When you sit down to eat a hamburger, do you ever wonder where that ground meat comes from? It’s been a question a lot of West Virginia consumers have been asking for years. Earlier this fall, the West Virginia Cattlemen’s Association and Appalachian Abattoir launched Mountain State Ground Beef. The cows are raised in West Virginia, the animals are processed at Appalachian Abattoir in Charleston, the ground beef is packaged by Buzz Foods, also in Charleston, and the meat is shipped to West Virginia grocery and convenience stores.

“This is a win-win for everybody – the farmers, the producers and the customers,” stresses farmer and West Virginia Cattlemen’s Association member Neil Bumgarner.

It was Bumgarner and his fellow farmer Todd Meckley of Waverly who got the whole thing started. Meckley, who has been working cattle most of his life, says in the past, the lack of a large-scale USDA production facility here in West Virginia forced farmers to send their cull cattle out of state.

“It doesn’t make sense,” he explains. “We raise these cattle, and then we ship them clear out to Kansas. They’re processed out there with cows from other states, and then they ship the meat back to a grocery store here in West Virginia. That’s a pretty inefficient model if you think about it.”

Meckley says there was a market for a product that didn’t exist.

“Neil and I were talking one evening about the Kentucky Ground Beef brand and how they’ve been successful with it over the last 10 years. I said, ‘Why can’t we, the state of West Virginia, do this?’ Neil did some research, and we started talking to the folks behind Appalachian Abattoir. That got the ball rolling.”

Appalachian Abattoir is a full-service, USDA-inspected harvest facility that opened for business in the fall of 2021. Its parent company, Buzz Foods, has been locally owned and operated in Charleston since 1938. Meckley and Bumgarner brought their idea to Buzz President Dickenson Gould in 2018. It took a few years and the construction of the Abattoir before the project was a go.

“There’s nobody else in the state capable

— Neil Bumgarner | Cattlemen’s Association
President Biden recently announced his administration’s goal to eliminate hunger and reduce diet-related diseases by 2030. His plan is based around five policy pillars; improve access to food, integrate nutrition and health, empower consumers to make healthy choices, support physical activity and enhance nutrition and food security research. Addressing these issues is crucial as we face rising energy prices, inflation and supply chain problems. At the same time, more than 35% of the adult population and 20% of children are now considered obese, in addition to one in ten households facing food insecurity. It is refreshing to see an administration show some commitment to nutrition and food security, but I urge the President to look towards West Virginia for successful program examples.

In the past year, the number of families reliant on food banks has increased by 12%, with over 100,000 families receiving commodities. Food access is a significant issue facing many of our smaller and more rural communities. As big box stores pushed out small businesses, only to leave a few decades later, it has left many of our communities without reliable grocers. This forces our citizens to travel hours to secure food for their families. To combat these issues, we have seen West Virginia develop SNAP Stretch which doubles the value amount of those dollars when purchasing healthy produce, as well as convert WIC, WIC SFMNP and Senior SFMNP to electronic solutions to keep these programs moving forward. We also have seen the number of farmers markets triple since being moved to the Department of Agriculture and meat processing production rise 50% since the pandemic. We are doing a lot to expand access, but it is not enough.

To further integrate nutrition and medicine, the Biden administration plans to pilot covering “medically tailored meals” through Medicare. In West Virginia, we have already found success through our “FARMacy” programs that prescribe food boxes to combat diet-related diseases. Our eight programs around the state expand access to nutritious, healthy foods and combine with educational materials and expert resources. Over the last several years, we have seen participants achieve better health outcomes and learn more about healthy living.

To address mental health, we have funded projects through our Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture program to integrate mental health and agriculture. Through partners such as the VA hospitals and homes, we have expanded mental health programs to those who have served our country and communities. As a State that has a limited medical resources, health and wellbeing of our citizens should be a top priority for ensuring a prosperous West Virginia.

President Biden wants more schools to cook food from scratch, as well as purchase more food from local farmers. The President is right, although he failed to mention how we got here. A grave policy mistake made by Departments of Education shifted us towards “heat and serve meals” in lieu of home cooking. The long-term effects of these policies have worsened nutritional outcomes for our youth leading to adulthood health risks. Now, most of our schools lack the staff and equipment to reverse course, but through successful programs such Farm to School and the Fresh Food Act we have tried to right these wrongs. If we are truly going to serve better meals in our schools like the President wants, it will take a huge investment in school resources. In the meantime, the Department continues to work through the Farm to School Coalition and invest staff time into how to connect more farmers to schools.

As much as I am happy to hear these initiatives from the President, we have been preaching since day one that food security is vital to West Virginia. It is sad that despite being one of the leading producers of food in the world, the United States still faces food deserts, rising diet-related diseases and food shortages during these economic times. Closing the gap between consumption and production not only lessens our reliance on foreign sources of foods but also fosters a healthy citizenry, environment and economy. We must invest in the local farmer and programs that support them. President Biden is right; we must end hunger in the United States, and it starts by replicating and expanding the programs we have started right here in the Mountain State.

Kent Leonhardt, Commissioner of Agriculture

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**Winter Livestock Care**

Brrrrr! It’s that time of year again when livestock producers are tasked with the challenge of managing the health of their herd during frigid winter months. The health of spring cow and calf pairs depends on good winter herd management. As temperatures plummet, livestock burn more calories to stay warm. To keep herds healthy through winter, supplying more forage and adequate minerals is critical to prevent depletion of fat stores and weight loss. Producers should keep in mind that, although more forage is required during the winter, livestock also waste hay and feeder choice is important. A study at Michigan State University compared feed wastage among different types of round bale feeders. Ring and ring/cone type feeders were the most efficient, resulting in an average of only 4.5 percent waste. In addition, as livestock consume more feed, water intake is also increased. Checking water sources regularly is important to ensure there is plenty of unfrozen water available. A local practicing veterinarian can assist livestock producers with overall herd health plans including winter management.

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of harvesting, processing, marketing and distributing Mountain State Ground Beef other than Buzz Foods. You add the Cattlemen’s Association’s network of more than 500 farmers in West Virginia, plus the connections we have in the industry, and it’s just been the two ingredients needed to make this thing go,” says Bumgarner.

The cattle used to make Mountain State Ground Beef are cull cows. “We describe a cull cow as an animal that is no longer being productive,” explains Megan Parsons, the marketing and communications manager at Buzz Foods. “There are usually three “O’s” of culling. The cow is older, open (it’s not pregnant) or it’s ornery, not the best behaved cow on the farm. That’s the type of cow that’s perfect for the Mountain State Ground Beef program.”

Meckley says in the past his cull cows didn’t make him much money. “These are market-ready cows that traditionally haven’t had a lot of value. With Mountain State Ground Beef, we can gain value out of them. That’s a big deal for my farm! We’re feeding West Virginians. It’s a local, ground beef product that’s coming from cows that have lived out their life.”

The West Virginia Cattlemen’s Association has taken on the job of signing up farmers for the program. The next step is to get them Beef Quality Assurance certified. It’s a national program that provides cattle farmers with science-based management practices to enhance carcass quality, beef safety and improve animal care. So far, 53 West Virginia farmers have signed on.

“The farmers are benefitting from this program by capturing a premium on their market cows,” explains Bumgarner. “They’re selling their cows directly to Appalachian Abattoir and being paid the carcass weight and a five percent premium of the USDA Eastern U.S. cow carcass weight value. They’re getting more for their cows than if they marketed them another way.”

The Cattlemen’s Association was awarded a USDA Local Foods Promotion grant. They use that funding to help label and market the product and subsidize transportation of the cull cattle from the farm to four hubs across the state. From there, they are taken to the Abattoir.

Every cow that enters the Abattoir must have an RFID tag. It tracks the animal to its farm of origin and allows Appalachian Abattoir to cut a check to the farmer once it’s processed. It also serves as a way to track the finished product in case of a foodborne illness.

Meckley says it’s one of the benefits of the program. Customers know their meat is coming from West Virginia farms and nowhere else. They can check out the Mountain State Ground Beef website and meet the farmers who are raising the cows.

“The consumers eating this ground beef can go see the farm. It’s not in Kansas. It’s not in Nebraska. It’s not in Texas. It’s in West Virginia,” Meckley stresses. “Being able to link myself directly to the consumer who’s buying this product, that’s a really neat outlet. It’s a no-brainer. I’m just happy we’ve got the enthusiasm from the producers and the grocery chains carrying our meat.”

Mountain State Ground Beef can be found at Food Fair grocery stores and Par Mar convenience stores. Why a convenience store? Parsons says in many rural communities, Par Mar is the only place to purchase food. Buzz delivers the product to those store coolers, and in some cases, freezers. That gives customers in food deserts an opportunity to purchase fresh, ground beef.

Shoppers can plug in MSGB.com/storelocator to find a Food Fair or Par Mar in their neighborhood who sells Mountain State Ground Beef. The number of cattle we will need to fill orders is going to change dramatically once Kroger comes on board.”

“Kroger, the largest retail chain in the state will be carrying our product come January 1," says Bumgarner. "This is a huge win and great news for the program!"

In the meantime, the Cattlemen’s Association is working on bringing more farmers into the program and Buzz is preparing for more sales. “We’re still gearing up,” explains Parsons. “The number of cattle we will need to fill orders is going to change dramatically once Kroger comes on board.”

“**The consumers eating this ground beef can go see the farm. It’s not in Kansas. It’s not in Nebraska. It’s not in Texas. It’s in West Virginia.**”

-Meckley says the program is a game changer for his farm and a lot of other West Virginia cattle producers.

"To have local, Mountain State Ground Beef in grocery stores is a big deal,” says Meckley. “But it’s not hard to sell this product. It’s a West Virginia product, and from a cattle production perspective, that is really cool!”

**Todd Meckley, pictured with his family, says it’s important for Mountain State Ground Beef customers to know where their meat is coming from. He is one of 53 West Virginia farmers raising cattle for the program.**

To find out more about Mountain State Ground Beef, log on to [https://mountainstatebeef.com/](https://mountainstatebeef.com/). For farmers interested in joining the program, go to [https://www.wvcattlemen.org/](https://www.wvcattlemen.org/).
What's Cookin'?  

**Give Thanks...for Stuffing**

When it comes to our Thanksgiving meal, the turkey is the star of the show. Stuffing, on the other hand, is often a supporting player, but no more! This month, we’re featuring stuffing recipes that will wow your tastebuds. Whether you’re a traditionalist, have an adventurous palate or need to make some adjustments for your diet, we’ve got you covered. When you sit down for your feast, the stuffing just may upstage that bird! If you have a recipe you’d like to share with us, send it to marketbulletin@wvda.us.

**Oyster Stuffing**

- 5 stalks celery, diced
- 1 ½ cups chopped onion
- 5 cups crumbled cornbread
- ½ cup chopped, cooked turkey giblets
- 8 ounces shucked oysters
- ¼ cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon dried sage
- ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups chicken stock

**Step 1**
In a skillet, saute the celery with the onions until the onions are translucent.

**Step 2**
In a large bowl combine the crumbled cornbread, cooked celery, cooked onions, giblets, oysters, parsley, basil, salt, paprika, dried sage and nutmeg. Toss well.

**Step 3**
Beat the eggs. Add the eggs and chicken stock to the stuffing mixture. Stuff stuffing in bird’s cavity. Remove stuffing promptly once bird is cooked. You can also bake the stuffing separately from the bird in a large dish. Bake at 350 degrees F for 1 hour and 20 minutes.

**Cranberry, Sausage and Apple Stuffing**

- 1 pound sweet Italian sausage, casings removed
- ¼ cup butter
- 6 cups coarsely chopped leeks or onions
- 3 tart apples - peeled, cored and chopped
- 2 cups chopped celery
- 4 teaspoons poultry seasoning
- 2 teaspoons dried rosemary, crushed
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- 12 cups white bread cubes, baked until slightly dry
- 1 cup chicken stock
- salt and black pepper to taste

**Step 1**
Cook and stir sausage in a large skillet over medium heat, crumbling coarsely, for about 10 minutes. Remove sausage to a large bowl with a slotted spoon. Empty pan of grease.

**Step 2**
In the same pan, melt butter. Add leeks or onions, apples, celery and poultry seasoning; cook until softened, about 10 minutes. Add rosemary, dried cranberries and cooked sausage. Mix all with dried bread cubes. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Moisten with the chicken stock.

**Step 2**
Stuff turkey with about 5 cups for a 14-pound turkey. Add additional chicken stock to moisten stuffing if needed. Remaining stuffing can be baked in a covered buttered casserole at 350 degrees F for about 45 minutes. Uncover and bake for another 15 minutes to brown top.

**Gluten-Free Stuffing**

- 1 (1 pound) loaf gluten-free bread
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 medium onions, diced
- 3 stalks celery, diced
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh sage
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ground black pepper to taste
- 2 cups gluten-free chicken broth
- 2 large eggs, beaten

**Step 1**
Cut bread into ¾-inch cubes and spread into a single layer on the prepared baking sheet. Bake in the preheated oven until crisp, 12-17 min.

**Step 2**
Meanwhile, heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add onions and celery; cook and stir until soft, 8-10 min. Stir in sage, thyme, salt and pepper.

**Step 3**
Add toasted bread cubes, chicken broth and beaten eggs to the skillet. Stir until well combined, then transfer mixture to a greased 3-quart baking dish.

**Step 4**
Cover and bake in the preheated oven for 30 mins. Uncover and continue baking until the top is crisp and lightly browned, about 10 more minutes.
Connor Gibson

Age: 15
Grade: Sophomore
FFA Chapter: Preston FFA
School: Preston County High School
FFA Advisor: Terry Hauser, Samantha Funk, Robert Varner

Connor: I grew up on a farm. We run about 400-500 cattle, feeder calves and cow/calf pairs here at Gibson Farming in Terra Alta. I’ve been driving tractors for as long as I can remember and been interested in them. This year I competed at regionals in the FFA Tractor Safety Driving Test held here at Preston Co. High School. I won and moved on to the state competition which was held in July during the FFA convention. I placed first. That allowed me to compete for the national title in August in Springfield, Massachusetts. You have a written test to complete, a section where you have to identify tractor parts and tools, and then you have to drive a 4-wheel hay wagon, a 2-wheel manure spreader, a skid steer and a loader tractor. I placed third in the national competition. I plan to farm when I graduate from high school, but I will also get another job because farming is so uncertain.
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Calling All Veterans!

November 11th is the day that we honor all those who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Whether family roots span generations or are freshly planted, many veterans come to West Virginia with a prevailing sense of service and determination to better the world around them. Agriculture is a natural fit for many who served; supporting the local food movement, reaping the therapeutic benefits of “dirt therapy” and working to build a self-sustaining food chain. The combined goals and experience of the veteran community is vital to West Virginia’s agricultural success.

West Virginia Veterans & Heroes to Agriculture is dedicated to the integration and support of veterans entering or currently working in agriculture. Members receive opportunities for education, training, scholarships and mentorship through invaluable partnerships with agencies, organizations and farmers. The program also helps promote the development of agricultural industries, products and marketing opportunities across the state.

To learn more about West Virginia’s Veterans & Heroes to Agriculture program, visit https://agriculture.wv.gov/ag-business/veterans-and-heroes-to-agriculture/ or contact the Business Development Division at vetstoag@wvda.us or 304-558-2210.

Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture

Bette Angle – Grassy Creek Farm

Bette Angle didn’t take a direct path to agriculture. This military veteran grew up a “city girl” who spent her summers at her aunt’s farm in Texas.

“My Aunt’s farm was in a place called Telephone, Texas, which until the middle of the 1960s didn’t even have a telephone,” she laughs.

After she graduated from high school in McKinney, Texas, Bette decided to spread her wings.

“When I graduated, there were no jobs. It was that time of the ’70s, and so I joined the military. I was stationed at Fort Lee in Virginia working for the JAG (Judge Advocate General) corp. I was a JAG clerk. I did paralegal work – wills, powers of attorney, investigated scams. Then I got shipped overseas. I learned German and ended up on the Anti-Terrorism Squad,” she explains.

In 1984, she was granted a medical discharge and moved back home to Texas to attend college. She got a degree in business and marketing but quickly realized she’d rather dig in the dirt than work in corporate America.

“I was always a gardener. I raised stuff around my own house. Then I heard about the Master Gardener program through the Extension Service, and I turned my property into a little working farm,” she recalls.

After a divorce, Bette decided to move to West Virginia in 2010.

“Armed with a van and two dogs, I bought a farm in Nicholas County and have been making a go of it on a shoestring and prayer ever since.”

Grassy Creek Farm in Leivasy specializes in herbs and hydroponic lettuce.

“I got a grant from NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service) to build my high tunnel and a hydroponic set-up through Homegrown Heroes,” she explains.

Bette sits on the National Advisory Board for the Farmer Veteran Coalition and joined the Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture program in 2017. She loves sharing her story and her knowledge of herbs with other veterans.

“If you call anybody in the WVU Master Gardeners program and ask them who’s the herb specialist and who does wild food foraging, they’re going to give you my name and phone number,” she laughs.

Bette has also helped several elementary schools and non-profits set up their own high tunnels and writes a weekly gardening column for the Nicholas Chronicle. She sells her herbs, teas, spice mixes and lettuce to local restaurants and has opened a small, on-farm store.

“When she has some downtime, Bette says she likes to survey her farm.

“I’ll just sit here and enjoy the beauty of it. Even if some people call this all weeds, I love my dandelions and herbs. You can just relax and be one with the world.”
Two-million lights will be twinkling this year at the West Virginia State Farm Museum to celebrate the Christmas season. The display runs Dec. 5-20 from 6-9 p.m. each evening.

Admission to the light show is free, but donations in support of the non-profit museum are greatly appreciated. Santa will also be on hand to talk with the kids Thursday through Sunday each week.

“This light show is one of the best in the state and a credit to the hard work of the board and volunteers at the Farm Museum,” said West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt. “This should be an annual holiday tradition for everyone in the area.

Volunteer groups are being sought to adopt buildings to decorate, along with individuals who want to help with smaller decorating projects. Call the office, email or Facebook message to volunteer.

The State Farm Museum is located seven miles north of Point Pleasant, just off Route 62.

For more information, you can find the museum on Facebook, call the office at 304-675-5737 Tuesday-Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. or email wvsfm@suddenlinkmail.com.

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The West Virginia Department of Agriculture is teaming up with the Farmer Veteran Coalition to combine the WV Grown and Homegrown by Heroes logos into a blended mark. This marketing initiative informs consumers that agricultural products donning the mark are locally produced, grown, or with 50% or greater value-added within West Virginia and by a U.S. military veteran.

“Our goal has been to inspire the next generation of farmers, which must include our veteran communities. They are the perfect partners to take up the charge. It is vital we provide resources and marketing strategies to those veterans to ensure their success. Finalizing this agreement for a merged mark is a step in the right direction,” said Commissioner of Agriculture Kent Leonhardt.

This initiative is part of the Veterans and Heroes to Agriculture program, which is dedicated to the integration and support of veterans, firefighters, law enforcement, emergency services personnel and first responders entering or currently working in agriculture to benefit their health and welfare, as well as the state’s agricultural economy.

To become WV Grown Homegrown By Heroes certified, go to https://agriculture.wv.gov/ag-business/veterans-and-heroes-to-agriculture/ and click on the Marketing Programs section for details. For more information, contact Sierra Cox at kcox@wvda.us or 304-558-2210.
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Phone-In ads for the December issue must be received by 12 noon on Thursday, November 10.
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All bee colonies must be registered with the West Virginia Department of Agriculture. Please contact the Animal Health Division at 304-558-2214.

Cattle Sales

Pure reg. & % Simmental bulls, AI sires, Classified, Mr. 2020, On the Mark & Relentless, $1,800/up. Jim Bosley, P.O. Box 5, Old Fields, 26845; 304-530-6636; cell, 304-257-3093; 304-257-3093.


Reg. Black Hereford bulls, passed BSE & health, calving ease, good disp., $2,000/up. heifers, $1,200, both 18-mo. Brian Dilley, 8351 Browns Crk Rd., Dunmore, 24934; 304-799-7434.


Reg. Hereford bull, dark red, only been breeding 6 cows, vacc./wormed, $1,800. Dwight Huffman, 7976 Blue Lick Rd., Greenville, 24945; 304-753-4590; 540-726-7577; 9 a.m. -3 p.m. Tuesday.


Reg. Black Angus 14-mo. bulls, sired by Gar Dual Threat, Gar Home Town, KB Full Measure (weight up son), Rito 7786., good disp., calving ease, handling & EPDs, vacc./wormed, $1,800/up. J. Taylor, 875 Jim Kennedy Rd., Fairmont, 26554; 304-363-5757.

Reg. Speckled Park 8-mo. bull, $2,000. Jeff Wade, 1054 Meadows Branch Rd., Hamlin, 25523; 304-552-4255; jtwave@zoominternet.net.

Equipment Sales

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


NH 462 disk mower, $800/o. Bobby Daniel, P.O. Box 214, Fairdale, 25539; 304-575-7585.

MF 7323 diesel tractor, 60% good rubber, $5,500. Roger Ketchum, 574 Sleepy Hollow Rd., Hurricane, 25526; 304-562-2507.

Kubota: front load bucket, $3,000; mount mower deck, 60", $2,600, both 2-yr. Dennis Meadows, Rt. 1, Box 457, Milton, 25541; 304-743-5273.

NH 353 grinder/mixer, excel. cond., $4,500. John Miller, 530 Stillmeadow Lane, Moundsville, 26041; 304-845-4866.

Vicon 423 T rotary rake, stored inside and in excel. cond., $6,000; NH 256 side delivery rake, good cond., $1,500. Ken Scott, 2586 Grandview Rd., Beaver, 25813; 304-573-0844; chance37@ suddenlink.net.

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Apiary Events

Clay Co. Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting, 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., Big Otter Community Center, Contact Mark Davis, 304-543-6955; mdavis@dgccom.com.
Barbour Co. Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting, 4th Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Barbour Co. Fairgrounds in metal quonset hut, Contact Dave Hunt, 304-456-4500.
Fayette Co. Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting, last Monday, 6:30 p.m., 401 W. Maple Ave., Contact Rick Forren, 304-539-1303.
Kenova Valley Beekeepers Assoc., Bi-Monthly Meeting, 3rd Sat., 10:30 am-1 p.m., Contact Steve May 304-727-7659.
Marion Co. Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting, 4th Thursday, 7 p.m.-8 p.m., Eldora UMC, Fairmont, Contact Nancy, 304-612-9699.
Mountaineer Beekeepers Assoc., Bi-Monthly Meeting, 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., Ritchie Co. Library, Contact Justin King, pjstinking@gmail.com.
Mountaineer Beekeepers Assoc., Discussion Meeting, 4th Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Doddridge Co. Library, downstairs meeting room, Union, Contact Justin King, pjstinking@gmail.com.
North Central WV Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting, September 19, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Harrison Co. Parks & Recreation Complex, 43 Recreation Dr., Clarksburg, Contact Hudson Snyder, 304-641-7845.
Potomac Highlands Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7 p.m., Sept. Bank of Romney Community Center on Main St., Downtown Romney, Contact Kirby Vining, 202-213-2690; secretary.phbs@gmail.com.
Southeastern Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting, 1st Monday, 6:00 p.m., Ronald P. Sharp Alumni Conference Center, WV Osteopathic School, Lewisburg, Contact Rick Forren, 304-539-1303.
Tri State Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting, 3rd Thursday, Oct., 6:30 p.m., Good Zoo Bldg., Ogley Park, Wheeling, novice classes begin Feb. 22, Contact Steve Roth, sroth29201@comcast.net.
Upshur Co. Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting, 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Farm Bureau Bldg. on Rt. 33 between Buckhannon & Weston, POC teriobennett@gmail.com.
West Central Beekeepers Assoc., Monthly Meeting, 4th Saturday, 1:00 p.m., Reedy Senior Center/Latiner St., turn by fire dept., Reedy, Contact Dale, 304-354-6916.

Equipment Wants

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.

Mason Co.: 70 A. w/house, barns, outbuilds, pond, woods, running stream, 2, rds. w/112‘ rd. frontage, $600,000. Bruce Hunt, 4890 Black Oak Rd., Fraziers Bottom, 304-205-2483.

Goat Sales


ADGA bucks: chocolate/white, polled & black/white disbudded, both w/blue eyes $300; colorful doelings, $350; non-reg. Nigerian 5-mo. doelings, $165/ea.. Tae Skinner, P.O. Box 31, Sand Fork, 26430; 304-462-5531.


Plant Sales

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

Seeds: old-time fat man, Logan Giant, Rattle-snake, brown & white half runner pole bean, more, $15/100 seed, all tested for germination. Betty Flanagan, 467 Ritchie Farm Rd., Summersville, 26651; 304-880-0135; allen.flanagan@gmail.com.

Sheep Sales

Hamp. 3-yr. -4-yr. ram, club ram breeding, $500. Ty Chisler, 1279 Range Rd., Wadestown,
Miscellaneous Sales

No riding habits or other clothes; objects or equipment; food processing or preservation items or equipment; general wood working tools; firewood. Only dogs recognized by the Great Pyrenees 9/22 pups, $500. Joe Arboast, 232 Old English Lane, Buckeye, 29474; 304-890-8332; dcerob@gmail.com.

Christmas Tree equip.: 18” net bale mounted on a 10’ table, excel. cond., plus net carrot, $250; mail order boxing machine & 3, different size funnels, $275. Bill Beatty, 408 Rocky Knob Rd., Upper Tract, 26866; 304-668-9114.


Hay wagons w/sides, 2, $1,200/ea./neg. Diana Clark, 23 Rhododendron Dr., Kingwood, 26537; 304-329-2799.

Hay, 22 1st cut, 4x5 round bales, never wet, covered, $35/bale. Clifford Crane, 143 Spiker Rd., Bruceton Mills, 26525; 304-372-4482.

Hay wagon 8x16, $1,200. Bobby Daniels, P.O. Box 214, Fairdale, 25839; 304-575-7585.


Border Collie pups from working parents, $400. John Fichtner, 1230 Allentown Rd., Gay, 25244; 304-373-5611.

Hay, 2nd cut, 4x5 round bales, limed/fer/t., never wet, easy access, $27/bale. Mark Gregory, 552 Carpenters Fork, Sutton, 26601; 304-765-9165.

ABCA reg. Border Collie 10/22 pups, parents on premises, excel. disp., $600/up. Christine Hage, P.O. Box 109, Culloden, 25510; 304-743-0163.


Trailer, ‘05 Adams 2-horse straight load, 7’ tall, all poly lines matched, new tires/wheels, $5,500. Dwight Huffman, 7976 Blue Lick Rd., Greenville, 24945; 304-753-4590; 540-726-7577; 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tue.-Fri.


Hay, 4x5 round bales, net wrapped, $30/bale. Adam Reckart, 603 Cuzzart Rd., Bruceton Mills, 26525; 304-379-6708.

Apples: Fuji, Pink Lady $10/bu. - $15/bu., bring container, call for appointment & picking times, Paul Ruggles, 131 Ruggles Orchard Rd., Levels, 25431; 304-492-5751.

Hay, 4x5 round bales, stored inside, net wrapped, put up in good cond., $65/bale, discount for 10+ bales. Ken Scott, 2586 Grandview Rd., Beaver, 25813; 304-573-0844; chance37@ brinkoflife.net.

Doctor 1-horse buggy, yellow & black, needs spokes repaired, $1,000/obo. William Seese, 1424 Lost Run Rd., Ellenboro, 26346; 304-869-3631.

Rabbits, pure New Zealand, white, from pedigreed prize winning blood, great for 4H projects, $50/ea. Mike Sprouse, 3061 W. Hwy. 5 W., Glenville, 26351; 304-266-7384.

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


Hay, ig. sq. bales, quality mixed grasses, easy access, never wet, $6/bale. Larry Parsons, 76 Maple Drive, Evans, 25241; 304-372-4575.


Hay, 4x5 round bales, net wrapped, $30/bale. Adam Reckart, 603 Cuzzart Rd., Bruceton Mills, 26525; 304-379-6708.


Hay, 4x4 twine rolls, intermixed grass, baled 9/22, field kept, will load pickup or trailer, $25/bale or $20/bale for all 75. Terry Lewis, P.O. Box 2, Williamsburg, 24991; 304-647-5549.


Hay, 4x5 round bales, wrapped, $45/bale. Michael Morris, 151 Morris Hollow Rd., Rosemont, 26424; 304-627-5064; 304-612-6677.

Rabbits, pure New Zealand, from pedigreed blood of prize winners, great for 4H projects, $50/ea. Mike Sprouse, 3061 W. Hwy. 5 W., Glenville, 26351; 304-266-7384.

SPRAYING
Pasture, hay, land & more with herbicide to treat weeds & brush, also spraying fert. & calcium products. Licensed, insured & experienced, $300/up.

Dennis Burns, P.O. Box 524 Rupert, WV, 304-646-2779.
November 3
Plant leeks in cold frames.

November 4
Plant short-day onions in cold frames.

November 5
Remove stakes and trellises.

November 6
Mulch carrots for winter use.

November 8
Fertilize under deciduous trees and shrubs.

November 9
Turn compost.

November 10
Water trees and shrubs thoroughly if fall has been dry.

November 11
Remove diseased plant debris from garden.

November 12
Apply lime and fertilizer according to soil test.

November 14
Harvest parsnips.

November 15
Harvest Brussels sprouts.

November 16
Mulch strawberries.

November 17
Mulch thyme plants before winter.

November 19
Mulch perennial beds.

November 21
Harvest salad greens from high tunnel.

November 22
Cut hardy chrysanthemums to 2 or 3 inches and mulch.

November 23
Mulch perennial herbs.

November 25
Fertilize houseplants.

November 26
Mulch garlic.