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Board of Governors approves tobacco ban

Marshall University’s Board of Governors approved a policy banning tobacco products on any university-owned or controlled property at their meeting last week on the Huntington campus.

The tobacco policy applies to any and all indoor and outdoor locations. However, events that attract a large number of off-campus visitors to a Marshall location may be exempted on a case-by-case basis, provided that all smoking be restricted to designated outdoor smoking areas.

The tobacco policy goes into effect Monday, July 1.

“We are so happy that our campus is making this move to improve the health of our students, faculty and staff,” said Amy Saunders, director of student health programs. “We are joining more than 800 colleges and universities across the nation that have taken this stance against tobacco use.”

Saunders said her organization will soon be setting up programs to help students, faculty and staff with cessation efforts.

Project makes Glenwood Estate more publicly accessible

The Graduate Humanities Program is hosting another installment of the Glenwood Project, a three-part initiative now in its final phase that seeks to make the Glenwood Estate on Charleston’s West Side more publicly accessible through archaeological and historical analysis.

The stately Georgian-style mansion sits on the corner of Orchard Street and Park Avenue, just a short distance from Stonewall Jackson Middle School. It is a rich repository of the history of
Charleston and the Kanawha Valley as well as of the estate’s early owners, whose names would become familiar to Charlestonians through the streets that today bear their names.

On June 30, the public can get a glimpse into the colorful past of the estate, learn about its rich history and share his or her memories through *Glenwood Memories/Histories*, a presentation of the Glenwood Project which will take place at the pre-Civil War estate. The program is free and open to the public and will include:

- **1 p.m. – *The Glenwood Project***, Dr. Luke Eric Lassiter, program director of the Graduate Humanities Program;
- **1:15 p.m. – *Oral Histories of Glenwood***, Dr. Elizabeth Campbell, faculty member in the Marshall University Graduate School of Education and Professional Development;
- **1:30 p.m. – *Historic Glenwood: Window on the West Side***, Dr. Billy Joe Peyton of West Virginia State University and the MU Graduate Humanities Program;
- **2:15 p.m. – *Landscape Archeology, Glenwood and the Road to Urbanization***, Dr. Robert Maslowski of the Marshall University Graduate Humanities Program;
- **3 p.m. – *Sharing Memories of Glenwood***

Glenwood was built in 1852 by James Laidley on a vast 366-acre tract that stretched from the current Delaware Avenue, Somerset Drive and the Chandler Branch Drive of Edgewood Hills to the Kanawha River.

Laidley, the founder of the Charleston newspaper, The Western Register, was forced by financial reverses to sell the home in 1857 to George W. Summers.

Portions of the estate were sold off as it was passed down through generations until 1978 when the final owner, Summers’ great-granddaughter, Lucy Quarrier, deeded it to the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies, which later became part of Marshall University.

Glenwood is now owned and maintained by the Historic Glenwood Foundation, which formerly was the Marshall University Graduate College Foundation.

“It provides a unique history into the complex history of Charleston, the Kanawha Valley and West Virginia,” Lassiter said. “Much of the estate’s history is contained in the documents and materials at Glenwood.”

An objective of the Glenwood Project is to facilitate public engagement in a variety of ways, including an archival database, public workshops and seminars such as this one, development of the Marshall University Graduate Humanities curriculum, and other activities.

The Glenwood Project is funded through a partnership with the West Virginia Humanities Council, Council of West Virginia Archaeology, Kanawha Valley Historical and Preservation Council.
Ohio Valley Bank establishes scholarship for students served by Point Pleasant center

Full-time students at the Mid-Ohio Valley Center (MOVC) will benefit from a new scholarship fund established by the Ohio Valley Bank.

“As a locally based business, Ohio Valley Bank is a longtime partner of the Mid-Ohio Valley Center as it works toward academic excellence,” said Homer Preece, director of the center. “We are pleased to get this scholarship program under way.”

The scholarship agreement was announced last week at the bank’s Point Pleasant location by Mario Liberatore, president of Ohio Valley Bank Point Pleasant and a longtime member of the MOVC Board of Advisors; President Stephen J. Kopp; and Dr. Ronald G. Area, chief executive officer of the Marshall University Foundation Inc., which will administer the fund.

“I am very happy to be a part of a community bank like Ohio Valley Bank, who takes great pride in helping the youth in our area,” Liberatore said. “This scholarship is an example of many ways that we help Mason County and all the other communities that we serve.”

Plans call for each recipient of the scholarship to be a full-time sophomore, junior or senior at MOVC, with a minimum 2.5 grade point average. Priority will be given to students in Mason County first, then Gallia and Meigs counties in Ohio. The award will be renewable for up to four years if the recipient remains in good academic standing with a 2.5 grade point average. Recipients will be selected by the director of the center, with assistance from the Board of Advisors and the Office of Student Financial Assistance. The first scholarship is expected to be awarded during the 2014-2015 academic year.
**Photo:** Mario Liberatore, president, Ohio Valley Bank Point Pleasant, presents a copy of the guidelines for a scholarship fund for students of Marshall University’s Mid-Ohio Valley Center, to Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp. From left: Jeffrey E. Smith, chairman, Ohio Valley Bank; Tom Wiseman, president and CEO, Ohio Valley Bank; Kopp; Liberatore; Christine Anderson, associate vice president for development, Marshall University Foundation; Dr. Ronald Area, CEO of the Marshall University Foundation; and Homer Preece, director of Marshall’s Mid-Ohio Valley Center. *Photo by Tyler Kes.*

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**In Memoriam: Lisle G. Brown**

Lisle G. Brown, longtime curator of Special Collections in the Morrow Library, died June 14 in Huntington. He had served as he curator for more than 40 years, since 1972.

Prior to coming to Marshall he was a manuscripts librarian, stacks manager and student assistant at the University of Utah. He was featured in more than 20 publications, including “West Virginia: A Historical Resource Guide” and a variety of research reviews. He served on the West Virginia Historic records Advisory Board.

He graduated from the University of Utah with a B.A. in Fine Arts in painting and drawing, earned a M.A. of Library Science from the University of Oregon, a M.A. in history and religious studies from Marshall and completed an internet specialization program, also at Marshall.

Dr. Monica Brooks, assistant vice president for Information Technology: Online Learning and Libraries, was quoted in the Huntington Herald-Dispatch as saying that Brown was the “driving force behind creation and development of the Special Collections,” helping locate a variety of collections that were unique to the Huntington, Marshall and Tri-State area. “His dedication to preserving and providing materials that enrich the scholarly and historical endeavors of the students, faculty and residents of this region is unparalleled—we are reeling from his tremendous loss.”

His service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, June 21, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints with burial to follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens in Huntington. Visitation is from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Wallace Funeral Home, Barboursville and after 10 a.m. Friday at the church.
In Memoriam: Andrew Sikula Sr.

Dr. Andrew Sikula Sr. who served as associate dean, director of the Graduate School of Management, Richard G. Miller Endowed Chair and professor of business administration during his 14 years at Marshall, died June 4.

Born an identical twin in Akron, Ohio, he was a gifted athlete who played football, baseball and basketball for the Mogadore, Ohio, schools, altogether lettering in nine sports. In addition, he was salutatorian of his graduating class. He and his brother attended Hiram College on full academic scholarships, where they both played football. He earned an M.B.A. and a Ph.D. from Michigan State University. With an avid interest in business ethics, he served as professor, associate dean or dean at five state universities before coming to Marshall. He founded Marshall’s Doctor of Management Practice in Nurse Anesthesia (DMPNA) program.

He enjoyed living near water and boating and was a fan of country music. He had started a new avocation, writing song lyrics, and had several of his lyrics put to music.

He is survived by his wife, Judy; sons, Andrew Drew II, Andrew III, Andrew AJ, IV, Andrew Arik V; daughters Ana Sikula, and Alissa Dodd, two brothers and a sister, and five grandchildren.

Cancer researcher presents technology developed to help personalize chemotherapy

Biomedical sciences researcher Dr. Pier Paolo Claudio traveled to a national medical meeting in Chicago earlier this month to present a technology he and his colleagues think will help physicians personalize chemotherapy for cancer treatment.

Claudio’s presentation at the annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology focused on ChemoID, a system he has developed with biology professor Dr. Jagan Valluri to measure the sensitivity of patients’ tumors to chemotherapy drugs.

“One oncologists every day face many challenges in determining the best course of therapy for an individual cancer patient,” says Claudio. “The basic problem is that patients with similar diagnoses don’t always respond to the same chemotherapy. This technology we have developed could help physicians select the appropriate chemotherapy for an individual patient—giving them an edge in the fight against cancer.”
According to Claudio, cancer stem-like cells are a small, resilient subset of cells found in tumors. Current anticancer therapies are imperfect because they target the tumor without treating the root of the cancer—the small subpopulation of these tumor-initiating cancer stem cells thought to be responsible for recurrences. The result is that the tumor often shrinks but soon grows back. In addition, the stem-like cells appear to be preferentially resistant to both standard chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

He says more evaluation of the technology is needed, but a clinical trial on a small number of patients found ChemoID 100 percent accurate in predicting which drug is more effective in treating patients affected by brain cancer if the cancer stem-like cells are evaluated.

The upshot for a cancer patient, he says, is that ChemoID may make possible personalized treatment by predicting the most effective drug combination to successfully target that specific patient’s cancer—increasing the chance the drugs will work and perhaps reducing side effects by helping the patient avoid unnecessary drugs.

Claudio acknowledged the contributions of Dr. Anthony Alberico, chairman of the Department of Neuroscience at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, for providing the clinical samples, as well as his co-investigators at the school of medicine, McKown Translational Genomics Research Institute and Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center.

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Marshall to welcome students with Asperger’s Syndrome

A group of high school students with Asperger’s Syndrome are coming from across the U.S. to enroll in classes of their choice on the Huntington campus July 16-Aug. 16.

Approximately 12-15 students who have completed their junior year of high school will be taking part in Marshall’s 7th Annual Summer Transition Program. In addition to taking a class, they will live independently in the residence halls, eat in the dining halls and receive individualized support from College Program staff of the West Virginia Autism Training Center. Students will work collaboratively with staff to structure daily activities and develop visual schedules that are tailored to each student.

Asperger’s is a developmental disorder that typically affects communication, behavior and social ability, according to Hillary Brown, Student Support Specialist. This autism spectrum disorder is characterized by qualitative impairment in social interaction, restricted, repetitive, or stereotyped behavior and clinically significant impairment in social, occupational or other important areas of functioning.

The summer program is designed to provide student support in the areas of academic, independent living and social skills development. Students work one on one with a supervised
Employee of the Month nominations being accepted

The Human Resource Services Office is now accepting nominations for Employee of the Month.

Nominations can be made by completing and submitting a nomination form to Human Resource Services, 207 Old Main.

This program was established in 1992 to recognize outstanding performance by classified and non-classified staff. To be eligible, only non-probationary, benefits eligible employees with at least one year of continuous employment will be considered. Nominators must specify one or more of the following reasons to justify their nomination:

• Significant and positive impact on the university or community (identify accomplishments).
• Excellent customer service skills with colleagues and/or students.
• Outstanding and sustained performance of assigned duties.
• Distinguished attendance record.

Each Employee of the Month will be acknowledged with the following:

• Certificate and cash award of $100
• Photo and article appearing in the newsletter
• Gifts from various sponsors
• Eligibility for Employee of the Year award

Any Marshall University faculty member, staff member or student may submit an Employee of the Month Nomination form, which can be accessed at http://www.marshall.edu/human-resources/files/downloads/2011/09/eomform1.pdf. An individual may be selected as Employee of the Month only once in a calendar year.
Reminder: Faculty, staff can participate in ‘Color Run’ Aug. 31 for $5 off

The Color Run, a unique 5k race that celebrates healthiness, happiness, individuality, and giving back to the community, is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 31 at 8 .m. in downtown Huntington. It’s a five kilometer, untimed race in which participants are doused from head to toe in different colors at each kilometer. The fun continues at the finish line with a gigantic “Color Festival” using more colored powder to create lasting memories.

Marshall faculty and staff members, in addition to students, can sign up now at [http://thecolorrun.com/huntington/](http://thecolorrun.com/huntington/) and get $5 off the race entry fee with the code MARSHALL13.

Contact Michele Muth, Assistant Director of Marketing and Membership at the Marshall Recreation Center, ext, 6-2943, for more information or to volunteer.

Application process begins for Fall Graduate Scholarship Tuition Waivers

Applications are now being accepted for the Graduate Scholarship Tuition Waiver program for the fall 2013 semester, according to Dr. Donna Spindel, dean of the Graduate College. The program provides tuition assistance for a limited number of graduate students and Marshall University full-time faculty and staff employees.

Applicants must be currently admitted and enrolled in a graduate degree-granting or certificate program at Marshall. Up to three hours of waiver for graduate coursework will be awarded to qualified applicants. The waiver does not cover online courses.

The awarding of waivers is competitive and is made on the basis of academic achievement and promise, Spindel said. Beginning with the fall semester of 2013, students are eligible for one award in three consecutive semesters (i.e., a student who receives an award in fall 2013 is not eligible for another award until fall 2014; a student who receives an award in spring 2014 is not eligible for another award until Spring 2015; a student who receives an award in summer 2014 is not eligible for another award until summer 2015). In addition, beginning with the fall 2013 scholarship waiver period, students are limited to a maximum of four awards. Past awards do not apply.
Deadline for the applications is Friday, July 26. Applicants who are awarded waivers will be notified by e-mail. Waivers are posted to student accounts within 10 business days of approval and registration. Award recipients are responsible for any amount not covered by the waiver. Balances must be paid by the tuition/fee due date noted on the Bursar website at www.marshall.edu/bursar.

Applicants must be registered for graduate courses for fall 2013 by Friday, Aug. 9, in order to receive a waiver. Spindel said applicants are encouraged to register for classes at the same time they submit a waiver application. Waivers for students who are not registered by Aug. 9 will be assigned to other qualified applicants.

Applications are available in the Graduate College office (Old Main 113) on the Huntington campus, through a student’s academic department office on the South Charleston campus, or online at http://www.marshall.edu/graduate/forms/tuitionwaiverapplication.pdf. Completed waiver applications may be mailed, emailed, faxed or submitted in person.

For complete information please see: www.marshall.edu/graduate/graduate-scholarship-tuition-waiver/ or contact the Graduate College office at 6-6606.

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Reminder: STEAM camps continue next month

The Rahall Transportation Institute and the June Harless Center for Rural Educational Research and Development are offering a series of summer camps for students focused on S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) activities. Class sizes for each camp are limited so preregistration is required. The remaining camps include:

- **Experimenting with Science**, for children entering grades 3, 4 and 5, Monday, July 8 – Thursday, July 11, – 9 a.m. – noon in Jenkins Hall B7; cost, $100 per child.
- **Bee-Bot Into Beginning Robotics!** Children entering 1st and 2nd grades; Monday, July 22, – Thursday, July 25, 9 a.m. – noon, MUEE STEM Center, Corbly Hall 118; cost, $80 per child.

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Defense classes for women start July 12 at Rec Center

Campus Recreation and the Marshall police department are teaming up to offer R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) classes for women on Saturdays, July 12-Aug. 17 from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The classes will take place at the Marshall Rec Center, Studio B, at a cost of $35 for members and $50 for non-members.

Classes will be taught by certified MUPD officers. Educational components include lecture, discussion and physical resistive strategies. An objective of the program is to empower women to take charge of their personal safety.

Participants under 18 require parent/guardian consent at the first class meeting. The CONTACT Rape Crisis Center is also helping to promote this class. For additional information contact Heather Smith, Sr. Assistant Director, Fitness, Recreation Center, by e-mail at wyatt6@marshall.edu or telephone exts. 6-3653 or 6-4REC.

The next issue of We Are…Marshall will be distributed July 10, 2013. Please send any materials for consideration to Pat Dickson by noon, July 8.