

Walt Helmick, Commissioner



Agriculture is West Virginia's best opportunity to diversify

As you can see with this month's issue of The Market Bulletin, we have a new look. The reason is quite simple. As we continue our efforts to promote Agriculture in West Virginia, we believe this monthly publication plays a major role in keeping you informed on the many good things you are doing to help grow our industry.

We plan on having our staff report to you on the wide variety of producers, the next generation of farmers especially those involved with the FFA - and current events as they happen. We encourage you to contact our Communications office at 304-558-3708 with information on events and we will continue to provide the thousands of you who have utilized our free classified listings in The Market Bulletin over the years to help you with your business operations.

With the Mountain State continuing to move forward on diversifying the economy, Agriculture really presents West Virginia with the best opportunity to develop entrepreneurs and jobs. It's that \$6 billion opportunity I continue to talk about and I'll keep talking about it because making people aware is a key component in what we are trying to do.

Years ago, we were an Agriculture state but we moved away from it when jobs developed in coal, steel, chemicals and glass. Now, the cycle has turned and is affording us the chance once again to focus and capitalize on the many opportunities Agriculture offers here in West Virginia.

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Former World travelers settle down into WV farming



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• People who know me say they've never seen me happier. I feel it in my bones. It is a blessing and a gift to be able to do this," says Chris Lotze.

He and his wife Evie are the owners of Roxley Farms near Kearneysville in Jefferson County. They bought the off-the-beatenpath farm in July 2001. The 75 acres includes two homes, one of those built in the 18th century, and a herd of Angus cattle. It's almost heaven according to the couple.

Chris and Evie met in college and had demanding careers that took them around the world. Chris, an economist, with a degree from Yale, worked everywhere from Washington D.C. to Tunisia. Evie, a psychologist and author, opened an institute in Houston that trained mental health workers. After their two children graduated from college, they decided they needed a get-a-way, a place to rest, relax, and put D.C. at bay for the weekend. They chose a house on the Potomac near Hedgesville and explored parts of West Virginia including Dolly Sods, Blackwater Falls and Canaan Valley.

Fifteen years ago they put the city behind them for good and chose West Virginia as their final destination. They worked with a realtor to find to perfect spot. It proved to be elusive until they were introduced to Roxley Farms.

"When we drove in past those rocks as you come in the lane," explains Evie, "I said, 'Oh, this is it!"

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- Chris Lotze





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Shady Spring High School students learn real-life job skills in meat processing class

Walk into a grocery store in Raleigh County, head to the meat department, and you'll likely end up talking to a graduate of the Shady Spring High School Agriculture Science program. For the past 35 years, Joseph McDougal has been teaching meat processing and his students have been very successful.

"I end up with quite a few students who use this as a stepping stone to work," says McDougal.

Whether it's a part time job to pay for college or a full time position after graduation, his students are ready to hit the ground running in any meat department.

"A lot of places you can walk in and if you have some meat processing skills





you can earn in the \$12 to \$14 range instead of minimum wage. It gives you the advantage of having a real skill you can market," he stresses.

The work all starts in the classroom where meat processing students learn the basics such as equipment safety and sanitation skills. After about 3 weeks, the students are ready to step into the meat cooler and get some hands-on practice.

The school's James D. Robinson Agriculture Center opened back in 2000 and provides students the perfect learning environment with two walk-in coolers and enough refrigerated space to cut up several cows, pigs or lamb.

"They're in the process of breaking down beef and processing it to the customer's specifications," explained McDougal. "In this case, the customer was looking for normal rib steaks. So the students are cutting the steaks to the thickness the customer wants."

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The program has commercial and custom operation licenses. McDougal is always close-by to make sure the students meet those strict standards. "Customers have assurance

that as their meat is processed, it's in a clean environment. It's being processed properly. It's being handled safely. It's not being cross contaminated. There's all these rules and regulations that the students learn about handling products and how to prepare them for the customer," explained McDougal.

The customers tend to be past ag students who go back to the program year after year to have their meat processed. The students don't make any money. What they earn is experience.

Zachary Hardy is a senior at Shady Spring and has been taking classes at the ag center. This semester is his second in meat processing.

"They give us the fundamentals you need and teach you how to do it. It's a very hands-on class," says Hardy.

He grew up on a farm and sees his future in farming, possibly meat processing.

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If we take a quick look around us, Agriculture plays such a significant role in the economies of our neighboring states. We can do the same right here. With a "can do" attitude and the dedication to the task, we can together accomplish many positive things and achieve real progress for Agriculture.

I encourage you to contact our offices with questions, concerns and ideas. We welcome your input. Our main number is 304-558-3200 or you can email me directly at whelmick@wvda.us

And finally, believe it or not, spring is once again right around the corner and another full-scale planting season is but a few weeks away. I look forward to seeing many of you this year and remain committed

to helping grow Agriculture in every part of our state. Until next month, I remain yours in service.



"A lot of people don't know how much work it is and how long the process takes. We have to know it pretty much down to the inch, especially when you're cutting steaks," he says. "Nobody likes a messed up product. So there's a lot of pressure to make sure everything is right so the customer will be pleased."

Katie Martin is a junior at Shady Spring and in the same class as Hardy. She's the only girl. It doesn't intimidate her. Her advice to other females thinking about going into the ag industry, "Get into the program!"

She's still deciding on what she wants to major in when she heads off to college but says her experience with the meat processing classes have given her a new outlook on her future.

McDougal knows not every student of his will go on to become a butcher or work in the meat processing industry, but for those who do, they have a head start

"It's like a lot of other occupations. You're going to learn a lot more those first 3-4 years on the job. Everybody wants to come out as a manager but you're not at that skill level yet. You have the basic skills to be a productive employee for a business."

McDougal says he really enjoys seeing former students who put their skills

"When you see a student who is successful and you know it's a skill they started with here at SSHS, it's a wonderful feeling and there's a great sense of

Interview of the second **Preston County Farm To** School reports great progress

The Preston County Farm To School program purchased \$27,000 worth of locally grown food in 2012-13 and exciting developments are under way in 2014-15, according to Jennifer Kahly, an Americorps member working through the WV Dept. of Education's Office of Child Nutrition.

"In 2014, we brought the Mountaineer Challenge Academy Kitchen on board," said Kahly in an email. "Craig Frazee is their head chef. He has demonstrated an amazing commitment to locally raised produce. He has purchased every single week that growers have had

product available." Frazee has served locally grown lettuce and spinach, squash, cucumbers, sweet and hot peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers, melons, carrots, herbs and more. The Challenge Academy serves many meals made from scratch.

Kahly noted that the program organized an opportunity for kids and families to purchase locally grown squash for their holiday meals. Butternut and sunshine squash were delivered to the schools for kids to take home.

The program is also helping connect farmers and schools by working within the schools to educate kids about the nutritional value of fruits and veggies and what goes into growing food.

"The idea is to grow new farmers," said Kahly. "We read aloud books on farming, gardening and veggies and provide opportunities for kids to identify, grow and taste healthy vegetables and fruit.'

One activity featured 95 students at Terra Alta East Preston School playing fruit and vegetable bingo with their handmade bingo cards.

West Virginia's FTS effort is spearheaded by the West Virginia Farm To School Community Development Group

(WVFTSCDG), a public/private task force made up of the West Virginia Department of Education, the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, the West Virginia University Extension Small Farm Center, New Appalachian Farm and Research Center, and the Collaborative for the 21st Century Appalachia.

The goals of the group are to increase the amount of local foods served in have uc Schools purchec double the \$350,000 mc, student suppliers. For more information about Farm 10 Davidson at bdavidson@wvda.us or 304-541-5902, or www.facebook.com.wvfarm2school. schools and to develop the next generation of farmers in West Virginia. Schools have doubled the amount of local food purchased the last two years in a row. Schools purchased \$650,000 worth of food from local sources in 2013-2014. That's double the \$350,000 they spent in 2012-2013, including \$50,000 worth of food from

For more information about Farm To School opportunities, contact Buddy Davidson at bdavidson@wvda.us or 304-541-5932, visit www.groweducatesell.com,

SHEPHERD'S CREEK Barb Sodums of Raleigh County is a farmer but not the typical kind. She doesn't raise acres of corn or beans. Her barns aren't filled with cattle or pigs. She and her husband Marc own Shepherd's Creek Alpaca Farm just outside of Beckley.

Alpacas are her passion. Sodums has anywhere from 15-20 on her property at any given time. Most are hers, a few she boards.

The alpaca is a domesticated species of South American camelid and resembles a llama, only smaller. They're valued for their fiber, or fleece, and make great pets.

"Seventy-five percent of why I love having them is watching them and interacting with them," she says.

Sodums grew up in rural, up-state New York. She was a biology and special education teacher for years. As retirement neared, she started thinking about what she wanted to do. Raising alpacas was on the top of her list.

"We did it as a retirement investment initially. In the early 2000's, when we got into this, alpacas were very expensive and they sold quite easily," says Sodums. She started out

purchasing three

alpacas in 2003. Within six months, she had more than a dozen.

"They are so beautiful to look at and their fiber is

soft and wonderful! It was very appealing for those reasons," Sodums explains.

However, a lot changed with the alpaca market in 2008 when the recession hit.

"Like a lot of livestock, people aren't doing as much of it. I think that has to do with the economy. The price of an alpaca has dropped exponentially. They're probably, in general, valued at 20 percent of what they were worth when we got into them eleven years ago," according to Sodums. "An animal I might have sold for \$15,000 ten years ago today would be worth about \$3,000 to \$4,000."

Luckily the Sodoms broke even on their investment before the market stalled. Despite the depreciation, she still finds her pets worth every penny. That and the fact alpacas don't take a lot of time, money, or backbreaking work to raise.

"Alpacas are very low maintenance. They don't eat a lot. They're very clean. They use a common dung pile," says Sodums. "They're quite easy to take care of as far as livestock goes."

The first chore of the morning is to muck out the dung pile. Then it's feeding time. Sodums fills their water

buckets, gives them hay, grain, and a mixture of vitamins and minerals. That takes all of about an hour to complete.



Much of Sodums enjoyment of her alpacas is watching them interact with each other. She also says the animals are "low maintenance, clean and easy to take care of." And their enviable fiber (right) is extremely soft and beautiful.



Once that's done, Barb opens the barn doors to let the alpacas out to pasture. The females are kept separate from the males until its breeding time. Most days the alpacas spend their time in the fields grazing. They almost always stay in small groups.

"You can't just have one alpaca. Alpacas are herd animals. They have to be in a group of at least two or three," explains Sodums.

Not all alpacas are the same. There are two different types. Huagaya look like puffy teddy bears when their fiber gets long. Suri fiber looks like dreadlocks.

"The clothing you make from Suri fiber is a drapey, shiny, silky sort of fiber as opposed to Huacaya which is more like a cashmere wool," says Sodums.

Once a year, the alpacas are shorn. A typical animal will produce 5-10 lbs. of fiber. Sodums turns some of that into skeins of yarn, hats, knitted scarves and gloves. She sells them at a little farm store next to her house. Her Christmas open houses are the busiest shopping days of the year at the farm.

"We try and sell enough to pay for the maintenance of our alpacas," says Sodums. Each alpaca has a name.

"Not only are they named, they are all DNA tested and registered with a national registry and micro-chipped. They all have a pedigree name, sort of like a purebred dog, and then they have their common name," explains Sodums.

You can find her out in the fields calling them by name.

"Sophia! Victoria! Come here."

How does she tell them apart?

"It's like people that have 19 children. They know all their names because it's their kids. To me, I can pretty much tell you anything you want to know about any individual alpaca on my farm from their parentage, lineage, who they were bred to, and what their quality is," according to Sodums.

The alpacas usually come when they hear their name. They're so tame, they'll come up to Sodums and touch her nose with theirs. That's called a kiss.

"They don't like to be held. They like to smell you. They'll let you pet their head. Some will give kisses!"

There are a lot of impressive alpacas in the herd. There's Chuck, aka Charleston, who is a large white male. Then there's little Keanu who's just 10 months old. He's dark brown with what looks like a white mask. There's Sable Mable with a shiny, dark coat.

However, there's just one alpaca Sodums says she couldn't part with and that's Caspian. He's a rescue alpaca. He and his mother were left to fend for themselves by their previous owner. Sodums took him in, gelded him, and he's become an integral part of the herd.

"He's very gentle and small. So when we wean our little baby boys from their mothers, we put them in with, we call him Uncle Weaner. He's pretty good with them. He's like their understanding but tough uncle and teaches them the ropes. They have a companion that way," says Sodums.

Eleven years after purchasing her first alpaca, Sodums says she still loves to sit on the front porch and just watch them interact.

"I'll look out and see my babies run in the evening. We call it baby races. There's something about dusk that they all get running. They seem to float. It's beautiful to watch!"



304-877-7260 or email at

shepcreekalpacas@aol.com.

Barb Sodums of Raleigh County started her alpaca

farm 11 years ago as a retirement investment. And

although the alpaca market took a hit with the 2008

recession, her passion for the animal remains strong.

Ruffner Elementary School fourth and fifth

graders visited the Capitol recently during the legislative session to visit with lawmakers and elected officials.





While they were there, Commissioner Helmick spoke to them about the future of agriculture and plans to build a high tunnel at their Kanawha County school.

Roxley Farms, cont. from page 1

However, they had to decide what to do with the property.

"Originally we were going to raise goats. Then we visited a goat farm that was also doing cheese and we said, 'No! This is not for us," says Chris.

Then they got a visit from someone who knew their land very well.

"The fellow who grew up on this farm suggested that we try beef. He said 'It's not rocket science.' And I said, 'OK! 'We needed fencing. We needed water.' He said, 'I can help you with that.' We got the help we needed," according to Chris.

Also pitching in to assist the new farmers were their neighbors and the county extension agent. They showed the Lotze's the ropes. The couple then created a plan for the land. They decided on a sustainable farm model.

"For us, there was no other option. That's what we wanted to do because the land is worth maintaining and sustaining. It's not something to be plundered or run into the ground and then walk away from it. If we sustain it, it will sustain us," says Chris.

That first year was a difficult one, remembers Edie. She and Chris went to their daughter's for Christmas and a friend was taking care of the herd.

"Our neighbor came to check the cattle. Sure enough one of the mommas had given birth prematurely," says Edie. "The neighbor put the baby in the bed of his truck. The momma was just irate! The calf couldn't stand up and she couldn't lie down to nurse."

"The calf didn't have a suckling response. We had to bring the calf into the house, put it into the bathtub, and warm it up. Then after a couple of days of feeding it with a tube, we made a manger in the basement which had a dirt floor. The local vet showed up and said, 'There's a 50/50 chance with this baby,'" says Edie.

Chris and Edie wondered, "Will he live or will he die?" That calf lived and is now the farm pet, the only one with a name – Willie.

The Lotze's started out with a herd of 15. Chris admits there were times when they asked themselves if they'd made the right choice by taking on the farm. Thirteen years later, the answer to that question is a resounding "Yes."

"What we've done is develop a strong clientele for our beef through sales at farmers' markets and others who have just come to the farm. It is meeting and

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USDA Announces More Than \$18 Million to Support Training and Development for Beginning Farmers and Ranchers

More than \$18 million in funding to help educate, mentor and enhance the sustainability of the next generation of farmers is available through the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP), administered by USDA's National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA). Winning awards from last year's application cycle will be announced in the near future.

The Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program awards grants to organizations implementing programs to train beginning farmers and ranchers, including workshops, educational teams, training, and technical assistance throughout the United States.

Fiscal Year 2015 applications for BFRDP are due March 13, 2015. Eligible applicants are collaborative, state, tribal, local, or regionallybased network or partnership of public or private entities, including state cooperative extension service; community-based and nongovernmental organization; colleges or universities (including institutions awarding associate degrees); or any other appropriate organization providing services to beginning farmers and ranchers.

At least five percent of the funds must go to projects that serve military veteran beginning farmers and ranchers, and at least five percent to projects that serve socially-disadvantaged, limitedresource, or farmworker audiences. All applicants are required to provide funds or in-kind support from non-federal sources in an amount that is at least equal to 25 percent of the federal funds requested.

NIFA will host a webinar for interested applicants on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. EST. No password or advance reservation is required.

talking with those folks who appreciate what we're doing for them that makes it all worthwhile. To see the land we are in control of regain its productivity and be what it should be is a source of great satisfaction," says Chris.

Their Angus herd is grass-fed year round with some alfalfa and pellets to boost protein in the winter months.

"It takes more than the customary one year to raise a beef headed to market. It takes us two, sometimes two and a half years, but what we have is a beautifully marbled and extremely wonderful product that customers are willing to pay for in advance to get their portion of our beef for the year," explains Chris.

"It wasn't a choice in our minds. It was what needed to be done," says Edie. "One of the local extension agents said, 'You are proving sustainable is attainable." I thought that was a good motto."

Even with the price of beef on the rise, the Lotze's say the farm doesn't pay for "extras" like insurance or college tuitions.

"The profit goes right back into the farm. When we fertilize with poultry litter, you might not think that's very expensive. By the time they bring it here and spread it, it is \$46 a ton. We need two tons per acre," says Chris.

The Lotze's have come up with a pricing system that works for them and their clients. The families, health conscious and most with young children, are looking for hormone-free beef. They pay \$600 a year. The Lotze's fill their orders as the Angus come back from slaughter, usually one at a time.

"It's a friendship deal. We're happy to do it for them and they're happy we do it. It's a win-win," says Chris.

The Lotze's have cut back their herd to about 27. To make ends meet, Chris built a high tunnel last spring and planted raspberries. This coming summer he hopes to market those organic berries and make a profit.

The couple's son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter live on the farm as well. Chris and Evie say while they never planned to become farmers, they can't imagine life anywhere else.

"They will have to take us out in a pine box," laughs Chris.

For more information on Roxley Farms, check out their website at www. roxleyfarms.com.

New tastes to get you through the cold-weather months

Jean Smith, Director, WVDA Marketing & Development Division Director

What is your favorite cold weather comfort food? For many, it is a hearty soup or stew, for others a basic pasta dish with a personal touch, and for some, possibly a sandwich.

Many of us are exploring the use of different grains as part of our diets. Quinoa is very popular and fits perfectly for any meal of the day. Quinoa pronounced (keen-wah) is low in calories, has a nutty taste, is a good source of iron and fiber and last, but certainly not least, contains all nine amino acids which make it an excellent source of protein.

If you have a favorite dish that you would like to share please feel free to email it to me at: jsmith@ wvda.us. We would love to share them with other readers.

I hope that you will try a new grain in your diet this month. - Happy Cooking!

One Dish Cheesy Chicken Pasta

(12 oz.) package farfalle

(bowtie) pasta

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- tablespoons butter, divided 5
- medium onion, chopped medium red bell pepper,
- chopped
- (8 oz.) package fresh mushrooms, quartered
- ¹/₃ cup all-purpose flour
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 2 cups milk cups chopped cooked chicken 3
- cup (4 oz.) shredded Parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon pepper ¹/₂ teaspoon salt
- Toppings: toasted sliced almonds, chopped fresh flatleaf parsley, shredded Parmesan cheese

Prepare pasta according to package directions. Meanwhile, melt 2 tablespoons butter in a Dutch oven over medium heat. Add onion and bell pepper; sauté 5 minutes or until tender. Add mushrooms; sauté 4 minutes. Remove from Dutch oven.

Melt remaining 3 tablespoons butter in Dutch oven over low heat; whisk in flour until smooth. Cook, whisking constantly, 1 minute.

Gradually whisk in chicken broth and milk; cook over medium heat, whisking constantly, 5 to 7 minutes or until thickened and bubbly.

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Stir chicken, sautéed vegetables, and hot cooked pasta into sauce. Add cheese, pepper, and salt. Serve with desired toppings.

Cheesy Broccoli Quinoa

2 cups chopped broccoli cups vegetable broth $1\frac{3}{4}$ 1 cup quinoa

1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

Salt and ground black pepper to taste

Combine broccoli, broth, and quinoa in a saucepan; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low, place a cover on the saucepan, and cook at a simmer until the broth has been absorbed and the quinoa is tender, 15 to 20 minutes.

Stir Cheddar cheese into the quinoa, replace the lid, and set aside until the cheese melts, 2 to 3 minutes; season with salt and pepper.

Creamy Overnight Blueberry-Pecan Oatmeal

1/2 cup old-fashioned rolled oats

1/2 cup water Pinch of salt

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- 1/2 cup blueberries, fresh or
- frozen, thawed
- 2 tablespoons nonfat plain Greek yogurt 1 tablespoon toasted
- chopped pecans teaspoons pure maple 2 syrup

Combine oats, water and salt in a jar or bowl. Cover and refrigerate overnight. In the morning, heat if desired, and top with blueberries, yogurt, pecans and syrup.



Wrap grated cucumber in a clean kitchen towel; squeeze to release liquid from cucumber. Transfer grated cucumber to a bowl. Mix cream cheese, dill, salt, and black pepper into grated cucumber. Spread cream cheese mixture over bread slices.

Roast Beef and Cucumber Sandwiches

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Divide roast beef and cucumber slices on 5 slices bread and place another slice of bread spread-side down on top to make 5 sandwiches.

North Marion FFA member earns some green selling beans

Students at North Marion High School got a taste of Farm to School this fall. Wyatt Kincell, who is home schooled but belongs to the NMHS FFA, sold his crop of Blue Lake green beans to the school system and earned \$3,000. Why beans? "They're quick and they're easy. You put them in the ground and they pretty much take care of themselves," explained Kincell. He got some help from his grandparents who answered all his questions about his 80'x100' garden. His parents, younger brother and sister, and even his friends pitched in when it was time for harvest. Kincel blanched and quick-froze 1,484 pounds

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taste

1/2 cucumber, peeled and grated

(8 oz.) package cream cheese,



of beans in the high school kitchen. "I was up to my head in beans," he said. Kincell eventually wants to earn an American FFA degree. His plan this coming summer includes beans, but on a slightly smaller scale.





10 slices bread, your choice

cucumber, peeled and thinly sliced

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row, on steel or rubber wheels, must be complete. Delbert Hoover, 3405 Compressor Station Rd., Bruceton Mills, 26525; 379-4844

JD 50 side mower, 7' or 9', disk mower 7" or longer, any brand. Ken Hunt, 2757 Tyler Hwy., Sistersville, 26175; 652-2035; after 9 p.m.

Potato planter, Dale Rupert, 42 Lone Tree Lane, St. Marys, 26170; 684-3561. Corn planter, 2-row, no till. Richard Thoma-

son, 451 Moo Cow Rd., Bluefield, 24701; 887-0278.

Farm Sales

Advertisements for land MUST be about farmland that is at least five (5) acres in size & located in West Virginia. Farmland ads MUST include accompaniments (house, barn, hayfield, garden, etc.) but no specifics, i.e., new kitchen, family room, etc. Ads for the sale or rental of farmland are acceptable from individuals, but MUST include the above. Advertisements for hunting land, commercial or city properties CANNOT be accepted.

Marshall Co.: 80 A. w/houses, free gas, hayfields, fenced pastures w/springs, garages, 2 barns/cisterns, woods, private, \$479,000. Linda Campbell, 2329 Hupp Ridge, Cameron, 26033; 686-3106.

Grant Co.: 5.88 A. w/house, fenced, gravity fed spring, rd. frontage, \$192,000/neg. David Harmon, 92 Accordian Rd., Maysville, 26833; 749-7976.

Putnam Co.: 13 A. w/house, horse training facility, barn w/18 stalls, indoor arena, turn out pens, outdoor ring, \$259,900. Larry Jones, 2376 Steel Ridge Rd., Red House, 25168; 382-6013

Fayette Co.: 6 A. w/house, pasture & garden sites, well, storage sheds, pump house, \$135,000. Joy Marr, 364 Lucas Rd., Victor, 574-0394

Fayette Co.: 58.75 A. w/house, barn, out bldg., cistern & spring, 15 A. hay pasture, \$175,000. Deborah Martin, 3252 Elliot Cutoff Rd., Victor, 25938; 663-3519.

Roane Co.: 8 A. w/house, 6 A. flat, fenced w/lg. barn, gas heat pump, city water, close to schools, churches, grocery, hardware, bank & library, located in Walton. \$249,00. Katherine Naylor, 34 GAndy St., Walton, 25286; 548-5990

Wayne Co.: 28.771 A. w/house, meadow, woods, \$129,000. John Peters, 5766 Hubbards Branch Rd., Huntington, 25704; 429-2033.

Goat Sales

Oberhasli dairy doelings/bucks, \$50/reservation. Michelle Liga, 4140 Dogtown Rd., Kingwood, 26537; oberhasligirl@atlanticbb.net.

Boer: 3/14 does, average wt. 80 lbs., 100%, \$300; precentatge, \$275; 1/14 buck, red, proven breeder, good disp., already have reg. papers, \$400, not related to most of the does, all from good blood, healthy & lg. Carol McClung, 6133 Mill Crk. Rd., Quinwood, 25981; 438-5791.

Pygmy 4- 5-yr. billy, black w/ some white, vacc./wormed. 19" tall. will tie. \$60. Barbara Mike, 144 Sawmill Hollow Rd., Farmington, 26571; 825-1347.

ABGA Boer, reg. full, 5/14 buck, grandson of Smokin Hot Ruger, ennobled, del. avail., \$300. John Ward, HC 85, Box 90, Jumping Branch, 25969; 860-659-2980.

Hog Sales

Berk./Hamp. black pigs, \$75/ea.; Hereford, \$125; white, \$100. Neil Chisler, P.O. Box 252, Blacksville, 26521; 432-8416.

Gloucestershire Old Spots breeding stock piglets, boars & gilts, solid genetics, various colors, \$400-\$450/ea.; Ossabaw Island Hog breeding stock piglets, variety of genetics include 3rd generation off of the Island, pairs/trios avail., \$200-\$250/ea., no chemicals, GMO free. Quincy McMichael, General Delivery, Renick, 24966; 992-2922

AD DEADLINES

March 2015...

Phone-In ads for the March issue must be received by 12 noon on, Thursday, February 12. Written ads for the March issue must be received by 1 p.m. on Friday, February 13. To place your ad over the phone call 558-2225.

April 2015...

Phone-In ads for the April issue must be received by 12 noon on Tuesday, March 10. Written ads for the April issue must be received by 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11.

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Apiary Sales Italian bees w/marked queen, pre-orders of 3 # package, \$100/ea. plus tax, while quantities last. Bill Bullion, 4772 Goosepen Rd., Roanoke, 26447; 452-8508; amykovach@gmail.com.

Russian nucs, 5-frame, we can ship or you can pick up in Shepherdstown, \$150. Charles Walter, 3466 Scrabble Rd., Shepherdstown, 25443; 616-9487; info@walterswhole-WV somegoods.com.

Cattle Sales

Reg. Black Angus bulls, AI sires, top EPDs & genetics, \$2,500/up. Frank Bolyard, 2326 S. Mountaineer Hwy., Thornton, 26440; 672-2041.

Reg. Simmental & Sim-Angus bulls, Al sires, BC Lookout, Mo Better & Hoc Broker, \$2,500/up. Jim Bosley, P.O. Box 5, Old Fields, 26845; 530-6636.

Polled Hereford 2/14 bulls, Durango, Excaliber 719, Embassy, Shrek, Schu-lar 5N blood, \$2,000/up. Ron Brand, 794 Sugar Grove Rd., Morgantown, 26501; 983-8004.

Reg. American Blonde bulls w/papers, \$1,500/up. Edwin Bunner, 1147 East Grafton Rd., Fairmont, 26554; 366-9893.

Shorthorn 4-yr. milker, blue roan, 1st calf born last year & has been exposed to Hereford bull, \$1,500. Neil Chisler, P.O. Box 252, Blacksville, 26521; 432-8416.

Reg. Black Angus 10-mo. bull, excel. blood/ disp., \$2,500. Clifford Cohen, HC 34, Box 387, Lewiburg, 24901; 497-3540.

Scottish Highlanders, \$900/up, depending on what is avail. A. Corley, P.O. Box 474, Elkview, 25071; 965-1897; abcorley@citynet. net

Reg. Polled Hereford bulls, 71-I blood, excel. EPDs, good disp., easy calving, reg./ accred. herd, \$1,800/up. Joe Cottle, 1194 Armstrong Rd., Summersville, 26651; 872-2066.

Reg. Hereford bulls, \$2,000/up. Bobby Daniel, P.O. Box 214, Fairdale, 25839; 575-7585

Reg. Black Angus bulls, 6, 10- 15-mo., In Line, Coneally Lead On & Bushwacker blood, \$2,400/up, easy handling, registration papers up to date, del. avail. Fred Edgell, 1471 Bingamon Rd., Worthington, 26591; 592-2717.

Reg. Black Angus yrlg. bulls, sired by t, Limelight, War Party, Big Eye, date, Complete, Game On; Balancer bulls, both \$2,200/up; Sim-Angus 18-mo. bulls, \$2,500. John Hendrick, HC 65, Box 58, Wayside, 24985; 573-5991; BJHPVfarm@aol.com.

Reg. Polled Hereford 12- 14-mo. bulls, Revolution 4R & Prospector blood, excel. EPDs, some halter broke, \$1,800/up. Robert Knotts, 3423 Country Club Rd., Grafton, 26354; 265-0005

Angus 16-mo. bulls, Freedom & Prime Time, good disp., \$1,850/ea. Clay Lewis, 131 Prison Rd., Bruceton Mills, 26525; 379-8771.

Reg. Polled Charolais 10 -11-mo. bulls, halter broke. Firewater, Free Lunch & Allstate blood, \$2,000/up. Jim Miller, 453 New England Ridge Rd., Washington, 26181; 863-5510.

Reg. Black Angus 5-yr. bull, good disp./ EPDs, reg. cert., \$3,250. Dominick Muto, 1644 Circle Dr., Mt. Clare, 26408: 838-1432.

Reg. Angus '14 bulls/heifers, \$2,500/up. Bill Rohr, 572 Buckboard Lane, Buckhannon, 26201; 613-9522.

Pure Scottish Highland heifer, red, sire reg., Paint Bank blood, dam pure, \$800. Linda Snyder, HC 40, Box 36, Lewisburg, 24901; 645-6466

Reg. Red Angus yrlg. bulls, 2.7 lb. average WDA on farm perf. tested, AI sires inc. Paramount, Pacesetter, Desperado, Epic, Assurance & Turbo, \$2,000/up. Dan Stickel, 1404 Kincheloe Rd., Jane Lew, 26378; 545-7677; cedarhillredangus@frontier.com.

Reg. 2 yr. bull, Final Answer 0035 blood, sm. head & long, herd & heifer bull, excel. cond.. \$2,500. Steve Stowers, Rt. 1, Box 97, Milton, 25541; 743-0761.

Reg. Black Angus yrlg. bulls, defect free, sired by Ten X, Intrust & Triple T, \$2,500/up. Byron Tuckwiller, 837 Cattle Dr., Lewisburg, 24901; 661; 3410; tttangus@frontier.com.

Equipment Sales

No trucks, cars, vans, campers or other autos; backhoes (except 3-pt. hitch), dozers or other construction equipment; lawn equipment: no parts.

Ferguson 135 diesel, needs motor overhauled, good tires & end loader, \$2,000/obo. Dennis Affolter, 1147 Left Fork Buck Run, Mineral Wells. 26150: 489-1709.

Manure spreader, ground driven, \$1,200. Jerry Alford, 31 Providence Lane, Sod, 25564; 756-4140.

MF 383 tractor w/4-cyl. Perkins diesel, 2 WD, 2,900 hrs., good tires/cond., no cab, 8-speed trans., 2 wet lines, ROPs w/canopy, dependable, \$15,000. Clyde Bailey, 479 Cedar Cliff Lane, Charleston, 25312; 776-2145.

Front loader package that fits Kubota BX1830, LA211FL-2 tractor, used one winter, excel. cond., \$2,500. Betty Bender, 511 Valley Bend Rd., Belington, 26250; 823-2876

Kiota '11, DK40SE, 4WD, tractor, 100 hrs. w/KL-401 loader & 72" bucket w/2 tow hooks & tooth bar, many extras, \$22,500; Farm Force, 100, post hole digger w/12" auger & extra bits/ teeth, \$400; other equipment. Ken Brazerol, 2416 Wahoo Rd., Mt. Nebo, 26679; 846-9228.

Agri Fab 175 lb. capacity drop & broadcast spreaders, tow behind garden tractor or ATV, \$100/ea.; BEFCO M2 Mole PTO post hole digger, excel. cond., \$500. Ray Dixon, 70 Bozo Lane, Farmington, 26571; 825-6341.

McConnel Power Arm 3-pt. hitch backhoe for 50 hp or larger tractor, good cond., \$3,000. George Farmer, Rt. 1, Box 135A, Meadow Bridge, 25976; 392-5901.

Snow blower attachment for a DR Field & Brush mower, fits DR's from 12-20.5 hp, excel. cond., used only 3 times, \$195. J. Ferrell, RR 3, Box 189, Milton, 25541; 743-5744.

Int. 2400 round baler, manual tie, not been used for a couple of years, new belts, makes 4x4 up to 5x6 bales, \$3,500/cash/may trade; Hesston PT-7 haybine, older model, 71/2' mowod, used in '14, \$2,500 ing width, cuts go equipment. R. Gill, Rt. 1, 5599 Cooks Run Rd., Lindside, 24951; 956-0448.

Ford 9N tractor. excel. cond., new front tires, runs great, barn kept, \$1,800; Gravely LI, walk behind tractor, new 8 hp Kohler engine, dual wheels, 30" turtle shell mower, \$500/firm. Dave Gorrell, 365 Old Ashby Ridge Rd., Parkersburg. 26104: 485-9170.

MF 12, sq. baler, excel.cond., \$3,500; JD 410 round bales, \$5,500. Ricky Haller, 4312 Arnolds Run Rd., Philippi, 26416; 457-4448.

Ford '53 Jubilee, good cond., 4 nearly new tires, rebuilt starter, generator, distributor, new

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coil, points, plugs, cap, rebuilt 4-speed trans.,

radiator, gas tank, hr. meter, fuel valve, very

little rust, needs painted. Joe Hammack, 158

crusher, \$100; NI #7, corn picker, \$100. Ron-

ald Hoffman, 9 McNeech Lane, Glen Easton,

dershelt, 306 Stoney Run, Moatsville, 26405;

\$75. Charles Hudson, P.O. Box 108, Piney

plow, \$300; JD 440, gas, \$1,500. Vernon

Jones, 108 Baxter Lane, Pt. Pleasant, 25550;

4 times, garage kept, fits Kubota 1860-2660,

\$1,250. Paul Kerns, 9068 SR Rt. 23 N., Center

heavy, ready to work, excel. cond., no play or

lose bolts, \$750/obo. Larry Kinnard, 1208 Lee

60" JD finish mower, \$15,000. Gary Lynch, 42

Jim Norman, 184 Lamberts Hollow Rd., Bridge-

\$1,500. Donna Pitrolo, 2252 Rock Union Rd.,

cond., \$2,500; 8' seed drill, fair cond., \$300;

327 sq. baler, approx. 8,000 bales ran, excel.

cond., \$6,000; Hesston 1320 discbine, -200 A.,

approx. 8' cut, all garage kept; more equip. Tom

Pritt, Rt. 1, Box 169A, Beverly, 26253; 636-

cutter, 12 1/2 hp, runs great, \$750/obo. Jim

Rankin, 10557 Bug Ridge Rd., Sutton, 26610;

Rohr, 2404 Clarksburg Rd., Buckhannon,

\$28,000; 5' brush hop, \$700; 4-spool hay kitter,

\$1.500. Charles Smith, 94 Dogwood Trailes,

\$150. Robert Smith, 1586 Beech Run Rd., Al-

hog, can be used w/sm. utility tractor or

4-wheeler, great for sm. areas, \$1,000. Robert

Starkey, 1643 Elk City Rd., Jane Lew, 26378;

bucket, tires like new & loaded, wide wheel

base, canopy, 528 hrs., & 4 hi/4 low gears,

\$24,000/obo. Matt Swecker, HC 61, Box 24-A,

Mabie, 26278; 516-3453; mdswecker@hot-

rubber, excel. cond., show or parade ready,

\$3,900/obo. Dan Vincent, 1897 Adamsville Rd.,

tiller, 135262, excel. cond., \$400. Emil With-

erell, 90 Pennington Rd., Given, 25245; 586-

PTO driven, kept inside, excel. cond., \$4,250.

Mike Wolfe, 1994 South Preston Hwy., Tunnel-

Equipment Wants

5183 Fairview Ridge Rd., Littleton, 26581; 775-

5' wide, wire type harrow. Robert Haynes, 240

Haynes Lane, Princeton, 24739; 487-1633.

Long 2510 tractor, 4 WD. Christine Ballard,

3-pt. hitch rototiller/sm. herbicide sprayer,

Moldboard pull type plow, makes on bur-

Shinnston, 26431; 669-5812.

ton. 26444: 568-2715.

JD '38, H tricycle tractor, hand clutch, new

Pig pole, \$200; Kutter Statesman garden

Frontier MS1108 manure spreader, 80 bu.,

Mower, pull behind, 42', rough cut, brush

JD 2550, 4 WD, 245 loader, \$1,600. Jim

JD '12, 55 hp, tractor w/loader, 190 hrs.,

Carry-all, 3-pt. category 1 hitch, 2' decking,

Swisher 44" rough cut, pull behind, brush

MF 2615 tractor, 4 WD, DL250 loader w/

Crk. Rd., Culloden, 25510; 743-9808.

Miles Rd., Hurricane, 25526; 417-4279.

Int. 1-row corn picker, \$100; NH 404 hay

Ford 300 gas tractor, \$2,500. Melvin How-

Snow blade for Power King tractor, 4'wide,

Fast hitch: for Farmall cub, \$400; 2-way

Terra Force tiller, YJG048, 3-pt. hitch, used

3-pt. hitch disk for farm tractor, 61/2' wide,

JD compact tractor, bucket, backhoe &

JD 59, snow blower, excel. cond., \$1,950.

Kasco front end hyd. blade for JD tractor,

JD: 400 grinder/mixer, extra screens, good

Pierce Rd., Leon, 25123; 675-4038.

26039: 845-7088.

View, 25906; 253-6842.

Point. 26339: 782-1104.

port, 26330; 672-2027.

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26201; 613-9858.

Napier, 26631; 452-8821.

bright, 26519; 965-6370.

Fairmont, 26554; 612-3446.

518-1369

675-4243

Apiary Events

Barbour Co. Beekeepers Assoc. Monthly Meeting 4th Thursday, 7 p.m. Barbour Co. Fairgrounds Belington, W.Va. Contact David Proudfoot 823-1460; dp-foot@hotmail.com.

Central W.Va. Beekeepers Assoc. Monthly Meeting 1st Monday Braxton Co. High School, Vo-Ag Rm. Contact Susan Bullion, 452-8508; billandsuebullion@frontiernet.net.

Clay Co. Beekeepers Assoc. Monthly Meeting 2nd Monday, 6 p.m. Clay County Senior Center Contact John Pruitt, 587-2451 jpruitt@frontiernet.net.

Corridor G Beekeepers Assoc. Monthly Meeting 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m. Chapmanville Middle School Chapmanville, WV Contact Tony Meadows, 524-7690 Fastrakhounds@outlook.com.

Gilmer Co. Beekeepers Assoc. Monthly Meeting 3rd Tuesday, 6 p.m. Gilmer Co. Public Library Glenville, W.Va. Contact Bobbi Cottrill, 462-7416; bcottrill119@hotmail.com.

Highlands Apicultural Assoc. Monthly Meeting 4th Monday, 6:30 p.m. WVU Ext. Office Meeting Rm. Elkins, W.Va. Contact Ben McKean, 227-4414; hiapas@yahoo.com.

Kanawha Co. Beekeepers Assoc. St. Albans, W.Va. Contact Steve May, 727-7659; kanawhavalley.beekeepers@yahoo.com

> Marion Co. Beekeepers Assoc. Monthly Meeting 4th Thursday, 7 p.m. Pleasant Valley Municipal Bldg. 2340 Kingmont Rd. Fairmont, W.Va. Contact Tom Kees, 363-4782; Nancy Postlethwait, 366-9938 lpostlethwait@yahoo.com.

Mercer Co. Beekeepers Assoc. Monthly Meeting First Monday, 7 p.m. Princeton, W.Va. Contact Bill Cockerman, 425-6389. blackoak85@gmail.com.

Mountaineer Beekeepers Assoc. Monthly Meeting Third Monday, 6:30 p.m. Ritchie Co. Public Library Harrisville, W.Va. Contact Shanda King, 643-2443. wvakings@yahoo.com.

Nicholas Co. Beekeepers Assoc. Monthly Meeting 3rd Monday, 7 p.m. Summersville Public Library Summersville, W.Va. Contact Joe Strickland, 649-4717.

North Central W.Va. Beekeepers Assoc.

Monthly Meeting Monday, Jan. 12, 7 p.m. Harrison Co. 4-H Center Clarksburg, W.Va. Contact Michael Staddon, 782-9610.



Potomac Highlands Beekeepers Assoc. Monthly Meeting

3rd Thursday Bank of Romney Comm. Center Romney, W.Va. Contact Elvin Rose, 434-2520; emrose0206@yahoo.com or potomachighlandsbeekeepers.weebly.com

> Preston Co. Beekeepers Assoc. Monthly Meeting 3rd Thursday, 7 p.m. Preston Co. Ext. Office Contact Don Cathell, 454-9695.

Southeastern Beekeepers Assoc. Monthly Meeting 2nd Thursday, 7 p.m. Osteopathic School-Alumni Center Lewisburg, W.Va. Contact Mary Holesapple, 772-3272; mary.holesapple@frontier.com.

Tri-State Beekeepers Assoc. Monthly Meeting 3rd Thursday, 7 p.m. Good Zoo Bldg. - Oglebay Park Wheeling, W.Va. Contact Steve Roth, 242-9867; sroth29201@comcast.net.

Upshur Co. Beekeepers Assoc. Monthly Meeting 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. W.Va. Farm Bureau Bldg. Buckhannon, W.Va. Contact Delmuth Kelley, 472-0184.

West Central Beekeepers Assoc. Monthly Meeting 4th Saturday, 1 p.m. Roane Co. Committee on Aging Bldg. Spencer, W.Va. Contact Dale Cunningham, 354-6916; janingham46@yahoo.com.

To have your Apiary Event listed, email it to: marketbulletin@wvda.us

Hog Wants New Rock male pig or shoat, up to 125 lbs. David Fowler, 6937 Airport Rd., Sutton, 26601; 765-7765.

Horse Sales

AQHA 5-yr., gelding, sorrel, zansdblbarrel, broke to ride, not for novice rider, loads, farrier, bathes, great barrel & reining horse blood, \$1,200/obo. Daniel Bostic, 5061 Sweet Springs Valley Rd., Union, 24983; 646-1699.

Haflinger 7-yr., females, well/child broke, been in parades, \$1,000/ea. Neil Chisler, P.O. Box 252, Blacksville, 26521; 432-8416.

Tenn. Wlkr. mare, bay w/no markings, 15.3 h, now being trail ridden, has excel. papers, \$1,500; other top bred mares, \$1,000/up; stud service, \$150. Bill Harper, 513 Kentuck Rd., Kenna, 25248; 372-4179.

Paint walking horses: black/white, rides, good disp., \$500; black, child safe, well gaited, good disp., rides good & quiet, \$450; black/ white, mini, rides, good disp., great pet, \$250. Jim Keeney, 672 Allen Ridge Rd., New Martinsville, 26155; 443-340-5988.

Jerusalem donkeys, jack & jenny, \$275/ both. Robert Lockwood, 5139 Summer Dr., Culloden, 25510; 743-9320.

Free pony mares 4 & 10-yrs., must be coralled, will founder on grass. Bill Morrison, 312 Ninth Ave., St. Albans, 25177; 546-2660.

Buckskin, good horse/trail ride; Tenn Wlkr., good trail ride, both 10-yr., \$800/ea. Gary Riley,

5212 Purdy Dr., Charleston, 25313; 590-6721. Palomino Qtr., stud colt, halter/lead broke,

vet checked, \$750. Melissa Robinson, 1519 Oil Ridge Rd., Sistersville, 26175; 991-2547.

Tenn Wlkr., 7-yr., gelding, 16 h, broke to ride, shown & trail ridden, handles good, shoes, loads, papers, Coggins test, vacc./wormed, \$3,500. Bernice Taylor, 558 Barnes Run Rd., Sandyville, 25275; 273-0704.

Plant Sales

No medicinal plants, nursery stock, common agricultural seeds unless tested for germination.

Seeds, old fashioned yellow Hanover, &10/ tsp. Walter Carr, 676 Harvey Wentz Rd., Buckhannon, 26201; 613-1550.

Bean seeds: old-time Logan Giant & Pink Annie half runner, both \$10/100 seed picked up; \$12.50/100 seed, shipped ppd. Terry Daniel, P.O. Box 27, Fairdale, 25839; 934-5471.

Pole bean seed: old-time fat man, Logan Giant & rattlesnake, turkey craw, Oct. tender hull & bush, greasy & white pole, brown half runner, more, \$12/100 seed, all ppd. Betty Flanagan, 467 Ritchie Farm Rd., Summersville, 26651; 880-0135; allen.flanagan@gmail.com.

Tobacco seed: W.Va. Mtn. grown burly, organic, germination tested, incl. growing instruction, \$4/tsp. \$6/2 tsps. \$8/3 tsps.; all plus first class SASE. Bill Hailer, 2031 Hiner Mill Rd., Sugar Grove, 26815.

Tomatoes, Big Early single potted, \$2.25/ up. Mike Parsons, 326 Drift Run Rd., Sandyville, 25275; 761-4276.

Heirloom Fat man seed, \$8/100, free shipping. Bruce Pennington, 1488 Loudendale Lane, Charleston, 25314; 342-1751.

Bloody Butcher seed corn, organic grown in WV, \$24/qt., ppd. Kenneth Phillips, 1 Meg Dr., Apt. 1A, Sissonville, 25320; 561-8920.

Tomato seed: WV63, Ox Heart, Aunt Ressie Virginia Giant Red, Kentucky Yellow, Prichard Orange, Sweet Italian Giant Red, New Zealand Red, Tennessee Hugh Pink, Amish Yellow, Morgtage Lifters, \$1.35/pkg. of 30 seeds, inc. S.A.S.E. Kristi Woodward, 257 Compassion Dr., Martinsburg, 25405; 267-1617.

Poultry Sales

No ornamental, wild or game birds; eggs. Turkeys 4 hens & 2 gobblers, good disp., \$30/ea. Neil Chisler, P.O. Box 252, Blacksville,

26521; 432-8416. Roosters: various proven heritage stock, naturally raised, truly free-range w/no chemicals, \$10. Quincy McMichael, General Delivery, Renick, 24966; 992-2922.

Sheep Sales Reg. Coopworth, '14, ewes, white, \$275; rams, \$300. Shirley Leonhardt, 616 Happy Lane, Fairview, 26570: 449-1265.

Reg. Coopworth ram lambs/will be ACR reg., \$300; ewes also avail.; Jacob: ram lambs, can reg. w/JSBA, sire is reg., \$225-\$275; '14 ewe lambs & proven ewes 2/5 horn, can reg., \$225-\$325; reg. breeding ram, reg. w/JSBA, \$325. Debbie Martzall, 2576 Laurel Crk. Rd., Tanner, 26137; 462-8043; heartsofthemeadow@gmail.com.

Hamp./Suff. cross yrlg. ram, halter broke, sires club lambs, you can see his lambs, \$500. Justin McClain, 2853 Dry Fork, Salem, 26426; 782-3983

Hog Island, 1, young ram, heritage breeding stock, naturally raised on pasture w/no chemicals, GMO-free, \$350. Quincy McMichael, General Delivery, Renick, 24966; 992-2922

Reg. Royal White 2-yr. ram, good disp., \$350. Mark Ratliff, 1212 Perry Lane, Upper Tract, 26866; 358-7506.

Miscellaneous Sales

No riding habits or other clothes; appliances or furniture; antiques or crafts; hand power tools or equipment; food processing or preservation items or equipment; general wood working tools; firewood. Only dogs recognized by the AKC as herding or working can be accepted.

Hay, 4x4 round bales, barn kept, never wet, limed/fert., \$35/bale. Jerry Alford, 31 Providence Lane, Sod, 25564; 756-4140.

Acreage: Lewis Co., 60A., 2 A. along Alum Fork cleared, woods, util. avail., crk., springs, \$75,000. Bob Baker, 12168 US Hwy. 33 W, Alum Bridge, 26321; 931-994-2780.

Hay, never wet, \$3.50/bale; 4x5 round bales, \$35/bale, del. avail. Ray Blake, 1400 Johnson Ave., Ste. 1A, Bridgeport, 26330; 842-2795.

Hay, 4x4 & 4x5 round bales, \$30/ea. Harold Bly, 265 Anna Meade Dr., Crawford, 26343; 452-8414

Hay, 4x5 round bales, barn kept, near Tunnelton, \$30/bale, will load. Blain Bomar, 480 Newberry Rd., Newburg, 26410; 288-6365.

Hay, 1st cut, sq. bales, never wet, stored ess, \$3/bale. Sandon easy a 411 Left Three Lick Rd., Orlando, 26412; 452-9498.

Alpacas, reg. all colors & ages, males/females avail., \$250/up. Jonell Carver, 3178 Miletus Rd., Salem, 26426; 782-2922; turtleridgefarmllc@gmail.com.

Harness 1 show & 1 regular, \$500/set. Neil Chisler, P.O. Box 252, Blacksville, 26521; 432-8416.

Hay, 4x5 round bales, fert., never wet, \$25/ bale. Robert Choff, 1945 Paul E. Malone Rd., Grafton, 26354; 265-0422.

Rabbits: Lionhead/Silver Fox mix, 2- 5-mo., bucks/does, \$20/ea. Clifford Cohen, HC 34, Box 387, Lewisburg, 24901; 497-3540.

Free hay, 40A., you come & cut, in Marion Co. Bill Crawford, 8034 North Byers Lane, Stonewood, 26301; 695-0505.

Hay, 1st cut, round bales, 4x5, barn kept, limed/fert., timothy mix, \$35/bale. Tom Darby, 1156 Prison Rd., Bruceton Mills, 26525; 698-8560

Hay, '14, 4x5 round bales, mixed grass, never wet, shed kept, will load, \$28/bale/-10; \$26.50/bale/+10; '14 rye & oat straw, 1,200, sq. bales, \$5.47/bale/-20; \$5/bale/up to 50: \$4.50/ bale/+50. Jim Davis, 270 Orchard Hill Lane, Masontown, 26542: 864-1003: DavisBrothers73@yahoo.com.

Trailer, Corn Pro, 16', cattle, heavy axles, sliding center gate, spare tire, \$2,500. Fred Edgell, 1471 Bingamon Rd., Worthington, 26591; 592-2717.

Hay, '14, sq. bales, mixed grass, \$3/bale. Byron Euler, 831 Baler Ridge Rd., Cottageville, 25239; 372-3918.

Huacaya Alpacas, females, \$500/ea. or \$1,150/all 3, excel. fiber animals & foundation stock; males, \$200/ea. or \$475/all 3, can be left on site to be sheared in 4/15, vacc., many halter/lead trained. Reginia Evers, 307 Joseph St., Charleston, 25301; 859-8868; rjecamelidkeeper7@yahoo.com.

Hay, 1st & 2nd cutting, 4x4 round bales, \$35/ bale; sq. bales, \$4/bale, both limed/fert., stored in the dry & easy access. Eugene Finster, 894 Indian Fork Rd., Orlando, 26412; 452-8242.

Hav. '14, 4x4 round bales, never wet, horse quality, \$30/bale. Virgil Groves, 116 Fork of Deer Crk. Rd., Canvas, 26662; 619-4629.

Hay, '14, 4x4 rolls, 1st & 2nd cut, barn kept, never wet, fert., \$35/bale; goat hay, \$25/bale/ cheaper if take all. Phil Haller, 29 Proudfoot Rd., Philippi, 26416; 457-1477.

Hay, 4x4 round bales, \$35/bale; 2nd cut, sq. bales, \$4/bale. Ricky Haller, 4312 Arnolds Run Rd., Philippi, 26416; 457-4448.

Hay, 4x4 round bales, outside, \$20/bale; covered stack, \$25/bale; stored inside, \$30/ bale. D. Hanson, 133 A. Gray Gabels Rd., Crawley, 24931; 392-5076.

Maple syrup, pure WV, \$16/qt., \$10/pt., \$6/1/2 pts. Ed Hartman, HC 72, Box 175C, New Creek, 26743; 788-1831.

Ear corn, \$4/bu., grinding avail. Rex Hatfield, 8254 Huntington Rd., Gallipolis Ferry, 25515; 675-2443.

Fish for stocking: Bass, 2"-4", \$1.20; bluegill & hybrid bluegill, 3"-5", 65¢; catfish, 6'-8", \$1; goldfish, 4"-6", \$1; minnows, \$12/lb.; grass carp, 10"-13", \$12; koi, 7"-9", \$8, del. avail. Fred Hays, P.O. Box 241, Elkview, 25070; 415-7617

Hay, 600-700 lb. round bales, stored inside, easy access, can load, \$25/bale. Ronald Hoffman, 9 McNeech Lane, Glen Easton, 26039; 845-7088.

Hay, '14, 4x4, mixed forages, cut/put up right, vever wet, barn kept, easy access, \$40/ bale. Charles Jones, 2 Port Amhurst Drive, Charleston 25306; 573-7143.

Trailer, 16', flatbed to haul fractors & equip., tandem axle, brakes on 1 axle, excel. cond., \$1,200. Larry Kinnard, 1208 Lee Crk. Rd., Culloden, 25510; 743-9808.

Acreage: Gilmer Co., 27A., woods, rd. frontage, located on Sycamore Run Rd., \$35,000. Barry Lay, 943 Mineral Rd., Glenville, 26351; 539-3031

Hay, 4x5 round bales, orchard grass, dry, \$25/bale; wrapped, \$32/bale. Clay Lewis, 131 Prison Rd., Bruceton Mills, 26525; 379-8771.

Hay, 4x5 round bales, fert., barn kept, never wet, \$45/bale. Jared Linville, 7143 Upper Mud River Rd., West Hamlin, 25571; 209-2382.

Hay, 4x5 round bales, mixed grass, limed/ fert., stored inside, \$45/bale. James Livengood, 3053 Little Sandy Rd., Bruceton Mills, 26525: 379-1026.

Roving: Coopworth, Jacob, Alpaca (natural black only), Coopworth/Alpaca 2-way swirl, natural, dye 2-way swirl (some over-dyes), \$28/lb.-\$46/lb. Debbie Martzall, 2576 Laurel Crk. Rd., Tanner, 26137; 462-8043; heartsofthemeadow@gmail.com.

Rabbits: Giant & American Chinchilla breeding stock, strong lines, does/bucks, naturally raised on pasture w/no chemicals, \$50/ea; Roadmaster, '06, util. trailer, 6'x10', enclosed, clean, excel. cond., \$1,600/obo. Quincy McMichael, General Delivery, Renick, 24966; 992-2922.

Brass kettle, 20 gal., stirrer & stand, \$300. Gary Meadows, 3473 Guyan Crk. Rd., Glenwood, 25520; 576-2345.

Campbell tractor chains, heavy duty, fits 16.9-28 tires, excel. cond., \$200. John Miller, 530 Stillmeadow Lane, Moundsville, 26041; 845-4866.

Hay, sq. bales, mixed grass, good quality, never wet, easy access, \$4/bale. Larry Parsons, 276 Maple Dr., Evans, 25241; 372-4575. Hay, 4x5 round bales, \$30/bale; sq. bales,

\$3/bale. both barn kept; Lone Wolf trailer, 16', excel. cond., \$1,200. Norbert Pollock, 255 Jamison Lane, Wellsburg, 26070; 737-2654.

Rabbits: Lionhead, \$20/ea; New Zealand/ California mix, 2-mo., males/females, \$15/ ea. Melissa Reed, 482 Stormy Weather Lane, Philippi, 26416; 457-3459; reedmelissa67@ amail.com.

Hay, '14, sq. bales, never wet, extra lg. bales, high quality, \$4/bale. Rex Reed, 482 Stormy Weather Lane, Philippi, 26416; 457-3459; rexatpaps@gmail.com.

Acreage: Roane Co., 23A., 3 or 4 lots w/ woods, next to Gary Library & school, \$55,000. Brenda Rich, 5042 Amma Rd., Amma, 25005; 531-4420

Trailer, '11, Featherlite, slant load, 2-horse w/living qtrs., excel. cond., \$21,000/neg. Gary Riley, 5212 Purdy Dr., Charleston, 25313; 590-6721

Hay, 1st cut, round bales, stored in barn, never wet, mixed meadow, great for horses, limed/fert. according to WV Agriculture soil test, easy access, will load, \$35/bale; \$30/bale/ for 20+. Leslie Rogers, 1020 Staduim Dr., St. Marys, 26170; 684-7133; leslie16@suddenlink. net.

Blue Heeler pups, ready 2/15, 4 females & 1 males, pure/no papers, \$150/cash. Bill Ross, 1158 Pine Grove Rd., Amma, 25005; 541-4850.

Acreage: Webster Co., 20A., close to national forest, \$25,000. Lynn Ruckman, P.O. Box 152, Camden on Gauley, 26208; 226-3114.

Harness, New High Quality, nylon, from Canada, 1 Shetland size for a 400 lb., black, not mini, 1 med. pony size, approx. 500 lb., brown, must see to appreciate, \$200/ea, never used. Monna Rush, P.O. Box 1162, Beckley, 25802; 661-2714; monnarush@yahoo.com.

Hay, clover & mixed grasses, barn kept., never wet, 5x5 bales, \$30/bale. Burhl Sisler, 919 Sisler Rd., Terra Alta, 26764; 789-2658.

Hay, alfalfa, clover & mixed grasses, sq. bales, \$2.50/bale. Mark Sisler, Rt. 2, Box 33, Terra Alta, 26764; 789-6438.

Rabbits: California & New Zealand 8-mo., \$12/ea., in Gilmer Co. Teresa Skinner, P.O. Box 31, Sand Fork, 26430; 462-5531.

Trailers, '14, 16', gooseneck, stock trailer, used 3 times, \$7,000; box trailer, 6x12, \$1,500; hay, 4x4 round bales, \$25/ea. Charles Smith, 94 Dogwood Trailes, Napier, 26631; 452-8821.

Hay, 4x5 round bales, stored outside, \$35; hay for lease, '15, 24.5 A, price determined per bale based on estimate bale weight. \$41/ton/ for all hay harvested/neg. Robert Smith, 1586 Beech Run Rd., Albright, 26519; 965-6370.

Blue Heeler pups, ready to go around Valentine's Day, \$125/ea. Tony Smith, Rt. 3, Box 364, Milton, 25541; 743-0426.

Cider press, dbl. basket, sits on 2-wheel trailer, good cond., \$400. Ted Spencer, 596 Fudges Crk. Rd., Barboursville, 25504; 743-1100.

Hay, 4x5 round bales, mixed grass, 1st cut, stored inside, easy access, \$35/bale. Walter Stalnaker, 915 Grass Run Rd., Weston, 26452; 269-2345.

Hay, 4x4 round bales, mixed grass, \$20/ bale, will load. Dave Stephenson, 134 Dogwood Lane, Keslers Cross Lanes, 26675; 619-8454

Hay, 4x4 round bales, \$25/stored inside; \$20/outside, 1st & 2nd cut sq. bales, \$3/bale. Paul Teets, 723 Hog Back Rd., Eglon, 26716; 735-5878

AKC Border collie 12/14 pups, 5 females & 1 male, all black/white, \$350. Jennifer Testerman, 107 Shawnee Springs, Pipestem, 25951; 575-5335

Hay, '14, 1st cut, 4x4 round bales, \$25/bale; '13, round bales, \$15/bale, located in Porters Falls. Bradley Ueltschy, 180 Chiselfinger Ridge Rd., New Martinsville, 26155; 386-4823.

Aust. Shep. pups, black tris, 2 males, 250; female, \$300, ready now, tails docked, dewclaw removed, vacc./wormed, parents on premises. Carlton Wilkins, 358 Bland HIIIs Rd., Riverton, 26814; 567-2934; wilkinslane@spruceknobnet. net

AKC German Shep. pups, \$400/firm. Tom Wilson, 12621 Charleston Rd., Leon, 25123; 675-5724.

Steelmaster metal bldg., 36x30x14, 22 gage steel, complete w/everything to assemble, never assembled, \$5,500. Emil Witherell, 90 Pennington Rd., Given, 25245; 586-4872.

Hand spinning fleece, white & natural colors, Shetland, Border Leicester, Horned Dorset/ Shetland, \$10/lb./+/-. Linda Zinn, 2162 Skelton Run, Wallace, 26448; 782-3704.

Miscellaneous Wants

Hay sq. or round bales, doesn't matter how old, reasonably priced, prefer 100 mi. of Monroe Co. but will consider other areas. Roy Gill, Rt. 1, Box 65-1-A, Lindside, 24951; 832-6722.

Gravity wagon, good cond., in the Charleston area. Ronnie Hodge, 432 Security Crk. Rd., Hamlin, 25523; 824-5551

Grazing land for lease in '15, Barbour, Harrison, Lewis, Upshur or Taylor Co. terms neg. Kevin Shaffer, 5024 Riverwood Circle, Fairmont, 26554; 669-1598.

GOOD HANDLING PRACTICES TRAINING SESSION TO BE **OFFERED AT SMALL FARM CONFERENCE FEB. 25**

Producers and growers hoping to get their Good Handling Practices/Good Agricultural Practices certification can take the first step at the 2015 West Virginia Small Farm Conference. During the one-day training program, participants will learn why GHP/GAP is so important and how it can benefit their bottom line.

More and more consumers are questioning where their food comes from and how it's produced. They want to make sure it's fresh and safe. The training overview will focus on forms of contamination, worker hygiene, soil and water use and other important practices.

While not required by the state of West Virginia, GHP/GAP training is required for a USDA audit. Several counties now require a GHP/GAP certificate to participate in programs like Farm to School.

The class takes place on February 25, 2015 during the West Virginia Small Farm Conference at the Charleston Civic Center. The cost is \$25 per person.

To sign up, call the West Virginia Department of Agriculture Marketing and Development Division at 304-558-2210 or email ctolley@wvda.us. Lunch will be provided.

STRAWBERRY GROWERS NEEDED FOR FESTIVAL MARKET

Fresh, local strawberries are needed for this year's West Virginia Strawberry Festival to stock a "Strawberry Market" planned for the May 9-17, 2015, event. The Strawberry Festival board, the City of Buckhannon and the West Virginia

Department of Agriculture (WVDA) are working cooperatively with private farmers to have local berries for sale at locations throughout West Virginia's "strawberry city." Retail sales of local berries at the Festival have been non-existent for decades:

however, local berries made a reappearance in 2014. WVDA project coordinator Buddy Davidson said that the few berries provided by state growers sold well last year. For more information, contact WVDA Communications Officer Buddy Davidson at 304-558-3708, 304-541-5932 (cell), or bdavidson@wvda.us.

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