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Art project to adorn downtown windows

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BUCKHANNON - An assistant art professor at West Virginia Wesleyan College will be spearheading a free, community focused art project. What We Share, which will run August 5-9, will feature a series of six vinyl artworks by Ellen Mueller displayed in street-facing windows throughout downtown Buckhannon.

The exhibit, which has been in the works since the end of June, will feature imagery of public goods and natural beauty found in West Virginia.

"There have been a lot of divisive issues in the news lately due to current events and the political cycle," Mueller said. "This onslaught of negatively artificially divides our communities to create fractured and opposing groups. The goal of this project is to highlight images of things our community shares, even if they are somewhat mundane, small or easily overlooked. The vinyl images will depict various public goods that we might take for granted, such as street lights and public walking paths, as well as trees and flowers that grow in West Virginia."

Each work will be placed on a map for easy location. Maps will be distributed Aug. 5, 12 and 19 at Festival Fridays. Electronic copies are also available at tinyurl.com/mueller-print-map/ or for online use at tinyurl.com/mueller-web-map/.

"I hope the project will not only decorate six downtown windows, but also remind viewers that we, as a community, share these resources, which enhance the quality of life and bring people together, in Buckhannon," Mueller said.

For more information on the project, contact Mueller at ellen@ellenmueller.com.

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