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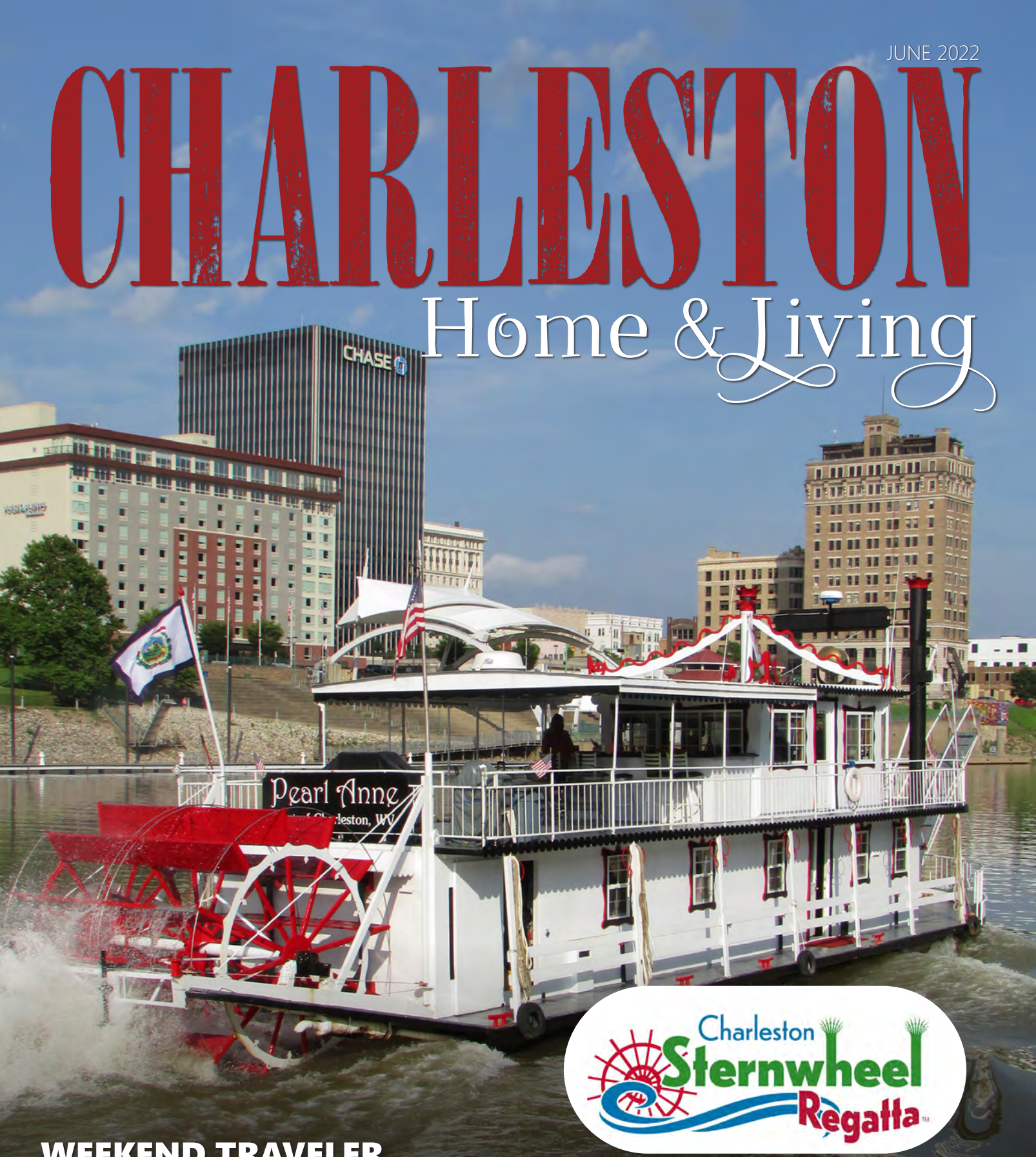

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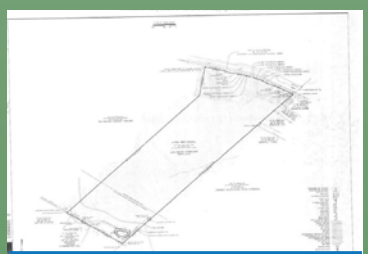

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HAPPENING Around Town

Live on the Levee! Symphony Sunday! FestivALL! Father's Day! West Virginia Day! SO much is happening in Charleston this month. The Main Branch of the Kanawha County Public Library re-opened last month after its $32 million renovation. Luke Bryan is coming to the Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center (CC&CC) and so are Brooks & Dunn!

The newly constructed "City Center at Slack Plaza" will be the site for the Rainbow Pride of West Virginia Festival events June 3-5. That same weekend, a one-of-a-kind bike show and rally is coming to Haddad Riverfront Park and the Levee. The "Rally on the Levee" will be packed full of bike competitions, live music, national pro custom bike builders, and vendors selling food, arts, and crafts.

FestivALL will be celebrating its 18th year June 14-28. There are literally dozens of different activities for the entire family. For a complete list of all the concerts and other events, visit the website: festivallcharleston.com. "Live on the Levee" just announced the entire summer line-up for the free concerts at Haddad Riverfront Park. The schedule can be found on its website.

On Father's Day weekend, there are three huge sporting events in the community. The 2022 US Youth Soccer Eastern Presidents Cup tournament will be held at Shawnee Sports Complex. In the UC Stadium at Laidley Field, the AAU Region 4 Qualifier is a Track and Field event that will include an expected 1,500+ athletes from Lake Erie, Ohio, Niagara, Western Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

That same weekend, the nation's largest Flatwater Kayak Community Event, and the main fundraiser for the Coal River Group's restoration efforts, will take place at the western end of the county. Known as the extremely popular "Tour de Coal", this 12 mile kayak trip is a " oat", not a "race". On June 18, it will begin at Meadowood Park in Tornado and end in St. Albans. Last year's event included over 1,500 kayakers. 2022 promises to be even bigger!

The 2022 US Youth Soccer Eastern Regional Championships takes place June 24-30. Many of these games will be at the Shawnee Sports Complex. There will be literally thousands of visitors to our city in June and Charleston has never looked more inviting!

June 30 marks the long-anticipated return of the Charleston Sternwheel Regatta. Stay tuned as that exciting schedule of events is announced.

There is NO doubt about it! Charleston is definitely proud to proclaim "YA GOTTA REGATTA!!!

June 2:
"Parker McCollum", 8pm, Municipal Auditorium, cost: varies

June 2-4:
"WVSSAC Baseball State Championship Tournament", Appalachian Power Park, details TBA

June 3-5:
"Rally on the Levee", Haddad Riverfront Park, cost: FREE

June 3-5:
"Pride Festival Weekend", events and venues TBA

June 3, 10, 17, 24, 31:
"Live on the Levee", 6:30pm, Haddad Riverfront Park, cost: FREE

June 4:
"Sound Checks- Erin & the Wildfire", 6:30pm, Clay Center, cost: varies

June 5:
"Matric Symphony Sunday", 1pm, University of Charleston lawn, cost: FREE

June 8-27:
FestivALL

June 9:
"Luke Bryan Raised Up Right Tour", 7pm, CC&CC, cost: varies

June 11:
"Miss Sternwheel Regatta Pageant", Haddad Riverfront Park, cost: TBA

June 16:
"Downtown ArtWalk", 5pm, varied venues, cost: FREE

June 16-19:
"AAU Region 4 Qualifier", Laidley Field, details TBA

June 17-21:
"2022 US Youth Soccer Eastern Presidents Cup", Shawnee Sports Complex, details TBA

June 17-19, 24-26:
"Bonnie & Clyde: The Musical", 8pm, CLOG Theater, cost: varies

June 18:
"Forever Johnny Cash" The Musical Tribute, 8pm, CC&CC, cost: varies

June 18:
"Tour De Coal", Meadowood Park, details: TBA

June 19:
"WV Birthday Celebration Concert", 2pm, Kanawha State Forest, cost: FREE

June 19:
"Mountain Stage" featuring Southern Avenue, We Banjo 3, Lilli Lewis, and more TBA; 7pm, WV Culture Center, cost: $30

June 22:
"Three Things: Season 7, Episode 5", 7pm, Clay Center, cost: $10

June 23:
"Brooks & Dunn: REBOOT TOUR 2022", 7pm, CC&CC, cost: varies

June 25:
"Wine & Jazz Music Festival", 3pm, University of Charleston, details: TBA

June 26:
"Mountain Stage" featuring James McMurtry, Sammy Rae and The Friends; 7pm, WV Culture Center Theater, cost: $30

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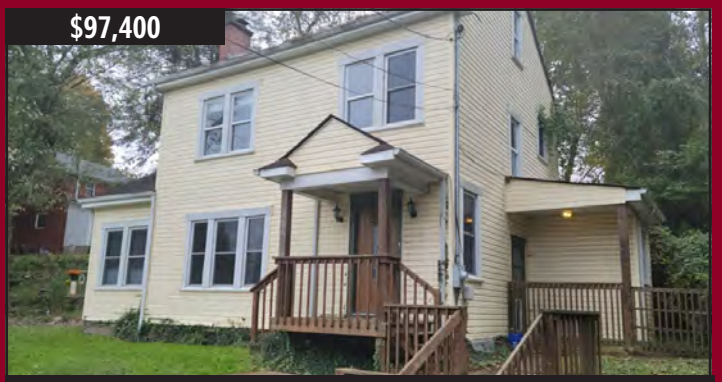

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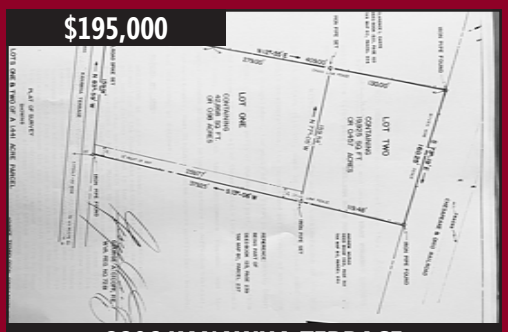

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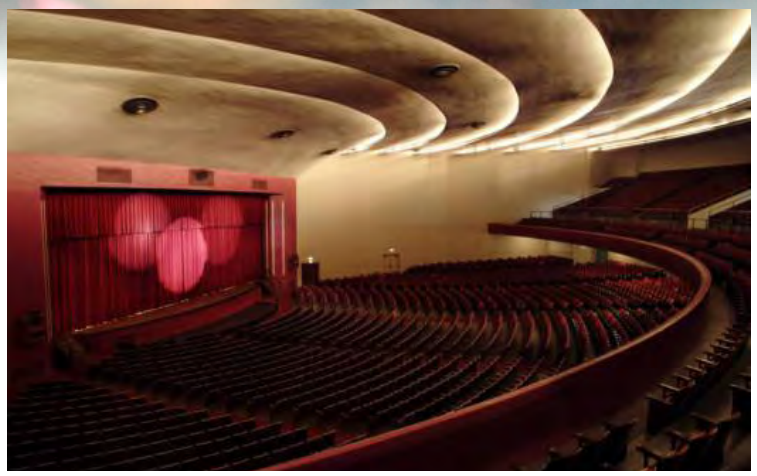

New Years Eve of 1952. Hundreds of revelers were preparing to descend on the Municipal Auditorium for a concert by the country music star Hank Williams. Advance ticket sales already totaled $3,500 with more seats anticipated to be sold at the door. In 2017 prices, that would be over $32,000. Just hours before the concert was to begin, Williams cancelled due to an ice storm that prevented his plane from taking off for Charleston. Hundreds of fans were disappointed to miss seeing him. Thousands more would be stunned to learn of his death in the backseat of his Cadillac near Oak Hill, West Virginia while being driven to Canton, Ohio for a New Year's Day performance.

Regardless of that dubious moment in the structure's history, the Municipal Auditorium is an Art Deco gem in the heart of Charleston's downtown district. Owing to a controversial start, the auditorium almost wasn't. The proposed auditorium became a source of much controversy in the early 1930's. The notion to spend an immense amount of money wasn't met with a positive response from everyone. Supporters felt Charleston needed a space for performers to come to town to enhance the culture and provide quality entertainment in the area.

Charleston applied for a $412,000 Public Works Administration grant in 1936. They were denied due to the lack of funds. Not to be deterred, the council applied for the same grant the following year and was subsequently awarded $250,000 for the project..

The site of the building had been a concave plot of earth that filled with water when it rained, reducing it to a virtual pit of mud. Sitting on less than one acre, the auditorium's groundbreaking took place on January 20, 1938 and construction was concluded a year later in 1939. The unsightly corner was transformed into a community landmark.

Designed by local architect Alphonso Wysong, the classic styling of the "Art Deco Grande Dame" has remained a timeless fixture of architectural impact. The Wyoming Theater in Mullens, West Virginia, although far less grand, was also designed by Wysong.

The Municipal Auditorium is built with steel joist construction and a steel frame resting on concrete piles. It is surrounded by a watertight subterranean retaining wall, concrete floors, metal lath and plaster ceilings, concrete and cinder block brick-faced curtain walls, and a stylistic concrete facade.

The impressive curved facade has three stair tower blocks. The dominant front center block houses the grand central staircase. Rising nearly the full height of the auditorium, it is the building's most prominent physical feature. The building name is cast in concrete making a bold, enduring statement. The auditorium is perhaps the most notable example of Art Deco architecture in Charleston. The building has experienced very few changes over the years that would serve to disrupt the visual impact of the Art Deco monolith.

With a capacity of 3,483 (2,377 on the orchestra level and 1,106 on the balcony), the Municipal Auditorium is the largest theater in West Virginia. A variety of events have graced the 65 by 85.5 foot stage over nearly 8 decades. Numerous events have taken advantage of a venue with excellent sight lines and superior acoustics. Political events held there include President Harry Truman in a campaign speech that was a live national radio broadcast on October 1, 1948.

On the evening of November 7, 1939, the Municipal Auditorium hosted an inaugural performance. Held two days after the dedication ceremony, the Community Music Association brought in French violinist Zino Francescatti to play before a crowd of 4,000 patrons. Since then, the auditorium has hosted an endless variety of musical performances from around the world.

Musical performances over the years have included the Cleveland Symphony, Eugene Ormandy and the Philadelphia Orchestra, Ray Charles, Jerome Hines, Jeanette MacDonald, Luciano Pavarotti, and the Vienna Boys Choir.

Broadway shows and operas staged there over the years include La Boheme, Hello Dolly (featuring Betty Grable), La Traviata (with Beverly Sills), Hair, and Grease.

Then sitting Mayor John T. Copenhaver issued an edict banning all rock-n-roll shows after an especially boisterous crowd of youngsters got out of hand at a 1957 performance. But the auditorium has gone on to host Alice Cooper, Bob Dylan, Billy Joel, and Crosby, Stills, and Nash.

Other diverse events there include the Beni Kedem Shrine Band, Morris Harvey College basketball games in the 1950s (with the court and bleachers placed on the stage), the Ice Capades, and Shrine Circus from 1947 to 1959. Directly underneath the stage, a large basement room at one time held a police department pistol range.

The Municipal Auditorium was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1999.

Next month, Looking Back visits another, albeit much smaller, Art Deco landmark...the Quarrier Diner.

Email your responses about The Municipal Auditorium or requests for locations you'd like Looking Back to visit to thewriter@mlynne.com.

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$370,000

GORGEOUS & CHARMING 3 story red brick home located on East End. Updates include a Darin Fisher kitchen w/a separate breakfast area, also included are a formal DR, LR, and foyer, beautiful crown molding and hardwood floo s, multiple fi eplaces with ornate mantles. Finished 3rd floor with a 5th bed and bath. Large tiled front porch and a screened in back deck. Fenced backyard with one-car garage.

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MONTGOMERY. This immaculate 4-BR, 4-BA brick rancher includes an att garage, a det garage, an abundance of parking, a fenced yard, lots of storage and a wine cellar. The lower level has a kitchen, family room, bedroom and bath that would be perfect for extended family. $174,900

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MONTGOMERY - Historic home - Gorgeous HW floors, high ceilings and large tiled front porch are just a few of the amenities - two spacious rooms on the third floor could be converted into 4th and 5th bedrooms - it must be seen to appreciate its warmth and its many unique features. **$164,900**

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\Amazing-Classical Design- Custom details throughout with top grade quality. 5 BR and 5 FB. Slate entry way, open floor plan with most centered view of Capitol Dome throughout the house and outdoor patio areas. BR and FB on Main Floor along with Living and Formal Dining rooms. Kitchen with Granite and Williams Cabinetry. Home office on 3rd Floor overlooking Master Suite featuring 18' ceilings. Finished lower-level w Rec, 5th BR and FB. Elevator access to all floors.

Spacious Home Situated on Gorgeous Lot on Norwood Rd In So Hills. House offers 4 Beds & 3.5 Baths. Features include built-in bookshelves in formal LR, marble floors in den, Wainscoting in DR, Italian tile in breakfast area, granite countertop from the Greenbrier in kitchen, coffered ceiling, 3 gas FP, HVAC, new roof, bath upstairs remodeled w/Caesar stone countertop. Relaxing outdoor space and screened porch. Conveniently located close to schools, shops and Downtown Charleston.

Custom built home with unique quality throughout. Inlaid marble and wood floors grace the large entry with a spiral staircase. This home is built for entertaining, including Spacious living areas, large bedrooms, several baths, and a bonus room, owner's suite includes a sitting room. The home has high ceilings throughout and lots of big open windows for natural light and serene wooded views.

Take a step back in time at this National Historic Register gem. The 1796 stone and wood home has been meticulously renovated with all of the modern conveniences including a gourmet kitchen yet maintaining the old Virginia charm and historic feel. Consider as a private home, B&B, or unique Airbnb. Located just above the Greenbrier River and Trail and moments from the famous Greenbrier Resort and quaint Lewisburg's dining and shopping.

Beautiful Victorian Condo in Historic East End! Immaculate and beautifully restored, this home features a great open floor plan, pocket doors, marble fireplaces, charming hardwood floors, open kitchen/dining area, and lower-level rec room. this 3-story condo is completely move in ready and conveniently located to downtown, medical facilities, dining and shopping.

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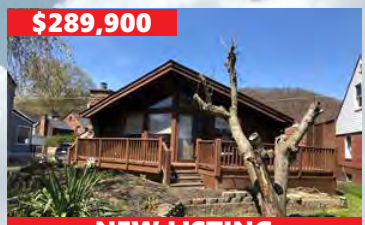

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We're continually on the hunt for opportunities to add richness to our lives. In the time of the road trip revival, we are proud to feature a monthly section featuring destinations within driving distance of Charleston that make for a great getaway. We feel that our worldly and devoted readers will find these places interesting.

Weekend Getaway

By: Melody Pittman

BECKLEY, WV

Thanks to the highest gas prices we've seen in years, many families will be looking to take shorter trips this summer and stay close to home. Not to worry, there are some fun-filled towns near Charleston that are great for a weekend getaway, plus they will give you a fresh perspective on the Mountain State. Driving one hour south and gently east brings you to Beckley, West Virginia. Beckley is home to two major attractions, Tamarack and the Exhibition Coal Mine, but there is plenty more for your weekend adventures.

WHAT TO SEE & DO IN BECKLEY

Give your muscles a workout and particip te in a beloved family-friendly activity at The Chocolate Moose, o ering miniature golf and a climbing gym. Golf is a biggie in Beckley, and you'll not run out of challenging courses to play. Three alone are at Glade Springs, including the Cobb Course, with many lakes, 50+ sand bunkers, and hundreds of feet of elevation change.

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Take in the scenic gorge views from America's 63rd National Park, New River Gorge, only minutes from Beckley. Plan hiking, a bridge walk, picnicking, sightseeing, or explore the Grandview Visitor's Center. Another fantastic o ering in this region is Theatre West Virginia, o en still called Grandview Theater, a gorgeous one-of-a-kind cli side amphitheater. The shows change o en, but you can see the Hatfields and McCoys, Rocket Boys The Musical, and Wizard of Oz over the summer months.

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Quench your thirst with a cold, tasty craft small-batch ale or lager from Weathered Ground Brewery in Cool Ridge, or sip a glass of locally-made wine from Daniel Vineyards, a farm and estate winery nestled in the Appalachian mountains.

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Tamarack is a big draw, a spectacular venue housing art vendors of all types, a restaurant, and a great space to walk around and admire local artisans. It's something you can't miss when traveling I-77. The other big draw to the Beckley area is the historic Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine, showcasing the mining industry via underground tour, a museum, and store. Several historic buildings have been moved to the property, including a coal camp church, school, and company house. Kids will be ecstatic over the nearby Youth Museum of Southern WV, located in railroad boxcars with a recreated frontier settleme t and planetarium.

Lastly, for those wanting an outdoor weekend, whether it be camping, fishin , or boatin , Stephens Lake is the perfect place for all three.

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WHERE TO EAT AND DRINK

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Beckley has both old and new restaurants worth visiting and a few classic eateries you won't want to miss. I always recommend Tudor's Biscuit World, a WV landmark, for breakfast. Lunch brings about choices—carhop service from King Tut Drive-In or an array of upscale eats and comfort food dishes from Tamarack Marketplace. Try King Tut's meatloaf sandwich, or the steak hoagie, while Tamarack has classic pinto beans & cornbread, Fried Green Tomatoes, and WV Rainbow Trout. Tamarack's peach cobbler is to die for and made from a Greenbrier Resort recipe.

Check out Kenzie's Kakes & Co ee's cupcakes and gourmet brownies over in Beaver to sati fy your sweet tooth. Or indulge in a luscious fl vored cold foam frappe drink, cold brew, or smoothie from The Chocolate Moose on Harper Road.

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I'll throw out a long list for you to ponder for dinner, but rest assured, they are all really good. Pasquale's is my favorite for Italian foods, namely the antipa to plate and spaghe with meatballs. In Daniels, the Dish Cafe o ers clever burger creations, maybe the best macaroni & cheese in the state, and cherry pepper slaw. For a memorable dining experience, The Char is your go-to for the best steaks, escargot, and French-cut pork chops. It has been a Beckley icon since 1965. If you'd prefer Mexican or Japanese, Campestre Mexican Grill and Fujiyama are excellent choices.

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WHERE TO STAY IN BECKLEY

You'll fi d several chain hotel choices in Beckley; The Courtyard, Country Inn & Suites, and Hampton Inn. My favorite place is The Resort at Glade Springs in Daniels, o ering indoor and outdoor pools and a long list of activitie that will make your head spin, such as archery, bowling, and escape rooms. The resort has multiple onsite restaurants, movies, immaculate grounds to enjoy, and a well-known spa.

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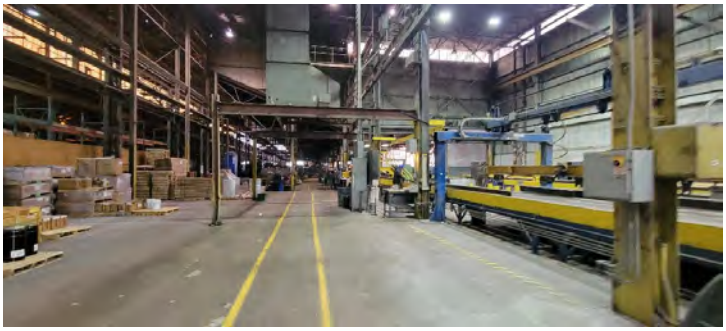

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