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Marshall gets ready to celebrate Homecoming with a Mardi Gras theme

Mardi Gras, Marshall University style, will be observed with music, picnics, parades, floats, a football game and a host of other activities as the university celebrates Homecoming week Sept. 30-Oct. 6.

A highlight of the week is the match-up of the Thundering Herd football team with first-time opponent, the University of Texas San Antonio Roadrunners, at 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 5 in the Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

“We’ll have a full slate of diverse activities for students, staff, alumni and Marshall supporters,” said Nancy Pelphrey, assistant director of alumni affairs. “The university continues to grow year by year, so those alumni who haven’t been back to campus for a while are in for a real treat. There will be something for everyone this year and we’re looking for a great turnout.”

The grand marshals of the homecoming parade are Benjamin “Benny” Hale Jr. and Jan Jenkins Hale. Jan Hale was crowned “Miss Marshall” at halftime during the 1966 homecoming football game and Ben Hale was her escort. Now married and living in Columbus, Ohio, the couple will lead the parade, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, in downtown Huntington.

Homecoming is sponsored in part by Bridgeport Equipment and Tools.

“We’re thankful to have such tremendous support from our local business partners,” Matt Hayes, executive director of alumni affairs, said. “It’s a win-win scenario in that the business gains additional exposure and recognition while we meet the needs of our guests at these events. Businesses that wish to become involved may contact Nancy Pelphrey at 304-696-3134 for more information.”

Here is a breakdown of homecoming week events and activities:

**Monday, Sept. 30**

- Office decorating contest. Offices are asked to decorate using the homecoming theme with prizes to be awarded on Friday, Oct. 4, at the Picnic on the Plaza.
Thursday, Oct. 3

- 10 a.m. – Office decoration judging begins

Friday, Oct. 4: Green and White Day

- 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Free picnic on the Memorial Student Center Plaza with music, prizes, games and lunch. This is the first official alumni event of homecoming weekend. Co-sponsored by the Alumni Association and the Office of Development.
- Noon to 3:30 p.m. – Family check-in for Parents and Family Weekend, Office of Student Affairs in Memorial Student Center
- 3 to 6 p.m. – Black Alumni Association registration, Pullman Plaza, second floor
- 6-8 p.m. – Champagne reception in the lobby of the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center
- 7 p.m. – Volleyball, MU vs. Tulane, Cam Henderson Center
- 7:30-9:30 p.m. – Welcome back champagne reception/silent auction, Ericson Alumni Center, sponsored by the Black Alumni Association with funds from the auction to go to the Janis Winkfield Scholarship
- 8 p.m. – MU Theatre presentation in the Experimental Theatre of the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse
- 10 p.m. - 1 a.m. – Laid-back Friday after-party sponsored by the Black Alumni Association, Inc.

Saturday, Oct. 5

- 9 a.m. – 18th Annual 5K Alum Run. The course starts on Veterans Blvd. near Pullman Square. The entry fee is $20 for early registration and $25 for late registration. Contact Joe DeLapa at joedelapa@gmail.com.
- 8:30 a.m. – Breakfast with the President, in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center. Breakfast will begin after a brief greeting and comments by President Stephen J. Kopp.
- 9 a.m. – Black Alumni Association business meeting/registration, Marshall University Foundation Hall, Home of the Erickson Alumni Center
- 10 a.m. – Homecoming parade, starting in downtown Huntington and ending at Joan C. Edwards Stadium.
- 11 a.m. – Tailgate blast on the field next to the Harless Dining Hall
- Reveal of the new Marco costume will take place pre-game, just before kick-off
- 2 p.m. – Kickoff for the Marshall vs. University of Texas San Antonio game, Joan C. Edwards Stadium
- 8 p.m. – NPHC Step Show, Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center
- 9 p.m. – Rhoyal Affair Black Alumni dance/silent auction, Pullman Plaza Grande Ballroom; music by Hybrid Soul Project. Sponsored by Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc.

Sunday, Oct. 6

- 9 a.m. – Prayer Breakfast, Kentucky Room, Pullman Plaza; speaker, Bishop Frederick M. Brown with music by Rodney Boyden

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Constitution Week events conclude with Robert C. Byrd Forum, Amicus Curiae

In the continuing celebration of Constitution Week, these events are coming up:

- **2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26** – The Robert C. Byrd Forum on Civic Responsibility in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre features Early Freedom Rider Joan C. Browning. Her address is titled “Oh the Places That Freedom Riding Take Me.” In addition to speaking at the Byrd forum, Browning will speak at **7 p.m. Thursday**, also in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre. That address is titled “The Constitution and Civil Rights.”

- **7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8** – Amicus Curiae Lecture. The guest speaker will be James E. Simon, dean emeritus of New York Law School. His address will take place at the Marshall University Foundation Hall, home of the Erickson Alumni Center. [Click to read complete article.]

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Baby shower to benefit pediatric addiction recovery center; Marshall community asked to donate specific items

Marshall University students are planning a baby shower to benefit Lily’s Place, a new nonprofit pediatric addiction recovery center in Huntington scheduled to open its doors later this month.

Organizers are asking students, faculty, staff and members of the community to bring specific items to the Memorial Student Center lobby, Thursday, Sept. 26, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Participants dropping off their donations can expect a festive baby shower atmosphere complete with cake, punch and all the trimmings, according to Elizabeth Appell Sheets, director of Marshall’s Office of Community Engagement.

Lily’s Place is in need of the following items: baby laundry detergent, baby powder with cornstarch, baby bath gel, baby lotion, wipes, newborn diapers, size one diapers, cloth diapers, pacifiers, latex and nonlatex gloves and file folders. The items should not be wrapped.

“We are asking everyone in the Marshall University community to donate at least one item from the list for Lily’s Place,” Sheets said. “The items are not expensive at all, so it should not be a burden for students. We just want Lily’s Place organizers to know that we support them and their efforts to provide special care to innocent infants suffering from prenatal drug exposure.”

The event is sponsored by Gamma Beta Phi, an academic honor and service organization for students with GPAs of 3.0 or higher; Alpha Phi Omega, a co-ed community service fraternity; as well as the Office of Community Engagement. The baby shower is in conjunction with Governor Tomblin’s Day to Serve, an annual effort to strengthen communities through volunteer service.
“We chose Lily’s Place because several students already have been heavily involved with helping the nonprofit get set up,” Sheets said. “It’s due to open its doors to babies in need on Sept. 29 and we want to do all we can to help.”

The mission of Lily’s Place is to provide immediate, short-term medical care to infants suffering from prenatal drug exposure and to provide education and support services to the families of substance-abused babies.

Marshall faculty members to present ‘American Originals’ for trombone Sept. 29

Music faculty members Dr. Michael Stroeher, trombone, and Dr. Henning Vauth, piano, will give a concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29, in Smith Recital Hall.

The program, titled “American Originals,” will feature compositions by Henry Cowell, Samuel Barber, David Amram and Alec Wilder.

“We’re exploring a wide range of American styles, ranging from the Colonial era to modern jazz,” Stroeher said. “Samuel Barber is one of America’s most well-known composers, primarily due to his ‘Adagio for Strings,’ which was used in several films, including Platoon. David Amram wrote film scores for classic films such as Splendor in the Grass and The Manchurian Candidate, and Alec Wilder composed popular songs for Frank Sinatra, among many others.”

Vauth is in his second year at Marshall after having taught at Auburn University. He holds degrees from the Hochschule für Musik in Hannover, Germany, and the Eastman School of Music. He has won several competitions in Europe, and performs throughout the U.S., Europe and Asia.

Stroeher, who is professor of trombone at Marshall, also performs as principal trombonist in the Huntington Symphony and bass trombonist in the Landau Eugene Murphy big band. He has previously performed with the St. Louis Symphony, the South Carolina Philharmonic, the Temptations, Frank Sinatra Jr. and in a number of other shows. He holds degrees from the University of North Texas and the New England Conservatory of Music.

The concert is free and open to the public. For further information, contact the School of Music and Theatre at ext. 6-3117.
**Photo:** Music faculty members Dr. Michael Stroeher, trombone, and Dr. Henning Vauth, piano, rehearse in preparation for their ‘American Originals’ program Sunday, Sept. 29.

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**Childhood Obesity Conference takes place next week**

Everyone is invited to join the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine for its inaugural Childhood Obesity Conference, Wednesday, Oct. 2, at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena, Grand Ballroom.

This free event features keynote speaker Jeffrey M. Friedman, M.D., Ph.D., discoverer of the obesity gene, leptin, as well as presentations from School of Medicine researchers and clinicians.

An afternoon panel discussion with leaders from the scientific, public policy and community sectors is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m.

Click here for a complete listing of the day’s events and information regarding Continuing Medical Education credits for physicians (fee waived).

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**‘Anna in the Tropics’ from Theatre Alliance starts Oct. 2**

The Marshall Theatre Alliance will present “Anna in the Tropics,” a play by Nilo Cruz, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, and continuing nightly through Saturday, Oct. 5 in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center on the Huntington campus.

Winner of the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, the drama is set in in 1929 in a Cuban-American cigar factory, where cigars are still rolled by hand and “lectors” are employed to educate and entertain the workers. The arrival of a new lector is a cause for celebration, but when he begins to read aloud from Anna Karenina, he unwittingly becomes a catalyst in the lives of his avid listeners, for whom Tolstoy, the tropics and the American dream prove a volatile combination.

Tickets are $20 and $15 for Marshall faculty and staff. Marshall students are admitted with a valid ID.

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RCBI locations across the state to celebrate National Manufacturing Day Oct. 4 with open houses

The Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing is inviting the community to join its celebration of National Manufacturing Day Friday, Oct. 4.

The institute will be hosting demonstrations and tours from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at its Advanced Manufacturing Technology Centers in Huntington (1050 Fourth Ave.), South Charleston (100 Angus E. Peyton Dr.) and Bridgeport (2400 E. Benedum Industrial Dr.). The events are free and open to the public.

“Manufacturing Day is for everyone,” said Charlotte Weber, director and CEO of RCBI. “The day’s activities will highlight the importance of manufacturing to the nation’s economy with special attention focused on today’s advanced manufacturing, including additive manufacturing with 3-D printers. RCBI is proud to play a role in the nationwide resurgence of manufacturing.

“We hope to attract a large crowd at each of our statewide Advanced Manufacturing Technology Centers as we celebrate manufacturers, entrepreneurs and innovators in West Virginia.”

According to Weber, events at the Huntington location also will include a Manufacturing Institute Industry Partners Symposium. The symposium will begin at 11:30 a.m. with remarks by U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall, followed by networking opportunities and a luncheon.

She added, “The symposium will strategically connect RCBI’s entrepreneurial manufacturing clients with academic and government experts and other industry partners to discuss current opportunities in manufacturing, identify opportunities for collaboration and learn about current research activities.”

Reservations for those who plan to attend the symposium and luncheon in Huntington are due by 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27. No reservations are necessary for the demonstrations and tours at any of the locations.

To register or receive more information, call (800) 469-RCBI (7224) or visit www.rcbi.org/mfgday2013.

Directions to each of the locations are available on the website.
Golf scramble to benefit H.E.L.P. program

The Higher Education for Learning Problems (H.E.L.P.) program is sponsoring the Paul E. Skeens Memorial Scramble 4 H.E.L.P. Friday, Oct. 4, at Riviera Country Club in Lesage. Registration begins at 11 a.m., with a putting contest at noon. The scramble begins at 1 p.m. with a shotgun start. Lunch, which will be catered by Giovanni’s Pizza, Subway and Fat Patty’s, will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Individual entry is $100 or $400 for a foursome. Tee/green sign sponsorship is $150 and the corporate sponsorship fee of $525 includes a tee/green sign and entry for four players.

A variety of prizes will be available, including $10,000 cash for a hole-in-one on a designated hole. Course refreshments will be available on a roving cart. Dinner will be served at the conclusion of play.

To view or print out the registration form, click on the following link: www.marshall.edu/wamnewsletter/files/2013/09/2013GolfScrambleRegistration.pdf

Lecture by James Simon begins Amicus Curiae lecture series
Oct. 8

James F. Simon, a noted author and commentator on the United States Supreme Court, will give the first lecture in the Amicus Curiae lecture series. Simon will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, in Marshall University Foundation Hall, home of the Erickson Alumni Center.

“We are thrilled to have James Simon as a speaker in the lecture series,” said Patricia Proctor, director of the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy. “He is a wonderful writer with great insight into the history and the politics of the Supreme Court, and he is going to talk about a fascinating time in our political and judicial history.”

Simon will speak on the subject of his most recent book, FDR and Chief Justice Hughes: The President, The Supreme Court and the Epic Battle Over the New Deal, the third in a trilogy on clashes between American presidents and
chief justices at critical times in American history. He also will compare Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes to Chief Justice John Roberts (and Franklin Delano Roosevelt to Barack Obama) focusing particularly on the court’s Affordable Health Care Act decision.

Simon, who is dean emeritus and Martin Professor of Law emeritus of New York Law School, has written eight books on American history, law and politics. *FDR and Chief Justice Hughes* (Simon & Schuster, 2012) has been widely praised, with Jeffrey Toobin – the country’s preeminent commentator on the Supreme Court – calling it “an elegant dual biography of the incomparable FDR and a formidable Chief Justice” and Bob Woodward describing it as “a spectacular book, brilliantly conceived and executed.” Jean Edward Smith, former member of the Marshall University political science faculty and himself the author of the highly acclaimed and award-winning *FDR*, calls Simon’s book a “marvelously written, meticulously researched study” of the relationship between FDR and Chief Justice Hughes.

Simon was a commentator in the PBS series *The Supreme Court* and has been a legal affairs correspondent and contributing editor for *Time* magazine. He has lectured frequently in the United States and abroad. His other books include *Lincoln and Chief Justice Taney: Slavery, Secession, and the President’s War Powers; What Kind of Nation: Thomas Jefferson, John Marshall, and the Epic Struggle to Create a United States* (which was named a *New York Times* Notable Book); *Independent Journey: The Life of William O. Douglas; The Antagonists: Felix Frankfurter, Hugo Black and Civil Liberties in Modern America*, and *The Center Holds: The Power Struggle Inside the Rehnquist Court*.

The next lecture in the series will feature Louis Michael Seidman, professor of constitutional law at the Georgetown University Law Center and author of the book *On Constitutional Disobedience*. That event will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, also at Foundation Hall.

Marshall receives grant to assist students with health care

Marshall University has received a $4,000 mini grant from West Virginians for Affordable Health Care (WVAHC) to assist students who don’t have any type of health coverage with
enrollment into a health care plan. Marshall is the only higher education institution in West Virginia to receive a training grant.

“Our campus data suggest about 2,000 of our current students do not have any type of health insurance, but we believe that number is higher,” said Amy Saunders, director of student health education programs. “The state health insurance exchange program will become available on Oct. 1. This grant will allow us to train several staff members on campus to assist students who need to sign up for insurance. We are excited about this opportunity to help our students.”

More than 60 nonprofit groups applied for the grants, according to Perry Bryant, executive director of West Virginians for Affordable Care. Funding for the grants is coming from four foundations: the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation, the Highmark Foundation, the Sisters of St. Joseph Charitable Fund and the Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation.

Marshall University Forensic Science Center staff and students receive glimpse into the future of rapid DNA analysis

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Marshall University Forensic Science graduate students and DNA analysts saw firsthand their DNA profiles being generated in under 90 minutes using rapid DNA analysis, an emerging biometrics technology that may revolutionize how certain crimes are solved.

Dr. Terry W. Fenger, director of the Forensic Science Center, said the demonstration of the biometric technology was an unusual opportunity. “Rapid DNA analysis technology drastically reduces DNA analysis time, and we got to see a glimpse into the future of serving justice,” he said.

Representatives from GE Healthcare Life Sciences demonstrated the DNAscan™ Rapid DNA Analysis™ System in the Forensic Science Center DNA training laboratory earlier this month. The instrument is a fully automated rapid STR (short tandem repeat) system with integrated data analysis and Expert System software for forensic testing and research.

West Virginia State Police Crime Laboratory representatives and officers from the Huntington Police Department also were on hand to see the state-of-the-art system in action and learn how the technology may affect crime investigations in the future.

GE Healthcare Life Sciences representative Len Goren said the equipment’s applications may benefit law enforcement, forensic crime laboratories, military and intelligence agencies, and border control efforts. In the future, it may aid with the identification of victims of mass disasters and also aid in tracing people during missing persons investigations, he added.
The automated system processes samples on a fully integrated “lab-on-a-chip,” a disposable cartridge that performs all stages of DNA analysis. Goren said the system provides a called STR profile from five individual single-source DNA swabs in less than 85 min.

Fenger said the demonstration provided important information for the DNA analysts working forensic cases as well as faculty and students in the academic program.

“Rapid DNA analysis is a hot topic in the field of forensic science, and it is critical that our staff be apprised of scientific developments and technologies in the area of DNA analysis,” he said. “Our students also benefitted from the demonstration because they got to see firsthand how the future of solving crimes may be evolving, and our instructors can integrate the most current scientific information into our curriculum.”

Photos: (Photo 1) The photo illustrates how law enforcement agencies would use the GE Healthcare Life Sciences DNAscan™ Rapid DNA Analysis™ System to process DNA profiles at the time suspects are processed in police agency booking stations. (Photo 2) The BioChipSet Cassette, a disposable cartridge that performs all stages of DNA analysis, is inserted into the DNAscan™ Rapid DNA Analysis™ System. Photos courtesy of GE Healthcare Life Sciences.

Marshall cardiologist named American Heart Association fellow

Paulette S. Wehner, M.D., FAHA, senior associate dean for graduate medical education and a professor in the department of cardiovascular service in the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, was named a fellow of the American Heart Association at its September meeting in New Orleans.

The fellowship distinction is conferred for outstanding and sustained scientific contributions in cardiovascular diseases and stroke; and volunteer leadership and service to the American Heart Association.

Wehner, a Kingwood, W.Va., native, is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and earned her medical degree at Marshall, where she also did her residency and fellowship training.

In congratulating Wehner, Joseph I. Shapiro, dean of the School of Medicine, said her contributions to the School of Medicine and the health care of the community are exceptional.
“Dr. Wehner is first and foremost an outstanding clinician,” he said. “She cares deeply about her patients and works expertly to give them high quality cardiovascular care. Secondly, she is a dedicated and gifted professor preparing our students, residents and cardiology fellows for their careers in medicine.”

Wehner, an active researcher involved in several projects, is the principal site investigator at St. Mary’s Medical Center for Yale University’s research study of older persons who are admitted to the hospital with heart attacks.

She also is one of two West Virginia physicians honored in the Local Legends project of the National Library of Medicine in 2005. A member of the Marshall faculty since 1995, she has repeatedly been honored by medical students through awards such as “Outstanding Attending of the Year” and “Outstanding Program Director.”

She is a member of the medical honorary society Alpha Omega Alpha, as well as a fellow of the American College of Cardiology, which she is currently serving as governor in West Virginia. She also is a fellow in the American College of Physicians and the American College of Chest Physicians. Wehner is currently the president of the School of Medicine’s Alumni Association.

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Faculty achievement: Coleman quoted in USA Today

Craig Coleman, assistant professor and speech language pathologist in Communication Disorders, was one of the experts quoted by USA Today in an article titled “Early Treatment for Stuttering Has Value, Experts Say” which was published in the Sept. 18 edition.

An excerpt from the article notes “Coleman, an assistant professor at Marshall University, Huntington, W.V., says he also looks for signs that a child is becoming anxious about how he speaks — such as showing facial tension or raising his pitch as he tries to get out a sentence … After the initial evaluation, he and other therapists say they often divide patients into three groups: Those who can check back in a few months; those who might benefit from a few formal therapy sessions; and those at highest risk, who should start rigorous therapy right away.

“In any case, Coleman says, he sends parents home with tips that would benefit any child — such as slowing down conversations, waiting patiently for children to speak and asking fewer direct questions (that takes some pressure off, he and other experts say).”

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