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### **BridgeValley Faculty Member's Business Named as Best Brewery in WV**

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**(Montgomery, WV)** - Ken Linch, BridgeValley Community & Technical College's Brewing faculty member, recently received national recognition for co-owning the best brewery in West Virginia by RateBeer.com. In their annual best of list, the experts at RateBeer.com named Bridge Brew Works as the best brewery in West Virginia.

"Ken's brewing and entrepreneurship experience makes him the ideal person to provide students with the practical insight and technical skills necessary to fuel the growth of West Virginia's craft brewing industry," said Dr. Eunice Bellinger, President of BridgeValley.

Linch started teaching at BridgeValley this spring and brings a diverse array of experiences to the classroom. Prior to opening his business, Linch perfected his craft as a home brewer and has a distinguished background as a commissioned officer of the United States Public Health Service for the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health where he specialized in research and published his findings concerning occupational respiratory disease prevention.

Bridge Brew Works opened in early 2010 and was created on the simple principle that owners Ken Linch and Nathan Herrold brewed beer they wanted to drink. Bridge Brew Works beer is available at a variety of restaurants and retailers throughout West Virginia and at its taproom in Fayetteville. Learn more at [bridgebrewworks.com](http://bridgebrewworks.com).

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BridgeValley Community and Technical College promotes student success, prepares a skilled workforce, and builds tomorrow's leaders by providing access to quality higher education. BridgeValley Community and Technical College will be the college of opportunity for a diverse learner population, offering leading-edge technology, innovative ideas, and dynamic service to our students and our communities. BridgeValley Community and Technical College serves a six-county region including Fayette, Raleigh, Nicholas, Clay, Putnam and Kanawha counties. The college operates two campuses in Montgomery and South Charleston, along with the addition of the new Advanced Technology Center. BridgeValley Community and Technical College is a public institution of higher education independently accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges and a member of the Community and Technical College System of West Virginia.

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