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HAPPENING Around Town

As of the day this went into print, the following activities and events are still planned for September. Due to the rising cases of the Delta variant of COVID-19, rules and schedules can quickly change. If all goes as planned, Charleston will be featuring performances by ZZ Top, The Beach Boys, and Jeff Foxworthy!

The Floralee Hark Cohen Cinema plans to reopen Sept. 1. This independent movie house, located in the basement of Taylor Books has been closed nearly 18 months. Proof of vaccination will be required to enter the cinema. The first film shown will be "Quarantine Life", which a collection of comedic, but true stories from the lockdown. Current news and updates from the WV International Film Festival can be found at www.wviff.org.

Also on Sept. 1, Alice Cooper's son, Dash Cooper, will be making a stop in town at Sam's Uptown Café. He will be performing with his band CO-OP. Also appearing will be California rockers, Sunflower Dead.

At the Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center, (CC&CC), "The Battle of Blair Mountain Centennial Kickoff" will take place Sept. 3. There will be pre-concert activities, along with artwork by local artisans. The concert will feature two of the accomplished musicians behind the soundtrack of the 1987 movie "Matewan". If COVID restrictions result in the public not being able to attend, the concert will be a virtual performance. All tickets are non-refundable, as this is a fundraiser to help fund the events taking place in WV and throughout Appalachia over Labor Day weekend.

On Sept. 11, FOOTMAD, the Friends of Old-Time Music and Dance, will celebrate its 40th anniversary with a festival at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. In addition to the performances by local groups and musicians, there will be music and dance workshops, children's activities and a contra dance. Proof of vaccination is required in order to participate.

Beginning this month, the Charleston Ghost Tour Company will begin offering guided walking tours along the Kanawha River and through downtown Charleston. Each walk will include stories of haunts, folklore, and history of the Kanawha Valley. The tours will take place every Thursday through Saturday at 7pm and 8:30pm. Group sizes are limited. For tickets and details, check out:

www.eventbrite.com/##charlestonghosttourscompany.

Mountain Stage changes venues this month for their concert on Sept. 12. They will hold the performance at the Clay Center for the Arts & Sciences. Mountain Stage will return to the WV Culture Center for their show on the following Sunday.

Jeff Foxworthy, the comedy icon, comes to town on the 17th. His performance at the Municipal Auditorium is titled "The Good Old Days". This will be a great show for the whole family.

The kids are back in school and autumn is on the way. As life slowly inches toward normal, there is so much to enjoy in Charley West!

Happy Fall!!!

Sept. 1:

"Sunflower Dead w/ CO-OP", 7pm, Sam's Uptown Café, admission: $15

Sept. 1:

"Quarantine Life", Floralee Hark Cohen Cinema, details: TBA

Sept. 3:

"The Battle of Blair Mountain", 4pm, CC&CC, admission: $15

Sept. 3, 10, 17, & 24:

"Live on the Levee", 5:30pm, Haddad Riverfront Park, admission: FREE

Sept. 4:

"The Great Rubber Ducky Race", 11am, South Side Bridge

Sept. 9-11, 16-18, 23-25, 30-Oct. 2:

"Downtown Charleston Ghost Walks", admission: varies

Sept. 11:

Brit Floyd, "The World's Greatest Pink Floyd Show", 7pm, Municipal Auditorium, admission: varies

Sept. 12:

"Mountain Stage", featuring Ani DiFranco, Hayes Carll, Dar Williams, and Mipso; 7pm; Clay Center, admission: $30.

Sept. 17:

"Jeff Foxworthy: The Good Old Days Tour", 7pm, Municipal Auditorium, admission: varies

Sept. 19:

"Mountain Stage", featuring Todd Snider, Kathleen Edwards, Lakou Mizik, Sunny War, and The Accidentals; 7pm, WV Culture Center, admission: $30

Sept. 21:

"A Celebration with ZZ Top", 7:30pm, CC&CC, admission: varies

Sept. 25th:

"Oktober West", 4pm, Elk City, details: TBA

Sept. 25th:

"An Evening with C.S. Lewis starring David Payne", 7pm, CC&CC, admission: TBA

Sept. 27:

"Beach Boys", 7:30pm, Clay Center, admission: varies

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Looking Back ...AT EDGEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

By: M. Lynne Squires

In 1898, Charleston became home to the first private country club in West Virginia. Located near the Kanawha River on Charleston's west side, it was called the Glenwood Athletic Club. Their golf course was bordered by Central and Delaware avenues. By 1906, the land was subdivided for residential use, and the club sought a new location in Edgewood, the first planned residential community in Charleston.

Chartered in 1906, Edgewood Country Club built a clubhouse on three acres near the top of the Edgewood area. There were tennis courts for the members, but initially, there was no golf course. A few years later, the club purchased 100 acres, and a 9-hole course was constructed.

If you drive the winding Edgewood Drive from Washington Street toward the country club, you might notice the street seems wider than most. That is because the road once accommodated both automobiles and a streetcar line. Like many of the time, the streetcar company constructed a park accessible by streetcar to ensure an increased number of riders on the weekends and holidays. Camden Park in Huntington came about similarly. Edgewood Park had a skating rink, zoo, penny arcade, and carousel, although picnicking in the shade was a primary attraction for families.

Until 1930, Edgewood Drive wasn't paved, rendering it nearly impassable in winter. The streetcar was the only option for members to reach their destination. The club hosted regular dances, and a streetcar would travel throughout Charleston, picking up members. It was reputed that the gaiety of the dances was well underway on the ride to the country club. By 1934, streetcar service up the winding street was replaced by bus service.

December 25, 1935, tragedy struck as the clubhouse burned to the ground. By the following year, the present clubhouse was constructed. In the years since the facility has been expanded with additional amenities added. These included an Olympic lap pool, diving pool, baby pool, basketball courts, tennis courts, and squash courts.

In 1969, the club sold the golf course property to Charleston to create Cato Park, a municipal course and park. Edgewood County Club purchased 600 acres of land near Sissonville and built a championship course. All 18 holes were opened fully by 1971, with a clubhouse added in 1977. The course was designed by George Cobb, the architect of dozens of the East coasts finest golf courses. Edgewood County Club has hosted many tournaments, including two West Virginia State opens, six U.S. Open local qualifiers, the WV Amateur, and WV Mid-Amateur qualifiers. The course covers over 7,000 yards over beautiful terrain.

Sports are not the only draw to the country club. Edgewood has hosted many benefits through the years. For example, a Night at the Races was held to benefit the Roark-Sullivan Lifeway Center, a not-for-profit in Charleston providing services and shelter for Charleston's homeless. The club is also a beautiful backdrop for events, such as weddings and business functions. From smaller rooms for intimate gatherings to a ballroom accommodating 180 guests, Over the years, Edgewood has been a multi-faceted destination for its members and guests.

Edgewood Country Club has a history of gifted and creative chefs delivering the best in dining experiences. Jeremy Still was their executive chef for 20 years and brought Dennis Harris on staff, who has served as the club's executive chef since Still's death. Harris embraces the 'farm to table' approach, sourcing ingredients locally when possible.

Edgewood Country Club is a Charleston landmark and part of the city's heritage. Whether arriving back in the day by streetcar or yesterday in a Tesla, members and their guests enjoy the same beautiful views and ambiance from the historic clubhouse.

Next month Looking Back explores Criel Mound.

Email your responses about the Edgewood Country Club or requests for locations you'd like Looking Back to visit to thewriter@mlynne.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.mlynne.com.

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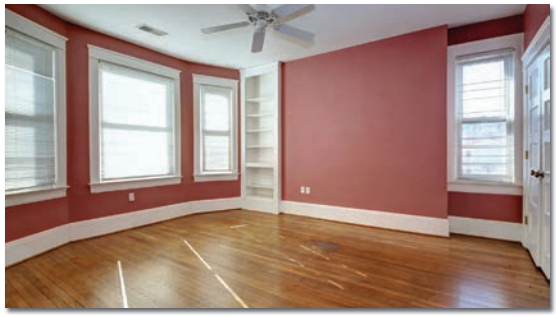

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This Beautiful East End home is currently being used as a Law Office but is very much a magnificent residence as well! This home boasts 7 beds, 5 full baths & 1 half bath with over 7000sqft of living space. Sits on a corner lot & is surrounded by an amazing array of trees & shrubs which are all enclosed by Wrought Iron fencing to include the huge parking area in the rear. Home was built in 1899 & the craftsmanship still shine through! Own, Live, or Work in a piece of West Virginia History today!

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Beautiful home situated on large, private oasis in desired Front-Of-The-Hill, South Hills neighborhood. This updated home includes City and Capital Views from throughout the house, patio areas and extensive landscaped outdoor areas. House offers 5 beds, 4 full baths and 2 half baths. Updated throughout with hardwood flooring and beautiful wood moldings. Finished lower level and 3rd floor with bedroom and full bath.

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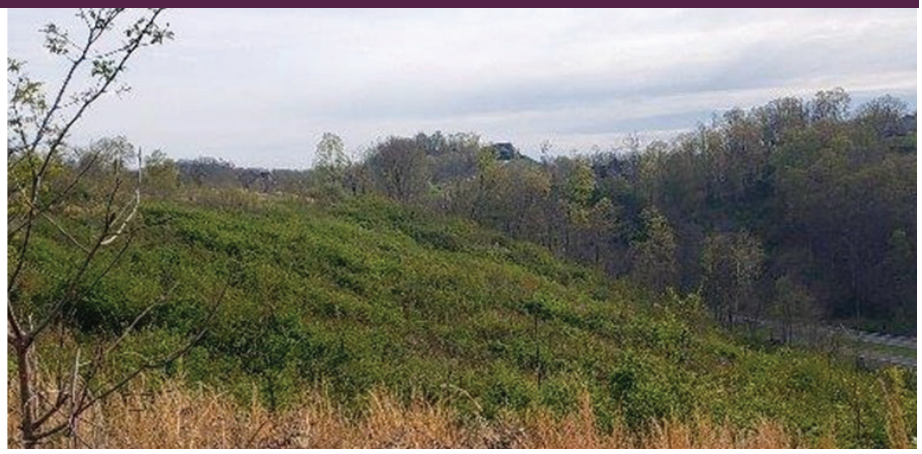

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- Shawnee Sports Complex is within walking distance and WV State University is less than a mile. Student housing, front retail. Apartments, restaurants- endless possibilities.

9800 MACCORKLE AVE.- CHARLESTON

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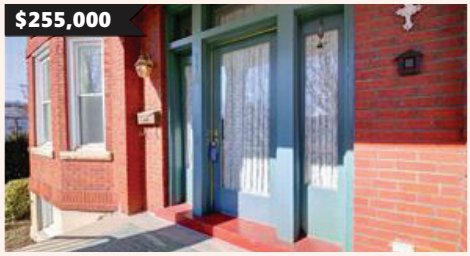

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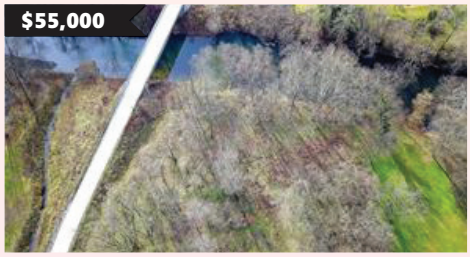

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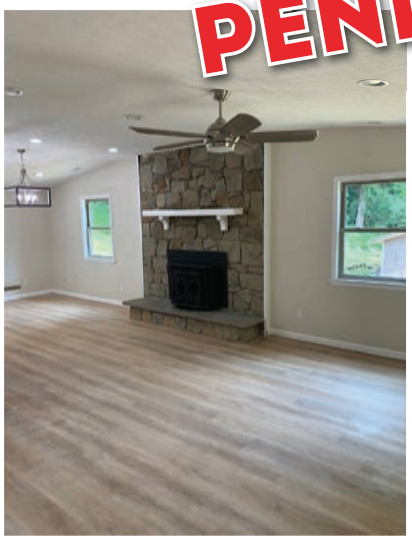

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We're continually on the hunt for opportunities to add richness to our lives. In the time of the road trip revival, we are proud to feature a monthly section featuring destinations within driving distance of Charleston that make for a great getaway.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

Week

By: Melody Pittman

FROSTBURG, MD

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Driving 3 hours 15 minutes northeast of Charleston brings you to Frostburg, the mountainside of Maryland. Frostburg is accessible from I-68, US-40, and US-220, has a charming downtown, and is part of both the National Road and the Great Allegheny Passage (GAP). It was also, like West Virginia, a heavy hitter in the coal mining industry. You'll be surprised at what a great weekend getaway this little mountain town can be.

WHAT TO SEE & DO IN FROSTBURG

The Great Allegheny Passage Trailhead, a scenic rail trail with 150 miles to explore, is in Frostburg. The trail is used for hiking and biking and runs from Cumberland, Maryland, to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. An interesting sculpture garden is near the trailhead, a do-not-miss attraction.

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You'll find the hub for the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad down by the old C&P Depot, where a heritage train makes weekend trips from Cumberland to Frostburg and back. The ride

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takes you through mountain vistas, picturesque landscapes, and farms. Choose between a handful of itineraries, routes, and restored vintage passenger cars or even glass dome experiences. They even offer seasonal rides.

Historic downtown Frostburg is adorable and houses a handful of local boutiques, a few tasty restaurants, and photo-worthy homes and churches. I thoroughly enjoyed browsing Main Street Books for books, puzzles, and unique gifts and found some cute accessories and gifts at Ladybug Boutique. While downtown, drop-in McFarland's Candies for your chocolate fix (open since the 1960s) or Lorenzo's Italian Bakery for some of the best Italian cookies you've ever had and even homemade peanut butter dog treats. Downtown is also home to the Palace Theatre, one of downtown Frostburg's iconic places that currently shows classic films and has nationally known touring acts.

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Frostburg is home to Frostburg State University(FSU), which adds a welcoming level of hipness to the community. If you would like to learn the history of this geographic area, the Garrett County Historical Society Museum can indulge you in just that.

From September 16th to 18th, FSU celebrates the Appalachian Festival, showcasing folk art, dancing, music, culture, and history. Stage shows feature regional bluegrass, acoustic blues, Irish music, and more.

WHERE TO EAT AND DRINK

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You'll want to hit Clatter Cafe for a cold brew or the coffee of your choice paired with a hearty bagel with flavored cream cheese. Egg frittatas are also on the menu. For breakfast or lunch, try the locally-owned retro-diner, Princess Cafe. I went for lunch and loved every bite of the Miner Steak Sandwich with macaroni salad and seasoned fries. Their chicken salad is highly raved about, too.

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Enjoy a nice dinner and a craft beer flight at the Toasted Goat Winery. The salmon with veggies and baked potato or the homemade ravioli-of-the-day are both excellent. My sun-dried tomato ravioli was loaded with flavor and blended with spinach, chicken, and a spot on velvety cream sauce. Save room for key lime pie for dessert. Frostburg also has El Canelo Restaurant, a place to eat your favorite Mexican dishes.

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WHERE TO STAY IN FROSTBURG

As I mentioned, Frostburg is on the bike trail, so my accommodations were at one of the B&B's that cater to that crowd, or "bicycle-friendly," as they say. I must note that it is unnecessary to be a cyclist to stay at Allegheny Trail House, a 10/10 pick for lodging and breakfast. There are four rooms upstairs to choose from (one has a claw-foot tub) and free parking and Wifi. The B&B's common spaces and front porch were welcoming and had many things to see and do, plus the banana oat pancakes were spectacular. Allegheny Trail House caters to vegans, too.

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Another lodging choice is the historic Hotel Gunter, a Frostburg landmark. Originally the Gladstone, this historic hotel opened in 1897 and was built along the National Road, hosting those traveling along America's first federally-funded route. Rumor has it that spirits were smuggled in during Prohibition—you can even see a replica coal mine, railroad tracks, and memorabilia from those days inside the hotel.

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