



Merck and Co. completes coronavirus vaccination.

Biden promises vaccines for US population by end of May

President Joe Biden announced that the United States will have enough doses of the COVID-19 vaccine for the entire adult population by the end of May, two months earlier than originally anticipated. Although the US will have this supply in two months, it will take longer for the vaccines to be administered.

Biden credited the increased production of the vaccines as a result of a White House orchestrated partnership between Merck and Co. and Johnson and Johnson, the makers of the single-shot COVID-19 vaccine. Merck is a pharmaceutical company that abandoned its own efforts at a vaccine in February after disappointing clinical trials.

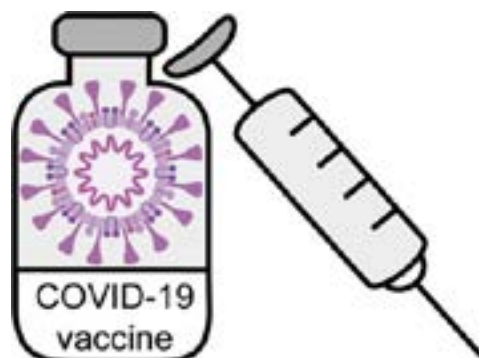
The Biden administration has focused on opening up schools for in-person learning, a controversial topic throughout the pandemic. The president urged states to prioritize vaccinations of grade-school and childcare employees. He aims to have at least one dose in all teachers and school staff by the end of the month.

"As yet another move to help accelerate the safe reopening of schools, let's treat in-

person learning like an essential service that it is. And that means getting essential workers who provide that service -- educators, school staff, childcare workers -- get them vaccinated immediately. They're essential workers," Biden said.

As worry spreads over new variants of the virus, the United States has ramped up its administration of vaccines with close to 60 million people receiving one or more doses as of March 7, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

— Duncan McWilliam-Grench



Graduation Fair

A graduation fair will be held on March 25, 2021, (if the event is postponed by rain it will be held on March 26) for soon-to-be Brevard College graduates. This event will take place from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. as a "one stop shop" for seniors who are wrapping up their final semester.

The booths that will be available for seniors are the Registrar, Financial Aid, Finance, the BC Bookstore for cap and gown orders, Alumni, Athletics and Jostens for graduation pictures. At the end of the event there will be tickets given for graduation door prizes.

Along with the graduation fair there will be booths as part of a major fair for current students who are undecided and would like to know more about specific majors. This will be an opportunity for students to speak with professors in specific majors and current students who are declared.

Seniors should save this date and plan on stopping by to check out the booths as part of their graduation process.

— Margaret Correll

BC security report

The Brevard Fire Department responded to the campus at 2:30 a.m. after candles set off a fire alarm. The Campus Security team requests that there be no open flames, including candles and incense, in any dorms.

Students are also reminded to not park on the grass, particularly at the East end of campus near the fields. It can get very muddy in that area and vehicles can create ruts or get stuck.

Students are reminded to contact Campus Security at (828)-577-9590 if they observe anything suspicious on campus. Campus Security is on call 24/7.

— Duncan McWilliam-Grench

Grace Munro Roy dies at age 104

By Kellen McGeorge
Staff Writer

Brevard College has lost a long-time ally and friend in education. On March 2, 2021, Grace Jackson Munro Roy died after battling an unclear illness. As tribute for her contributions, this article is dedicated to her life and what she has contributed to Brevard College and education throughout her life.

Roy was born in Clio, South Carolina and graduated from Winthrop College in Rock Hill, South Carolina, and the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, with a master's degree in business. Her first job was working at Brevard College, where she ended up meeting her husband, Thomas Munro, who died on Oct. 22, 1971. She met her second husband, Rev. C Edward Roy, in 1994 at her church. Roy was incredibly passionate about her work and enjoyed helping others and making friends with anyone she could. Roy was well-versed in travelling, and some of her most impressive trips included Germany, Egypt, Israel, Hong Kong and even Scotland.

Roy had served multiple roles during her time



Photo from Transylvania Times

Grace Munro Roy

at Brevard College, including College Marshall and various committees. She was a member of the Brevard-Davidson Presbyterian Church, where she became the first woman to serve as an elder in that church. She has been honored at Brevard College with the Grace Munro Scholarship, and even had the pleasure of having the atrium of McClarty-Goodson Academic Hall named after her and her second husband and had a second scholarship named after her and her

second husband. Grace has also been honored at Winthrop University with another scholarship that was given to her from her by her husband.

Following her passing, a private service was held the following weekend and a celebration of life will be held later by family members. If you would like to make contributions, you can make them here at the college, or at Brevard-Davidson River Presbyterian.

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Boulder police injured after breaking up gathering

SWAT members were injured Saturday, March 6, while they were trying to break up a large gathering near the University of Colorado at Boulder. There was an alert that went out near the school at 8 p.m., Saturday, said the police were responding to a call about a party in an area known as Union Hill.

There were many people reported at the gathering not wearing any kind of masks and there was no social distancing taking place with the hundreds of people that were found

at the gathering. The officers arrived at the scene before 8:30 p.m. and used loudspeakers to attempt to tell the crowd to disperse or they would be arrested, tear gassed or there would be use of force.

The SWAT team entered the scene and received minor injuries when they were hit with different objects including bricks and rocks, police reported. The Boulder Police Department stated that they are going to review all of the officers'

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body camera footage, to identify the individuals in damaging property and assaulting the first responders. Detectives also stated that they will review any and every lead they receive; they have to identify and arrest those that are responsible for reprehensible and unacceptable behavior that took place on Saturday.

University of Colorado officials stated that, "Any individuals from the school that took place in violence toward police officers will not be permitted on school grounds." The gathering came after the governor of Colorado extended the mask mandate which has been in place since July of 2020.

— Harell Mitchell III



City of Boulder police vehicle smashed.

Photo from AP News

House approves police reform bill named after George Floyd

By Aia Andonovska
Copy Editor

This past Wednesday, March 3, House lawmakers passed the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, which is a reform bill that would ban the use of chokeholds. The 220-212 vote along party lines came nine months after the passing of Floyd, a 46 year old African-American man who was killed by the Minneapolis police last spring.

This legislation would also ban no-knock warrants in certain cases, mandate data collection on police encounters, and prohibit racial and religious profiling as well as re-directing funding to community-based policing programs.

"Never again should an unarmed individual be murdered or brutalized by someone who is supposed to serve and protect them," said Rep. Karen Bass, D-Calif., in a statement. "Never again should the world be subject to witnessing what we saw happen to George Floyd in the streets in Minnesota."

Last year, the House passed a similar version of this bill, but it failed to pass the then Republican controlled Senate. For the bill to pass this time, at least ten Republicans will have to be swayed by Democrats. Republicans argue that the bill goes too far and would prevent the police from properly doing their jobs. Republican Rep. Carlos Gimenez of Florida said on the House floor this past Wednesday that the bill would "weaken and possibly destroy our community's police forces."

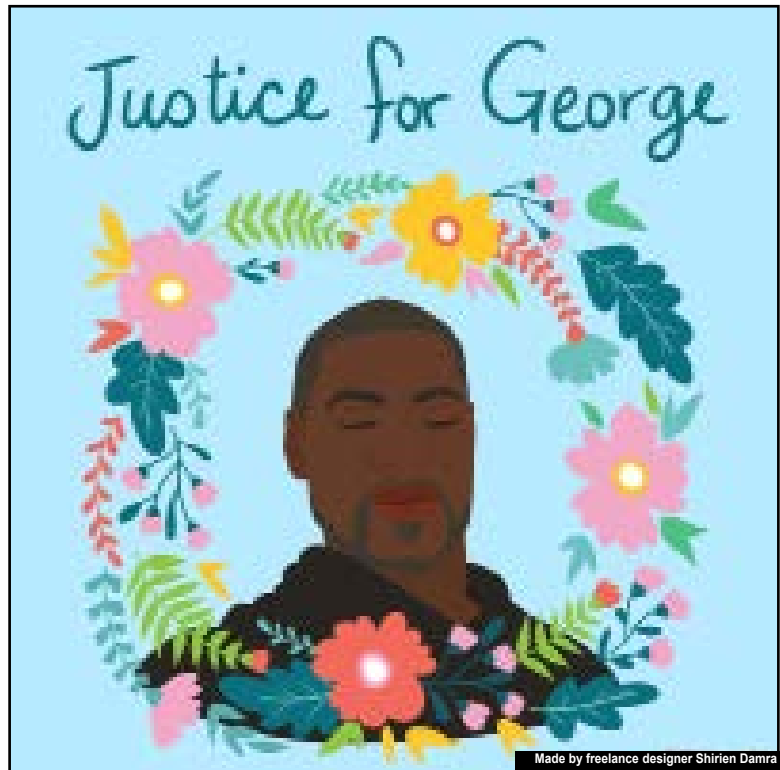
Earlier last week, the Biden administration released a statement concerning the bill. "To make our communities safe, we must begin

by rebuilding trust between law enforcement and the people they are entrusted to serve and protect," the statement said. "We cannot rebuild that trust if we do not hold police officers accountable for abuses of power and tackle systemic misconduct – and systemic racism – in police departments."

Biden also commented on Twitter, "I am pleased that the House will vote next week on the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act. I encourage the House to pass it. Following

Senate consideration, I hope to be able to sign into law a landmark police reform bill."

Derek Chauvin, the former police officer who is charged with the murder of George Floyd, appeared in court for his trial on March 8, earlier this week on Monday. He faces second-degree murder and manslaughter charges. The other officers involved in Floyd's death will be tried at a separate hearing that will occur in August of this year.



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Summer opportunities at Hillview Head Start

By Ann Farash
Staff Writer

Are you in need of a current part-time or summer job? Hillview Head Start, early childcare center, in Brevard has job openings for Brevard College students. Currently, Jocelyn Folkers (Childhood Education major) and Summer Alexander (Psychology major) are benefiting from this innovative program. Hillview Head Start is only 1.2 miles away from the college, within walking distance. If you are an Education major, your paid work hours can count towards your education class and the required site observation hours.

Quality preschool education is a priority for the citizenry of Transylvania County. They know it is a good investment of their tax and non-profit dollars. The National Forum on Early Childhood Policy and Programs has found that each dollar spent on quality childhood programs yields \$4 to \$9 return. A coalition of stakeholders concerned with the social-emotional well-being of children under age five became a force as GET SET TRANSYLVANIA in 2015.

Community weaknesses were identified to include a lack of available daycare spaces and the formal education of preschool teachers

and licensure. And somehow, Sesame Street in Communities joined the ruckus making Transylvania their first rural community for services and educational resources. Transylvania County and Brevard have a heightened concern about the development of their youngest and most vulnerable population and have gotten statewide and national attention.

Megan Keiser, Coordinator of Childhood Education, wants to get the word out amongst Brevard College undergrads. According to Keiser, Brevard College is, "One of the only games in town," regarding face to face Early Education path to licensure in Western Carolina.

Where is the money coming from to fund this experience for the students? Keiser explained that Hillview Head Start is under the auspices of Western Carolina Community Action, or WCCA. WCCA applied for a grant from Pisgah Health Foundation. Funding is guaranteed for 10 slots through summer of 2021. The part-time salary is at \$11 per hour and \$13 for full time summer interns.

A Brevard College junior, Folkers started her internship in July 2020. She can work up to 29

hours per pay period. Folkers was enthusiastic about the program from a student's perspective. She said, "I want my fellow classmates to know that WCCA is an awesome place to learn and grow as a teacher. I absolutely love it there." Folkers is able to connect theories learned in college classes to the real world. It is an example of the power of experiential learning, a hallmark of Brevard College.

Brevard College student, Summer Alexander secured her job after getting a recommendation from her professor, Elizabeth Fuller. Alexander has been working with the preschoolers 13 hours per week while attending college full time since January 2021. Alexander wants you to know that the program is, "Really fun and everyone is extremely nice and helpful."

Playtime. Story Hour. Naptime. Snack time. Great coworkers. Awesome mentors. And a paycheck. Where do you sign up? Contact the Teacher Education Program or Career Center for an application and recommendation. It is frequently said around the GET SET community that "Children are a small percentage of our population in Brevard, but 100% of our future." Be part of the energy and the mindset of lifting the next generation.



Photo from Promise Early Education

Children participating in the Hillview Head Start program.

Senior Profile

Kenzie Bowman to graduate

By Margaret Correll
Editor in Chief

Mekenzie Bowman, or as many know her as Kenzie, is a graduating senior with a major in Psychology and a double minor in Criminal Justice and Education. Originally from the not so far mountain town of Franklin, North Carolina, she set her eyes on Brevard College for the chance of playing tennis and attending a college that had a “home-like” feel.

“My main reasoning for coming to Brevard was tennis but after coming on visits, I really liked how it seemed that all the students felt at home,” Bowman said. Bowman also mentioned that she liked the idea of the small class sizes and the learning opportunities that would come from this experience.

When Bowman first arrived on campus as an incoming freshman, one of the first things she remembers that she did was, “...being at the clock tower with all the other freshmen and saying goodbye to my family.” This is a ceremonious tradition at Brevard College that most freshmen partake in on move-in day with their family.

Bowman used this new life at Brevard College to have some freedom and grow into a well-rounded person. “I liked that I made my own rules and I also had to be mature enough to keep my own schedule in line because I couldn’t have someone remind me all the time,” Bowman said. “I liked being able to do whatever I wanted,” Bowman said.

After four years at Brevard College, Bowman has her fair share of great memories that she has made. “Freshman year was really getting in touch with myself, finding my place, and making new friends; Sophomore year was definitely spending time with the Germans on the weekends after matches; Junior year, COVID-19 was what I remember most, getting everything cut short and having to learn to do school online, but for more of a positive, I remember the people that were around me and the movie nights we would have,” Bowman said. “Senior year has been one of the most challenging but rewarding years so far and I feel like I have accomplished so much,” Bowman added. “I found the career I truly want to pursue, made new friends and continued to enjoy old ones, too.”

Bowman will also miss some people at the college who impacted her experience greatly. “Dr. Busche has helped me through a lot

while being here, she has continued to keep me on the right track the entire time,” Bowman said. “Sam Eastridge was also a huge impact, I only had him freshman year but he was one of the best teachers I have ever had and always made connections with us but still made sure we were learning.”

Going to school in a beautiful and diverse area leaves room for fun off-campus activities, like driving up to Asheville to enjoy the relaxing city and it’s wild nightlife. “Asheville is definitely a place that is always alive even when it was dead around campus,” Bowman said.

Following her final semester, Bowman is excited to be a college graduate, even though graduation will be looking different this year. Brevard College has made an effort to hold a graduation ceremony for it’s class of 2021. “Although we haven’t got there quite yet, I am definitely bummed that we seniors can not have the graduation we deserve,” Bowman said. “It

will be hard only having two people to watch me walk across the stage with only half of my class because I have had so many supports throughout the years.”

After graduation, Bowman plans to further her career in Brevard and continue on the path as a Child Protective Services (CPS) social worker. She hopes to enjoy the rest of the semester and make some final lasting memories with her friends.

Bowman will miss her time at Brevard, the friends that she has made and the relationships that she has formed. She is looking towards the future and what it has to offer. “To me, Brevard is where I found who I was and I made so many friends and connections while being here,” Bowman said. “I have found who I am and a career that I couldn’t be happier with and I will for sure miss all the people I have met and how tight-knit the school is.”



Courtesy of Kenzie Bowman

Kenzie Bowman

Sacagawea, the vital asset to the Lewis and Clark expedition

By Aia Andonovska

Copy Editor

Born sometime between the years 1786-1788 in Lemhi County, Idaho, Sacagawea was the daughter of a Shoshone chief. Her name meant “boat puller” or “bird woman” when spelled like Sakakawea. Around the age of 12, she was captured by the enemy tribe, the Hidatsa, and sold to a French Canadian trapper by the name of Toussaint Charbonneau. Much of her life is a mystery, but it is known that this trapper did make her one of his wives. She lived with Charbonneau amongst the Hidatsa and Mandan Native Americans in the upper Missouri River area, or present-day North Dakota.

In November of 1804, two men named Meriwether Lewis and William Clark entered the area where she was living. Their goal was to explore the newly acquired western lands via the Louisiana Purchase. President Thomas Jefferson commissioned these men to map the new territory, as well as to find a practical route to the Pacific Ocean. Charbonneau was hired to serve as an interpreter on their expedition, but Sacagawea would prove to be the most beneficial to their journey.

Pregnant with her first child, Sacagawea was chosen to accompany Lewis and Clark on their travels. The men believed her knowledge of the Shosone and Hidatsa languages would help them along their trip. By February of 1805, she had given birth to a son named Jean Baptiste Charbonneau. Sacagawea would travel with Lewis and Clark along with her newborn baby. She soon proved to be a valuable asset to the expedition party. She was knowledgeable about edible plants and even saved some important pieces of cargo and documents when their ship capsized during the trip. Some even viewed her as a symbol of peace, because of the fact that she was a woman, alone with her baby, traveling with two men. Therefore, tribes looked at their party as less of a threat and were treated with less suspicion.

While on her journey out west, her group came across some Shoshone Native Americans. She soon realized the leader of this group of

Shoshone was none other than her long-lost brother, Cameahwait. Through this connection, she and Lewis and Clark were able to buy horses from the Shoshone for their crossing of the Rocky Mountains. The group reached the Pacific coast in November of 1805. Sacagawea was allowed to vote along with other members of the group on where they would build a fort to stay for the winter. They decided to build Fort Clatsop near modern-day Astoria, Oregon. They remained here until March of the next year, and then the group headed back east, under Sacagawea’s guide. Once they reached the Mandan villages, Sacagawea, her husband, and her son ended their great journey. During their time together, Clark had become fond of her son, calling him “Pomp” or “Pompey.” He offered to provide her son with an education as well. Upon their arrival back home, Charbonneau was paid, but Sacagawea was not. Her husband received \$500 and 320 acres of land. Clark acknowledged that this was unfair in an 1806 letter to Charbonneau: “Your woman who accompanied you that long

dangerous and fatiguing rout to the Pacific Ocean and back deserved a greater reward for her attention and services on that rout than we had in our power to give her...”

After the expedition, the details of Sacagawea’s life become hazy. In 1809, it is believed that she and her husband, or possibly just her husband, visited Clark in St. Louis, Missouri. Pomp was left in St. Louis under Clark’s care. Three years later, Sacagawea gave birth to a daughter named Lisette. In 1812, only a few months after her daughter’s birth, Sacagawea died at Fort Manuel in modern-day Kenel, South Dakota. After her death, Clark took custody of both of her children and provided for them.

Over the years, many tributes have been made to Sacagawea for her assistance to Lewis and Clark as well as the United States government. Statues as well as place-names have been made in her honor. Most notably, she was featured on the dollar coin first issued in the year 2000 by the U.S. mint.



Sacagawea, Lewis, and Clark on the expedition.

Photo from Adventure Journal



Senator Deb Haaland

Photo from The Nation

Deb Haaland first Native American nominated to serve in Cabinet

In Dec. 2020, President Joe Biden announced that he would be nominating Deb Haaland for the Department of the Interior, and the Senate is currently voting on confirming Haaland. She is a member of the Pueblo Native Americans in New Mexico. Haaland identifies herself as a 35 generation Pueblo and if she is confirmed by the Senate; she will be the first Native American to ever be nominated and confirmed to serve in the Cabinet.

Haaland is a left leaning politician; she on many occasions has said how she believes Climate Change and oil is a very important issue. Many republicans in the Senate do not want to

confirm her because of her “radical” views on climate change and oil.

The biggest concern for many republicans is that Haaland is very against fracking and oil mining. Although oil and other fossil fuels have been proven to be very bad for the environment, the big people with their pockets in the oil market do not want anything to happen to their money maker.

If Haaland is confirmed she will be overhead of issues such as of climate change, land & water conservation fund, Native Americans, new energy frontier, and water challenges. None of this looks good for republicans, but as of now,

it is looking like she will receive the 51 votes that she needs to be confirmed.

Until all the voting is finished nothing is set in stone, but it is looking like the Cabinet for the first time in history will have a Native American persons in it. Haaland will provide a new unique viewpoint to the Cabinet and bring a ray of hope for the climate change activist.

— Caroline Hoy

The Matrix 4: will it be good?

By Jackson Inglis
Staff Writer

“The Matrix” is getting a new sequel scheduled to be released on Dec. 22, 2021. The last film, “The Matrix Revolutions,” came out almost two decades now and was the “final” installment in the trilogy. Now, there will be a fourth movie coming out at the end of the year, and I have a few thoughts.

First, “The Matrix Revolutions” was considered the worst film for a long time; I don’t agree. I feel like the third film completed the story perfectly. There’s not much more you can add. It’s the same problem I had with “Alien: Resurrection.” Why make another one when “Alien 3” concluded everything?

Also, Keanu Reeves and Carrie-Ann Moss are returning as their roles as Neo and Trinity. Both of these characters died in the last movie. “The Matrix 4” is not a remake or a reboot, but rather a direct sequel that will continue the story. How are they going to bring these characters back?

Finally, let’s talk about the title. Will the movie actually be called “The Matrix 4?” That just doesn’t sound right. I heard rumors that the film will be called “The Matrix Resurrections” or simply “Matrix.” I hope the latter isn’t true. I’m really sick of the trend of recycling the title of the first film for a reboot or sequel but just simplifying it; recent examples being “The Batman” and “Halloween” (2018).

One last thing: there’s been a fan theory

circulating on the internet over the years that the entire “Matrix” story is an allegory for transgenderism. This was later reassured by the films’ directors who are both trans women. Will the fourth film continue this hidden concept? This goes back to my first issue of adding to an already concluded story.

Overall, I’m still anticipating this new movie, but I can’t help but feel uneasy about it at the same time. It’s entirely possible I’ll be blown away. Are you going to see “The Matrix 4” in theaters on Dec. 22, 2021? Despite my previous presumptions, I sure will.

Seuss' place in modern classrooms

By Cory Earp
Contributor

Read Across America day was celebrated last week, on March 2. On this day, schools from every corner of the nation celebrate the joys of reading through character costume parties, themed read-alouds and book fairs. Many schools link Read Across America day with Dr. Seuss and his works; in fact, the date purposefully aligns with Seuss' birthday. However, a certain selection of his books have come under fire in the past few years due to their portrayal of individuals in minority groups. This raises the question: what role does Seuss' books play in the modern classroom?

According to EdWeek, six of Dr. Seuss' books will no longer be published by Dr. Seuss Enterprises, which owns the rights to Seuss' works. This list includes "And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street" (1937), featuring Chinese characters with stereotypical characteristics such as lines for eyes and holding a bowl of rice with chopsticks. "If I Ran the Zoo" (1950) is also on this list and depicts two African characters dressed only in grass skirts carrying exotic animals.

Deborah Caldwell-Stone, Director of the American Library Association's Office for

Intellectual Freedom and a strong opponent of censorship, stated that Dr. Seuss Enterprises has chosen for themselves to end the publication of these books. She goes on to say that censorship is not an issue here, and that publishers have free choice as to which books enter society. Such discretion debunks the claims that "cancel culture" played any role in this situation.

I believe that our public schools are a place for every student to experience equity and safety. Furthermore, our schools are a place for students to explore what the "real world" is truly like. Therefore, any practices that discourage the equal treatment of any social or cultural group should no longer be entertained by our educational systems. Books that depict minority groups in subservient or chronically simplified roles, such as the six books in question, do not meet the criteria of illustrating the lives of these people accurately or justly. Leaving such books in our school systems can have a detrimental effect on the cohesiveness and acceptance within our communities.

According to Bruce Lipton, a developmental biologist, children (up until around the age of seven) are highly impressionable and continuously create their worldview based on their experiences and surroundings. This

worldview becomes the foundation for their lives after the age of seven, acting as their "automatic programming" that serves as guidelines for the choices they will make in any given situation. By continuing to use books with inaccurate portrayals of races or cultures (instead of exposing students to the growing collection of books with diverse characters and accurate depictions), we strengthen the foundations of exclusion, marginalization and unjust racial bias.

The cultivation of such biases is becoming an increasingly notable issue as we find our society experiencing sharp rates of diversification. According to the 2010 U.S. Census, Hispanic, Asian and Black populations all grew at higher rates than the White population during the first decade of the 21st century. With the truth of our nation's increasing diversity in mind, as well as the public school's purpose to create equitable environments that reflect "real life," I support the decision of Dr. Seuss Enterprises to end the publication of these selected books. Whether it's intentional or not, these books can serve as platforms for our children to build exclusive worldviews. This, in turn, could cause an undesirable rise in racial and cultural tensions as diversity continues to develop in the U.S.

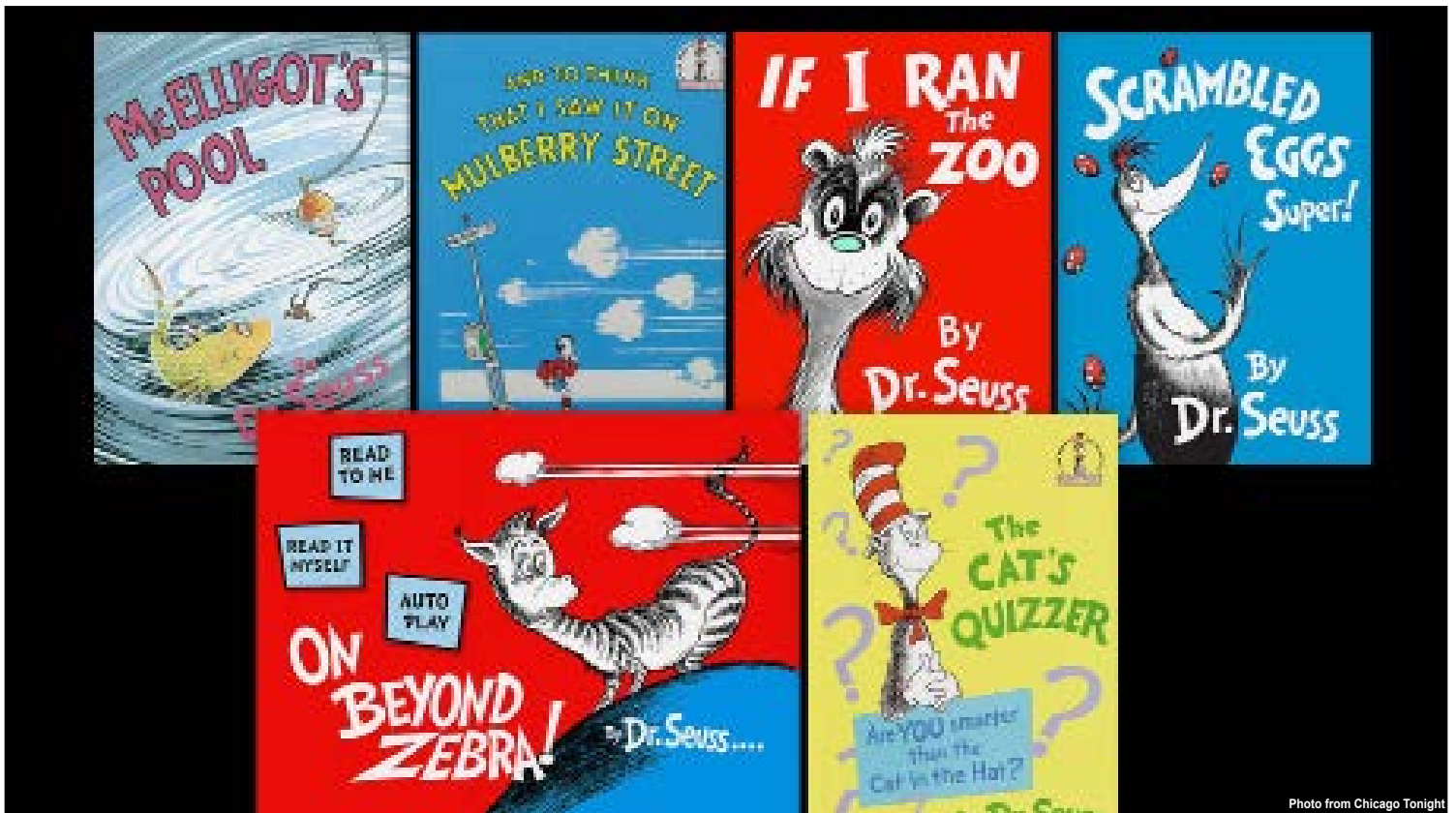


Photo from Chicago Tonight

Racist imagery in several Dr. Seuss' books, shown here, garnering heavy backlash over the past week.

Huge game for BC football

The Brevard College football team has a very important game coming up this Saturday, March 13, 2021 against Huntingdon College. The Tornados have had a history with this team ever since the head coach, Bill Khayat, came along. In last year's matchup, Huntingdon defeated Brevard 21-10 and that hurt the team because for once they felt like they were able to compete with those guys. This year's match-up should be mixed; with talent on both teams and the competition at this level of football, the team must bring their A game to beat Huntingdon.

A few weeks ago, BC got their first shot at the opposing team and it was a good game overall, but the Tornados could not pull out a win, unfortunately. The game started out bad for the Tornado's, from going 3 and out to dropping punts and kickoffs. It seemed as if everyone was getting their jitters out because a lot of the team had never experienced a college game before.

It took the BC Tornados a while to get things the way they were meant to go, but by that time it was a little too late and Huntingdon had won the game.

The game this coming weekend should be a shoot-out between offense's, after coming off of a win against Averett this past weekend on March 6. The team should have a lot of momentum going into this game and over these past few weeks the Tornados have been working hard to reach full potential and this game will prove that for sure. The football coaches have done a lot to prepare for this game and as the saying goes, "hard work pays off."

— Colyn Brannon



Photo from BC Football on Twitter

Look out for BC baseball

By Jake Moore
Staff Writer

Brevard College baseball started out their season with a double-header on Sunday, Feb. 21, against Maryville. The team fought to come back in the first game but came up short losing 9-5. In the second game they left people on base and didn't capitalize on the situation leading to an 8-1 loss. After losing both games to Maryville they were ready to take it to Averett and show them how good of a team they are.

On Saturday, Feb. 27, Brevard played a double header against Averett. Junior Matthew Scavotto and freshman Trenten Anderson both pitched complete games helping the Tornados to win both games. On Sunday, Feb. 28, Brevard played the last game of the series against the Cougars and did not disappoint, bringing across 6 runs for a 6-4 win to finish off the sweep.

After sweeping Averett, the Tornados were ready to come back to their home field and play

Greensboro and hopefully keep the winning streak going. Unfortunately, the games against Greensboro were postponed giving the team some more time to practice.

Over the weekend, the team played two intersquad games. Both games showed a lot of improvement in players and showed major potential for this team. With two great days of baseball this team has a lot of momentum going forward into this week and for the rest of this season.

Brevard will head to Pfeiffer located in Misenheimer, North Carolina, on Wednesday March 10, to play. After their midweek match up against Pfeiffer the Tornados will head back to Gil Coan field to play a double header against William Peace on March 13. Now that they are allowing more people to come to these games everyone that can needs to come out and watch this team play because they have a really bright future ahead of them.



Courtesy of Brianna Rodibaugh

Freshman, Reid Ziomek throws a pitch at the home match against Maryville on Feb. 21, 2021.

BC tennis crushes Berea in season home opener

By Margaret Correll
Editor in Chief

The Brevard College men's and women's tennis team flew past Berea for the double win on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at the McCoy Tennis Complex. After a great start to the season, the two teams are looking for more wins as the season progresses.

The men's team defeated Berea with an overall score of 8-1, including two first-time wins for Brevard freshman, Hunter Williams. The women's team cruised past the Mountaineers with a perfect overall score of 9-0. With these types of wins, the BC tennis teams had no problem raising the "W" flag on their home courts to signify their win this past weekend.

Starting with doubles, the men's team paired up returning junior Andrew Ingram and returning sophomore Ethan McGee at number one, securing a win of 8-3 against Berea's Lavar Pharris and Jordan Peterson. At number two doubles, returning sophomore's JaMarcus Walker and Miles Schafer defeated Berea's Mike Mecham and John Whitaker with a score of 8-2. At number three doubles, freshman Hunter Williams and junior Alex Glaze had an easy win of 8-1 against Berea's James Biley and Bek Rakhimov.

Women's doubles saw some easy wins for the BC Tornados with returning seniors Jen Cox and Margaret Correll at number one, crushing Berea's Agnes Dotse and Lisa Mangin with a clean score of 8-0. At number two, returning junior Lily Farr and returning sophomore Sarah Iocovozzi defeated Berea's CJ Verbeck and Grace Faiz with a comfortable score of 8-1. At three doubles returning sophomore duo, Brooke Garland and Alli Kogoy annihilated Berea's Stephanie Itumba and Kaylee Jorgenson with a score of 8-0.

With beautiful weather and a pleasing score of 3-0 for both teams at the end of doubles, it was time to move on to singles. For the men, McGee faced off at number one against Pharris, defeating him easily with a score of 6-0, 6-0. Ingram received the same easy score at number two of 6-0, 6-0 against Peterson. At number three, Schafer took on Whitaker, but confidently took the win with a score of 6-0, 6-2. At line four, Williams defeated Biley with a score of 6-2, 6-0. Walker unfortunately fell to Meecham in a tough match, garnering

a score of 6-4, 3-6, and losing in a tough third-set tiebreaker at 9-11. Glaze got an easy win at number six with a score of 6-1, 6-0 against Berea's Zack Muse.

The women's team saw all wins in singles, starting at number one with Farr defeating Dotse with a score of 6-2, 6-3. Cox took her place at number two, crushing Verbeck with a score of 6-1, 6-0. Sophomore Hamrick Perry defeated Mangin at number three singles with a score of 6-1, 6-1. Correll got a clean win off of Itumba at number four with a score of 6-0, 6-0. Iocovozzi cruised by Faiz at number five with a similar, very clean score of 6-0, 6-0. Returning senior Kenzie Bowman took the last

singles win, at number six, against Jorgenson with a score of 6-0, 6-1.

The two teams will travel this week to face Huntingdon in a double-header in Montgomery, Alabama on Saturday, March 13 at 3:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 14 at 11 a.m. The BC tennis teams are scheduled to play Piedmont, at home, the following weekend on Friday, March 19 at 3 p.m. and Saturday, March 20 at 9 a.m. BC Athletics, BC tennis coach Brad Jones and the rest of the tennis team asks that visitors abide by the updated spectator policy and are mindful of the COVID-19 rules and regulations set by USA South and Brevard College.



Courtesy of Brianna Rodibaugh

Sophomore, Ethan McGee, prepares for a volley against Berea. McGee received Player of the Week honors from the USA South Conference Men's Tennis division for his performance at number one singles and doubles against Berea.