CONSTITUTION DAY GAME SHOW WILL MAKE HISTORY

In the “that’s something you don’t see every day” category, this one is hard to beat. Abigail Adams and Benjamin Franklin will host a game show on the Beckley Campus on Friday, Sept. 17.

The pair, better known as Beckley Campus Student Government Association President Eva March and Vice President Matthew Curry, will don Revolutionary-era duds as they challenge contestants to a game that could well be called Who Wants to be a Patriot?. Played along the same lines as Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?, the game will allow participants to make lifeline calls to friends or relations who know their constitutional law.

The game will be part of Constitution Day observances taking place this week across all of New River’s campuses. Constitution Day commemorates the formation and signing of the U.S. Constitution by 39 brave men on September 17, 1787.

March says the game show idea seemed like a good way to make history come alive. The contestants will answer questions that all deal with different aspects of the U.S. Constitution. The first place winner will receive a $250 waiver for the purchase of textbooks. Second prize is a backpack filled with school supplies and New River spirit items.

The Constitution Day program will begin at 11:30 with comments by Beckley Campus Dean Carolyn Sizemore and Assistant Dean Michael Curry. The game begins at noon in the student lounge in the Wilburn Building and will last until approximately 1 p.m.

On the Greenbrier Valley Campus, Dean Roger Griffith will make a presentation on “The Constitution: A Living Document” at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 15 in Room G-102.

The Mercer County Campus will observe Constitution Day on Thursday, Sept. 16, at 1 p.m. when Griffith will repeat his presentation in the conference center at Mercer Tech. The program will be open to high school students who attend classes at Mercer Tech. Flag-themed cupcakes will be served at the event, which is sponsored by the SGA.

The Nicholas County Campus event will be on Friday at 11 a.m. Students in Nick Bassett’s American Government and Economy class will lead a discussion about the amendments to the Constitution, including proposed amendments that did not pass.
President Spring has announced title changes for three members of his administrative team. Elizabeth (Libby) Belcher is now Director of Communications. Leah Taylor is Director of Human Resources and Process Improvement. Dr. David Ayersman’s title is now Chief Technology Officer.

Greenbrier Valley Campus staff and faculty participated in a discussion of New River’s strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats at a strategic planning session on Sept. 1. After making introductory remarks, President Spring (far right) turned the session over to Libby Belcher, who facilitated the discussion and recorded comments for future reference.
The New River Board of Governors met at the Beckley Campus on Thursday, Sept. 9. In addition to receiving updates from Dr. Spring, department heads and campus deans, the board acted on several important items of new business:

- Approved a one-time salary enhancement for faculty, non-classified employees and classified employees with more than 15 years of service.
- Tabled a resolution that would amend the Facilities Master Plan to permit the college to build the Central Administration/Raleigh County Campus at the Public Higher Education Center.
- Passed a resolution amending the Facilities Master Plan to permit the college to purchase the former Excel Home property in Ghent.
- Passed a resolution establishing a Board of Governors Good Samaritan Award to honor individuals who exemplify the characteristics of one demonstrating exceptional personal concern in responding to an unusual event for the good of others.

The next BOG meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 7, at the Greenbrier Valley Campus in Lewisburg.

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**MEET A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

Marilyn Leftwich is a charter member of the Board of Governors, having served on the Board of Advisors before the college had its own Board of Governors, and then being appointed to the Board of Governors.

A native of Talcott, Leftwich is enjoying a second career as an elementary school guidance counselor. She is retired from the federal prison in Alderson. During her career with the prison she progressed from corrections officer, to counselor, to unit manager. Commenting on the difference between her two careers, she jokes that it “just a matter of age difference.”

Leftwich graduated from Bluefield State and went on to get her master’s in counseling from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va. A resident of White Sulphur Springs, she is the mother of two girls and a boy and the grandmother of six. She has one five-year-old great grandchild.

Looking back over her involvement with New River, she is astounded by the growth that has occurred.

“I never imagined it,” she says. “We always hoped, but it is really exciting to see it all come together. It’s really happening!”
GREENBRIER VALLEY CAMPUS FACULTY STEP UP TO THE PLATE

Send up a cheer to the faculty of the Greenbrier Valley Campus for achieving 100% participation in the Home Run Campaign! Faculty campaign co-chair Bryan Seldomridge said that he felt the success that he and co-chair Libby Rogers enjoyed was due to the support that already existed among the faculty for the work of the New River Foundation. “We work with students, and we see the benefits of the scholarships that the foundation provides,” Seldomridge says, adding that faculty members also appreciate the facilities upgrades and additions that are taking place as a result of the foundation’s efforts.

He said that his colleagues also realize the importance of the internal campaign to the success of the public campaign that will be launched next year. “If our own faculty and staff support the college, others are more likely to give,” he said.

FOUNDATION ADVISORY BOARDS WELCOME NEW MEMBERS, ELECT OFFICERS

- The Nicholas County Board of Advisors has elected new officers. They are: George Neilan, chairman, Robert Shaffer, vice chair; and Laura Kiliany, secretary.

- We have six new board members on the Greenbrier Valley Board of Advisors: Bill Rock, Snowshoe Mountain; Rob Follwell, Greenbrier Valley Medical Center; Jeff Kmiec, The Greenbrier; Vicki Hinerman, Summers County Board of Education; CC Lester, Pocahontas Board of Education; and Kevin Siers, Monroe Board of Education.

- We have two new board members on the Raleigh County Board of Advisors: Jeff Miller, First Community Bank and Kellie Vaught, Vaught Neurological Services.
Staff Transitions

Barbara Stewart has been promoted to supervisor of student accounting services in the Business Office. She had previously been a finance and grants accountant.

Janie Smith has accepted the position of administrative secretary senior for Workforce Education and Institutional Advancement. She had been the administrative secretary for the Beckley Campus, where friends and co-workers honored her with a going-away party on her last day with them.

Pictured at Janie Smith’s farewell party are (L-R) Kathy Lawrence, Hope Adams, April Zemonek, Lori Midkiff, Lacy McCarty, Janie Smith, Rahni Borders and Michael Curry.

KIEV ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE NEW RIVER FOUNDATION

Tickets are still available for next Sunday’s concert by the Kiev Symphony Orchestra and Chorus at Woodrow Wilson High School in Beckley. Advance tickets are $20 and can be purchased from the New River Foundation. Call Lisa DeLilly at extension 5485 to purchase tickets. There will be no assigned seats. The concert begins at 6:30 p.m.
CENTER FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE OFFERS
FRIDAY LUNCH ON THE HILL WORKSHOPS

Ralph Payne, the director of the Center for Teaching Excellence, has announced a series of free lunchtime lectures that are open to faculty and staff at no cost. Unless otherwise noted, all workshops are held in the T1/CTE Classroom, 301-B George Street in Beckley. A light lunch will be served. Seating is limited to 18 participants, so RSVPs are required. Call Amanda Kincaid at extension 6702 to RSVP.

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NEW RIVER CLOTHING ITEMS AVAILABLE ONLINE

A number of New River clothing items are now available through the online bookstore. Tee shirts, long-sleeved tee shirts, polos and hoodies are among the items available. More items are being added all the time, so shop often!

Check out the possibilities at www.newriver.bkstr.com

Correction: In the last issue of Transitions, Nicholas County Campus student Stephen Hedgecock was incorrectly identified as Stephen Hendrick. We apologize for the error.