sectors of the community, such as area nonprofits, government groups, agencies, volunteer organizations, the school district, churches, businesses, parents and youth.

Believing in the power of music

to engage youth in personal growth and development, BlackCat Music Cooperative (BCMC), a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization was formed in January 2017 to provide educational and cultural experiences for young people of all ages.

The cooperative seeks active collaboration with local schools, community groups and interested individuals in the Eastern Panhandle region of West Virginia and its surrounding states.

Tickets are on sale now. Adults are \$6, youth \$4. Children under 5 are free.

Tickets can be purchased at the Morgan County Partnership, BlackCat Music, Morgan County Chamber of Commerce, and Roy's Service Center.

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