Stimulating the growth of Agriculture in West Virginia

As we approach another change of seasons in West Virginia I am happy to report to you that we here at the WVDA are continuing our efforts to stimulate the growth of Agriculture in West Virginia.

Two particular areas I would like to update you on this month are potatoes and cattle.

Potatoes being grown by West Virginia farmers, as part of a pilot program we launched two years ago in conjunction with the West Virginia Conservation Agency, are now being processed and packaged at our new aggregation facility in Huntington. Sales of those 2016 crops have already been made to wholesalers, grocers and school systems across the state with more to come during the next several months.

As part of our joint effort with the West Virginia National Guard to operate that facility in Cabell County, we have employed Veterans to assist us in the work. We also have a group of Veterans growing more than 20 acres of potatoes in southeastern West Virginia this year and they have expressed to us that they fully intend to expand their growing program in 2017 to more than 100 acres.

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Do you know what’s going on underneath your feet? It’s Aimee Figgatt’s mission to educate you. The District Manager of the Capitol Conservation District has been working on a project for more than three and a half years and it’s ready to hit the road. The Soil Tunnel Trailer is part classroom, part museum and all labor of love.

Figgatt got the idea for the concept at a National Association of Conservation District Conference in San Antonio, TX in 2013. A group from Kansas was showing off a mobile soil lab that gave people a sneak peek into the underground world. Figgatt immediately knew she could adapt that concept and create something even better for her conservation district.

“I didn’t ask my district for any money. I made them a deal. If I could procure a grant to get the construction phase started, would they be willing to purchase the trailer itself. They agreed,” explained Figgatt.

She worked with the West Virginia Department of Agriculture to write a Specialty Crop Block Grant and was awarded $10,800. The conservation district then purchased the trailer, an extra wide 8 x 16 x 8. The conservation district then purchased the trailer, an extra wide 8 x 16 x 8. The conservation district then purchased the trailer, an extra wide 8 x 16 x 8. The conservation district then purchased the trailer, an extra wide 8 x 16 x 8. The conservation district then purchased the trailer, an extra wide 8 x 16 x 8.

“We designed it to go along with the specialty crops in West Virginia as well as soil and water health. Those three all go together,” said Figgatt. “We wanted to make sure a child could understand that good soil and good water equal good food.”

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4-H Fair Life

The animals showcased at the State Fair of West Virginia are some of the best of the best. Winning is a source of pride. However, not everyone is there to take home first prize. Two 4-H students, one from Raleigh County and the other from Putnam County, believe the fair is about more than just ribbons and trophies. Austin McCoy loves to spend time in the barn at the state fair. The 17-year-old, a student at Independence High School, has a passion for raising cattle and pigs. “I joined 4-H in 2011 and I loved it. Since then, I can’t stop showing animals. It’s too much fun,” Austin explains.

At this year’s fair, he brought his heifer Kissie and his gilt pig Charlotte (as in Charlotte’s Web). Both went into the show ring. There were no first place ribbons but that’s not why Austin does it. “I enjoy the fair. I love showing off my animals and talking about them,” he stresses. “Kissie is a good cow. She might win, she might not. It doesn’t matter. I’m just here to have fun.”

For a 17-year-old, Austin’s version of “fun” isn’t for everyone. It involves getting up at the crack of dawn every morning. “I spend about two hours in the barn with Kissie every morning and evening. I want her to get used to the grooming chute, used to walking, used to the stick so I can move her legs in the show ring.” Same goes for Charlotte.

“She’s a good little gilt. She weighs 234 lbs. I’ve spent a lot of time with her since she was little to get her here to the state fair.”

Austin’s mother Melissa Main says the State Fair of West Virginia isn’t a vacation for her son. “It’s a learning experience. We come here to have fun, meet new people and show animals. But one night we were at the barn until 2 a.m. cleaning stalls and bathing the animals. We were back at the barn first thing the next morning.”

For Austin, his animals are more than just livestock.

“Kissie is a pet. She’ll be coming home with me,” he stresses. “I’ll take her back and breed her. She’s not going on the kitchen table. Not this one!”

Same thing for Charlotte. “She is stubborn. That’s true but Charlotte is really friendly. She’s always with me when I’m at the barn. She follows me around. I’m going to breed her too.”

He received his fifth Herdsman Award at this year’s fair.

In the stall across from Austin is Brooke Welch, a 10th grader at Hurricane High School in Putnam County.

“My Mom was in 4-H. My brother was in 4-H. I joined the Clover Bud program when I was little and I joined 4-H when I was nine,” says Brooke. “I begged my Mom to let me show a goat. She said, ‘OK.’”

Chris Welch says she wasn’t sure if her daughter was serious about that initial 4-H project.

Brooke Welch and her heifer Darla placed 4th in Showmanship at this year’s State Fair of West Virginia.

“That first year we didn’t even have a place to put a goat. We had to go to a friend’s farm. I was testing Brooke. I tried to make her a little bit miserable. She’d want to do something with her friends and I’d say, ‘Nope, you’ve got to care for your goat. You can’t skip it.’ And we went every night.”

After a few months, Chris says she knew her daughter was not only serious but talented. “We call Brooke our ‘hard trier.’ She’s big at getting 4th place. If there’s even one prize, Brooke always comes in 4th,” Chris explains. “But in 4-H you learn to understand you’re not always going to win. That’s part of life. Maybe she doesn’t have the best animal but she always does her best.”

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For Brooke, winning isn’t the top prize. “I always want to show my animal to the best of my ability. You get what you get and you make the best out of it. You’re not always going to have the best animal. You have to know to accept that and be proud of what you have.”

She left the state fair with a 4th place ribbon in showmanship. Austin hopes to be a farmer or a veterinarian one day. Brooke is quite sure about her plans just yet. But both 4-Hers say the lessons they’ve learned in the program will help them in whatever career they choose.

Above: Austin McCoy takes time to relax with his heifer Kissie, and his prized pig, Charlotte, at the 2016 State Fair of West Virginia. McCoy received his fifth Herdsman Award during the event.

Walt’s View, continued

On another front I would encourage you to read the story in this edition of The Market Bulletin that highlights our new Beef Cattle Donor Program designed specifically to improve the genetic pool of cattle for our farmers.

We purchased four donor cows last month and while it will take some time to see the results from the breeding of these genetically superior animals, we are very confident that West Virginia farmers will be able to increase the positive genetic traits of their beef cattle through this program.

Flood Assistance

During the past few months we have been providing surplus vegetables for those who were devastated by the severe flooding in late June. Thousands of pounds of fresh corn, tomatoes and green beans have been distributed in various locations and we intend on continuing this type of assistance as the summer and fall harvest continues.

We also are working in conjunction with the Farm Service Agency to assist farmers this fall with hay. More information on that program will be made available in the next few weeks.

If you have any questions or need further information on flood assistance from the Agriculture Department please contact my office at 304-558-3550.

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**FFA Convention Food Drive Collects 20,000 Meals**

Headlines across the state were pleading for donations for victims of historic flooding. But the tons of food being sorted and palletized by FFA members on the grounds of Cedar Lakes had been months in the making.

“Part of our motto is ‘living to serve,’” said State FFA President J.D. Morris of Wetzel County. “We’ve wanted to do a large service project at our state convention to give back to the community.”

So calls went out from the state FFA officer team to individual chapters. Individual chapters approached businesses and others for cash donations, and the donations were used to purchase non-perishable food items from the “Feeding America” partnership, the most economical way to purchase large quantities of food.

The food was delivered to Cedar Lakes where FFA members worked their way through a rotating line to fill individual shopping bags with a variety of food. It was then re-loaded for a trip to Mountaineer Food Bank (MFB) in Gassaway.

“That’s the easiest way to get the most people engaged. Not only did they raise the money, but they got to put their hands on the items that are going to those in need,” said Allyson Lewis, MFB development coordinator, and also a former FFA state officer and agriculture teacher in Ritchie County.

“At the end of the day, it’s about giving back to the community.”

The food is going to “backpack programs” in 30 or more elementary schools supported by MFB. The program provides students with food to take home when they might otherwise be forced to go hungry.

The project took four months to put together and yielded approximately 4,000 bags of food, each of which contains five meals’ worth of food.

“This is one of the most amazing things I’ve ever done,” said Morris, who noted that FFA was also involved in a separate project to collect donations for flood victims in West Virginia.

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Even though Figgatt had the money and the trailer, finding someone to do the actual work turned out to be the hardest part of the job. An artist was hired to sculpt polystyrene foam to make the inside of the trailer look like a slice of earth. A year and a half later very little work had been done. With the Specialty Crop Block Grant deadline looming, Figgatt decided to take on the task herself with the help of a contractor.

“None of us had ever carved foam. None of us had ever done sculpture. We had to teach ourselves how to do it. It was trial by error. It wasn’t an easy task but we learned as we went along.”

The death of Figgatt’s nephew in December stressed. "I want children and adults to know when they walk in we’re not just talking about dirt. There’s life beneath the ground and without it we can’t sustain our own lives!"

The trailer is still very much a work in progress. Figgatt is waiting on placards for all the plant and animal life, as well as hand rails for the wheelchair accessible ramps. The goal is to include everyone, even those who are differently abled.

The total cost of the trailer came in at just under $30,000. What isn’t included in that figure is a full-time educator to travel with the trailer to schools, fairs and festivals. To book the trailer for an eight-hour visit will cost about $350. That covers the rental fee, fuel/mileage and educator pay.

“Teachers have told us schools don’t have that kind of money. Now we know we need to get out there and procure donations for the trailer to set up scholarships that help offset the cost of renting the unit,” said Figgatt. That’s her next challenge.

For now, the Capitol Conservation District is focused on booking the soil trailer for events in and around Kanawha County. But a special trip to the West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind is scheduled for October. The West Virginia Department of Agriculture is handling the transport of the trailer to and from Romney to make that possible.

For more information on the Soil Tunnel Trailer, log on to www.soiltunneltrailer.org or contact Aimee Figgatt at afiggatt@wvcawvca.onmicrosoft.com.

**Mountain State Art & Craft Fair debuts its new ‘Appalachian Experience’ September 16-18**

The Mountain State Art & Craft Fair, the annual West Virginia staple traditionally held in July, is moving to Sept. 16-18 at the Cedar Lakes Conference Center near Ripley.

“This year, we’re looking to expand and reimagine a beloved West Virginia tradition,” said Fair President Karen Hemmer. “We view this as an opportunity to take advantage of the region’s most beautiful season. Temperatures are cooler, and school is in session, allowing us the chance to involve hundreds of students and expose the next generation to Appalachian traditions.”

The 53rd annual Fair is dubbed “An Appalachian Experience” and is an autumn celebration of art, food, music and culture. The Fair will explore West Virginia’s rich heritage with areas highlighting Celtic, German, Italian, Swiss and early American influences. It also includes interactive artisan booths allowing guests to learn about stained glass, basket weaving, broom making and more.

Visitors will be immersed in the culture of each village, as they walk through the gate entrance and experience related interactive exhibits, arts, agriculture and food. Much loved Fair traditions like the quilt show will remain part of the Fair with quilts being on display 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sept. 16 and 17 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept 18.

It’s all about the kids on Friday, Sept. 16, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. when the Fair holds its Student Day. Special activities are planned for school groups, but no worries if you can’t make it Friday, there are children’s activities throughout all three days of the Fair.

So if you are visiting for the art, food, music or all of the above, the MSACF is sure to be a great Appalachian Experience for all. Visit msacf.com for more information.
COOKIN’

CICADA BANANA BREAD RECIPE

For bread: Mix together all ingredients. Bake in a greased loaf pan at 350°F for about 1 hour or until the bread tests done.

For cicadas: Newly hatched cicadas make the best eating because their shells have not yet hardened. Mature females are the next best thing. Adult males have fairly hollow abdomens, while the females are fat-filled. (Males have a rounded back end, females have pointed back ends). Collect in a paper or plastic bag early in the morning, just after they’ve emerged but before they’ve climbed out of reach.

Blanch in boiling water for 4-5 minutes. This solidifies their innards and gets rid of soil bacteria. Cook with them immediately or freeze them. Remove all hard parts (wings and legs) before using.

To dry-roast, place cicadas on a cookie sheet and roast for 10-15 minutes at 225 degrees. They should have a soft dry consistency, a bit like a nut. Roast longer, if still moist inside. When dry, grind coarsely and use as a nut substitute in baking or in ice cream topping.

HOT BLACKBERRY JAM

When using fresh blackberries, cook them with a little water until soft and juicy. The canned blackberries are already soft and can be used without additional cooking. Once the berries are soft, dissolve the flour or cornstarch in a little bit of water. Add a small amount of hot juice to the thickening mixture. Finally, stir the thickening mixture into the hot berries and cook until it is of soup consistency. Serve over buttered hot biscuits.

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BREAD RECIPE

1 package Teays Valley Cornbread mix (or your favorite cornbread recipe)
1½ cups milk or buttermilk
1 cup grated cheddar cheese
1 14-ounce can cream style corn

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Preheat oven to 400-435°F. Spray or grease an 8”x8” pan. Sauté onions and bell pepper in a small amount of butter until onions become transparent. Add jalapeno peppers; set aside. In large bowl combine cornbread mix with 1½ cups milk or buttermilk. Stir creamed corn, cheddar cheese and green onions into cornbread mixture. Stir cooked onion and peppers into mixture. Stir in crawfish tails and pour into greased pan. Bake in preheated oven at 400°F for 35-45 minutes. Makes a meal by itself or serve with a side salad, Cajun beans & rice or chili.

CRAPPIE CHANTERELLE PATTIES

Sauté chopped onions in butter and olive oil until translucent. Add chanterelles and garlic; cook an additional 5 minutes or until mushrooms are done. Add crappie, mashed potatoes and onion chanterelle mixture to medium bowl. Add salt, fish sauce, eggs, parsley, chives and ground pepper to bowl and mix well. Form patties and coat with bread crumbs. Fry patties in mixture of olive oil and butter. Remove to plate and serve.

BLACK WALNUT PIE

Baking with Euell Gibbons

The idea for Nature Wonder Wild Foods Weekend began in 1967 when Edelene Wood was teaching an adult education class on wild foods for the Wood County School System. The class ended with a wild foods dinner. The theme for the dinner was based on a new book that had just come out by an upcoming wild foods author, Stalking the Wild Asparagus and Euell Gibbons were not yet household names. As Edelene continued to correspond with Euell she thought of having a wild foods weekend at North Bend State Park. The following year, on the third weekend of September 1968, the first Nature Wonder Weekend took place at North Bend State Park where Euell Gibbons agreed to be the featured speaker. No one at the gathering realized a tradition had begun that would last for decades. This year, Nature Wonder Weekend will be held September 16-18, and will mark the 49th year of the event.

CRAWFISH CORNBREAD

Don Gartman, Charleston, WV

This recipe for Black Walnut Pie won first place in the Wild Foods Dessert Competition at North Bend State Park.

BLACK WALNUT CRUSTED CRAPPIE W/ MAPLE BUTTER SAUCE

Susan Maslowski, Milton, WV

Mix black walnuts and corn flakes. Dip filets into beaten egg and then roll to coat with the black walnut mixture. Pan sauté in butter until done.

Sauce: Bring syrup to a boil. Remove from heat and stir in butter. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serve with fish filets.

CRISP BLACK WALNUT PIE

Susan Maslowski, Milton, WV

Preheat oven to 350°F. Beat together sugar, butter, salt, corn syrup and eggs. Stir in walnuts and pour into piecrust. Bake until filling is set and pastry is nicely browned, about 50 minutes. Cool and serve.
AD DEADLINES
October 16th . . . Phone-in ads for the October issue must be received by noon on Thursday, September 15. Written ads for the October issue must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 16.
November 20th . . . Phone-in ads for the November issue must be received by noon on Monday, October 17. Written ads for the November issue must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18.

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Classified Announcements
Available on the web: wvagriculture.org/market_bulletin/market_bulletin.html

Cattle Sales
Reg. Simmental & Sim/Angus bulls, Al sires, Mr. Hoc Broker, Premium Beef, Wide Range, SAIV Brilliance, MVF Maximus & TNT Dual Force, Brian Dilley, 6300 Browns Crk Rd., Hollyton, 26554; 290-8383; classicsim@aol.com.

AngusBlack/½ Black Limousin, heifer, - - - Limousin bulls, breeding age, red & - - - bull calf, $1,200, prices good till 11/1/16. David Marlinton, 24951, 799-7191.

Reg. Angus Lowline heifer & calves, weaned in August, $1,100, Fred Mills, 252 Old Civil War Trail, Renick, 24966; 900-4466; rmills252@gmail.com.


Dairy steers, grass, grazed, no grain since March, $2/bt. hanging wt. Miriam Peachy, 876 Vienna Rd., Alderson, 26527; 773-0112.

Limousin & Limiflex 13-mo.-14-mo. bulls, all black & polled, $2,000. Charles Ridge-way, 387 Limousin Lane, Roncove, 24970; 520-2013.


Sim/Black Simmental bulls, 50, black, polled, $300. Terri Rogers, 1020 Stadium Drive, St. Marys, 26170; 684-7133; leslie16@suddenlink.net.

Angus: 12-mo.-18-mo. bulls, $1,500/Up; 17-mo. heifers, bred to reg. bull for March calving, $2,000/ea. Ronnie Rowe, 516 West Fork Rd., Fayetteville, 25830; 690-1926; 363-328; 363-328; evenings.

Red Angus heifer breeding, weaning bull calf, Charm Grain Gold 80t, Fedeless Big Sky Rd, RHC Conquest 4405P, Montvue Red Ru-ture W439 blood, $1,150. Dave Sharpes, 3196 Browns Crk Rd., Marlinton, 24954; 799-6928; daveshar@earthlink.net.


KHVA Sept. 3, 10 a.m.

KHVA bulls: 100 lbs., $250; 200 lbs., $500; 300 lbs., $750; 450 lbs., $1,000; 500 lbs., $1,250; 750 lbs., $1,500; 1,000 lbs., $2,000; 2,500 lbs., $5,000; 3,000 lbs., $6,000; 4,000 lbs., $8,000; 5,000 lbs., $9,000. For further details, contact 304-558-3708.

KHVA 2016 Calendar
- All events require a negative one year Coggins test.
- All out-of-state events require a current Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

Mountwood Park Horse Camp
May 1-0 Nov.

10140 Volcano Rd., Wavelly, WV Jared Christmas, 679-3611; garve@yahoo.com.

Note: only taking reservations on Memorial Day wknd. & the last wknd. of Oct. Rest of the year is on a first-come,first-base.

KHVA Sept. 3, 10 a.m.

Winfield Riding Club, Winfield, WV Sarah Tedrow, 415-7934; kwha@horseshowwv.com.

West Fork Riding Club Open Horse Show
Sept. 3, 3 p.m.

Chicopee, 799-7191.

Winfield Riding Club, Winfield, WV Sarah Tedrow, 415-7934; kwha@horseshowwv.com.

Catamount Series Open Horse Show
May 1-Nov.

PSC Indoor Riding Arena, Keynes, WV Jared Miller, 688-5356; jared.miller@mail.wvu.edu.

Horse Show
Sept. 10, 6 p.m.

Fairview, WV

Sept. 11, 10 a.m.

Good Hope Park, Sutton, WV

Sept. 17, 3 p.m.

Kendra White, 542-5229; kendrawhite287@gmail.com.

All Breed Open Horse Show
Sept. 24, 4 p.m.

Clay County Fairgrounds, Cannondale, WV Kendra White, 542-5229; kendrawhite287@gmail.com.

Cabeli Co. Fair Horse Show, Fun Show
Sept. 7, 4 p.m.

Barbourville Park, Horse Ring Matt Meadows, 638-6767; mmeadows175@aol.com.

Open Horse Show
Oct. 8, 2 p.m.

Jackson Co. Fairgrounds, Covingtonville, WV Kendra White, 542-5229; kendrawhite287@gmail.com.

Open Horse Show
Oct. 9, 8 a.m.

Barbourville Park, Horse Ring Matt Meadows, 638-6767; mmeadows175@aol.com.

For a copy of the 2016 Equine Events Calendar, contact 304-558-3708.
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 accommodations house, barn, hayfield, fence, barnyard, & mineral rights. Ads for the sale or rental of farmland are acceptable from individuals, but MUST include the above. Advertisements for hunting land, commercial or city property CANNOT be accepted.


Marshall Co.: 36 A. house, free gas, hayfields, fenced pastures w/3 garages, 2 barns, cisterns, woods, private, $385,000. Linda Campbell, 1929 Hug Cap Rock, Cameron, 26303; 686-3106.

Putnam Co.: 12 A. house, barn, 2-car garage, sixt reaches to Toyota plant, $130,000. Jean Casto, 241 Alton Rd., Red House, 25168; 586-2249.

Barbour Co.: 40+ A. house, barn, sheds, $364,000. Carol Ervin, P.O. Box 271, Moatsville, 26504; 457-5481.

Tyler Co.: 61 A. house, free gas, 3 garages, 3 outbuilds., well, septic, garden, crks., woods, fields, mineral rights included, house, barn, hayfield, $610,000. Dallas Flowers, 901 2nd St., Sal�, 26441; 383-3115; envisionwv@gmail.com.


Greenbrier Co.: 106 A. house, ½ woods, ½ fenced & wooded, well/septic, carport, garage, 4 barns, 2 spring fed ponds, fruit trees, road front, $480,000. Estelle Herkimer, 203 Route, Boonsboro, 21713; Frankford, 2493; 497-3141; janetodermilk2@gmail.com.

Greenbrier Co.: 80 A. house, crks. pasture, pond, well, 13.5 A. land, 4800-5 A. land, 2 1/2, level lots, $110,000. Phil Pigott, 172 Rain Tree Blvd., Bridgeport, 26343; 842-4890.

Braxton Co.: 15 A. house, woods, barn, outbuilds., pasture, natural springs, fenced, all utilities avail., Sandyville area, $200,000. Shirley Rhodes, 3831 Parkersburg Rd., Sandyville, 25527; 273-5622.

Farm Wants

Small farm or w/ house, Jackson Co., need a clean, good access, ripe water, 1/4 acre, $200,000. Ravenswood, Cottageville area, cash buy. D. Fort, 1230 Altenton Rd., Gay, 25244; 927-1774.

Goat Sales

Nubian 24 billy, 21 dam, black face, incl. 1st. David Parker, P.O. Box 717, Glen Daniel, 25844; 574-7515.

ADGA Saanen/Nubian kid doe, $250; Saanen Nubian kid buck, $150. Patrick & Jean, 11137 Terry Ave., Fayetteville, 25840; 469-5935.

Fred & Mary Anna Alpine cross, kid doe, $85; Lynn Joyce, 257 Snow Rd., Gap Mills, 25491; 772-5439.

Besheer, 9 billy, 7 doe, 1 buck, black solid, proven, Terminator blood, $500. Karen Simms, P.O. Box 153, Scarbro, 25921; 465-0539.

Apiany Events

Barbour Co. Beekeepers Assoc. Monthly Meeting 4th Thursday, 7 p.m. Barbour Co. Extension Office 2 mi. s/w Westover. Contact David Proudfoot 823-1460; dp_proud@comcast.net.

Cabell/Wayne Beekeepers Assoc. Bi-Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m. May, July, Sept., Nov. Christ Temple Church 1104 Main St., Huntington, W.Va. Contact David Tackett 743-6719; cabellwaynebeeskeeper@gmail.com.

Clay Co. Beekeepers Assoc. Monthly Meeting 2nd Monday 6 p.m. Main Street, Clay. WV Contact Tim Clifton, 548-3024; tclifton@penn.com.

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

East Panhandle Beekeepers Assoc. Monthly Meeting 2nd Thursday, 7 p.m. Hospice of the Eastern Panhandle Kearneysville, WV. Contact Alex Henson, 258-5259; hippychicksfarm@gmail.com.

Gilmer Co. Beekeepers Assoc. Monthly Meeting 3rd Tuesday, 6 p.m. Robert S. Kidd Library Grafton, WV. Contact Mark Critch, 462-7414; bottlesh119@gmail.com.

Highlands Apicultural Assoc. Monthly Meeting 4th Monday, 6:30 p.m. WVU Ext. Office Meeting Rm. 111. Contact Sam Golston, 637-8709; Sam_goledo@gmail.com.


Southeastern Beekeepers Assoc. Monthly Meeting 2nd Thursday, 7 p.m. Osteopathic School-Kumm Center Hospital. Contact Mary Holeaspy, 722-3722; maryholeaspy@frontier.com.

Nicholas/Webster Beekeepers Monthly Meeting 1st Monday, 7 p.m. March, April, May, June, July, August, September Summersville Public Library Summersville, W.Va. Contact C. David Bramer, 619-0189; cdbramer@frontier.com.


Potomac Highlands Beekeepers Monthly Meeting 1st Wednesday School Bank of Richland Counties Center Romney, W.Va. Contact Roy Finkhouser, 851-8997; Finkhouser@hardynet.com.

West Central Beekeepers Monthly Meeting 4th Thursday, 7 p.m. Roane Co. Beekeepers 380 Seventh Ave Aging Bldg. Spencer, W.Va. Contact Dale Cunningham, 354-6916; janotham46@gmail.com.

West Virginia Beekeepers Assoc. 1st Saturday, November Woodlawn Cemetery W.Va. Contact Paul Cappas, 291-0608; paulcappas59@gmail.com.

Contact David Proudfoot 823-1460; tclifton@penn.com.
Alpine & Alpina/Saaneen, born early '16, parents are from reg. stock, milk does of dairy lines, 100% females, 125 +/- horned. Mark Wolf, 189 Bear Run Rd., Mathias, 26812; 897-6280.

Sow, 7barrow pigs, 60. John Barbargalo, 3449 Uler Rd., Newton, 25256; 565-4055.

Pure Berkshire 7/16 pigs, parents on premises, gilt, barrows & boars, $100/ea., require $50/deposit. Lauren Brenner, P.O. Box 60, Sandstone, 25855; 814-777-0662.

Sow & boar hog with no blood line. Jerry Crease, 1334 Potomac Highland Trail, Durbin, 26264; 456-3334.

Berkshire, 2 yr-sow, 200; Tamworth, 3yr-sow, 20; Tamworth 2 yr-weaner piglets, 14, 1st-7barrow, 2nd-10gilt, $85/ea. Clifford Kuhn, 2160 Chestnut Flats Rd., Lewisburg, 24901; 497-3540.

Gloovershire Old Spots bulls & gilt, black, $400/ea.; Osabsaw Island boars & gilts, feed lot ready, breeding pairs/females, $115+/-, registrable heritage breeding stock, no chemicals. Quincy McMichael, General Delivery, Remick, 24966; 942-2922.

Pure Tamworth: 12-wk. pigs, 70; breed sows, crosses, $225; butchering hogs, grain fed, $250 ea. Tim Tempton, 5836 Pine Crk Rd., Grantville, 26147; 354-7650.

Horse Sales

Tennessee Walk: 8 yr-old gelding, well broke, 1,000; 3 yr-old gelding, broke free, good guide, $800, both white/black spotted, Standardbred & Morgan cross yr-gts, colts, $800/ea. Homer Conley, 716 Big Springs Rd., Smithville, 26178; 477-3289.


Bay Roan Welsh cob, 14h, been show hunter pony, now trail riding, $1,800. Judy Saurbott, 454 Cobn Crk. Rd., Morgantown, 26508; 921-0578.

Plant Sales

No medicinal plants, nursery stock, common


Logan Giant & Rattlesnake, Turkey Crow, Oct. tender hull, brown half runner, October Bush, with half runner pole bean, more, 12/10 seed; winter onion sets, 15/100/sets. Betty Flanagan, 476 Ritchie Farm Rd., Summersville, 26651; 880-0315; allen@flanagan.com.

Tea: V. vibrata, 100g, green, 500g, $5; V. sinensis, 100g, $5, 500g, $25; V. opposita, 100g, $5, 500g, $25. Madison Santa, 222 Pyro Rd., St. Albans, 26301; 514-8804; info@deerrunsheepfarm.com.


Job Sales

Horse boarding, 50x140 covered riding arena, daily stall cleaning, pasture, stalls on site, farrier service, $300/mo. Bill Archibald, 1213 Church Rd., Charleston, 25312; 984-0950.

Pony, Amish, custom made for 2 mini's or 1 pony, red, black bands, padded seat, 2 adults, 2 rear facing seats, 5, kids, exc. cond., used once w/used harness. Halflinger size, $3,200 (2-horses); 1, 1230 Allen Rd. Gay, 25244; 927-1775.

Elsie Grace horse buggy, over 100 yrs. old, exc. cond., $1,300; leather horse harness w/sets, $125/complete; minature horse cart w/brake, $300/lb. Kay Grice, 3614 Memory Lane, Millstone, 26251; 655-9923.

Trailer, ‘06, Hawkeye, gooseneck, 24’, 14,000 GVWR, $4,250. Bernie Hackett, 8171 McLane Pike, Liberty, 25124; 964-3949.

Horse, ‘16, 4x4 rolls, barn kept, never wet, $45/bale. Kay Greathouse, 1904 Glen Dale Rd., Cairo, 26337; 628-3883.

Maple syrup, pure wV, $16/4’, $10/pt., $6/4’eds, Hart Edmiston, HC 72, Box 175C, New Creek, 26743; 788-1831.

Rabbits: Lionhead, San Juan, domestic, New Zealand white, $6/ea. Rodney Hayes, 1021 East Main St, Marlinton, 26626; 365-3888.

Fish for stockling: tripled grass carp, $12/ea.; lg. mouth bass, $2-4”, $1.25; bluegill hybrid/straight, $4-6”, 60¢; channel catfish, 4-6”, 50¢; minnows, $12/bag; Koi, 3-5”, $5; gold fish, 4-6”, $1. package deals avail. Fred Hays, P.O. Box 241, Elkview, 25070; 416-1952.

Christmas trees: 100, Douglas Fir, 8-10’, #1 & #2 quality, prices include cutting, shaving & baling. $20. Travis Heaver, 623 Bikes Pilsenbarger Rd., Franklin, 26307; 365-2511.

Poultry Sales

No ornamental, no wild game, eggs; eggs

Royal Palm turkeys, adult, male & female ptms., $90/pt. Betty Ball, 1002 Park Rd, Waitsburg, 26562; 682-6220.


Pheasants, 2-4 pairs, 50¢/pair. Ken Lowery, 313 Hickman Rd., Sisterville, 26175; 758-5090.

Rabbit 40-50 doz., 22¢/ea. April Moncure, 119 Monticello Ave., 26812; 365-4055.

Sheep Sales

Black Angus beef she 1, adult ram, 5, ewes & 1 young ram. D.S. Farm, 2800/ea. Weil Kirk, Rt. 3, Box 329, Marketville, 25541; 743-5105; kinook99@yahoo.com.
The WVDA recently honored its 2016 class of ‘Women in Agriculture’ during a ceremony at the State Fair of West Virginia. This was the seventh year for the program, which recognizes women agricultural leaders and their contributions to the industry. This year’s honorees represents farmers, foresters and educators who have all made great strides in their respective fields.

Barbara McWhorter – McWhorter has served as the NRCSC's Forest Steward for since 1996 and has devoted her career to advocating for the conservation of natural resources, and specifically, for forest resources as a renewable resource. Her knowledge of conservation education, technology development/training and conservation programs has been on public tours to thousands of landowners. Barbara developed the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) which has provided more than a million dollars of financial and technical assistance to hundreds of state landowners. She was also a developer of forestry skills materials used at the International Exhibition of Forests in WV. In addition, she was a collaborator on the creation of the WV Forest Stewardship Partnership, which is dedicated to managing vegetation and soil on state and private lands. She also serves as an agency provided Adjunct Professor with WVU's Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design. Barbara and her husband Ralph are parents to three sons, Tyler, Hunter and Bryce.

Charlotte Hoover – Hoover is a 6th generation farmer in Pendleton County where she owns and operates 360 acres as C and Double D Farm. Her operation consists of 40 cow/calf pairs, approximately 75 sheep and a few goats. While maintaining the livestock herds, Charlotte is conscientious of the environment. She has constructed a waste storage facility and a feeder barn. A natural trout stream running through the property has been fenced and improved with tree plantings and stream bank reinforcements. A rotational grazing schedule is also used to maintain pasture health. Access to two caves on the farm have been fenced to protect the endangered Virginia Big Ear Bat. In addition to the regular farming activities, Charlotte is instrumental in the Potomac Valley Partnership. She has served as Minority Advisor for the Pendleton County USDA Farm Service Agency and will serve as Chairperson for the next three years. Charlotte resides in Moyers, WV, with her fur babies, Suzy, Jessica and Fifty. She enjoys frequent visits from her daughter, Danielle and new granddaughter, Dani.

Donna Brooke-Alt – At only 20 years old, Donna was faced with a difficult decision after her father’s untimely death. With a passion for farming, she and her brother decided to continue Brookedale Holsteins, the dairy operation their father had started. When times became tough, she and her husband, Donnie, diversified by adding vegetables, a corn maze, and then greenhouses. Currently, Brookedale Farm specializes in several types of agritainment, greenhouses, cropping operation and most recently added, an event barn. Although Donna’s brother has taken over the dairy operations with his son, she still has a vested interest and manages the


Greenhouse, gutter connect, 28’x80’, 2 bays, many extra parts, . $5,000, greenhouses are taken down. Phillip Lowe, P.O. Box 579, Shepherdstown, 25443; 304-876-2453.


Rabbits, Flemish Giant, various colors, ages & prices, w/o w/o pedigree, $30/np. Tisha Marsh, 1521 Pea Ridge Rd., Philippi, 26452; 304-724-3983.

Hay, $1, 4x5 round bales, wrapped, $30/bale. John Oliverio, 218 Grand Ave., Bridgeport, 26330; 269-3800.

Chicken, 478-3390; gplaugher@yahoo.com.

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