

## Mon County Events in April

- **April 1 (9AM – 4 PM) Early Childhood Annual Spring Training (ECAST) WVU** Mountaineer Ballroom, WVU Student Union. Supporting Social-Emotional Development in Very Young Children with Dr. Maria Sargent. WV STARS credit – Pre-registration is now closed however those who are not registered and Non-WV STARS participants may come to the training on April 1 and register prior to training. Space will be limited and is on a first come, first serve basis.
- **April 1 Grand Opening of the Mason-Dixon Historical Park playground.** 79 Buckeye Rd, Core, WV. Games, prizes and fun at the grand opening! At sunset, there will be an outdoor showing of Star Wars: The Force Awakens. Costumes are encouraged. Playground opening at 4PM and movie night at 7:30. Check out their website: <http://www.masondixonhistoricalpark.com/events.html>
- **April 7 - Wear Blue on April 7** Join us in support of children across West Virginia and Prevent Child Abuse WV as we recognized April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Post your photos on FB and tag United Way of Monongalia and Preston Counties! Please use the attached flyer to help our entire community participate in Prevention Awareness. For more information, go to: <http://www.preventchildabusewv.org/index.html>
- **April 7 (6PM) Girls Night Out presents Denim & Diamonds.** Waterfront Place Hotel VIP Pricing: \$ 100, General Admission: \$50. Join the Monongalia Child Advocacy Center for a fun filled ladies' night with entertainment, pampering, dancing, refreshments and more. All proceeds go directly towards providing free services to children in our community who are victims of abuse or neglect, or who are at risk. For more information [www.facebook.com/MONCOCAC](http://www.facebook.com/MONCOCAC) [www.moncocac.org](http://www.moncocac.org) email [mccac\\_dc@comcast.net](mailto:mccac_dc@comcast.net) or phone 304-598-0344.
- **April 8 (1PM) Easter Egg Hunt** Mason-Dixon Historical Park. Registration for this free event for kids begins at 1:00PM with games and prizes until the egg hunt starts at 3:00PM. There will be four different age groups for the hunt (under 5, 2-8, 9-12 and 13+). Check out more on their Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/events/2205734819652310](http://www.facebook.com/events/2205734819652310)
- **April 11 (2PM) Heathy Living for your Brain and Body** An education program by the Alzheimer's Association, 1299 Pineview Drive, Ste. 3, Join us to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement, and use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. (flyer attached) Contact 1-800-272-3900 or [wvinfo@alz.org](mailto:wvinfo@alz.org)

- **April 22 (8AM to 2PM) Ramp Dinner/Wildflower Walk /Earth Day Celebration and Kids Fishing Rodeo** Mason-Dixon Historical Park's Annual Ramp Dinner at the Red Barn. Cost \$10. for Adult Meal, \$5 for age 12 and under, but free for age 5 and under with adult. Wildflower walk begins at 1:30. The free walk will begin in the parking lot next to the red barn, the park's main building. In case of inclement weather, the wildflower walk will be cancelled. The Kids Fishing Rodeo will be held from 10-1 for children 16 and under.

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- **April 23 (2-5PM) Walk a Mile in Their Shoes.** The name of this annual walk has changed. Instead of asking men to literally walk one mile in women's high-heeled shoes, everyone is invited to walk regardless of the type of shoes they wear and to get involved in an issue that's difficult to talk about: sexual violence. You may walk as an individual or create/join a team. Every team member must complete a registration and pay their \$15.00 donation (to cover the cost of the T-shirt and associated fees) to get a t-shirt and be counted as a member of the team. For more information and tickets go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/walk-a-mile-in-their-shoes-2017-morgantown-wv-usa-registration-31125269519?aff=efbevent>

- **April 25 (6-8PM) Darkness to Light, End Child Sexual Abuse**, hosted by Monongalia County Child Advocacy Center to be held at Mountainview Elementary School. A free workshop for parents, teachers, coaches and community members advocating for children. Adults will learn facts about child abuse, where it can occur, strategies for protecting children, the importance of having conversations, and the signs of abuse to help you react responsibly. Children in 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to a discussion led by MCCAC therapists during this time focusing on body safety, peer pressure, and making healthy choices about peer relationships and using social media. For more information see attached flyer. For questions or to pre-register contact Kayla Taylor-Benson at m or 304-598-0344 or [mccac\\_dc@comcast.net](mailto:mccac_dc@comcast.net).
- **April 25-27 (9AM – 3PM) Kiddie Days at the WVU Animal Sciences Farm** Tours will run each day from 9AM to 3PM. Admission is \$2 per person. To schedule a tour for a group of 10 or more call 304-293-1978 or e-mail [Kimberly.Mouser@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:Kimberly.Mouser@mail.wvu.edu). Individuals or small groups do not need to make reservations.

- **April 26 (1-2PM) Kinship Care Meet and Greet.** Mt. View Early Head Start Center, 670 Greenbag Road, Morgantown. Are you a grandparent or relative who is caring for a young child? We value the role you play in a child's life and would like to provide you with an opportunity to meet others who have made the same commitment. For more information, see attached flyer or contact Beth Nair 304-291-9331 ext. 1761.
  
- **April 29 (11AM - noon) Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon.** Barnes and Noble, 2814 University Town Center. The Rape and Domestic Violence Center invites you to join them for the reading of Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon. A book about a young girl who stands up to a bully at her school. The reading will be followed by activities.