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Homecoming lights a fire for Herd faithful

It was a week of fun, renewing ties and starting new traditions for Marshall University at Homecoming last week, culminating in a 30-13 win over the University of North Texas in football Saturday.

Among the new events that may become traditions were the color 15K race Sunday, the dance contest Wednesday, the post-parade bonfire and Rock the Rec Thursday and the alumni association party after the football game Saturday.

Ongoing traditions included the parade, held this year on Thursday evening, the Unity Walk on Tuesday, the car bash on Thursday and Picnic on the Plaza Friday.

Isabelle Rogner and Nigel Wallace were crowned Miss and Mr. Marshall, respectively.
Retirement symposium to be offered Nov. 12

Marshall employees age 60 and over will be invited to a retirement symposium Thursday, Nov. 12, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.

“We hope to give you information that will be valuable as you plan for your future,” said Bruce Felder, director of human resource services. “We’ll have people from Social Security Administration, TIAA-CREF and our benefits department available to speak to you. We’ll even provide lunch for you and a guest!”

Felder said invitations will be sent out electronically yet this week. Reservations are necessary and may be made following the instructions in the e-mail.
Dr. Michael Prewitt, dean of the College of Health Professions, has been chosen as a member of the Scientific Program Committee for the American College of Chest Physicians (CHEST).

Prewitt, who is a registered respiratory therapist, said he has been appointed to serve for a one-year term and could be eligible to serve as many as three additional one-year terms, for a total of four years.

“CHEST is a global leader in strengthening patient outcomes through innovative clinical research, chest medicine education and team-based care. I am honored to be chosen to serve on their Scientific Program Committee, which will allow me to represent the educational interests for members of our college and assist in the advancement of resources for CHEST’s 18,700 members from around the world,” Prewitt said.

Dr. Mark J. Rosen, medical director of CHEST, said members of the committee are chosen based on recommendations received from other members.

“Dr. Prewitt was an ideal fit for this leadership position due to his extensive background in respiratory care,” Rosen said. “We are pleased to welcome him to our Scientific Program Committee and we look forward to working with him in the future.”

Currently, Prewitt serves as Chair of the Allied Health Steering Committee and as a member of the Council of Chairs for CHEST.
School of Medicine alumni establish scholarship for aspiring pediatricians

Drs. J. Thomas Meadows Jr. and Andrea N. (Lewis) Meadows, who are husband and wife, have established an endowed scholarship for aspiring pediatricians with the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

Based in Knoxville, Tennessee, Tom Meadows is a neonatologist and Andrea Meadows is a pediatrician. Both are graduates of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, Class of 2004.

The scholarship, known as the Meadows’ Pediatric Scholarship, is for fourth-year medical students at Marshall who are interested in pediatrics. The first recipient of the award is Brittany L. Wall, Class of 2016, of Ashland, Kentucky.

“Tom and Andrea each found their passion in caring for infants and children,” said Linda S. Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs for the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. “Now, they are ‘paying it forward’ and making the dreams of the next generation of pediatricians and neonatologists come true.”

Photo: Andrea Meadows, M.D., (left) and Tom Meadows, M.D., both Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine graduates from the Class of 2004, recently established an endowed scholarship with the school.

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Reminder: School of Medicine to publish journal; launch is tomorrow, Oct. 29

The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and Marshall Libraries are inviting the Marshall community to help celebrate a milestone with the launch of the inaugural issue of *Marshall Journal of Medicine*. Come join them on Thursday, Oct. 29, from 4 to 5 p.m. in the School of Medicine’s Health Science Library.

Trace Around Your Heart and other short films by Ian Nolte to be shown Nov. 5 in Smith Hall

A free public screening of *Trace Around Your Heart* and other short films written and directed by English Department faculty member, Ian Nolte, will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, in Smith Hall 154.

The screening will be followed by a question-and-answer session with Nolte, who is co-founder of the filmmaking collective Brainwrap Productions.

The award-winning 2013 short *Trace Around Your Heart*, described by Nolte as “a romantic comedy featuring a puppet,” tells the story of Trace Cherokee, who has grown comfortable living in obscurity as a country music has-been. When his former songwriting partner, Sasha Colette, asks him to reunite for a one-night performance, he has to confront his crippling stage terrors. The film contains some profanity and drug use.

Also being shown are the dark comedy *Hickory High Lift* and an installment of *Seth Martin and Friends*, which began as a sketch comedy project created for YouTube and public access.
television. It focuses on Seth Martin, who is the reluctant caretaker to a group of puppet characters.

During the screening, Nolte will discuss zero-budget filmmaking as well as the screenwriting course he developed and will be teaching through the English Department during the spring 2016 semester.

Nolte is a Marshall graduate with a B.A. in Secondary Education (English 5-Adult), earned in 2005, and a M.A. in English, earned in 2014. He joined the English Department as a full-time faculty member this fall.

The event is sponsored by the Department of English and theFilm Studies Program. For more information, contact Dr. Walter Squire at squirew@marshall.edu.

Masquerade party to benefit Women’s Studies, domestic violence shelter

A masquerade party and silent auction will take place Saturday, Oct. 31, in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center, with proceeds to benefit Women’s Studies and SAFE Inc., a domestic violence shelter located in Welch, W.Va. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are $15 for students, $35 (or $60 for 2) for non-students and the ticket price includes snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. An open wine bar is available for those over 21 years of age. The evening will also feature chances to win door prizes. To purchase tickets, or for more information, contact Dr. J ill Treftz at ext. 6-6699 or e-mail her at treftz@marshall.edu, or contact Dr. Laura Michele Diener at ext. 6-2954 or diener@marshall.edu. Tickets will also be for sale on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 29 and 30, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center.

Click to view event flyer in larger size.
Reminder: Kids invited to Trick or Treat in the Residence Halls

Faculty and staff are invited to bring their children to the residence halls tonight (Wednesday, Oct. 28), for trick-or-treating from 5:30 to 8 p.m., according to Tracey Eggleston, assistant director of Housing and Residence Life.

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Marshall Health to observe Epilepsy Awareness Month

Marshall Health is hosting two events in November for Epilepsy Awareness Month, including the Epilepsy Awareness Walk, which takes place at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 8, at the Barboursville Park Pond Shelter 8. Entertainment includes a special appearance by Batman, a cake-decorating competition, kid-friendly crafts and a cakewalk.

On Tuesday, Nov. 10, an Epilepsy Awareness Symposium will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Cabell Huntington Hospital Atrium. The event will focus on helping participants learn about epilepsy and its management. Art and essay contest winners will be announced during the symposium.

For more information on either event, or how to enter the cake decorating competition or art and essay contest, contact Cynthia Krantz by phone at 304-691-1751 or by e-mail at krantz6@marshall.edu.

Click to view flyers for events in PDF.

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Lecture at School of Medicine to discuss obesity, heart function and vascular diseases

Dr. Nader G. Abraham, professor of medicine at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and professor of medicine and pharmacology at New York Medical College, will give a lecture titled “EET and 20-HETE are Intracellular Lipid-Mediators that Regulate Obesity, Heart Function and Vascular Diseases” at noon Friday, Oct. 30, in the Harless Auditorium, which is located on the ground floor next to the pharmacy in the Marshall Medical Center on the Cabell Huntington Hospital campus. The university community is invited to attend.

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Marshall Psychiatry adds first neuropsychologist

The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and Marshall Health welcomed the school’s first neuropsychologist to its clinical faculty this month.

Michelle C. Hudson, Psy.D. joined the department of psychiatry and behavioral health as an assistant professor Oct. 16. She will assist in the evaluation and diagnosis of those with memory and dementia disorders, head trauma, stroke, epilepsy and many other neurologic disorders.

Hudson earned her Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology and a Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology, both at Adler University in Chicago. She also completed a neuropsychology fellowship at the University of Toledo (Ohio) Medical Center.

“We are very fortunate to recruit Dr. Michelle Hudson, a fellowship-trained neuropsychologist, to Marshall,” said Suzanne Holroyd, M.D., chair of psychiatry and behavioral medicine. “There is a huge unmet need for neuropsychology services throughout this region. We look forward to her expertise in the care of our patients.”

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Broadway’s ‘Mamma Mia!’ Comes to the Keith-Albee for the First Time Nov. 4

A mother, a daughter, and three possible dads on the eve of a wedding on a Greek island paradise are the unlikely elements of the musical Mamma Mia! that makes its way to the Keith Albee Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, Nov. 4, at 7:30 p.m.

Writer Catherine Johnson’s sunny tale unfolds as, on the eve of her wedding, a daughter’s quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother’s past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago. The show combines ABBA’s greatest hits, including “Dancing Queen,” “S.O.S.,” “Super Trouper,” “Take A Chance on Me” and “The Winner Takes It All,” with a tale of love, laughter and friendship.
The Broadway show first opened April 6, 1999 in London, and now *Mamma Mia!* is showing all around the world, having been seen so far by over 54 million people worldwide, in over 440 major cities.

Appealing to audiences through the show’s themes—of lost parents, a search for identity, and the generation gap—Johnson says, “There’s a mother-daughter relationship; an old romance; there’s losing someone and finding them again.”

For tickets, contact the Marshall Artists Series Box Office at ext. 6-6656, or visit the box office located in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse Monday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m.

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**Marshall offering new online public health certificate program**

The College of Health Professions is now offering a new online public health certificate program.

This program caters to the needs of individuals already working or wishing to work in a health-care setting and will allow them to receive professional credentials in the field of public health, according to Dr. Monika Sawhney, director of the college’s undergraduate public health program.

“This certificate program is perfect for the health-care professional who wants to explore options within the field of public health. A federal government initiative named Healthy People 2020 has highlighted a need for health care providers to deal with prevention and treatment of diseases. This program will help to meet the demand for health care workers,” Sawhney said. “Whether you’re an international student or a member of our military, this program will enhance your academic qualifications while completing your primary degree.”

Sawhney said the program requires 15 hours of undergraduate course credit. It is offered online and on site with a flexible schedule to meet the needs of the working population.

“Additionally, students can use the certificate program to increase chances of gaining admission to medical, pharmacy, physician assistant, public health and other health majors at the undergraduate and graduate level,” Sawhney said.

Deadline for the spring semester is Dec. 1. Prospective certificate-only students should apply for admission to Marshall as a professional development student and select “Public Health Certificate” on the application form. Applicants should follow the admissions process described in the catalog or as described on the Admissions website at [www.marshall.edu/admissions/apply](http://www.marshall.edu/admissions/apply).
School of Pharmacy faculty member recognized for innovative patient care

Leesa M. Prunty, Pharm. D., BCPS, a clinical assistant professor of pharmacy at the School of Pharmacy, was recognized this month by the West Virginia Pharmacists Association (WVPA) as the 2015 recipient of the Excellence in Innovation Award.

A shared faculty member between Marshall and Cabell Huntington Hospital’s Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Prunty was presented with the award for her commitment to innovative pharmacy practice leading to improved patient care.

“Dr. Prunty has forged a dynamic interface at the bedside between clinical pharmacy and clinical pediatrics that serves to improve outcomes for children through better medication therapy management,” said Kevin W. Yingling, R.Ph., M.D., dean of the school of pharmacy. “We are very proud of her efforts.”

Prunty’s work to improve patient care includes reviewing several hospital protocols aimed at improving patient safety for pediatrics and also working on several original protocols including medication dosing and pediatric pharmacokinetics, the branch of pharmacology concerned with the movement of drugs within the body. Additionally, she has authored several papers on pediatric and education projects.

“This clearly supports the continued focus on excellence among our partners at Marshall Health,” said Hoyt Burdick, M.D., chief medical officer at Cabell Huntington Hospital. “We applaud Leesa on her achievement and her continued efforts in providing quality patient care.”

Prunty joined the Marshall University School of Pharmacy in 2013.

The award was presented at the annual WVPA meeting at Stonewall Resort. At the same meeting, the Marshall University School of Pharmacy Class of 2018 student team won the Student Pharmacists Self-Care Championship.
Dr. Charles C. Somerville, dean of the College of Science, participated in the America’s Watershed Initiative that produced a “report card” on the Mississippi River, which was released last week.

Somerville is a member of the initiative’s steering committee, as well as the subcommittee that produced the report card on the Mississippi Valley watershed, including seven river basins that contribute to it.

“Locally, the Ohio River Basin received a C grade,” Somerville said. “Though a grade of C may not seem bad, there are significant improvements we need to make, particularly in transportation infrastructure and maintenance.”

The group gave an overall grade of D+ to the watershed, citing the need to improve information and management systems. The grade covered the ecosystems; flood control and risk reduction; transportation; economy; and recreation. The report pointed to the challenges ahead and the need for coordinated management.

Further information on the initiative is available online at http://americaswatershed.org.
Dear Faculty and Staff:

Here is information about our MU Bookstore engagement survey. The survey’s purpose is to identify areas of successes and opportunities on campus and in store. The survey takes place on October 22nd through November 25th. Your participation is appreciated.

Here is the link to the survey: www.campusstorefeedback.com.

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