Reminder: President’s open house is today

President Gilbert and members of the university’s senior management team will be hosting another of the informal monthly open houses today from 3 to 4 p.m.

The event will take place in the reception area of the Office of University Communications, 213 Old Main. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to attend to meet and talk with administrators about topics of their choice.

World Fusion Celebration continues today

The first World Fusion Celebration, hosted by the Office of Intercultural Affairs, continues today. This two-day event, which began yesterday, is bringing students together who come from different cultures, nations and religions, according to Maurice Cooley, associate vice president for intercultural affairs.

“Unity amongst culturally diverse groups is essential to establishing world peace and a true understanding of our world,” Cooley said. “Through World Fusion celebrations we hope to foster awareness and create an environment for meaningful intercultural exchanges among all of our students – no matter where they come from, what language they speak or whom they worship.”

World Fusion events will continue from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m today, with “World Fusion Day” on the Memorial Student Center plaza. Katie Pack, a pre-med graduate student in the Office of Intercultural Affairs, has served as an organizer for these events. Pack said admission is free to each of these activities and everyone is encouraged to attend. She said in case of rain, events will be held inside the Memorial Student Center.
Pack said the World Fusion celebrations are being held in conjunction with the Marshall University World Council, developed during the past year by the Office of Intercultural Affairs. The World Council is dedicated to giving American and international students the opportunity to learn from one another and grow. World Council currently consists of 12 national student organizations. Those interested in joining World Council may contact the Office of Intercultural Affairs.

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Open house for faculty, staff at President’s House termed a success

About 150 faculty and staff members visited the President’s House in Ritter Park Monday to view the recently renovated facility.

More information about the house is available online at www.marshall.edu/history-and-traditions/sample-page/historic-buildings-and-monuments/presidents-house.

The house’s first floor and grounds are available to the university community for receptions and meetings. People interested in using the house should contact Cora Pyles by e-mail to curtisc@marshall.edu for a request form.

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Marshall launches new, updated MUMobile application

Marshall has released a new version of the MUMobile application. The new app can be used to access the latest news and information from the university and delivers it to your hands through your mobile device.
MUMobile is available for free download in both the Apple App Store and Google Play. If you currently have the previous version of the app on your mobile device, simply update the app through your respective app store.

“We are committed to continue offering our students the best technology experience and we know that modern mobile applications are very important and heavily used by students nowadays,” said Edward Aractingi, assistant vice president of information technology and acting CIO.

“Marshall University is excited to release the new and improved mobile application designed with users in mind,” said Brent Maynard, director of enterprise applications at Marshall. “This improved app delivers more features than ever before with an enhanced browsing experience.”

The improved visual interface makes sorting through the content easier and allows the user to find important information such as news, phone numbers, campus buildings, sports scores and events more quickly, Maynard said.

The university’s Information Technology division contracted with Ellucian, a company that specializes in providing technology solutions and services to higher education institutions, to develop the application. The new MUMobile application will integrate seamlessly with the new myMU portal platform, expected later this summer.

Some available features include:

- **Latest News** – Easy access to important campus news and information.
- **Campus Map** – Explore the various campuses with an intuitive map including all academic and student buildings.
- **Campus Directory** – View important numbers and quickly search for faculty and staff contact information.
- **Event Calendar** – View events happening all across campus by category so you can be sure to find those that interest you most.
- **Athletics** – Get news, schedules and scores for all of your favorite Herd sports.
- **Students** – View important account information, course schedules, grades, library resources and more through single sign-on integration. Students will also be able to register for courses and access the MyMU Portal through the app by the start of the fall semester.
- **Social Media** – Easily access the official Marshall University social media accounts including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

The new app still serves not only the current and potential student community, but the university community as a whole, said Crystal Stewart, senior office administrator for information technology at Marshall.
“It can serve the purpose of providing access to student account information and course information, as well as provide alumni event information, potential students and visitors tour information and campus news to the community,” Stewart said. “If students wish to access their account information they only have to log in. Non-students do not need to log in to access all of the other features.”

Current students were involved in the app development and testing process by providing ideas and feedback.

“I really like that the app provides resources right at my fingertips,” said Kelsea Whaley, senior English Literature student. “I think future Marshall students will find the app beneficial when coming to campus, especially the campus tour and interactive map.”

Another student commented on the accessibility of student account information and website content.

“I like how accessible student schedule and information is and I like that you can access most of the website content through the app,” said Monica Stanwick, sophomore biological sciences student. “I also love how contact information is right at hand when you need it.”

More information can be found at [www.marshall.edu/mumobile](http://www.marshall.edu/mumobile) or by contacting Stewart at crystal.stewart@marshall.edu.

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**Omicron Delta Kappa seeks nominations of students by April 11**

Elizabeth Appell Sheets, Omicron Delta Kappa adviser, is requesting nominations for ODK, the National Leadership Honor Society, from deans, faculty, and staff.

In her request she noted, “We are now accepting nominations for Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society. To be eligible a student must be a junior, senior or graduate student, have high academic standing, and must show strong leadership ability.

As a member of the Marshall community, you have the opportunity to work with students on a daily basis. Undoubtedly, you know students deserving of this recognition, due to the accomplishments and contributions these students make to the Marshall community. Please provide names, ID numbers, e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of students you would like to see considered for this honor.”
Nominations should be emailed to Appell1@marshall.edu, no later than Monday, April 11.

“Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated,” Sheets said. “If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you, and receiving your nominations.”

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Southern Anthropological Society to meet in Huntington starting tomorrow

The 51st Annual Meeting of the Southern Anthropological Society will be held in Huntington beginning the evening of Thursday, April 7, and will run through Saturday, April 9, at the Big Sandy Convention Center, according to Dr. Brian A. Hoey, associate professor of sociology and anthropology, who is serving as conference and program chair.

With the theme of being publically engaged, locally committed applications of social and allied sciences, Hoey and his student interns have helped organize sessions, forums and special events that bring together a variety of interdisciplinary as well as non-academic interpretations. The object is to document processes of change at the local level and imagine possible futures for the places where individuals both live and work.

Beyond the “traditional” academic conference fare such as papers and posters, there are offerings that engage participants with the conference theme in informative ways. The dynamics of the meeting space will connect a wide range of academics and non-academics in an exchange of experiences, ideas, and plans that can lead to positive impact in communities. The online program is available on Marshall Digital Scholar and can be downloaded in PDF format, for offline viewing: http://mds.marshall.edu/sas_conference/2016.

Highlights of the conference include:

- A keynote address from Dr. Melinda Wagner, professor emeritus at Radford University, on “Celebrating the Local,” in which anthropologists will be asked to consider what makes them relevant at a time when many programs are threatened. This is part of the Keynote Banquet, which is a ticketed event.
- Research will be presented on such topics as creating diverse, integrative communities; youth leadership; addiction; social enterprise and the local food economy; local and global public health; and more.
- Workshops and panels on topics such as service learning and other topics to reinvigorate work both in and out of the classroom as well as local food hubs, historical preservation in a local, state, and federal regulatory environment, “smart growth” through application of social science-based evidence, and emerging water crises.
• Artwork prepared by Marshall College of Arts and Media capstone students that speak to the conference theme.
• Tours and field trips highlighting local examples of reinvention and reinvestment in the local including the Visual Arts Center, the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center and Heritage Farm and Museum.
• A downtown evening welcome by the Huntington community to all SAS attendees in the form of a “Sip, Shop and Stroll” celebration of the local revitalization.
• Live music and creative performances that express the conference theme.

Marshall student interns will act as hosts.

The SAS registration page is at southernanthro.org/membership. The SAS can be found on Twitter @southernanthro and using the hashtag #SAS2016WV.

Reminder: Amicus Curiae lecture series concludes for year tomorrow night

The Amicus Curiae Lecture Series, sponsored by the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy, will welcome its final lecturer of the year at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 7, in the Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall.

Dr. Frederick E. Hoxie will deliver the lecture, “If American Indians have rights in the United States, where did they come from? And what do they mean?” He will describe how a succession of Native American leaders, including lawyers, diplomats, writers and politicians, who, according to him, “forged a vision of American citizenship that could accommodate indigenous people and recognize their unique place in the nation’s history and political life.”
Reminder: Larry Wolfe to paint on the South Charleston campus tomorrow

Artist Larry Wolfe, whose paintings are being exhibited in the library of the South Charleston campus this semester, will share his artistic process and discuss his work with the public in a painting session scheduled on the lawn of the South Charleston campus tomorrow from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. He will work in the area behind the academic center.

In case of inclement weather, the location will be moved to the lobby of the academic center.
Marshall to host Earth Day Celebration; university groups encouraged to register by April 8

Marshall University’s Department of Sustainability will sponsor an Earth Day Celebration from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 20, on the Huntington campus. The department is currently searching for university organizations to host activities and information tables during the event.

Participation is free and a variety of workshops will be featured with green and sustainable learning opportunities, according to Capri Billings, event coordinator and education outreach assistant for the department.

“Visitors both young and old will be entertained and engaged,” Billings said. “Come celebrate the splendor, beauty and diversity of our planet, and help spread the environmental message of Earth Day. We invite local organizations, groups and businesses to join us. We want everyone to share their commitment to our planet, and promote real action that will create a stronger, healthier and happier community.”

To register for Marshall’s Earth Day Celebration, register online by Friday, April 8, at www.marshall.edu/sustainability/earth-day-2016. For more information about Marshall’s Earth Day Celebration, contact Billings by e-mail at holderby7@marshall.edu or by calling 304-690-5611.

MU Information Security Elevated Risk Advisory: Don’t get LOCKED out of your computer by RansomWare!

Jon Cutler, chief information security officer at Marshall, has issued the following information about ransomware.

Ransomware is a type of malicious software that infects computer systems, restricting users’ access to those systems. According to a recent security bulletin released by the U.S. Computer Emergency Response Team (US-CERT), “Ransomware is often spread through phishing emails that contain malicious attachments or through drive-by downloading. Drive-by downloading occurs when a user unknowingly visits an infected website and then malware is downloaded and installed without the user’s knowledge.”
Impact

Ransomware targets both institutional and home users and systems that become infected can lead to negative consequences, including:

- temporary or permanent loss of sensitive or proprietary information;
- disruption to regular operations;
- financial losses incurred to restore systems and files; and
- potential harm to an organization’s reputation.

Paying the ransom does not guarantee the encrypted files will be released; it only guarantees that the malicious actors receive the victim’s money, and in some cases, his or her banking information. In addition, decrypting files does not mean the malware infection itself has been removed. Infections can be devastating to an individual or organization, and recovery can be a difficult process that may require the services of a reputable data recovery specialist.

Solution

US-CERT and the Marshall Information Technology team recommend system users and administrators take the following preventive measures to protect their computers from ransomware infection:

**Back Up Your Data** – Perform and test regular data backups to limit the impact of data or system loss and to expedite recovery in the event of infection. NOTE: Ideally this data should be kept on a separate off-line device because an infected system can attempt to encrypt ALL attached storage (including network shares) to which the individual has write permissions.

**Update Your System Early and Often** – Ensure that your computer has the latest operating system and application updates. Systems running vulnerable software are targets of most attacks.

**Maintain Up-to-Date Anti-Virus Software** – Running current versions of anti-virus/anti-malware software with the latest virus definitions and scanning all Internet software downloads prior to their use.

**Avoid Enabling Macros on E-mail Attachments** – Currently Microsoft Office products will disable executable macros in files. Do not enable macros on unsolicited files from untrusted sources.

**ALWAYS be wary of unexpected e-mail messages (regardless of the apparent source) which include file attachments, web URL’s, or are written with a sense of urgency for you to provide computer passwords or reveal personal financial information.**

If you receive one of these messages…

Please protect yourself and your campus colleagues by following the principle of STOP-THINK-CONNECT:
• **STOP.** Do not act too quickly to open the attachment or follow an unsolicited URL. The criminal is counting on you responding quickly to the urgent nature of the message.

• **THINK.** Why did this person send me this file? Should I verify the sender before opening? Am I 100% confident that my system and data are protected should this attachment end up being malicious? If not, then perhaps you should simply delete the e-mail message.

• **CONNECT.** Get a second opinion from a co-worker and report the message to your department IT Service Provider or a member of the Marshall Information Technology team.

If you receive a suspicious looking e-mail message….

We ask that you take the following actions:

1. Please delete the message from your inbox if it is obviously fraudulent.
2. As long as you did not attempt to open the attachment, reply/click on the web link, or provide any personal information, no additional action is needed; however
3. If you attempted to open an attachment or visited a website where you submitted your username, password or other sensitive information, you should immediately contact the Marshall IT Service Desk at 304-696-3200 or itservicedesk@marshall.edu.

Protecting Yourself From E-mail Fraud (aka Phishing)

www.marshall.edu/it/departments/information-security/phishing-scams/

InfoSec Tip #7: Don’t Be Tricked

www.marshall.edu/it/training/infosec-tips-7/

Budget Work Group meets to continue work on FY 2017 budget

Marshall University’s Budget Work Group met on Tuesday, March 29. First, a list of the items that contributed to closing the budget gap for Fiscal Year 2016 was reviewed. The items included transfers from Athletics, Pharmacy and E-courses, additional revenue from INTO, academic vacancy savings and delayed hirings, and direct expenditure reductions, for a total of just over $2.6 million.

Gary White reviewed the situation with regard to the state budget and the Legislature. It is his opinion that there is a 50-50 chance of a budget being approved before the May primaries. Regardless of the status of the state budget, Marshall officials will
present a proposed budget to the board at the April Board of Governors meeting. It will be conservative, reflecting another possible reduction in state allocations.

Work on the FY2017 budget is continuing. Departmental requests have been received and are being reviewed. Some possibilities include a centralized funding source for graduate teaching assistants and printing. Submissions exceeded the FY16 budget, so review is being done to identify any duplications, items that could be delayed or items that may be appropriate for funding from Strategic Priorities, as they are items that are intended to generate revenue in future years so could be funded with reserves for FY17. The next Budget Work Group meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12.

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School of Medicine student has directorial debut with release of film

Medical student Ryan Clagg, whose undergraduate degree is in biology and film from Cornell University, has his first feature film directorial debut Saturday, April 9, with the showing of “Where is the Sun?” at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center.

The movie, written and directed by Clagg, centers on ordinary people with a genetic disorder that causes vampire-like tendencies. The affected individuals meet in a support group to cope with their lifestyle changes. The film chronicles their journey.

Clagg says the movie is a mix of genres, best described as a drama with elements of both comedy and horror. It was shot over the summer of 2013 in Huntington, Barboursville and Milton and edited by Clagg during his free time.

The movie, funded in part from crowd sourcing, has a volunteer cast including medical students and health care providers.

A suggested donation of $10 to see the movie debut will equally benefit the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Class of 2016 and the Keith Albee Performing Arts Center Foundation.

The film does contain adult themes, language and graphic imagery, which may not be suitable for children.

More information and updates, including a movie trailer, can be found at www.facebook.com/WhereIsTheSunMovie

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Tennis and Softball teams at home as spring continues

Thundering Herd Tennis hosts the Cincinnati Bearcats on Friday at 1 p.m. Softball welcomes Charlotte on April 9 and 10 for Little League Day and Lil’ Sis Day at Dot Hicks Field. For more information, visit HerdZone.com.

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‘Empty Bowls’ event to benefit Facing Hunger Foodbank April 15

Among Marshall University ceramics students, Huntington Museum of Art contributions and local potters, more than a thousand handcrafted bowls will be for sale Friday, April 15, during Huntington’s 13th annual Empty Bowls.

From 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., the public is invited to peruse bowls in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church. Each Empty Bowl costs $15, includes a modest lunch and pays forward a 90-meal buying power to Facing Hunger Foodbank.

To date, the local movement has provided more than one million meals to food-insecure men, women and children in the food bank’s 17-county service area across West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky.

Parking for Empty Bowls is available at the rear of the church at 1015 5th Ave. An elevator makes the event accessible. Tax deductible donations are accepted by cash or check to Christian Associates. For more information, visit www.marshall.edu/emptybowls or www.facebook.com/huntingtonemptybowls.

Huntington’s Empty Bowls is made possible by Marshall University, the Keramos Potters Guild, the Huntington Museum of Art, First Presbyterian Church, Christian Associates, B’nai Sholom Congregation, Coca-Cola Inc., and the donations received from many local restaurants, bakeries, churches, organizations and individuals.

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Autism Awareness Month highlighted by training for ‘allies’

April is National Autism Awareness Month and on Wednesday, April 20, co-facilitators Hillary Adams and Jackie Clark will provide Allies Supporting Autism Spectrum Diversity training from 10 to 11 a.m. in Drinko Library 402.

To register for this free training, visit www.marshall.edu/atc/asasd-training.

The West Virginia Autism Training Center’s Allies Supporting Autism Spectrum Diversity (ASASD) project champions efforts to inform and educate individuals or groups who wish to provide a safe and accepting environment for individuals living with Autism Spectrum Disorder, said Adams, who is a student support specialist in the College Program for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

“Our mission is to advocate diversity and promote understanding in order to support and develop awareness,” she said. “ASASD has a primary focus of working with college campus faculty, staff, and organizations to serve and create awareness regarding individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder. We want to enable campuses to deepen their support by enhancing understanding of the disorder, discover strategies known to be helpful and create welcoming spaces to foster development. This project provides training and technical assistance to help develop individual or group ability to provide a safe and welcoming space for individuals with ASD. Trained allies will promote understanding and acceptance of individuals with ASD in their professional and personal lives in order to spread the ally mentality.”

Rec Center to offer lifeguard certification this month

The Marshall Recreation Center is offering a Lifeguard Certification class for anyone who wants a certification for the first time or for those who are renewing their certification. The course will train participants in all the skills and techniques needed to become a certified lifeguard.

Two sessions of the class will be offered. The first session will be April 15-17 and the second will be April 29-May 1. Times for the class are the same for each session: Friday, 4 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The class fee is $180 for Rec Center members and $240 for non-members.
A pre-course swim test will be given at the beginning of the class. If a registered participant does not pass the pre-course swim tests, he or she will not be able to continue the course and will not be given a refund. The prerequisites include swimming 300 yards continuously, treading water for at least two minutes and retrieving a 10-pound brick from the bottom of the pool and swimming 20 yards with it.

At the end of the class participants must take a skills and written test and receive a passing score to successfully complete the class.

Attendance is mandatory for all sessions and a bathing suit, towel and whistle must be brought to each class. Lunch breaks will be given on Saturday and Sunday. Participants must be at least 15 years old on or before the final scheduled session of the course.

For more information on the requirements for the swim test and to register, go to the Recreation Center or visit [www.marshallcampusrec.com](http://www.marshallcampusrec.com) online. Class size is limited.

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**Marshall Artists Series to present ‘Once’ April 26**

“Once,” winner of eight Tony Awards,® including Best Musical, and winner of the Grammy Award for Best Musical Theater Album will play the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. to close out this season of the Marshall Artists Series.

The musical is based on the 2007 Academy Award-winning Irish independent film of the same name. It features an impressive ensemble of actor/musicians who play their own instruments on stage. It’s the tale of a Dublin street musician who is about to give up on his dream when a beautiful young woman takes a sudden interest in his love songs. As the chemistry between them grows, his music soars to new heights, but their unlikely connection turns out to be deeper and more complex than an everyday romance.

Ashland, Kentucky, native Steve Kazee starred in the lead role in “Once” on Broadway when it debuted, winning a Tony Award for Best Performance by a Leading Actor in a Musical and a Grammy Award for Best Musical Theatre Album.

“‘Once’ uses song and dance in a way I’ve never experienced in an American musical,” the New York Times said. And “‘Once’ is unusually fun and heartfelt musical theatre. The cast is on fire!” wrote the New Yorker.
“Once,” which was also named Best Musical by the New York Drama Critics’ Circle, Drama Desk, Drama League, Outer Critics Circle and Lucille Lortel Awards, ran for more than 1,100 performances on Broadway with international productions from London and Melbourne to Japan and South Korea.

For ticket information, contact the Artists Series box office at ext.6-6656, or visit the box office located in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse. The hours are Monday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m.


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Five to be inducted into the Marshall University School of Journalism and Mass Communications Hall of Fame

Five graduates of the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications (SOJMC) are being inducted into the school’s Hall of Fame this fall.

Dr. Charles Bailey, Mike Cherry, Jody Jividen, Chad Pennington and Peter Ruest will be inducted officially during a Sept. 23 ceremony.

“The five alumni being honored each have left their own unique marks on mass communications,” said Chris Dickerson, president of the SOJMC Alumni Advisory Council, which handled the nomination process. “They all are quite deserving of this honor.”

Bailey is a 1974 SOJMC bachelor’s graduate and a 1985 master’s graduate. He is a professor in the SOJMC and faculty manager of WMUL-FM. Under his guidance, the radio station and its student broadcasters have won nearly 1,600 awards since 1985. He is a member of the West Virginia Broadcasting Hall of Fame and has been given the Lifetime Achievement Award from the West Virginia Associated Press Broadcasters Association.

Cherry, a 1980 SOJMC graduate, was an award-winning sportswriter who worked for the Charleston Gazette, the Charleston Daily Mail and for Florida Today. For most of his career in West Virginia, he covered Marshall and West Virginia University sports. He also worked in the Marshall Athletic Department after graduation and later freelanced for The Sporting News. He died of cancer in 2010 at the age of 54.

Jividen, a 1981 SOJMC graduate, was an award-winning sportswriter for the Charleston Daily Mail. He covered everything from high school sports to Marshall and West Virginia University athletics to the 1996 Summer Olympics. He later became sports editor and city editor of the paper. He died of cancer in 2002 at the age of 44.
Pennington is a 2000 SOJMC graduate. He is best known as a standout quarterback for the Marshall Thundering Herd and for his time in the NFL with the New York Jets and Miami Dolphins. But the Rhodes Scholar finalist spent a season as an NFL analyst for Fox Sports. He also has helped the university raise millions of dollars through the Vision Campaign for Athletics, and he has helped the Tri-State area through his 1st and 10 Foundation.

Ruest is a 1997 SOJMC graduate. He currently is vice president and account director at Energy BBDO, a leading advertising and marketing company. He previously worked at Young & Rubicam as well as Wieden + Kennedy. He has worked on campaigns for Wrigley, Sears, Nike and many others.

Inductees must be graduates of the SOJMC program, but there are two other criteria in order to be nominated:

- Contribution(s) to Journalism and Mass Communications as a profession. The nominee has made a contribution to the profession of journalism or has made a positive impact upon the profession.
- Contribution(s) to Marshall University and/or the SOJMC. The nominee, either through talent, treasure or activity, has made an outstanding impact upon Marshall University and/or the SOJMC Department.

More details about the Sept. 23 induction ceremony will be released at a later date.

The next regular issue of We Are...Marshall will be distributed April 13, 2016. Please send items for consideration to Pat Dickson by 5 p.m. Monday, April 11.

To read the content of this newsletter online, please click on the following link: http://www.marshall.edu/wamnewsletter/april-6-2016