

West Virginia's Chesapeake Bay Trib Team



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Bluebill Ducks Visiting the Bay

Bluebills, also called lesser scaup, migrate to the Chesapeake Bay during the winter to feed on plants and insects before heading back up North in the summer to breed. These medium-sized birds have black heads with a pronounced blue bill, with males having more white-tones and the females having more brown-tones throughout their bodies. Click the link below to learn more about these interesting birds!

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The Impact from Road Salts on the Bay

Road salts have been used for many decades to help keep roadways safe in the winter time, but these chemicals can have pretty harsh and unknown impacts on the environment. Plankton, amphibians, fish, and even people can be effected by increased dissolved salts in our waters. The Potomac River alone has seen a 200% increase in salinity in the last thirty years. To read more about this topic, click the link below!



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Program Recaps

Jody Sims Joins EPCD as Outreach Specialist

Jody Sims recently started her position as the Education and Outreach Specialist at the Eastern Panhandle Conservation District in Martinsburg. She has an associates degree in agriculture and has a deep passion for youth activities and education, especially in conservation. To read more about her, click the link below!



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The Affect of Winter Weather on Livestock



Image from Canadian Cattleman Magazine

The winter season tends to create more hassles for cooperators to deal with, but learning the statistics of grazing needs and requirements for livestock in the winter can drastically help make decisions to keep livestock healthy! Click the link below to learn more about grazing livestock in the winter!

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Girl Scout Project Enhances Local Park

Kate Zaglifa, a senior at Washington High School in Jefferson County, recently worked to install a new and innovative pet waste station at Sam Michaels Park. This project helped her achieve the Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouts! To read more about this great project, click the link below!



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Upcoming Events

Trout Unlimited River Clean-Up

On Saturday March 18th, join Trout Unlimited to help clean up a portion of Lost River in Hardy County. The group is meeting at 9am across from Hillside Dr. and working until approximately 3pm. To learn more, check out the flyer below!



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Septic Care Workshop in Moorefield



There will be a septic care workshop held at Eastern Community and Technical College, Room 104B on Friday, March 31st from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Bill Ours from the Hardy Co. Health Dept. will speak on septic health and maintenance. To learn more, click the link below!

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Elks Run Earth Day Event

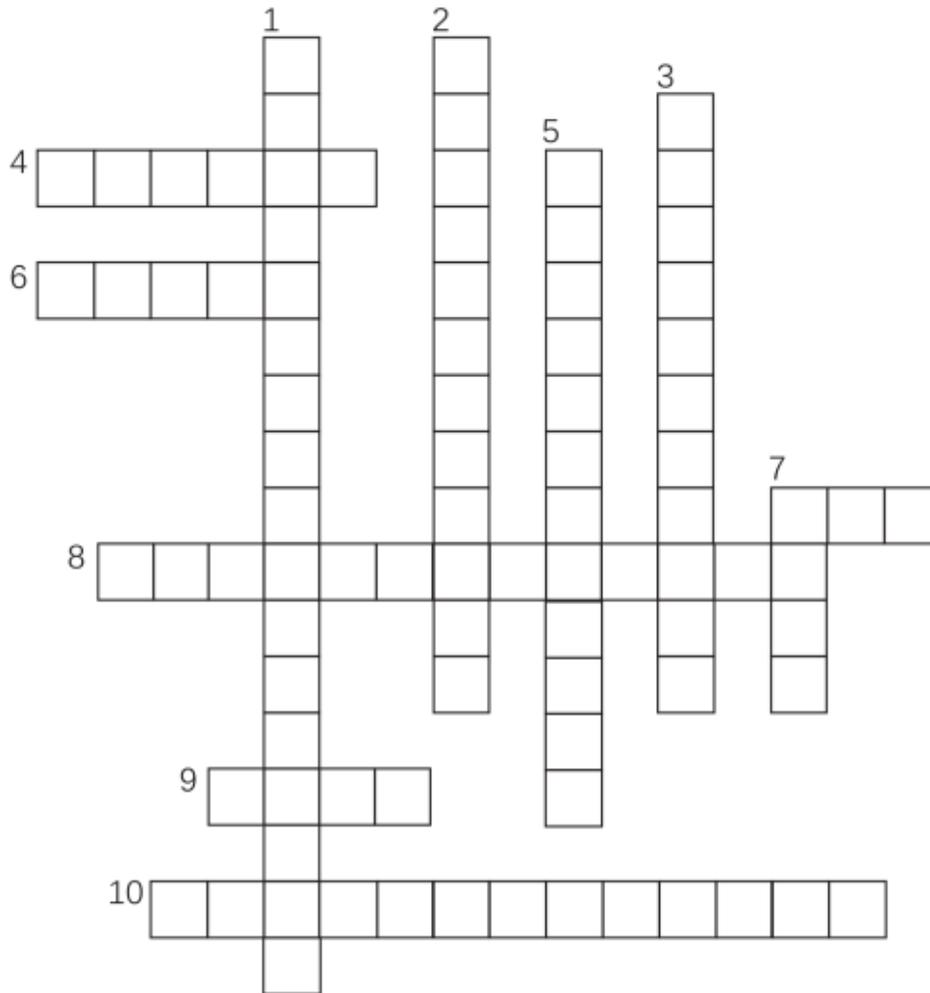
Elks Run Water Faire presents Earth Day 2023! This event will be held at Sam Michaels Park on Saturday April 22nd, from 10am to 2pm. It is free to the public and there will be many fun family activities, including a rain barrel workshop, tree seedling give-away, and nature walks! To learn more, check out the flyer below!



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Activity Sheet

Water Cycle Crossword



Down

1. Water that is bellow surface
2. When water gathers in lakes, seas or oceans we call that:
3. When water vapors rise from water into the air we call that:
5. When gas changes to liquid we call that:
7. Frozen flakes that fall from the sky during winter

Across

4. A visible (sometimes fluffy looking) mass in the sky made from water or ice droplets
6. A large stream of water
7. Centre of the solar system
8. When water vapors rise from plants into the air we call that:
9. A body of water surrounded by land
10. When rain or snow falls down we call that:



Water Cycle Wordsearch



Evaporation
Accumulation
Condensation
Snow
Lake
River
Ocean

Precipitation
Transpiration
Clouds
Rain
Underground Water
Sea



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Contact afiggatt@wvca.us for a high resolution file.***