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**The *Out and About* has made a few changes to better serve our readers. First, The UpshurConnection.com has closed down. The time required to maintain the site and the costs involved are a heavy burden to our merry group of volunteers who would much rather be *Out and About*. Second, instead of maintaining a news site, we have decided to move back in with our parents, The Upshur Arts Alliance and utilize their on-line calendar for all events Upshur. UAA has supported the arts in Upshur County for thirty-five years and currently serves as the local Arts Council therefore; this consolidation will make a fantastic resource even better. Please visit** [**http://www.upshurartsalliance.org/**](http://www.upshurartsalliance.org/) **to see a centralized compilation of what is happening in our area. Finally, the “*Out and About”* newsletter will continue providing a condensed overview of the many things to do right here in Upshur County each and every week.**

**Monday** – **Buckhannon Irish Music** Session - every Monday starting at 5:30 PM in the WVWC Wesley Chapel Meditation Room. All are welcome to come and join in to play tunes, learn, or listen.

**Buckhannon Animal Care & Control Commission**- 5:30 pm in Council Chambers. Please take a few moments to complete the Dog Park/Off-leash area survey to help the commissioners gather information <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9R6BLBJ>

Would you like to **learn more about your new tablet, laptop, smart phone, or other electronic device**? Drop in to the Library any time between 3:00 and 6:00 pm. today to receive one-on-one help from Library staff. Registration is not required. This program will be first-come, first-served, so patience may be required. For more information, call 304-473-4219.

Last chance to take a walk along Main Street and check out the new **Holiday banners** and decorations.

**Tuesday** – **Rotary** – Meeting at noon at Chapel Hill’s fellowship hall. This week we will host five B-U High School students from **Upshur Helping Hands** who will share about the work their group is doing. A delicious lunch prepared by Fish Hawk Acres will be served.

The **Upshur County Historical Society** will be open to the public at the Repository, (29 W. Main Street, across from the Courthouse) Tuesday evenings, 6-8 pm. Stop by and check out their new Christmas window exhibits, "Upshur County Christmas 50 Years Ago" and "Upshur County Christmas 100 Years Ago."

**Fish Hawk Acres Cooking Classes** – 6 pm to 9 pm. This is the first class of seven for January. Call 304-473-7741 to make your reservation. Pre-payment is required. (They also have a Signature Private Dinner Series planned.)

**Wednesday – Dough Re Mi's Open Session** – From 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm, Adam Christian Moyer will definitely be playing some tunes to help get the musical inspiration rolling. Bring your instruments and a willingness to have fun with it. No equipment, please. This place is small but super cozy. Readings are welcome, too! Come out for your local coffee shop fix and share your talents or come to learn from others who are also learning.

**Nar-Anon Family group** for the families and friends of those who suffer from addiction will meet at Chapel Hill UMC at 88 S. Kanawha St. beginning at 7:00 and lasting until 8:30.

**Thursday – Create Buckhannon** at noon - Join in the ongoing community discussion at our weekly brainstorming session located at C.J. Maggie’s third-floor dining room. A delicious lunch is available during the noon meeting and is $7 per person if you want to eat lunch. Be a part of a community dialog that is already making a difference.

Tickets are on sale for an **Elimination Dinner** to support Create Buckhannon. The event will be at the Brushy Fork Event Center on February 17th from 6 to 9 pm. Tickets are $25 each and available at the UCDA office on Main Street or from members. There are only 300 seats available so reserve your spot today.

Thursday evenings enjoy live **BLUEGRASS** music happening at Audrey’s from 7:00-9:00 PM.

**Upshur County Commission** meets each week on Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. at the Courthouse Annex, Room 301. Citizens are welcome to attend the meetings.

**Opportunity House event** hosted by the First Presbyterian Church on at 7 pm. Please share with your congregations, friends, and organizations that may be interested in attending.

**Buckhannon City Council special meeting** at the Public Safety Complex Buckhannon Community & Training Room at 6 p.m. to discuss public safety operations of the fire and police.

**Friday –** Did your team register for the **Second Annual Adult Spelling Bee** yet? Last chance! Anyone that wants to form a team of four or wants to be on a team, get a hold of Kathy Foster at 439-1433 or kathyf\_1@yahoo.com or Jane Reddecliff 472-2087 or jreddecliff@cebridge.net

**Signature Private Dinner Series** with Fish Hawk Acres.This is the first of the Signature Private Dinner Series. Limited availability. Reservations & Payment must be made in advance. Call 304-473-7741.

**Ricky Mortis & The Stiffs @ The 88** Live music starting at 9 pm.

Check out [Buckhannon FAF](https://www.facebook.com/groups/BuckhannonFAF/) (**Free Art Friday**) on Facebook. Art for the people! Every Friday in Buckhannon there will be a free art scavenger hunt. Feel free to join in and hide your own pieces or post your sweet finds on the Facebook page.

**Saturday –** Visit **Lascaux Micro-theater**, 33 East Main Street, Buckhannon, on Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 PM for an ever-changing cinematic treat. To make reservations for LASCAUX, please call 304-473-1818, or send an email to bryson@vnarch.com This week they will be showing MOONLIGHT, 2016, USA, 111 mins., Rated R, Check out the trailer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9NJj12tJzqc>

**Sunday** – **AOP Bingo** fundraiser at the Buckhannon Moose Lodge. Craft show starts at noon, Bingo starts at 2 pm.

**McNemar House Presents**: The Suitcase Junket from 7 until 9 pm. This performance Sold out! Check out [www.mcnemarhouse.com](http://www.mcnemarhouse.com) for upcoming events.

 *Coming Soon –*

**Second Annual Spelling Bee** sponsored by UAA will be held January 27th Friday at the National Guard Armory/Event Center on Brushy Fork Road. Anyone that wants to form a team of four or wants to be on a team, get a hold of Kathy Foster at 439-1433 or kathyf\_1@yahoo.com or Jane Reddecliff 472-2087 or jreddecliff@cebridge.net Register your team before January 6th to be a part of this family-friendly event.

Thursday January 26 - Get a new camera for Christmas? You are invited to attend the January meeting of **BU Camera Club** at the Senior Center starting at 6:30. Four talented members will be giving hands on assistance with close up photography skills. Bring your camera, tripod and something small to photograph. New members and guests welcome!

Ronald C. White, internationally-known and bestselling author of A. Lincoln: A Biography, will present “**Abraham Lincoln 2017: Wisdom for Today**” at West Virginia Wesleyan College on Tuesday, February 14 at 7 p.m. in the Culpepper Auditorium of the Virginia Thomas Law Center for the Performing Arts on the Buckhannon campus. The event is free and open to the public.

Reserve the date – February 17th – **Mardi Gras Evening Elimination Dinner** at Brushy Fork Event Center – tickets $25 donation - $1000 grand prize – need not be present to win – for tickets see Melodie at the UCDA office or ask a Create member.

**JUST KEEP WRITING** Creative Writing Class. Experience writing and sharing with 12 budding writers. Come expecting laughter, tears, and release. Instructor: Greenbrier Almond MD with Asia Dezarn Facilitator, Two sessions: February 11th and 18th from 1:00-3:30 pm, Healthy snacks, pencil, and paper will be provided! Contact email: gb.almond@gmail.com, [www.artistryonmain.com](http://www.artistryonmain.com), Telephone: 304-460-2505 Class Limit is 12 students Cost of classes: $40.00 for 2 sessions

**AMP Library Book club** meets the last Thursday of each month. New members are welcome. Contact Beth Rogers at the Library 304-473-8463. Email librarian@wvwc.edu for more information. The upcoming titles are January - Lucky Life Interrupted; February - Carrying Albert Home; March - Ocean at the End of the Lane. Remember, you do not have to read every book; you can join in for just the titles that interest you!

AYBC will perform **"Alice in Wonderland"** March 18 & 19 at the Virginia Thomas Law Center for the Performing Arts at WVWC. Rehearsals are underway preparing for the spring performance. Stay tuned for information on rehearsals and formation of our Jr. Company ensemble!

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*Out and About* is a way to share information about activities and events in Upshur County. Please consider forwarding the information to others who may be interested in supporting the arts in Upshur County or to those who are simply looking for things to do.

**Hope to see you Out and About…**

***Maria***