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Midland Trail Scenic Highway

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Midland Trail News

A Toast to UKVEDC Oktoberfest!

According to Diana Wilson, Executive Director of the [Upper Kanawha Valley Economic Development Corporation](#), this year's Oktoberfest was bigger and better than ever. Featuring an authentic German Beer Garden, live music, vendors selling locally grown food and Oktoberfest pretzels, sternwheeler rides, a classic car and truck show, and pony rides, it was a great event for the whole family. Each year attendance has increased, and this year was no different. Congratulations to the folks at UKVEDC for hosting a successful event!



America's Byways Peer Advisor Network

Midland Trail Executive Director Alice Hypes has been selected to participate in the [America's Byways Resource Center](#) Peer Advisor Network (PAN). Alice will spend two and a half days trainin

g at the Resource Center headquarters in Duluth, MN this week with an expert instructor from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Arts Extension Service.

The PAN is a service provided by the America's Byways Resource Center to match seasoned byways leaders with a byway organization requesting assistance. Byway organizations may receive up to two days of consulting services in the form of individual or group meetings or training. The cost of this service is subsidized in part by the Resource Center. For information on how to apply, click [here](#).



MAPP Grant Workshop

WV Tourism is making several major changes to the Matching Advertising Partnership Program and the grant tracking process. If you were not at the WV Tourism conference in Wheeling for the 1st MAPP workshop, another will be held at 1pm on October 13th at the WV Tourism office in South Charleston. To register, contact Tonya Conley at 304-957-9344 or tonya.a.conley@wv.gov.

October Events

[*Spring Hill Octoberfest](#)

Downtown, South Charleston
October 1

Featuring ribs, barbecues, sweets, flea market, arts and crafts booth, a dog costume contest, "kid zone" and more.

[*WV State Farm Museum Country Fall Festival](#)

Point Pleasant
October 1-2

A good-harvest celebration, festival activities include the making of apple butter, apple cider, and sorghum molasses.



[*Charleston Boulevard Rod Run and Doo Wop](#)

Charleston
October 6-9

6th Annual cruise-in, featuring Burnout Alley, Island-Swap Meet, Women's World, lighted boat parade,

[*Lewisburg Taste of our Town \(TOOT\)](#)

Lewisburg
October 8

Festival takes place from 11am-3pm on the historic streets of downtown Lewisburg. Sample delicacies from local restaurants, clubs, and organizations by purchasing with TOOT tokens.



[*South Charleston Community Center Rock and Gem Show](#)

South Charleston
October 15-16

Dealers, gems, minerals, fossils, rocks, beads, jewelry, demonstrations, kids' corner, displays. Nominal fee. <http://www.rockngem.com/showdates/>

[*New River Gorge Bridge Day Festival](#)

New River Gorge Bridge
October 15

concerts, fireworks, vendors, and more.

[*WV Pumpkin Festival](#)

Milton

October 6-9

WV Largest Pumpkin contest, locally produced arts and crafts, vendors, and live music. Fee.

[*Morgan's Kitchen Fall Festival](#)

St. Albans

October 8

Held at Morgan's Plantation Kitchen Museum, activities include apple butter making, cabin tours, Civil War re-enactors, hit/miss engines, and live music. Free.

[*Point Pleasant Battle Days Festival](#)

Tu-Endie-Wei State Park, Point Pleasant

October 7-9

Lantern tour, parade, demonstrations, colonial tea, and colonial ball commemoration the Battle of Point Pleasant, October 10, 1774.



Bridge day festival and the final weekend for the 2011 rafting season. Watch jumpers leap 876 ft. from the bridge.

[Cantrell Ultimate Rafting Concert](#). Free.

[*Harvest Fest](#)

Fort Randolph, Point Pleasant

October 29

18th Century seminars and life skills. Gift shop. Free. (Donations appreciated.)

[*The Pumpkin House](#)

Kenova

October 29-November 5 (tentative)

3,000 carved jack-o-lanterns adorn the home of Kenova Mayor, Ric Griffith, staying lit throughout the night from the time pumpkins are carved until they rot. Dates vary due to weather and pumpkin conditions. Free.



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