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Renaissance Fair returns to the Greenbrier Valley

By Adam Pack

The West Virginia Renaissance Festival returns for its fourth year starting this weekend, and will run every weekend in June. This family-friendly event will bring jousting and equestrian exhibitions, medieval music, circus, comedy and sideshow performances, food and drink, games of skill, and vendors selling handmade wares.

“The West Virginia Renaissance Festival will be honoring veterans, active duty, and first responders by providing free admission to those on our opening weekend, June 4 and June 5,” states a press release. “Please bring proper identification regarding your affiliation to ensure your free admission. We thank you for your service and look forward to seeing you during our opening Pirate’s Landing theme weekend. Although not necessary, we encourage our guests to dress in either Renaissance style or as a pirate, and all pirates can participate in the costume contest at the end of day.”

Each weekend will feature a different theme, starting with pirates on June 4 and 5, followed by Celtic Crossing on June 11 and 12, Beer and Barbarians on June 18 and 19, and Bacchanalia on June 25 and 26 with togas and a masked costume contest.

Dozens of entertaining acts and artists will be appearing at the fair this year, including Onias the Mage, Galiana the Living Fountain, Equestrian Chaos, Hey Nunnie

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Collins Aerospace employees locked out amidst contract disagreement



Picket line at Collins Aerospace

By Adam Pack

A contract dispute at Collins Aerospace in Union is nearing two weeks long, with employees alleging they have been “locked out” as the two parties are yet to negotiate a deal. These employees have been demonstrating outside the Collins Aerospace campus, which is alongside U.S. Rt. 219, and have stated they are not on strike.

A statement from the United Steelworkers of America, the union which represents the employees of Collins Aerospace, reads, “USW members were looking forward to returning to the bargaining table when the company locked them out [on the morning of Monday, May 23]. Members have repeatedly asked the company to allow them to come back to work while they continue negotiations, but the company has refused. ‘Collins Aerospace must be made accountable for its decision to hold our jobs, families and community hostage over issues that should be resolved through collective bargaining,’ USW District 8 Director Larry Ray said. ‘Management needs to end this lockout immediately, return these workers to their jobs and resolve our differences at the table.’”

Meanwhile, Collins Aerospace claims that they offered employees a fair package which was refused. In a statement from Collins Aerospace’s communications desk,

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Nature’s Way

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Dry Creek Music & Arts Festival announces lineup, schedule

The weekend of June 17-18, the community is invited to celebrate the rebirth of White Sulphur Springs with a music and arts festival on Main Street. A joint production between Cross Creek Hospitality, 50 East, The Schoolhouse Hotel, and White Sulphur Springs Rotary, the weekend will include live music, art, local food, spirits, and brews, and activities for the kids.

We gather to celebrate the incredible post-flood rejuvenation of White Sulphur Springs. This rebirth is the shining example of what can be accomplished with cross-sector collaboration. With businesses, local government officials, philanthropists, and volunteers all working towards a common goal, the community has been transformed.

The weekend festival includes concerts and events as follows: Friday, June 17, The Schoolhouse Hotel is hosting their official dedication ceremony at 10 a.m. The group will celebrate the incredible transformation of the former White Sulphur Springs High School into the world’s only fully accessible boutique hotel. The property includes The Varsity Club and The Rooftop dining experiences, as well as private event rental spaces such

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The Big Draft Brewing main stage and beer garden in downtown White Sulphur Springs



The Fire Swallowing Nasty Nauticals Act



Celtic Mayehm

Memorial Day commemoration held in Monroe County



Tim Sluss, AL Post 100 Commander (center) delivers his remarks. Also pictured: Chris Johnson, Scott Womack, and Red.

American Legion Post 100 in Union hosted a Memorial Day commemoration at the Monroe County Courthouse at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 30. Approximately 40 community members gathered around the veteran’s memorial for the event that paid homage to our country’s war dead on a hot, sunny day.

After an invocation offered by Steve Ellison from Chapter 1108 of the Vietnam Veterans of America the assembled group sang the National Anthem as the James Monroe High School Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (JROTC) color guard proudly presented the colors. Red, Scott Womack’s horse, represented the fallen in the traditional military manner as a riderless horse with reversed boots in the stirrups.

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West Virginia’s Birthday Celebration

Celebrate West Virginia’s Birthday at the Williamsburg Historical Museum on the Williamsburg Road in Williamsburg. The day will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 18. Come enjoy local story-tellers, authors, tours of the Museum and demonstration of traditional crafters. The Museum Gift Shop will be open. Concessions will be available including hotdogs, cobbler with ice cream, assorted beverages and more.

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Nunnie, The Wheel of Death, and much more. Musical entertainment will be present as well, with performances expected from The Crossjacks, Coal Black Rose, Magnus and Maggie, Boom Boom Shake, Wolgemut, Valkyrik, Bad Beth and Beyond, and more.

"The festival proudly features local West Virginia brews, ciders and meads, and has food to suit any palate. Don't miss the vendor artisans selling and demonstrating handmade crafts, so come prepared to buy a souvenir for your sweetheart or a beautiful handmade piece for your home. The West Virginia Renaissance is here to stay and is looking forward to working with West Virginia vendors, such as actors, artists, crafters, specialty farm producers, musicians, and others to help showcase the amazing skills and high quality products produced by its residents."

The coolest artisans and crafters come to the West Virginia Renaissance Festival. Whether local or traveling, fine art or folk, you'll find something for all tastes and every budget. Use the list as a guide and go right to what you want, or wander around the grounds and browse. You can't go wrong! Mark Haller Glass will be providing live glass blowing demonstrations, while dozens of artisans will be plying their wares. Artisans expected are: Wyrd Armouries, Travelling Leather, American Highlander, Peasant's Corner, Dragon Smoke, Petal Ears Studio, Made by Me, Wolfsden Forge, Dragonspirations, Blackberry Botanicals, Moonstruck Maple, Phaedre's Place, Family Name History, New Ptero-

dactyl Leather, The Two Tinkers, Pepi's Puzzle Rings, Celestial Thyme, Mark Haller Glass, Starfire Swords, Swords by Alan Meek, Wooden Swords and Shields, Puck's Creations, King Richard's Flowers, North Winds Raiders and Traders, Dragon Ocarinas, O'Sullivan's Fur Shack, Pendragon Chainmaille, Wylde Hare, and Sassy Gals Gourmet Treats.

Boredom will never be close by as games and activities will dot the grounds. Games and activities booked include: Unicorn and warhorse rides, Archery, Ax throw, Knife and star throw, Knock Your Block Off!, Test of Strength, Vegetable Justice, Catapulting frogs, Darts, Castle Escape room, Maze, and Jacob's Ladder.

"Renaissance Festivals have a rich and varied history, with many dedicated followers, and have been held nationwide for more than 50 years, but this is the first to be located permanently in West Virginia," states the release. "The festival founders have spent their extensive careers being featured and working at similar events around the US, and have brought home the best for the enjoyment of West Virginians, knowing our rich mountain heritage is the perfect place to showcase a historical way of life."

The West Virginia Renaissance Festival is located on US Route 60, 8 miles west of Lewisburg. Take Exit 161 off of I-64 for easy access. Pricing is \$18 for adults, \$8 for children 6-12, and children under six enter free. Tickets can be purchased at wvrenfest.com.



Equestrian Chaos will be performing each weekend.

Memorial Day

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Next, Tim Sluss, commander of American Legion Post 100 in Union, delivered some remarks and laid a wreath at the veteran's memorial. In them he stated, "The service members we honor today came from all walks of life. Many of them didn't ask to leave their homes to fight on distant battlefields. Many didn't even volunteer. They didn't go to war because they loved fighting. They were called to be part of something bigger than themselves. Ordinary people who responded in extraordinary ways in extreme times. They rose to the Nation's call because they wanted to protect a Nation which has given them, and us, so much."



Lloyd Vest, Commander AL Rowe-Jones Post 145, with fellow Legionnaires Todd Fairchild and Melvin Miller

Lloyd Vest, commander of American Legion Rowe-Jones Post 145 in Peterstown, also delivered remarks and laid a wreath at the veteran's memorial. In his remarks he recounted the stories of two Second World War service members who perished in that conflict: William "Punch" Jones and Claude L. Rowe. The Post is named for these two selfless citizens. Lloyd's remarks included this reflection: "The impact of this ultimate sacrifice ripples through our communities. A service member's death touches more than just the lives of their loved ones and friends. When their stories are shared in our neighborhoods, our homes, our schools and our places of worship, these men and women become a part of the collective identity of our hometowns."

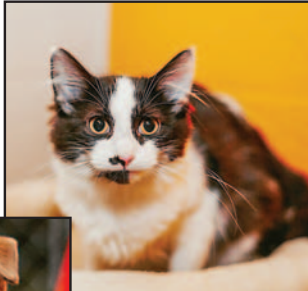
Chris Johnson, representing Beirne Chapman Camp #148 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, presented a wreath and read the poem Bivouac of the Dead. The poem, written by Theodore O'Hara in 1850, was dedicated to soldiers killed in the Mexican-American War.

Scott Womack read the first official proclamation of Memorial Day by General John A. Logan on 30 May 1868, which called upon citizens to annually decorate the graves of those killed in action. It states in part, "Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the See "Memorial Day"

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PICK OF THE LITTER

MARILYN
Marilyn is a four-month old female looking for her forever home!



BRUNO
Bruno is a one-and-a-half year old male shepherd mix and weighs 35 pounds.

These and other animals are available at the Greenbrier Humane Society, located at 151 Holiday Lane off of Rt. 60 West in Lewisburg. They are closed Sunday and Monday, and are open from 11 a.m. through 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Their cat adoption fee is \$65 and covers spay/neuter surgery, first kitty vaccinations, rabies vaccine, de-worming, toe nail trim and flea treatment.

Their dog adoption fee is \$85 and covers spay/neuter surgery, first dog vaccinations, rabies vaccine, de-worming, toe nail trim, flea bath and flea treatment.

They also offer donation-based spay/neuter vouchers, and clinics are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. They use a lot of vets in the area but the clinics fill up fast! Fill out an application to help prevent animal overpopulation! Call 304-645-4775 for more information.

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OPINION

Nature's Way

By Karen Cohen

Master Gardener/Photojournalist/Artist
Sunshine of Your Love

How does your garden grow? Mine is growing but ever so slowly. I heard other gardeners saying the same thing. Could it be our recent spell of cloudy weather and daily rain? That's a guess on my part.

Too much sun is not good but not enough is also detrimental. Plants create nutrients from the energy that sunlight gives to them. The process is called photosynthesis. We learned about this in school and I often have to remind myself that all life does best when balanced. Plants absorb sunlight through their leaves. Pretty cool, huh? Water and carbon dioxide are converted to sugar or glucose. This feeds growth and repair in the plants. Glucose in humans and animals is our body's main source of energy, too, and it is transported by our blood.

Don't you just love science and all those research geniuses who take years, even decades, to come up with these helpful and comprehensible facts!

When I bring new transplants home from the plant store or a greenhouse setting, I am careful to give them partial shade when I plant them in the ground. Sometimes I may put the plants outside until I am ready to plant on a cloudy day or late afternoon. Again, I make sure they have lots of daily shade to acclimate them gradually to the strong rays of all day sunshine. If I don't do this, they will often "faint" and keel over from heat and the leaves may curl from dehydration. Did you ever feel that way yourself from too much sun? I use a shade cloth which is just an old sheet draped over poles or stakes to form a tent. I leave the sides open for good air circulation. Shade will occur under the sheet when the sun is at its apex and for a few hours before and after. My transplants love this along with a cool drink of water every two days until the roots settle in.

Do you have a garden area which is mostly shady throughout the day? There are vegetables and flowers that thrive in the shade. Chard, spinach, lettuces, arugula, beets, and carrots actually grow better in cool soil and shade. Try a shade cloth over these crops if you notice full sun is beating down on them. Three to six hours should suffice for these. More than that and they may wilt and dry out.

The other way to achieve shade of sorts is to apply compost or straw around plants to keep the soil moist and cool. Even with sun loving peppers, tomatoes and eggplants, I pile mulch a few inches high in a circle around each of these plants. Keeping your soil from drying out is essential for strong and healthy plants.

Tomatoes prefer strong morning sunlight to dry off the dew off their leaves and prevent mildew. Good air circulation also helps, too, so don't crowd your plants. More is not always better.

Compost is the best food for plants. Work with nature rather than against it when adding fertilizer. Yes, synthetic chemicals may produce big, bushy plants but won't feed the soil microbes, worms, or other "beneficials" in your garden. Think of your garden as a force which craves clean nutrition just like you do, that's Nature's Way.

(Karen Cohen is a natural gardener and loves to explore ideas and nature. Send your comments to nature-swaykaren@gmail.com, and happy gardening!)

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Commentary

WV to receive part of \$19M settlement with Ford Motor Co.

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey announced Thursday a \$19.2 million multi-state settlement with Ford Motor Company regarding claims that Ford falsely advertised the payload capacity of model year 2011–2014 Super Duty pickup trucks.

West Virginia will receive \$231,562.73 from the settlement.

"West Virginians should be able to rely on the truthfulness of the claims that car manufacturers make in advertising," Attorney General Morrisey said. "When people bought one of these Ford cars or trucks, they put their faith in what Ford represented. But Ford falsely advertised the pickups were capable of hauling more."

The multi-state investigation looked into Ford's misleading "Best-in-Class" payload claims on its 2011-2014 Super Duty pickups, which includes the F-250, F-350 and F-450 models, a line that caters to consumers hauling and towing heavy loads.

Ford's methodology to calculate maximum payload capacity for advertising purposes was allegedly based on a hypothetical truck configuration that omitted standard items such as the spare wheel, tire and jack, center flow console (replacing it with a mini console), and radio. Although advertised as available to all customers, only fleet customers could order the special configuration.

The settlement also resolved claims that Ford falsely advertised the real-world fuel economy of model year 2013-2014 C-Max hybrids.

Attorney General Morrisey joined this settlement along with his counterparts from 41 other states.

Commentary

PSC officers making our highways safe

By PSC Chair Charlotte Lane

Whenever you see a large truck pulled over to the side of the interstate or the turnpike, you probably see a silver law enforcement cruiser behind it. The officer driving that cruiser is one of the Public Service Commission Enforcement Officers. They patrol West Virginia's highways in search of commercial motor vehicles, such as semis and buses that are not operating safely.

All our officers complete a 16-week training class at the West Virginia State Police Academy and are trained in the use of firearms. They are also required to pass mandatory psychological evaluations before they can be hired. Many of our officers are former municipal police officers, State Troopers or military personnel. Some studied criminal justice in college. But every single one of them is a trained and certified law enforcement officer for the State of West Virginia.

PSC officers focus primarily on ensuring that commercial motor vehicles and drivers are in compliance with the federal and state regulations that keep our roadways safe. Officers conduct inspections, issue warnings and tickets and, when necessary, place drivers and vehicles out of service until the problems are corrected. However, they must also be prepared to deal with the same types of situations any other law enforcement officer might encounter.

At the end of his shift at the PSC weigh station in Winfield recently, one of our officers noticed a truck that, rather than pulling into the weigh station as it was required to do, kept heading down I-64. Our officer gave chase and when he pulled the truck over discovered three large boxes containing over 100 pounds of marijuana.

Our officers have rescued human trafficking victims and disarmed angry drivers. They have responded to domestic disturbance calls that happen within the con-

Commentary

WV working to reverse veterinarian shortage

By Kent A. Leonhardt
West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture

During the pandemic, folks hunkered down and avoided social settings to stop the spread of the covid virus. As they avoided their friends and families, they sought out other types of companionship, household pets. Over the last two years, pet ownership rose as much as 70%, increasing the need for veterinarians of all types. This has created a workforce crisis within the animal care industry. Even before the pandemic, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the need for veterinarians nationwide would increase 16%. This has compounded the national shortage for veterinary services, especially within our farming communities. In West Virginia, we have felt this shortage for many years, especially those doctors and technicians who specialize in large animals.

As demand increases for household pets, we have seen many dual practice veterinarians drop the less profitable farm animal side of their practice for the household pet care business. Part of this equation is the national decline in dairy farms which were a mainstay for large animal practices. As the balance shifts away from large animal veterinarian care, it decreases access to services for all farmers, which creates another hinderance to growing animal-based agriculture in West Virginia. A safe, reliable food system falls on the shoulders of our veterinarian capacity. If we are going to work towards building local resiliency, we will need many more animal care professionals.

These professionals' services are not isolated to just animal care, as most veterinarians have training in public health. The reason is many animal diseases can be transmitted to humans, so it is vital veterinarians understand the risk to human caretakers. WVDA Veterinarians worked closely with public health officials during the early stages of the COVID-19 outbreak as some cats and dogs showed symptoms. These animals were tested to ensure the spread wasn't a risk to our animal populations as well as those who oversee shelters and humane societies. Being sure they weren't infected was better than leaving it to chance, especially in the early, low-knowledge phase of the pandemic.

Here at the West Virginia Department of Agriculture we employ five full-time veterinarians. They work with colleagues around the state to create best practices as well as answer questions from the public. These folks are also on the front line, protecting our livestock industries by monitoring animal disease outbreaks. They are the ones overseeing emergency action plans and working with the industry to enhance biosecurity throughout West Virginia. From avian influenza to chronic wasting disease to African swine fever, these WVDA staffers show the importance these licensed professionals play in West Virginia.

I am pleased that the legislature has taken up the discussion of how we best address the shortages of veterinary medicine. With the abundance of funding from numerous federal sources, now may be the right time to address this critical shortage. We should embrace new technology such as tele-veterinary medicine in combinations with veterinary technicians for on-farm care. Any discussion that tries to tackle this issue must include veterinary technician programs as they may be a cost-effective way to move forward. I am proud of the work my staff is doing with WV State University and West Virginia University Davis College in a collaboration to build a four-year Food Animal Veterinary Technology Program.

Whatever the solution may be, we must act now before this problem has severe effects on our quality of life in West Virginia. For many of us, our animals are important parts of our families. For West Virginia's local food systems to grow, we need to expand these services to our farmers. I applaud our Legislature for taking the time to see how we tackle these problems and move the industry forward. My hope is we can find cost effective means to increase the necessary veterinary services to keep our food supply safe.

Commentary

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Sit under trees next to the reflection pool enjoying food from Amy's Cakes & Cones, Boot Strap Farms, Corn + Flour, Edith's, the French Goat, Hill & Holler, and much more. There will be a cash bar available.

A silent auction will include a rafting trip for 2 from New and Gauley Adventures, a Sleigh Ride for 2 from Autumn Breeze Stables, a Restaurant & Entertainment package, local art, and more.

Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$35 at the door. You can purchase tickets through trilliumperformingarts.org or from a Trillium board member. For more information call 304-645-3003.



First Fridays After Five continues June 3

Downtown Lewisburg kicks off summer with First Fridays After Five on Friday, June 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. Enjoy live music, meet talented artists, catch late evening shopping deals and have a refreshment or two, all free to the public. Everyone is welcome!

Live Music will be performed in the **Greenspace** by the very talented Jim Snyder.

Peoples Bank started as a community bank on Feb. 6, 1902, making this year our 120th Birthday! As part of the celebration, Peoples Bank is giving back with 120 Acts of Kindness in the communities in which we serve. Come celebrate with us at our Downtown Lewisburg branch as part of the First Friday event on June 3! We will have a beverage-themed gift basket for raffle! (1085 Washington St E 304-645-4530)

Bella the Corner Gourmet is sampling California Chardonnay & Cabernet Sauvignon from Vineyard Origins. As always, a delish platter of gourmet goodies will swirl around, too. There may even be a surprise bubbly for the celebratory crowd! (Questions? 304-520-4921/1017 Washington Street E / @Bella-GourmetWV)

Happy First FriGAY of Pride Month! **CountySeat Arts and Music** is excited to host an opening for artist Kelsie Tyson. Drop by for the sassy, sometimes, classy, always fantastic WV art, stay for the always sassy and charming Kelsie! 5:30-7:30 (848 Court Street next to Merry Weathers, 304-405-6045)

Wolf Creek is excited to be showing handmade leather bags by Ron Swanburg. Ron is a peer



and self taught leather-smith initially making and marketing his craft for Michigan arts and craft shows. He moved to West Virginia in '74 and found home and a climate of respect for hand-made craft with a willingness to support it. All his leathers are cow hide and hand stitched. And the designs are traditional or uniquely his own. (967 Washington Street 304-645-5270)

The Briergarten is offering small \$1 servings of B3 - Briergarten Birthday Brew's. (121 Stratton Alley, 304-520-4039)

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The Shoe Box is offering up a sweet GIFT with any TEVA purchase! Grab some sandals for the entire family, and receive a gift with purchase! (847 N Court St, 681-318-3377)

Little Black Box Bra

Boutique continues to celebrate its 15th Anniversary with a First Fridays Deal: 15% Off any purchase of \$100 or more. (818 Jefferson St S 304-645-6646)

Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Central will be featuring the Family Refuge Center to promote their event on June 11 "WoMen's Night Out." A night of food, fun, and philanthropy as they raise funds and awareness to eliminate domestic and sexual violence in our communities. Refreshments will be served to those joining us. Office contact: Albany Byers,

Linda Rodgers, (1018 E Washington Street, 304-645-6633)

Stop by **The Greenbrier Valley Visitors Center** to view our June "Art in the Valley" series which features two unique art shows. In the Gallery, local artist Margaret Golden presents her show titled "My Home Among the Hills", a collection of watercolor, acrylic, and digital paintings highlighted by the addition of two felt pieces created by her daughter, Sara. Hailing from Pocahontas County, Peggy Owens' colorful show will be displayed in the Art Alcove. Peggy's exhibit features glass mosaics, acrylics, fused glass pieces, photography, and mixed media. You won't want to miss this eclectic show titled "ADHD Meets AARP"! She has two rules: "1) Never again follow rules and 2) Don't do anything that's not fun!" Music throughout the evening will be performed by G.R.O.U.P., a local ukulele band. And be sure to get your Rubber Ducky tickets and find out about the upcoming Ronceverte River Festival.

Members of local Garden Clubs will also be on hand with quilt raffle tickets and info on the June 11, 2022 Greenbrier Valley Home and Garden Tour. (905 Washington Street W 304-645-1000)

Stop by **Patina** for Live Celtic music by Patrick O'Flaherty along with complimentary drinks and Girl Scout cookies. (1046 Washington Street E, 520-4960)

Seldom Free will play on **Hill & Holler's** stage from 7 to 9 p.m. Come tap your feet while you eat delicious pizza and mouth-watering wings! (970 North Jefferson Street, 304-647-4429)

Finish off your evening at **The Asylum** with Thomas Taylor Band! (399 Randolph Street East, 681-318-3515)

First Fridays is sponsored by City National Bank and the Shops & Restaurants of Downtown Lewisburg. For more information check us out online at visitlewisburgwv.com or facebook.com/firstfridaysafter5 or [instagram.com/firstfriday-safter5](https://www.instagram.com/firstfriday-safter5) or call 304-645-6646.

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Dear Recycle Lady,

Dear Recycle Lady,
Yesterday I opened an 80% chocolate bar and the aluminum foil wrapping the chocolate was silver on the inside and gold on the outside. Is colored aluminum foil recyclable?

Love Chocolate

Dear Love Chocolate,
Aluminum foil of any color will recycle. Just be sure it is clean and dry. You may need to combine it with several other pieces of aluminum foil to have a larger ball, one that is large enough that it won't fall out during processing. Interestingly, there is no difference between the shiny side and the dull side of aluminum. It is manufactured that way and has no special significance.

Dear Recycle Lady,

What is the difference between compost and mulch? I thought they both encouraged plant growth.

Weekend Gardner

Dear Weekend Gardner,

Compost and mulch both do encourage plant growth, but in different ways. Compost is your garden's best friend. It is made up of decomposing organic matter, such as leaves, kitchen scraps, and grass clippings, all of which are rich in nutrients that feed your garden. Mulch is made up of both organic, such as leaves and grass clippings and inorganic matter, such as straw, recycled rubber, gravel, crushed seashells, or nut shells. Mulch helps soil retain moisture and limits weed growth. Compost is mixed into your soil, while mulch is spread on top of the soil. Another difference is that compost is made of organic matter that has decomposed and mulch is made of inorganic matter that has not decomposed. Both compost and mulch are used by gardeners to have healthy plants. To make

things confusing, compost can sometimes be used as mulch and mulch can sometimes be used as compost. The website, www.installitdirect.com/learn/mulch-vs-compost gives some excellent information on both compost and mulch.

Dear Recycle Lady,

Can used alcohol wipes be recycled after they have dried out?

Clean My Glasses

Dear Clean My Glasses

Alcohol wipes, or wet wipes, including baby wipes, moist towelettes, and all single-use moist paper products used for personal hygiene or household cleaning, are all made from synthetic fibers that keep them from being recyclable or compostable. While they are very convenient, 1.2 billion of them are used

daily, they are harmful for the environment. In a landfill, these wipes take hundreds of years to fully break down. Congealed masses that block drains and clog sewer systems can be formed by these wipes. Thus, wet wipes should never be thrown in toilets, even those that are advertised as being flushable, as wet wipes don't disintegrate in the same way that toilet paper does. According to earth911.com, wastewater officials everywhere have contested disposing of wet wipes of any kind into sewer systems. Used wet wipes tossed into the environment can find their way into our waterways and can be fatal for marine animals as the wipes settle in their stomach, leading to starvation. Who knew that these small, handy, convenient go-to wipes would become a leading



environmental pollutant?

Good News: Chile's legislature has unanimously passed a plastic regulation law that will reduce the country's plastic waste by more than 23,000 tons every year! The new law targets single-use plastics in the food industry and introduces a certification for compostable plastics, among other things. (fto.com)

Have questions about recycling, or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests to recyclelady@greenbrier-swa.com. Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.

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Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Stupid
ANNIE

Snatched
ELTONS

Apparel
TRASHED

Cold
TWINER

He has his father's _____

TODAY'S WORD

Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 Statesman Kefauver
6 Psi follower
11 Very top
15 "Dancing Queen" quartet
19 Political muscle
20 Plain — (obvious)
21 You, to a Quaker
22 — rock (70s genre)
23 "... the Sorcerer's Stone," "... the Chamber of Secrets," etc.
26 Carpentry file
27 Mr. Chips player Peter
28 Desert of the Southwest
29 Harm's way
30 Fashion line?
32 Solon of Athens, Thales of Miletus, etc.
35 "Casino Royale" actress Green
38 Director Howard
40 Sinusitis-treating doc

41 Bullring cries
42 Hawikuh, Cibola, etc.
47 Since Hector was —
48 Lilt syllable
51 Allow access to
52 Stole third, perhaps
53 Rhine tributary
55 Adorable sorts
57 Like tornado winds
59 WWII prez
61 C1, C2, etc.
63 Mao — tung
64 "Beetle Bailey" dog
67 Hope that one may
69 Uber rival
70 Great
77 Heavenly
78 Gin fruit
79 Paranormal skill, in brief
82 "Infant," "whining school-boy," etc.
85 Albeit, for short
87 Boxer's combo

89 Singer Franklin
90 Photo badges, e.g.
92 Rockies ruminants
95 Diarist Nin
96 "My Gal —"
97 — Mawr, Pennsylvania
99 Envy, gluttony, etc.
102 Trilogy, often
103 Furious
104 Little peeve
105 See 25-Down
106 Red, orange, etc.
112 Barber's sprinkle-on
115 Jetson tyke
116 Criticize petulantly
118 "Eh Cumpari" singer Julius
122 Petri dish
123 100-meter hurdles, high jump, etc.
126 Romantic outing
127 Provo's state
128 "... his wife could — lean"
129 Justice Dept. employees
130 Plum pit, e.g.
131 Makes illegal
132 Acting Buddy

133 Number of items in each set featured in this puzzle

DOWN

1 Imitate
2 Shutter strip
3 Bullring bull
4 Italian coins
5 Shag or bob
6 Siouan language
7 Witty sayings
8 These, in Acapulco
9 Actress Davis
10 Extremely light porous solid
11 Words before clinking glasses
12 45 player
13 "A mouse!"
14 Marks, as a ballot
15 Consents (to)
16 Bugle noise
17 Elementary
18 Abundant
24 Anjou and Bosc
25 With 105-Across, singer of the 1960 #1 hit "I'm Sorry"
29 Before printing, for short
31 Bovine noises
33 Dandy guy
34 "Orfeo ed Euridice" composer
35 Brilliant success
36 Looks at
37 Driving a car
39 Browns' org.
43 Third of IX
44 2002 scandal company
45 PC pic file
46 Rated most likely to win
47 Sharp range ridges
48 Minutia
49 Moray milieu
50 The "A" of PDA: Abbr.
54 Sacred Egyptian cross
56 Cost to cross
58 Brit's "Inc."
60 Size again
62 Hood for a monk
65 Be rife (with)
66 Consecrate
68 Acid artisan
71 Hops kiln
72 FedEx, say
73 Hugs, in a billet-doux
74 Of kidneys
75 Actor Lukas
76 Indian tourist city
80 Sty dwellers
81 Sheriff's band
83 "Wow!"
84 Partner of Wells
86 Outmoded
88 USN jr. officer
91 Justice Antonin
93 Family
94 Sulky mood
98 Veer, as a ship
100 Many an orphan, in time
101 "Therein lies —"
102 Sawed logs
103 12 in a year
106 Digests a digest, say
107 Pool film
108 Furious
109 Channel airing hearings
110 Detox place
111 Epsom —
113 Molten flows
114 Minos' island
117 Musical pitch
119 "As seen —"
120 Eye affliction
121 The "A" of PGA: Abbr.
123 Nerve center
124 JFK guess
125 Dijon denial

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PUZZLE ANSWERS PAGE 5

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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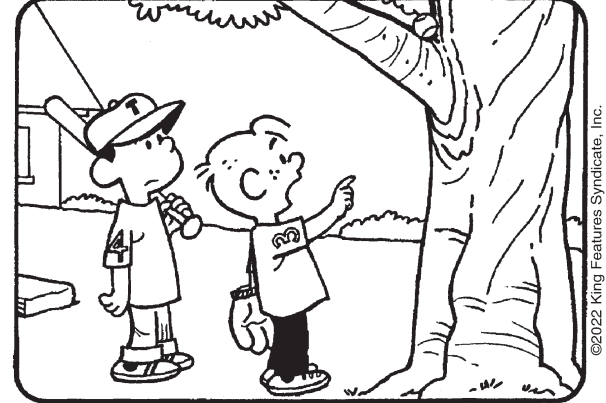
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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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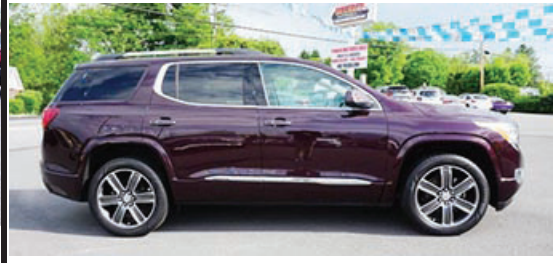


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