

YOSEMITE

Capitan reaches 7,569 feet above sea level. We arrived in time to catch an open-air tram for a tour of the park. Our first major sight was Yosemite Falls. Again, this was spectacular. Yosemite Falls is the highest waterfall in North America at 2,425 feet. We had a clear view from the flat valley floor. The water appears from a slight crevasse at the top of a high sheer granite wall and falls spectacularly off the mountaintop to a thunderous crash and from that point falls farther and flows a short distance to the final fall several hundred feet into the river. It seems strange to watch an endless spewing of water at great force and constantly coming from what clearly appears to be the top of a high granite mountain down the sheer steep treeless granite, seemingly from nowhere. Unseen from our vantage point far below is the even higher elevation of the mountain and a high hanging valley.

The term “hanging valley” was a new one to me. The last and perhaps best view of things, including a hanging valley, was the final stop on our open-air tram tour. The park ranger who was our guide on the tram tour seemed to glow with pride as she led us to what is called the Tunnel View. The tram followed the contour of the mountain up and ever higher to a very high elevation and, yes, passed through a tunnel and out the other side, reaching a very high point. And this was it: the Tunnel View. We looked out over a remarkable valley. On our left was El Capitan, in all of its sheer white smooth granite vertical 3,000 feet of glory. In the distance up the valley straight ahead was Half Dome, another remarkable sight. The back side of Half Dome, facing away from the valley below, is a curiosity: it is the rounded half of a dome-shaped granite formation. Sometime perhaps as recently as 15,000 years ago,

it is believed that glacial ice flows moved through the valley scything off rock and depositing it downstream. As a result, the silhouette of Half Dome stands nearly one mile above the valley floor. The summit is 8,840 feet above sea level. From our vantage point, the massive glories of El Capitan and Half Dome were ours to admire. But that wasn't all. To our right was Bridalveil Falls, dropping 620 feet over yet another sheer vertical marble cliff to the Merced River far below. Bridalveil Falls is at the abrupt end of a hanging valley. That is a long valley, with its stream, coming from a considerable distance away, defined by the mountainous sides of the valley, until the high valley abruptly ends and its miles-long stream falls straight down to the Merced River 620 feet below. The high valley that stops at the waterfall is a “hanging valley.” From our vantage point, the so-called Tunnel View, we stood and drank in the

remarkable valley, with El Capitan on our left, Half Dome in the far center, and Bridalveil Falls on our right, with the broad flat green forested Merced Valley far below and sharp jagged granite mountains forming the rugged background. Altogether it was an intoxicating sight. We had dinner at Yosemite Lodge, which is very close to Yosemite Falls. In fact, some of us walked out for a last view of this icon. We spent the night at the Lodge and, after breakfast, headed west to Monterey and several famous sights, including my favorite item of the trip. Comparisons are often difficult, even futile to make. Anyway, Yosemite Falls, at 2,425 feet, is the tallest in North America and fifth tallest in the world. Niagara Falls, much the wider, with much greater water volumes, and being much more famous, is 167 feet tall on the American side and the Horseshoe Falls on the Canadian side is 158 feet tall.

ChalleNGe academy announces graduates

The most recent Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy class included two Roane County residents. Cadet Allen Eugene Bush Jr., son of Allen and Jessica Bush of Spencer, graduated as part of Platoon 1. He was recognized for receiving the Mentorship award as well as obtaining the six Individual Values Recognition Ribbons. Cadet Devon Alexander May, son of Andrew and Marianna May of Spencer, graduated as part of Platoon 3. He was recognized for receiving the Mentorship award,



Bush May

S2C Award and the six Individual Values Recognition Ribbons. Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy is a program of the West Virginia National Guard.

Accidental visitors

Last night, my husband, Peter, and I went to see the play “Come From Away.” I read about it last year, waited for the day tickets were available, and bought the very best cheap seats I could buy. I love going to the theater more than almost anything, so you might be surprised to learn my husband is not much of a theatergoer. I've learned, over the years, if I ask him months in advance, he imagines the date will never come and agrees to go with me—and that's what he did when I asked him last December about this show. The show came to town last night. Peter is a good sport. The cheap seats were very close to the front, but way to the side, so I could see around the edges of the stage—which I don't mind a bit. I like seeing the actors just as they make their entrance. I like the reminder that there is a world right behind the curtains. The play is the story of how, on 9/11, 7,000 airline passengers



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were diverted to an island off the coast of Newfoundland. Years earlier, before planes could fly all the way across the Atlantic, they used to stop and refuel in Gander, Newfoundland. The longer range of the jets made the oversized airport on the small island obsolete, and there had been talk of demolishing it. But it was still there on Sept. 11, 2001, so it became the most logical place to reroute thousands of passengers when no one knew how long it would be before it was safe to fly again. And the people of Gander—about 2,000 of them—stepped up to host all these accidental visitors. They cooked and provided new clothes. They invited these

strangers into their houses and bought them drinks. They organized a barbecue, and even urged their guests to become honorary Newfoundlanders. These stranded flyers from all over the world never forgot the compassion of this small town during this terrible, difficult time. Ten years later, many of them returned to visit their adopted family in Gander. Scholarships were set up. Lifetime friendships were made. I think we need more stories like this. Fred Rogers said, when talking to children about disasters, “Look for the helpers.” Gander and the surrounding communities became helpers to these strangers—who were not always gracious or grateful or even aware of how much help they needed or how profoundly they had upset the quiet life of this tiny town. At the end of the show, the audience stood up in unison. Standing ovations are a peculiar thing. Some people will stand for everything. Most people will be embarrassed into joining them.

Rarely does everyone just get on their feet all together, and yet that was what happened last night. There were a lot of people in the theater, so perhaps it is presumptuous for me to say, but I have to believe we were all, in some way, thinking how much we need that spirit of coming together and helping one another and supporting each other even if—especially if—the folks we are supporting are strangers to us. I thought about what a great idea it was to write a play about a town that was helpful. It was such a simple idea, yet so absolutely right. “Aren't you glad we went?” I asked Peter on the way out. He said he was. He said it might be the best play he had ever seen, which—coming from Peter—meant a lot. Till next time, Carrie Photos and updates can be found on Facebook at CarrieClassonAuthor.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE
The undersigned Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority vested in it by that certain Deed of Trust dated May 13, 2015, and duly recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Roane County, West Virginia, in Deed of Trust Book 328, at Page 121, Aaron T. McCormick did convey unto Drew Patton, Trustee, certain real property described in said Deed of Trust; and the beneficiary has elected to appoint Pill & Pill, PLLC as Substitute Trustee by a Substitution of Trustee recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office; and default having been made under the aforementioned Deed of Trust, and the undersigned Substitute Trustee having been instructed by the secured party to foreclose thereunder, will offer for sale at public auction at the front door of the Roane County Courthouse, in Spencer, West Virginia, on July 3, 2024, at 3:30 PM The following described real estate, with its improvements, easements and appurtenances thereunto belonging, situate in the Spencer Corporation District, Roane County, West Virginia, and more particularly described as follows: All that certain lot, tract or parcel of real estate located in Holswade Addition to the City of Spencer, Roane County, West Virginia, bounded and described as follows: Property hereby described as being situate in Spencer Corporation, Roane County, West Virginia, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING AT A 5/8" x 31' iron rod set with aluminum cap stamped 'GILES LAND SURVEYING PS #2040' hereinafter called a 5/8" iron rod set, on the easterly side of Capital Street, a corner to Richard Lockhart (Lot 9) thence with Lockhart; North 86 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, a distance of 105.00 feet to a 5/8" iron rod set in the center of an abandoned alley, thence with the center of said alley; South 04 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, a distance of 50.00 feet to a 5/8" iron rod set, in a line of Christopher D. Ake, thence with Ake and Lot 7; South 86 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, a distance of 105.00 feet to a point on a concrete driveway, on the easterly side of Capital Street, thence with the easterly edge of Right-of-Way to Capital Street; North 04 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, a distance of 50.00 feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING containing 5250 sq. ft. more or less, and more fully shown on a plat prepared by John M. Giles Land Surveying, hereto attached and being made a

part of this description. This conveyance is made subject to all rights-of-way, reservations, restrictions, protective covenants, utility easements, and oil and gas leases of record in the chain of title in the aforesaid Clerk's Office. BEING the same real estate conveyed unto Aaron T. McCormick by Cathryn J. Nichols by Deed dated May 12th, 2015, and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Roane County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 524, at Page 126. At the time of the execution of the Deed of Trust, this property was reported to have a mailing address of 819 Capitol Street, Spencer, WV 25276. AND BEING the same real estate which was conveyed to Aaron T. McCormick, by Deed dated May 12, 2015, from Cathryn J. Nicholas a/k/a Cathy Nichols, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County Commission of Roane County, West Virginia, in Deed Book 524, at Page 126. The above-described property will be sold subject to any covenants, restrictions, easements, leases and conditions of record, and subject to any unpaid real estate taxes. The subject property will be sold in "AS IS" condition. The Substitute Trustee shall be under no duty to cause any existing tenant or person occupying the subject property to vacate said property. TERMS: Ten percent (10%) of the purchase price as a deposit with the balance due and payable within 30 days of the day of sale. Pill & Pill, PLLC, Substitute Trustee Richard A. Pill, Member P. O. Box 440, 85 Aikens Center, Martinsburg, WV 25404 Phone (304) 263-4971, Fax (304) 267-5840, e-mail: foreclosures@pillvwlaw.com 3t 6/13-27/24 TR

CLOVER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR BIDS
The Clover Volunteer Fire Department is seeking competitive bids for a 180' radio communication tower installed at 4434 Clay Road Spencer, WV including site prep, foundation, tower, grounding and equipment installation as outlined in specifications. Sealed bids must be clearly marked as "Clover VFD Tower" and must be received by July 25, 2024, at 10:00 am when all bids will be publicly opened and read at the Roane County Commission meeting. Mail Bids to

Clover VFD 3990 Clay Road Spencer, WV 25276. Detailed specifications for the project will be available online at roanewv.com or at the Clover VFD. Contractors must be licensed, insured and able to perform work in West Virginia. Questions can be e-mailed to: adam.smithervfd@yahoo.com or by calling 304-377-1300. The Clover VFD reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality therein. All bids must be valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening. 2t 6/13-20/24 B

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Calhoun County Commission will be selling property located at 88 Country Lane; Mt. Zion, WV 26151. The property includes a dwelling and pole barn and is includes two parcels of lane - 0.81 acre and 4.59 acres. The sale will be held on the Calhoun County Courthouse steps on July 8th at 9:00 with a minimum bid of \$75,000.00. If you have any questions, please contact the Calhoun County Clerk's office at (304) 354-6725. 2t 6/20-27/24 RCR

ACCEPTING BIDS
The Board of Education of Roane County invites all bids from approved biodiesel and gasoline suppliers for the 2024-25 school year for biodiesel fuel, gasoline and motor oil. Bid forms and specification information can be obtained by mailing a request to Roane County Schools at 813 Capitol Street in Spencer, WV 25276 or by calling (304) 927-6426. Bids are based on pricing as of 2:00 P.M. on July 1, 2024, and submitted by mail or hand-delivering the bid form to Roane County Schools at 813 Capitol Street in Spencer, WV 25276 by 2:00pm on July 8, 2024. 2t 6/20-27/24 B

ROANE COUNTY COMMISSION REQUEST FOR BIDS
The Roane County Commission is seeking bids for **FENCING** at the Grove Baseball field at Camp Sheppard. Sealed bids will be accepted until July 25, 2024 at 10:00am when they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Please send bids to Camp Sheppard Ballfield Fencing c/o Roane County Commission 200 Main Street, Spencer, WV 25276. Specifications can be obtained at www.roanewv.com Bidding Information, via e-mail jenrand@commission.state.wv.us or in person at Commis-

sion Office or County Clerk's Office 200 Main Street, Spencer, WV. Questions can be directed to the County Commission office by calling (304) 927-0078. The Roane County Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Contract will be subject to Made in USA and Buy American Provisions and all other Federal and State Laws that apply. The Roane County Commission is tax exempt and an EEO/Affirmative Action Employer. 2t 6/20-27/24 B

ORDER OF PUBLICATION IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ROANE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA IN RE: JUVENILE CASE NO: 23-JA-2 A.J. (D.O.B. 04/26/2018) Infant Respondent. Hon. Anita Harold Ashley KRystal JACOBS, and UNKNOWN FATHER, Adult Respondents. To the above-named Adult Respondents
It appears, by a petition filed in this action that Infant Respondent A.J. a female child, born April 26, 2018, whose biological mother is Krystal Jacobs, whose biological father is unknown, whose punitive father is believed to be Aaron Harrison, and who is currently in the custody of the West Virginia Department of Human Services. You are hereby notified, in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code Chapter 49, that a petition has been filed in the Circuit Court of Roane County, West Virginia seeking to take custody of the child, A.J. a female child and there are no reasonably available alternative to removal of the child, and the continuation in the home is contrary to the best interest of the child due to abuse of this child, and that the emergency situation made efforts to preserve the family and prevent the placement unreasonable or impossible. If you wish to assert or exercise your parental rights to said child, you must appear and defend the petition at within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this notice. Your failure to appear and defend will result in the permanent termination of your parental rights. If you fail to respond to this notice within the required time, you may not appear in or receive further notice of this proceeding. You are further notified that a hearing shall be heard on July 29, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., for adjudication or soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, in the Circuit Courtroom of the

Roane County Courthouse, 200 Main Street, Spencer, West Virginia, before the Honorable Anita Harold Ashley. **Andrea Stockner, Clerk Circuit Court of Roane County, West Virginia** 2t 6/20-27/24 B

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed proposals will be received by the **City of Spencer, 116 Court Street, Spencer, WV 25276** at the **Municipal Building located at 116 Court Street, Spencer, WV 25276**, until **1:30 p.m.**, local prevailing time, **July 23, 2024**, at which time all sealed BIDS received in complete order will be publicly opened and read aloud for: Contract No. 2 - Furnishing Goods consisting of Meter Breaker Combination Socket, Double-Throw Disconnect Switch, Distribution Panelboard, two Combination Disconnect/Smart Motor Controller Panels, Transformer, conduit, wiring, and miscellaneous appurtenances. Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis and compiled to arrive at a total base bid amount. The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following location(s): **Boyles and Hildreth, Consulting Engineers 108 Court Street, Spencer, WV Voice: (304) 927-4574 Office Hours: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm** Hardcopy and digital copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the Issuing Office, being **Boyles and Hildreth, Consulting Engineers**, located at **108 Court Street, Spencer, WV** upon request to boyleshildreth@citynet.net. Delivery is at the requester's risk. In order to be considered a valid and responsible Bidder, the Bidder must obtain a copy of the BIDDING DOCUMENTS from the Issuing Office prior to the BID opening date. A certified check payable to the City or a BID Bond executed by the Bidder and a Surety Company in conformance with the requirements of the BIDDING DOCUMENTS, in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the BID, shall be submitted with each BID, to guarantee the Bidder's entrance into a Contract, if given the award. No BID Bond shall be waived or returned because the Bidder failed to or cannot comply with any requirements as set forth in the BIDDING DOCUMENTS or any applicable statutes of the United States, the State of West Virginia and/or all local ordinances. The OWNER reserves the right

to reject any or all BIDS, including without limitation, nonconforming, non-responsive, unbalanced, or conditional BIDS. OWNER reserves the right to reject the BID of any Bidder whom it finds, after reasonable inquiry and evaluation, to be non-responsive. OWNER may also reject the BID of any Bidder if OWNER believes that it would not be in the best interest of the Project to make an award to that Bidder. OWNER also reserves the right to negotiate Contract terms with successful Bidder. No BID may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the time of the opening of the BIDS. Any BIDDER submitting a BID for this procurement hereby certifies, indicates, and acknowledges that he has proper, current, and valid credentials to furnish the specified GOODS and SPECIAL SERVICES. A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) shall not be made to parties listed on the government-wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the Presidents Order No. 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex or national origin. Bidders must comply with requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Anti-Kickback Act (Copeland Act), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act and the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352). All Bidders shall understand that their BID will not be read, and rejected immediately, if the BID is found to be incomplete or non-responsive. A determination, which may be in certain instances considered contingent upon review and opinion of legal counsel, will be made by the Owner, or his agents or representatives, prior to reading the BID or the announcement that the BID will not be read. It shall be understood that it is the Bidder's responsibility to provide a complete, fully responsive in all aspects, and valid BID conforming to the requirements outlined in the BIDDING DOCUMENTS. Terry A. Williams, Mayor City of Spencer **June 27, 2024** 1t 6/27/24 RCR