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Interest in West Virginia-grown clearly demonstrates the growth potential for our state producers

Despite the cold, snowy weather more than 2,000 people poured into the Charleston Civic Center on February 25 for the Winter Blues Farmers' Market. The turnout was simply fantastic and I enjoyed speaking with many of you that attended.

Forty vendors from across the state featured locally grown produce, meats, dairy and other products. Sales from the three and a half hour event were reported at more than \$25,000.

The interest and desire for fresh, healthy West Virginia food was quite obvious and demonstrated yet again the growth potential for our state farmers. Other Farmers' Markets in the Mountain State are hosting similar events during the coming weeks and you can find a list of many of these Agriculture functions on our website at www. agriculture.wv.gov

The Winter Blues Market was part of the annual four-day Small Farm Conference staged by West Virginia University's Small Farm Center. More than 700 people attended the conference to learn about a multitude of topics including product safety, labeling, marketing and accounting, along with a variety of how-to workshops on crop and livestock production.

West Virginia farmers are certainly beginning to capitalize on the opportunity to grow and feed our own. It's very encouraging for Agriculture and helping to make our presence known in diversifying our state's economy.

Deer Farms gaining state, national attention

As you well know, deer farming in West Virginia has now moved to the next level following the transfer of the program to the WVDA from the DNR last year.

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Winter Blues Farmers' Market Draws 2,000-plus Shoppers



Mountain State Maple Day to Celebrate Burgeoning Industry with Events Around the State

All things maple take center stage March 19, 2016. It's Mountain State Maple Day, a time to celebrate the growing number of businesses tapping into a sweet resource. Generations of state residents have turned sweet water (also known as sap) into maple products for their own use. However, over the past decade, it's gone from a cottage industry to a money-maker for more than 30 business owners.

In 2015, 45,000 taps were installed across West Virginia. Thousands of gallons of sweet water were turned into maple products and sold around the globe. From maple syrup to candy to sugar, West Virginians are getting creative with the products they sell.

On March 19, 15 maple producers and their partners from all across West Virginia will open their doors to the public. You'll have a chance to see how the sweet water is harvested and turned into marketable products. You can sample the goodness, sit down for a maple meal, and

purchase your favorite maple merchandise. The WV Maple Syrup Festival in Grant County is also taking place on March 19. For more information on Mountain State Maple Day, log on to http://www.agriculture.wv.gov/divisions/marketinganddevelopment/ Pages/Spotlight-on-Agriculture.aspx. To find a maple syrup event near you, log on to http://gotowv.com/maplesyrup/.

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Two young Ag entrepreneurs recognized for innovative projects

What do a geotracking system for livestock and sustainable microgreens have in common? They're innovative agriculture ideas that come from the minds of young West Virginians.

Evan Dodrill and Jordon Masters were two of five entrepreneurs to take part in a crowd-funding event earlier this year in Beckley sponsored by Vision Shared. The goal was to find and reward some of the state's best and brightest working towards building brands of their own.

The winner, Dodrill, took home a \$1,000 prize to put towards The Herdsman. It's a tracking device focused on farm animals.

"We're in the prototype phase and hopefully will have a working proof of concept by January of 2017, explained the WVU senior, majoring in Animal Nutrition Science. Dodrill, who grew up on the family farm in Greenbrier County, came up with the idea three years ago.

"In 2013, we lost 19 head of cattle when they got loose and were hit on the highway. That's \$90,000 lost in the blink of an eye," stressed Dodrill. "Dad and I were on the phone one night and were talking about the accident. We were brainstorming, tossing ideas off each other, and came up with one. Wouldn't it be nice to know the exact location of our cows at every moment? I did a patent search and there's nothing in the agriculture field to know where your animals are located. In fact, there's nothing in the pet industry, period."

Dodrill knew what he wanted to create, a geotracking device, in an animal ear tag, that would alert the owner the minute an animal went out of bounds.

"As soon as that cow crosses the geo-fence, a text message is sent and an alert will be sent to the owner through a mobile app."

Dodrill entered his idea in the WVU Collegiate Business Plan Competition. He made the semi-finals. Through the WVU Launch Lab, a program aimed at helping young entrepreneurs succeed, he met and teamed up with engineering student Weston Ponce of Bluefield. Dodrill is focused on the business plan and marketing for The Herdsman. Ponce is handling the technical side. The pair have one major road block, figuring out a way to extend the battery of the tracking device past its current 45-day limit.

Dodrill says his project has opened up new opportunities. "I was hoping to get a job with the USDA or the WVDA when I graduated this spring, but with this project working out and the potential I see, I'll

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> **EVAN DODRILL** Winner, Vision Shared **Entrepreneurship Contest**

probably continue to work full time on it."

Jordon Masters, also from Greenbrier County, just graduated from WVU in December. He already has a full-time job. He and his older brother, Jared, a chef for the Greenbrier Sporting Club, are in the process of building a greenhouse in Morgantown. They plan

to grow and sell microgreens through their company Allegheny Genesis.

It all got started in the summer of 2014 when the brothers decided to write a blog. "We wanted to explore seasonable sustainability in the Allegheny Mountains of West Virginia and Southern Pennsylvania. We wanted to see if we could make a unique dish every week throughout the summer made of plants or parts of plants that people typically discard or don't use in dishes," explained Jordon.

One of the blogs was titled "Sunflowers Seven Ways." The brothers used sunflowers in different stages of life. They created a custard out of the stalks, unopened buds were basted in butter, the rays and discs were pressed into oils, and the leaves were cooked like colored greens. "We wanted to see how far we could push the boundaries."

When Jordon did some research he found that microgreens, immature plants that are harvested young, had great flavor and four to six times the nutritional value of fully grown plants. It's a hot market in bigger cities and used in upscale eateries. "A lot of high-end restaurants are putting them on their plates like garnish. They really make the plate pop and they're edible," he said.

Jordon also took part in the WVU Collegiate Business Plan Competition and worked with the Launch Lab to create a business plan for a microgreens greenhouse. It's being built on WVUowned land in Westover and should be complete this spring. The Masters hope to start harvesting their first crop by early summer.

Jordon says they've taken out loans to help pay for the start-up. Recouping their money will take time. However, with microgreens selling for \$160 per pound, Allegheny Genesis has the potential to be a profitable business

But even more than making money, Jordon hopes to open some minds with his green thumb.

"Allegheny Genesis' mission is raising alternative crop awareness. We want to change the way we're cropping in West Virginia," stressed Jordon. "In my opinion, West Virginia has the potential to be the biggest agriculture state in the country because we have things other places are running out of and that is people, water, and land."

Sustainable crops, according to Jordon, are the wave of the future. He wants to be on the cusp of it all. Both young entrepreneurs are well on their way to successful careers in agriculture.

Agritourism Awards Handed Out at Small Farm Conference

Communication is key to agriculture. You have to be able to get your message and products out to the public. Some of the most successful ag businesses in

West Virginia use everything from printed pieces to pictures, websites to social media.

The WVDA handed out the annual Agritourism Awards during the 2016 Small Farm Conference

on Thursday, February 25. The winners showed creativity, innovation and good storytelling are all you need to make a big impression.

The winners of the print awards were: First place. Bloomery Plantation (Charles Town); second place,

Walt's View, continued

Venison raised and produced on state farms is now available and being featured on menus in our restaurants.

The demand is high and we expect this will allow our current deer farms to move forward with expansion of existing operations.

We also gained national attention this month with a feature story and pictures promoting our state operations that was published in the North American Deer Farmers Association magazine. This comes just in advance of the group's annual meeting and will definitely shine a positive light on what we are doing here in West Virginia and how those interested parties from outside of the state can come here and establish new facilities.

Heritage Farm Museum (Huntington); and third place, Daydream Farms "Rodeo" (Fort Ashby).

The winners of the photo awards were: First place, Bloomery Plantation; second place, Gritt's Farm (Buffalo); and third place, Bloomery Plantation.

The winners of the social media awards were: First place, Heritage Farm Museum; second place, Bloomery Plantation; and third place. Gritt's Farm.

The winners of the best website were: First place, Bloomery Plantation http://bloomerysweetshine.com/; second place, Orr's Farm Market (Martinsburg) http:// orrsfarmmarket.com/; and third place, Gritt's Farm http:// www.grittsfarm.com/.

Mountain State Maple Day Celebration March 19

One of our burgeoning Agriculture programs is the Maple Syrup business and on March 19, at various locations across the state, we will recognize and celebrate Maple Day.

Events are currently scheduled in Pickens, Dunmore, Dawson, Mathias, Petersburg, Weirton, Wheeling, Wellsburg, Sugar Grove and Friendly. I encourage you to learn more about the Maple Syrup industry by visiting one of our producers to get

firsthand knowledge about the production of this sweet, homegrown West Virginia product. More information on Maple Day is also available on the WVDA website.

The winners of the best video were: First place, Orr's Farm Market http://orrsfarmmarket.com/; second place, WV Division of Tourism https://www. youtube.com/watch?v=Gbyz04PphTY; and third place, Hawk Knob (Lewisburg) https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=PDANidbdLq0

Seedlings Available for Spring Planting

Clements State Tree Nursery in West Columbia is selling bare-root seedlings for planting in spring of 2016. Clements Nursery is West Virginia's only forest tree nursery and sells to in-state customers and customers in neighboring states. The nursery gets its seed from sources within West Virginia and the region. All trees are either native or genetically suitable for planting in this part of the country.

All seedlings are bare-root and are 1-, 2- or 3-years old. Clements sells seedlings in bundles of 25; prices depend on the number of seedlings ordered. A 30 percent discount is available when ordering 5,000 or more seedlings.

Clements sells both evergreens and deciduous trees. Check the website for species and prices.

Order online at www.wvcommerce.org/ ClementsNursery. Have trees shipped or pick them up at the facility in West Columbia, 11 miles north of Point Pleasant. Clements State Tree Nursery will accept orders through April 30, 2016.

West Virginia Agri Tourism

WVDA Employee Receives Pest Control Award

When you think of the West Virginia Department of Agriculture, chickens, cattle, and crops come to mind. Bedbugs...not so much. However, pest control falls

under the department's purview in the regulatory division.

For the second time in just three years, a WVDA a pesticide regulatory officer received the Region **III EPA Outstanding** Investigation of the Year award. Paul Bennett was honored at the Region III EPA conference in Ocean City, Maryland for a case involving pest control. Bennett, who's been with the department since graduating from WVU 11 years ago, prides himself on the work he does

"We don't get rich at what we do. It's about helping the people of West Virginia."

Bennett, who works out of Parkersburg, is a field inspector. "I jokingly call it 'going on patrol.' When we see a pest company, we follow them to their next stop. We observe their application,



Paul Bennett, WVDA pesticide regulatory officer, received the Region III EPA Outstanding Investigation of the Year award for a case involving pest control. This was Bennett's second such award in three years.

go over what they did right, what they did wrong, and see if they need some hands-on training," says Bennett. "We also follow up on any pesticide complaints that come into the WVDA."

From inspecting chemical plants like DuPont and PPG to checking out schools, daycare centers, and golf courses, Bennett and his fellow pesticide regulatory officers cover a lot of ground.

The case that won him the 2015 EPA award was one of his toughest. "On a scale of 1-10, this was a 15. It was weeks and weeks and weeks of work. It involved myself and my supervisor, Chad Carpenter. It was a nightmare!"

Bennett got a call last year to take a look at an apartment in a complex in Parkersburg. A woman and her autistic daughter were having big problems with bed bugs and pest control.

"She moved in and within the first week had noticed bed bugs. She immediately contacted her landlord. He sent a maintenance man in to spray for bed bugs, which is not the correct way to handle it," stressed Bennett.

The landlord eventually called in a pest control company. When Bennett inspected the apartment, it was covered from floor to ceiling in a powdery chemical dust. The bed bug spray coated the family's furniture, clothing, kitchenware, and toys, making it unlivable.

The daughter, who was hyper-sensitive to the chemical, had an adverse reaction. The landlord threatened to throw the family out of the apartment when the woman didn't pay rent.

Bennett tracked down previous employees of the apartment complex, one as far away as Florida. After interviewing multiple people and conducting site inspections, he determined the company had a history of improperly spraying pesticides. The case is now in civil litigation.

"When you're able to help somebody, especially in this sort of situation, that's what the job is all about."

Bennett received the 2012 Outstanding Investigation of the Year for his work on a case involving the Wood County school system. A local pest control vendor supposedly found termites throughout several different schools and treated them. The bill to the school system totaled \$18,000. Bennett's investigation found evidence there were no termites to begin with and the pest control vendor never sprayed for any termites.

Agriculture Commissioner Walt Helmick praised Bennett for his exceptional work. "Pesticide regulatory officers are some of the department's unsung heroes. We don't usually hear about the work they do or the lives they impact. They provide safe living and working conditions for the people of West Virginia. Paul Bennett is a wonderful example of that. We're very lucky to have someone of his talent and tenacity working for the WVDA."

As for his next tough investigation, Bennett said he never knows when it will pop up. "It's always something different every day. You don't know when you show up for work what's on your plate for that day."

Colony registration can help combat honeybee diseases

Today's concern with Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) has increased public awareness of problems in the beekeeping industry. The consensus among experts is that a number of stressors are manifesting

themselves in the decrease in productivity and health of honeybee colonies.

Primary among these stressors is the Varroa mite. Thought to be introduced to the United States from South America in the 1980's, this pest has decimated wild colonies. Without treatment,

domesticated colonies also have been ravaged.

Today there is wide-ranging bee research ongoing and multiple approved treatments for mites, but control remains a challenge due to the mite's similarities with its host. Any chemical used to control the mite can affect the bee as well, and when used within the hive can lead to honey contamination and human exposure. Plus, the social nature of individual honeybees makes it likely that bees from different hives come into close contact with each other. Therefore, it is important that diseased or infested colonies be detected and treated to protect other colonies.

To further that goal, the "West Virginia Apiary Act" (WVC Chapter 19, Article 13, Section 4) requires beekeepers to register their colonies annually with WVDA. There is no fee for registration or inspection services.

Beekeeping is an important part of West Virginia agriculture with 857 registered beekeepers caring for over 11,000 hives in the state. The honey produced by the bees and the pollination services they provide contribute greatly to our agricultural economy. For thousands of years humans have utilized honeybees by collecting honey and wax from wild colonies. Ancient artwork found on rock walls suggest gathering food from honeybees took place 15,000 years

> ago. Further evidence of their importance is found in Egyptian burial chambers where sealed

pots have been found containing honey. Egyptian artwork depicts domesticated honey bees 4,000 years ago.

In the early 1600's honey bees were introduced into North America by European settlers. Swarming, a natural behavior, helped spread the bees' range ahead of the westward movement of settlers and populated much of North America with feral honey bee colonies. This was even noticed by Native Americans at the time.

Early on, colonies were housed in pots, hollow logs and hives made from reed or rope known as skeps. In more modern times, removable frame hives are used to allow easy inspection and honey harvest.

Modern hives, mostly Langstroth hives, are built to allow frames of wax, brood and honey to be removed and inspected without destroying the colony or the structure of the comb. These hives are now a necessity in West Virginia to allow apiary inspectors access for detecting contagious pests and diseases. Stay tuned for a more detailed article on this Varroa mites in a future issue of the Market Bulletin.

To register colonies, or more information, contact Plant Industries Division at 304-558-2212. State Apiarist Wade Stiltner at 304-550-0589 or Apiary Specialist Rebecca Moretto at 304-257-8919.

WV Small Farms Conference FFA Entrepreneurship Contest winners



West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture Walt Helmick poses with winners of the WV Small Farms Conference FFA Entrepreneurship Contest winners and advisors. Top finishers in the business plan were Rachel Martin of Buffalo for Custom Clay" (first), Danielle Grant advisor, Jacob Riggleman of Upshur for "Lawn and Order" (second), Connie Scarbrough advisor, Andrew Vance of Greenbrier East for "Pine Grove Acres" (third), Beth Massey advisor. Top finishers in the Pitch Competition were Rachel Martin of Buffalo for "Custom Clay" (first), Jacob Riggleman of Upshur for "Lawn and Order" (second), and Lean Stankus, Natalie Thorpe, Brian Carson of Upshur for "Three Amigos Metal Works" (third). The Chapter Communication awards went to Upshur County FFA team members Lukas Samargo, Kelsey Burgess and Abigail Poling (first). Tucker County FFA team members Cheyenne Phillips, Jacob Hauser and Alexis Roth finished in second place, advisor Terry Hauser.

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Salt-Rising Bread

- ¹/₂ cup conrmeal (stone-ground or nondegerminated)
- 1¹/₂ potatoes, peeled thinly sliced
- 4 cups whole milk, divided (scalded)
- 11 cups all-purpose flour, divided
- 3 tablespoons granulated sugar
- ¹/₂ cup solid shortening
- 1 tablespoon non-iodized salt Melted butter

Starter: In a small mixing bowl (glass or pottery), combine cornmeal, potato slices and 1 cup of scalded milk. Add 1 tablespoon of sugar; mix well. Place in a warm spot such as an oven on the lowest temperature possible. Mixture must kept warm in order for fermentation to occur. After 10-12 hours, check the mixture. It should be smelly and bubbly. If not, throw out and start again. Set aside.

Bread: Add salt, shortening and remaining sugar in a large mixing bowl. Cream together until mixture is uniform. Scald the remaining 3 cups of milk and pour into creamed mixture. Mix well and let the shortening mixture soften. Add about half of the flour and mix. Add the fermented starter to the dough mixture and mix well. Cover; let sit in a warm location for about 1-1½ hours until the mixture will again be smelly and bubbly (signs of fermentation). Dough will be ready to use when the surface is covered with bubbles. Add 6 cups of flour and mix well (may have to mix the last part by hand or use a dough hook on a mixer).

Turn the dough out onto a heavily-floured surface (at least 1 cup of flour) and begin to knead the dough working in the flour. Work in extra flour, up to 1 cup, until the dough is firm and you can cut it into sections with a knife. Knead until the dough is smooth and elastic. Cut the dough into 3 equal sections and place in heavily greased pans. Turn the dough so that all sides are covered with the grease. Place in a warm oven so that the dough will rise until about doubled in size. Bake in a preheated 375° oven for 35-40 minutes until golden brown. The tops of the bread will be crisp and hard. Spread the tops with melted butter.

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Glen Ferris Inn Breads

This month's recipes are breads taken from the Glen Ferris Inn's (Fayette County) "Our Famous Yeast Breads" cookbook. The Glen Ferris Inn lies on the banks of the Kanawha River with outstanding views of the Kanawha Falls.

The Inn was originally constructed as a private residence, but since 1839 has operated as a hotel. The Inn serves breakfast, lunch and dinner daily in-season (April-December).



Our Famous Yeast Rolls

- 1¹/₂ cups hot water
 - ² cup solid shortening (i.e.
- Crisco) 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- ¹/₂ tablespoon salt

- 2 eggs
- 1³⁄₄ tablespoons instant yeast
 - cups all-purpose flour
- Extra flour

Place the hot water in a large mixing bowl; add the shortening. Stir or mix with a heavy beater on low speed until shortening is soft. Add sugar and salt; mix well. Add eggs; mix. The mixture should be lukewarm at this point. If it is still hot, let it cool for 5 minutes or until it becomes lukewarm. Add yeast; mix well. Let sit for a few minutes until the yeast begins to "work.' Measure the flour and add approximately half the liquid mixture; mix well. Add the remaining flour; mix. May have to use your hands at this point if you are not using a mixer and dough hook. Cover the bowl and let the dough rise until doubled. (Should take about 35 minutes or so depending on the temperature of the kitchen.)

Cloverleaf Rolls: Prepare a muffin pan by spraying liberally with a vegetable oil spray. Punch down and turn the bread dough out on a lightly floured surface. Knead the bread slightly, turning the dough in the flour making it smooth. Divide the dough into 36 balls. If the dough becomes sticky, rub your hands with extra flour. Place 3 small balls in each cup of the muffin pan. (The cup should be filled, but not overflowing.) Place pan in a warm location and let the dough raise until doubled or the rolls are slightly touching each other. Bake in a preheated oven at 375°F until they are golden brown. Remove from the oven and brush with melted butter or margarine.

Standard Rolls: Prepare the dough as above. After the dough has risen once, turn out on a floured board, knead lightly and separate into 24 balls. Place the balls of dough about 2 inches apart on a sprayed baking sheet. Let rise until doubled and bake as instructed above.

Monkey Bread

 batch bread dough
 tablespoons ground cinnamon

of

cinnamon ¼ cup granulated sugar cup margarine
 cup packed brown sugar
 cup raisins (opt.)

Prepare yeast dough according to instructions. Let rise until doubled. Turn out onto a lightly floured surface. Turn a few times to completely coat the dough in flour, In a medium saucepan, melt the margarine and stir in the brown sugar, cinnamon and raisins, if used. Stir until it is as smooth as possible. Remove from heat and let cool a little. Cut the dough into chunks, about 1-to 1½-inch cubes. Drop, a chunk at a time, into the margarine mixture. Coat all the pieces on all sides and layer them in a sprayed bundt pan. Stagger the second and third layers, etc. so that the piece on top is directly over the space created by the two pieces below it. Continue with the dropped bread until the pan is at least 2/3 full. Drizzle any remaining sauce over the top of the bread. Let rise in a warm place until the dough is just over the top of the pan. Bake in a preheated 375° oven until golden brown. Remove from the oven and turn upside down on a serving plate. Serve warm.

Note: May serve this plain or with glaze (see recipe below). Also, I have dipped the pieces of dough in the mixture and then rolled them in extra cinnamon (full strength) for an extra rich cinnamon flavor.

Whole Wheat Bread

- 2 cups scalded milk
- ¹/₃ cup molasses
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1/4 cup warm water

package dry yeast
 4²/₃ cups whole wheat flour
 Melted butter or margarine
 Extra flour

Add the molasses to the hot, scalded milk; mix well and let cool to lukewarm. Add the yeast to the water; stir to blend and let dissolve. Combine the liquids; mix well. Let stand for about 5 minutes to allow the yeast time to "work". In a large mixing bowl, add the salt and flour; mix well. Make an indentation in the center; add the liquids and mix well. Cover and let rise until doubled in size; punch down. Grease bread pans. Make loaves by emptying the dough into the pans until they are half full. If you wish to make rolls, turn the dough out onto a floured surface; knead. You may have to add extra flour to get the consistency needed to pan the rolls. Allow the bread to rise in a warm place until doubled. Bake at 400°F. The loaves will need about 45-50 minutes and the rolls, about 30-35 minutes. Bake until golden brown. Remove from the oven and butter the tops as soon as removed from the oven.

Note: I have found that using a combination of all-purpose flour and wheat flour make a lighter bread. Experiment with the amount until you are satisfied with the results. I prefer half and half.

Top quality WV bulls to be sold at Wardensville and Southern Tests

They're no ordinary bulls. The best of the best in West Virginia will go up for sale this month at the Wardensville Bull Test and the Southern Bull Test. Just two days apart, the events showcase bulls that have been bred and raised for excellence.

The Wardensville event, now in its 49th year, takes place Thursday, March 24 at the Reymann Memorial Farm in Hardy County. The bulls arrived back on October 28. One hundred and forty-three animals, Charolais, Angus, and Herferd, spend nearly five months under close supervision. They're checked regularly for weight gain, how fast they grow, how much they eat, along with an ultrasound. The goal is to identify and propagate superior genetics.

Jerry Yates, the station manager of the West Virginia Bull Evaluation Program at Wardensville, said they received nine fewer bulls this fall. "The cattle markets aren't as strong as they were this time last year. So the guys were very critical of the consignments they sent. They sent fewer bulls, trying to match the market conditions. That's resulted in a higher

quality set of bulls this year than what we've averaged in the last 4-5 years." John David Johnson, the Jackson County Extension Agent, said the same holds true for the Southern Bull and Heifer Replacement Test on March 26 in



Henderson. "This is the best group of bulls I've ever seen come in." One of the reasons for the increase in quality, according to both Yates and Johnson, is the mild winter. "The last two years we've had some really

> hard winters. When it's cold and the bulls are eating, they're using up more of their reserves, not putting back the gains because they're trying to heat their bodies," explained Johnson.

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Yates is preparing for a better than average sale. "We're not looking at a record setting year but we are looking for a strong market. We have an exceptional set of bulls from top to bottom."

Yates estimates two-thirds of the 143 bulls will make it into the sale. This year's minimum price at Wardensville is \$2,200. However, the top bulls could go for five-figures. Last year's top bull went for \$9,800. The grand total for the 2015 sale was \$353,200.

At the Southern Bull Test, Johnson is confident at least one of the 55-60 bulls will go for over \$10,000.

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Buyers from across West Virginia and as far away as the western states will be on hand for the sales.

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Apiary Sales

Italian Bees, pre-order 3 lb. package, may del., \$100/ea Stephanie Bender, 222 Davis Ave., Elkins, 25241; 642-2226.

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Cattle Sales

Reg. Hereford 27-mo. bull, Grassy Run Domino blood, horns 4" stubs, 1,350 lbs.,

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Trade show, cattle shows, 6 breeds of cattle for sale, photo/cooking/judging contests For information or catalog, 269-3877, 269-4660 or 472-4020; www.wvbeef.org or rockingp@shentel.net.

CATAMOUNT SHOWDOWN JACKPOT STEER & HEIFER SHOW April 30, 11 a.m. (Show)

7:30-10 a.m. (Check-in) \$750 Grand Champion; \$500 Reserve Champion, both steer & heifer Potomac State College Indoor Riding Arena Chestnut St., Keyser, WV Jared Miller, 668-5326; Josiah Koontz, 814-310-8139;

\$1,700. Kenneth Adkins, 37 Fleming Dr., Harts, 25524; 855-9660.

Holstein heifers: 1st & 2nd calves, \$1,500/ up; Holstein/Angus cross bull calves, will be great beef, \$1.50/lb. Ronald Auvil, 2253 Mountaineer Rd., Moatsville, 26405; 457-1797.

Reg. Black Angus 9-mo. bull, Sydgen & War Alliance blood, weaned, grain fed, \$1,600/ ea. Allen Boggs, 372 Airport Rd., Webster Springs, 26288; 847-5895.

Reg. Black Angus yrlg. & 2-yrs., Al sired,

USDA requires that cattle be officially identified before crossing state lines

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) rule states that effective March 11, cattle moved across state lines are required to be officially identified and accompanied by an interstate certificate of veterinary inspection (ICVI). Cattle affected by this rule include: sexually-intact beef cattle over 18 months of age, all dairy cattle, and all cattle being moved for shows, rodeos or other exhibitions.

Current exemptions to the rule include beef cattle under 18 months of age and cattle moving directly to a recognized slaughter establishment.

Official identification is an official ear tag. This can be either a metal NUES "brite" tag or a tag that bears a 15 digit identification number beginning with 840. The ear tag must also have the official ear tag shield imprinted on it. In order to purchase official ID tags, cattle owners must have a premise identification number.

For more information, contact Jayme Zirkle at jzirkle@wvda.us or 304-644-7361. For information on a Premise ID Number (PIN) contact Shelly Lantz at 304-558-2214.

JOHN O'DELL SPRING ANGUS SALE W/COMMERCIAL COW/CALF PAIRS April 16, 12 noon

Amma, WV (I-79 Exit 25, 4 mi. past Exxon Station) For catalogs or more information John Spiker, Auctioneer (WV184-16), 677-0255 or 884-7915.

excel. EPD's, calving ease & herd bulls, \$3,000 -\$4,000. Frank Bolyard, 2326 S. Mountaineer Hwy., Thornton, 26440; 672-2041; frankbolyard@aol.com.

Reg. Simmental bulls, AI sires Mo Better, Fatt Butt, Mr. Hoc Broker, Topgrade, \$2,500/up. Jim Bosley, P.O. Box 5, Old Fields, 26845; 530-6636.

Pure & % Simmental yrlg. bulls, black, Al sired, bred for calving ease & perf., \$2,500/up. Chris Brown, 430 Levels Rd., Fairmont, 26554; 290-8383; classicism@aol.com.

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

Black 6/15 bull by reg. Black Angus bull out of ³⁄₄ black Limousin ¹⁄₄ Maine Anjou cow, good disp., will be early breeder, \$1,400. Randall Burns, 397 Sunnybrook Dr., Hurricane, 25526; 562-6938.

Pure Black Angus bulls & heifers, calving ease, good disp., \$1,200 ea. Roger Collins, 2684 Leading Crk. Rd., Big Springs, 26137; 354-7744; after 5 p.m.

Reg. Polled Herefor bulls, haltered, good disp., \$1,800/up. Joe Cottle, 1194 Armstrong Rd., Summersville, 26651; 618-7313.

Heifers, due to calve in early summer, \$2,000. Deb Cunningham, 1390 Lower Leading Crk., Glenville, 678-6826.

Black Hereford & Black Angus cross bulls, \$1,500/up. Brian Dilley, 8351 Browns Crk. Rd., Dunmore, 24934; 799-7434.

Black Hereford bulls, reg. w/papers, good disp., \$3,000-\$6,000. Stephen Dilley, 8351 Browns Crk. Rd., Dunmore, 24934; 799-7434.

Reg. Black Angus yrlg. bulls, SAV Thunderbird, SAV Angus Valley, Hoover Dam, ARR Ten X, Daybreak, blood, BSE, perf. tested, calving ease, current AHIR data avail, \$2,300/up. Christophger Dunaway, 2774 S. Mountaineer Hwy., Thornton, 26440; 677-0353.

Reg. Black Angus 8 -21-mo. bulls, Break Away, Mainline, LSF Objective, Mrontman blood, papers complete, vacc., low birth

10TH ANNUAL GENETIC PARTNERS CLUB PIG SALE April 9, dinner, 4 p.m. sale, 6 p.m.

Email: <u>marketbulletin@wvda.us</u> Mail: 1900 Kanawha Blvd., E.

> WVU Reedsville Farm Reedsville, WV Dave Hardesty, 698-9206.

wt, good disp., \$2,000/up; 10 -12-mo. heifers, grain fed, \$1,400/up, all easy handling, del. avail. Fred Edgell, 1471 Bingamon Rd., Worthington, 26591; 592-2717.

Pure Simmental 3/15 bulls, both out of grandmaster bull, 1, out of Dream On cow & 1, out of Benchmark cow, \$2,500/ea. Jeff Hall, 37 Winters Rd., Ripley, 25271; 532-0939; hallssimmental@hotmail.com.

Reg. Black Angus bulls & heifers, SimAngus bulls & 18-mo. Balancers, sired by Prophet, All-In, War Party, Fruition, Complete Game On, Total; bulls \$2,500/up; heifers, \$1,800/up. John Hendrick, 4048 War Ridge Rd., Wayside, 24985; 573-5991; BJHPVFarm@aol.com.

Polled Hereford 12 -14-mo. bulls, Revolution 4R & TH Victor 719T blood, some halter broke, \$2,000/up. Robert Knotts, 3423 Country Club Rd., Grafton, 265-0005.

Reg. Black Angus yrlg. bulls, 3, good disp., \$2,200/ea. Steve Kuhn, 2160 Chestnut Flats, Lewisburg, 24901; 497-3540.

Reg. Polled Hereford 17-mo. bulls, \$2,000/ up. Butch Law, 192 Ruger Dr., Harrisville, 26362; 643-4438.

Pure Red Angus 3/15 bull, Packer blood, \$1,500. Paul McGraw, Box 101, Bolt, 25817; 934-7988.

Pure reg. Red Limousin bulls, 15-mo., Al sired XM Radio, Romn Justice blood, low birth wt., EPDs, forage tested Wardensville,

RITCHIE CO. HEREFORD ASSOC. 33RD ANNUAL SALE April 23, 12 noon Jackson Mill, WV Butch Law, 643-4438; hclower04@gmail.com.

WV POLLED HEREFORD ASSOC. 49TH ANNUAL SPRING SALE April 9 WV Beef Expo Jackson Mill, WV Connie Grogg, 462-5049

Apiary Events

Barbour Co. Beekeepers Assoc. Monthly Meeting 4th Thursday, 7 p.m. Barbour Co. Extension Office 2 mi. south of Philippi on Rt. 250 Contact David Proudfoot 823-1460; dp_foot@hotmail.com.

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Cabell/Wayne Beekeepers Assoc. Bi-Monthly Meeting 7 p.m. January, March, May, July, September, November Christ Temple Church 2400 Johstown Road, Huntington, W.Va. Contact David Tackett 743-6719; cabellwaynebeekeepers@gmail.com.

Clay Co. Beekeepers Assoc. Monthly Meeting 2nd Monday Buffalo Valley Baptist Church Clay, WV Contact Tim Clifton, 548-3024; <u>tclifton@penn.com</u>.

Corridor G Beekeepers Assoc.

Monthly Meeting 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m. Chapmanville Middle School Chapmanville, WV Contact Tony Meadows, 524-7690; <u>Fastrakhounds@outlook.com</u> James Meadows, 382-3292; jamesreecemeadows@gmail.com.

Eastern Panhandle Beekeepers Assoc.

Monthly Meeting 2nd Thursday, 7 p.m. Hospice of the Eastern Panhandle Kearneysville, W.Va. Contact Alex Hersom, 268-5258; hippychicksfarm@gmail.com.

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

breed soundness, \$1,800/ea. Rebecc Meckley, 4625 Tyler Hwy., Sistersville, 26175; 758-4561; meckleyfarms@gmail.com.

Reg. Charolais bulls, polled, halter broke, Ledger, Free Lunch, All State, Fire Maker blood, \$2,000/up. Jim Miller, 453 New England Ridge Rd., Washington, 26181; 863-5510.

Jersey 20-mo. steers, will be ready to butcher this fall, \$1,040/ea. Issac Mills, 103 Old Civil War Trail, Renick, 24966; 890-7103.

Reg. Black Angus bulls: 2, yrlg., Brilliance/N.Improvement & Brilliance/Final Product blood, great phenotype/perf., halter broke; 4-yr., Brilliance/Lutton blood, all calving ease, \$2,250/ea. Joy Moore, 106 James Ave., Kingwood, 26537; 698-7998.

Reg. Black Angus yrlg., bulls, sire is embryo transplant of SAV Pioneer & Rita Whitestone blood, calving ease, good milk/disp., tested free or no carrier ancestry of AM, CA, NH, DD, M1, D2, \$2,500. Melvin Moyers,11779 US Hwy. 33 W, Normantown, 25267: 054 7054

US Hwy. 33 W, Normantown, 25267; 354-7622. **Reg.** Black Angus 4-yr. bull, easy calving, good disp., calves have high wean wt., can see offspring on site, \$2,500. Hollis Ours, 71 Nida Lane, Maysville, 26833; 749-7288; ourst@citlink.net.

Open House Annual Bull & Heifer Sale April 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. April 3, 12-5 p.m. *Bids close April 9, 1 p.m. Willis Farm, Blakers Mill Rd, Alderson, WV Jeff Willis, 445-2698 or 646-8853; Karla Willis, 661-0798; Thomas Willis, 646-8806. Highlands Apicultural Assoc. Monthly Meeting 4th Monday, 6:30 p.m. WVU Ext. Office Meeting Rm. Elkins, W.Va. Contact Sam Golston, 637-8709;

Sam_golston@hotmail.com.

Jackson Co. Beekeepers Assoc. Bi-Monthly Meeting McDonalds Bldg., Jackson Co. Fairgrounds Cottageville, W.Va. Contact Mike Blessings, 437-1221; <u>mike@mikeblessings.com</u> Betsy Smith, 674-6495; besmith2006@gmial.com.

Kanawha Co. Beekeepers Assoc. Monthly Meeting Feb. 20, 10 a.m. St. Albans Library St. Albans, W.Va. Contact Steve May, 727-7659; gs.may@suddenlink.com or 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 Amy Kaiser, 368-0609; Ottoamy105@yahoo.com Nancy Postlethwait, 366-9938; npostlethwait@yahoo.com.

Mercer Co. Beekeepers Assoc. Monthly Meeting First Monday, 7 p.m. Fred Gilbert Center Princeton, W.Va. Contact Ken Cole, 425-7077 Kc_in_wv@hotmail.com.

Mid Ohio Valley Beekeepers Assoc. Contact Kenny Bach,740-374-4040; <u>bachkb@yahoo.com</u>. Teresa Wagoner, 375-4919; Twagnor77@yahoo.com.

Reg. Black Angus 2/11 bull, excel. disp., has been good w/heifers, \$2,000/obo. Lacey Parsons, 8135 Fees Br. Rd., Ashton, 25503; 593-5266.

Black Angus yrlg. bulls, \$1,500/ea. Homer Plumley, 351 Plumley Mountain Rd., Shady Springs, 25918; 573-8799.

Reg. Black Angus bulls, First Rate, Gambles Safe Bet, 004, Net Worth blood, \$2,500/ up. Josh Radabaugh, 1979 Big Run Rd., Alma, 26320; 270-943-0638; circlerangus528@aol. com.

Reg. Limousin & LimFlex 8-13 mo. bulls, black & polled, some homoblack, \$2,000/up. Charles Ridgeway, 387 Limousin Lane, Ronceverte, 24970; 520-2013.

Pure Simmental & Sim/Angus bulls, 50/50 cross, polled, black, calving ease, \$2,500. Leslie Rogers, 1020 Stadium Drive, St. Marys, 26170; 684-7133; leslie16@suddenlink.net.

Reg. Angus 18-mo. & 2-yr. bulls, \$2,200/ up. Jim Rohr, 572 Buckboard Lane, Buckhannon, 26201; 613-9858.

Reg. Black Angus bulls & heifers, \$2,000/ up. Ronnie Rowe, 5196 Malcolm Rd., Barboursville, 25504; 690-0126.

Reg. Poller Hereford yrlg. bulls, Boomer P606, Durango 44U, Revolution 4R blood, \$1,900, ready for spring breeding, Ken Scott, 2586 Grandview Rd., Beaver, 25813; 763-4929; chance37@suddenlink.net.

Reg. Black Gelbvieh bulls w/good EPDs/ disp., \$1,500/up. Roger Simmons 309 Coakley Ridge Rd., Harrisville, 26362; 628-3618. Jersey 1-yr. heifers, \$850/ea. Johnny Sin-

gleton, 14715 Gualey Tpke., Ireland, 26376; 452-8054. Cows, 18, bred to Angus & Hereford bulls, Mountaineer Beekeepers Assoc. Monthly Meeting 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m. Ritchie Co. Public Library Harrisville, W.Va. Contact Shanda King, 643-2443. wvakings@yahoo.com.

Monogalia Co. Beekeepers Assoc. Monthly Meeting 1st Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Mon. Co. Ext. Office Westover, W.Va. Contact Mark Becilla, 296-4158; mbecilla@gmail.com.

North Central W.Va. Beekeepers Assoc. Monthly Meeting Third Monday, 7 p.m. Harrison Co. 4-H Center Clarksburg, W.Va. Contact Michael Staddon, 782-9610; Honeyglen12@gmail.com.

Potomac Highlands Beekeepers Assoc. Monthly Meeting 3rd Thursday Bank of Romney Comm. Center Romney, W.Va. Contact Kelly Kipp, 897-7176; happenhoneybeefarm@aol.com or potomachighlandsbeekeepers.weebly.com

> Preston Co. Beekeepers Assoc. Monthly Meeting 3rd Thursday, 7 p.m. Preston Co. Ext. Office Contact David Shahan, 841-3260 Thebeeman66@gmail.com.

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.

\$30,000/all need to go together. B. Sparks, 684
Silo Rd., Summersville, 26651; 619-9697.
Reg. Black Angus yrlg. bull, great EPDs,
\$2,500. Janice Stalnaker, 2953 Berlin Rd.,
Weston, 26452; 269-3015.

Reg. Black Angus 11 -18-mo. bulls, calving ease perf. tested, some EPDs, enhanced by Zoetis i50K, Power Tool/Final Product/Analyst blood, \$2000/up. Steven Stanley, 1410 Lynn Camp Rd., Pennsboro, 26415; 659-3076.

Reg. Red Angus yrlg. bulls, Al sires, Hard Drive/Paramount/Pacesetter/Phenomenal/ Trilogy, birth & perf. test data w/DNA parent



November 4-5, 2016 Glade Springs Resort, Daniels, WV Stay up-to-date by going to http://anr.ext.wvu.edu/ag-women/wia-conference

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.

WV Beekeepers Assoc.

1st Saturday February, June, November Waffle Hut 2118 Sutton Lane Flatwoods, W.Va. Contact Paul Cappas, 291-0608; paulcappas65@yahoo.com.

WV Beekeepers Assoc.

Spring Meeting Saturday, April 9 Pre-registration is \$30, includes lunch, must be redistered before 3/18. Registration after deadline is \$35. Chapmanville Middle School Chapmanville, W.Va. Contact Kathy Watson, 855-8504; <u>kathymullarkywatson@gmail.com.</u>

> All bee colonies must be registered with the West Virginia Department of Agriculture

Please contact WVDA Plant Industries Division at 304-558-2212

verification & EPDs, \$2,500/up. Dan Stickle, 1404 Kincheloe Rd., Jane Lew, 26378; 545-7677;cedarhillredangus@frontier. com.

Hereford bulls: pure, Remittal Online blood, \$1,200; reg., DNA tested, Revolution blood, excel. growth, \$2,300, both 10-mo.; Victor blood, \$2,000. Martin Wangerd, 5505 Zenith Rd., Union, 24983; 772-4633.

Reg. Angus '15, heifers, 20, spring born, \$1,300. Brian Wickline, 780 Sweet Springs Valley Rd., Union, 24983; 646-2424.



Mountaineer Stampede April 1, 7 p.m., April 2,. 11 a.m. & 6 p.m., April 3, 10;30 a.m. Pee Wee Rodeo April 2, 2 p.m. Winfield Riding Club Vick May-Atkinson, 740-525-3597 Buckshot1st@gmail.com.

> PSC April 2, 9 a.m. Sponsored by: Potomac State College PSC Indoor Arena Jared Miller, 668-5326;

jared.miller@mail.wvu.edu.

Fun Show

April 2, 9 a.m. Sponsored by: Greenbrier Academy for Girls Pence Springs, WV Laura Cooper, 445-6697; lauralc16@hotmail.com.

Equine Specialties & Fun Show April 2 Barbour County Fairgrounds AB Quarter Horses, 614-9762.

Equipment Sales

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

JD: 338 sq. baler, \$7,000; 5055E, 55 hp, 4 WD w/loader, canopy, 239 hrs., \$26,000; NI hay rake, 12", pull type, \$1,900, all excel. cond., Ray Asbury, P.O. Box 35 Liberty, 25124; 586-4213

MF '10, Ferguson 2680HD, 4 WD, 8x8 w/ mechanical shuttle, 236 hrs., front wts. & canopy, \$33,000. Terry Bennett, Box 9, Pliney View, 25906; 573-0255; bennettfarm@suddenlink. net.

Angle blade, 8', adapted to fit front bucket of 50 hp tractor, used for snow, gravel & dirt, \$775. Robert Benson, P.O. Box 154, West Milford, 26451; 745-4710; after 6 p.m.; rsbenson2@frontier.com.

Hay tedder, 4 basket, good cond., kept inside, \$2,000. Marlin Blake, Rt. 1, Box 175B, Glenwood, 25520; 762-2246.

JD 6605, 4 WD tractor, 105 hp, bale spear, pallet forks, round bale clamp, \$34,000; Kubota M9000 tractor, 80 hp, new rear tires, \$16,000, both open station, loader, bucket, excel. cond., 1,200 hrs; more equip. Frank Boyard, 2326 S Mountaineer Hwy., Thornton, 26440; 672-2041. JD '74, 3300 gas combine w/13' rigid head, \$3,500. Jim Bowen, 5285 Stellard Rd., Friendly, 26146; 758-2019.

MF, '51, TO-20 tractor, runs good, converted to 12 volt w/ brush hog, blade, 3-pt. hitch carryall, \$2,500. David Bowyer, 42 Graystone Rd., Ripley, 25271; 549-4569.

Ford 5030, 2 WD, \$10,500; T4.75, '15, 4 WD w/cab & loader, 160 hrs., \$39,500; MF 120 hay baler, \$2,000; Shafer post driver, 8", \$900; Land Pride, 6', brush hog, \$1,000; Galfre disc mower, 7'10", \$3,500. Melvin Conley, 1218 Flat Fork, Looneyville, 25259; 927-2367.

Troy Bilt Big Red tiller w/elec. start, snow blade & hiller furrier, \$1,000/obo. William Cox,

66TH ANNUAL WV SHEEP & GOAT SHOW & SALE June 3-4 Tri County Fairgrounds Petersbur, WV Sheep: Dennis Miller, 540-908-0393; Goat: Cheryl Boner, 884-7597

Horse & Tack Sale April 3, tack, 1 p.m., Horses 5 p.m. Sponsored by: Buckhannon Stockyards Red Rock Road, Buckhannon CJ Helmick 677-9512; Earl Starcher, 641-3765

11th Annual Equine Health & Hoof Clinic April 16, 9 a.m. Sponsored by: Allegheny Equine Veterinary Service & Randolph Regional Riding Club Camp Pioneer, Beverly, WV Dr. Tracy R. Walker, 636-8363; info @alleghenyequine.com.

St. Judes Trail Ride April 16, 10 a.m. Sponsored by: Shiloh Trail Riders/Housecalls Home Health Ellenboro Horse Trail Head Melissa Ayers, 643-5557 or Betty, 643-2043 Melissa.ayers@lhcgroup.com.

1045 Johnstown Rd., Lost Creek, 26385; 745-5336

Vermeer WR20 hay rake w/8 raking wheels, good cond., stored in shed, \$3,000. Jesse Duckworth, 1695 Bud Edge Rd., Moatsville, 26405; 457-4889.

Farmall '37, A, good cond. w/elec. start, \$800/obo. Catharine Fortin, 218 Harvest Grove Lane, Dunmore, 24934; 456-4197.

Kubota M7580 tractor, diesel, 80 hp w/595 Alied front loader, \$1,700. Kenny Frasmin, 1396 Hastings Run Rd., Mt. Clare, 26408; 677-Kubota 2920 tractor, 162 hrs., excel. cond.,

60" mower deck, front end loader, canopy, \$13,000. Eric Grill, Rt. 1, Box 187, Lindside, 24951; 832-6194.

JD 5105, 4x4, 692 hrs., dual remotes, front end wts w/JD 5', EMX brush hog, shed kept, \$15,000. Bernadine Harrison, 501 Bowles Ridge Rd., Liberty, 25124; 586-9108.

JD '12, 448 round baler, \$9,500; drum mower, sunflower rake, 3-pt., tedder & MF 9 sq. baler, \$3,000/all; Ford 3000, diesel, ps, \$4,900. Earl Hill, 3210 Ellis Fork Rd., Chapmanville, 25508; 855-7828.

Ford 861 gas tractor, new rear tires, good cond., needs painted, all original, \$2,800/neg. Randy Langdon, 19855 Ashland Upton Rd., Milton, 25541; 743-8479.

AC 17, good cond., \$5,000. Edgar LaRue, 519 Brant Rd., Lewisburg, 24901; 497-9905.

NH 638, 4x4 round baler, elec. tie, new belts/drive roller, \$7,500; NH 256 side delivery rake, new tires, \$1,300; Farmtrac, 8', disc mower, \$3,500; 9' 3-pt. hitch tedder, excel. cond., \$1,600; more equip. Ira McCoy, 105 Trace Fork Gandeeville, 25243; 577-6161.

JD 955 w/belly mower, \$9,500; 310, 10', tedder, good cond., \$1,500; 272 grooming mower, cuts good, \$1,200. Jim Norman, 184 Lamberts Hollow Rd., Bridgeport, 26330; 672-2027

MF, 150 tractor, gas, 4,700 hrs., mulit power trans., good rubber, runs good, 2 remotes, \$4,500. Hollis Ours, 71 Nida Lane, Maysville, 26833; 749-7288; ourst@citlink.net.

MF sq. baler, \$1,200; NH baler, \$350. David Proudfoot, 341 Perry Goode Rd., Belington, 26250; 823-1460; dp-foot@hotmail.com.

NH: 256 rake, needs paint but works well, \$1,000; 273 baler, rarely misses a bale, \$2,200;

All equine require a negative one year Coggins test. All out-of-state equine require a current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

Ride for Rescue at Elkins Creek

April 16-17, reg. on Sat. Sponsored by: Heart of Phoenix Equine Rescue 223 Township Rd., 245 E., Pedro, OH Stephanie Davis, 634-9419; stephaniedavis@wvhorserescue.org Tinia Creamer, 962-7761 equinerescue2live.com

Horseshoeing Clinic & Contest

April 22-23, 9 a.m. Sponsored by: WV Farriers Assoc. Gilmere Co. Rec. Center, Glenville, WV Anthony Nelson, 740-236-2497 nelsonfarrier@hotmail.com.

PSC April 23, 9 a.m. Sponsored by: Potomac State College PSC Indoor Arena Jared Miller, 668-5326; jared.miller@mail.wvu.edu.

Draft Horse & Mule Field Day

April 23, 9 a.m. Sponsored by: WV Draft Horse & Mule Assoc. Island Ave., Buckhannon, WV Clyde Reed, 472-5273.

Fun Show April 23, 4 p.m. Sponsored by: Elk River Boots & Saddle Club Blue Creek Showgrounds Carla Fisher, 437-2132; carlasunnyday@yahoo.com Mark Halstead, 549-2762.

H Neimeyer HR295, tedder, 2-spool, 9', works well, \$900. Ron Quillen, 3095 Wolfe Run Rd., Belleville, 26133; 863-0383.

Hesston, 540 round baler, 4x4 bale, elec. twine, hyd. cylinders rebuilt, new belts/bearings in '13, stored in dry, excel. cond., field ready, \$6,500. Bret Singleton, 347 Lick Fork Rd., Tioga, 26691; 651-3976.

Ford, 3000, tractor, diesel engine, ps, good tires, recently changed all fluids, \$4,800. B. Sparks, 684 Silo Rd., Summersville, 26651; 619-9697

Ford 5030 tractor, 4 WD, heavy duty loader, 62 hp, \$18,000. Mike Stricker, 912 Mountain View Rd., Washington, 26181; 548-4144.

Hesston 70-90 tractor w/cab, 2 WD, 954 hrs., excel. cond., \$15,000. Richard Ward, 2861 Hawk Hwy., Lost Creek, 26385; 745-3165.

MF: hay rake, 3-pt. hitch; 68NH, hay baler, barn kept, good cond., \$2,000/both. Jr. Wil-liams, 235 Williams Dr., Renick, 24966; 497-2660

Equipment Wants

Seed drill, 3-pt. hitch, that plants and covers the seed at the same time, must be in excel. cond. Terry Daniel, P.O. Box 27, Fairdale, 25839: 934-5471.

Bale ramp for JD 457 or 458 round baler. Mike Murphy, 336 Wadesville Rd., Washington, 26181: 863-3529.

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/house, free gas, hayfields, fenced pastures w/springs, 3, garages, 2 barns/cisterns, woods, private, \$465,000. Linda Campbell, 2329 Hupp Ridge, Cameron, 26033; 686-3106.

Jackson Co.: 94 A. w/house, 5-stall horse barn, sheds, ponds, springs, meadows, fenced pasture, wll kept, \$300,000. D. Fort, 1230 Allentown Rd., Gay, 25244; 927-1774.

Putnam Co.: 80 A. w/houses, city water paved rd., barns, sheds, outbldgs, pasture, hay, lg. shop, free gas, \$850,000. Bernadine Har-

National Help a Horse for a Day Event

April 26, 12 noon Sponsored by: Heart of Phoenix Equine Rescue in WV

Sunday Stables, 1 Twilight Lane, St. Albans, WV Tinia Creamer, 962-7761 equinerescue@ive.com

Christy Loffin Barrel Clinic

April 29-May 1 Sponsored by: AB Quarter Horse LLC & Barbour Co. Parks & Rec. Barbour Co. Fairgrounds, Belington, WV April Sinsel, 614-9762 or Brent Sinsel, 614-9763 Myersapril8@yahoo.com;

Fun Show

April 30, 5 p. m. Sponsored by: Central WV Riding Club Holy Gray Park, Sutton, WV Allen or Kim Miller, 364-5576 cwvrc@yahoo.com.

rison, 501 Bowles Ridge Rd., Liberty, 25124; 586-9108.

Greenbrier Co.: 215 A. w/house, older barn, 30 A. cleared, woods, 2, spring fed ponds, several springs, fruit trees, year round stream, 7 mi. from Dawson exit, \$375,000. Meg Hewitt, 111 E. Washington St., Lewisburg, 24901; 646-3513; remhewitt@yahoo.com.

Wayne Co.: 28.77 A. w/house, pasture, meadow, lake site, woods, good access on paved rd., 30 min. from Huntington, \$115,000. John Jarrett, 5766 Hubbards Branch Rd., Huntington, 25704; 429-2033; mbjjp@zoominternet. net.

Jackson Co.: 34 A. w/house, woods, pasture, natural springs, fenced, all utilities avail., Sandyville area, \$200,000. Shirley Rhodes, 8381 Parkersburg Rd., Sandyville, 25275; 273-5622

Putnam Co.: 20 A. w/house, 2, Ig. barns w/cattle facilities, hayloft, high tunnel, raised beds, organic gardens, greenhouse, outbldgs., 40+A. of fenced pasture, 10 mi. from Toyota Plant, \$310,000. Jerry White, 7084 18 Mile Rd., Buffalo, 25033; 586-4477

Goat Sales

Boer/Mytonic yrlg. cross, 5, does, \$225/ ea; Alpine 4-yr doe, \$175/or \$1,200/all. Dayton Ables, 163 Ables Dr., Sutton, 26601; 765-5394; maryetta26601@gmail.com.

Boer wethers & doeling for your 4H & FFA projects, clean herd, proven champions, \$200/ up. Monica Maxwell, 97 Old Lock 12 Rd., Morgantown, WV 26501; 983-8584.

Alpine/Alpine Saanen cross kids, 1-wk, \$40; males or wethers, \$35; weaned, \$100, avail. March. Greg Sava, 1896 Bays Rd., Birch River, 26610; 649-2975; gregverena@gmail. com

Kiko/Boer cross 5/15 bucks, solid, \$250/ obo. Sarah Sigmond, 477 Horseshoe Bend Rd., Sissonville, 25320; 988-1923; sara_sigmond@live.com.

ADGA & AGS reg. Nigerian Dwarf: various ages, lots of color, \$100/up; yrlg. buck, black/ copper, vacc./wormed, herd CAE neg., all blue eyes, \$250. Mary Wolfe, 1430 Tribble Rd., Leon, 25123; 458-1992.

Goat Wants

Nubian 2 -10-yr. female, black, for breeding. Dean Swinder, 46 Bishop Lane, Given, 25245; 372-3007.

Hog Sales Reg. Hampshire, Berkshire & York for show; cross liter, both \$200. Tina Carter, 959 Caney Mountain Rd., Alderson, 24910; 552-2495

TamworthBerkshire 10-wk. cross, \$100. Steve Kuhn, 2160 Chestnut Flats, Lewisburg, 24901; 497-3540.

Pigs mixed breed, \$70. Ronald Lynch, 8346 New Hope Rd., Bluefield, 24701; 589-7652

WV CattleWomen to host first Collegiate Beef Advocacy Contest during the 2016 WV Beef Expo

The American National CattleWomen, Inc. (ANCW) has developed a new contest for college-age women. The Collegiate Beef Advocacy (CBA) Program is still in its infancy; however, during this past ANCW National Convention, the program started to take shape.

At the 2017 ANCW/NCBA Convention, ANCW will have broad–spectrum recognition of the CBA Development Program, as well as a round-table discussion and introduction of the five-person team who will represent the program for the next year. The vision of this program is for recruitment, retention and industry advancement; facilitating the participant to become equipped to take on influential leadership roles contributing to the beef industry's strategic direction and advocacy.

All CBA participants will have expanded their knowledge through the ANCW Collegiate Beef Advocate Program, becoming better equipped and more confident, and develop into an influential part of our industry. Several key areas will be focused on which include but not limited to: Engagement – Access and Exposure to our Industry, Education, Personal and Professional Development, Governmental Affairs and Advocacy and Agricultural Business.

The West Virginia CattleWomen will be hosting their first CBA Contest during the 2016 WV Beef Expo in April.

The contest will include several parts:

- 1. Application
- 2. 5-8 minute oral speech from the essay that is
- written
- 3. 5-10 minute media interview

Contest eligibility is as follows:

- 1. Ages between high school graduate-23 years old
- 2. Female
- 3. Enrolled in College

For additional information and application, contact Tracy Fitzsimmons at 304-532-1606, tdfitz74@aol.com or Lacey Radabaugh at 270-404-6662.

Gloucestershire Old Spots boars & gilts, black, solid genetics, \$400-\$450/ea.; Ossabaw Island Hog boars, gilts & feeders, breeding pairs/ trios, avail., \$125-\$200/ea., no chemicals, GMO free, solid genetics. Quincy McMichael, General Delivery, Renick, 24966; 992-2922.

Boar, 6-mo., mahogany, unique coloration, good disp., great for breeding; sow, silver, never bred, \$220ea. Issac Mills, 103 Old Civil War Trail, Renick, 24966; 890-7103.

Reg. Berkshire: 3-mo. gilts, \$375/ea.; fair 1/16, pigs, \$200/ea.; Hereford/Berkshire 1/16 cross fair pigs, \$150/ea. Joe Singleton, 1210 Bruch Camp Rd., Exchange, 26619; 765-2279; jlsin2001@yahoo.com.

Horse Sales

Tenn. Wlkr. Buckskin 8-yr. gelding, sm., good disp., easy to work with; mare, bay, 15.1 h, great trail horse & has been shown, \$1,500/ea.; other horses, \$500/up. Bill Harper, 513 Kentuck Rd., Kenna, 25248; 372-4179.

Reg. Mtn. Pleas. mare/2 geldings, natural gait, good conf./disp., \$1,000/up. Sharon Haught, 225 Peacock Lane, Davisville, 26142; 679-2097; goldenrodfarm@hotmail.com.

Ponies 7, stud, \$75; gelding, sm., \$125. Ronald Lynch, 8346 New Hope Rd., Bluefield, 24701; 589-7652.

Job Sales

Horse boarding, excel. home for retired show horse or trail rider, indoor arena, pasture turnout, stalls cleaned daily, regularly scheduled farrier, vet, dentals, worming, owners on premises, \$375/mo. LeDonna Clemmer, 3928 New Hope Rd., Elkview, 25071; 610-0476; Iclemmer@suddenlink.net.

Horse boarding, \$350/mo. Kimberly D'Arco, 194 Homestead Lane, Charleston, 25312; 984-0950.

Plant Sales

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

Seeds: half runner bean, older type w/o tough hulls, \$8/100 seed; tomato, WV 63, \$2/50 seed, plus SASE. Denny Canterbury, 2875 Seneca Trail S., Roncevert, 24970; 645-6370.

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

Seeds: 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. Betty Flanagan, 467 Ritchie Farm Rd., Summersville, 26651; 880-0135; allen.flanagan@gmail.com.

Cinnamon vine potato bulbs, \$1; mole beans, \$1/8, plus SASE. John Hagy, 2744 Fenwick Rd., Richwood, 26261; 846-4364.

Tobacco seed: W.Va. Mtn. grown burly, or-

WV Agri-Women Quarterly Meeting April 8, 11 a.m. EEC Bldg. Jackson Mill, WV (During the WV Beef Expo) Heather Clower, 478-4142; hclower04@gmail.com.

TRI-COUNTY CHAMPION DRIVE SALE April 2, 1 p.m. (View animals 10 a.m.)

Barbour Co. Fairgrounds Club Goats: Melissa Garrett, 641-3158; Earl Starcher, 641-3765 or Lee & Donna Holsey, 472-1388 Club Lambs:

Mike & Cheryl Boner, 884-7597 Show Pigs: Aaron & Tasha Harris, 677-9170 or 613-4780.

ganic, 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.

Plant Wants

Lockwood's White Burley tobacco seed. Doug Sturgeon, 5318 Fees Branch Rd., Ashton, 25503; 675-0153.

Bloody Butcher field corn for corn mill. Poe Thomas, 116 Gatewood Ave., Oak Hill, 25901; 469-6249

Tomato seed, yellow & pink. Carol Wine, 10260 S. Calhoun Hwy., Mt. Zion, 26151.

Poultry Sales

No ornamental, wild or game birds; eggs.

Roosters, mixed breed, Bantum, Armericauna, \$8/ea. Mannie Fisher, 1831 Hokes Mill Rd., Ronceverte, 24970; 992-4542.

Turkeys, breeding trio of Bourbon Reds, 2, hens & a tom, organicaly raised on pasture w/ no chemicals, GMO free, \$160. Quincy McMichael, General Delivery, Renick, 24966; 992-2922.

Laying hens, 9-10-mo. mixed breeds, brown & green eggs, \$12/ea. Melissa Reed, 482 Stormy Weather Lane, Philippi, 26416; 457-3459.

Laying hens, 16-mo., brown eggs, \$5/ea. Bob Suan, 2651 Rooting Crk. Rd., Lost Creek, 26385; 624-6202.

Sheep Sales

Hamp/Suffolk 1/16 & 2/16 cross ewes & ram club lambs, will make great 4H & FFA projects, past champions, \$300/ea. Just McClain, 2853 Dry Fork Rd., Salem, 26426; 782-3983.

Sheep Wants

Ewe lamb, black face, to be bottle fed. Lou Toler, 234 Klaust Rd., Beckley, 25801; 575-7114.

WVU EXTENSION OIL & GAS CONFERENCE

"FOCUSING ON THE LANDOWNER" May, 18 Bridgport Conference Center Bridgeport, WV Georgette Plauger, 329-1391.

HARRISON CO. CHAPTER OF THE WV MASTER GARDENERS Annual Spring Clinic & Garden Fair May 14 Harrison Co. Park & 4H Center

Clarksburg, WV Don Peterson, 269-4660; rockingp@shentel.net.

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, '15, sq. bales, mixed grass, \$3.50/bale. Benny Allen, 7336 Elk Knob Rd., Hilton, 25951; 466-1901.

Hay, 4x5 round bales, never wet, stored inside, limed/fert. according to soil samples, forge tested, high quality, \$40/bale. Jeff Allen, 2398 Dowler Rd., Moundsville, 26041; 845-7549.

Trailer, '15, Featherlite, 16', cattle, has center door, bumper pull, dbl. axle, 8 lug, \$10,500. Brenda Brock, 950 Colfax Rd., Fairmont, 26554; 363-8933.

Galvanized steel bldg., never erected, 18'wx23'lx12'h, \$2,000. Bus Conaway, P.O. Box 1335. Elkins. 26241: 642-8054.

Dairy cow sanchions, 4, along w/the wardware to install them, all in working order, \$24/ ea. Richard Conrad, 185 William Smith Rd., Rivesville, 26588.

Eggs, brown, \$2/dz. Jerry Cornell, 132 Cornell Dr., Apple Grove, 25502; 576-2785.

Reg. Aussie pups, sire is AKC reg. blue merle, dam is NSDR black tri, both parents standard Aust. Shep, vacc./wormed, tails docked, nail trimmed, \$400-\$500. Patti Fitzwater, 43 Old Place Lane, South Charleston, 25309; 533-6362.

Hay, 5x5 round bales, kept inside, \$50/bale. David Freed, 4536 Benedum Dr., Bridgeport, 26330; 592-0897.

Maple syrup, pure WV, \$16/qt., \$10/pt., \$6/½ pts. Ed Hartman, HC 72, Box 175C, New Creek, 26743; 788-1831.

Fish for stocking: triploid grass carp, \$12/ ea.; Ig. mouth bass, \$1.20; bluegill hybrid/ straight/channel catfish, 50¢; minnows, \$12/lb.; shiners, \$13/ lb.; gold fish, \$1; koi, \$7; rainbow trout, \$4/lb. Fred Hays, P.O. Box 241, Elkview, 25070; 415-7617.

Acreage: Greenbrier Co. 15 A., 1 mi. E. of Lewisburg, fenced, 4½ A., pasture w/3-stall barn, private, woods, \$498,000. Meg Hewitt, 111 E. Washington St., Lewisburg, 24901; 646-3513; remhewitt@yahoo.com.

Hay, sq. bales, \$4/bale; \$3.50/100+ bales. Rick Humphreys, 858 Plum Run Rd., Mannington, 26582; 825-1988; rikhumfrez@gmail.com.

Border Collie 3/16 pups, 5, males & 3, females, no papers, not reg., out of PB working parents, \$300/ea. Steve McCraw, 901 Broad Run Rd., Sinks Grove, 24976; 667-5904.

Rabbits: Giant & American Chinchilla breeding stock, strong lines, does/bucks, naturally raised on pasture w/no chemicals, \$50/ea. Quincy McMichael, General Delivery, Renick, 24966; 992-2922.

CKC & ASDR reg. Aust. Shep. pups, male & female blue merle, red merle, female, red, tri, female, black tri female, black/white female, 2, males, black & tri, vacc/.wormed, \$300/ea. Norma Meadows, 4198 Bal Moble Rd., Hinton, 25951; 575-7297.

Aftek wine or beer stainless steel, filter press w/31 plates, stainless steel bag filter, \$3,000/ neg. Bill Metz, 2032 Point Look Rd., Friendly, 26146; 684-7936.

Acreage: Lewis Co. 15 A., 60 A., recently surveyed, crk., 15-20 A. hayfield, woods, minerals convey, \$120,000. Britt Moody, 2616 Big Run Rd., Walkersville, 26447; 614-0441.

Hay, sq. bales, barn kept, never wet, \$3.50/ bale; 1st & 2nd cut, \$4/bale. Frank Morris, 305 Alum Fork Rd., Auburn, 26325; 349-2552.

Hay, '15, 4x5 round bales, wrapped, \$40/ bale. Michael Morris, 151 Morris Hollow Rd., Rosemont, 26424; 612-6677.

Fish for stocking: rainbow trout, \$3.50 lb., lg. mouth bass, 4-5", \$2/ea.; gluegill, 3-5", \$1/ea.; yellow perch, 6-7", \$3/ea.: catfish, 6-8", \$11/ea.; grass carp, 12"+, \$15/ea.; more fish. Mike Nardella, 309 John St., Clarksburg, 26301; 783-5025; rainbowheadfarms@yahoo.com.

Hay, net wrapped, mixed grass, easy loading/access, \$30/bale. Charles Neale, 229 Neale Rd., Parkersburg, 26105; 295-4223.

Locust post, seasoned, \$5/obo. Harold Page, 401 West Virginia Ave., Dunbar, 25064; 984-1630.

Hay, Fairmont-Grafton area, round bales, stored in barn, never wet, orchard/clover/ timothy, excel. for horses, fields limed/fertilized, easy access, will load; 1st cut, \$40/roll. Leslie Rogers, 1020 Stadium Drive, St. Marys, 26170; 684-7133; leslie16@suddenlink.net.

Hay, 6', round bales, very clean, stored inside, \$60/bale. Ronnie Rowe, 5196 Malcolm Rd., Barboursville, 25504; 690-0126.

Pole & dbl. tree for a team of horses, fits wagon/buggy, no neck yoke, \$40. Frank Sanders, P.O. Box 64, Ghent, 25843; 787-4168.

Hay, sq. bales, Lewis Co., \$3/bale; mulch, \$1.50/bale. Mike Squires, 1501 Smith Run Rd., Weston, 26452; 641-3349.

Hay, 4x5, round bales, mixed grass, net wrapped, \$30/bale. Larry Supple, 17124 Kanawha Valley Rd., Southside, 25817; 675-2098.

Hay, 15, 4x5 round bales, kept inside, \$40/ bale; '14, \$35/bale. Walter Stalnaker, 915 Grass Run Rd., Weston, 26452; 269-2345.

Raw fleece: Jacob wool, various colors, whole fleeces, \$30-\$55/ea., plus shipping; tanned pelts, accorted Jacob hides, tanned & washable, (not shearing pelts), \$110-\$165/ea. Cheryl Terrano, 1608 Boulder Rd., Buckhannon, 26201; 457-6620; paintedrockfarm@aol.com.

Hand spinning fleece, white & natural colors, Shetland, Border Leicester, Horned Dorset/ Shetland, \$10/lb./+/-; spinning wheel, Ashford traditional w/jumbo flyer unit & 5/extra Ig. bobbins, \$450. Linda Zinn, 2162 Skelton Run, Wallace, 26448; 782-3704.

Miscellaneous Wants

Hay, preferably round bales. Ronald Auvil, 2253 Mountaineer Rd., Moastville, 26405; 457-1797.

Want to lease farm or pasture in Monroe/ Greenbrier Co. Gary Elmore, 2523 Charless Boothe Rd., Sinks Grove, 24976; 667-8254.

Hay, organically grown for feed, near Greenbrier Valley, sq. bales preferred. Quincy McMichael, General Delivery, Renick, 24966; 992-2922

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