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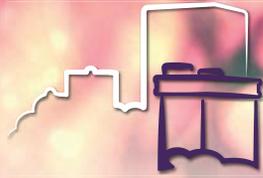


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After nearly a year of the entire world being put on “PAUSE”, most of us will never take simple things for granted. Things like eating out, listening to live music, going to the theatre, and participating in sports have been missed so much by everyone.

Charleston is gradually opening for live concerts and other performances. Charleston Ballet has begun performing to a limited audience. Fortunately, as COVID cases decline and the number of folks getting vaccinated increase, the weather is also cooperating with plenty of warm sunshine and breeze from the Kanawha River.

Many activities are still available virtually for the time being. The “Faith in Action of the Greater Kanawha Valley” is the beneficiary of the “Pedal with Purpose/ 60+Mile Bike/Run/Walk Challenge” This family friendly event for all ages takes place at your own pace all month long.

On May 13, the newly remodeled Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center (CC&CC) will be the venue for “The Avett Brothers” show that was previously scheduled for June of 2020. Most of the shows and concerts that had to be cancelled are being rescheduled when possible.

Big news for the community is the announcement that WV Power Baseball will remain in Charleston. Opening weekend for The Power begins May 28. Spectator sports return to the CC&CC on May 29 when the “304 Classics Stars vs Stripes” takes shape. Randy Moss, Jason Williams, Jon Elmore, Dasean Butler, Kevin Jones, and others will be competing against active Military Personnel in a wonderful night of entertainment that will benefit “Recovery Point West Virginia”.

The Clay Center for the Arts & Sciences is currently open by reservation only. That will change as restrictions ease. However, in the newly created Susan Runyan Maier Sculpture Garden’s reflecting pool, there is a beautiful new glass sculpture created by internationally recognized artist Mari Gardner.

Fortunately, “Live on the Levee” returns to Haddad Riverfront Park in June. That is terrific news for the lovers of live music! Ordinarily beginning Memorial Weekend in May, this year the concerts will start in June. They hope to continue into the fall, instead of ending on Labor Day Weekend. Mayor Amy Goodwin explained they can move forward with the events as long as they have COVID-19 precautions in place.

Another bit of good news, the Vandalia Gathering will return May 29. This year only, the popular event which usually takes place the entire Memorial Day weekend, is being condensed to a 2-hour concert. This concert will be FREE to the public and

live-streamed, as well. The time and venue will be announced soon.

Live music is also returning to The Empty Glass, at 410 Elizabeth St. The music varies between “open mike”, live bands, and DJ’s spinning records. Mi Cocina de Amor’s outdoor “Margarita Garden” is also hosting live music. After being cooped up for a year due to COVID-19, it is a huge treat to enjoy music performed live!

Downtown, on Capitol and Hale Streets, those streets will be closed to vehicular traffic from Friday afternoon until Sunday night, as local restaurants expand their seating to include large outdoor, tented areas for dining. This will continue through fall, as weather allows. Sadly, several local restaurants have not survived the pandemic’s effect on business. It is important for everyone to enjoy getting out of the house and supporting our local community, whether it is dining in, take-out, or delivery.

Mother’s Day at Capitol Market is going to be a much more normal event this year. That holiday is the Market’s version of “Black Friday”. Ellen’s Ice Cream’s market location will be opening for the season. Several pop-up vendors will be there for the weekend, along with hundreds of beautiful flowers, vegetables, and other items.

Nearly a year since the \$24million renovation on the Kanawha County Public Library began, it is right on track for completion in December. Meanwhile, the Charleston branch is still temporarily available at the Town Center Mall. There are also mobile services at the Patrick Street Plaza.

As the world slowly opens back up, in the words of Dorothy from “The Wizard of Oz”, “There’s just no place like home”. And there’s no better place to be than Charleston, WV!

- May 9: “Mother’s Day” at Capitol Market, all day event
- May 13: “The Avett Brothers”, CC&CC, 7:30pm, tickets: varies
- May 28: “WV Power Baseball” Opening Weekend, Appalachian Power Park, 6pm, tickets: varies
- May 29: “Vandalia Gathering”, details TBA
- May 29: “304 Classics Stars vs Stripes”, CC&CC, 2pm, tickets: varies



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Looking Back

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... AT THE ELK CITY HISTORIC DISTRICT



The Elk River Historic District has gone by several names over the years. Glen Elk, Magazine, West End, and most commonly the West Side. Developed in the late 19th century and early 20th century, Elk City is located on the west side of the Elk River in Charleston. Crossing the Washington Street bridge from Charleston deposits you into the heart of Elk City. Charleston annexed Elk City in 1895. Over 100 years later, in 2008, Elk City was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

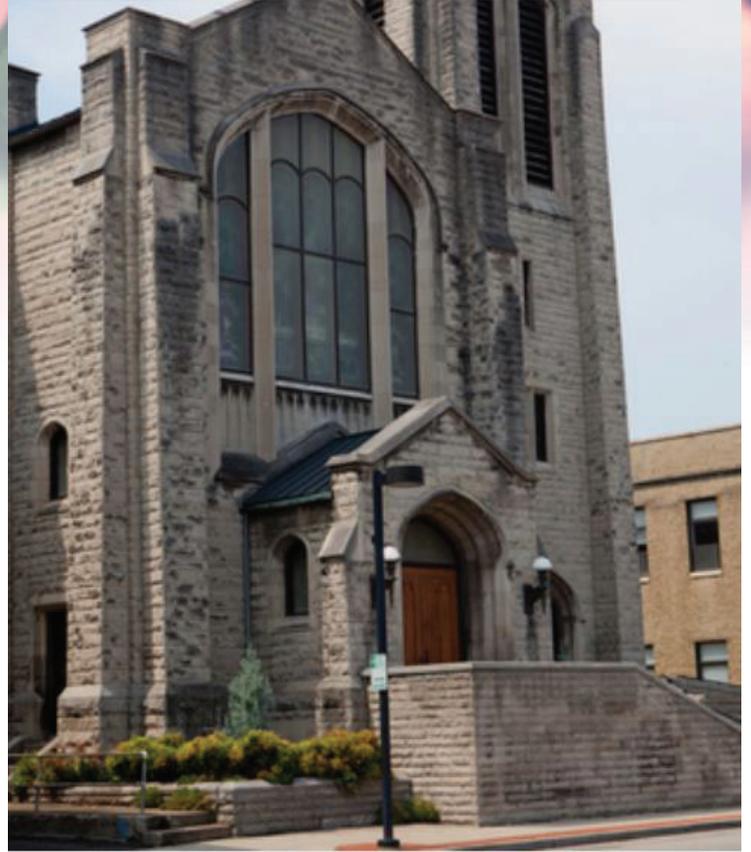
The district is roughly 13 acres and includes the area surrounded by Lee Street, Bigley Avenue, Jarrett Court, Pennsylvania Avenue, Tennessee Avenue, and West Washington Street. The business district is primarily commercial buildings constructed around the turn of the 20th century. Originally the building had first-floor storefronts with residential housing on the floors above.

Most buildings in the district were typical commercial block structures. There are, however, several buildings that are more decorative, stately structures. The old Staats Hospital building on West Washington Street is a fine example of Classical Revival style, designed by John C. Norman, Sr., a prominent architect of the time. Further west on West Washington Street, the Custer Theatre building was constructed in 1938 and was an example of Art Deco architecture.

Elk City is home to the stately Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church on West Washington Street. It originated as the Glen Elk Mission in 1883, but by 1902, the Bream family donated property to construct a larger church to accommodate the burgeoning congregation. By 1920, the church had over 2,300 members. The main church building was erected in 1909 and is in the Romanesque Revival style.

Many popular destination establishments in years past have gone by the wayside. Kelley's Men's Shop catered to the well-dressed Charlestonian. The Fountain Hobby Center boasted one of the few neon signs in the district and was a fixture on West Washington Street and Bigley Avenue. There you could buy anything from kite string to modeling glue. They sold the supplies for more hobbies than one even knew existed.

Around the corner, Duchess Bakery smelled of fresh-baked bread.



Inside, sweet treats and dozens of baked goods tempted the tastebuds. Not a place for the calorie counting patron.

Chris's Hot Dogs – reputedly the best hotdogs in Charleston, and also the most beautiful interior as well. Originally a confectionary shop, the ornate woodwork behind the bar, the hex tile floor, tin ceilings, and the quaint wooden booths took their customers back in time.

After numerous businesses closed or relocated, Elk City had a lull in business traffic. Now, revitalization efforts have transformed Elk City once again into a destination area. Books and Brews serves up food, beverages, and books. Elk City Records brings hundreds of vinyl records to shoppers. Kin Ship Goods boutique offers a unique selection of apparel, home décor, and West Virginia-themed items. Mi Cocina de Amor restaurant features Mexican and American cuisine. Other businesses include Winter Floral and Antiques, Sodaro's Electronics, Base Camp Printing, Cooper's Barber Shop, and Artistic Advantage Tattoo & Piercing.

Elk City is indeed a revitalized neighborhood. It's worth a walk through the area to explore these and other places of interest. What was old is new again.

Email your responses about the Elk City Historic District or requests for locations you'd like Looking Back to visit to thewriter@mlynn.com.

Squires' book Looking Back at Charleston is a compilation of 24 essays and color photos from her column and is available on Amazon. Visit www.mlynn.com.

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MONTGOMERY. This stately home has beautiful woodwork, a parlor with stained glass entrance, marble fireplaces, large rooms, high ceilings and a 20 x 24 detached garage. **\$94,500**



SMITHERS. 4 BR, 4 BA brick home w/a 45' x 28' family/media room. Has det gar + carport & original HW under carpet. Also on the property is a home that can be purchased separately. Brand new roofs installed in December. Must see. **\$120,000**

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Elegance in the forest best describes this magnificent home located South Hills. This home sits on 17+ private and gated acres with 100+ acres available for pleasure or development. 6 Bedrooms 4.5 Baths. The indoor pool offers year around pleasure in its own detached 2200 sq ft pool house with a kitchen and full bath. Built in 2004, this amazing home is quality throughout with beautiful trim and hardwoods, 10ft main level ceilings and 9ft upper-level ceilings.



Charming East End home in excellent condition. Beautiful original woodwork and hardwood floors throughout. Large rooms with lots of natural lighting. Updated kitchen with breakfast area and formal separate dining. Large open family room and formal living off entry. 4 bedroom 2 baths on second floor. Finished 3rd floor with 5th bedroom and half bath. Fenced in backyard with secured gated access off street.



Front of the hill with classic styling best describes this lovely 3 bed 3 bath home with over 2300 sq. Ft. Of living space. This coveted neighborhood is just minutes from downtown charleston, south charleston, and is located in the south hills school district. This home boasts one-of-a-kind stone patios and walkways, original hardwoods, elegant woodwork, updated kitchen and baths, 2 wood burning fireplaces with a cozy den/office and so much more! First American Home Warranty provided!!



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Beautiful 1 owner home in the heart of So. Hills. Spacious open floor plan offers updated kitchen w/ SS appliances, main floor master ensuite with walk-in closets & living room with vaulted ceilings & multiple French doors. Covered back patio with built-in gas grill looking to a waterfall with fire features on both sides. Lower level is perfect for entertaining with game tables & full bar with fridge, ice maker & dishwasher. Heated driveway to an oversized 2 car garage finished with epoxy floors



STUNNING AND EXQUISITE best describes this magnificent home inside and out! This home has 2 1/2 story's with 5 BR, (2 Masters, 1 on Main Level & 2nd on the upper level), 4.5 Baths, custom Limestone FP, beautiful hardwoods, gorgeous Cherry Library, Dual Steam shower, instant hot water, heated tile floor, all stainless appliances and much more!



A charming 3 bedroom house in the front of South Hills. Short walk to Bridge Road restaurants and shops. Updated throughout, including finished basement, new paint inside/outside, new HVAC, new front door/garage door - plus more! Excellent school district.



A prestigious home providing soft 1 floor living w/ loft on over an acre of privacy. 3BR 3.5BA on main inc Master Suite. Wood Paneled Library/Family, just off the Dining room & impressive open kitchen, leading to sunroom w/ commanding views of downtown. Recently finished upper level w/open concept. Lower level offers an additional 1900+ sq ft that has been dry walled & is semi-finished with 2 additional BR/BA.



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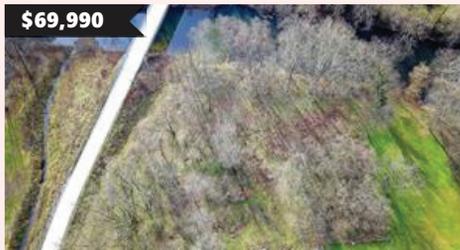
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SOUTHERN, WV



Restored log cabin at youth museum in Beckley. Photo by Melody Pittman.

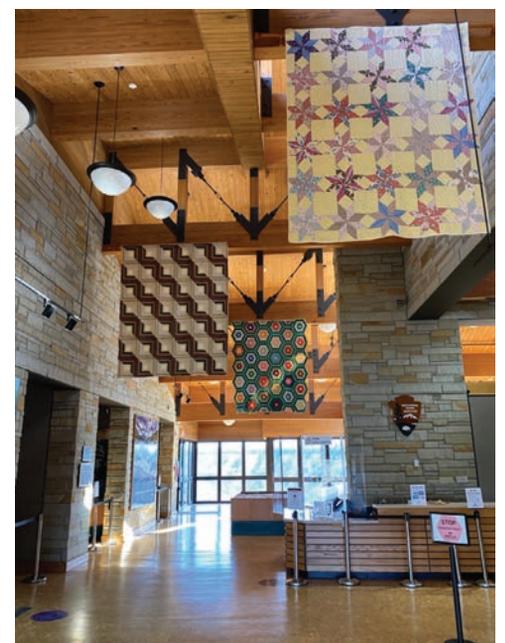
Often we tend to forget the things that are literally in our back yard. That's the case of Southern West Virginia, one hour southeast of Charleston, where the cities of Beckley, Ghent, Daniels, and such are. There are many neat things to see and do in Southern WV, so why not start with a few of these?

WHAT TO SEE & DO IN SOUTHERN WV

Tamarack is one of the Southern West Virginia gems that most have seen, but maybe not stopped for. This original building sits by the interstate/turnpike and is every bit as unique inside as it is out. Housing regional artisans' paintings, glassware, craft beer, wine, clothing, gourmet food products, books, and much more, Tamarack is a treasure trove of all things made in West Virginia. Fiesta dishes are one of the most surprising to people who visit Tamarack. Besides shopping, you can also dine or grab a snack.



WV glassware at Tamarack. Photo by Melody Pittman.



Canyon Rim at New River Gorge National Park. Photo by Melody Pittman.



Weekend TRAVELER

Southern West Virginia proudly boasts the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve (the newest National Park), with 70,000-acres surrounding the New River offering endless outdoor recreation. Pop into Canyon Rim Visitor Center to stamp your National Parks passport, then walk the boardwalk paths for the best view of the famous New River Gorge Bridge.

Winterplace Ski Resort in Ghent is a fun place to enjoy the winter season through skiing, snowboarding, and snow tubing on the largest tubing park in the state. Lessons are available. Switching hats to the spring and summer season, enjoy America's favorite pastime with a baseball game at Epling Stadium, where the West Virginia Miners play a few dozen games.

There are plenty of other things to do outdoors in Southern WV, too, including fishing, hiking, biking, or picnicking at Little Beaver State Park. Cyclists can also enjoy the McManus Trail for a bike ride (parking at Prince St.) and while in the vicinity, be sure to stroll downtown Beckley for local shopping, mighty memorials, and murals.



Orange cold brew with foam from Chocolate Moose. Photo by Melody Pittman.

Beckley's Chocolate Moose fits more than one category as this eclectic coffee shop also has a climbing gym and mini-golf. Treat yourself to hand-dipped ice cream or a clever coffee or smoothie creation that tastes as good as they sound. I recommend the Orange Cold Brew with dark chocolate and orange cream cold foam.

One of Beckley's most important attractions is the Exhibition Coal Mine, an 1889 drift mine now used for education. Historic coal camp houses, church, and a school sit around the property and a youth museum and gift shop. The attraction is open from April 1 to Nov 2.



Upper Big Branch Mining Disaster Memorial. Photo by Melody Pittman.

WHERE TO EAT AND DRINK

Starting with breakfast, one restaurant is synonymous with West Virginia, Tudor's Biscuit World. This counter-serve local chain has incredible biscuits, perfect for dunking in gravy or building a delicious breakfast sandwich. The Ron, Peppy, and Mountaineer are popular choices.

For lunch, grab a burger or WV hot dog (onion rings or petals go great as a side) from the iconic King Tut Drive-in or the weekly lunch special from Daniel Vineyards. Tamarack's restaurant is also a treat. Try the daily special, such as meatloaf or fried catfish, accompanied by two sides of your choice (the green beans and glazed carrots are tasty!), but save room for the signature Peach Bread Pudding. This is one dish you will be talking about for days!



Spaghetti from Pasquale's. Photo by Melody Pittman.

Go local for dinner with one of the two family-owned chains that have been in Beckley for 50+ years. The Char is your fine-dining steakhouse with fabulous food and ambiance, while Pasquale's is the Italian restaurant with delicious bread, decadent pasta dishes, and an excellent antipasto platter. Pasquale's Spaghetti and Meatballs is a dish I could eat every day.

Another standout dining spot in Southern WV is The Dish Cafe in Daniels. This scratch-made kitchen serves a variety of menu items, but the burgers are a standout. The Hey Jack Burger is piled with pimento cheese, cherry pepper slaw, and a fried egg. Try the award-winning Mac & cheese as your side; it is sensational!



Reuben and soup from Daniel vineyards. Photo by Melody Pittman.

Daniel Vineyards is a lovely setting for a West Virginia wine tasting, while Weathered Grounds Brewery is a craft beer institution with a picturesque setting and live music.



Weathered Ground Brewery. Photo by Melody Pittman.

WHERE TO STAY IN SOUTHERN WV

Southern West Virginia's premier lodging is at the Resort at Glade Springs. You can stay in the main inn, lodges, and villas at this gated property that offers dozens of amenities and three 18-hole championship golf courses that are some of the best in the state. Rooms are spacious and have upscale bedding, granite bathrooms, and the luxuries of home, while the resort provides free Wifi and parking. From billiards, movies, and bowling, to archery, laser tag, and full-service spa, Glade Springs has it all.



Room at Glade Springs. Photo by Melody Pittman.

You'll find all the big names in chain hotels in Southern West Virginia, too, including Hampton Inn, Country Inn & Suites, Econo Lodge, and Courtyard Marriott, all in Beckley.

TRAVEL IN YOUR OWN BACK YARD

Hopefully you will take this short, but sweet road trip to explore Southern West Virginia. There is way more to do than what's listed, especially with the area's zip lining, whitewater rafting, ATV parks, and other outdoor attractions, but this will be a great intro. Happy travels.



Mural in downtown Beckley. Photo by Melody Pittman.



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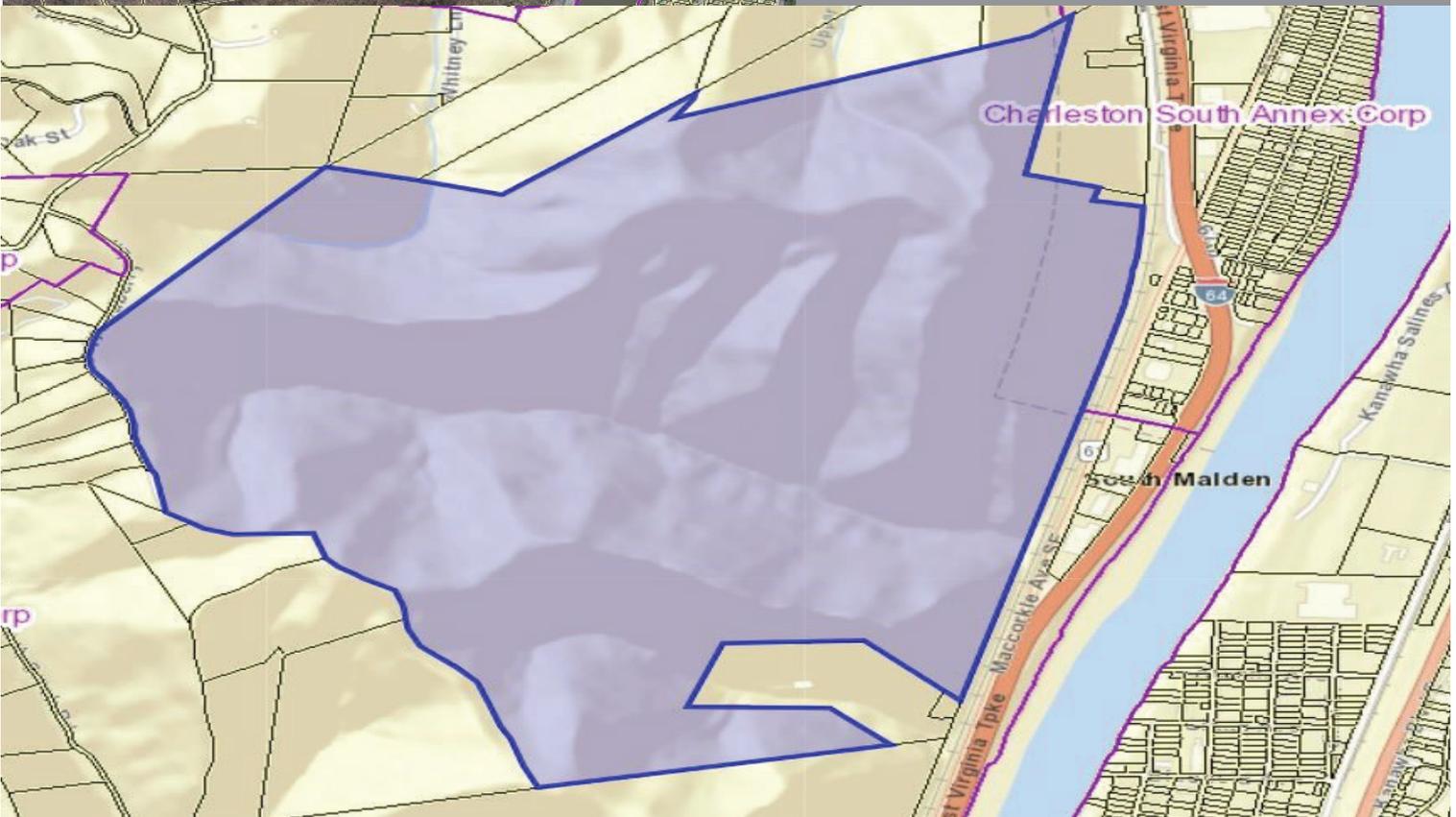
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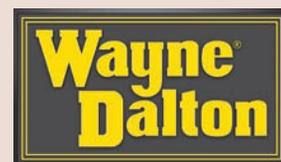


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