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Business briefs

Knob Hall Winery

CLEAR SPRING - **Knob Hall Winery** recently won three gold medals at the Maryland Governor's Cup competition.

The winery won gold medals for its Chambourcin, Rose (dry) and Rose (semi-dry) wines. The dry Rose also won Best in Class.

The medals will be awarded this month at the Maryland Wine Festival in Westminster, Md.

Best Western Grand Venice Hotel

The Best Western Grand Venice Hotel recently became an environmentally friendly Best Western Hotel and a certified member of the Maryland Green Travel program.

The hotel on Dual Highway recently changed to energy-saving light bulbs throughout the hotel and installed low-flow shower heads in guest bathrooms. The hotel's keycard sleeves are made from recycled paper and printed with vegetable oil-based ink. Air conditioning units are turned off when rooms are not in use and 98 percent of the guest rooms have individual digital thermostats.

Recycling bins also have been added for guests to recycle aluminum, plastic and paper. The hotel staff also has committed to not printing as many e-mails.

The Maryland Green Travel program was developed through a partnership of the Maryland Office of Tourism, Maryland Department of the Environment and Maryland Tourism Council in support of the Smart, Green and Growing initiative.

Hempen Hill BBQ Bar & Catering

Hempen Hill BBQ Bar & Catering collected school supply donations in July and August with the help of staff and guests.

Back-to-school packages were filled with a variety of school supplies and donated to 11 elementary and middle schools in Washington County.

This was the third straight year that Hempen Hill BBQ has donated supplies to schools for students in need.

Brechbill & Helman Construction Co.

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa. - **Brechbill & Helman Construction Co.** recently received two first-place Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) Excellence in Construction Awards for the skilled nursing addition at Homewood Retirement Center in Williamsport and Harmony Ridge West at Cross Keys Village in New Oxford, Pa.

Brechbill & Helman will be honored Sept. 23 at ABC's Excellence in Construction Awards Program & Banquet at Fountain Head Country Club in Hagerstown.

Both projects are eligible to be entered in the National ABC competition.

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