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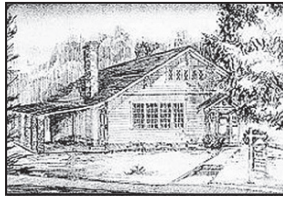
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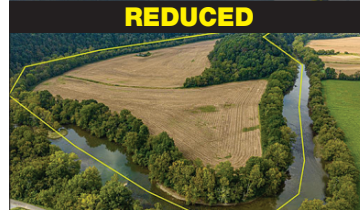
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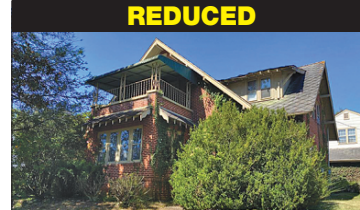
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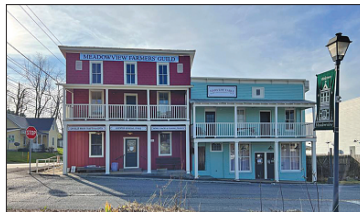
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A New Bakery *is on the Rise in Town*

By Carolyn R. Wilson



A West Virginia couple has opened Rise Bakeshop in the new Abingdon Commons, featuring an interactive window so customers can watch---and smell---fresh bread being made onsite.

The shop is among several local businesses to make their home in the downtown building, recently refurbished to accommodate the complimentary stores.

“All breads are made fresh everyday in the shop and it’s interactive so people can watch everything that’s happening in the kitchen,” said Kylie Allen, who along with her husband Devin, owns and operates the classic

bakery. “We’re not in the back making bread. People can see us everyday making our croissants and bagels and other loaves of breads.”

Allen hopes enjoyable experiences like that will help them become a successful community bakery.

Rise Bakeshop was carefully curated as a member of the Abingdon Commons because of its uniqueness, according to Dirk Moore, owner of Blue Hills Community Market, the anchor tenant for Abingdon Commons.

“These gifted bakers focus on breads and other baked items that are, to a large extent, not otherwise available in this community,” said Moore.

“ All breads are made fresh everyday in the shop and it’s interactive so people can watch everything that’s happening in the kitchen”

“Kylie and Devin are committed to a vision of supporting the community and their customers by providing quality baked products that meet customer needs and underscore the uniqueness of the Abingdon and Appalachian food culture,” Moore added.

During their first week of operation in December, the couple sold over 1,000 croissants---obviously, one of their best sellers. Customers can choose from plain or chocolate croissants or ones filled with pistachio cream. French baguettes are a big hit, too.

Then there are the West Virginia Pepperoni Cheese Rolls.

“The pepperoni cheese rolls originated in West Virginia, and we wanted to offer them as a sentimental expression of our home there,” Allen said.



Resembling a Stromboli, the rolls are bread pockets stuffed with mozzarella and cheddar cheeses and pepperoni.

“There’s no sauce and they’re delicious cold or warm,” said the baker.

For those customers with a sweet tooth, the couple offers muffins, cookies and cupcakes, and, of course, their Jumbo Cinnamon Rolls.

Allen said their version of the cinnamon rolls resembles ones sold at the state fair in West Virginia.

“They are called Elephant Ears there,” said Allen. “They’re definitely different from your standard cinnamon roll. A glaze, not an icing, covers them.”

The bakers rotate three flavors of cupcakes each month, featuring Biscoff Cookie Butter, Salted White Chocolate Carmel, and Chocolate Peanut Butter this month.

They also offer white, wheat, croissant, and cinnamon raisins loaves, rotating each of them on a daily basis.





An artisan bakery

Allen took a break from baking breads this week to talk about her journey as an entrepreneur.

She described her business as an artisan bread bakery---homemade bread made in small batches.

“We do breads in smaller batches so they are fresher for our customers. It makes a difference in how breads look, taste, and feel,” she said.

Choosing artisan bread has health benefits.

“We’re not known for the things we put in our breads, but instead the things we leave out,” she said.

“Our breads are simple ingredients like water, flour, yeast, and salt and sometimes milk. You won’t find additives, dyes or preservatives in our breads. They may not keep as long, but they are really fresh and much healthier. We strive to give our customers quality breads every day.”

Rising to the occasion

The self-taught baker has risen to become a successful entrepreneur in a short amount of time.

Allen’s baking journey started in 2017 when she thought it would be fun to make and sell cupcakes while

raising young children at home. At age 20, she had already generated a large clientele from social media and her business was booming.

She opened her first brick and mortar bakery business after she and her family moved to Princeton, West Virginia, to be closer to her family.

When she learned from a customer that a bakery position was opening in Abingdon, Allen seized the opportunity with little hesitation.

“I see myself as an opportunity taker,” she laughed. “The Abingdon store is the vision I’ve had in my mind all along.”

Her previous business had Allen working nearly around the clock, preparing bakery items as well as taking custom orders for cakes. Her new business model will allow Allen to explore her creativity while cooking

up new ways to be successful.

“It’s still a lot of work, but I get to go home at the end of the day.”

Wearing a shirt that reads “Grow in Grace,” Allen was quick to give God credit for directing their paths to Southwest Virginia.

“It felt like divine intervention when I learned about the business opportunity in Abingdon. I now know this is God’s plan for us to become fulltime entrepreneurs.”

As a play on words, the couple decided to name their business “Rise,” because of the nature of bread.

“But, it also has a spiritual meaning,” Allen said. “We all are called to rise up.”

Rise Bakeshop, located at Abingdon Common at 238 West Main Street, is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. ♦

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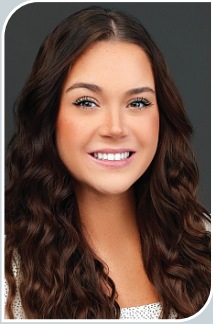
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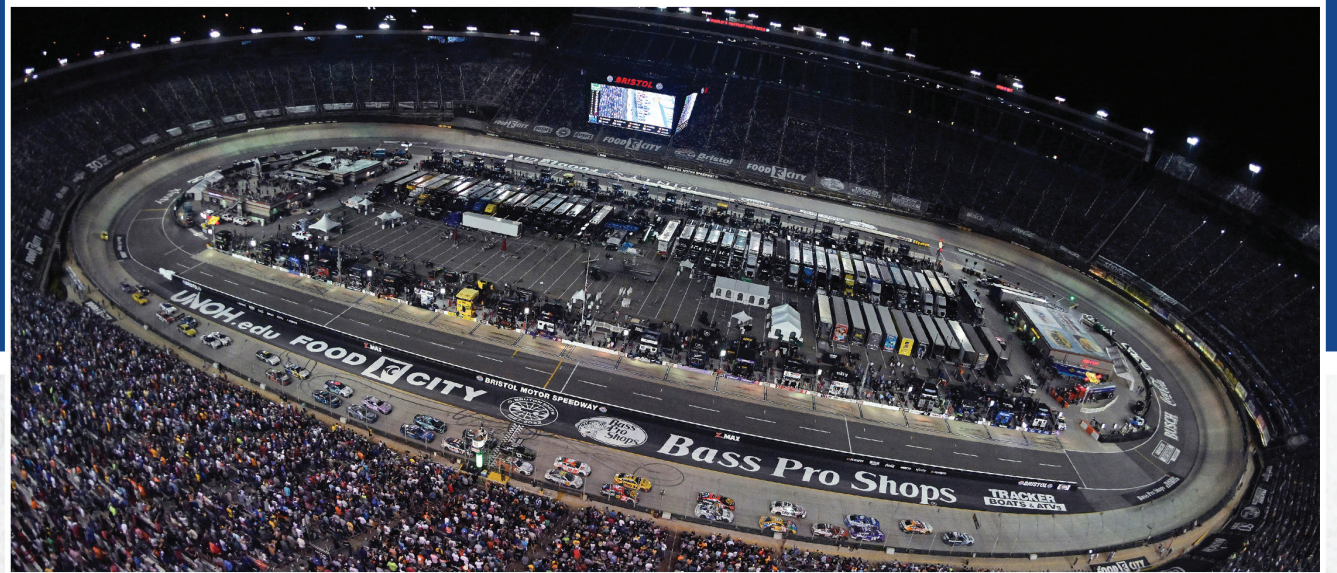
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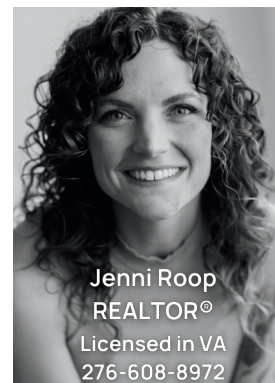
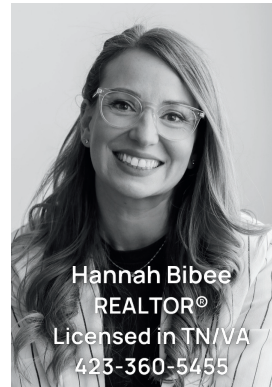
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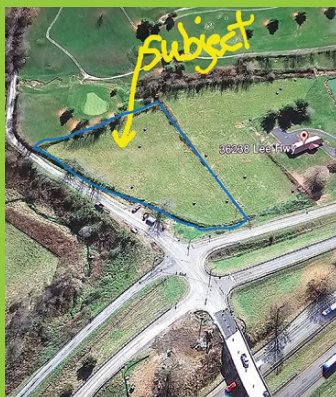
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Woven through the 2024 season are shows that redefine what home means. Whetherit is the realization of what home means in *The Wizard of Oz*, searching for a way back home in *The Trip to Bountiful*

and *Home*, reinventing the meaning of home in *Cry It Out* and *The Shawshank Redemption*, or celebrating the region we call home in the world premieres of brand-new Appalachian plays *Grandma Gatewood Took a Walk* and *Go tell It on the Mountain* – there is no better place to experience the feeling of home than Barter Theatre.

Each show tells a story – one that will truly make you experience the importance of the journey home, wherever and whoever that is. Because sometimes home is not a place, it is a face – and the understanding that sometimes, you arealready home if you are with those you love.

“Come be embraced by the good people and world class plays here in Abingdon, Virginia,” Brown said. “Come home to Barter in 2024.”

For more information on Barter Theatre and its 2024 season, please email smarshall@bartertheatre.com

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SPRING

HOME

Written by Samm-Art Williams

February 17th to March 17th at Barter's

Smith Theatre

Cephus Miles is a hardworking North Carolina farmer who has the whole world in his callused hands—until his love Pattie Mae goes off to college and marries another man. Hurt and confused, Cephus leaves his country life and answers the siren call of the city, a journey that leads him to discover his true home. Originally staged by the Negro Ensemble Company, this melodic coming-of-age story gives voice to the unbreakable spirit of every American who has searched for a place to belong.

This production is a part of Barter’s Black Stories Black Voices initiative.

AS YOU LIKE IT

Written by William Shakespeare

April 2nd to April 24th at Barter's Smith Theatre

As You Like It is one of Shakespeare’s most famous comedies, where all of the rules of conventional courtship are broken in an epic tale of love and disguise. Venture into the Forest of Arden with cousins Rosalind and Celia for a journey of self-discovery and zany mischief, where all the world’s a stage – and anything can happen!

RING OF FIRE: THE MUSIC OF JOHNNY CASH

Created by Richard Maltby, Jr. and
Conceived by William Meade

April 12th to May 11th on Gilliam Stage

Join us as we celebrate the opening of our newly-renovated Gilliam Stage with a fiery musical about the Man in Black himself – Johnny Cash! Ring of Fire: The Music of Johnny Cash follows the full story of Cash’s life: his early days in the cotton fields of Arkansas, the launch of his musical career in Memphis, his marriage to his beloved June Carter, and all of the soul-stirring music he created along the way. Listen to unforgettable renditions of famous songs such as “I Walk the Line,” “Folsom Prison Blues,” “I’ve Been Everywhere” and more, delivered by actor-musicians in a toe-tapping, soul-stirring musical biography you don’t want to miss.

SUMMER GRANDMA GATEWOOD TOOK A WALK

Written by Catherine Bush

May 11th to June 2nd at Barter’s Smith Theatre

“I said I’d do it, and I’ve done it.” One fine spring day, Emma Gatewood, a 67-year-old mother and grandmother, told her children she was “going for a walk.” She failed to mention that her walk would be over 2,000 miles and take her through 14 states, making her the first woman to solo through-hike the newly formed Appalachian Trail! Grandma Gatewood Took A Walk is a wildly theatrical adventure following Emma and all who played a part in her incredible journey.

THE WIZARD OF OZ

Written by L. Frank Baum Music and
Lyrics by Harold Arlen and E. Y.
Harburg

May 26th to August 18th on Gilliam Stage

Follow the yellow brick road for a timeless story beloved by millions, brought to life with a fresh new design that will take your breath away. Go on a marvelous adventure with Dorothy and Toto as they search for a way home to Kansas, and end up saving the citizens of Oz from the Wicked Witch of the West all while making some amazing friends along the way. There’s no place like Barter to see America’s favorite musical, The Wizard of Oz!

THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION

Adapted for the stage by Owen O’Neill

& Dave Johns from the novella by Stephen King

June 15th to August 17th on Gilliam Stage

When Andy Dufresne is convicted of murder and sentenced to life in Shawshank prison, he must use his wits and newly forged friendships to keep himself and his hope alive. But will he be able to survive the corruption and danger he faces within this notorious prison’s walls? Based on the novella by Stephen King and popularized by the highly acclaimed movie, The Shawshank Redemption is a story of resilience and a theatrical experience like no other.

CRY IT OUT

Written by Molly Smith Metzler

June 21st to August 17th at Barter’s Smith Theatre

Four months ago, Jessie was a corporate lawyer with a glamorous Manhattan life. Today she finds herself in a sleepy Long Island suburb, wearing dirty yoga pants, covered in breast milk, and trying to comfort a screaming newborn while befriending other new moms in her neighborhood. Cry It Out takes a comedic and honest look at the absurdities of being home with a baby, the power of female friendship, the dilemma of going back to work, and the effect class has on parenthood in America. “It’s the smartest look at what it really means to be a woman you’ll ever see onstage.”

FALL

THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG

Written by Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer, and Henry Shields

August 31st to November 9th on Gilliam Stage

The Play That Goes Wrong is an ill-fated play-within-a-play, set on the opening night of the Cornley Drama Society’s newest production, The Murder at Haversham Manor. Throughout the night things go from bad to utterly disastrous as their leading



Cast of "Clue" (2023)



lady is knocked unconscious, their corpse can't play dead, and their actors trip over everything – including their own lines! Nevertheless, the accident-prone thespians battle against all odds to make it through to their final curtain call, with hilarious consequences. Come see why this show is called “the funniest play Broadway has ever seen.”

SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE CASE OF THE JERSEY LILY

Written by Katie Forgette

September 14th to November 8th on Gilliam Stage

Famous playwright Oscar Wilde and actress Lillie Langtry (a.k.a. the Jersey Lily) have come to Baker Street seeking help from world famous detective Sherlock Holmes, but when Langtry presents him with what seems like an open and shut case, Sherlock quickly deduces that a much more sinister game is afoot! In a fast-paced ride full of surprises and disguises, Holmes and Watson will do whatever it takes to help their friend and country, even if that means facing down their greatest foe yet.

THE TRIP TO BOUNTIFUL

Written by Horton Foote

September 20th to November 2nd at Barter's Smith Theatre

In *The Trip to Bountiful*, elderly Carrie Watts dreams of escaping her cramped apartment in Houston and returning to simpler times in her beloved hometown of Bountiful, Texas. When at last her opportunity to slip away arrives, she sets out alone on a risky journey with her family in hot pursuit behind her. Throughout her trip she encounters unexpected instances of

kindness and compassion, and makes a remarkable discovery about the true meaning of home along the way.

HOLIDAY A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Written by Charles Dickens

November 14th to December 22nd on Gilliam Stage

Ebenezer Scrooge hates everything and everybody, but he hates Christmas most of all. Then one Christmas Eve he is haunted by the ghost of his former business partner, Jacob Marley, who warns Scrooge that a horrible fate awaits him unless he changes his miserable ways. Thus begins an adventure like no other, as Scrooge, with the help of the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet-to-Come, learns to open his heart to all those around him. This new adaptation of the classic story will leave you glowing with the joy of the season.

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Written by Catherine Bush with vocal arrangements by Eugene Wolf

November 20th to December 29th at Barter's Smith Theatre

This new play with music gives witness to the lives of ordinary Appalachians as they celebrate “the most wonderful time of the year.” From the young girl in Tennessee obsessed with being a ballerina in *The Nutcracker* to the Kentucky father whose sons are fighting on opposite sides of the Civil War, these people and songs remind us what Christmas in the mountains is really all about. Come join us for a holiday memory you'll never forget. ♦



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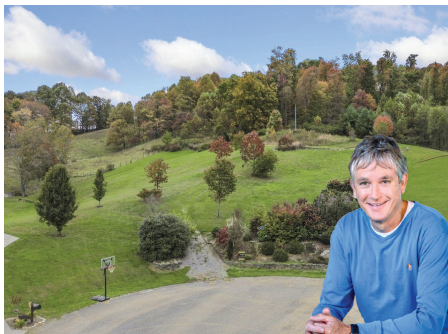


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