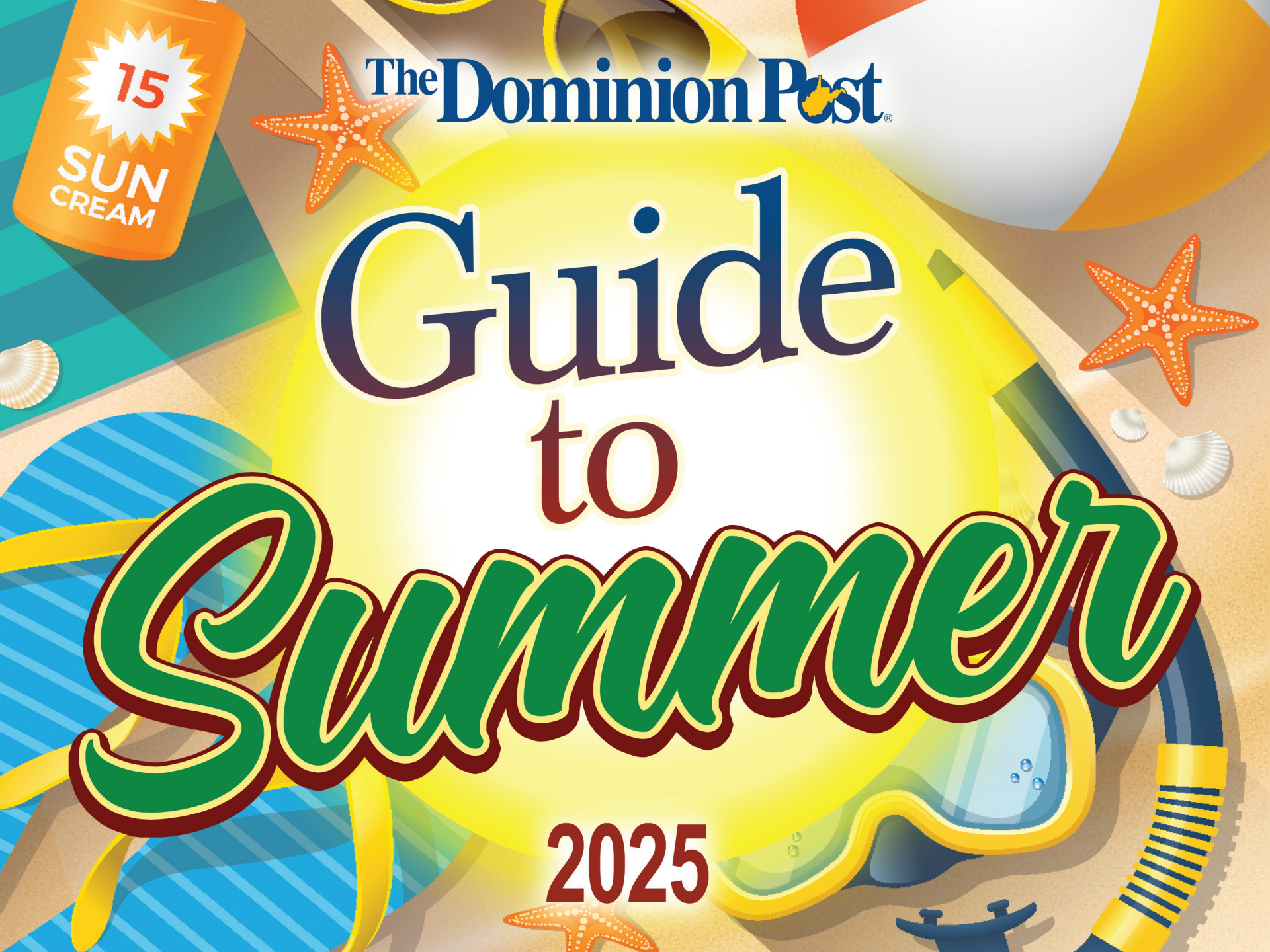




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Free fun: 2025 Ruby Summer Concert Series

BY BEN CONLEY

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MORGANTOWN — Hoobastank, Hinder, Village People.

Oh my.

The lineup for the upcoming 2025 Ruby Summer Concert Series features 12 free community concerts on Fridays from June through August. Music starts at 7 p.m.

“Summer is coming and it’s hard to believe the Ruby Summer Concert Series only started three years ago, given all the accolades and community support we have received,” Vincent Kitch, Director of the Arts and Cultural Development Department, said. “From winning Best of Morgantown every year to securing Best in Mountaineer Country and Best of West Virginia titles, our audiences have really supported the city’s efforts to provide free summer fun.”

This year’s lineup features nationally touring artists with local/regional opening acts:

- **June 6:** America’s AC/DC Tribute- Thunderstruck with The Delaneys

- **June 13:** Hinder with Gene The Werewolf

- **June 20:** Chase Matthew with Huey Mack

- **June 27:** Los Lonely Boys with Matt Mullins & The Bringdowns

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The City of Morgantown Arts and Cultural Development Department brings a variety of live musical performers to Morgantown each summer, showcasing numerous genres and musical eras in order to appeal to a wide audience.

There will be a selection of food and beverage vendors and free face painting available on-site. The amphitheater is located at 185 Garret Street, set along the banks of the Monongahela River, in Hazel Ruby McQuain Park.

“We are very proud to have over 40,000 visitors, from West Virginia and surrounding states, attend our events each year, making the Ruby Summer Concerts the crown jewel of Morgantown! Thank you to the City of Morgantown, the Hazel Ruby McQuain Charitable Trust and all our incredible sponsors and grant makers who make it possible for us to provide unmatched entertainment free to residents and visitors alike,” Kitch said.

Chairs can be set up after 5 p.m. on the day of each event. Saving seats and chairs/blankets within the seating areas is not permitted. No tents, canopies or umbrellas are allowed.

The Ruby Summer Concert Series is presented by the City of Morgantown and the Hazel Ruby McQuain Trust with support from numerous sponsors.

Sponsorship of events and programming are still available. Contact Vincent Kitch at vkitch@morgantownwv.gov or 304-284-7472 for more information.

As a reminder to the community, not all concerts and events advertised at the Ruby Amphitheater are free to attend. The community is advised to check the Ruby Amphitheater’s social media or website to verify what events are free before attending.

Event listings, park information, and more can be found on the Ruby Amphitheater website at rub-yampwv.com.



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West Virginia native Kathy Mathea and her band performs to a Morgantown audience in 2022 during the Summer Concert Series at the Ruby Amphitheater.

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Local Events



SUMMERLONG EVENTS

Summer Farmers Markets



8:30 a.m.-noon Saturdays
Morgantown Market Place
Spruce Street
Morgantown

Summer Markets offer a diverse collection of more than 20 vendors, gathering every Saturday morning from 8:30 a.m. to noon through Nov. 15 to bring the freshest produce, meats, eggs, breads and more to the Morgantown community. All of their products are grown or made within 50 miles, so you know that your purchases are supporting small family farms.



4-6 p.m. Mondays
(June through September)
Arnettsville Farmers Market
4120 Fairmont Road
Morgantown

Stop by every Monday afternoon for fresh produce and baked goods.



9-11 a.m. Saturdays beginning June 7
County Seat Farmers Markets
McGrew House lawn
111 E. Main St., Kingwood

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Summer Art Camps



The WOW Factory
University Avenue
Star City

Be creative! Get messy! Have fun! at our 2025 Summer Camps!
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AM Camp from 9 a.m.-noon

PM Camp from 1-4 p.m.
Cost is \$225/week which includes all project materials, instruction, and daily snack. A \$50 deposit is due upon registration, and the remaining balance is due on the 1st day of camp.

- June 2-6 & July 7-11: Squish Plushies
- June 9-13 & July 21-25: Swifty Society
- June 16-20: Rainbows & Unicorns
- June 23-27: Sports Superfan
- July 14-18: The Video Gamer
- July 28: Mini Mania
- Aug. 4-8: Furry Friends

Evening Yoga in the Garden



6 p.m. Wednesdays
West Virginia Botanic Garden
Tyrone Road
Morgantown

Join us in the garden for an all-levels vinyasa flow class incorporating the inspirations of nature surrounding us. This hourlong practice will teach breathing techniques to relax and build heat within our bodies, yoga postures to strengthen and lengthen our muscles and a guided relaxation to help calm the mind, body and spirit. Bring a yoga mat. All ages. \$12 for WVBG members, \$15 for non-members. Class pack of 10 is \$100 for members, \$130 for non-members.

Arts Walk



11 a.m.-3 p.m. second Saturdays
Downtown Morgantown
Historic District
Chestnut Street
Morgantown

Arts Walk will be held on the second Saturday of summer months in downtown Morgantown along High and adjacent streets: June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 12.

Stroll through downtown as local artists showcase their work and support the downtown businesses.

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Hazel Ruby McQuain Park
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Morgantown

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Preston County History Days



Third Sundays of summer months
Arthurdale Heritage*
18 Q Road, Arthurdale

Preston County History Day celebrates various aspects of life in earlier centuries, proudly restored and preserved by volunteers.

*Preston County History Day will be observed on the third Sundays at Arthurdale Heritage, open 10 a.m.-3 p.m.;

the Aurora Area Historical Society Museum, 1-4 p.m.; the McGrew House in Kingwood, 1-3 p.m.; the Head, Heart, Hands & Health Museum in Reedsville, 2-4 p.m.; the Szilagyi Center museums in Rowlesburg from 1-4 p.m.; the History House Museum in Terra Alta, 1:30-4:30 p.m.; and the Tunnelton Train Depot from 1-3 p.m.



MAY 26

158th Annual West Virginia Memorial Day Parade



10 a.m.
17 Beech Street
Grafton

For the 158th consecutive year, Grafton will host the Annual West Virginia Memorial Day Parade. Grafton is the home to the only National Cemeteries in the state with the Grafton National Cemetery being established in 1867. This annual event draws thousands of participants and patrons from all over the country as it has become a homecoming for past residents. The parade begins with a solemn division highlighting the true meaning of the holiday. The parade continues with entertainment groups that reminds us all to rejoice and celebrate the freedoms we have been afforded by the sacrifices of those who fought and died.

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MAY 31-JUNE 1

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10 a.m.-3 p.m.
290 Front St.
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JUNE 4-15

"Waitress"



Canady Creative Arts Center
Evansdale Drive
Morgantown

West Virginia Public Theatre is proud to be the first in West Virginia to premiere the award-winning musical, "Waitress." The story follows Jenna Hunterston, a waitress and expert pie-maker stuck in a small town and a loveless marriage. When a baking contest in a nearby county offers her a chance to escape, Jenna fights to reclaim a long-forgotten part of herself. Through the support of her fellow waitresses and an unexpected romance, Jenna begins to find the courage to take a long-abandoned dream off the shelf. Waitress celebrates the power of friendship, dreams, the family we choose and the beauty of a well-baked pie.

Inspired by the 2007 Adrienne Shelly film of the same name, "Waitress" features music and lyrics by Grammy Award winner Sara Bareilles and a book by acclaimed screenwriter Jessie Nelson.

Tickets for all 13 performances are available online: <https://wvuccam.universitytickets.com/?cid=174> or by calling at 304-293-TKTS.

Show dates and times:

- Wednesday, June 4 – 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, June 5 – 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, June 6 – 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 7 – 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, June 8 – 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 10 – 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 11 – 7:30 p.m.

- Thursday, June 12 – 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, June 13 – 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 14 – 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, June 15 – 2 p.m.

JUNE 6

Friday Family Walk & Craft



10 a.m.
West Virginia Botanic Garden
Tyrone Road
Morgantown

Come learn about nature and enjoy the Botanic Garden with your little ones! Join a WVBG educator for a short story, walk, and simple craft. Geared toward preschool-aged children but all are welcome. Free for WVBG members, \$15 for non-members.

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Splash Pad Opening



1-8 p.m.
Peak Health Aquatic Center
at Mylan Park
Fitness Way
Morgantown

Get your beach bags and sun hats ready! Free Play Freedom Day – Splash Pad Opening is back and better than ever! RSVP and be entered in to win a family 5 Summer Splash AND+ Play Membership to Mylan Park!

As always, the Aquatic Center will be offering FREE admission to the community pool and splash pad! Enjoy games, giveaways, a movie at dusk, food trucks and more!

JUNE 7

Pattyfest: An Old-Time Music Festival



9 a.m.
East Fairmont High School
Airport Road
Fairmont

Begun in 2002 to honor Patty Looman, PattyFest is an old-time, traditional music festival that showcases traditional Appalachian music with continuous on-stage performances, instrumental and singing workshops, informal jam sessions, an acoustic instrument, and camaraderie. The free festival gives

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JUNE 10

Life Below The Waterline



Exact time and locations TBD

Life Below The Waterline: A Freshwater Mobile Aquarium Experience will be hosted by Orsanco & Foundation for Ohio River Education from June 10 to June 12. Check out live native fish from the Ohio River and local tributaries, hands-on river science and water quality learning, and free educational fun for all ages. Mark your calendar and don't miss it!

JUNE 12-15

2025 USA Diving American Cup



Peak Health Aquatic Center at Mylan Park
Fitness Way, Morgantown

The top divers from around the world will compete in individual and synchronized diving events. Ticket holders will gain access to the competition for the day or the entire event depending on the ticket choice.

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Canaan Mountain Bike Festival



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blackwaterbicycleassociation.com/canaan-mtb-festival/

Join the Blackwater Bicycle Association for the 17th Canaan MTB Festival.

JUNE 14

Community Safety Day and Craft Sale



9 a.m.
Fresh Harvest Assembly of God
Canyon Road, Morgantown

Family Fun. Professional Safety demonstrations by local Fire, Police, Coast Guard Aux, EMT and Bicycle safety tips. Pet adoption services will be on hand and help you take a little friend home. A craft fair will feature local artisans. Crafts, plants, food, pets and tasty treats will be available at this free event.

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Morgantown Pride Block Party



noon-5 p.m.
Ruby Amphitheater
Hazel Ruby McQuain Park
Morgantown

Come celebrate PRIDE with us in 2025! Join us for an afternoon of entertainment, food, vendors, and community. This event is open to the public, and we welcome all ages to participate in Morgantown's Pride! There will be live music, drag performances, food and drink vendors, art and pride merchandise vendors, informational booths and more!

JUNE 15

West Virginia Square Dance



7 p.m.
Arthurdale Heritage
18 Q Road, Arthurdale

Celebrate the birthday of the Mountain State with a favorite WV tradition: square dancing! No admission fee or experience necessary! You're also welcome to just come and listen to live old-time music—there will be plenty of places to sit.

This square dance will be held in our outdoor event space behind Center

Hall. If it rains, we will move it inside Center Hall.

This square dance is free thanks to grant funding from Try This! WV.

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Morgantown Cars & Coffee



10 a.m.-noon.
Suncrest Towne Centre
Morgantown

Join fellow car lovers for a socialized setting full of cars, food and fun! For more information, call 304-599-2323.

JUNE 18

Appalachian Prison Book Project Community Wrapping Party



6-8 p.m.
Ascend West Virginia
1279 University Ave.
Morgantown

Join Appalachian Prison Book Project for their June community wrapping party! You'll help send books to incarcerated folks by wrapping packages, reading letters and preparing books for the mail. No experience required. All materials supplied.

JUNE 21-22

Mountaineer Open Horse Show Series



9 a.m.
WVU JW Ruby Research Farm
WVU Reedsville Farm Drive
Reedsville

WVU Collegiate Horsemen's Association and the Equine Studies program will host the Mountaineer Open Horse Show series on June 21-22, 2025 at the WVU JW Ruby Research Farm in Reedsville, WV. There is no admission fee for spectators and concessions will be available on-site. Competitors should reach out to Crystal. Smith@mail.wvu.edu or visit the equine studies social media to enter.



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JUNE 21

The Hilly Billy Roubaix



10 a.m.
Mason-Dixon Park
Buckeye Road
Core

The Hilly Billy Roubaix is a gravel cycling event that is based out of Mason-Dixon Park in western Monongalia County. It features two routes, 40 and 80 miles, of some of the best gravel and broken roads in Mon County.

JUNE 24-29

“Driving Miss Daisy”



Canady Creative Arts Center
Evansdale Drive
Morgantown

The iconic Driving Miss Daisy races on to the stage later in June.

Set in the Deep South in 1948, just before the civil rights movement, Alfred Uhry’s Pulitzer Prize-winning play follows the evolving relationship between Daisy Werthan, a wealthy, sharp-tongued Jewish widow, and Hoke, the Black chauffeur her son hires after she crashes her car. Initially marked by mistrust and prejudice, their bond deepens over 25 years into a profound friendship as they confront issues of race, class, and aging.

Tickets for all seven performances are available online: <https://wvuccam.universitytickets.com/?cid=174> or by calling at 304-293-TKTS.

JULY 4

Independence Day festivities



5-10:30 p.m.
Hazel Ruby McQuain Park
Morgantown

The park will open to the public at 5 p.m., and the festivities will kick off at 7 p.m. with food trucks, face painting, bounce houses, live music from the Jazz Ambassadors and more. Stay the whole time and you’ll have the opportunity to watch the free fireworks display, supplied by Little Big Shots, at dark (9:45-10 p.m.)! This event is presented by the City of Morgantown, Additional



sponsors for the event include Monongalia County and Visit Mountaineer Country CVB.

JULY 12-13

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WVU Reedsville Farm Drive
Reedsville

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There is no admission fee for spectators and concessions will be available on-site.

Competitors should reach out to Crys-

tal.Smith@mail.wvu.edu or visit the equine studies social media to enter.

JULY 12

New Deal Fest 2025



11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Arthurdale Heritage
18 Q Road, Arthurdale

Celebrate the rich history of Arthurdale, West Virginia’s first New Deal community, at the annual New Deal Festival. Enjoy a day filled with live music, artisan demonstrations, historic building tours, and family-friendly activities.

Highlights include a craft market featuring local artisans, antique car and tractor displays, and contests. Kids can participate in sack races, face painting, visit the petting zoo, and more.

Come by the festival and support

the preservation of Arthurdale Heritage. General admission: \$10; children \$5; 4 and under free.

JULY 19

Paint Exchange by Friends of Deckers Creek



10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Morgantown Utility Board
278 Green Bag Road
Morgantown

Recycle paint & protect our streams! The 2025 Friends of Deckers Creek Paint Exchange invites you at the Morgantown Utility Board Office to drop off or pick up cans of latex paint. Please note: oil-based paint will not be accepted. Oil-based paint can be disposed of at Morgantown Utility Board’s Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

This annual event is made possible thanks to the generous support of the Monongalia County Commission and the Morgantown Utility Board.

Questions? Email info@deckerscreek.org or call 304-292-3970.

JULY 26-27

Mountaineer Country Farm Crawl



10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Participants include:

- Turtle On A Post Farm, Middletown Road, Shinnston
- Fern Faye Farm, Marion County
- Wild Goats Farm, Terry Lane, Clarksburg
- Mountain Harvest Farm @ Owl Creek Farm, Goshen Road, Morgantown
- On Eagle’s Wings Therapeutic Horsemanship, Opekiska Ridge Road, Fairmont

What’s a Farm Crawl? It’s a weekend adventure dedicated to exploring the vibrant farming scene in Harrison, Marion and Monongalia counties.

The Mountaineer Country Farm Crawl invites families and friends to visit local farms, meet the farmers, and see firsthand where and how your food is grown.

Come enjoy farm tours, demos and hands-on activities. Farmers will share their stories, showcase their crops and livestock, and offer a behind-the-scenes

PALATINE PARK 2025

MAY 23 FRIDAY 6PM
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MAY 24 SATURDAY 6PM
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JUNE 7 SATURDAY 7PM
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JUNE 14 SATURDAY 7PM
THE FOUR HORSEMEN - A CELEBRATION OF METALLICA
EYES OF THE NILE - IRON MAIDEN TRIBUTE

JUNE 28 SATURDAY 7PM
MOON HOOCH, YAM YAM

JULY 5 SATURDAY 6PM
INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION
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JULY 12 SATURDAY 6PM
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JULY 26 SATURDAY 7PM
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AUGUST 9 SATURDAY 7PM
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Monongalia Arts Center
High Street
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MAC Bootleggers Ball, a lively evening in Monongalia Arts Center's historic downtown building will feature the Swingside Jazz Band, swing dancing, hands-on arts activities, outdoor garden party (weather permitting), games, silent auction, raffles, a selfie station, bites and cash bars with wine, prohibition era cocktails and beer. (Also, they can neither confirm nor deny whether there will be a speakeasy in the basement of the building.)

All proceeds of the \$70/ticket event support the MAC's mission to inspire creativity through art classes, exhibits and live performances in the heart of Morgantown.

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GREENE COUNTY, PA.

Rain Day promises a deluge of excitement

BY GARRETT NEESE

For the Dominion Post

At most lively summer festivals, the arrival of rain marks the point where crowds thin out and people sprint away to the nearest dry spot.

Once a year on July 29, Waynesburg is the exception.

There, rain clouds — specifically, the clouds that always seemed to erupt on one man's birthday — have drawn the nation's attention to Waynesburg, and have brought people and their umbrellas out to celebrate.

At the Fountain and College parks in the Waynesburg Commons, visitors can enjoy music, check out food and crafts vendors, compete in various contests and even get their picture taken with Rain Day's iconic mascot, Wayne Drop.

Shuttles will also run all day from the downtown business area to the parks.

Live music on two stages will keep the audience moving from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m., capped by Pittsburgh '90s covers band The Clintones. Once the tunes end, the crowd will be treated to a fireworks display.

While the full slate of events had yet to be announced, last year's festival added in children's games, bouncy houses, balloonists, puppetry, and a slew of strolling mascots.



Photo by Mike Jones

Jamie Menhart of Carmichaels escorts her 3-year-old daughter, Lettie, during the umbrella decorating contest at 2023's Rain Day Festival in Waynesburg.

The event will also be the first of many civic events presided over during the next year by that year's Miss Rain Day, crowned at a pageant earlier that week. She and the crowd will get to witness the crowning of Baby Rain Day and Little Miss Rain Drop, contests available for Greene County residents up to 13 years old.

Adding to the excitement is the umbrella decorating contest, where people compete for the most eye-catching spin on that year's themes.

Awards are also given out to recognize notable achievements.

Each year, the Jack McCracken Award is presented to a local humanitarian. And debuting this year is the Chief

Hawfield First Responder with Honor Award, given in honor of the late Timothy Hawfield, a longtime Waynesburg police chief.

Local businesses also get into the Rain Day spirit, offering discounts and decorating their windows in a bid to win the prestigious Watering Can.

The crowds soaking up the festival's excitement will be just a few blocks from where it all began.

As recounted on the Rain Day website, the first drop fell sometime in the 1870s at the JT Rogers & Co. drug store on High Street. During his regular visits to town, farmer Caleb Ely would remark to local pharmacist William Allison that it always



Photo by Mike Jones

Remmey Lohr, left, and Brenna Benke, both summer interns at First Federal Savings and Loan of Greene County, decorate the bank's window on East High Street in Waynesburg ahead of the 2023 Rain Day Festival.

seemed to rain on his birthday.

Allison was intrigued. Starting on July 29, 1874, he began keeping track, a task that was later handed down to his brother and others.

Eventually, a whole country was following along. Thanks to the efforts of local newsman John O'Hara, stories about Rain Day began popping up nationwide in the 1930s.

Slowly, Rain Day spilled out of a notebook and became a public celebration. There was a ceremony on the courthouse steps, and the debut of the "hat bet," where a luminary would place a friendly wager on whether or not it would rain that day. The first celebrity, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette sportswriter Albert Abrams, made his bet in 1939.

A flood of local, regional, and national

celebrities followed, including Bing Crosby, Mr. Rogers and Muhammad Ali (who, rather than a hat, put up a quill pen he used to compose poems, UPI reported at the time).

This year's bet is with weatherman Charles "Pye" Plasko, who's been keeping residents up to date with local forecasts on his Pye's Greene County Weather page since 2012.

The former Carmichaels resident now lives in Myrtle Beach, S.C., but plans to attend the festival, Waynesburg Mayor Lynn Bussey said when announcing the pick at May's council meeting.

Since 1979, the day has always been commemorated with a festival. First held on High Street, it recently outgrew the street and was relocated to the parks.

Ely's anecdotal "always" was backed up by

hard data. Once Allison began keeping tabs, the next sunny July 29 didn't happen until 1931, according to the Rain Day website.

It's been more mixed since then. But if your hat is on the line, it's safest to bet on rain. Since 1874, it's rained 118 times out of 151.

But in a poem sent to the Waynesburg Rain Day Committee, Plasko made a gutsy bet: No rain on July 29.

"I'll be adding a hat to my collection

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GARRETT COUNTY, MD.

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Deep Creek Lake is a major tourist attraction for Garrett County, Md., but the 100th anniversary makes this summer even more special.

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McHENRY, Md. — The year 2025 marks a full century since Deep Creek Lake, Maryland's largest freshwater body, was created by a hydroelectric dam.

Deep Creek Lake covers 3,900 acres and 65 miles of shoreline. The man-made lake got its start in 1925 as the result of an effort undertaken by the Youghiogheny Hydro Electric Corp. to harness the power of Deep Creek, a tributary of the Youghiogheny River.

Large swaths of land were purchased, a 1,300-foot-long impoundment dam was constructed to stem the flow of water in Deep Creek, and thousands of trees were removed from the area to be flooded. In addition, 15 miles of primary and secondary roads were relocated. With Deep Creek sealed off, the expectation was that at least six months would be required for the lake to fill. But, boosted by heavy rains and snowfall, the process took only a couple of months.

On May 26, 1925, the hydroelectric plant kicked into service, with water from the lake transported to the powerhouse through a 7,000-foot tunnel.

As the years passed, the area's fishing and boating prowess became well-known to visitors from Pennsylvania. Residents of the Baltimore/Washington population centers also found the area to be a convenient getaway place, especially after interstate highways were built.

Today, 1.4 million visitors each year take advantage of the limitless recreational options offered in and around the Deep Creek Lake area, creating their own Deep Creek Experience.

The physical transformation of Garrett County did not stop with the creation of the lake; it continued with the real estate and commercial development around the lake and throughout the County. Deep Creek Lake continues to shape the future development of Garrett County.

Over those 100 years, Deep Creek Lake has become a defining feature of Garrett County and developed a rich heritage that will be celebrated with a wide range of projects and events all year.

One of the biggest projects is the installation of some 20 new interpretive panels all around the lake, said Chris Nichols, who chairs the Deep Creek Lake Centennial Committee. "We will

launch an app that will allow people to track their visits to the panels," he said.

The content of the panels will include everything from scientific information to heritage facts to interesting nuggets of history, such as Albert Einstein's visit to the lake in the 1940s.

Another project associated with the anniversary is a time capsule that will contain items of interest collected throughout the year. It will be buried at the end of 2025 and unearthed at the lake's 200th anniversary.

On the events side, "we're partnering with local organizations to bring a DCL 100 theme to their events, and we'll have some standalone events, as well," Nichols said.

Events include:

June 21 — Free admission to Deep Creek Lake State Park, sponsored by the Western Garrett County State Park Volunteers.

June 21 — Recreation Fair at Deep Creek Lake State Park, sponsored by the Garrett County Health Department's Population Health, Innovation, and Informatics Unit.

June 21 — Boat parade on Deep Creek Lake. Put on by the Deep Creek Lake Lions Club, the parade will feature entries from all towns, various businesses, individuals and organizations.

July 5 — DCL100 Sailboat Regatta on Deep Creek Lake held by the Deep Creek Yacht Racing Association

July 8 — Deep Creek Lake 100th Par Tee Golf Classic

July 12-13 — Victorian Chautauqua in Mountain Lake Park featuring speaker portrayals with Deep Creek Lake connections.

July 19 — DCL100 Birthday Bash festival at the Garrett County Fairgrounds, to feature bands and music, a Kidzone, parade, craft & arts displays and sales, food vendors, contests and a special ending surprise. Noon to 10 p.m.

July 21, 2025 — Free admission to Deep Creek Lake State Park, sponsored by the Western Garrett County State Park Volunteers.

Aug. 14 — Free admission to Deep Creek Lake State Park, sponsored by the Western Garrett County State Park Volunteers.

Aug. 23 — Deep Creek Lake Centennial Gala at Wisp Resort. Roaring '20s theme with Big Band live music.

GARRETT COUNTY, MD.

Highlands Festival returns to Friendsville in June

FRIENDSVILLE, Md. — Looking for an inspiring day on the Celtic Way for the entire family? Celebrate music, dance, and Irish and Scottish traditions in the highlands of Appalachian Maryland.

The 38th-annual Garrett County Celtic Festival will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, June 7, in the Friendsville, Md., Community Park. The gate opens at 9 a.m.

Festival performers present living history, the Highland Athletic Games, Scottish Clan exhibits, field demonstrations, Pipes and Drums, Teelin Irish Dance and West Virginia Highland Dance.

Featured bands include



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Pipe & drum bands are a popular attraction of the annual Highlands Festival in Friendsville, Md.

the Seán Heely Celtic, Aurora Celtic and Clann Redmond. The popular Celtic Arts workshops are back for adults and teens. Throughout the day guests can participate in free workshops in jewelry arts, quilting, and wheat weaving, and wool waulking.

Bring the children, as the Rainbow's End park is designed for creative involvement in Celtic activities: educational games, storytelling, face painting and costumes, fairie gardens, sand art, Highland athletic competition and participation in an Irish play.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for ages 11-18, and free for children 10 and under. Tickets can be purchased in ad-

vance online or at the gate.

The Highland Festival of Garrett County Inc. is a nonprofit, volunteer organization supported by grants from the Garrett County Arts Council, the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority, Mountain Maryland: Gateway to the West, the Ruth Enlow Library, and businesses and individuals in the community. A full list of sponsors and the opportunity to support the festival is available at gccelticfestival.com/sponsors.

For more information, visit gccelticfestival.com, email gcceltfest@gmail.com or find GarrettCountyCelticFestival on Facebook.

Wisp attracts year-round crowd

McHENRY, Md. — In 70 years, the Wisp Resort at Deep Creek Lake has shifted from a winter attraction to an all-season destination.

Founded by Helmut M.G. Heise and opened in the winter of 1955, the Wisp is Maryland's only four-season downhill ski resort, and is one of the oldest ski slopes in the region south of the Northeast states that are more well-known for skiing.

During World War II, Heise envisioned a ski area in the Appalachian Mountains. After the war, he scouted potential locations and settled on Marsh Mountain near Deep Creek Lake due to its suitable elevation and consistent snowfall.

Initially, Wisp operated with rudimentary facilities, relying on natural snow and a single-rope tow. As the resort gained pop-

ularity, especially among skiers from the Pittsburgh, Baltimore and Washington, D.C., areas, Heise invested in improvements and expansions, laying the foundation for what would become a four-season destination.

Snowmaking was introduced in 1966, and during the 1970s, more than a dozen slopes were added — along with the expansion of lighting and snow-making capability — and the hotel was built at the base of the hill.

As the Wisp entered the 21st century, more than \$30 million was spent to renovate and expand the resort, especially with attractions that would draw visitors in the months with no snow on the ground.

In 2003, the lodge was expanded by 11,000 square feet, and the hotel was re-

modeled in 2016. Currently, there are 102 suites and 67 guest rooms available.

Summer visitors can enjoy their own outdoor experience in a family atmosphere — whether in the adventure park, rafting in the manmade whitewater course, ziplining in the canopy, paddleboarding on Deep Creek Lake, or taking a ride on the resort's Alpine-style downhill coaster.

Central to the summer season are the two 18-hole golf courses — Fantasy Valley and Lodestone. Fantasy Valley is perfect for a round with friends or family at the base of Wisp Resort, surrounded by mountain beauty. Lodestone is championship-level course featuring unforgettable holes, including a dramatic par-3 over a cliff.

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The camps are supported by SparkForce, industry sponsors, and local industry partners, including TC Energy and Hope Gas. This diverse industry backing highlights the need to develop skilled manufacturing talent in North Central West Virginia.

“These camps introduce students to manufacturing careers at an age when they’re just beginning to explore potential pathways,” said Kari Coffindaffer, Dean of the School of Business, Aviation & Technology. “By making these experiences fun and accessible, we’re addressing the critical workforce pipeline for our regional manufacturers while showing young people they can build rewarding careers right here in West Virginia.”

Each camp has been designed to provide age-appropriate, hands-on learning with specialized equipment and technology:

Virtual Reality Welding Camp (June 9-13): Middle school students (ages 11-14) will experience welding technology through innovative virtual reality simulators, providing a safe introduction to this high-demand skill.

Manufacturing/Mechatronics Camp (June 16-20): High school students (ages 14-17) will explore automation, robotics, and mechatronics principles while completing hands-on projects.

Beginners Welding Camp (June 23-27): High school students (ages 14-17) will learn the fundamentals of welding safety, tool identification, and precision measurement and create real



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welded projects.

Survival Networking Camp (July 7-11): High school students (ages 14-17) will master computer networking fundamentals through an engaging “zombie apocalypse” scenario in which they must rebuild digital infrastructure.

“Students don’t just learn how to use equipment—they learn how these skills translate to real careers,” said Jack Lowe, Program Coordinator for

Advanced Welding at Pierpont.

In addition to technical skills, all camps incorporate entrepreneurship education through the curriculum provided by SparkForce. Students learn how manufacturing skills can lead to business opportunities and innovative product development.

The manufacturing camps will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily at Pierpont’s campus in Fairmont. Registration is \$100 per student. Each camp is limited to 12 participants to ensure quali-

ty instruction and adequate access to equipment.

“The generous support from our industry partners allows us to provide state-of-the-art experiences at an affordable price,” added Charles Christopher, Camp Coordinator. “These companies recognize that today’s campers could be tomorrow’s skilled workforce, and they’re investing in that future.”

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From left, Darci Macur, Devra Deems and Laura Gatlitz walk on the first three miles of the Cheat River Rail-Trail.

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Cheat River Rail-Trail open to the public, but still more to come

KINGWOOD — The first three miles of the long-awaited Cheat River Rail-Trail are now available to the public.

The newly opened section starts at Friends of the Cheat's trailhead on 10922 River Road, Kingwood. It runs approximately three miles north, nestled between the Cheat River and the Cheat River Scenic Byway (River Road/W.Va. 72.)

After 25 years in the making, the trail features both crushed limestone surfaces and a paved section next to Camp Dawson's facilities. Visitors can access the trail from dawn until dusk. Parking for the trail is located at the Cheat River Trailhead, which has picnic areas, water fountains, restrooms,

and river access. No motorized vehicles are permitted on the trail.

The next phase of trail construction is underway, with WVDOT's CenForce crew actively working to rehabilitate the 430-foot trestle bridge across the Cheat River adjacent to the trailhead.

For visitors' safety and out of respect for this ongoing construction and the workers, FOC asks that people stay off the trestle bridge and the southern section of the trail. Later this year, FOC will release the contract for the construction of the southern five miles of rail-trail.

For more information on the Cheat River Rail-Trail, visit cheat.org/cheat-river-rail-trail.

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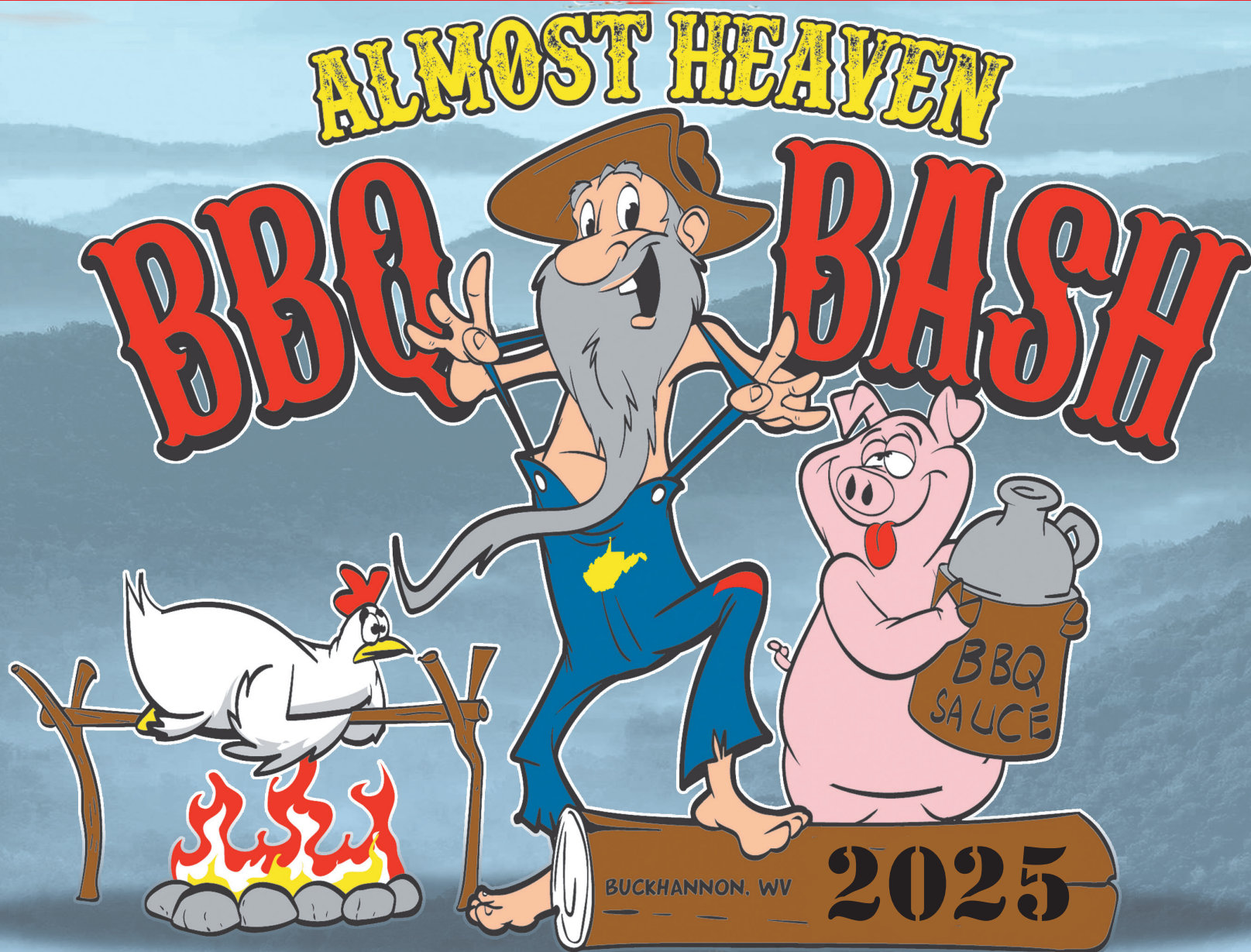
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Mountaintop Vacationland was purchased in 1971 by Morgantown industrialist J.W. Ruby. It was under his direction that the development was renamed Alpine Lake, greatly expanded, and the complete plan for a residential community drawn up.

After Ruby’s death, Alpine Lake was turned over to the property owners; the Alpine Lake Property Owners Association now manages all aspects of the community. Alpine Lake encompasses almost 2,000 acres of wooded land and 35 miles of paved roads providing easy access to nearly all of its 2,300 lots and amenities.

Alpine Lake Resort now boasts a

150-acre lake stocked with a variety of freshwater fish. There is a sandy beach and a spacious boathouse that is used for meetings, recreation, dances and cookouts. Motorized boats are not permitted on the lake — only sailboats and other forms of “man-powered” fishing or recreational boats are allowed.

The lodge houses a dining facility capable of seating 250; lounge and conference rooms, fitness center and game room and an indoor swimming pool.

The resort property offers a 35-room hotel; bocce, tennis and basketball courts; miniature golf; a driving range; and the 18-hole golf course.

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PRESTON COUNTY

Summerfest bringing family fun to Kingwood

KINGWOOD — The heart of Preston County will be buzzing with activity in mid-June as Summerfest returns to downtown Kingwood for family-friendly entertainment, shopping and community celebration.

Now in its third year, Summerfest has become a staple of Kingwood's warm-weather calendar, welcoming residents and out-of-town guests alike to enjoy the summer season in a relaxed, small-town atmosphere.

On June 13, a kick-off dance at the Kingwood Eagles will feature Jeffbi & the Fugitives. The event will be held from 8-11 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person or \$15 per couple.

June 14 will be a day filled with attractions for all ages.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., visitors

can expect local vendors, live entertainment, food trucks and children's activities throughout the day.

Hosted in the center of Kingwood's business area, the festival highlights crafters, artisans, boutiques, a kid's corner at The Inn, information booths for CASA and Mon Health Preston Memorial Hospital, a local craft beer tent, a farmers' market at McGrew House, the Split Shifters Car Show on High Street, and live entertainment featuring Bryce Nolan and Alexis Miller opening for the Clay Justice Band.

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MONONGALIA COUNTY

WVPT promises incredible stories from stage and screen in June

‘Waitress’ and ‘Driving Miss Daisy’ to run at Canady CAC

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West Virginia Public Theatre is bringing two beloved stories of the stage and screen to Morgantown this summer with “Waitress” and “Driving Miss Daisy.” Both shows will run throughout June in the Gladys G. Davis Theatre in the Canady Creative Arts Center on West Virginia University’s Evansdale Campus in Morgantown.

“Waitress” is kicking off this year’s summer season and WVPT is proud to be the first theater in West Virginia to premiere the award-winning musical!

The story follows Jenna Hunterston, an expert pie-maker stuck in a small town and a loveless marriage. When a baking contest in a nearby county offers her a chance to escape, Jenna fights to reclaim a long-forgotten part of herself. Through the support of her fellow waitresses and an unexpected romance, Jenna begins to find the courage to take a long-abandoned dream off the shelf. Waitress celebrates the power of friendship, dreams, and the family we choose and the beauty of a well-baked pie.

Inspired by the 2007 Adrienne Shelly film, “Waitress” features music and lyrics by Grammy Award winner Sara Bareilles, a book by acclaimed screenwriter Jessie Nelson and runs for 13 performances June 4 -15.

Actor Kenzie Henderson will be returning to Morgantown and taking on the lead role of Jenna.

“I’m thrilled to be return-



ing to WVPT! Coming back to a theatre and community I love, in a place I love, to play a dream role like Jenna is something I don’t take for granted,” she said. “It’s truly a gift. “Waitress” is such a special blend of humor, heart, and honesty—it’ll make you laugh, maybe tear up, and definitely leave you humming all the way home.”

Whether they are returning to the stage, or venturing to Morgantown for the first time, the professional cast and crew of every WVPT production is made up of both local talent and guest artists from all across the country.

“Dr. Pomatter is a dream role and I can’t wait to bring

this show to life with director Kelly Kitchens and our fantastic company of actors,” actor Vishal Vaidya said on making his WVPT debut and playing Jenna’s love interest, “Getting to tell this hilarious and heartwarming story in beautiful Morgantown is the cherry on top.”

Then, the iconic “Driving Miss Daisy” races on to the stage later in June.

Set in the Deep South in 1948, just before the civil rights movement, Alfred Uhry’s Pulitzer Prize-winning play follows the evolving relationship between Daisy Werthan, a wealthy, sharp-tongued Jewish widow, and Hoke, the Black chauffeur



her son hires after she crashes her car. Initially marked by mistrust and prejudice, their bond deepens over 25 years into a profound friendship as they confront issues of race, class and aging.

Another returning actor, Carol Halstead said, “I enjoyed playing the feisty Ouiser in Steel Magnolias last summer so much that I decided to come back and play the feisty Miss Daisy!”

This inspiring story later inspired the Academy Award-winning film of the same name starring Morgan Freeman and Jessica Tandy. The stage show runs for seven performances June 24 - 29.

“We love getting to put our

own spin on familiar stories,” Jerry McConigle, artistic director of WVPT said. “Whether these stories are favorites of yours or something brand new, it is a privilege to share them with such warm audiences each summer.”

Tickets for both shows can be purchased online at wvuc-ca.universitytickets.com or by calling 304-293-TKTS. General public tickets are \$30, senior citizens are \$20, children are \$15 and groups (10 or more) are \$15. The theatre offers both ADA accessibility and American Sign Language performances. West Virginia Public Theatre will work with individuals with accessibility questions.

MONONGALIA COUNTY

Morgantown Farmers Market expects another busy season



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MORGANTOWN — As summer approaches, farmers markets across Monongalia County are beginning to welcome customers once again.

The Morgantown Farmers Market has been open since the last Saturday in April and will continue operating through Nov. 15. The market runs every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

The market is designated as a producers market, meaning that all goods are sold directly by the individuals who produce them, according to Bryan Cheslok, president of the Morgantown Farmers Market Board of Directors.

“It’s a producers market, so anybody that’s selling there is the one producing the products involved,” Cheslok said.

The market is located at 400 Spruce St. in downtown Morgantown.

“The location was set by the city years ago,” Cheslok said. “It originally started at the Seneca Center and then moved to downtown in a parking lot, and then Main Street Morgantown offered to build that location specifically for the farmers market.”

In addition to his role on the board, Cheslok is also one of the vendors



BRYAN CHESLOK

who sets up at the market on Saturdays.

“It’s a good experience. All the vendors there are actually farmers, so you can have pretty good discussion with them about growing stuff,” he said. “They’re willing to help you if you’re having problems.”

Cheslok emphasized that the market also offers vendors opportunities to meet new customers and build lasting relationships with them.

The past few years have been especially successful for the market.

“The last two or three years have been record-setting years, as far as sales go. We hope that continues,” he said. “So many people are aware of the market, it does real well, and we’re just hoping that continues.”



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The Morgantown Farmers Market hopes to continue its string of successful summer seasons.



MARION COUNTY

Points of interest invite visitors to Marion County

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Marion County will take any reason for a party and throws a few staple shindigs every year. Here are some of the summer favorites in Marion County:

Mannington District Fair

The epitome of family fun, the Mannington District Fair features a grand parade, carnival rides and food, live stage entertainment, demolition derby, horse and pony pulls. The Fair will be held from Aug. 4 to Aug. 9 at 1 Bob Thorne Drive, Mannington. Tickets may be purchased at Miller's Hardward in Mannington and First Exchange Bank locations in Hundred, Fairmont and Mannington. Gate admission is \$7; children 11 and under enter for free. Parking is free.

The Fair has long been recognized as a super kind of homecoming, where old friends meet and new ones are made, a place to compete, demonstrate and display their various arts and crafts. A place for real enjoyment, for both young and old, carnival rides, good food and clean, wholesome entertainment.

Many citizens who have gone out into the world (some to make names for themselves) always seem eager to return home at Fair time.

Fairview July 4th Celebration

Enjoy old-fashioned, family, summer fun in Fairview, with a parade at 10 a.m., a community band concert, a cakewalk, games, cornhole tournament, patriotism and – most essential – a fireworks show! The



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The Hamilton Round Barn is located at 338 Flaggy Meadow Road in Mannington.

Fairview July 4th celebration has remained a longstanding tradition. The Fairview July 4th Committee, alongside the Fairview Volunteer Fire Department, is responsible for hosting the celebration. This year's festivities will showcase performances by five diverse bands, offering a range of music genres including 50s/60s classics, bluegrass, instrumental pieces, country tunes and rock music. Additionally, attendees can enjoy over 20 engaging activities throughout the day leading up to the spectacular fireworks display.

Also in Marion County, relive the frontier days in a real restored fort. Trace the steps of the past along still-standing relics. Paddle over rolling waterfalls.

What's most unique is the culture, so be sure to delve in deeper at the museums, stay to grab a pepperoni roll and explore! This is a sampling of some of the unique features of the county and the surrounding area:

West Virginia Folklife Center

Located on Squibb Wilson Boulevard on the campus of Fairmont State University, the Frank & Jane Gabor West Virginia Folklife Center is dedicated to the preservation and perpetuation of our region's rich cultural heritage. Featured here are libraries, exhibits, educational programs, festivals and performances. The Folklife Center, at 1201 Locust Ave., Fairmont, is open Monday

through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and for special events on weekends.

Coal Miner Monument

Take a walk around Mary Lou Retton Park to see the West Virginia Miners Memorial, honoring each county that lost men in mining disasters across the state. Stone structures of each county surround the statue of a "coal miner who lost his life in the mine." The monument is located at 68 Norway Loop Road, Fairmont.

Monongah Mine Memorial Bell

On Dec. 6 1907, Fairmont Federal Coal's No. 6 and No. 8 mines exploded, killing 367 men. It's considered the worst mining disaster in American

history. A bell, cast at the Marinelli Foundry in Agnone, Italy, was installed in Monongah's town square, at 430 Bridge St., to remember the central and southern Italian immigrants who died in the disaster. The bell was a gift from the region of Molise and was cast by the same foundry that produces bells for the Vatican.

Barrackville Covered Bridge

This 148-foot, single-lane bridge, was originally built in 1853 by Eli and Lemuel Chenoweth, West Virginia's pioneer bridge builders. It is an excellent example of a modified Burr truss and it is in near original condition. On April 29, 1863, it was saved from destruction during the Jones-Imboden Raid preliminary to the Battle of Fairmont. During the raid, the Ice Family, nearby mill owners and Confederate sympathizers, convinced Confederate Gen. William "Grumble" Jones to save the bridge. The bridge is located in Barrackville, off U.S. Rt. 250 N, over Buffalo Creek.

Hamilton Round Barn

Built in 1911, the barn originally served as a dairy barn and was technologically significant for its impact on farming by incorporating the first electric milking machine in Marion County. The West Augusta Historical Society maintains ownership of the barn, operating it as a museum. The museum holds a collection of antique farm equipment, a carriage, a sleigh, early mining tools and other West Virginia artifacts. During the summer, the barn, at 338 Flaggy Meadow Road, Mannington, hosts a monthly Saturday night concert. Tours of the barn and Wilson School Museum are available May – Sept Sundays 1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. or by appointment.

TUCKER COUNTY

Keeping your cool in Tucker County

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The perfect escape from mid-summer's heat is found at the top of West Virginia in Tucker County. And this is not the top as in latitude, but elevation! Canaan Valley and mountain peaks reaching as high as 4,400 feet make eastern Tucker County an oasis for cool, dry air.

As temperatures soared over 100 degrees in July all over the mid-Atlantic, on the mountain in Davis and Thomas, the mercury never went above 88. Hikers and bikers find paradise in the dense forest canopy, shaded from long sunny days.

Off the mountain, water lovers are greeted with cool water and lazy floats on the Cheat and Shavers Fork Rivers. River fun begins with Blackwater Outdoor Adventures in Saint George, West Virginia. Whether it's a tube-float or paddling sit-on-top kayaks, relief from summer's heat is never far away on the river.

Once a year runners have the ability to take on Blackwater Falls State Park under the cover of darkness during the Moonlight on the Falls Marathon. Talk about escaping the heat, nighttime temperatures typically dip into the 60's in Davis, WV. This year's event is August 23-24.

The Moonlight on the Falls Marathon, which will take place on Pendleton Point, is an approximate 6.5-mile-long looped course. Runners will have the option to run a 26.2-mile marathon, a 13.1-mile half marathon, a 6.55-mile quarter marathon, a relay and an ultramarathon distance challenge.

The internationally acclaimed Pickin' in Parsons Bluegrass Festival kicks off July 29 in Parsons, West Virginia, for five nights, until Aug. 2. The best of the best come every year to Fiver River Campground on the banks of the Shavers Fork River to celebrate friendship, bluegrass and good old-fashioned Appalachia.

Mountainside Music Series on the lawn at Canaan Valley Resort happens every Friday through Labor Day Weekend. This is a free concert open to the public from 6 – 9 p.m. at their ski resort lodge. A perfect natural amphitheater forms with the ski slope which makes for incredible acoustics and viewing. Bring chairs and a cooler! The ski-chairlift is also operating scenic rides at this time for an adventurous evening.



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A scene from a past Pickin' in Parsons Bluegrass Festival, which kicks off July 29 this year.



Map of Tucker County with pins of notable locations

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JUNE 6	Free Play Freedom Day, Peak Health Aquatic Center
JUNE 12	USA Diving American Cup, Peak Health Aquatic Center
JUNE 20	WV Cryptid: Special Edition Ladies' Night, The WOW! Factory
JUNE 21	Hilly Billy Roubaix, Mason-Dixon Historical Park
JULY	WV Farm Crawl
JULY 12	New Deal Festival, Arthurdale Heritage
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