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Capon Bridge's green bridge will look much the same when work is completed on it.



Low bid to rehab bridge \$7.2M

SYDNEY MAURER Review Correspondent

Capon Bridge should see work begin soon on the green bridge that carries U.S. 50 across the Cacapon River.

The Department of Highways has bids in hand for the rehabilitation of the bridge. The contract was one of 20 let on Nov. 9.

Three construction companies have bid on the project, with a low

bid of \$7,166,000 — over \$2 million less than the other bids submitted — coming from Triton Construction Inc. of St. Albans.

Triton Contract Administrator Jessica Raines has confirmed Triton submitted the low bid, but said the DOH takes about 2 weeks after bids are let to complete its review of bids and supporting documentation, before awarding a contract.

The other bids are \$9.45 million from Clearwater Construction Inc. and \$9.84 million from Orders Construction Co. Inc.

Plans to replace the bridge were 1st announced in the fall of 2016. Signs at the bridge had warned for years that trucks and buses should cross one at a time, and the DOH estimated the bridge was deteriorating so badly

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Judge's hearing set for Feb. 23

Williams' response to charges due this month

JIM KING Review Staff

Judge Carter Williams will have the chance to defend himself early next year against misconduct charges leveled against him from a summer evening traffic stop.

His case goes before the Judicial Hearing Board at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 23 at Martinsburg's Berkeley County Judicial Center.

Williams could be suspended without pay and even lose his law license.

What the 1st-term judge has to say on his behalf should be known by the end of this month. He has 30 days to respond to the 24-page formal statement of charges that the Judicial Investigation Commission filed with the State Supreme

Court on Oct. 22.

On Feb. 23, he will face a 9-member board that consists of 3 circuit judges, a senior status judge, a family court judge, a magistrate and 3 public members, all appointed by the State Supreme Court.

The appointed family court judge is Glen Stotler, who has recused himself because he

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Williams

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JEFF SINCELL Romney

Romney's Jeff Sincell with a blurred image of the "Functional Interconnection Diagram" of the James Webb Space Telescope. The drawing is considered "sensitive" information, but Sincell said he hopes it will be available for the public soon.

Engineer Sincell has hand in developing powerful space telescope



NASA.gov

The completed and thoroughly tested telescope is projected to launch on Dec. 18 from French Guiana.

EMMA JUNE GROSSKOPF Review Staff

ROMNEY — What Jeff Sincell does isn't rocket science. Well, not really, but it's pretty close.

Sincell, a Garrett County native and current Romney resident, is a member of a team that has been working with NASA to develop the James Webb Space Telescope, an ultra-powerful tool that NASA can use to get a better look at "what's out there."

Ever hear of the Hubble telescope?

Well, JWST is a higher-resolution advancement to the science of space telescopes, and Sincell has been working to prepare the telescope for its projected launch

date, Dec. 18.

"JWST is the most powerful space telescope ever developed," Sincell explained, "in terms of its ability to see through dust and debris in the universe to observe things otherwise hidden from our view."

Sincell has worked on 3 other spacecraft projects, making JWST the big number 4. This telescope was originally projected to launch in 2008, but because of rescheduling and the overall complexity of the machinery, the launch date was pushed until the end of 2021, just a month away.

Once the telescope is launched into space, it'll travel for a month to "L2," or "LaGrangian Point

#2," which, Sincell explained, is about a million miles out from Earth, opposite the side of the sun. At this location, because of the way gravity works, it will be "parked" and stay there, traveling with the Earth around the sun at about 70,000 miles per hour without the need of fuel.

If you're no rocket scientist, but you've heard of the Hubble telescope, Sincell explained the difference between JWST and its predecessor.

Firstly, the Hubble uses a single ground-glass lens to magnify mostly visible light.

"JWST uses 18 reflective mirrors that all focus the light, mostly

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State OKs solar farm

JIM KING Review Staff

CHARLESTON — The West Virginia Public Service Commission has approved the plan for the county's 1st solar farm, coming to Augusta.

The agency on Monday said it had granted a siting certificate to Capon Bridge Solar LLC for a "solar exempt wholesale electric generating facility."

Galehead Development plans to build a \$17 million, 20-megawatt solar farm on 80 acres straddling Ford Hill Road. The banks of solar arrays will be just south of the fairgrounds on the east and the new central elementary school on the west.

The Commission did not receive any protests to the appli-

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Boosters open to everyone

JOHN RABY AP

CHARLESTON — West Virginia is joining other states in allowing all adults to get coronavirus booster shots, Gov. Jim Justice said Monday.

Justice has been pushing the booster shots since they became available for anyone already fully vaccinated, although the state Department of Health and Human Resources' website has posted federal guidelines for the extra shots. Justice clarified his position at a news conference Monday.

"I think that is absolutely the message that I've been trying to get out to people," Justice said. "I absolutely believe that if you're 18 years of age, you can get your booster shot."

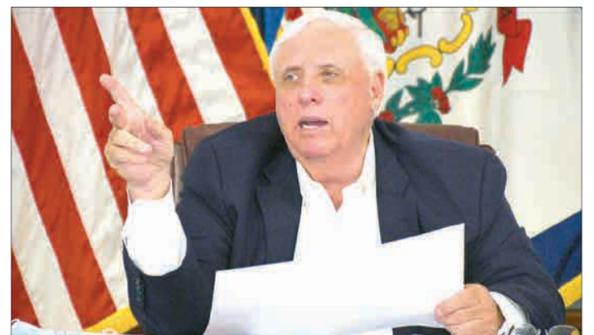
California, Colorado and New Mexico previously gave the go-ahead for all adults to get Covid-19 boosters.

Federal guidelines recommend boosters only for those over 65 and younger people with certain underlying health conditions or whose jobs are high risk for the virus.

West Virginia has the nation's 3rd-oldest population with nearly 20% of its 1.79 million residents over age 65. The state also eclipses most others in the percentage of people affected by diabetes, heart disease and obesity.

"West Virginia is known to have a lot of residents of high comorbidities," said Dr. Ayne

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Gov. Jim Justice calls for all West Virginians to be eligible for Covid-19 booster shots.

More shots, but more cases

JIM KING Review Staff

Testing is up and availability of shots is up, but active Covid-19 cases and hospitalizations aren't coming down in Hampshire County.

"We're not getting a break," Health Department Director Tamitha Wilkins said Tuesday morning.

Booster shots for everyone and, for the 1st time, shots for 5- to 11-year-olds are available, adding to the mix

Our toll

74 Active
3 in hospital
52 Deaths
3,535 Confirmed

for the Health Department. "Our phones are just crazy today with people calling to set up boosters," Wilkins said after Gov. Jim Justice's Monday announcement opening boosters to all.

They previously were open only to those 65 or older or those with compromised immune systems.

The Health Department gave its 1st

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