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This is the display that greets customers when they enter The Old Gap Mills Country store. With the change of seasons and the arrival of the holidays, the “truck” will change from its fall finery to the lights and colors of Christmas. The truck occupies the area where an old pot-bellied stove once stood, where decades ago, locals would gather around the stove to chat and visit.

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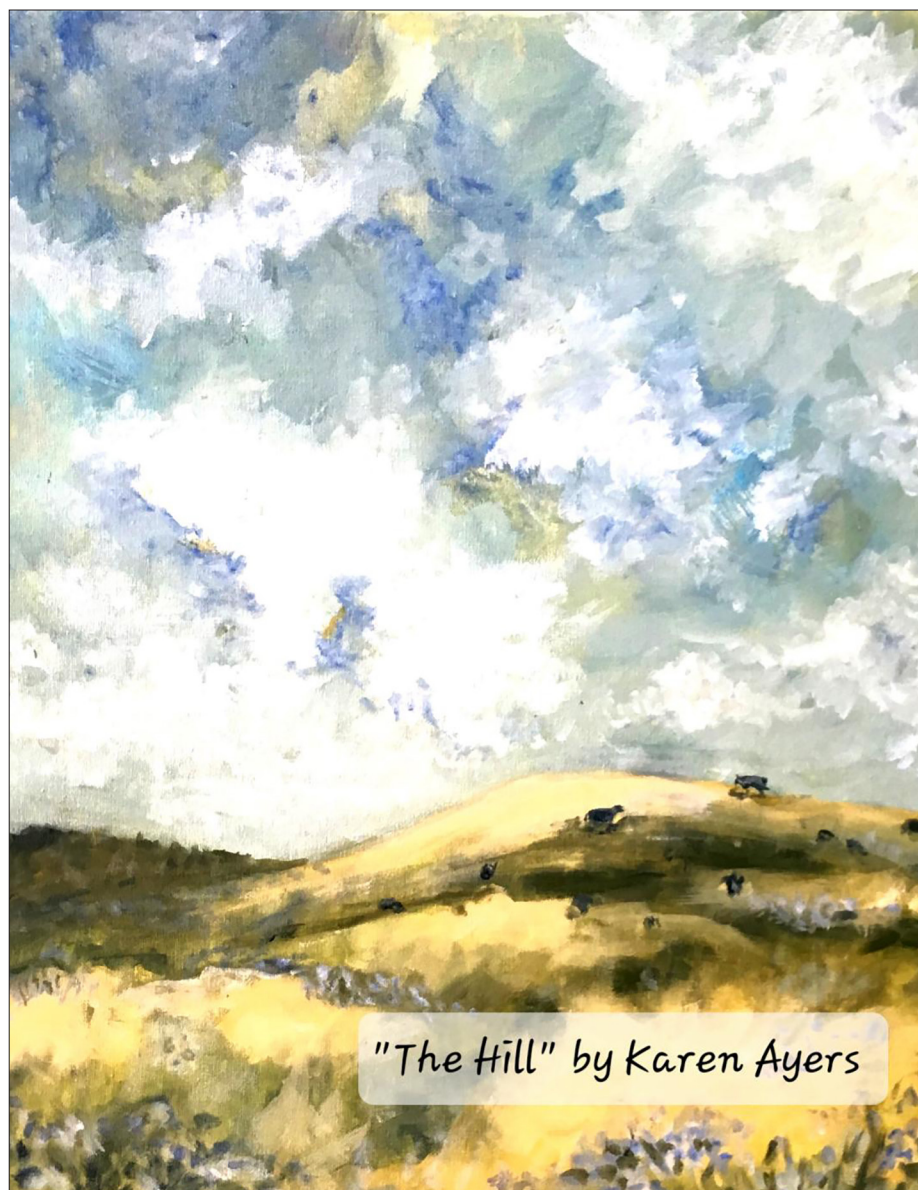
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Local Resident and Artist Karen Ayers



TO PRESENT HER LANDSCAPE PAINTINGS AT THE THISTLE LOUNGE



"The Hill" by Karen Ayers

From November to the end of December, White Sulphur Springs native and Lewisburg resident Karen Ayers will present her landscape paintings at the Thistle Lounge at the General Lewis Inn in Lewisburg. Karen received her BFA at the Virginia Commonwealth University and studied painting, printmaking and photography. She received her certificate in graphic art from Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia.

Karen recently retired from her work as a graphic artist/photographer at WVSOM. Karen says, "I paint for the thrill of pushing globs of paint around on canvas. All early-mid-twentieth century painting has influenced me. However, now that I have started to paint after years of photographing, I have eased back into impressionist landscaping."

The General Lewis Inn is located on Washington Street in Lewisburg, and is open seven days a week for viewing artwork. The Thistle Lounge is open every night from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. There will be a Meet and Greet with Karen Ayers on First Friday, December 1, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Dance to the Music!

Silent Disco Comes to the Greenbrier Valley October 31st

by Lisa Coburn

“No matter what music you’re dancing to, you’re still part of the party.”

That’s the hope of Amy Boone, spokesperson for the **Greenbrier Autism Society**, in terms of the upcoming **Out of This World Silent Disco** to be held at the **Schoolhouse Hotel** in White Sulphur Springs on **October 31 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.** The event is completely **FREE** to the public. People of all ages and all abilities are welcome.

What is a silent disco? A silent disco is a dance party where, instead of traditional speakers, the dancers listen to music on individual sets of wireless headphones. This keeps noise pollution at a minimum, and participants with sensory challenges can be part of the fun without feeling overwhelmed.

This year, Greenbrier Autism Society has partnered with Quest Entertainment to provide multiple D. J.s, three different channels of music to choose from, and 100 sets of headphones for a variety of music, so participants can dance the evening away at their own comfort levels in a first of its kind event to come to the area. There will be a dedicated “chill out”

room downstairs in the hotel, where people can go for a quiet break if it becomes necessary. There is also a sensory-friendly surprise waiting on the dance floor for those who may need just a brief respite from it all before re-joining the party. There will also be an old-school photo booth where participants can get photo strips as mementos of their evening. Because the party is on Halloween, costumes are encouraged, but completely optional. Diversity, connection, and of course, fun, are the aim for this event.

So, why a Silent Disco for a celebration? Well, as Boone says, “There is an infinite amount of neurodivergence in this universe. So many neurodivergent people are looking for connection, and can struggle to connect in typical spaces. Music and dance are truly a universal way to connect. We want to welcome our community to connect in this special way that is friendly to everyone, regardless of ability. If you want to have fun, come to this party!”

Readers can learn more about the Greenbrier Autism Society by visiting Greenbrier Autism Society’s Facebook page.

FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

I’m Lisa, and I’m your new editor of HashtagWV. It is such an honor to work with Sarah and the other fine folks here at Mountain Media. I’m looking forward to getting to know you and to bringing you highlights of the many good things the Greenbrier Valley has to offer.

It seems like only yesterday we were ushering in 2023 as a new year, and now we are entering the holiday season! Time certainly flies.

For me, the holiday season always brings a touch of nostalgia. I was recently able to speak with the owners of a unique place that’s beautifully rich in history. The Old Gap Mills Country Store takes its customers back to yesteryear while keeping

up with current needs and trends of its shoppers. Plus, they have coffee and ice cream! While I browsed the shelves, not only did I get some great holiday gift ideas, but I had a delicious hot decaf vanilla latte.

This month, there will be plenty of opportunities to support local businesses and artisans as you check off your seasonal to-do list. Every Saturday in November, the Blue Ribbon Center at the West Virginia State Fairgrounds will host the Holiday Farmers Market. There will be local food, crafts, music, and a market cafe so you can eat great food, listen to good music,



and find handcrafted gifts for the people in your life (and maybe a few treasures you’ll want to keep for yourself!)

If you’re not quite ready to cook the feasts and deck the halls just yet, check out the Greenbrier Autism Community’s Out of This World Silent Disco taking place on October 31 at The Schoolhouse Hotel in White Sulphur Springs. This free, diversity-friendly party promises a fantastic time of community connection and fun.

Have a great November!

Until next time,

Lisa

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**The Schoolhouse Hotel
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Memories Old and New: Old Gap Mills Country Store Blends Past and Present While Looking to the Future

By Lisa Coburn

Gap Mills, West Virginia, is rich in history and not-so-hidden treasures that are well known to the locals. One of those treasures is the Old Gap Mills Country Store, a variety store that has a rich history of its own.

On October 29, 2022, Eric and Lisa Heavener, along with their son, Matthew, opened the doors to their shop, and realized the fulfillment of a long held goal: To offer a one-of-a-kind experience and unique products to the community, and to help secure Matthew's future. All three Heaveners are equal partners in this venture. It truly is a family endeavor.

The store exists in a building that was known as Patton's Mercantile in the 1930s. For a time, it was also a furniture store. The Heaveners still keep a room in the shop dedicated to the exquisite hand crafted furniture created by former owner Bob Joyce. The Joyce family and

the Heaveners host joint barbecues from time to time at the store, where customers can purchase freshly grilled chicken with lots of delicious homemade fixings.

The building itself is rich in history. Many black and white photos of the area, the store, and citizens from decades long ago adorn the walls. Eric pulled up a rug to show me the area where a pot-bellied stove once sat. He told me of the local men who sat around that stove in times gone by, shooting the breeze and swapping stories. He showed me some old store ledgers that were dated in the late 30s, when the place was still Patton's Mercantile.

Eric has tried to re-purpose as much material as he can in the restoration of the store. For example, he cut and used miscellaneous tin pieces for the roof and used old signs. Some of the lights in the store are brooder lights that Heavener painted and hung along the entrance.



ON THE COVER

GV Chorale Annual Christmas Concert to Usher in the Holiday Spirit

For music lovers in the Greenbrier Valley, the Greenbrier Valley Chorale's annual Christmas Concert is the official start of the holiday season. The Chorale will conclude its 30th anniversary season with a concert of uplifting seasonal music at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 10, at Carnegie Hall in Lewisburg.

The Chorale, comprised of 55 singers from across the Greenbrier Valley and beyond, is known for its broad-ranging repertoire and high quality performances. Barbara Wygal Lutz is the group's artistic director, and Theresa Bryant is the accompanist.

The concert will feature both sacred and secular music in a variety of styles, ranging from a lively rendition of Leroy Anderson's Sleigh Ride to a jazz-inspired arrangement of Lo How a Rose 'er Blooming accompanied by guest artist Birch Graves on saxophone. The performance also will feature other guest instrumentalists and soloists.

Tickets are available through the Carnegie Hall box office, (304) 645-7917, or online at www.greenbriervalleychorale.org.



Birch Graves is one of the guest artists who will perform with the Chorale on Dec. 10.



Their counter and tobacco case are original to Patton's from the 1930s, and their glass knife case is an antique, as well. An old cash register sits on a corner of the counter, a reminder of bygone times. A line of desks from the long-closed Gap Mills School, complete with some former students' graffiti (names, etc.), sits lined up along one section of the wrap-around porch, so customers can sit and reminisce about their school days.

Today, the store boasts all kinds of offerings for people of many tastes. Lisa's love of country and primitive decor has resulted in a large selection of house and garden flags, yard and home decor, and a cozy, welcoming atmosphere throughout the store. The Heavens offer a wide selection of pipes and pipe tobacco, loose leaf tea, knives, lotions, candles, locally made goat milk soap, Virginia peanuts, pistachios from a ranch in New Mexico, and a variety of gourmet foods for many palates and dietary preferences/needs (they have several gluten free products on their shelves.) They try to partner with local businesses and buy locally as much as possible, and order from other small businesses when ordering is necessary.

If you like to sip delicious drinks or eat a sweet treat while shopping, the Heavens also recently installed an ice cream and coffee bar in the shop. They source their coffee from a local roaster in nearby Newcastle, Virginia, who has many years of experience in producing coffee.

In addition to their coffee and tea bar, the coffee is also sold by the bag in the shop, and can be freshly ground at time of purchase. In addition to their regular coffee, lattes, and teas, they have a variety of personalized creations, including the "Baby Moo," a delectable ice cream/espresso dessert named after their pet cow, and the "O'Malley," a coffee and ice cream combo named after a beloved goat.

I had the chance to ask customers in the store just what makes The Old Gap Mills Country Store so special. One gentleman said, "It reminds me of the old soda shops that I used to visit when I was a kid in the 50s. Coming in here is like going back in time, and they're really good, down-home people." Another shopper said, "It's a very friendly, relaxed atmosphere, and being here is like visiting with an old friend." A common theme among all asked is that the store evokes a warm, welcoming, nostalgic experience.

When I asked Eric and Lisa what they love most about their store, they said, "The people. We've met so many wonderful people, had the opportunity to network with so many great local businesses, and this is such a great community."

The Old Gap Mills Country Store is open year-around, Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Hours are Monday through Thursday, and from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday. It is located on 8869 Sweet Springs Valley Road in Gap Mills.

Encore!

Trillium Performing Arts Collective to Debut Transition to Encore Community Arts

By Lisa Coburn

On **November 4**, after more than 40 years as a hub for community performing artists to showcase their talents, Trillium Performing Arts Collective and its creators will celebrate retirement and pass the torch to the members of **Encore Community Arts**, in a debut performance **showcasing community performing artists at Lewis Theatre**. The performance begins at **7:00 p.m.**

The story leading up to this transition began three years ago. As with many individuals, businesses, and non-profits, the COVID-19 pandemic dealt a devastating blow to an organization dependent upon state funding and community fundraising endeavors. Then, a year ago, when the space Trillium had been renting was placed for sale, members became concerned about what that would mean for their future as community artists, and how their lease would be affected.

Recently, a prospective buyer emerged, and to the relief of the Board, the prospective new owner is strongly pro-arts and pro-film. They are interested in not only rebooting the film side of the Lewis Theatre, but they are also committed to supporting the local arts movement.

As Trillium Performing Arts Collective members wished to retire after decades of serving the performing arts community, several others who have been involved with Trillium stepped in and Encore Community Arts was born. Encore Community Arts consists of Trillium veterans Michael Buttrill, Devin Preston, and Hannah Morningstar-Stout. They are also joined by new performers and board members Caleb Zopp and Rebekah Lilly. This new name and organization serves to give the retiring artists some distance as they enjoy their retirement, while maintaining a strong thread of continuity in carrying forward Trillium's mission of building a stronger community through providing opportunities for local artists.

Another exciting aspect of Encore Community Arts is the new and evolving **Encore School of Dance**, led by Hannah Morningstar-Stout, who is joined by new teacher, Makayla Casenelli. The Encore School of Dance offers traditional dance instruction in Jazz, Tap, and Ballet. Currently, the School of Dance instructs ages from tots to teens, and they are hoping to recruit a teacher to teach adults in the future.

As of now, Encore's primary focus is performing arts, but they are looking to add more visual arts to their repertoire by utilizing their lobby and office space. Encore's aim is to not only return to the former glory of showcasing performances by local talent, but to usher in a new Golden Era for Encore's community performing arts collective. Michael Buttrill emphasized, **"We are open. We are a community based group. We're moving forward, trying to integrate as many new artists as possible. We are**

a resource for as many community based artists as possible."

Encore's debut will feature performances by **Encore School of Dance**, new local band **Crazy Carl and the Mustard Bizkits**, **Alyssa Jade-Jarrett**, **Second Block Rock**, and an **exhibition of visual art by local artists in the lobby of the Lewis Theatre**. Ticket prices are: Adults - \$10, Students - \$5, with ages 3 and under admitted for free. Lewis Theatre is located at 867 Court Street N in Lewisburg.



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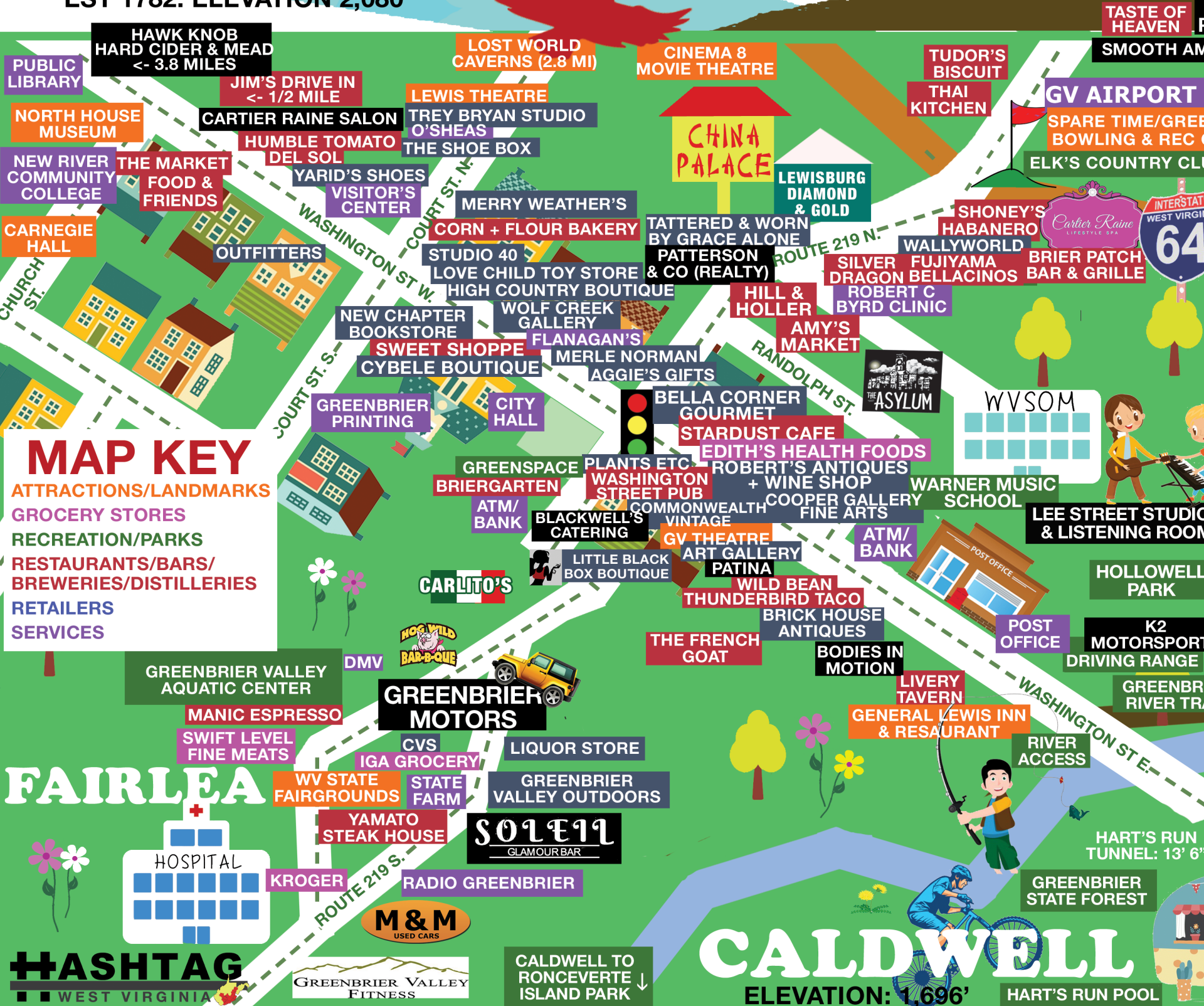
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Carnegie Hall's Mainstage Performance Series continues when Reduced Shakespeare Company presents *The Complete History of Comedy (abridged)* Friday, November 3, at 7 p.m. Guests are invited to come early for the free Mainstage Lounge from 6 – 6:45 p.m. in the Board Room located adjacent to the Hamilton Auditorium. A cash bar and snacks are available.

Starring writer/directors Reed Martin and Austin Tichenor, with Dominic Conti, *The Complete History of Comedy (abridged)* leaves no joke untold as they deconstruct the entire history of comedy in a dizzying night's entertainment that has been hailed as "wonderfully hilarious... wacky good fun" by AcrossTheArts.co.uk, "a non-stop laugh fest" by Lowell Sun and "really, really funny... and most of all, really, really smart" by Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Reduced Shakespeare Company has skewered history, the Bible and the world's most celebrated playwright. Now, they seek to answer one of life's greatest mysteries: What makes people laugh? From the highbrow to the low, *The Complete History of Comedy (abridged)* covers comedy through the ages, from Aristophanes and Shakespeare and Moliere to Vaudeville and Charlie Chaplin to *The Daily Show* and Anthony Weiner. This is the subject they were born to reduce. It's "a madcap, breakneck speed" 90 minutes that is "audacious, often outrageous and bawdy" (Boston Stages).

The Complete History of Comedy (abridged) is the comedy troupe's ninth original stage production, which had a tryout at Napa Valley Playhouse in August 2013, premiered at the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park in November 2013 and has since been presented at Merrimack Repertory Theatre in Massachusetts, Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Reston Center Stage in Virginia as part of "The Complete Works of the Reduced Shakespeare

Company (abridged) Extravaganza" and Edison Theatre at Washington University in St. Louis.

Founded in 1981, Reduced Shakespeare Company has grown from a pass-the-hat act at the Renaissance Pleasure Faire in Novato to an internationally renowned touring comedy group that has expanded be-

eyond the original stage productions since then: *The Bible: The Complete Word of God (abridged)*, *The Complete History of America (abridged)*, *Western Civilization: The Complete Musical (abridged)*, *All The Great Books (abridged)*, *Completely Hollywood (abridged)*, *The Complete World of Sports (abridged)*, *The Ultimate Christmas Show (abridged)* and *The Complete History of Comedy (abridged)*. Reduced Shakespeare Company's work was produced professionally in the Bay Area most recently in 2011, when *The Complete History of America (abridged)* was staged by Marin Shakespeare Company, where *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)* remains the most produced play in that company's 25-year history (with productions in 2007, 2000, 1999 and 1998).

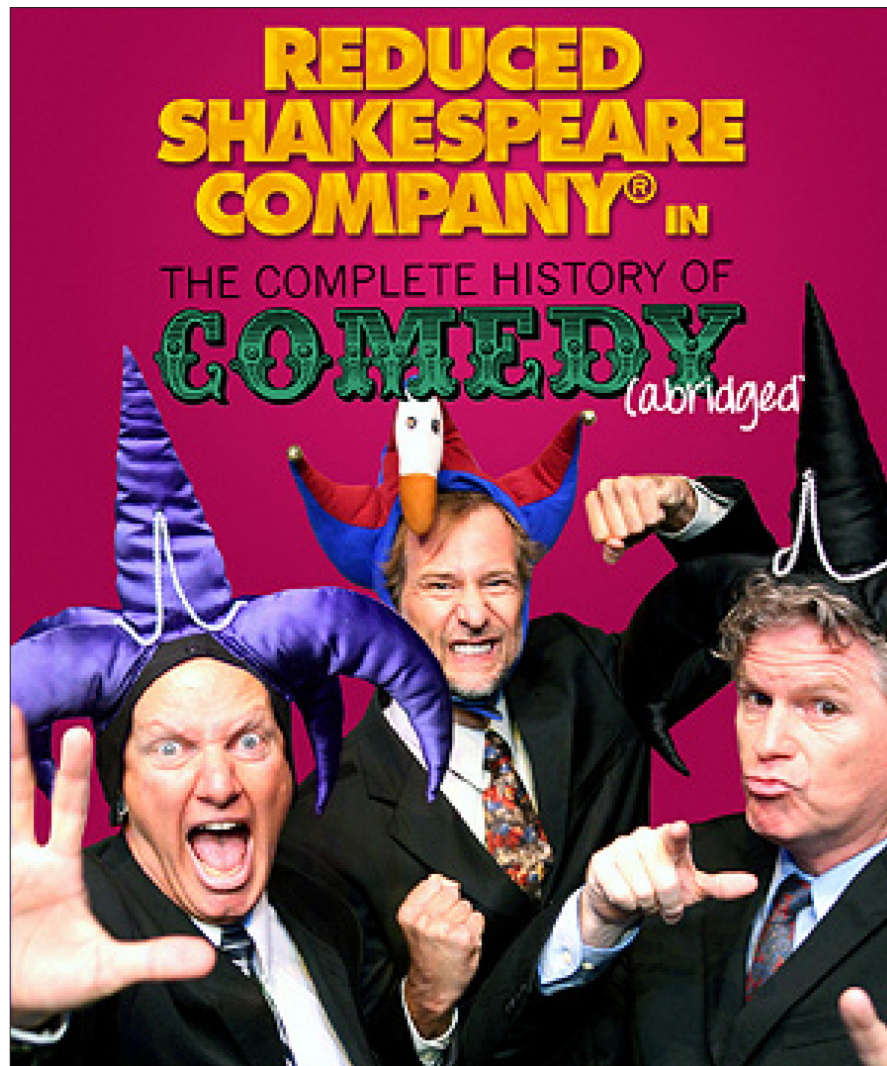
Tickets to the performance are \$32/adult and \$10/child, and the performance is recommended for ages 13 and up. Discounts are available for Carnegie Hall members, students, senior citizens, and military.

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yond the original three performers Adam Long, Daniel Singer and Jess Winfield, who created the company's first "abridged" comedy, *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)*. Current managing partners Reed Martin and Austin Tichenor have written, directed and performed in all eight of the company's

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Carnegie Hall's Classics Series is a three-concert series hosted by Steinway "Legend" and Lewisburg resident Barbara Nissman, designed to introduce classical music and Carnegie Hall to new audiences, as well as inspire and entertain current classical music enthusiasts. The Classics Series second season kicks off celebrating Sergei Rachmaninoff's 150 birthday on Saturday, November 11, at 7 p.m. in the Hamilton Auditorium.

One of the last great pianist-composers in a grand tradition stretching back to Mozart, Beethoven, Liszt and Brahms, Sergei Rachmaninoff pushed the values of the Romantic era deep into the 20th century. He earned most of his music a central place in the standard repertoire that has never wavered, thanks to his clear sense of instrumental drama and, in author Michael Kennedy's words, "a gift for long and broad melodies imbued with a resigned melancholy that is never long absent."

The Russian, born in 1873, took up the piano at age four and graduated from Moscow Conservatory in 1892 (as part of a starry class that also included Josef Lhevinne and Alexander Scriabin). Rachmaninoff's youthful collection of solo piano pieces titled *Morceaux de fantaisie* included the darkly dramatic *Prelude in C-sharp minor* that would become a worldwide hit, though its huge success was bittersweet for the composer; that prelude tended to overshadow much of his early music, and a lack of copyright agreements between Russia and the West meant that Rachmaninoff earned little from its ubiquity across Europe and the U.S.

In 1901, his melody-rich *Piano Concerto No. 2* paved the road to Rachmaninoff's success, with the composer at the piano for its premiere. He also composed deeply Russian choral works, many songs and three operas, as well as major sets of variations on themes by Chopin and Corelli for solo piano, plus two books of *Etudes-Tableaux*.

Disturbed by political turmoil in Russia, Rachmaninoff began to work in the West in the early 1900s. He first toured America in 1909-10, performing his *Third Piano Concerto* in New York under Gustav Mahler. Rachmaninoff emigrated after the Russian Revolution of 1917, eventually settling in the U.S., where he was in demand as both a conductor and a pianist.

He built a new home in Switzerland in the early 1930s, but he returned to the U.S. permanently as war blighted Europe. Rachmaninoff's final performance, a few weeks before his death in 1943, featured Chopin's "Funeral March" Sonata.

Barbara Nissman is an internationally renowned concert pianist and since 1989 has been a West Virginian "by choice," residing on a farm in Greenbrier County. Hailed as "one of

the last pianists in the grand Romantic tradition of Liszt, Rachmaninoff, and Rubinstein," Nissman has performed as soloist with some of the world's leading orchestras, and has worked with some of the major conductors of our time. Inducted into the inaugural class of Steinway Legends chosen from more than a century of Steinway Artists, Nissman is regarded as one of the world's great concert pianists. With a mission to bring her passion and joy to audiences around the world, Nissman continues to inspire and uplift people through her music.

In 2014 she formed her own record label, Three Oranges Recordings (threeorangesrecordings.com) that now includes a discography of over 30 recordings with many more projected for the future. In 2017 the Three Oranges Foundation was established to further its mission of making classical music accessible to a wider audience and to promote Barbara's various educational projects including a series of educational video master classes.

For more information on Barbara Nissman please visit www.barbaranissman.com.

Tickets are \$25/adults and \$5/students. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.carnegiehallwv.org, call 304.645-7917, or stop by 611 Church Street, Lewisburg, WV.

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Aries (March 21 - April 19): Aries, your holiday season will be filled with excitement and adventure. You'll be the first to suggest spontaneous road trips and outdoor activities. Don't forget to take a moment to relax and enjoy the cozy atmosphere too.



Taurus (April 20 - May 20): Taurus, you're all about traditional holiday celebrations. You'll create a warm and inviting atmosphere at home, cooking delicious meals and indulging in cozy, quality time with loved ones.



Gemini (May 21 - June 20): Gemini, your holiday season will be packed with social events and lively gatherings. You'll be the life of the party, flitting from one event to the next and spreading holiday cheer.



Cancer (June 21 - July 22): Cancer, you'll cherish the meaningful connections during the holidays. You'll create a nurturing and loving environment at home, making sure everyone feels cared for and cherished.



Leo (July 23 - August 22): Leo, you'll be the star of the holiday season. Your flair for the dramatic will shine as you plan extravagant gatherings and decorate your home with grandeur. It's your time to shine!



Virgo (August 23 - September 22): Virgo, your attention to detail will ensure everything runs smoothly during the holidays. You'll be in charge of planning, organizing, and ensuring that every aspect of the season is perfect.



Libra (September 23 - October 22): Libra, you'll focus on creating harmony during the holidays. You'll be the peacemaker and mediator in your family, ensuring that everyone gets along and enjoys the festivities.



Scorpio (October 23 - November 21): Scorpio, you'll bring depth and intensity to the holidays. You'll enjoy intimate gatherings and meaningful conversations, and you may even surprise loved ones with mysterious, thoughtful gifts.



Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21): Sagittarius, your love for adventure will lead you to explore new holiday traditions. You might plan a last-minute getaway or engage in outdoor activities to keep the holiday season exciting.



Capricorn (December 22 - January 19): Capricorn, you'll focus on tradition, responsibility, and structure during the holidays. You'll be the one to make sure everything is organized, and you'll take time to reflect on the past year's achievements.



Aquarius (January 20 - February 18): Aquarius, you'll approach the holidays with a unique and innovative spirit. You may experiment with unconventional celebrations and use the time to work on creative projects.



Pisces (February 19 - March 20): Pisces, you'll embrace the spirit of giving during the holidays. You'll express your love through handmade gifts and find joy in spreading kindness and warmth to others.

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10/27 **FRIDAY**

Event:

- » **Paint Night With Lisa**, 6 p.m., the Schoolhouse Hotel, WSS
- » **Miller's Nightmare Haunted Farm**, 6:30 p.m., Miller's Farm, Lewisburg
- » **Frankenstein, 7:30 p.m.**, Greenbrier Valley Theatre, Lewisburg

10/28 **SATURDAY**

Event:

- » **Greenbrier Humane Society's Howl-O-Ween**, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Greenbrier Humane Society, Lewisburg
- » **Davis Stuart's First Annual Creepy Crawl 5K**, 9 a.m. (Registration begins at 8), Dorie Miller Park, Lewisburg
- » **Courthouse Farmer's Market**, 8 a.m., Robert C. Byrd Clinic 1464 N. Jefferson St., Lewisburg.
- » **Frankenstein**, 2:30 p.m., Greenbrier Valley Theatre, Lewisburg
- » **Miller's Nightmare Haunted Farm**, 6:30 p.m., Miller's Farm, Lewisburg
- » **Halloween Party at the Brewery**, 7 p.m., Greenbrier Valley Brewing, Maxwelton

10/29 **SUNDAY**

Event:

- » **Pence Springs Flea Market**. 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Rt. 12 between Hinton and Alderson

10/31 **Tuesday**

Event:

- » **Out of this World Silent Disco**, 7 p.m., The Schoolhouse Hotel, WSS
- » **Alderson Farmers Market**, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Alderson Community Food Hub, 1447 Riverview Ave. E, Alderson
- » **Trick or Treating**, 6-8 p.m.

11/1 **THURSDAY**

Event:

- » **Beginning Line Dance**, 6:00 to 7:30, Old Stone Church Fellowship Hall, Lewisburg (Free)

11/2 **THURSDAY**

Music:

- » **Patrick O'Flaherty Free Concert**, 6:00 – 7:15 p.m., White Sulphur Springs Public Library, WSS

11/3 **FRIDAY**

Event:

- » **Reduced Shakespeare Company, The Complete History of Comedy (Abridged)**, 7:00 p.m., Carnegie Hall, Lewisburg
- » **Holiday Debut**, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., Prim-

itive Goods, Ronceverte

- » **First Fridays After 5**, 5 p.m., downtown Lewisburg

Music:

- » **Patrick O'Flaherty Free Concert**, 4 – 8 p.m., Patina, 1046 Washington Street, East, Lewisburg

11/4 **SATURDAY**

Event:

- » **Holiday Farmers' Market**, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Blue Ribbon Center, WV State Fairgrounds, Fairlea
- » **Paella and Tapas Party**, 4:00 p.m., The Yew Mountain Center, Hillsboro
- » **Encore Community Arts Debut Show**, 7:00 p.m., Lewis Theatre, Lewisburg, WV

Music:

- » **Met HD Live: Dead Man Walking – Greenbrier Valley Theatre**, 12:55 – 3:55 p.m., GVT, Lewisburg

11/5 **Sunday**

Event:

- » **Monroe County Pumpkin Festival**, The Hanna Farmstead, Pickaway
- » **Pence Springs Flea Market**. 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Rt. 12 between Hinton and Alderson
- » **Outdoor Movie – The Munsters Family Portrait**, 7:30 p.m., The Hanna Farmstead, Pickaway

11/7 **Tuesday**

Event:

- » **Annual Dinner Meeting and Trivia Night**, Union Area Chamber of Commerce, Old World Libations, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Union.

11/8 **Wednesday**

Event

- » **Beginning Line Dance**, 6:00 to 7:30, Old Stone Church Fellowship Hall, Lewisburg (Free)

11/9 **THURSDAY**

Events:

- » **Sourdough Bread Class**, Hawk Knob Appalachian Cider, 5 p.m., Lewisburg

11/11 **SATURDAY**

Event:

- » **Holiday Farmers' Market**, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Blue Ribbon Center, WV State Fairgrounds, Fairlea
- » **Parrothead Party – A Tribute to Jimmy Buffett**, The Sportsman Tavern, 5 – 9 p.m., Ronceverte
- » **Rock With Rachmaninoff**, Carnegie Classics Series with Barbara Nissman, 7:00 p.m., Carnegie Hall, Lewisburg

11/15 **Wednesday**

Event:

- » **Beginning Line Dance**, 6:00 to 7:30, Old Stone Church Fellowship Hall, Lewisburg (Free)

11/16 **THURSDAY**

Event:

- » **5th Annual Holiday Kickoff**, 6 p.m.,

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- » **Denim & Diamonds Fundraiser for Almost Heaven Habitat ReStore,** The Livery Tavern, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., Lewisburg

11/18

SATURDAY

Event:

- » **Greenbrier Community School's 5th Annual Jingle Bell Jog** - 9:00 a.m., 413 Oak St., Lewisburg
- » **Holiday Farmers' Market,** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Blue Ribbon Center, WV State Fairgrounds, Fairlea

Music:

- » **Black Mountain Bluegrass Boys,** 7:30 p.m., Pocahontas Opera House, Marlinton

11/25

SATURDAY

Event:

- » **Holiday Farmers' Market,** 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Blue Ribbon Center, WV State Fairgrounds, Fairlea
- » **Local Vendors' Craft Fair,** 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., 6571 Shoestring Trail, Williamsburg
- » **GVT Presents: A Christmas Carol,** 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Pocahontas County Opera House, Marlinton

11/29

Wednesday

Event:

- » **Paint & Sip at Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company Taproom - Highland Cow,** 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Greenbrier Valley Brewing Company, Maxwelton

- » **Beginning Line Dance,** 6:00 to 7:30, Old Stone Church Fellowship Hall, Lewisburg (Free)

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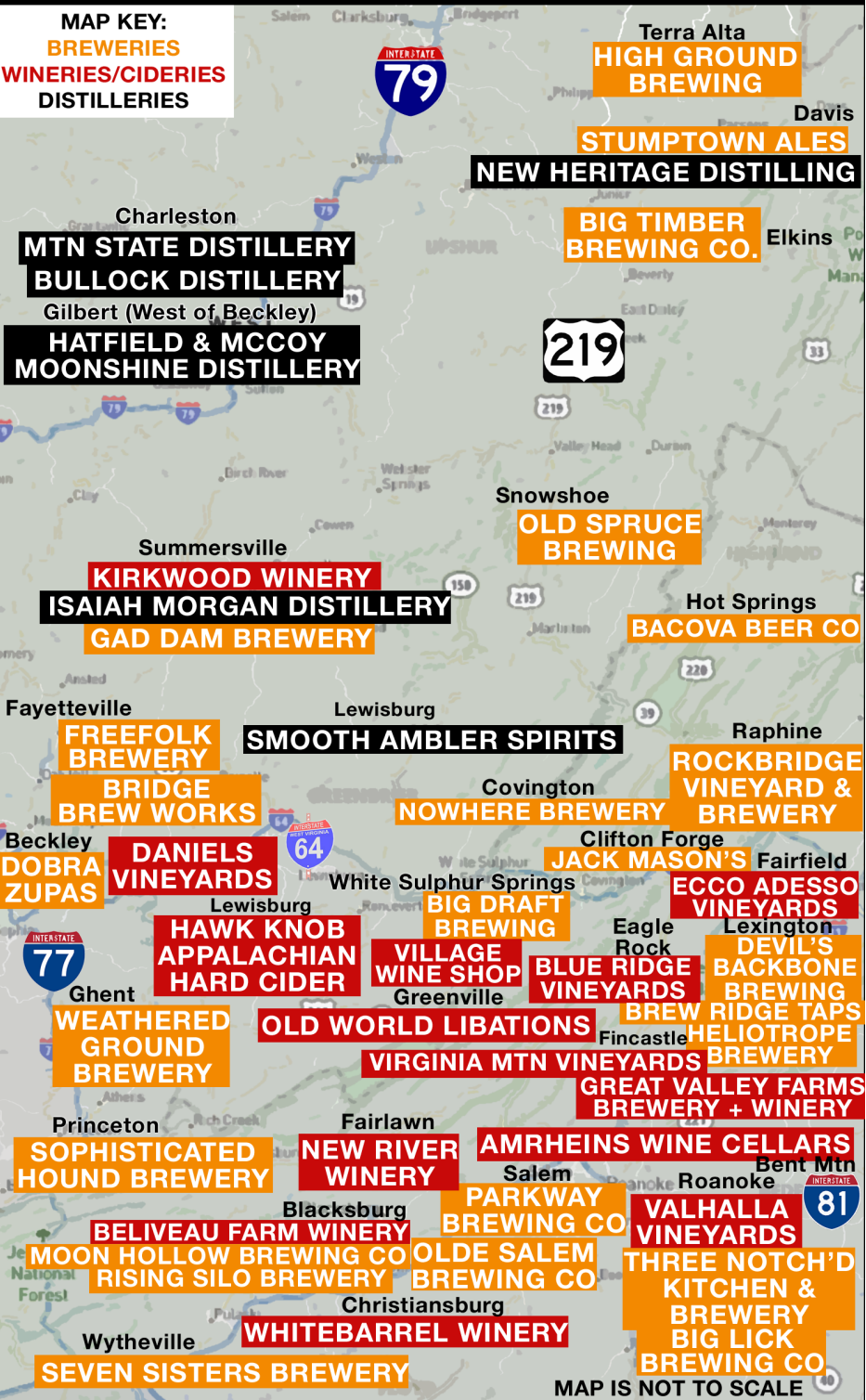
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