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**WV PERSPECTIVES**

***A Walk in Time***

*Miss Eudora Ramsay... toured Jefferson County last week in the interest of the equal suffrage cause, speaking in Shepherdstown, Charles Town, Harper's Ferry.... Her speeches were eloquent and inspiring... The visit... was of real benefit to the cause of equal suffrage.*

— reported in the  
*Shepherdstown Register*,  
Jun 29, 1916.

This photo (from the archives of Historic Shepherdstown) was taken during the summer of 1916 in front of the Shepherdstown Opera House, home of *The Independent* newspaper from 1914 to 1974, and now the current headquarters of the **WV Independent Observer**.

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**TO OUR READERS**

**WE WRITE A LOT** about the opportunities to go outside in this month's issue of *The Observer*, to climb, bike, walk, run, or just play around. We hope you'll find inspiration in some of these options to connect with nature and enjoy the natural beauty that we are so fortunate to have in Jefferson County and the surrounding region.

A century ago there were a lot of people outside across America too. They were marching. They were organizing. They were our great-grandmothers, our grandmothers — for a few alive today they were their mothers. By August 1920, the country was celebrating the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, guaranteeing women full voting rights. As we mourn the recent loss and reflect on the legacy of Justice Ginsburg, we can realize the arc of history is both long and not so distant. I remember my own mother recalling her experience as the only woman in her college engineering program, being told repeatedly that she was taking a man's seat. And listening to her in her 50s applying for a technical position and being told that it wasn't a job for a lady. We hear the voices of so many and realize they didn't just take a seat in the front of a bus, in a boardroom, in a legislature — they took a stand. And we are all better for that. But the march continues. Time for all of us to get up and walk. And take a stand. Vote.



**Steve Pearson**  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

// COMMUNITY

# STILL COOKING FAMILY RECIPES

## Ortega's Taco Shop Pushes Ahead



A YEAR AGO, *The Observer* sat down with Mave Greene and her daughter, Natalie Greene, to talk about their recent experience of moving Ortega's Taco Shop from the bare-bones former service station at Lancaster Circle in Ranson to the historic Charles Washington Hall at the center of downtown Charles Town. Just six weeks after the new shop opened, our reporter noted that there were lines a dozen deep, stretching from the counter to the front door,

with employees dashing between the crush of customers at the counter and pitching in with prep in the kitchen.

Today the shop is still busy, but with a different atmosphere. The same approach to the food, but a lot of rethinking about the operations. Last year we noted that Mave would wear many hats around the shop — telephone answerer, cashier, taco maker, prep, and business manager. But when we spoke this month, Mave credited

her daughter as the person pushing Ortega's to navigate the turbulence of the pandemic. "If it hadn't been for Natalie, starting with the idea of the taco kits and then expanding, we probably would have stayed closed."

Both Mave and Natalie share a strong sense of family. Perhaps it's the stories of their family heritage in La Paz, Baja Sur, Mexico, where the recipes that influence the shop's menu originate. Located roughly 900 miles south of San Diego, California, almost at the tip of the Baja peninsula, the La Paz region is a sea-side desert in the tropics, and the cuisine there reflects the climate. Food preparation is lighter, with an emphasis on fruit, very fresh, and a purposeful balance of spices. Mave noted that growing up, her experience was "tacos as an appetizer — a taquito and a drink." Natalie recalled how the kitchen smells of her childhood here in Jefferson County were synonymous with Mave's home cooking: "I loved that smell and I want our customers to experience the feeling I had when I was a kid, the way I grew up. It's a simple menu and you can trust the food."

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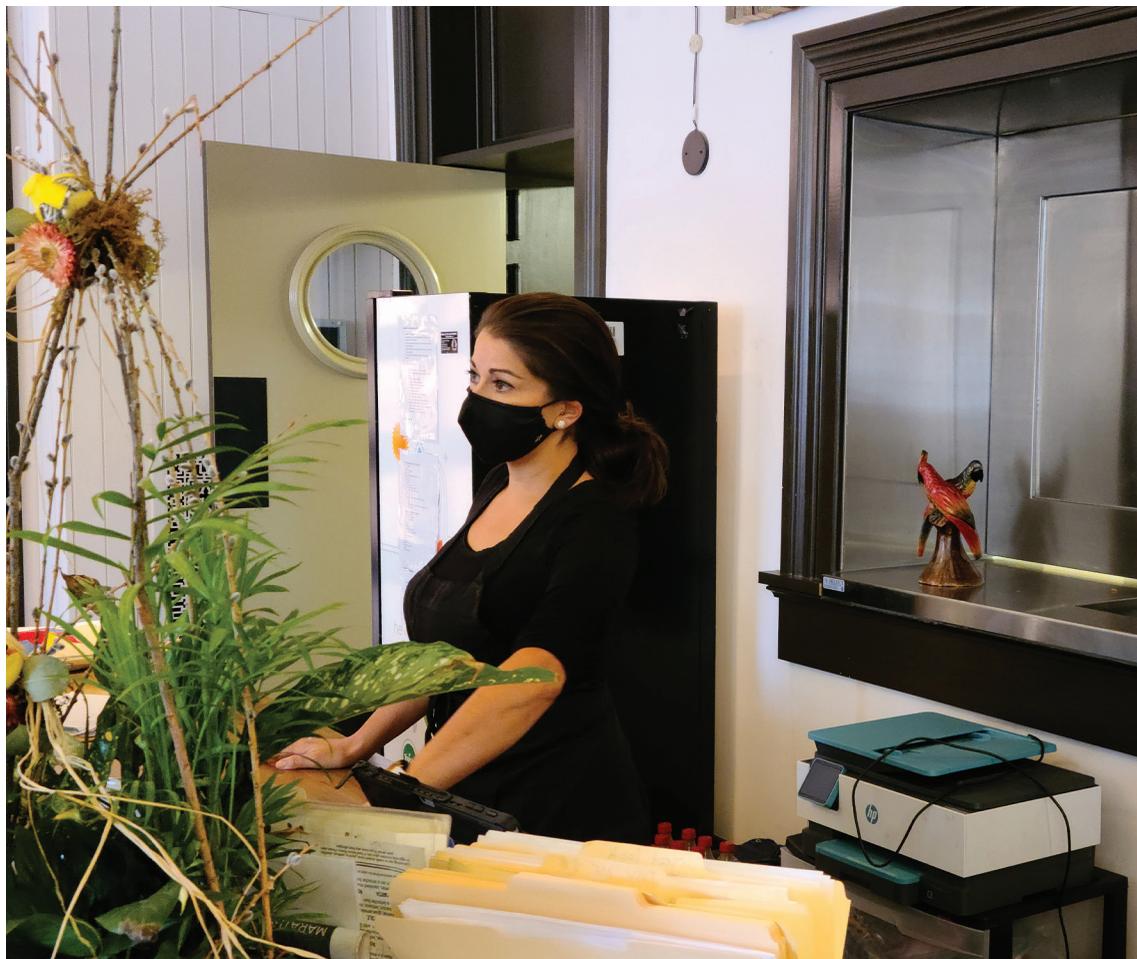
When the pandemic hit, Natalie pondered the shop's next steps. She had already been working to launch the website and update the ordering system from the traditional paper slips and shouting into the kitchen. The first step was to "design the taco kits, so our customers could put together a simple meal at home. Then we brought back one person for a week, then a second as the business picked up. By the end of April we were getting into the routine of phone orders and curbside pickup and by May we had a full menu to offer. It's been great working with Bushel & Peck — we share a lot of customers and coordinate so they can schedule a single pickup at the curb out front."

Reflecting on her own feelings, Natalie shared, "I feel disappointed for our customers. It's a huge blow for us that we can't give our customers what they want. We have a routine now, but it's a different type of normal and

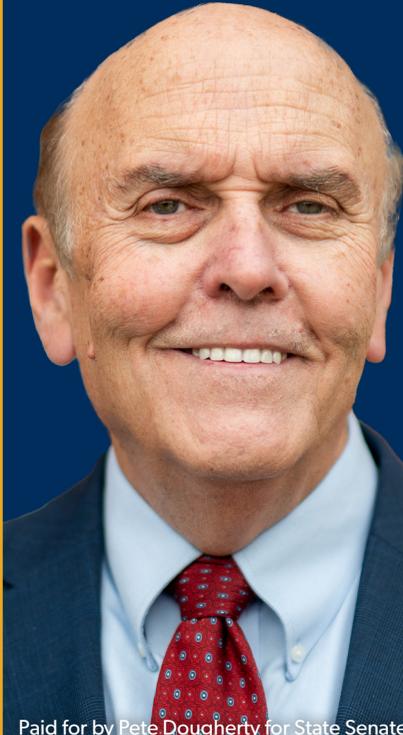
every week is different. People ask when we are going to let them in. Sometimes I get yelled at. I understand it's an emotional impact for people. But I'm thinking constantly about the safety of our family and staff." Mave emphasized also, that beyond the food, the success of the shop has always been about "the showtime. We are always listening and adapting. Right now, we focus on sharing a little bit of happiness."

*Ortega's Taco Shop at 100 West Washington Street, Charles Town WV. Phone: 304-728-4321, Web: OrtegasTacoShop.com, Facebook: @OrtegasTacoShop. Currently open for take-away orders Monday to Friday 11:00 am to 8:00 pm, Saturday 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Window & Curbside service only (no seating inside or outside). Catering menu on website.*

BY: Observer Staff



With take out, timing is important (left). Natalie Greene keeps busy (above).



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# SUSTAINING PLASTIC RECYCLING

The Road Ahead for the Berkeley County Recycling Program



CLINT HOGBIN HAS BEEN focusing on trash and recycling for three decades. Looking back at how the Berkeley County Solid Waste Authority has evolved over that time he noted that an early driver of its efforts was the “diversion of trash from roadsides. Picking up materials alongside the road is the most expensive way to process it. The markets for trash and recycling go up and down but the issues of waste disposal always need to be solved.”

The Waste Authority started plastic recycling in 2000. Southern Scrap in Winchester was the buyer, paying 2 cents a pound. In 2015, Southern Scrap gave six months notice that they

would no longer accept plastic. Coincidentally the Martinsburg Union Rescue Mission had been looking to expand its work program of bundling and baling materials and a board member connected with Hogbin. He also found Trigon, a plastic re-processing company based in Newmanstown, Pennsylvania (just to the east of Harrisburg). By the time the next truck of plastics was full, Hogbin had an entirely new process in place.

### Counting the Pennies

Hogbin noted that the recycling business is very attuned to the cost of transportation. Instead

of being paid (by Southern Scrap) “we pay the Rescue Mission 2 cents a pound. But they are right here in Martinsburg so our truck doesn’t drive very far. If you look at Morgan County, they had the same issue, but it’s too far to haul the material to Martinsburg, so our approach didn’t work for them.” The local proximity also lowers the costs of curbside pickup services. Hogbin talked through the numbers — “if you have a truck on a route in the county picking up single-stream recycling, even if it can fill up and drive to Hagerstown it still drives back empty. Having the facility here allows us to separate materials and consolidate loads.”

### Where to Put it Next?

Hogbin responded to the recent National Public Radio coverage of the economics of plastics recycling by focusing on the future instead of the past: In the past few years “the United States has had to face a transition in how we handle these materials. We used to bail it and put it on a boat to China. Now we need to process it locally. In the end, this transition can be a good thing, if we approach it as an opportunity for expanding employment, for expanding markets for the materials, and for pushing to clean up the materials. Landfills typically operate for thirty or forty years before they are full, but then you have to monitor them for another thirty and keep mowing them after that. You can’t just let it turn into a field because that would risk something growing down into the liner. It’s a cost that is always there.”

“Demand from the customers will drive the market. It’s a culture that has to drive change. Look at Europe, they ban new landfills and they force the economics to work. You can look at the corporations that choose where they



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locate their facilities. A global manufacturer like P&G or Clorox will have a zero waste policy and they design their products and containers to recycle, looking at it as a product cost that needs to be controlled. The local community support and culture matters to them as they make decisions on where to invest.”

**Hope and Change**

Hogbin has no illusions about the current difficulties in making recycling programs work. “It’s struggling in West Virginia. The legislature has discussed increasing funding and they are auditing the grant programs. Our funding from the state has been effectively flat since 1989.” After the conversation with *The Observer*,

Hogbin followed up with two pieces of news, the first evidencing support of recycling: the Charleston City Council voted to add funding to restart the curbside program in that city. Highlighting the challenges ahead was the news that the recycling facility that accepts Berkeley County’s plastic is seeing reduced demand for its products and has put a limit on how much Hogbin can ship. As he noted at the start of our conversation, the markets go up and down, but the need to deal with trash never really goes away.

*The Grapevine Road Recycling Center at 111 Landfill Road, Martinsburg is open Monday to Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (any WV resident can drop off household recyclable materials). For information about what can be recycled and special take-back events, visit the Berkeley County Solid Waste Authority website (BerkeleyCountyRecycling.org)*

BY: Steve Pearson

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# ADVENTURES IN NATURE

## *Outdoor Fun Around the Eastern Panhandle*

BY CHRIS PRICE &amp; JORDYN TRUAX

**H**ere in West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle, we are blessed with an abundance of outdoor recreation opportunities. When *The Observer* asked, we jumped at the chance to spotlight a few of our favorite activities for the fall. The changing of seasons represents a metamorphosis of the self. We as humans should strive to

constantly change and grow to be better, stronger, more fulfilled through trying new things. As this strange and trying year approaches an end, the changing of the colors in the leaves is a gentle reminder that nature is waiting for you to partake and heal your troubled soul. If ever there was a year to be excited about autumn, this is the one.

### A Day's Adventure With the Family

River Riders in Harpers Ferry is a prime location for the adventurous among us. With a brand new 1000-foot long zipline over the Potomac River and the Aerial Adventure park featuring nine different difficulty levels, this place will get your heart pumping! They even have a kids zipline course designed specifically with the little ones (ages 4-6) in mind. The nearby White Horse Tavern currently offers outdoor dining and live music, making this one of the coolest outings for the whole family to enjoy. They will continue to run the ziplines through November, along with some fall camping, paddling, rafting, and floating activities.

### Get On Your Bike

If you want to try mountain biking, Rolling Ridge Trail in Harpers Ferry has over 7 miles of trails which can be easily accessed via Mission Road (see the resource link box below). For a longer day of riding and exploring, check out Cacapon Resort State Park in Berkeley Springs. This park has over 33 miles of mountain biking trails, including the scenic Overlook Trail and the more challenging Ziler Loop.

Over on the Maryland side of the Potomac River, we recommend the C&O Canal Towpath for folks looking to get outside, enjoy the fresh fall air, and see the changing leaves in a gentler manner. The canal offers bikers a flat, beginner-friendly means of enjoying nature. The stretch between Edward Ferry and the bridge at Shepherdstown has recently been resurfaced, creating a smooth ride for both novice and experienced riders. The towpath is easily accessible via many parking areas, but one we recommend is the Cushwa Basin parking area in Williamsport, MD. This stretch of the towpath passes by a lock house and newly restored aqueduct, giving riders a quaint glimpse of the town's historic past.

The Western Maryland Rail Trail runs parallel to the C&O Canal for 28 miles, between Big Pool and Sideling Hill (there are small parking lots near both ends). This paved surface allows for a broad variety of activities such as biking, walking, and inline skating. This trail is also wheelchair accessible, which provides opportunities for people of all abilities to enjoy the great outdoors.

### Scaling The Cliffs

West Virginia encompasses several of the East Coast's best climbing opportunities. With over 3000 sport and bouldering routes, the New



(from left to right) Sarah Hodder, Jack Childers, and Lisa Peabody. Photo by S. Hodder

River Gorge is annually ranked as one of the top ten climbing destinations in America. Closer to the Panhandle, Seneca Rocks is home to the only true climbing summit east of Devil's Tower, Wyoming. Towering some 900 feet above the confluent creeks below, the south peak of Seneca leaves climbers with a view and adventure to remember.

Other outdoor climbing destinations closer to the panhandle include: Harper's Ferry, which hosts the area's only multi-pitch climbing; Elizabeth Furnace in VA, which offers moderate sport climbing; and Sugarloaf and Annapolis Rocks in MD, which provide several single-pitch traditional and top roping options. We recommend seeking out qualified instruction if you are heading to a new area to climb or are looking to increase your technical skills. The Climbing New Heights rock climbing gym near Martinsburg can help you plan and prepare.

### On Your Feet

The nearby region offers outdoor enthusiasts a plethora of beautiful hiking trails, each of which has its own unique biodiversity and stunning views. The Harpers Ferry National Historical Park is a good jumping off point to access the Appalachian Trail, C&O Canal, and Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail. CSX

has repaired the footbridge across the Potomac River, and the parking lot located at the train station, the river lot on Shenandoah street, and the Cavalier Heights parking area are all open. The Park Service is encouraging visitors to observe pandemic health guidelines and has currently paused shuttle bus service from the visitor center parking lot. An annual park pass, good for a single vehicle/family, is \$35.



Photo by K. Thompson

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On the Maryland side of the Potomac, Antietam National Battlefield hosts several miles of loop-like trails that range in difficulty. Several monuments and trail markers provide an educational experience as hikers and walkers meander through this hallowed ground.

Catoctin Mountain Park boasts 25 miles of hiking trails and stunning views from the top of Chimney Rock, Wolf Rock, and the Cunningham Falls overlook. For explorers looking for a weekend-long adventure, the Catoctin National Recreation Trail offers 26.6 miles of beautiful Blue Ridge Mountain hiking.

For a faster pace, West Virginia boasts some of the most beautiful running both on road and trail. Two Rivers Treads organizes group runs, free workshops, and clinics to keep you running healthy. All are welcome to join their staff for a group run every Tuesday at 8:30 am in the Keys Gap parking lot for a 5-7 mile trail run or every Wednesday at 6 pm at their Ranson store (400 South Mildred St) for a dynamic road run and drills. Put your training to use with a virtual Fun Run put on by Freedom's Run on October 3 (see resource links).

**Exploring & Learning**

The Cool Springs Preserve operated by the Potomac Valley Audubon Society (PVAS) offers 63 acres of forest, marsh, and meadow, which allow guests to immerse themselves in nature. The PVAS website also offers several online and virtual opportunities to learn more about the nature found in your own backyard. These web activities include fall-themed nature journaling and a virtual Habitat Highlight seminar. PVAS also offers several in-person bird watching experiences.

If you are looking for inspiration or a recovery day, the EDventure series by the Appalachian Trail Conservancy offers opportunities to experience the trail virtually with weekly interactive Zoom sessions. See you Outside!

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**RESOURCE LINKS**

**ANTIETAM NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD**  
[nps.gov/anti/index.htm](https://nps.gov/anti/index.htm)

**APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSERVANCY**  
[Volunteer.AppalachianTrail.org](https://Volunteer.AppalachianTrail.org)

**CACAPON PARK**  
[MTBproject.com/directory/8010975/cacapon-resort-state-park](https://MTBproject.com/directory/8010975/cacapon-resort-state-park)

**CATOCTIN MOUNTAIN**  
[nps.gov/cato/planyourvisit/hiking.htm](https://nps.gov/cato/planyourvisit/hiking.htm)

**CLIMBING (GUIDES & GYM)**  
[ClimbingNewHeightsWV.com](https://ClimbingNewHeightsWV.com)

**HARPERS FERRY NATIONAL PARK**  
[nps.gov/hafe/index.htm](https://nps.gov/hafe/index.htm)

**Pedal & Paddle (bike rental/service)**  
[ThePedalPaddle.com](https://ThePedalPaddle.com)

**POTOMAC VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY**  
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**RIVER RIDERS (ADVENTURE PARK)**  
[RiverRiders.com](https://RiverRiders.com)

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## REGISTER TO VOTE

**October 13** is the last day to register to vote.

Visit [GoVoteWV.com](http://GoVoteWV.com) to:

- Register online (blue “register to vote” button)
- Confirm that your registration is active (blue “check voter registration record” button)

## VOTE IN PERSON - EARLY

You can vote early between **October 21 and October 31** at the historic courthouse building at 100 E Washington St, Charles Town WV. The early voting location is open 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday and also Saturdays (Oct 24 & 31). The earling voting location will NOT be open on Election Day (Tue, Nov 3).

See Voter ID requirements for what to bring when you vote.

## VOTE ABSENTEE - REQUEST A BALLOT

**October 28** is the last day to request an absentee ballot.

Visit [GoVoteWV.com](http://GoVoteWV.com) to:

- Request an absentee ballot (red “absentee voting” button)
- Request a military (UOCAVA) absentee ballot if you are serving outside WV

*Concern for COVID-19 exposure is a valid medical reason for requesting an absentee ballot (check the first box in section 4-A of the application).*

## ABSENTEE BALLOT - MAIL OR DROP OFF

You have two options to return your absentee ballot:

Mail it so that it is **postmarked by Tuesday, November 3 (or earlier)**.

Drop off your absentee ballot in-person by **Monday, November 2 (or earlier)** at the Jefferson County Clerk’s office in the historic courthouse building (100 E Washington St, Charles Town WV) . You may drop off your own ballot and 1 other person’s ballot (e.g. spouse, parent, child). Open 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

If you request an absentee ballot and **decide to vote in person**, bring the absentee ballot with you to your polling place on Election Day and exchange it for a standard ballot (otherwise you will be directed to cast a provisional ballot).

You may **track your absentee ballot** at [GoVoteWV.com](http://GoVoteWV.com) (blue “track absentee ballot” button). If it says “no result” you can go to your polling place on Election Day and request a provisional ballot.

## VOTE IN PERSON - ON ELECTION DAY

Election day is **Tuesday, November 3**. All voting locations (the “polls”) are open from 6:30 in the morning to 7:30 in the evening.

Two voting locations will be relocated on Election Day:

- **Precincts 23A & 23B**, moved from Jefferson Academy to Crosspoint Church (3066 S Childs Rd, Kearneysville)
- **Precinct 14**, moved from Camp Hill Wesley Church to Harpers Ferry Middle School (1710 N Washington St, Harpers Ferry)

## ELECTION DAY - WHAT TO EXPECT

Jefferson County uses the ExpressVote system. You will receive a paper ballot card to insert in a touch-screen voting machine. You can select a choice for each race on the ballot — remember there are many county offices and bond issues on the ballot as well as the federal and state offices.

Allow for extra time to enter the polling place and expect to social distance in line (you may bring a portable chair if you are concerned about standing for an extended time). You are allowed to wear a mask into the polling place.

The area within 100 feet of the entrance to a WV polling place is a “campaign-free zone” — to avoid being challenged, don’t wear any buttons, hats, shirts, etc. with words or images for/against any candidate or issue within the area indicated by the posted signs.

## VOTER ID - WHAT TO BRING

Expect to show a valid and non-expired ID to vote. This ID can be any of the following:

- Voter registration card
- WV driver's licence or DMV ID card
- Driver's license from other state
- US Military ID card
- Government employee ID (US or WV)
- Student ID
- Concealed carry permit
- Bank or debit card
- Utility bill or bank statement in your name (dated June or later)
- Health insurance card
- Medicare card
- WV Medicaid card
- Social Security card or Birth Certificate
- WV hunting or fishing license
- WV SNAP ID card or WV TANF ID card

If you are voting in WV for the first time, you will need to show proof of residence at your voting address. Bring an ID (with photo and address) from the above list or a photo ID and current (October or November) utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck.

If you do not have a valid ID or your ID is not accepted, ask for a provisional ballot. You may still obtain a regular ballot if an adult (with valid ID) accompanying you can sign an affidavit or if a poll worker confirms to have known you for 6 months.

To find out the **location of your polling place**, visit [GoVoteWV.com](http://GoVoteWV.com) (blue "find your polling place" button).

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**Cathy Kunkel** – An energy policy expert, Cathy’s been a tireless advocate for West Virginians from fighting utility rate hikes to advocating for safe water after the 2014 Freedom Industries chemical spill. In Congress, Cathy will demand federal infrastructure investment and support the development of a diverse economy that does not pollute our air, land, or water. <https://kunkelforcongress.com>



## WV HOUSE OF DELEGATES

**Storme Frame (District 66)** – Born and raised in Charles Town and a pivotal leader in the West Virginia teacher strikes, Storme is prepared to tackle the job of representing the people of Jefferson County. She recognizes the importance of developing our county while preserving the environment and protecting our thriving tourism, agriculture, and recreational economy. <https://stormethehouse.com>



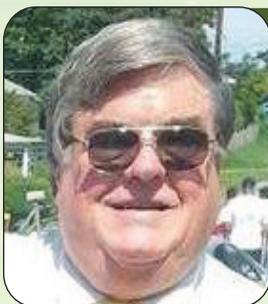
## WEST VIRGINIA SENATE

**Pete Dougherty** – A Jefferson County native with years of experience at the county, state and national levels, Pete is a proven problem solver who knows what is important to local citizens. As our WV Senator, he will ensure that the interests of Jefferson County are represented in Charleston including infrastructure, employment, and environmental concerns. <http://www.peteforwv.com>



## WV HOUSE OF DELEGATES

**John Doyle (District 67)** – A retired Army Lieutenant, John has served many terms as a WV Delegate. He has a strong record representing the unique interests of Jefferson County, particularly on tourism, government transparency, and environmental issues. Recently, he sponsored legislation requiring public hearings for industrial air permits, strict water standards, and a prohibition on building factories near schools. <http://doylefordelegate.org>



## GOVERNOR

**Danny Lutz Jr.** – Danny is the only gubernatorial candidate to prioritize the protection of the environment and sustainable development in his platform. As the Conservation District Supervisor, he has a history of protecting the Eastern Panhandle. Whether the issue is broadband access, environmental cleanup, renewable energy, or jobs, Danny will implement green solutions that will help WV thrive. <https://dannyforwv.nationbuilder.com>

This 2020 Voter Guide is a joint effort between Jefferson County Coalitions, 501(c)4 organizations dedicated to preserving the result of an endorsement process that included extensive writings, anecdotal experiences, conversations and more. Find out more about our organizations at <https://jeffersoncountycoalitions.com>

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## SECRETARY OF STATE

**Natalie Tennant** – In previous terms as Secretary of State, Natalie streamlined the SoS office to increase efficiency while improving services. Under her leadership, West Virginia emerged as a national leader in online and automatic voter registration. In her next term, she will continue to use technology to improve the accessibility and transparency of the WV government. <https://www.natalietennant.com>



## COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

**Bob Beach** – Raised on a WV farm, Bob has spent 54 years involved in agriculture in the state. He will prioritize pipelines for access to state and federal grants, protect family farms from the pressures of monopolies, increase communication between stakeholders and support measures that protect the clean air and water necessary for a thriving agricultural economy. <https://beachforwv.com>



## AUDITOR

**Mary Ann Claytor** – Mary Ann is the only Auditor candidate with an accounting degree. Working as a state auditor for decades, she has a deep understanding of the office and its problems. As Auditor, she will use her extensive knowledge to increase efficiency and bring the office into the 21st century without burdening local governments. <https://mac4wv.com>



## COUNTY COMMISSION

**Lanae Johnson (Kabletown District)**  
A retired Lt. Col., Lanae has worked with a variety of organizations as well as all levels of governments. As Commissioner, she envisions an inclusive, transparent Commission that works with county citizens to ensure public safety and expand sustainable economic activity in Jefferson County. <https://johnson4jefferson.com>



## ATTORNEY GENERAL

**Sam Petsonk** – A native of West Virginia and an attorney, Sam's efforts have secured severance pay, black lung benefits, and healthcare coverage for individuals across the state. As Attorney General, he will firmly enforce the laws to protect the liberties, well-being and basic rights of all West Virginians as he combats fraud, corruption, and abusive practices. <https://www.samforwv.com>



## COUNTY COMMISSION

**Ralph Lorenzetti (Harpers Ferry District)**  
A longtime resident of the Eastern Panhandle, Ralph believes that the Commission should consider public input in all decisions. He opposes the flawed process that brought Rockwool to Jefferson County and has worked to increase the transparency of the Commission. <https://www.facebook.com/lorenzettiforcommissioner2020>

on County Vision and the Eastern Panhandle Green  
ng the quality of life in Jefferson County. The guide is  
ensive background research based on voting records,  
nd detailed candidate questionnaire responses.  
oncountyvision.com and <https://www.epgreenwv.org>



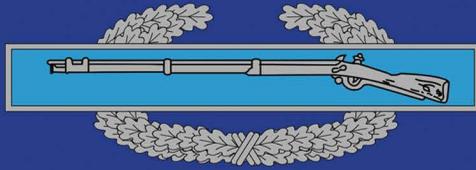
## SHERIFF

**John King** – With over 30 years in federal law enforcement, John has a broad and deep understanding of the justice system. He believes the Sheriff should be nonpartisan and has the experience to ensure that the Sheriff's Department has the best training, equipment, and personnel for which to operate with integrity, transparency, and accountability. <https://www.johnkingforsheriff.com>

**SDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD**



# Delegate **JOHN DOYLE** *for Clean Government*



This is the Combat Infantry Badge, awarded by the US Army to those who have been under constant fire as infantry soldiers for long periods. John Doyle was awarded that badge, as well as the Bronze Star for Valor, for his service in the Vietnam war.

John has exhibited that same level of dedication during his service in the Legislature. He's fought hard for teachers, cooks, custodians, bus drivers, taxi drivers, police officers, nurses, pipefitters, plumbers, carpenters, mechanics, office workers, farmers, small business owners and for workers in every other imaginable occupation that lead everyday lives. John Doyle is still fighting for us all.

## **ROCKWOOL IS STILL A THREAT, BUT THE FIGHT IS NOT YET OVER**

John Doyle still stands strong against Rockwool's pollution, as he has from the day we discovered the Rockwool threat. With Rockwool in mind, he's sponsored bills to preserve clean water and clean air, and to guarantee the public's right to know what their government is doing.

A clean environment will produce a stronger economy. Government must be **ACCESSIBLE, ACCOUNTABLE AND TRANSPARENT.**

## **A record of success for Jefferson County**

John Doyle led the successful fight to get Jefferson County a "better deal" from the proceeds of table games at the Charles Town Races. County government, our municipalities, our schools and our horsemen all benefited from this.

John Doyle led the successful fight to force the state to allow Shepherd University to offer graduate courses.

John Doyle led the successful fight in the House of Delegates to pass the Farmland Protection program.

John Doyle teamed with fellow Eastern Panhandle legislators to get the first West Virginia state subsidy for the MARC train. We now need a full and permanent state subsidy for MARC.

John Doyle is pro-choice. His record proves it.

[www.doylefordelegate.org](http://www.doylefordelegate.org)

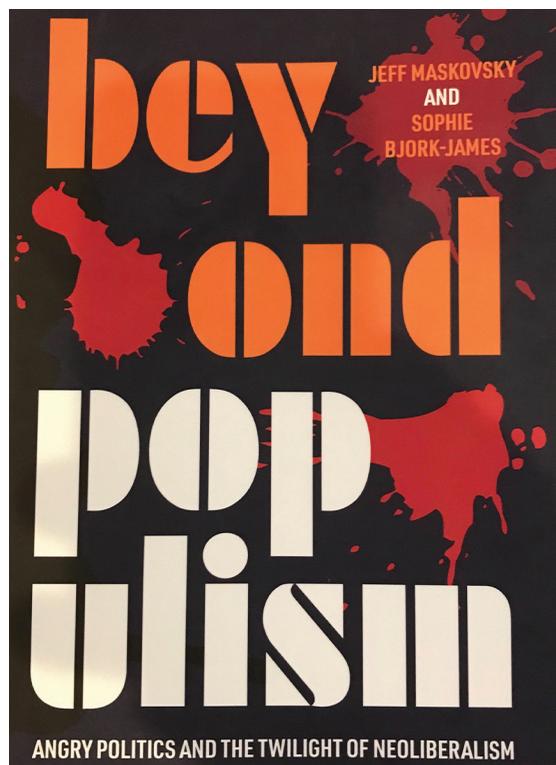
## **Let's keep John Doyle on the job for us!**

*John Doyle will also:*

- ★ Work to get our teachers, school service workers and state employees an even bigger raises. The WVEA, the AFT, the WVSSP and the state employees associations have all endorsed John Doyle.
- ★ Work to find a stable, reliable and permanent funding source for the public employees health care plan (PEIA). He'll work to get more and better treatments for opioid addiction and to craft an intelligent response to the COVID crisis.
- ★ Work for a funding formula for that is fair to Shepherd University, and for affordable education for all.
- ★ Work to get our horsemen a fair deal once again for purses and for the breeders' program.
- ★ Work to eliminate the "car tax" making sure that schools and local governments are reimbursed by the state for every penny of that money.

Auth. Doyle for Delegate, Rod Snyder, Treas.

// BOOK REVIEW



**Beyond Populism. Angry Politics and the Twilight of Neoliberalism**, edited by Jeff Maskovsky and Sophie Bjork-James

**Publisher:** West Virginia University Press (2020)  
**Review by:** Gonzalo Baeza — Born in Texas, raised in Chile, and currently living in Shepherdstown WV, Gonzalo is a writer with books published in Spain and Chile. His fiction has appeared in *Boulevard*, *Goliad*, and *The Texas Review*.

**POPULISM AROUND THE WORLD**

Paradoxically enough, the editors also posit that the blanket term populism is of “limited use” in characterizing many of these current political movements because they are often an expression of specific local contexts. Their approach is nevertheless fruitful in that their book offers multiple examples of so-called populist movements across the globe and the broad differences among them. A chapter on Colombia looks at how the country’s elites capitalized on public frustration with guerrilla insurgency in order to gain political control, while the chapter on Brexit delves into how disappointment over politics as usual, anti-immigration and anti-European sentiments, and the rejection of globalization led to a historic vote in the United Kingdom. Meanwhile, Maskovsky’s own contribution looks at how Trump seized on frustrations with multiculturalism to undermine the racial consensus that had slowly gained ground during the post-civil rights era.

Throughout the book, we see examples of what the editors define as the three types of anger that fuel these movements: disenchantment with neoliberalism, racial grievances, and “the rage of the downtrodden and repressed.” As compelling as this approach seems, labelling populism as primarily the manifestation of angry politics could be construed as a dismissal of the legitimate grievances populism can — and does — represent. Likewise, anger does not begin to define movements that have emerged from national populist traditions such as Marine Le Pen’s National Assembly, a party that certainly traffics in anger but is also the product of the French political culture, which, as preeminent historians of fascism such as Zeev Sternhell have shown, dates back to the first contrarian responses to the Enlightenment. Likewise, there are populist movements such as Argentina’s Peronism whose historic anti-elitism and redistributionist program cannot be simply described as anger and which, far from having burst into the political mainstream, are an intrinsic part of that very mainstream. These observations aside, *Beyond Populism* is an informative and insightful addition to the growing literature on a phenomenon that, while difficult to define, continues to shape modern politics.

**IN SPITE** of America’s inescapable presence in the world stage, our domestic political debates can often be insular and oblivious to international developments that nevertheless have an undoubted impact on our society. When Donald Trump won the presidency of the United States in 2016, the term populism became common currency among perplexed pundits as a way to describe his brand of politics.

Populism is typically analyzed by political scientists, who look at the ideological frameworks and political dynamics at play; historians, who delve into the roots of the different movements; and journalists, who take a more contingent approach to the parties and personalities. *Beyond Populism* enriches these perspectives with a primarily anthropological view of the political projects typically labeled as populist.

For editors Maskovsky and Bjork-James, the worldwide populist surge is a response to the failure of the dominant political system to make good on “its promises of wealth, security, and prosperity.” This system is identified as “neoliberalism.” Even though the book does not define neoliberalism at length, a pertinent definition is the one coined by political theorist David Harvey, who describes it as a theory “that proposes that human well-being can best be advanced by liberating individual entrepreneurial freedoms and skills” in a context of “strong private property rights, free markets, and free trade.” It is a confirmation of the insularism alluded to above, that neoliberalism, a term that is used all over the world, is rarely heard in America outside of academic debates.



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EXPLORE // ENTERTAINMENT



The Observer's guide to events and live performance in and around Jefferson County, WV. To suggest a venue or event for the guide, email [Connect@WeAreTheObserver.com](mailto:Connect@WeAreTheObserver.com).

**VIRGINIA**

**BRIGHT BOX WINCHESTER**

15 N Loudoun St, Winchester, VA 22601  
540-665-2878  
[Brightboxwinchester.com](http://Brightboxwinchester.com)  
All events require ticket purchase

- OCT** 2, 8pm, Souled Out
- 23, 8pm, Chance McCoy with Mink's Miracle Medicine

**TALLY HO THEATER**

19 W Market St, Leesburg VA  
703-777-1665  
[TallyHoTheater.com](http://TallyHoTheater.com)  
All events require ticket purchase

- OCT** 2, 7pm, Ultimate Led Zeppelin Experience Zoso
- 3, 7pm, Ultimate Led Zeppelin Experience Zoso
- 9, 8pm, Dead Letter Office Tribute to REM
- 17, 8pm, Journey Tribute-Trial by Fire
- 23, 8pm, Hudson River Line Music of Billy Joel

**868 ESTATE VINEYARDS**

14001 Harpers Ferry Rd, Hillsboro, VA 20132  
540-668-7008  
[868estatevineyards.com](http://868estatevineyards.com)  
Hours: Wed/Thurs 11-6, Fri/Sat 11 - 8:30, Sun 11-6  
Outside seating only

- OCT** 3, 1pm, Adriel Genet
- 3, 5pm, Trivia Time!
- 4, 2pm, Deane Kern
- 10, 1pm, Cory Campbell
- 11, 2pm, Laura Cashman
- 17, 1pm, Tim & Colleen
- 18, 2pm, Todd Brooks
- 24, 1pm, Wayne Snow
- 25, 2pm, Jimmy Lee

**B CHORD BREWING**

34266 Williams Gap Rd, Round Hill, VA 20141  
571-474-9191  
[bchordbrewing.com](http://bchordbrewing.com)

- OCT** 1, 2, and 3, 6:30pm, Railroad Earth Live
- 4, 7pm, Del McCoury Band

**BOZZO FAMILY VINEYARDS**

35226 Charlestown Pike, Purcellville, VA 20132  
571-918-9001  
[bozwines.com](http://bozwines.com)  
Hours: Fri 3-6, Sat 1-6, Sun 1-5

- OCT** 3, 2pm, Distillers
- 17, 2pm, Dave Lange

**BREAUX VINEYARDS**

36888 Breaux Vineyards Ln, Purcellville, VA 20132  
540-668-6299  
[breauxvineyards.com](http://breauxvineyards.com)  
Hours: Mon-Fri 11-6, Sat/Sun 11-7

- OCT** 3, 2pm, Melissa Quinn Fox
- 4, 1pm, Jason Teach
- 10, 2pm, Ginny Blair
- 18, 2pm, Jamie Gregory
- 23, 5pm, Ken Wenzel
- 24, 1pm, VA HipNecks

**DIRT FARM BREWING**

18701 Foggy Bottom Rd, Bluemont, VA 20135  
540-554-2337  
[dirtfarmbrewing.com](http://dirtfarmbrewing.com)

- OCT** 2, 5:30pm, Gary Jay Hoffman
- 9, 5:30pm, Andrew O'Day
- 16, 5:30pm, Crooked Angels
- 23, 5:30pm, Dave Lange

**HARPERS FERRY BREWING**

37412 Adventure Center Ln, Purcellville, VA 20132  
571-420-2161  
[facebook.com/HarpersFerryBrewing](https://facebook.com/HarpersFerryBrewing)

- OCT** 3, 5:30pm, JF Band
- 10, 3:30pm, Don's Last Sweet Leda Show
- 17, 3:30pm, Sidetracked
- 24, 3:30pm, Ginada Pinata

- NOV** 1, 2pm, Will Shepard

**MAGGIE MALICK WINE CAVES**

12138 Harpers Ferry Rd, Purcellville, VA 20132  
540-905-2921  
[maggiemalickwinecaves.com](http://maggiemalickwinecaves.com)

- OCT** 3, 2pm, Ron Hamerick
- 4, 2pm, Dan Cronin
- 10, 2pm, Mosby Territory
- 11, 2pm, John Durant
- 17, 2pm, Anthony Semiao
- 18, 2pm, David Davol
- 24, 2pm, Acoustic Moose
- 25, 2pm, Jason Masi

**TWIN OAKS TAVERN WINERY**

18035 Raven Rocks Rd, Bluemont, VA 20135  
540-554-4547  
[TwinOaksTavernWinery.com](http://TwinOaksTavernWinery.com)  
FB @TwinOaksTavernWinery

- OCT** Saturdays, 1:30pm, live music (check FB for more info)

**TWO TWISTED POSTS WINERY**

12944 Harpers Ferry Rd, Purcellville, VA 20132  
540-668-6540  
[twotwistedposts.com](http://twotwistedposts.com)  
Hours: Thurs-Mon 11-6

- OCT** 3, 2pm, Anthony Semaio
- 11, 11am, Celebrate National Coming Out Day
- 17, 2pm, California Bob
- 31, 2pm, Dave Lange

**MARYLAND**

**ANTIETAM CREEK VINEYARDS**

4835 Branch Ave, Sharpsburg MD 21782  
240-490-2851  
[antietamcreekvineyards.com](http://antietamcreekvineyards.com)

- OCT** 3, 2pm, Taulton-Bonham Duo
- 4, 2pm, Shady Lane
- 10, 2pm, Rumours Band
- 11, 2pm, Gary Jay and Vince "Fireball"
- 17, 2pm, Danny Webber Trio
- 18, 2pm, Dave Lange
- 24, 2pm, Prophets of the Abstract Truth
- 25, 2pm, Kokoblu Trio
- 31, 2pm, Hallo-WINE feat. Fertile Soil

**BIG CORK VINEYARDS**

4236 Main St, Rohrsville, MD 21779  
301-302-8032  
[bigcorkvineyards.com](http://bigcorkvineyards.com)  
Hours: Thurs 11-5, Fri 11-9, Sat-Mon 11-5  
Outside music - Bring a chair and blanket for the lawn, bring your own glass or buy a glass to take home

- OCT** 9, 5pm, The Plate Scrapers
- 23, 6:30pm, Hocus Pocus Movie Night

**BLUE MOUNTAIN WINE CRAFTERS BOUTIQUE WINERY**

117 E Baltimore St., Funkstown, MD 21734  
301-791-2882  
[bluemountainwinecrafters.com](http://bluemountainwinecrafters.com)  
Hours: Sat 11-6, Sun 12-5, Mon 11-6, Tues 11-5, Weds-Fri 11-6  
Outside music and wine/cider making classes

- OCT** 2, 6pm, Jes Jams
- 2, 6pm, Jessica Paulin
- 3, 2pm, Jason Masi
- 9, 6pm, Dancin Dave
- 10, 2pm, Lynn Routhzhan
- 16, 6pm, Chris Bowen
- 17, 2pm, Paul McNeil
- 23, 6pm, Stif Dills
- 24, 2pm, Ted Casper
- 30, 6pm, Danny Spickler/Halloween Costume Contest
- 31, 1pm, Rich Fehle

**KNOB HALL WINERY**

14108 St. Paul Rd, Clear Spring, MD 21722  
301-842-2777  
[knobhallwinery.com](http://knobhallwinery.com)

- OCT** 2, 7pm, Wind Down Friday ft. Blindcide
- 3, 5:30pm, Jester Live
- 10, 6pm, Haunted Vineyard Flashlight Tour
- 16, 7pm, Hot Fun
- 17, 6pm, Haunted Vineyard Flashlight Tour
- 24, 6pm, Haunted Vineyard Flashlight Tour
- 31, 6pm, Haunted Vineyard Flashlight Tour

**RED HEIFER WINERY**

12840 Red Heifer Winery Ln, Smithsburg, MD 21783  
301-824-5210  
[redheiferwinery.com](http://redheiferwinery.com)

- OCT** 3, 1pm, Negley Brothers
- 4, 1pm, Michelle and Jason
- 10, 1pm, Nick Andrew Staver
- 11, 1pm, Jill Fulton Band
- 17, 1pm, Kerensa Gray
- 18, 1pm, Hot Club of Baltimore
- 24, 1pm, Pale Barn Ghosts
- 25, 1pm, Kin Selection
- 31, 1pm, Herb & Hanson

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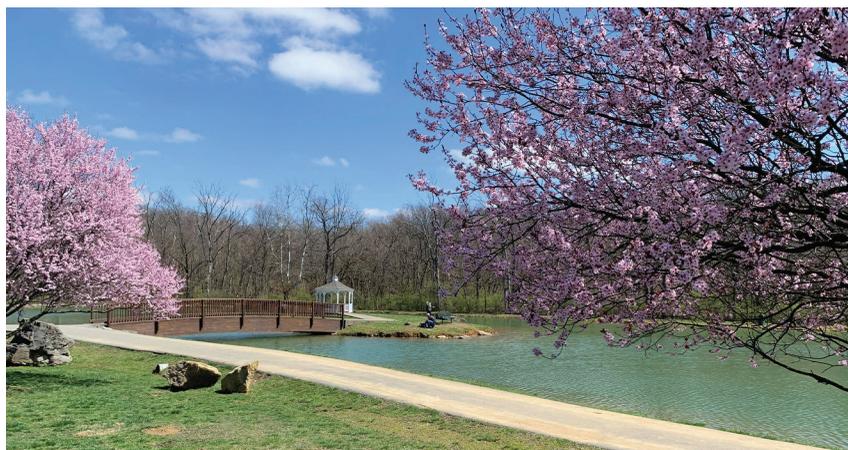
▶ DRINK RESPONSIBLY

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EXPLORE // LOCAL PARKS & RECREATION



# MAKE TIME TO PLAY



**ALLEN CORBIN** took over the reins as Executive Director for the Martinsburg-Berkeley County park system in June. He noted that his recently-retired predecessor was quite a legend to follow, but he's excited by the challenges ahead. For now Allen says he is "trying to get everything open, to provide activities and services that are essential to mental and physical health. We want to bring back a sense of normalcy. We've opened a second dog park and most of our organized programs except for basketball are back. We have health checks and temperature screening for entry into the facilities and masks are required until a patron can be in a place where they can maintain a social distance by themselves."

*Program registration/info on website (MBCparks-rec.org) and Facebook (@JMBCParksAndRec). Most activities open to non-residents (fees may be higher).*

## Parks & Rec Centers in Berkeley County

*Follow signs for parking/entry restrictions (generally open dawn to dusk without restriction for walk-in entry). Restroom facilities will close in November. Dog Parks require key fob for entry (annual fee and pet registration required).*

**Berkeley 2000 Rec Center** — 273 Woodbury Ave, Martinsburg

**Randy Smith Rec Center** — 40 Excellence Way, Inwood

**Ambrose Park** — 25404 Mall Dr, Martinsburg. 4 acre park with playground, pavilion. Gateway Children's Garden is closed. Restrooms open.

**Goldie Gibbons Dog Park** — 782 Beddington Rd, Martinsburg. Annual membership required for access.

**Oatesdale Park** — Baltimore St & Williams St, Martinsburg. Two inline hockey rinks, ball fields.

**Poor House Farm Park** — 233 Almshouse Rd, Martinsburg. 137 acre multi-use park with walking & bike trails, recreation fields, disc golf course, pavilions. Restrooms open.

**War Memorial Park** — 500 N Tennessee Ave, Martinsburg. 19 acre multi-use park with athletic fields, tennis & volleyball courts, miniature golf, playground, pavilions. Restrooms open.

**Wurzburg Dog Park** — 25404 Mall Dr, Martinsburg (in Ambrose park). Annual membership required for access.

**THE COMMUNITY CENTER** at Jefferson County's Sam Michaels Park is open and patrons are screened for temperature and health questions before entering. Masks are required when entering and in common areas. Fall classes include dance, gymnastics, martial arts, and sports clinic programs for young children, and limited fitness programs for teens and adults. Outdoor family events on the schedule are a Halloween Trick-or-Treat Trail on Oct 24, a Turkey Egg Hunt on Nov 7 (the Easter Bunny has been hibernating with its eggs all summer), and a special S'mores and campfire event in early December. The Commission may add additional dates and times if there is enough interest in advance.



*Program registration/info on the website (jcprc.org) and Facebook (@JeffCounty.ParksNRec). Most activities are open to non-residents (fees may be higher).*

## Parks & Rec Centers in Jefferson County

*Follow signs for parking/entry restrictions (generally open dawn to dusk without restriction for walk-in entry). Restroom facilities will close mid-fall. Morgan Grove operated by the Shepherdstown Community Club; Skate Park operated by the City of Charles Town.*

**Sam Michaels Park & Community Center** — 235 Sam Michaels Lane, Shenandoah Junction (enter from Job Corps Rd). 130 acre park with hiking trails, athletic fields, disc golf course, dog park. Restrooms closed (avail with pavilion rental; restrooms in rec center are available during open hours).

**Bolivar Nature Park** — 264 Jefferson St, Bolivar (enter from Primrose Alley). 7 acre park with walking trail, picnic table. No restrooms.

**James Hite Park** — 25-45 Hite Rd, Kearneysville. 119 acre park with 2 mile walking loop, playground (ages 5-12), soccer fields. Portable restroom.

**Leetown Park** — 56 Jefferson Orchard Rd, Kearneysville. 10 acre park with softball field, tennis court, pavilions. Restrooms closed (avail with pavilion rental).

**Morgan's Grove Park (SCC)** — Kearneysville Pike & Morgan's Grove Rd (opposite the Rt 45 bypass), Shepherdstown. 25 acre park with walking trail, playground, pavilion. Restrooms closed.

**Moulton Park** — 716 Millville Rd, Charles Town. Small park with boat ramp (Shenandoah River). Camping currently not allowed. Portable restroom.

**Mount Mission Park** — 4210 Mission Rd, Harpers Ferry. 3 acre park with playground, pavilion, basketball & volleyball courts. Restrooms closed.

**Skate Park** — 5 Mineral St, Charles Town. Ramps, rails and platforms in the former Maytag parking lot.

**South Jefferson County Park** — 4095 Leetown Rd, Summit Point. 71 acre park with multiple athletic fields. No Restrooms.

EXPLORE // SHEPHERDSTOWN

## AN ARTIST'S JOURNEY

### Tim Clayton's Layered Art



IT TOOK A FEW YEARS of wandering for Tim Clayton to discover his passion for painting. When describing his path, Tim focuses on the evolution of his approach to art and his style of expression. He describes it as “adding layers, building it up, thinking of his art as an accumulation of ideas, becoming more complex and nuanced over time.”

Tim noted that he always starts his paintings outdoors. Working with oil paints, he

says, “I can’t always finish a study, but there is always an immediacy and energy in the light. I’ll paint a small sketch, reacting to the light, but often without time to refine. In the studio I have time to think and refine. I have a whole closet full of these sketches. Sometimes I didn’t find the idea or the moment passed without enough time to resolve the scene. But I go through the closet often and find inspiration, the spark of why I chose that perspective or even why it didn’t work to inform another approach.”

Tim pointed out his “Quiet Fields” painting — “it was early in March and a scary time. For me, the painting process itself was calming. It’s what I hope to show and share with my work.”

*The Bridge Gallery is located at 8566 Shepherdstown Pike in Shepherdstown (on Route 230, around the bend from O’Hurleys General Store). Kathryn Burns, the owner and curator, showcases local artists with a regular schedule of exhibitions in the showroom (and online). She also provides framing services for her clientele. Currently open Fri/Sat/Sun Noon to 5 pm (and by appointment at other times). Web: BridgeGalleryAndFraming.com. Phone: 304-876-2300.*





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If a man knows more than others, he becomes lonely.”

— C.G. Jung (*Memories, Dreams, Reflections*, 1962)



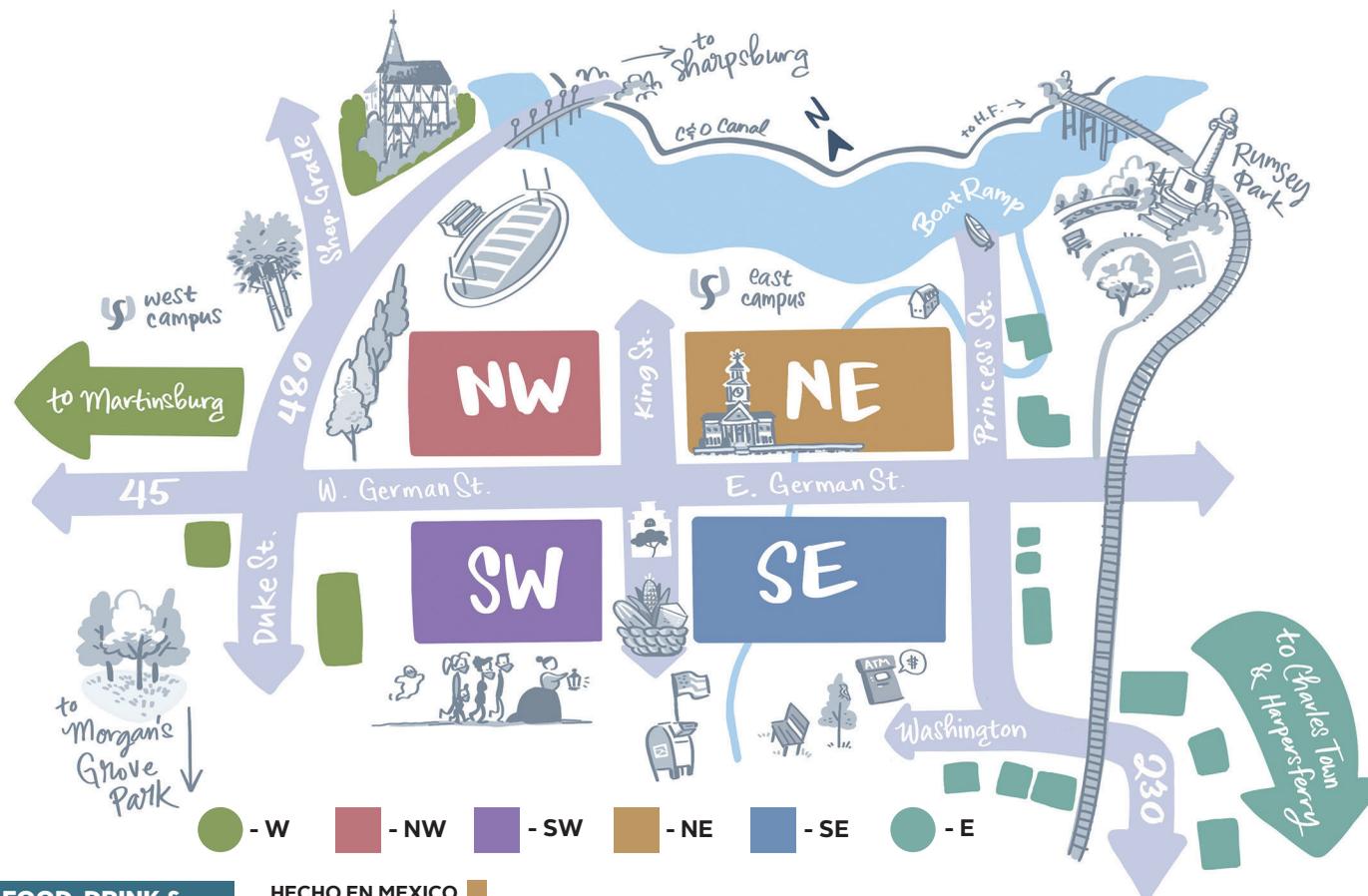
**Cathryn Polonchak LCSW**  
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The **Annual Book Sale** at the Shepherdstown Community Club runs 6-8 pm on Oct 15 (\$10 ticket on Thu) through Oct 18 (free admission, 10-5 Fri & Sat, 10-2 Sun). **Shepherd University Lifelong Learning** has Zoom presentations on Robert Kennedy in Appalachia (Oct 7) and the Hong Kong security law (Oct 12), plus other online programs (info & register at Shepherd.edu/lifelonglearning). **Speak Story Series** presents Paul Strikland performing New Fangled Fibs (online on Oct 15, info & register at SpeakStorySeries.com, \$12). Due to restrictions on public gatherings, the Town's **Boofest** group events and **Trick-or-Treat** on German Street are cancelled this year (visit @Boofest on FB for updates on individual & online events).

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**WORDS PLUS IMAGES**

Artists Engage A New Form  
The Co-Op Haiku



SUZANNE RAVGIALA described the NHK (Japanese public television) show that she happened to see rebroadcast on the local cable lineup about Haiku masters — producers invited viewers in Japan to submit haiku poetry to the show for critique and received tens of thousands of entries in response.

As Suzanne, Jenay Grant, and the other board members of the Washington Street Artists' Cooperative (WSAC) discussed the idea, the thought to solicit poems and combine them with art seemed to fit perfectly with the group's goals of expanding participation in art.

The WSAC project accepted over 20 entries for the current show, a mix of original art inspired by a haiku poem or new poems juxtaposed on an image of an artist's prior work.

*The Haiku show runs from October 1 to 31 at the WSAC gallery at 108 N George Street in Charles Town. The WSAC is open Thursdays & Fridays 11 am to 5 pm and Saturdays 10 am to 4 pm*

*The Washington Street Artists' Cooperative is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide a space where artists and artisans in the West Virginia Panhandle region can create, show, share, and teach, in support of expanding interest and participation in art in the community. Information on shows and membership at WashingtonStArtists.org.*



the bare strand invites  
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— Photo and Haiku by Susan Parker



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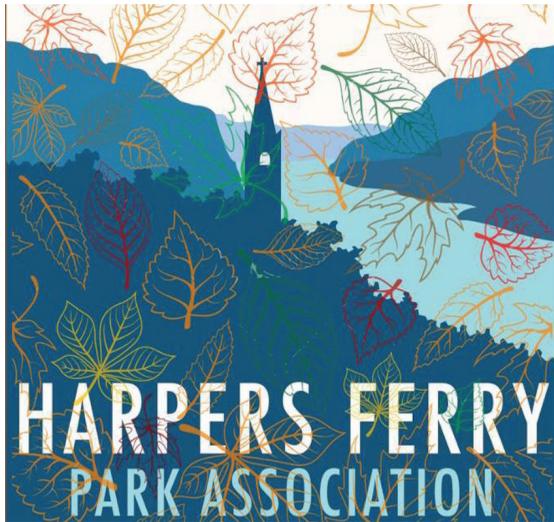
HIGHLIGHTS & EVENTS

Mad Monks Coffee shop recently announced a re-opening (Mon-Wed mornings). **WEANT to Play**, a consignment shop specializing in gently used sports gear is hitting stride with lots of fall sports gear. **Double Iris Yoga & Massage** recently opened a studio in Charles Town (while also continuing at its Shepherdstown location and operating a virtual studio. Free parking is available on Washington Street during the week and at all meters after 5pm and on weekends. Follow **@CharlesTownNow** on Facebook for updates and news about special events.

EXPLORE // HARPERS FERRY & BOLIVAR

# HISTORY AFOOT

## Guide Tours Restart



THE CERTIFIED GUIDE TOURS, operated by the volunteers of the Harpers Ferry Park Association, are a special tradition that go well beyond the short tours of lower town provided by rangers through the park service. The standard tour consists of three stops at Bolivar Heights battlefield, Storer College at Camp Hill, and Lower Town Harpers Ferry. Guides can tailor a tour if guests provide requests during registration. Per current health guidelines, guests will now drive their own cars and guides drive separately in their own vehicles. Guests must purchase tickets

in advance (see website info below). Tours of Lower Town are also offered on weekends on a walk-up basis (no pre-registration required for walk-up tours, masks and social distancing are requested).

Longtime guide Chris Craig fell into the program through his own curiosity. A long time DC resident, he was a frequent visitor to Harpers Ferry and eventually moved there in 2005. For the next ten years, he operated a bed-and-breakfast in his home and continued to immerse himself in the town's history. Enjoying his experience sharing the town with his guests and informally guiding their explorations, Chris decided to take up the HFPA guide training.

As Chris described it, “all of the Certified Guides have to pass a test (you need a high score to pass) and take in-person training with the park staff. Our final preparation is a mock tour with the staff before they allow us to lead on our own. To prepare we read lots of books. The unique aspect of Harpers Ferry are the multiple themes of history that we are prepared to discuss — Lewis & Clark, John Brown, the B&O Railroad — history has a lot of layers in Harpers Ferry.”

Chris observed that a common thread among the program's guides is a love of history and the desire to share it with others. It's no surprise then that Chris had many years of experience as a teacher, primarily in special education and math, and that two of his colleagues are also teachers by profession. He describes the program as a “mix of a mission,

an intense personal experience, and something all of the guides enjoy every day. You might be surprised what you learn on a tour. Especially if you live in Jefferson County, it's a great way to learn about local history.”

*Harpers Ferry Park Association is a non-profit partner of the Harpers Ferry National Park. Tour reservations, membership & volunteer information at HarpersFerryHistory.org, FB @HFPAAssociation or call 304-535-6881. Bookstore is at 723 Shenandoah Street, Harpers Ferry WV (temporary location is across the street under the tent, open weekends). Walk-up tours of lower town are available on weekend.*



Chris Craig, Certified Guide with the HFPA.

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HIGHLIGHTS & EVENTS

All park trails are open. The regular tours led by NPS staff are still not open, but the Park Association has arranged for its guides to also offer **walk-up tours of lower town** on the weekends (no reservations needed, stop by the bookstore tent for details). **Certified Guide Tours** have also restarted (see the article on page 22). The parking lot at the visitor center is open, still no shuttle buses (it's a 2 mile hike to lower town), fee collected if the entrance station is staffed. Jeremiah and Anthony Brooks, the energetic duo behind Hamilton's Tavern 1840 have opened up **H.P. Snallygaster General Store & Cafe** in upper town. The **Jefferson County Visitor Center** will be opening in October.

EXPLORE // EASTERN PANHANDLE PARKS & TRAILS

# ENJOY THE FRESH AIR

**1 Bolivar Nature Park**

264 Jefferson St, Bolivar, WV (Jefferson County)  
7 acre park. Walking trail. Picnic tables. No restrooms.

**2 Raven Rocks Summit**

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Parking at 39.11536, -77.8475  
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out trail in Kabletown District.

**3 Cool Spring Nature Preserve**

1469 Lloyd Rd, Charles Town, WV  
(Potomac Valley Audubon Society)  
63 acre preserve. Walking trails. Dogs  
on leash OK. No restrooms.

**4 James Hite Park**

25-45 Hite Rd, Kearneysville, WV  
(Jefferson County)  
2 mile walking loop. Playground  
(ages 5-12). Portable restroom.

**5 Yankauer Nature Preserve**

438 Whittings Neck Road, Martinsburg WV  
(Potomac Valley Audubon Society)  
104 acre preserve. Walking trails. No dogs (wildlife  
habitat). No restrooms.

**6 Stauffers Marsh Nature Preserve**

4069 Back Creek Valley Road, Hedgesville, WV  
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No restrooms.

**7 Poor House Farm Park**

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**Cacapon Resort State Park**

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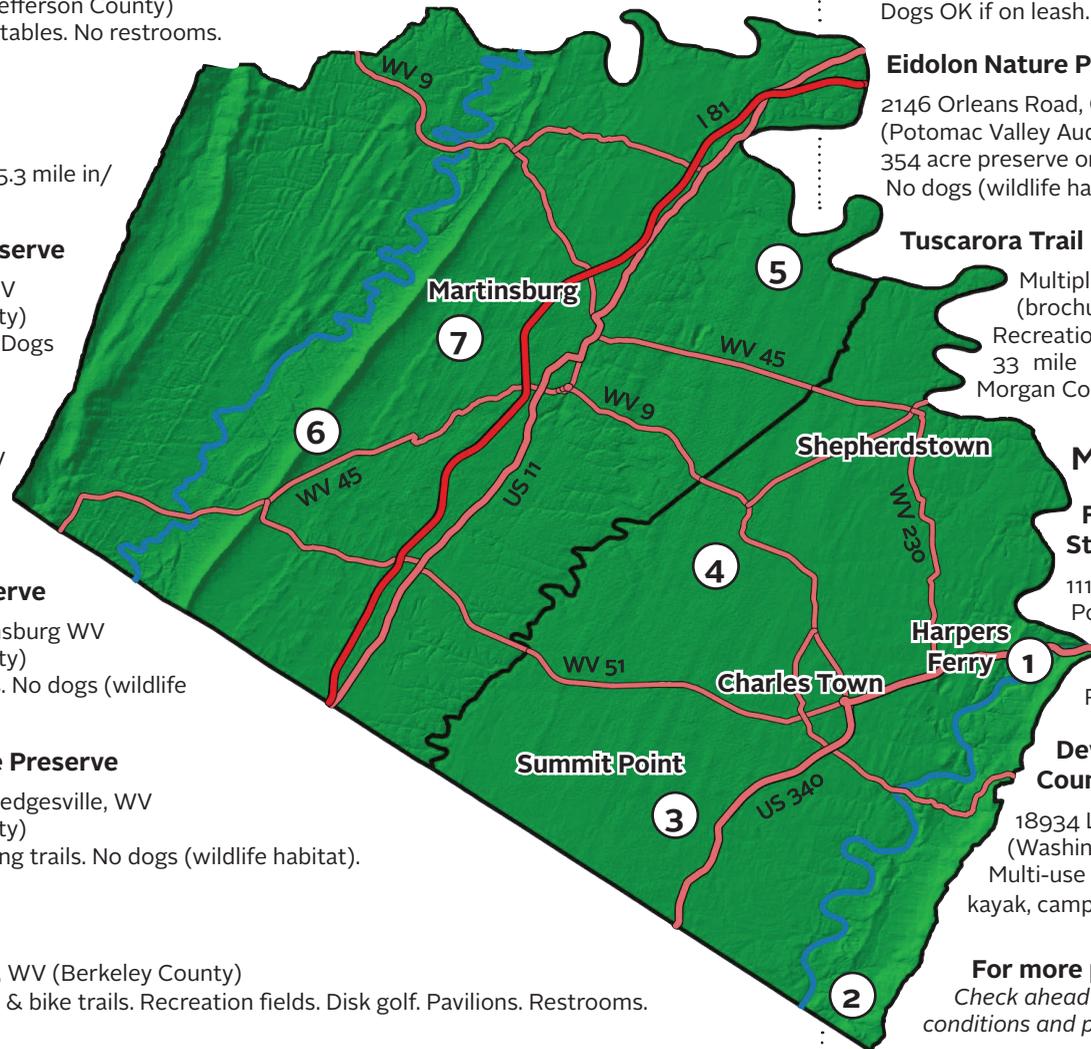
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**Devil's Backbone County Park**

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