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Don't Forget!

WEDNESDAYS: Augusta's Pickin' in the Park Jam sessions open to all, 7-10p.
Elkins City Park (see *Ongoing*) FREE

FRIDAYS: Lascaux Micro-Theater Art & foreign films, Buckhannon.
Showtime: 7:30p. Info: 304-473-1818

FRIDAYS 7/16-8/13: Augusta Dances in Outdoor Pavilion, D&E College rear campus, Elkins. Adm. $5. Tu/Th dances will begin after concerts (no xtra charge w/ concert adm); Info: 304- 637-1209 / augustaheritage.com

SATURDAYS: Cass Scenic Railroad features *Fiddles & Vittles* Dinner Train with live bluegrass & old-time music. Departs 5p. Info: cassrailroad.com / 304-456-4300

WEEKENDS: Purple Fiddle Live music stage & cafe, Front St. in Thomas.
wwww.purplefiddle.com / 304-463-4040. (see Live Music Venues for direct link)

July 2, 9, 16 & 30 **Refuge Artists Assembly** 1:00 - 3:00 pm Fridays, meet at the Refuge Visitor Center, carpool to a favorite spot. Join this gathering of artists to explore and capture in art the beauty of the Refuge. A time for camaraderie, sharing and encouragement. Bring your own art supplies. (also held Fridays in August)

2 **CASS SCENIC RAILROAD** presents interactive Murder Mystery on board a train ride to Whittaker Station. Includes dinner & family-friendly murder mystery. Reserv. Required: 304-456-4300 / cassrailroad.com

2 **ELKINS CAR SHOW, COUNTRY MUSIC SHOWDOWN & FIREWORKS**
Elkins-Randolph County Chamber of Commerce hosts the Mtn. State Street Machines Car Show on Fri, July 2. Cars will arrive between 5-9p and be in Elkins City Park thru Sunday. Also, Colgate Country Music Showdown 7-9p. (Fireworks at dark) in the Elkins Town Square behind train depot. Bring blankets, lawnchairs. Concessions available. Info: 304-636-2717

2 – 4 **WINDFEST** at Canaan Valley Resort State Park. Fun for the whole family with Wings over Washington Kite Club. Kite flying demos, construction workshops & more. Lodging/Information: canaanresort.com / 304-866-4121

2 – 4 **Mountain State Brewing Company's BREW & MUSIC FEST** $40 weekend pkg. or individual tix will be sold. Happy Hours 5p-7p Fri-Sun w/ $2 pints. 7/2: *The Half Time String Band* @8p; *Larry Keel & Natural Bridge* @ 9p., $15 single night. 7/3: Pub opens at 1p. 5-8pm Dinner & Music w/ *Pam Roberts.*
At dark, Thomas Mountaineer Days FIREWORKS. 10 p. Boot Stompin' Country w/ *Floyd Cowger* $7. 7/4:Pub opens at 1pm. 8pm:*Mike Morningstar and Rick Roberts*; 9pm: *New Riders of the Purple Sage* w/ original members David Nelson and Buddy Cage / $25 cover. Info: mountainstatebrewing.com / 304-463-4500

3 **BARBOUR COUNTY'S ANNUAL SALUTE TO THE TROOPS** at Barbour Co. Fairgrounds. Gates open 3:30p. for food, games, entertainment, contests. 6p.: Veterans Ceremony followed by Fireworks at dark! Free admission & parking, contributions welcome. Info: 304-457-1958

3 **TUCKER COUNTY CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS** presents the *WHEELING SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA* performing in the natural outdoor amphitheatre at Canaan Valley Ski area. Bring blankets, lawn chairs for seating. Sponsored by Tucker Co. Alpine Festival Assoc & Canaan Valley Resort. FREE Info: canaanvalley.org or canaanresort.com / 800-782-2775

3 **UPSHUR COUNTY FIREWORKS** at Buckhannon-Upshur High School sponsored by Strawberry Festival. $5/carload to park. Start at dark. (Raindate: 7/10)

3 **HELVETIA 1ST SATURDAY SQUARE DANCE & CAKEWALK** starts 8p. at Community Hall in Helvetia. (Randolph Co.) Adults/$5; Under 12/$2.

3 – 4 **SENECA ROCKS DISCOVERY CENTER** (Pendleton Co.) Basket-making & Broom-making demos. SAT 1-4p: live music by *Bear Hills Bluegrass* and Sites Homestead will host an old-fashioned Independence Day Gathering from Noon-4p. All FREE & open to public. Junction of Rts. 33,55, & 28. Info: 567-2827

4 **BRAZENHEAD INN BLUEGRASS WKEND** featuring the award-winning band *"No One You Know"* Sunday afternoon concert 3-5p. in outdoor pavilion. Festival seating – bring blankets or lawn chairs. NO pets! Rt. 219 S. between Valley Head & Snowshoe. Info/lodging reserv: 304-339-6917/brazenheadinn.com

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8 **BLACKWATER FALLS STATE PARK** hosts *Three Rivers Avian Center* with live birds of prey native to WV. No charge for this educational program at Blackwater Lodge Conference Ctr. Info: blackwaterfalls.com / 304-259-5216

8 – 11 **PIONEER DAYS** Big Street Festival in downtown Marlinton: arts & crafts, live bands; Firemen's Parade & Feature Parade & lots more!
Info: pocahontascountywv.com / 800-336-7009

8 – 12 **POCAHONTAS COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL *Pioneer Days Art Exhibit*** at McClintic Public Library in Marlinton: Fine Art, Photography, Quilts, Flowers. Info: 304-799-6000

9 – 10 **TIMBERLINE SUMMER CELTIC MUSIC WKEND** Enjoy traditional Irish songs & tunes by featured local artists *Pete Tenney & Blaine Stevens*, appearing Fri & Sat. eves. in Fireside Grill & Timbers Pub. Info: 800-766-9464 / timberlineresort.com

10 **MID SUMMER WALK BETWEEN THE PARKS** (Tucker Co.) Enjoy an 8 mile guided hike between Blackwater Falls & Canaan Valley State Parks along Canaan Mountain. (shuttle back to cars) Registration/fee required. (304) 866-4121 ext. 2688 www.canaanresort.com

10 **LAVENDER FAIR** at La Paix Herb Farm near Alum Bridge (west of Weston on Rt Enjoy a stroll through this unique herb farm & a luncheon catered by Chef Dale Hawkins. Choose from several workshops on herbal medicine, edible wild plants & mushrooms, growing & distilling lavender & making herbal soaps & wands. Pre-regist required: lapaixherbfarmproducts.com / 304-269-7681

11 **QUILTERS AT HEART OUTDOOR QUILT SHOW** from 2-6 p.m. at the Elizabeth "Binky" Poundstone River Walk in Buckhannon. Rain date: Sunday, July 18, same time and place. Anyone may contribute a quilt. Contact Vicki Phillips, 304-439-5245, for more information.

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13 & 15 **AUGUSTA HERITAGE TU & TH CONCERTS** featuring Cajun, Creole & Early Country music. 8p. in Harper-McNeely Auditorium, D&E College, Elkins. $10/$8. Cajun/Zydeco dance follows in Outdoor Pavilion both nights.Craft Showcase precedes Thurs. concert at 6:30p. info: 304-637-1209 / www.augustaheritage.com

16 – 18 **BATTLE OF LAUREL HILL RE-ENACTMENT** features 3 days of exciting activities in Barbour Co. including **Belington Homecoming** on Sat. Schedule of events: www.battleoflaurel hill.org or call 823-3327

16 – 18 **SPIRIT IN THE VALLEY CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL** at Canaan Valley Resort State Park (Tucker Co). 3 day concert event featuring a variety of Christ centered music (Southern Gospel, Bluegrass, Inspirational Contemporary, & Country). Tix: 3 Day Advance $15; At Door: $20; Saturday only $10. *Children ages 12 – under, free with parents. Info/Tix: 304-614-3593.
Call 800-622-4121 or visit www.canaanresort.com for lodging pkgs.

16 – 18_ **UPSHUR COUNTY FAIR** Crafts, exhibits, food & more! All in Rock Cave, Rt. 20 S. of Buckhannon. Info: geocities.com/upshurcountyfair / 304-924-5178

17 **MID-SUMMER BIRD WALK** meet 7a. at the CV Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, Rt. 32 in Canaan Valley (Tucker Co.) Bring drinking water & binocs. Info: 304-866-3858 / fws.gov/ canaanvalley

17 **SENECA ROCKS DISCOVERY CENTER** (Pendleton Co.) features artists John & Titi Ferguson demonstrating watercolor painting & stained glass. Also, at Sites Homestead, Dave Savage w/ dulcimer & storytelling 1-4p. Junction of Rts 33, 55 & 28. Info: 304- 567-2827

17 ***HONEYMOON DISPATCH*** **MURDER MYSTERY TRAIN** Enjoy an interactive murder mystery during dinner on the Mountain Explorer, departing Elkins at 5p. Reserv. Required: 1-877-MTN-RAIL / mountainrail.com

17 **VALLEY VIBES** 7 pm at Canaan Valley Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, Rt. 32, Tucker County. Info: 304- 866-3858 / fws.gov/ canaanvalley

17 ***COOL JAZZ on a HOT SUMMER NIGHT*** The WV Jazz Society invites you to Weston for an evening performance by *Appalachian Jazz Project*. $35 includes dinner (provided by *Thyme Bistro*) BYOB. Doors Open 6:30p; Dinner at 7p; Music at 8p. St. Paul's West Hall, 206 2nd St. in Weston. Info: 304-269-4030

18 **WHAT'S BLOOMING ON THE REFUGE?** Wildflower Walk meets 2p. at CV Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, led by Master Naturalist Volunteers. Bring your own water. Rt. 32, Canaan Valley (Tucker Co.) Info: 304-866-3858 / fws.gov/canaanvalley

20 & 22 **AUGUSTA HERITAGE TU & TH CONCERTS** Blues & Guitar performances by renowned musicians. 8p. in Harper-McNeely Auditorium, D&E College, Elkins. $10/$8. Blues dance follows in Outdoor Pavilion both nights. Craft Showcase precedes Thurs. concert at 6:30p. 304- 637-1209 / augustaheritage.com

20 – 24 **LEWIS COUNTY FAIR** Held at WVU Jackson's Mill Airstrip. Exit 99 off I-79, then US 33 West into Weston, and turn North on US 19 to Jacksons Mill Road, and follow signs. Admission: "One Low Price" - $8/person, for all fair events including rides. Info: Lewiscountyfair.com / 304-269-7328 or 800-296-7329

21 **RCCAC & DAVIS TRUST CO. BROWN BAG LUNCH CONCERT** 3rd Wed of each month. Bring your lunch & enjoy live music by *The Ginsangers.* Noon-1pm, Randolph County Community Arts Center, Randolph Ave. & Park St., Elkins. Info: randolpharts.org / 304-637-2355. FREE

22 **BLACKWATER FALLS STATE PARK** presents *Squaredancing w/ Lou Maiuri*. Learn some old-fashioned dances – fun for all ages! Info: 304-259-5216

24 **CANAAN CULINARY UNIVERSITY – MEDITERRANEAN CUISINE** at Canaan Valley Resort State Park (Tucker Co.). Resort Executive Chef Nemat Odeh will teach you the secrets to cooking fine cuisine. A variety of Mediterranean entrees will be covered, wine included w/ meal. Participants receive all recipes. Class: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.; $50 fee - Pre-registration required: 304-866-4121 x2652 www.canaanresort.com

24 **SENECA ROCKS DISCOVERY CENTER** (Pendleton Co.) features live music by *Wendell Nelson & Friends*. At Sites Homestead, a Quilting Bee from 1-4pm. All programs FREE & open to public. Junction of Rts 33, 55 & 28. Info: 304- 567-2827

24 **RIVERSIDE BLUES FEST** 2nd Annual fundraising Blues Fest to help renovate Riverside School on River Street in Elkins. 11a-9p. Food, Exhibits, Music by *Nat Reese, Dennis McClung Band, Freddye & the Blue Faze, Maria Woodford, Sam Lamont, Ian Walters & Friends*. Tix: $15 available at Mainline Books, Good Energy Foods, Victorian Emporium. Info: 304-591-4494

24 – 25 **BEVERLY HERITAGE DAYS** Living history & period demonstrations, 1800's heritage music, food, kids' activites & more! All in the town of Beverly, Rt. 219 South of Elkins. Info: richmountain.org / 304- 637-7424

24 – 31 **BEVERLY FIREMEN'S FESTIVAL** parade, cake walk & ice cream social, arts & crafts, chicken BBQ, horseshoe pitching, pet show, Miss Flame contest, country music show & fireworks (Look for schedules in Beverly & Elkins stores) Info: 304-636-5380 or 636-5032

25 – Aug. 1st **COWEN HISTORICAL RAILROAD FESTIVAL** features pageants, Train Show, Railroad Exhibit, Parade, Arts & Crafts, Flower show, Gospel Sing & Firemen's Rodeo! At Baseball field behind Quick Mart & along Main Street, Cowen (Webster Co.) Rt.20 S. of Webster Springs. Info: 304-226-5682

26 **POCAHONTAS CO. OPERA HOUSE** presents "*Appalachian Voices"* comprised of a talented musical trio raising public awareness about Mountaintop Removal coal mining. Showtime: 7:30pm. at the Opera House, 3rd Ave. in Marlinton. Accessible to persons w/ disabilities.
Info: pocahontasoperahouse.org / 304-799-6645

27 & 29 **AUGUSTA HERITAGE TU & TH CONCERTS** Irish/Celtic music at 8p. in Harper-McNeely Auditorium, D&E College, Elkins. $10/$8. Ceilhi & Contra dancing follows in Outdoor Pavilion both nights. Craft Showcase precedes Thurs. concert at 6:30p. 637-1209 or www.augustaheritage.com

30 **CASS SCENIC RAILROAD** presents live interactive Murder Mystery on board a train ride to Whittaker Station. Includes dinner & family-friendly murder mystery. Reserv. Required: 304-456-4300

30 **POCAHONTAS CO. OPERA HOUSE** presents *The Gigue Saws*, Paolo & Erica Marks of Pocahontas County, WV, both classically trained cellists & equally at home playing Bach's Gigues in a parlor or folk jigs on a porch. They have collected tunes on travels throughout the U.S., Canada, Europe, and South America, yet are influenced by local traditional music. Showtime: 7:30pm at the Opera House, 3rd Ave. in Marlinton, Accessible to persons w/ disabilities.
Info: 304-799-6645 / pocahontasoperahouse.org

31 **3rd ANNUAL NETTLE FEST** A music festival and homecoming at High Rocks Academy for Girls featuring regional and nationally know musicians. BBQ dinner with local foods, Nettle Cookoff, Silent Auction, Activities for Kids and local arts & crafts. Admission: $15/advance, $20 at the gate. Students/ $10; under 5 free. Parking included on site. Located near Hillsboro, (Pocahontas Co.) on Rt 39, 1 mile west of US Rt. 219. Info: highrocks.org / 304-653-4891

31 **SENECA ROCKS DISCOVERY CENTER** (Pendleton Co.) Art demos. by Ben Carr & Spinning with Betsy Viola. 1-4p: live music by *Variety Pack*. At Sites Homestead, Dulcimer Music & Stories by Dave Savage 1- 4 pm. All programs Free & Open to Public. Junction of Rts 33, 55 & 28. Info: 304- 567-2827

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Seneca Rocks Discovery Center Live music and craft demos. most wkends
(see *Museums* & dated listings) 304-567-2827

Aug. 6,13, 20, 27 **Refuge Artists Assembly** 1:00 - 3:00 pm Fridays, meet at the Refuge Visitor Center, carpool to a favorite spot. Join this gathering of artists to explore and capture in art the beauty of the Refuge. A time for camaraderie, sharing & encouragement. Bring your own art supplies.

1 **NATIONAL KIDS DAY CELEBRATION** Games, activities, inflatable slides & jousting. Live Snakes! Door prizes & giveaways. FREE & open to public. 12-3p, at Elkins City Park. Info: 304- 636-4454

3 & 5 **AUGUSTA HERITAGE TU & TH CONCERTS** Swing music Tues at 8p; Bluegrass music Thurs. at 8p. Harper-McNeely Auditorium, D&E College, Elkins. $10/$8. Dances follow in Outdoor Pavilion both nights. Craft Showcase precedes Thurs. concert at 6:30p. Info: 304-637-1209 / www.augustaheritage.com

5 – 7 **BUCKHANNON COMMUNITY THEATRE** presents *CAMELOT,* the famous musical rendition of the legend of King Arthur & the Knights of the Round Table, with script & lyrics by Lerner & Loewe. Thurs-Sat: 8pm; Sun. matinee: 2pm At the Law Performing Arts Center, WV Wesleyan College, Buckhannon. Info: 304-439-4334

6 – 7 **TIMBERLINE SUMMER FRONTIER WKEND** Authentic cow camp & chuck wagon (c 1835). Witness a live shoot-out on horse back and enjoy trail rides, BBQ, square dancing on the deck along with old western & mountain music by the *Saddle Tramps.* Scenic chair lift rides Sat-Sun. No cover for music. Make Reservations early! Lodging & Info: timberlineresort.com / 304-866-4801

7 **SENECA ROCKS DISCOVERY CENTER** (Pendleton Co.) features photographer *Mary Ann Honcharik* and demos *by Rising Moon* Wood Furniture & Folk Arts. Also, live music by *Jake Hedrick & Friends*. At Sites Homestead, learn *Frontier Living History* from 9a-3p w/ Greg Adamson & Larry Danner. All programs FREE & Open to public. Junction of Rts 33, 55 & 28, Seneca Rocks. Info: 304-567-2827

7 **SWISS NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION** in Helvetia (Randolph Co.) 4p: Fest starts in the meadow w/ folk dancing, Swiss music, yodeling, bratwurst & more. 8p: Square Dance in Community Hall. Info: 304-924-6435

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10 & 12 **AUGUSTA HERITAGE TU & TH CONCERTS** Old-Time & Vocal music Concerts at 8p; Harper-McNeely Auditorium, D&E College, Elkins. $10/$8. Dances follow in Outdoor Pavilion both nights. Craft Showcase precedes Thurs. concert at 6:30p. Info: 304-637-1209 / www.augustaheritage.com

12 – 14 **WEST VIRGINIA'S LARGEST YARDSALE** Come to Buckhannon & Weston for treasures in almost every street in town: hundreds of yard sales, Business storefront sales & restaurants welcoming visitors. Maps & Info available From buckhannoncvb.org / 304-472-4100

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13 - 15 **AUGUSTA HERITAGE FESTIVAL** Fri.8p: Festival dance in open air dance pavilion at D&E College, Elkins ($7); Sat 10a-5p: Juried craft fair, performance stages, workshops, dancing, kids' tent, craft demos, exhibits, food vendors. FREE in Elkins City Park. Sat 8p: Festival Concert in Harper-McNeeley Auditorium, D&E College, Elkins. $14/adults, $10/srs&kids (under 16), followed by squares & contras in dance pavilion & jam sessions all over campus. Sun.10:30a: Participatory Gospel Sing in the D&E College Chapel. Info: 304-637-1209 / www.augustaheritage.com

14 **BLACKWATER FALLS STATE PARK** presents *Kultural Kinnikinnick* Living History presenters make history come alive through demonstrations, nature rambles & cultural sharing of life in 18th Century West Virginia Highlands. See how these early Appalachian cultures contributed to the culture we now share in the Mountain State. Info: 304-259-5216 / blackwaterfalls.com

14 **CANAAN VALLEY BBQ COOK-OFF** Canaan Valley Resort State Park (Tucker Co.) Fire up your grills to compete in various divisions for cash prizes: Everyone is invited. Crafters/Artisan displays. Info: (304) 866-4121 ext. 2677 www.canaanresort.com

14 **SM*OKIN' IN THE VALLEY* REGIONAL CHILI COOK-OFF** at Canaan Valley Resort State Park (Tucker County). Bring your grills & favorite chili recipes and compete for cash prizes. Chili contest is ICS sanctioned, winner advances to WCCC Crafters/artisan displays, food, live entertainment. Info: (304) 866-4121 ext. 2651 / www.canaanresort.com

14 **NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION BANQUET** will be held at the Davis Fire Hall. Doors Open 5pm. An auction and Door Prizes are also featured. Tix must be purchased in advance by 8/7. To purchase tickets or for more info: Call Diana Shoemaker: 304-259-5857

14 **GREENBRIER VALLEY THEATRE: *THE MARVELOUS WONDERETTES*** Take a musical trip down memory lane to the Springfield H.S. Prom as 4 girls with big dreams harmonize songs from the late 50's-early 60's. Showtime: 7:30pm at Pocahontas County Opera House, 3rd Ave. in Marlinton. Accessible to persons w/ disabilities. Info: pocahontasoperahouse.org / 304-799-6645

14 - 15 **SENECA ROCKS DISCOVERY CENTER** (Pendleton Co.) Basket-Making demos. by Anne Beardslee and Almar Creations. Sat.1-4p: live music by *Helen & Hazel*. All programs FREE & open to public. Junction of Rts. 33, 55 & 28, Seneca Rocks. Info: 304-567-2827

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18 **RCCAC & DAVIS TRUST CO. BROWN BAG LUNCH CONCERT** 3rd Wed of each month. Bring your lunch & enjoy live music by *Linda Wagner & Friends.* Noon-1pm, Randolph County Community Arts Center, Randolph Ave. & Park St., Elkins. 637-2355 FREE

20 - 21 **ANNUAL MOUNTAIN ROAD FIDDLE CAMP** w/ Alex Caton & crew. Learn new tunes, improvisation, phrasing w/ old-time, Irish & gypsy fiddle tunes. Also old-time banjo & Irish Step & Set dancing; Irish bodhran & guitar. All at BrazenHead Inn, Rt. 219 S. between Valley Head & Snowshoe. (339-6917) www.alexcaton.com/fiddle_camp.html for instructor biographies, full schedule of classes, photos. $150 fee covers 4 classes. 434-989-4591 to register.

21 **DOUGLASS FALLS / BLACKWATER CANYON HIKE** at Canaan Valley Resort State Park (Tucker County). A 10 mile guided hike down the canyon through mixed hardwood forest, starting off at the abandoned coke ovens by Douglas Falls, then through the junction of North Fork Blackwater River and the main river, across from Lindy Point. Registration fee charged. 304-866-4121 ext. 2688 or www.canaanresort.com

21 **CANAAN CULINARY UNIVERSITY** – **ALL ABOUT BEEF** at Canaan Valley Resort State Park (Tucker County). Executive Chef Odeh will teach beef classifications, cutting & trimming, cooking temperature, and sauce complements. Wine included with lunch, Class : 11 a – 2 p., Pre-registration required: 304-866-4121 x2652 / www.canaanresort.com

21 **DULCIMER DAY at SITES HOMESTEAD**. All dulcimer players invited to come & jam from 1-4p. Seneca Rocks Discovery Ctr. (Pendleton Co.) Junction of Rts. 33, 55, & 28. Info: 304-567-2827

21 **VALLEY VIBES** Nature program at 7p, Canaan Valley Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, Rt. 32 in Tucker Co. Info: 304-866-3858 / fws.gov/canaanvalley

22 **WHAT'S BLOOMING ON THE REFUGE**? Wildflower Walk led by Master Naturalists - Meet 2p. at Canaan Valley Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, Rt. 32 in Canaan Valley (Tucker Co.) Info: 304-866-3858 / fws.gov/canaanvalley

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24 – 28 **TUCKER COUNTY FAIR** Old-time agricultural fair w/ crafts, music, FFA Livestock Shows, Carnival & fun for the whole family. At Camp Kidd, between Parsons & St. George. 614-2677 (Lodging info: 200-782-2775)

27 – 28 **TYGART VALLEY GOSPEL MUSIC FEST** to benefit Tyrand Ministry in Mill Creek. Featuring groups from all over Eastern U.S. Free will offering & Gate prizes of Pigeon Ford vacation pkgs. Starts 5p. on Fri.; Sat: 10a-8p. Take Rt. 219 to Mill Creek, turn on Back Rd. at United Methodist Church, follow signs 1 mile. Info: 304-669-5454

28 **EARLY MIGRATION BIRD WALK** Meet 7a. at Canaan Valley Nat''l Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, led by Casey Rucker. Bring water & binocs. Rt. 32 in Tucker Co. Info: 304-866-3858

28 ***BOMBAY BRINGS BLOODSHED*** **MURDER MYSTERY TRAIN** Enjoy an interactive murder mystery during dinner on the Mountain Explorer, departing Elkins at 5p. Reserv. Required: 1-877-MTN-RAIL / mountainrail.com

29 **GRAND OPENING OF BEVERLY HERITAGE CENTER** See the newly finished exhibits and gift shop; find out about Civil War Lecture Series and historic buildings in the Beverly area. Info: historicbeverly.org / 304-637-7424

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

9/3-5 **JACKSON'S MILL JUBILEE** A celebration of Appalachian heritage featuring live music , fine arts & crafts. exhibits & demos; vintage car show and much more. Fun for the whole family at the boyhood home at Gen. Stonewall Jackson! Held at WVU Jackson's Mill, near Weston (Lewis Co.) Info: 304-269-7328 / stonewallcountry.com or jacksonsmilljubilee.com

3 – 6 **LABOR DAY CELEBRATION at Canaan Valley Resort State Park** (Tucker Co.) Family games, activites & cook-out. Labor Day Golf Tournament. Info: (304) 866-4121, X 2678. For golf: X2632 / www.canaanresort.com

9/4 **HOLLY RIVER FESTIVAL** at Holly River State Park features Arts & Crafts, Cake Walks, Apple pie contests, apple butter making, hayrides, tours of Windy Gap one-room school house, live music & many more activities. Northern Webster Co. near Upshur/Randolph county lines.(Rt. 20 S. from Buckhannon) Info: 304-493-6327 / www.websterspringswv.com/ events

Other September Preview:

9/10-12 **ASTRONOMY WKEND AT BLACKWATER FALLS** Workshops, noted speakers, star-gazing parties are some of the free activities featured at this event with novice and more advanced amateur astronomers in mind. Reserv. required for lodging. Info: blackwaterfalls.com / 304-259-5216

9/11 - 12 **HELVETIA FAIR** Sat & Sun: Alpine Parade, Exhibits, Swiss Folk dancing, field day events, square dancing & much more in the Swiss mountain village of Helvetia. (Randolph Co.) Info: 924-5835

16 – 19 **TREASURE MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL** The streets of Franklin (Pendleton County) come to life in one of the largest & most popular festivals in the state, with frontier encampments & re-enactment of the burning of Fort Seybert. Also, mountain & country music, arts & crafts, heritage demos, quilt show, contests (fiddle & banjo, jousting, giant pumpkin, beard/mustache) lots of food & much more. Info: treasuremountainfestival.com / 304-358-3884.

17 – 19 **FOOTMAD FALL JAMBOREE** Traditional music & dance weekend with open mic stage, jams, groups sings & lots of dancing to *Gypsy Stars & The Contrarians*. Fayette County Park, 5 miles west of Fayetteville. On-site camping & bunks. Volunteers needed, call: 304-415-3668. Adv tix encouraged. More info: footmad.org

25 **CANAAN VALLEY WOMEN'S CLUB CRAFT SHOW** at Canaan Valley Fire Hall in Davis(Tucker Co.) Sat. 10-4, Leaf Peeper Festival wkend. Info: 866-2720 or 866-8785

LEAF PEEPERS FESTIVAL (9/25/10) sponsored by Tucker Co. Alpine Festival, a grand celebration of autumn w/ outdoor events centered around the town of Davis. Info: canaanvalley.org / 304-259-5315. During the Leaf Peepers Festival, Canaan Valley Resort sponsors a "Picnic on the Mountain" w/ chairlift ride to the top (canaanresort.com / 304-866-4121)

25 **RUN FOR IT** hosted by Tucker Community Foundation, this 2k walk & 5k run are held each year during Leaf Peepers Festival in Davis. Geared for all ages & abilities; cash awards. Entry fees and awards support many community causes, charities & civic organizations in our region. Start Time: 11 AM at Davis Fire Hall, Rt. 32. Info/Registr: 304-478-2930 / tuckerfoundation.net