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BridgeValley Community and Technical College to host 20th Annual Capital City Pumpkin Drop on October 18

South Charleston, W.Va. - BridgeValley Community and Technical College (CTC) is hosting the 20th Annual Capital City Pumpkin Drop event on Thursday, October 18 at Appalachian Power Park in Charleston. More than one thousand students from 38 schools in 11 counties have registered to participate. The event will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

BridgeValley Community and Technical College, along with lead sponsors Appalachian Power, Covestro, DOW, Toyota Motor Manufacturing - WV, and Valtronics will provide a fun-filled day for students in elementary, middle and high schools across West Virginia. The object of the competition is to design a container to protect a pumpkin using math and science skills. Then, the container with the pumpkin inside is dropped from a designated height.

"Our goal for the Pumpkin Drop is to get West Virginia's youth interested in STEAM-related (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) activities, and to promote a friendly competition that gets students thinking, designing, and creating," said Eunice Bellinger, President of BridgeValley Community and Technical College. "We are grateful to Toyota and the other sponsors for enabling us to provide an event where students develop teambuilding skills and master concepts in mathematics and physics by putting their knowledge to use."

Pumpkins will be judged by BridgeValley faculty and staff and volunteers from AEP who will assess whether the pumpkins stay intact and how close they land to the target. Teams were given design criteria to follow for the competition. Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded to the top schools in each of the high school, middle school, and elementary school categories. Awards such as "Most Creative Design" and "Most Sustainable Design" also will be awarded.

The following schools have registered for the event:

Ansted Elementary	Meadow Bridge
Clay Elementary	Poca Middle
Elk Center Elementary	Sissonville Middle
Holz Elementary	Walton Middle
Leon Elementary	Western Greenbrier Middle
Justice Elementary	Williamson PK-8

Midland Trail Elementary Winfield Middle
Chapmanville Middle East Fairmont STEM

Clay County Middle George Washington High
Clay County Schools-GiftedGreenbrier East High
East Fairmont Middle Herbert Hoover High
Eastern Greenbrier Middle Lighthouse of Learning Academy
George Washington Middle Logan High
Hayes Middle Point Pleasant High
Horace Mann Middle Riverside High
Hurricane Middle Saint Albans High
John Adams Middle Sherman High
Logan Middle Tug Valley High
McKinley Middle

The event is free and open to the public; however, event participants were required to pre-register through BridgeValley CTC at no charge. The event will be held rain or shine.

Sponsors include BridgeValley Community and Technical College, Appalachian Power, Covestro, DOW, Toyota Motor Manufacturing - WV, Valtronics, Endicott Farms, and ZMM Architects and Engineers. In-kind sponsors include Appalachian Power Park, West Virginia Power, Southridge Chick-fil-A, Gritt's Farm, and East Coast Tees.

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