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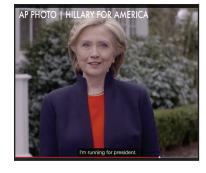
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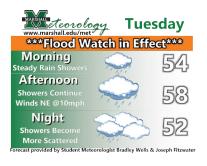


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City council approves HPD purchase, budget amendments

By LEXI BROWNING

THE PARTHENON

Huntington City Council passed a resolution authorizing an equipment purchase for the Huntington Police Department and approved the 2015-2016 fiscal year's budget revisions Monday during its biweekly meeting at City

HPD will purchase a Morphtrak fingerprint and palm print scanner to transmit data faster than the traditional mailing method.

"The system that we're seeking is compatible with our five existing portable fingerprint scanner units," Huntington Police Chief Joe Ciccarelli said. "It's also compatible with the state's system. It will allow us, for the first time, to electronically transmit fingerprints to the FBI."

Ciccarelli said one scanner will be maintained for juveniles.

Huntington Mayor Steve Williams said the budget revisions will provide additional funding for public works and internal adjustments

"In short, \$500,000 from contingency to put money in the paving budget for the paving we're doing right now, it's putting money toward that," Williams said. "\$150,000 is moved to



Deren Runyon, finance director of the City of Huntington, announces the budget revisions made to the fiscal year 2015-2016 Monday at City Hall.

motor pool, and then there was money moved out of the landfill closure account to the deficit in the Sanitation Department."

Deron Runyon, finance director of for the annual Earth Day celebration

the City of Huntington, said the revisions will leave \$900,000 open in the general fund.

The mayor also announced plans

from noon to 6 p.m. April 22. Activities will include tree planting, a stroll on the Paul Ambrose Trail to Health (PATH) and rain barrel demonstrations.

The council recognized Cabell County's award of the Community Assessment and Education to Promote Behavioral Health Planning and Evaluation (CAPE II) innovative grant. Cabell County was one of four areas selected nationally to receive the grant.

The grant operates in two phases: early indicators and intervention. Kerri Steele, assistant professor of Criminal Justice at West Virginia State University, said by program definition the term "early" had no correlation to age.

Lynn Ormiston, program coordinator of the Cabell County Substance Abuse Prevention Partnership, said she is eager to see what the grant will do for the community.

"We see this as a win-win for everybody for all of us as partners," Ormiston said, "but also for our community as a whole."

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Globe trotting and inspiring lives

Basketball was my release, kind of my stress reliever. I could just do it for forever. It's a good thing for the kids to be able to see somebody who was in their seat at one time and know they're able to overcome whatever obstacles they have. They can make it through it.

By MALCOLM WALTON

THE PARTHENON

The Harlem Globetrotters' finessedunking forward Julian "Zeus" McClurkin has emerged as one of its most popular players during his time with the team. While McClurkin, who has visited 14

countries since joining the Globetrotters, has a jam-packed schedule, he is never too busy to meet the kids who look up to him and admire his jaw-dropping athleticism. Last month, McClurkin visited the A.D.

Lewis Community Center in Huntington to speak with local kids about the importance of hard work and self-determination.

more on sports >>>

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IN YOUR POCKET?

By KARIMA NEGHMOUCHE

THE PARTHENON

Thrift shopping isn't a new trend, but Marshall University students said it is a great way to find some old ones.

Marshall student Jessica Hutchinson said she has been thrift shopping for years, and often shops at Goodwill.

"I've been thrift shopping regularly since I have been old enough to shop for my own clothes," Hutchinson said. "It helps me save a lot of money, so I can splurge on something else. Plus, it's so much fun. It's like a treasure hunt."

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PROWL ministry changes name to UKirk

By MALCOLM WALTON

THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's PROWL ministry recently changed its name to UKirk as a collective decision by local Presbyterian churches.

PROWL stood for People Reaching Out with Love since its origin on Marshall's campus in the '70s.

UKirk means University Church. The 'U' stands for University, while 'Kirk' comes from the Scottish word for church.

The foundation is a not-for-profit organization that helps support Presbyterian campus ministries at state colleges and universities throughout West Virginia.

UKirk is supported by The Westminster Foundation of

Ellen Dawson, UKirk's campus minister since January, said during her first meeting with the representatives from the local Presbyterian churches they collectively decided to change the name.

"The name was established over 30 years ago," Dawson said. "The students that were part of the ministry said they were wanting to change the name because of the acronym. PROWL just didn't seem welcoming. And the students said it was hard to explain it and break it down to others. It also marked that we were new and doing some new things."

Senior Marjorie McCoy, member of UKirk, said the initiatives it offers is not only beneficial to the community, but to its members as well.

"The one we did recently was the breakfast burritos with the Burritos Riders in Huntington," McCoy said. "They ride their bicycles around and give burritos to homeless people. So, we helped make the burritos for them. We all just thought that this was something that really benefits our community, so we wanted to help pitch in. And it felt really great to help out."

While service initiatives are an important part of what shall.edu.

UKirk offers, its main purpose is to help make a difference on Marshall's campus.

"We want to make an impact on students' lives," Dawson said. "And just the fact that we're rebuilding, it's really a benefit to any student that joins because they will have a voice in what this ministry looks like. I want to involve students and their opinions and their backgrounds into rebuilding this ministry."

McCoy said her time with the ministry has made a big difference in her life.

"It's been great," McCoy said. "Our group has always included a lot of different people from different faith backgrounds. And we try to make a point of including everyone that comes. We always have great discussions in a small group atmosphere. So instead of going to some big worship thing every week, it's nice to have a smaller group to talk about our faith in a free and open environment.

Dawson said the ministry has six members, but it is looking to grow.

"We're small, but mighty," Dawson said. "We want to invite people in, and we really think that because we do a rotation during each month—a Bible study one week, a worship service the next, a service project after that and then fellowship—we really think it's inviting to students. It's unique and it's unlike the other ministries on campus. We don't do the same things every week. And I think it's also easier for students to come on nights when we're all watching a movie or a night when we're doing a service project. It's easier to walk into something like that than it is to walk into Bible study or a worship service. And we're hoping that happens."

UKirk has weekly meetings 8:30 p.m. Mondays at in the Campus Christian Center.

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UKirk member Marjorie McCoy make burritos for Burrito Riders, a Huntington group that rides their bikes around the city and gives burritos to the homeless.

Enhanced security to remain in place for Boston Marathon

By BOB SALSBERG

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Enhanced security measures will remain in place for next Monday's Boston Marathon, the second since the deadly 2013 bombing at the finish line of the iconic race, authorities said.

"This plan will look very much like the plan that was in effect last year," said Kurt Schwartz,

Massachusetts' undersecretary for homeland security, at a briefing Monday at the state's emergency management headquarters.

As was the case for the 2014 race, the first since twin bombs hidden in backpacks killed three people and injured more than 260 others, the anticipated 1 million spectators along the 26.2 mile course were being strongly urged to put personal belongings in clear plastic bags and avoid bringing backpacks, other large bags or coolers to the race.

Security checkpoints will be in place in key locations such as the finish line area and the start line in Hopkinton, officials said.

One new wrinkle: Police are warning against the use of any drones or model aircraft.

"The entire course this year will be a no-drone zone," said Col. Timothy Alben, commander of the Massachusetts state police. He added that while drones have not been an issue in the past, they have been seen at other large public events around the

country and have attracted the attention of security officials.

There were no known threats of any kind against Monday's race, authorities stressed.

The 2015 race comes less than two weeks after Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was convicted by a federal jury on 30 counts related to the bombing and subsequent events including the fatal

shooting of a police officer. The sentencing phase of the trial, in which federal prosecutors will seek the death penalty, is scheduled to begin the day after the marathon.

Authorities did not ask U.S. District Court Judge George O'Toole to delay the sentencing phase until after the marathon, Alben said.

The judge said in a written order that the

defense had requested more time to resolve logistical issues with potential witnesses.

Massachusetts officials described the enhanced security procedures for the marathon as "reasonable and commonsense guidelines," not meant to detract from a family friendly Boston tradition nor discourage anyone from coming out to watch and cheer the runners on.

"I don't know if it's a new normal," said Schwartz when asked if he expected to new guidelines to be permanent. "We're just focused on next Monday."

Officials said they expected public cooperation with security measures to be equally strong as a

Tom Grilk, executive director of the Boston Athletic Association, said about 30,000 runners were registered for Monday's event, down from last year's expanded field of 36,000 that included anyone who had been unable to finish the 2013 marathon due to the bombing.

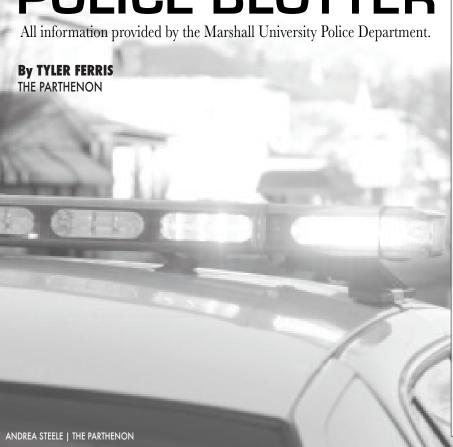
The BAA, which organizes the race, planned to continue its crackdown from a year ago on unregistered runners who jump on to the course.

Often referred to as "bandit" runners, they can present "a very legitimate security anxiety for everybody who is both watching the race and in the race," Grilk said.



In this April 21, 2014 file photo, a Boston Police K-9 officer and his dog patrol with a National Guardsman, rear right, along Commonwealth Avenue near the finish line of the 118th Boston Marathon in Boston. Enhanced security measures will remain in place for the 119th Boston Marathon to be run Monday. It will be the second race since the deadly 2013 bombings at the finish line. AP PHOTO | ROBERT F. BUKATY | FILE

POLICE BLOTTER



Grand Larceny

A Microsoft Surface Pro 3 was taken between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. March 25. The computer is valued at \$1,264. MUPD has no suspects.

Possession with Intent to Deliver

MUPD responded to a disturbance April 2 in Marshall University's Twin Towers East. Police recovered 48 tabs of what was believed to be acid from a male resident. The student was charged with narcotic possession with intent to deliver.

Larceny

A wallet was taken April 4 near the John Marshall statue on campus. The male victim said he laid the wallet down while shooting video nearby. When he returned, the wallet was gone. MUPD has no suspects.

Larceny

A Mongoose bicycle was taken from a bike rack April 5 in front of the Freshman North Residence Hall. The victim said the bicycle lock was found cut. The bike was valued at \$120. MUPD recovered the bicycle.

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FAFSA deadline approaches

The deadline for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid for West Virginia residents is April 15.

"Our preferred deadline is March 1, so if we have any extra money those people would get that extra money first because they applied first," said Jean Ann Bevans, assistant director of Student Financial Assistance.

Bevans said students are welcome to come into the office for any financial help they require.

"We help students complete their FAFSA day-byday in the office," Bevans said. "The biggest thing was College Goal Sunday in February, there is a big push to get it done that day because it's before

According to the Federal Student Aid website, the West Virginia Higher Education Grant Program application deadline is April 15.

The FAFSA can be completed online.

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Globetrotters' Zeus gives positive message to local kids

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Huntington Mayor Steve Williams said he hoped the kids from the community took away the positive message McClurkin offered them.

"I look at these kids and I know some are saying 'I'm going to be him one day," Williams said. "Zeus is a great ambassador, and I'm thrilled he's taken the time to not only come to Huntington but to come to the A.D. Lewis Community Center as well."

McClurkin said visiting community centers like the A.D. Lewis brings back special memories from his childhood.

"I came to community centers just like this when I was younger," McClurkin said. "I used to play in here for hours, upon hours, upon hours. Basketball was my release, kind of my stress reliever. I could just do it for forever. So, it's a good thing for the kids to be able to see somebody who was in their seat at one time and know they're able to overcome whatever obstacles they have. They can make it through it."

Antonio Thompson, a local sixth grader, said getting to meet McClurkin was an experience he will not forget.

"It sounds like he went through a lot of the same things me and my friends kind of go through now, like with school and sports," Thompson said. "It makes me think if he was able to do it then so can I. You just can't give up."

McClurkin knows all about overcoming obstacles—he was cut from every basketball team he tried out for from seventh grade through 10th grade.

After finally getting the opportunity to play his last two years of high school basketball, McClurkin secured a spot on a Division II college team. However, after the arrival of a new head coach, he was once again cut from his team.

While most may have decided to walk away from the game at that point, McClurkin said he kept fighting for his life-long dream. He would enrolled at North Carolina A&T State and walked on the basketball team, where he finished his college career.

McClurkin eventually landed on the Globetrotters' radar after playing for several professional teams, including teams based

During the disparaging times, McClurkin said motivation was

the key.

"My motivation was everybody that told me I couldn't do it," McClurkin said. "And there were a lot of people that said I couldn't. My older brother also motivated me. He played basketball and he was great at it. I wanted to be just like him when I grew up. Obviously, I wasn't the best, but there was a place for me here in this world. I was just this happy-go-lucky kid who loved to play, and the Globetrotters love people who love to smile and love to dunk, so it's the perfect marriage."

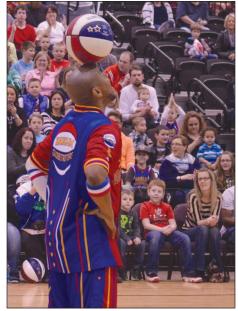
McClurkin said there are many rewarding opportunities off the basketball court that come with being a member of the Globetrotters.

"Besides traveling the world, I would say the best part is putting smiles on kids' faces, really feeling like you're doing something special," McClurkin said. "I don't know any other professional team that gets a chance to visit these kinds of places on a consistent basis. We're playing over 310 games this year in over 250 cities. And in every single one of those cities, we're going to be visiting schools, visiting children hospitals and visiting community centers like this one."

McClurkin, who still remembers watching the Globetrotters on television as a kid, said he never could have dreamed he would one day be a member of the historic team.

"The first time I saw them was actually on Scooby-Doo," McClurkin said. "I didn't realize it was a basketball team. I just remember seeing these guys that looked like me and I thought they were some sort of superheroes. So, the first time I did see them play, I saw the reception that they got, especially in areas like Huntington. Everywhere they go they're the hometown team, and I wanted to be a part of that. And

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Player of the week: TJ Diffenderfer

POSITION: FIRST BASE CLASS: RS SENIOR HOMETOWN: MOUNT JULIET, TENNESSEE



By BRADLEY HELTZEL THE PARTHENON

Diffenderfer served as the offensive catalyst for the Herd in its series victory over Charlotte this past weekend. In the 3-game series, Diffenderfer went an impressive 6-10 from the plate while knocking in five

total RBIs. With the series tied at one game apiece heading into Sunday's game, Diffenderfer turned into a deciding performance, going 2-4 notching four RBIs off a double and a triple.

Diffenderfer has arguably been the Herd's most productive player this season, providing dialed-in hitting at plate offensively, while also offering pristine efficiency defensively. Diffenderfer has managed a .342 batting average this season, the highest mark on the team of anyone with 60 or more at bats. His 41 total hits rank second on the team, while his 20 RBIs and 12 extra base hits lead the team. As impressive as Diffenderfer's hitting statistics

are, he's making an impact offensively even when he isn't making contact. He has battled opposing pitchers into submission, registering a team-high 19 walks en route to his .431 on base percentage. Defensively, Diffenderfer's fielding from the first-base position has been exceptional this season, totaling 273 putouts against just three errors for a .990 fielding percentage.

"I was just able to get pitches up and put good swings on them," Diffenderfer said. "The guys in front of me did a good job getting on base so I could have opportunities to get them home."

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Women won't vote for Clinton just because she's a woman

In fact, its sexist for you even to think that they would

Hillary Clinton officially announced that she is running for president Sunday with a YouTube video posted on her website and Twitter.

Clinton went very broad with her appeal in the video, featuring single moms, immigrants, a gay couple, young college graduates, older retirees and new families, pretty much encompassing everyone in America.

Naturally, due to the bipartisan structure of American politics, Hillary is receiving a lot of flack. More importantly, so are her supporters.

Social media has blown up

things like "You're just voting for her because she's a woman."

Just because women everywhere are showing support for Hillary doesn't mean they are voting for her based on the fact that she is a woman. Would the same women vote for Sarah Palin for president? Likely not, as the two candidates have very distinctly different takes on many

A similar thing happened when Obama ran for president as white people everywhere claimed that all the black

with Hillary haters, saying people were voting for Obama iust because he is black, which is funny because there were probably many people voting for John McCain because he isn't black.

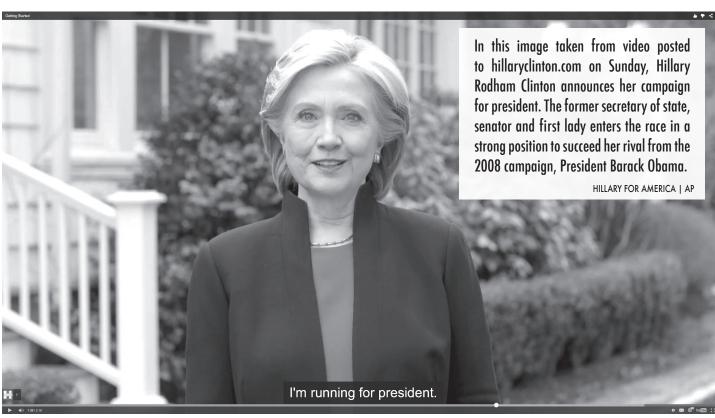
> Just like how there are probably many people out there not voting for Hillary because she is a woman.

No one would accuse a man of voting for Hillary "just because she's a woman." Accusing women of doing so grossly discredits a woman's ability to make a decision. The argument sounds like it is coming from people who would probably be on the

opposite side of the women's suffrage movement.

There are many reasons women are showing support for Hillary, one being the fact that she is very pro-woman in her stances on women's issues. If a man were to have the same stances, he would have the same support from women.

Voting for a candidate based on a superficial aspect of their being like gender or race is not the best way to choose no matter who is running. Examining the issues is the only way to choose what candidate to vote



Back up your files before you regret it

Your computer is bogged down, and there are things on it you can't afford to lose

By AMANDA GIBSON

COLUMNIST

I am so bad about backing up my computer. I have a flash drive where I keep pictures and another I use for important files for school, but by no means do these two flash drives hold everything I have on my computer. I have enough photos to fill three photo albums and enough half-baked attempts at novels to fill a library. With all this stuff, you would think every once in a while I would back up my files, especially my photos, but I never do, and it is a terrible habit.

I am terrified of my computer suddenly crashing even as I am typing this column, I can imagine my computer suddenly emitting sparks and the screen going black and pixelated. My computer is old, needless to say, and the amount of stuff I have on it probably does not help, but I have two problems. My first problem is I have convinced myself that everything on my computer is valuable to me, even the three-page chapter of a novel I tried to write three summers ago. My second problem is that I get too distracted while trying to sort through my files to actually find the ones that are important. Wedged between all the pictures of my little sister and my dog,

were pretty and buildings I thought were interesting. All those pictures that don't mean anything now, have left me muddling through my computer, trying to find the files worth keeping, and the ones that are just lugging my hard drive down.

Going through your computer every once in a while is a good idea, it allows you to start fresh with an

AP PHOTO | GOOGLE

are pictures of flowers I thought second goal is backing up your most important files. Backing up your photos and files on a flash drive or external hard drive allows you to breathe easier when your computer gets older or when you accidentally send a folder to the recycling bin.

Now that we are nearing the end of the semester, you probably have a lot more important documents on your computer. Files for final projects and final papers are probably collecting on your hard drive, and those are things you do not want to lose. The 10page research paper you have been working on for two weeks, or two hours, will not be such an accomplishment if your computer crashes at the last minute or you accidently delete it. A catastrophe like this can be avoided if you copy your files to a flash drive or, at least, save your files in two places. A great way to make your files virtually impossible from being lost is saving them in a cloud like Google Docs. Saving your files in a cloud gives you a way not only to backup your files in a reliable place, but it also makes your files portable and accessible on any computer. Google

Docs even has an app, so you can access your documents on your smartphone.

For right now, I am just going to concentrate on backing up my final projects in two places, but later this summer I am going to try to clean up my entire

computer. And if your computer is like mine, I would highly suggest doing the same thing...that way you can put more stuff on it next semester!

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A toddler disc jockey fascinates South African fans



In this Monday, April 6, 2015 photo, two-year-old Oratilwe Hlongwane, also known as DJ AJ to his fans, plays with the buttons and knobs of a sophisticated music system in control of the beat of the bass-heavy house music at his Alexandra home in Johannesburg. The toddler is already able to select and play music from a laptop and has become a viral phenomenon on South Africa's social media. PHOTOS BY DENIS FARRELL | AP PHOTO



In this Monday, April 6, 2015 photo, two-year-old Oratilwe Hlongwane, also known as DJ AJ to his fans, takes a break while playing with the buttons and knobs of a sophisticated music system in control of the beat of the bass-heavy house music at his Alexandra home in Johannesburg. The toddler is already able to select and play music from a laptop and has become a viral phenomenon on South Africa's social media.

By LYNSEY CHUTEL

ASSOCIATED PRESS

At first it seems like a fluke — a 2-year-old playing with the knobs and buttons of a sophisticated music system. Yet, the tiny boy is in control of the big beat of the bass-heavy house music. He is South Africa's youngest disc jockey, DJ AJ.

At a shopping mall appearance, a crowd gathers around the young boy as he bops his head to the beat, his large headphones slipping off. Adults whip out their cellphones to capture the moment while children just stare.

Oratilwe Hlongwane is still learning to put together words but the toddler is already able to select and play music from a laptop and has become a viral phenomenon on South Africa's social media.

His mother, Refiloe Marumo, credits his father's decision to buy an iPad for his then unborn son. Glen Hlongwane planned to download educational apps to speed up his child's education. Hlongwane, a gymnastics coach and aspiring DJ, also downloaded a disc jockeying app for himself.

At about a year old, DJ AJ learned how to manipulate

the gadget. Not satisfied with number recognition games, he began to fiddle with his father's DJ app.

The parents were blown away when their son, still in diapers, repeated what he had learned on the app on actual DJ equipment, playing with sound effects and bouncing between songs. A cellphone video of him playing went viral and now DJ AJ has nearly 25,000 Facebook fans.

His newfound fame has brought special appearances and sponsorship deals many older DJs dream of.

But celebrity has also brought some criticism as some accused his parents of abuse and profiting from their child's precocious ability.

"I'm not going to exploit my kid," said his father. DJ AJ's parents will not allow him to play in clubs or at parties.

Hlongwane and Marumo are adamant that they will not force their son to be a DJ when he grows up, but say they believe his affinity for electronic equipment will probably decide his future.

Hlongwane said: "I can see a future Bill Gates here."



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I'm in the Marching Thunder.

What do you play?

I'm in the front ensemble.

What does that mean?

The keyboards up front; there are keyboards and bongos and drums up front.

Have you been able to travel at all through that?

We went to Boca Raton, Florida, this year. It was a long trip. What was the best part of the trip?

We got to go to the beach for like an hour and a half.



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Jessica Hutchinson wears an outfit comprised of only thrifted clothing

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Marshall student Krista Black said thrift shopping is better than going to the mall and buying the same clothes everyone is wearing.

"Thrift shopping gives you a more eclectic variety of items as compared to chain stores where there's copies of each item," Black said. "Thrift store items are more interesting because they're all different, and they all have their own little bit of history."

Hutchinson said she found some of her favorite pieces at Goodwill.

"I have found some incredible pieces at Goodwill," Hutchinson said. "I found a vintage Patagonia fleece at the Milton Goodwill once, and today I found an amazing black Calvin Klein dress. In high school, I got my winter formal dress at Goodwill. I find Ralph Lauren tops all the time."

Thrift shops also have records, art, household appliances, DVDs

"I have been thrift shopping since middle school because I was all about '80s fashion as a kid," Hutchinson said. "I was always looking for oversized windbreakers and ugly, colorful sweaters. Then, in high school I went on an ugly Christmas sweater kick and found enough at thrift shops to wear a different one every day in December. Luckily, my style has changed since then, but it just proves that thrift shops have something for everyone's style."

Thrift shopping is a way to get expensive items at a fraction of

the cost.

Hutchinson said there are tips to bargain shopping.

"Look for pieces that look expensive," Hutchinson said. "Find the name brands and scoop them up. Always try things on before you buy them since there are no refunds. Save on things you won't wear every day, like a blouse and splurge on things you will use everyday, like a bag or shoes."

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