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An ENDLESSLY WILD & WONDERFUL Christmas

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The state of West Virginia received a great honor this holiday season. The Christmas tree that's displayed on the west lawn of the U.S. Capitol building comes from the Monongahela National Forest in Randolph County. Tina White, the public affairs specialist for the Monongahela National Forest, calls it quite the coup.

"We were informed last year that the Capitol Christmas tree would come from West Virginia. How exciting! We started planning right away," says White. "In January, we started trying to find some different tree options. It had to be a certain height. It had to have a good Christmas tree shape. It also had to be accessible to cut it down and load it on a tractor trailer to get it out of the forest."

The Acting Architect of the U.S. Capitol, Chere Rexroat, traveled to the National Forest and made the final selection - a 63-foot Norway spruce. Last month, the tree was harvested by West Virginia lumberjack Arden Cogar, Jr. and longtime Monongahela National Forest employee Ron Polgar. It was carefully loaded onto a flatbed and taken on a tour across the state with stops in Elkins, Summersville, Marlinton, Beckley, Charleston, Huntington, Wheeling, Morgantown, Upper Tract, Davis and then on to the U. S. Capitol.



Preston County Christmas tree farmer and breeder Jim Rockis harvested a 25-foot Canaan fir to grace the USDA headquarters and 80 companion trees for service members and Capitol offices from his farm on Chestnut Ridge.

also providing 84 companion trees harvested from the Rockis farm that will go to service members stationed at Joint Base Andrews and other offices throughout D.C.

Beth Bossio, Rockis' stepdaughter, who handles sales and marketing for the farm, says it is an incredible honor to have West Virginia-grown trees on display.

"We got the first call in late April. The folks with Choose Outdoors, who help coordinate the Capitol Christmas Tree initiative, said, 'Can you help us out

"We wanted to make this a real experience," stresses White. "The tour perfectly encapsulates this year's theme, 'Endlessly Wild and Wonderful.'"

The spruce is decorated with 10,000

ornaments hand-made by West Virginians.

But the Capitol tree isn't the only Tanenbaum from West Virginia decking the halls in Washington, D.C. this holiday season.

Christmas tree grower and breeder Jim Rockis and his family are contributing to the festive air in the nation's capital. Rockis and his wife Laura provided a 25-foot West Virginia Balsam, also known as a Canaan fir, from their Preston County farm, that will grace the vestibule of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Headquarters just a few blocks from the Capitol. 84 Lumber is

on this?" I told Jim this was a great opportunity to educate people about West Virginia's Christmas tree industry."

Rockis heartily agrees. "This gives us a

platform to promote West Virginia and particularly what we do here on the farm with quantitative genetics."

Rockis is a member of the West Virginia

We've grown just about every popular variety of Christmas tree there is. However, my focus has been on Canaan fir... It comes from right here in West Virginia in the Canaan Valley and Bliester Run.

Jim Rockis | Christmas Tree Farmer

Christmas Tree Growers Association and past board member of the Real Christmas Tree Board, a national promotion and research organization funded by North American Christmas tree growers. He is also one of the most knowledgeable Christmas tree growers in the region, but he didn't start out that way.



FROM THE COMMISSIONER:

WV's Wealth of Natural Resources Worth the Investment

Readers of this column undoubtedly have an interest in West Virginia agriculture. I appreciate you reading this column each month. There's a lot of information that goes into this publication. The Market Bulletin helps us share the highlights and challenges of our industry and has served as an important resource for our farmers for more than 100 years. It reaches tens of thousands of households in the state and some beyond our borders.

The WVDA and the West Virginia Conservation Agency (WVCA) employees certainly appreciate and respect your love and investment in our state. We are lucky to live and serve a state rich in natural resources with a strong agricultural heritage. Both of our agencies work tirelessly to preserve our state resources, protect animal and forest health, keep our soils and waters clean, and promote and grow our agribusinesses. This work takes vision and willing partners who are equally invested in seeing the agriculture industry grow.

We have forged so many great relationships, including but not limited to, the West Virginia Farm Bureau, the West Virginia Food and Farm Coalition, the West Virginian Farmers Market Association, various law enforcement agencies, West Virginia University, and West Virginia State University.

In the coming months, I hope to write in more detail about how we are working together to reach our goals. Starting in the January Market Bulletin, I will discuss our Vet Start initiative with WVU and WVSU.

As we wind down from a bountiful harvest and head into a busy holiday season, it's a good time to take stock of our blessings. However, as I write this, the world is in turmoil with two wars and many of our citizens in harm's way. Please, keep those in danger and need in your thoughts and prayers. Find some time to volunteer to help others. There are many organizations that could benefit from your time.

As the end of the year approaches, it's a time to reflect on our achievements and set goals for the future. One long-term goal is to continue to shorten the distance from where our food is grown to where it is consumed. Our collaborative efforts appear to be working as red meat production is up over 50 percent. We have also tripled the number of farmers markets over the past five years through promotion and deregulation. In the coming months, you will also see further promotion of our West Virginia Grown Program.

Speaking of West Virginia Grown, do you have a tough-to-buy-for person on your Christmas list? Food is the perfect gift. We have so many West Virginia value-added products that go great on their own or in a gift

basket. You hear it every year, "Buy local!" I can't stress how important this is to our small agribusinesses. Buy a bottle of West Virginia wine or a growler of hard cider to take to a holiday party. Cook with meats raised and sourced right here in the Mountain State. Choose local jams, honey and maple syrup to sweeten your recipes. Those dollars spent at a local business make a big difference. If you need suggestions on where to shop, please contact our Business Development Division at 304-558-2210 or check out our WV Grown Directory (<https://agriculture.wv.gov/ag-business/west-virginia-grown/>).

On a personal note, I want to thank my wife, Shirley, and our family for all their support. Without them standing with me, I could not do what I do. My wife has stood by me through a career in the military; she knows what it's like to have a loved one in harm's way. She worked with me to build a farm from scratch and has been by my side during some hard-fought political campaigns.

We wish you a wonderful Christmas and Hannukah season. Relax and enjoy this time with loved ones.

Kent Leonhardt, Commissioner of Agriculture

Animal Health Bulletin: Asian Longhorned Tick Update



The Asian Longhorned Tick (*Haemaphysalis longicornis*) has been found widespread across West Virginia from specimens collected as far back as 2010.

Research of tick genetics supports three separate introductions at varying times in the past, and it is unknown how it first entered the United States.

This tick is native to East Asia but spread to Australia, New Zealand, and some Pacific islands. To date, it has been confirmed in 17 states, including all five states that border West Virginia. Asian Longhorned Tick (ALHT) has been found feeding on multiple hosts, including companion pets, livestock, wild mammals, and migratory birds and continues to spread its range. ALHT is mainly a pest of concern for livestock, but also poses disease risk in other countries for transmission of human diseases. In the U.S., ALHT has been associated with transmission of bovine theileriosis. Thus far, AHT is not resistant to standard tick

control measures for people, pets, and livestock. Considering the presence of the tick in such a wide geographic area with rapid expansion, plus presence on wildlife including birds, it appears the Asian Longhorned Tick is well-established and unlikely to be eradicated.

More detailed information is available at the following links:

USDA APHIS | The Asian Longhorned Tick ; [alert-asian-longhorned-tick.508.pdf \(usda.gov\)](#) ; Asian Longhorned Tick | VCE Publications | Virginia Tech (vt.edu)



— Wild and Wonderful Christmas, Cont. from page 1

"My educational background is in engineering. I think sometimes you're wired to do certain things, but you have to keep trying different things until you come across what you're put here on this earth to do. For me that just happens to be growing and breeding Christmas trees. I planted my first trees on the back side of this property in the late 90's," he recalls, as he looks out over the 170 acres he owns along Chestnut Ridge. "We've grown just about every popular variety of Christmas tree there is. However, my focus has been on Fraser fir and, especially, the Canaan fir. It comes from right here in West Virginia in the Canaan Valley and Blister Run."

In the early 90's, Rockis collected Canaan fir cones with his mentor Dr. Franklin Cech, a genetics professor at West Virginia University.

"When I got interested in Christmas trees, Frank was retiring, and he made it where I could afford to pay him to help me. He'd hold class in the front seat of my pick-up truck while we were driving to areas where Canaan fir grew naturally. That's where I learned about forestry and genetics.

Dr. Cech passed away in 2009.

Rockis says a day doesn't go by that he doesn't think about his mentor and wish he could ask a few more questions. But he's taken all that he learned from Cech and has used it in his research and breeding of Canaan fir. Through the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, Rockis is now working to obtain seed certification for the Canaan fir to preserve its genetic purity and varietal identity.

"Canaan fir has a lot of attributes as far as Christmas trees go. It is a true fir. It has a beautiful Christmas tree look when you culture it. Here at the farm, we've worked with genetics on the shelf life, including holding its

needles for a long time. It will grow in a variety of different soils that are considered even somewhat wet. It's a fairly quick-growing tree, if you have the right conditions. You can start harvesting a Canaan fir about six years from the transplant."

Back in the spring, Rockis went walking in his tree orchard to find the perfect specimen to send to Washington.

"The tree I chose is about 23 years old. It comes from a seed orchard that we refer to as founder trees," says Rockis. "The orchard trees grew from seeds processed from a cone harvest that we collected in the Canaan Valley area. This orchard is used in our Canaan fir

lower branches for wreaths and the trunk for firewood. But now, folks will get to enjoy that tree in the USDA headquarters all throughout the Christmas season."

As for the 84 companion trees also making the journey to Washington, Rockis chose about half Canaan fir and half Fraser fir. He had a lot to choose from at his West Virginia farm.

"We have well over 100,000 trees on this farm. We plant anywhere from 3,000-5,000 trees a year. Whatever we cut down, we replant, plus a few extra. We touch every tree on this farm every year to culture them. The folks with Choose Outdoors asked for companion trees anywhere from 6-12 feet

tall. I walked through the trees looking for the best. I tied yellow and red striped tape to a branch of the trees I selected so we could easily identify them when it came time to harvest them. We started cutting the second week of November, and Werner Enterprises picked up the trees on Tuesday, November 14 and they were off to D.C."

Canaan fir is growing in popularity with families, not just here in West Virginia, but across the U.S.

"There are a lot of states

that can grow Canaan fir. It isn't as finicky as the Fraser when it comes to elevation, soil and moisture. They're growing them in Ohio, Michigan, North Carolina. We want people to know the Canaan is one of the premiere Christmas trees, and it originated right here in West Virginia."

Rockis and Bossio say they couldn't be more pleased to represent the state of West Virginia and all its Christmas tree growers. They hope the companion trees and the 25-foot tree for the USDA will help light up a lot of Christmas spirit.



Commissioner Leonhardt and wife Shirley helped welcome the U.S. Capitol Christmas tree to Morgantown on its tour across the state on its way to Washington.

genetics program."

One way or the other, the tree was slated to come down.

"We have quite a few 25-foot trees in that orchard right now. We needed to thin some of them out, and this was one of the trees that needed thinning," Rockis explains. "Back in August, cones from that tree were collected for seed production. Those seeds will generate future Christmas trees for families all across the U.S. If it weren't going to Washington, we would have cut it down, sold the top to someone who needed a 14-foot tree, used the

U.S. CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE Fun Facts

- ✦ This is the third time WV has provided the U.S. Capitol Christmas tree. The state was selected in 1970 and 1976.
- ✦ Lumberjack Arden Cogar, Jr. is following in his father's footsteps. Arden Cogar, Sr. harvested the 1976 Capitol Christmas tree from WV.
- ✦ The tree was given a name by the Shawnee tribe. Wa'feem'tekwi means "bright tree" in the Shawnee language.
- ✦ After the holidays, the Shawnee tribe will use wood from the tree at their ceremonial grounds in White Oak, Oklahoma.

WHAT'S COOKIN'?

Ho, Ho, Homemade!

Are you in the mood to bake? Christmas is a great time to preheat the oven and mix up something delicious. Here at the WVDA, we got an early jump on the holidays with our Wellness Committee's Baked Goods Challenge. Our employees whipped up some truly delicious goodies. Jennifer Zagata was our winning baker with her Apple Cider Donut Cake. She chose that recipe because, in her words, "Who doesn't like apples, cinnamon and sugar!" We definitely do! The other recipes were also employee favorites. We hope you have time to bake up one (or all) of these recipes this holiday season. Let us know what you think. If you have a recipe to share with us, send it to marketbulletin@wvda.us.



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Texas Sheet Cake

Maggie Blankenship – Agritourism Specialist

- 1 large 2 sticks oleo
- 1 cup water
- 4 tablespoons cocoa
- 2 cups flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup sour cream
- teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt

Topping:

- 1 stick oleo
- 6 tablespoons milk
- 4 tablespoons cocoa
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 1 box of powdered sugar

Step 1

Boil the above oleo, water and cocoa; remove from heat.

Step 2

Bake in large cookie sheet greased for 22 minutes at 375 degrees.

Step 3

Mix icing as soon as cake is done. Do not let cake cool, put on immediately.

Apple Cider Donut Cake

Jennifer Zagata – Exec. Administrative Assistant

Cake:

- 1 box yellow cake mix
- ¾ cup apple cider
- ½ cup sweetened applesauce
- 3 large eggs
- 2 tablespoons melted butter
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Topping:

- ½ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ cup butter

Step 1

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large mixing bowl, use a hand mixer on low to combine cake mix, apple cider, applesauce, eggs, and 2 tablespoons melted butter. Add in brown sugar, vanilla, and mix well.

Step 2

Grease and flour a 10 or 12 cup bundt pan. Pour batter into the prepared pan. Bake for 40-50 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Remove from the oven and let cool on a cooling rack for 15 minutes.

Step 3

After 15 minutes, turn the bundt pan over onto a cooling rack or parchment paper. Mix the cinnamon and sugar for the topping. Brush butter over cake and sprinkle cinnamon and sugar topping on top and sides of cake. (I used my hands to get the cinnamon and sugar mixture to stick to the sides of the cake. Also, there is no such thing as too much cinnamon and sugar!)

Mini Raspberry Pastry

Kriston Stickler – READ Microbiologist

Pastry:

- 1 package of refrigerated crescent rolls
- ½ block of cream cheese
- 3 tablespoons of powdered sugar
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- Raspberry jam (or your jam of choice)
- Fresh raspberries

Glaze:

- ½ cup powdered sugar
- 1-2 tablespoons of water
- ½ teaspoon vanilla

Step 1

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Cut Crescent rolls into twelve slices and flatten center.

Step 2

Mix cream cheese, powdered sugar, and vanilla together. Put in plastic bag and pipe into the center of each round. Add jam to top of the cream cheese.

Step 3

Bake 10 minutes or until the pastry starts to turn a golden color. Let cool.

Step 4

Mix powder sugar, vanilla and water a little at a time until it is glaze-consistency. Add fresh raspberries on top and drizzle glaze over pastry.

FOREST MANAGEMENT IN WEST VIRGINIA

Conservation improvements are a win-win, both for agricultural producers and forest owners. Healthy forests provide clean air and water, flood protection, wildlife habitat, recreation, aesthetic enjoyment, jobs, and numerous other services and products that we enjoy every day. With roughly two-thirds of West Virginia's land area classified as non-industrial private forestland, sustainably managing this valuable natural resource is one of the most environmentally, economically, and socially beneficial activities for citizens of the mountain state.

Through the 2018 Farm Bill, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and partners work together to help non-industrial private forestland owners manage healthy forests. Private forestland owners seeking financial assistance from NRCS must have or obtain an approved Forest Management Plan (FMP). An FMP is a site-specific plan, prepared by a forester, that guides landowners in addressing resource concerns. A forest management plan should include landowner objectives, historical and current description of the site, planned conservation practices, maps and desired future conditions.

There are a few options for someone looking to get an approved forest management plan. You can contact your local NRCS field office for assistance in developing an NRCS FMP, contact the West Virginia Division of Forestry (WVDOF) for assistance in developing a WV Forest Stewardship Plan or hire your own consultant to help develop a forest management plan.

To apply for an FMP, visit your local USDA Service Center (www.nrcs.usda.gov/wv), establish a USDA customer service record with the Farm Service Agency (FSA) and complete the program application. Applications may be submitted at any time. All applications are evaluated in a competitive ranking process as funding becomes available. - **WV Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)**.



Commissioner Leonhardt is pictured with the winners of the 2023 West Virginia Conservation Farm of the Year, Chico Ramirez and Mary Oldham of Mountain Harvest Farm in Monongalia County.

2023 WEST VIRGINIA CONSERVATION FARM OF THE YEAR



Chico Ramirez and Mary Oldham own and operate Mountain Harvest Farm in Monongalia County. In October, they were honored as the West Virginia Conservation Farm of the Year during an awards luncheon in Sutton. The farm specializes in certified, naturally grown vegetables. In addition to growing produce in open fields, they utilize two high tunnels and four low tunnels to extend their growing season. Some of the conservation best management practices at Mountain Harvest Farm are crop rotation, cover crops, contour farming, no-till farming, buffer strips, pollinator planting and nutrient management practices.

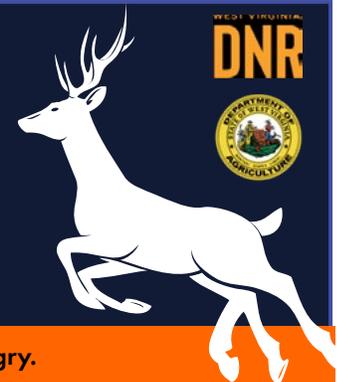
Ramirez and Oldham earned a \$1,000 award for the win. The couple also will receive 200 hours, or three months, use of a John Deere tractor from Middletown Tractor Sales in Fairmont, with an option to later purchase the tractor at a discounted rate.

Each year, one West Virginia farm receives the Conservation Farm of the Year honor after winning at the county, district, and area levels. Finley Farm, owned by Cody and Jessica Finley, of Apple Grove in Mason County, was the other finalist. Judges visited both farms in late August and graded the farmers on their use of best management practices, impact on ecological systems, and community-based activities. Mountain Harvest Farm represents the Monongahela Conservation District of Monongalia, Marion and Preston counties.

HUNTERS HELPING THE HUNGRY

Lending a hand to those less fortunate this holiday season can be as simple as harvesting a deer. Since 1992, Hunters Helping the Hungry (HHH) has donated more than one million pounds of venison to West Virginia's two food banks. With the help of the Governor's One Shot Hunt, Share the Harvest Sunday and private donations, there are no processing fees for hunters who drop off a deer at one of our participating meat processors across the state. The venison will be distributed to a statewide network of 600 food pantries, senior centers, shelters and other feeding programs.

For more info: call 304-924-6211 or visit <https://wvdnr.gov/hunting/hunters-helping-the-hungry>.





West Virginia Grown

Rooted in the Mountain State



Member of the Month

Cool Hollow Maple

Who: Sam and Ricky Harper

Location: Sugar Grove (Pendleton Co.)

Products: Pure maple syrup, maple candy, maple glazed nuts, maple cotton candy, maple sugar, maple-sweetened apple butter.

Where to buy: coolhollowmaple.com, Tamarack, Spring Valley Farmers Market

Member Since: 2019

How they got started:

(Ricky) Twenty years before we started the business, we had producers from Highland County, VA urging us to tap our trees. Well, 20 years went by and when Sam and I got married she said, "Let's try to tap them!" So, we went to Vermont, met with some people and did some sugar house tours. They came down to visit the farm and encouraged us to do it. Without ever seeing maple syrup being made before, we just decided to go ahead and get it started. We had a lot of help from other producers, especially a gentleman named Bruce Fulks from Highland County. He really fostered us into this business. Without him we would have failed.

Future Plans:

(Ricky) We're in the process of expanding our operation. We hope to have somewhere around 7,000 taps in the next couple of years. We want to find new places to sell our products, try to expand that retail market. We want to look for new ways to market our product all across the country.

Why join WV Grown?

(Sam) People were always asking us if our product was local, was it made in West Virginia. It was a recurring question. People were looking for that sticker to say it was a West Virginia product. Because we ship all over the country. We've had people get back to us and say, "I love that your product has that West Virginia Grown label on it." It's a little reminder of home for our customers.

For More Information:

☎ 304-558-2210

✉ wvgrown@wvda.us

🌐 <https://agriculture.wv.gov/ag-business/west-virginia-grown/>

HOW TO JOIN

West Virginia's people take a lot of pride in their heritage. Our farmers and producers are no exception – although they certainly are exceptional.

Developed in 1986, West Virginia Grown was designed to market West Virginia grown and made products to consumers. By placing the West Virginia Grown logo on a product, they are assuring buyers that product was grown or processed, with quality ingredients, in the Mountain State.

Anyone interested in the program – whether a producer, restaurant, retail outlet or supporter – can contact Business Development Division at 304-558-2210 or email wvgrown@wvda.us.

WVG NEWS



A BIG congratulations to **Family Roots Farm!** Their granulated maple sugar placed first at the North American Maple Syrup Council 2023 International Conference in Sturbridge, MA. This is the second time they've won the award. They also received first place back in 2015. Family roots is owned by Fred Hervey and operated by his daughter Britney and her husband Charlie Farris.



Swilled Dog has done it again! They've added a brand new spirit to their line. Their Dry Gin Mon Forest Reserve features "a symphony of floral notes, hints of citrus, and a whisper of spruce drawn from the heart of the Monongahela National Forest in Pendleton County." You can purchase the gin in their tasting room or on their website (swilledog.com). Swilled Dog CEO Brooke Glover was recently recognized as a 2023 Wonder Woman by WV Living Magazine.

Kirkwood Winery and Isaiah

Morgan Distillery co-owner Frank Dix was named Summersville Area Chamber of Commerce 2023 Business Man of the Year. The winery's Wine & Music Festival, held every September, was recognized as the Chamber's Best Member Hosted Event.



Looking for a really unique Christmas gift? **Smoke Camp Crafts** has expanded the availability of flavors in their jam and jelly gift boxes. Let the chef choose 12 low-sugar, no additive or preservative, homemade jams and jellies! They ship directly to you or a very lucky recipient. Check out their website at smokecampcrafts.com.

NEW!

WVG Members

- Bob's Backyard Bees
- The Wild Sonflower
- Big Tom's Cookies LLC
- Crone's Cottage Apiary
- REGBully Enterprises
- On the Go Soaps
- Country Family Farms

2023 WV State Farm Museum Christmas Light Show



If you like twinkling holiday lights and a visit with Santa, you don't want to miss the Christmas Light Show at the West Virginia State Farm Museum this month. The event kicks off December 7 and runs each night from 6-9 p.m. through December 22. Santa will be on hand Thursday-Sunday of each week. Admission is free but donations to support the non-profit museum are appreciated. The museum is located seven miles north of Pt. Pleasant, just off Route 62. For more information, you can find the museum on Facebook or call 304-675-5737.



HELPING FARMERS GROW

WVDA Rural Rehabilitation Loan Program

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture's Rural Rehabilitation Loan Program provides loans up to \$250,000 to individuals or businesses for starting, purchasing or expanding a farm operation; to assist farmers who have suffered financial setbacks from natural disasters or who need additional resources with which to redirect or maintain profitable farming operations; or for other agricultural businesses. Loans are made for a term of up to 20 years and must be fully secured. The application is available on the West Virginia Department of Agriculture's website at: <https://agriculture.wv.gov/divisions/executive/Rural-Rehabilitation-Loan-Fund>. The loan committee meets quarterly to review loan applications. Questions about the program or application can be directed to Susan Baxter, loan program coordinator, at (304) 558-2221 or sbaxter@wvda.us.

AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY HALL OF FAME



The West Virginia Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame is now accepting applications for induction into the Hall of Fame for 2024. Know someone outstanding in their field? Fill out an application today! The deadline for nomination is February 16, 2024. You can find the application at: <https://agriculture.wv.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2024-AFHOF-Nomination-Form.pdf>.

Applications can be submitted to:
West Virginia Division of Forestry
c/o Rebecca Williams
P.O. Box 40 Farmington, WV 26571
Rebecca.J.Williams@wv.gov



4-H SPOTLIGHT

DYLANN TRUMP

AGE: 17
GRADE: SENIOR
4-H CLUB: BARNYARD KIDS 4-H
SCHOOL: LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL (RALEIGH CO.)
4-H LEADER: CHRISTY MEADOWS

Dylann: I grew up on my family's cattle farm. We have Herefords and Black Angus and Red Angus, mostly beef cows. Growing up I would help feed them, help walk them around. The farm was bought in 1902. I'm at least a sixth-generation farmer. I joined FFA my freshman year of high school, but I'm new to 4-H. Our FFA advisor ended up leaving last year, and we were left without a permanent ag teacher. I had a younger sister going into 4-H, so, I joined with her last year, and I love it! It's a great way to be a part of the ag community. 4-H is about supporting the community and creating a more positive environment. I raise my own lambs and show them at the State Fair of West Virginia. It's like a family when we go to shows. I made it to the championship round this year with my market lamb. I also placed in showmanship. I've learned leadership skills in 4-H. I plan to go to Potomac State next year and study agriculture, maybe ag nutrition. My dream job would be to work for the Department of Agriculture.



2023 NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION AWARD RECIPIENTS



Gold Rating:

Forestry - Roane County FFA (8th in the nation)
Livestock Evaluation - Spring Mills FFA (9th in the nation)
Poultry Evaluation - Roane County FFA (9th in the nation)
Agronomy - Ravenswood FFA (10th place in the nation)
Veterinary Science - Mineral County FFA (11th in nation)
Milk Quality & Products - Liberty FFA (14th in the nation)

Silver Rating:

Ag Communications - Upshur Co. FFA
Ag Technology & Mechanical Systems - Jefferson FFA
Farm & Business Management - Washington FFA
Floriculture - Tyler FFA
Horse Evaluation - Washington FFA
Dairy Handlers Activity - Addison James/Hedgesville FFA
Employment Skills - Ashley Study/Jefferson FFA

Bronze Rating:

Ag Issue Forum - Poca FFA
Conduct of Chapter Meetings - Tyler FFA
Dairy Cattle Evaluation & Management - Spring Mills FFA
Environment & Natural Resources - Ravenswood FFA
Food & Science Technology - Pine Grove FFA
Marketing Plan - Upshur County FFA
Meat Evaluation & Technology - Magnolia FFA
Nursery/Landscape - South Harrison FFA
Parliamentary Procedure - Taylor County FFA
Creed Speaking - Lindsey Lowry/Ripley FFA
Extemporaneous Public Speaking - Levi Knopp/Ripley FFA
Prepared Public Speaking - William Waddy/Petersburg FFA

National Chapter Awards:

Mineral County FFA - 3 Stars (Premier Chapter Finalist - Building Communities and Economic Development)
Pendleton County FFA - 3 Stars
South Harrison FFA - 3 Stars
Hampshire County FFA - 2 Stars
Jefferson FFA - 2 Stars
Washington FFA - 2 Stars
Ravenswood FFA - 1 Star
Spring Mills FFA - 1 Star

National Proficiency Awards:

James Radcliff/South Harrison FFA - Agricultural Education Gold
Sara Lowe/Liberty FFA - Goat Production Gold
Kaelyn Pridemore/Lincoln County FFA - Ag. Communications Silver

Garrett Ammons/Tyler FFA - Agricultural Processing Silver
Janna Huggins/Hundred FFA - Diversified Horticulture Silver
Allison Wince/Tyler FFA - Diversified Livestock Production Silver
Katie Rogers/South Harrison FFA - Sheep Production Silver
Kaylin Drake/Liberty FFA - Equine Science Silver
Holly Rogers/South Harrison FFA - Agricultural Services Bronze
Katie Cummings/Roane County FFA - Beef Production Bronze
Luke Fogus/Greenbrier East FFA - Poultry Production Bronze
Austin Goldizen/Bufalo FFA - Swine Production Bronze
Breona Anderson/Ripley FFA - Vegetable Production Bronze
Cooper Folmsbee/South Harrison FFA - National Finalist in Beef Production Placement
Madison Stonestreet/South Harrison FFA - National Finalist in Ag Sales Entrepreneurship

National Agriscience Fair:

Animal Systems

Kaylee Nance/Hannan FFA Bronze
Sarah Affolter & Morgan Cobb/GW Middle FFA Bronze
Ashly Rohrbaugh/Petersburg FFA Bronze
Miyah Swiger/Bridgeport FFA Bronze

Environmental Sciences & Natural Resource Systems

Molly Goldsberry/GW Middle FFA Bronze
Heather Parks & Zoie Hawkins/GW Middle FFA Bronze

Food Products and Processing Systems

Jayleigh Campbell & Carli Smith/GW Middle FFA Bronze
Grace Martin/Petersburg FFA Bronze
Miranda Smith/Hannan FFA Bronze
Emma Deal & Yanara Gonzalez/Hannan FFA Bronze

Plant Systems

Jami Myers & Jaelyn Eads/GW Middle FFA Bronze
Gabriel Moore & Sarah Landers/Bufalo FFA Bronze
Power, Structural and Technical Systems
Colton Conley & Ryan Hunter/GW Middle FFA Bronze
William Waddy/Petersburg FFA Bronze

Social Science

CJ Akers & Josslyn Blatt/Hannan FFA Bronze
Michelle Sampson/Blennerhassett FFA Bronze

FFA Band:

Ritchie County FFA/Sophie Layman

Courtesy Corp:

Mercer FFA/Haley Miller, Savannah Pollard, Madison Cox, Kelly Pilkins

2023 FFA AMERICAN DEGREE RECIPIENTS



Lydia Adams
Garrett Ammons
Lauren Ballard
Reese Barrett
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Apiary Events

Cabell/Wayne Co. Beekeepers Assoc., Meeting Nov. 13, 6:00 p.m.-9 p.m., Christ Temple Church, 2400 Johnstown Rd., Huntington, Contact Gabe Blatt; gabeblatt@frontier.com.

Clay Co. Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting, 2nd Monday, 6:00 p.m., Big Otter Community Center, Contact Mark Davis, 304-543-5955; mdavis@dgoc.com.

Barbour Co. Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting, 4th Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Barbour Co. Fairgrounds in metal quonset hut, Contact Dave Hunt, 304-457-4500.

Fayette Co. Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting, last Monday, 6:00 p.m., 401 W. Maple Ave., Contact Rick Forren, 304-539-1303.

Harrison Co. Beekeepers, Discussion Group, Contact Hudson Snyder, 304-641-7845; 56hudson@gmail.com.

Jackson Co. Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting, 2nd Sat., 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Contact Brenda Cooper, 304-275-8697.

Kanawha Valley Beekeepers Assoc., Bi-Monthly Meeting, 3rd Sat., 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Contact Steve May, 304-727-7659.

Monongalia Co. Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting, 1st Tuesday, 6:00 p.m., WVU Ext. Office, 270 Mylan Park Lane, Morgantown, Contact Kevin Hart, kevin.hart@monocountybeekeepers.org.

Mountaineer Beekeepers Assoc., Bi-Monthly Meeting, 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., Ritchie Co. Library, Contact Justin King, pjstinking@gmail.com.

Mountaineer Beekeepers Assoc., Discussion Meeting, 4th Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Doddridge Co. Library, downstairs meeting room, Union, Contact Justin King, pjstinking@gmail.com.

North Central WV Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting, September 19, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Harrison Co. Parks & Recreation Complex, 43 Recreation Dr., Clarksburg, Contact Aaron Garrison, 304-641-2856.

Potomac Highlands Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7 p.m., Romney Firehouse Center, High St., Downtown Romney, Contact Kirby Vining, 202-213-2690; secretary.phba@gmail.com.

Preston Co. Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting, Third Thursday, 7 p.m., Kingwood Ext. Office, 115 Court St., Kingwood.

Southeastern Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting, 1st Monday, 6:00 p.m., Ronald P. Sharp Alumni Con-

ference Center, WV Osteopathic School, Lewisburg, Contact Rick Forren, 304-539-1303.

Upshur Co. Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting, 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Farm Bureau Bldg. on Rt. 33 between Buckhannon & Weston, terriobennett@gmail.com.

West Central Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting, 4th Saturday, 1:00 p.m., old Arnoldsburg Elem. School, Arnoldsburg, Contact Dale, 304-354-6916.

All bee colonies must be registered with the West Virginia Department of Agriculture. Please contact the Animal Health Division at 304-558-2214.

Cattle Sales

Black Angus 5-yr. bull, excel. breeder & good disp., approx. 1,800-2,000 lbs., breeds every cow, every time, \$2,500/obo. Jeff Albright, 3590 Rooting Crk., Lost Creek, 26385; 304-623-4498.

Reg. Polled Hereford bulls, passed BSE, \$2,500. Bobby Daniels, Box 214, Fairdale, 25839; 304-575-7585.

Bred heifers, 6, \$2,500/ea. Alfred Dilley, 2685 Warden Dilley Rd., Marlinton, 24954; 304-799-6926.

Reg. Lim/Flex: breeding age bulls, performance info avail., black, polled, calving ease, vacc., passed BSE, \$3,00/up; 2-yr. heifers bred to calving age ease Angus/Lim-flex bulls, to calve 4/24, vacc./wormed, vet checked, \$2,200. Kim Getz, 122 Dolly Hill Rd., Scherr, 26726; 304-749-8043; ralimousin@frontiernet.net.

Reg. Black Angus 15-mo. -16-mo. bulls & heifers, Rito blood, calving ease, excel. EPDs, good disp., muscling & handling, \$1,800/up. J. Taylor, 875 Jim Kennedy Rd., Fairmont, 26554; 304-363-5757.

Reg. Polled Hereford 2-yr. bull NJW Wow 68E/Boyd Maternal edge genetics, homozygous, Polled, moderate frame, \$2,650. Martin Wengert, 2949 Zenith Rd., Gap Mills, 24941; 304-772-4633; 304-661-0024..

Equipment Sales

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

Horse drawn hay tedder to fit tractor, 3-pt. hitch, \$400; tilt loading ramp w/wheels, 10' tall x 3' wide w/enclosed top, \$800. Darrell Allen, 1285 Missouri Rd., Parkersburg, 26101; 304-489-2901.

Jubilee '53 completely restored, \$8,000; Kuhn Hay tedder, \$600; free 8N tractor for parts. George Carr, 63 Gap View Dr., Charleston, 25306; 304-542-7031.

Kubota: L1640 loader, \$1,200; RC60 mower, \$350; B7200 w/broken crank shaft, \$400. Wilson Bond, 5539 Howells Mill Rd., Ona, 25545; 304-743-5250.

Grizzly G1026 3hp wood shaper, \$600. John Dean, P.O. Box 741, St. Albans, 25177; 304-881-8582.

Corn grinder, PTO driven, \$500; Cockshutt

'46 30 farm tractor w/end loader & PTO hitch, tires fair to good, \$1,500; Kubota '06 MX500SU 560 hrs., auxiliary hyd., excel. cond., \$13,500. Anthony Edwards, 32 Mill Crk. Crossing, Hurricane, 25526; 304-757-5775

NI PTO driven manure spreader, excel. rubber, \$500; Case IH 1300 sickle bar mower, extra knife, for parts, \$2,000. Roy Helmick, 7332 Crag Rd., Meadow Bridge, 25979.

JD 335 round baler, 4x4, good cond., shed kept, 4 wet lines, \$6,700 Nelson Jenkins, 400 Rowan Rd., Sinks Grove 24976; 304-646-6152.

NH 163 4-spool hay tedder for parts, new axle & drive shaft, \$300/obo. Bobby Lawson, 149 Lawson Fork, Lester, 25865; 304-934-5827.

Wood Max WM8600 backhoe, 3-pt. hitch, 2, buckets, \$7,000; bucket spear, \$75. James Livingood, 3053 Little Sandy Rd., Bruceton Mills, 26525; 304-379-1026; 304-698-7424.

Troy rear tine tiller, 7hp, \$700. Jim Kelly, 2445 Cool Lick Rd., Albright, 26519; 681-999-1043.

Front end loader complete w/front mounted pump, fits 410 or 4610 tractor, \$800. Tim Lewis, 17362 Morgantown Pike, Moatsville, 26405, 304-457-2175.

Horse drawn turn plows: wood frame, \$250; metal frame, \$200; NH 1715 4x4 27hp, 223 hrs., 9-speed trans., roll bar w/5' Barko brush hog, \$10,000. Chip Mallion, 37 Taxidermy Lane Sutton, 26601; 304-765-7187.

NH 848 round baler, good cond., \$2,000/obo. Rich Niehaus, 286 Cove Dr., Cameron, 26033; 304-312-4566.

NH 630 round baler, \$4,500; Vermeer Rebel TR90 tedder rake, \$2,500; Vermilion 6040 8' mower w/disc bar, \$7,000. Kelly Vance, P.O. Box 733, Holden, 25625; 304-784-1671.

NH 35 hp tractor, 4x4, 100 hrs., \$25,000; MF 85 hp tractor, 2 WD, excel. cond., \$10,000. Charles Smith, 94 Dogwood Trails, Napier, 26631; 304-452-8821; 304-678-8821.

Equipment Wants

3-pt. hitch bar rake in working order, prefer 6 bar Ferguson. Wilson Bond, 5839 Howells Mill Rd., Ona, 25545; 304-743-5250.

Farm Sales

Jackson Co.: 24.37 A. w/trailer, elec., well water, septic, barn, pond, garage, \$75,000; 9.04 A. w/trailer, elec., well water, septic, apartment, \$75,000. Tammy Kinder, 4748 Martins Branch Rd., Charleston, 25312; 304-541-2037.

Kanawha Co.: 55 A. w/house & apartment, 5, outbdgs., barn garages, 53' box trailer, 17' shed, sm. cattle barn, JD 530 4 WD tractor w/ bucket, wet lines & garden equip., \$450,000. Larry Kinnard, 1819 Lee Crk. Rd., Culloden, 25510; 304-743-9808.

Farm Wants

Looking to lease farm in Greenbrier, Pocahontas, Nicholas or Barbour Co. Carl Sperry, P.O. Box 686, Belington, 26250; 304-203-4878.

Goat Sales

Boer 10-mo. 3-yr. & 5-yr. does, \$600/ea. or \$1,000/all. Kayla Campbell, 18 Lapoe Village, Core, 26541; 304-288-4289.

ADGA reg. does, doelings, bucks & bucklings, blue eyes, polled, disbudded, clean tested herd, does, \$350/up; bucks, \$225/up. Amada Diehl, 90 Joe Roush Rd., Letart, 25253; 304-593-3971; bucneerfarm@yahoo.com.

ADGA Nigerian Dwarf does, 5, blue eyes, 1 polled, others disbudded, bred to moonspotted buck, due to kid 1/24, clean herd, \$400/ea. Mary Wolfe, 1430 Tribble Rd., Leon, 25123; 304-458-1992; leslie.wolfe@frontier.com.

Goat Wants

Nigerian Dwarf to service my does, blue eyes preferred. Alan Siemiaczko, 2875 Hudson Valley Dr., South Charleston, 25309; 304-768-8335.

Hog Sales

Red Tamworth 3-mo. pigs, \$65. Elvis Dawson, 42 Sennett Run Rd., Ivydale, 25113; 304-286-2987.

Hereford & Hamp pigs, \$75. Ralph Deck, P.O. Box 171, Pipestem, 25979; 304-673-0290.

York cross feeder pigs, weaned, approx. 30 lbs, \$80/ea. Garrett Torozzi, 514 Bosser Rd., Grafton, 26354; 304-918-3740.

Horse Sales

Bradant Belgium mares, well broke, easy to handle, good disp., \$12,000/team; Haflinger mare w/5-mo. colt by side, \$2,500; 11-yr. John mule, 15h, easy to handle, \$4,000. Mike Roach, 459 George Roach Rd., Lesage, 25537; 304-840-7170.

Poultry Sales

Ameraucana 6-mo. roosters, 1 splash, 1 blue, \$15/ea. Dylan Allen, 2950 Grand Camp Rd., French Creek, 26218; 304-439-5483.

Rhode Island Red 5-mo. roosters, out of quality stock, \$8/ea. James McCarty, 11455 Jerry's Run Rd., Apple Grove, 25502; 576-2738.

Pure Rhode Island Red, 4; Cross Rhode Island Red & White, 11; yng. Leggers, just started to lay, \$10/ea.; \$140/all/cash. Rex Miller, 5733 Ripley Rd., Cottageville, 25239.

Sheep Sales

Hamp./Suffolk: yrlg. ewes, \$375/ea.; 3/22 ewes lambs, \$300/ea.; 3/23 ram lambs, \$350. Kevin Jones, 1039 Range Rd., Wadestown, 26590. 304-476-1247.

Katahdin 8-mo. ram, \$250; Peking 6-mo. male ducks, \$20/ea. Marty Walker-Owen, 1720 N. SR 20, Meadow Bridge, 25976; 304-578-7921.

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 will be accepted.

AKC reg. Aust. Shep. pups, black tris females, vacc./wormed, genetically tested parents, works livestock, \$500/ea./obo. Pam Burns, 1704 Frost Rd., Marlinton, 24954; 304-646-1771.

ABCA reg. Border Collie 15-mo. female, vacc., has not interest in herding, \$500. Kayla Campbell, 18 Lapoe Village, Core, 26541; 304-288-4289.

Farmland for rent, 14 A., mostly grassland w/horse barn, fenced w/water stream, \$650/mo. J. Corley, 50 Sunset Lane, Mabie, 26278; 304-642-1988.

Hay, clean mixed grass, \$6.50/bale. Robert Dorsey, 691 Eli Fork Rd., Sumerco, 25561; 304-342-5712.

Rough Collie 8/23 pups, sable & white, 3, males left, vacc./wormed, \$200/ea. Kay Drake, 3845 Copen Rd., Copen, 26615; 304-266-0751.

Mulch hay, sq. bales, \$2.50/bale; oat straw, \$4.50/bale. Anthony Edwards, 32 Mill Crk. Crossing, Hurricane, 25526; 304-757-5775.

Maple syrup, pure WV: \$20/qt.; \$11/pt.; \$6/½ pt.; \$3.25/100ml. Karen Hartman, 1761 Burgess Hollow, New Creek, 26743; 304-788-1831.

Piqua 4-wheel hay wagon, Blacks ville area, \$1,500. Shirley Leonhardt, 616 Happy Lane, Fairview, 26570; 304-449-1265.

Oat hay, 2nd cut, 4x4 twined & wrapped, tested at 14.1 % crude protein, \$40/bale, will load & pick up at trailer; hay, 2nd cut sq. bales, \$5/bale. Tim Lewis, 17362 Morgantown Pike, Moastville, 26405; 304-457-2175.

ATV 99 350 Rancher ES, good cond., might need new tires, \$2,000. Jim Kelly, 2445 Cool Lick Rd., Albright, 26519; 681-999-1043.

ASDR & CKC reg. Aust. Shep pups, red tri male, \$400; black tri male, \$600/ea.; blue merle female, \$600; 2, red merle males, \$600/ea. all tails docked, vacc./wormed, \$100 non refundable deposit will hold choice. Vicki Mitchem, 229 Stoney Crk. School Rd., Alderson, 24910; 304-575-6036.

Black Walnut Kernels, vacuum sealed 1 lb. package, \$15, plus postage. Calvin Morrison, P.O. Box 877, Jane Lew, 26378; 304-884-7444.

Hay, 4x5 round bales, net wrapped, mixed grass, \$35/bale. Adam Reckart, 603 Cuzzart Rd., Bruceton Mills, 26525; 304-379-6708.

Hay, '23 4x4 round bales: 1st cut, \$25/bale; 2nd cut, \$30/bale; '22 2nd cut, \$20/bale. Matt Rice, 8388 Low Gap Run Rd., Littleton, 26581; 304-775-2786.

Hay, 5' premium packed, never wet, \$55/bale; 6', \$65/bale. James Rowe, 5196 Malcolm Rd., Barboursville, 25509; 304-638-3321.

Apples: Pink Lady, \$10-\$12; animal feed or cider, \$5.50 bu., bring container, call for avail. Paula Ruggles, 131 Ruggles Orchard Rd., Levels, 25431; 304-492-5751.

Anatolian Shep./Great Pyrenees cross pups, some brindle, some w/white badger markings, vacc/wormed, from working parents, exposed to goats/chickens/cats, \$250/ea. Marianne Siers, 140 Stark Run, Elizabeth, 26143; 304-275-3647; 304-588-5111.

Acreage: Braxton Co.: 126 A. w/old house, \$300,000; hay, 4x5 never wet, in barn, limed/fert., \$45/bale. Charles Smith 94 Dogwood Trails, Napier, 26631; 304-452-8821; 304-678-8821.

Straw: sq. bales, 125 or more, \$5.75/bale; 4x5 round bales, \$30/bale. Laura Sommer, 23169 Kanawha Valley Rd., Southside, 25187.

Hay, 4x5 round bales, barn kept, \$30/bale. Daniel Thorn, 1891 Birch Crk. Rd., Tunnelton, 26444; 304-698-9986.

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Looking to buy Rottweiler pup. Harry Ring, 56 River Bend Blvd., St. Albans, 25177; 304-727-5504.

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GARDEN CALENDAR

DECEMBER/JANUARY

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- DECEMBER 2** Turn compost. Protect shrubs from harsh weather.
- DECEMBER 4** Mulch hybrid roses. Select cut Christmas tree with flexible needles.
- DECEMBER 5** Overwinter spinach and Swiss chard.
- DECEMBER 6** Mulch perennial herbs.
- DECEMBER 7** Begin harvest of high tunnel carrots and lettuce.
- DECEMBER 8** Buy live Christmas tree.
- DECEMBER 11** Turn compost.
- DECEMBER 13** Harvest Brussels sprouts.
- DECEMBER 21** Winter begins.
- DECEMBER 26** Plant live Christmas tree.
- JANUARY 1** Plan garden layout Increase humidity for houseplants.
- JANUARY 2** Browse seed catalogs. Cut poinsettias and place in sunny windows.
- JANUARY 3** Order herb seeds.
- JANUARY 4** Order seed varieties. Harvest overwintered kale. Create a garden map.
- JANUARY 5** Seed tomatoes for early high tunnel planting.
- JANUARY 6** Service power equipment. Clean garden tools.
- JANUARY 8** Plant amaranth in indoor pots. Test germination of stored seeds.
- JANUARY 9** Use grow lights for vegetable seedlings.
- JANUARY 10** Sharpen tillage tools
- JANUARY 11** Turn compost.
- JANUARY 12** Gently remove snow or ice from ever greens and shrubs.
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- JANUARY 13** Organize a community garden.
- JANUARY 16** Order fertilizer and lime according to soil test results.
- JANUARY 17** Seed spinach in cold frame or high tunnel.

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