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FRESH CUISINE POPS-UP ON HUNTINGTON STREETS



Owner Nicholas Taylor (left) stands beside his mobile kitchen at a recent engagement party the business catered.

COURTESY OF FAIR TO MIDDLIN'

By **JOCELYN GIBSON**
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Hard work means hearty eating—something new business owner Nicholas Taylor aims to accommodate with his pop-up restaurant and catering service Fair to Middlin'.

"There's definitely a desire for street food. There's a need for street food," Taylor. "What we're doing with Fair to Middlin' is providing an experience completely unexpected. You wouldn't expect to go up to a food cart on Fourth Avenue in the middle of the night and find fine dining but that's what I want to do."

Fair to Middlin' will serve customers Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. during Go Skate Day presented by Harris Riverfront Skate Park.

"Go Skate Day will be a sort of soft opening for us, and our hopes are to have a grand opening in July," Taylor said.

Currently, Fair to Middlin' is operating as a pop-up restaurant serving a late-night menu in metered parking lots like that of local bar The Lantern and providing catering for private events.

Taylor's goal for the business is to set up in parking lots near local businesses Tuesday through Friday to serve a five-item menu that changes weekly to people on their lunch breaks.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday night, the plan is to set up in parking lots along Fourth Avenue to serve a late-night menu. His plans also include Saturday evening dinner at the Ritter Park

Amphitheater and brunch on Sunday mornings by the fountain in Ritter Park.

A series of events in Taylor's life led him to the creation of Fair to Middlin'. He graduated culinary school in Lexington from Sullivan University and moved to Pittsburgh where he worked at a gastropub (a pub specializing in high-end food) called Meat & Potatoes for about a year.

He moved back to Lexington and worked on a food truck there called The Gastro Gnomes for a while before deciding to move home to Huntington about four months ago. It was working at The Gastro Gnomes that Taylor said instilled in him a love of street food.

Back in Huntington he found work as a chef, but said, in an already full kitchen, didn't feel like he was doing enough to make it worth staying there. He wanted to do his own thing and friends urged him to do it in Huntington, so Fair to Middlin' was born.

The name of the business is homage to Taylor's grandfather who owned Gladwell Pharmacy in Huntington for about 50 years. According to Taylor, his grandfather was dedicated to the community and a strong supporter of local business and it felt right to name the restaurant for him.

"I grew up in the store and was raised by grandfather," Taylor said. "Any time you asked him how he was doing he would say, 'Fair to middlin.' He left a legacy and it's kind of just carrying on what he had originally done."

Taylor's grandfather inspired the name, but it says something about the cuisine, too.

"Also, it's just kind of fun because 'fair to middlin' just means right in the middle, but I feel like my food is better than that," Taylor said. "But we are a food cart, so it's nothing fancy by any means, but it brings an Appalachian feel to it."

The food is described as "a fresh take on Appalachian cuisine" but Taylor doesn't want to pigeonhole what the possibilities for Appalachian cuisine could be. Some of the most popular items from Fair to Middlin' are its specialty tacos and a variation on chicken and waffles.

"There's not really Appalachian cuisine, but I am hoping my menus are what becomes Appalachian cuisine," Taylor said. "I will be sourcing everything locally. Specifically, all of my produce will come from the farmer's market. I am hoping to build a repertoire with local farmers and get local pig, local cow."

Taylor said he hopes Fair to Middlin' will be the start of a food revolution in Huntington and lead to other pop-up businesses.

"I do believe that food can change and make a city better," he said. "I believe that this is a true food revolution. It's bringing food to unexpected locals and providing it in a way that is almost like you stepped into an alternate universe. There's a lot to do in this city if we make it happen. We have a lot going on and this can get better. I think it's time for the younger crowd to really step it up with their local businesses."

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Search for Marshall president continues after initial interviews

By **BRITANIE MORGAN**
NEWS EDITOR

The search for Marshall University's 37th president is back at square one. After narrowing down the nearly 60 applicants to 6 semifinalists, Board of Governors Chairman Michael G. Sellards said they have decided to continue the search.

"Each candidate brought desirable attributes to the table and we were pleased with the overall quality," Sellards said. "In the final analysis, we decided to keep the search going."

Caring for the memory of Dr. Stephen J. Kopp is a top priority for the search committee.

"The tragedy the entire university community suffered when Dr. Kopp passed away is still not entirely behind us and we want to take just that much more care to ensure we are moving ahead in the right direction," Sellards said.

The board is pleased with Interim

President Gary G. White's commitment to the university.

"We are grateful to Mr. White for his continuing commitment to Marshall University," Sellards said. "He is doing a tremendous job of leading the institution through this transition and we are pleased he has agreed to stay with us as we continue to search for a permanent leader."

Interim President White said he understands that the circumstance that provided him with this opportunity are not the most desirable but he is still honored to be serving Marshall University.

"I'm here because of very unfortunate circumstances," White said. "I wish we were here for another reason, but we are where we are."

White said he is adjusting to the new position and enjoying himself.

"It's not exactly what I thought I'd be doing at this stage in my life, but it's enjoyable," White said. "The schedule is a little more

hectic that I'm used to, but that's okay."

As far as the search process goes, White is ready to serve as long as he is needed but when the time comes he will support whoever the committee chooses.

"The search process will continue and we will find the right person to lead Marshall University," White said. "When we find the right person I will step aside and provide all the support I can to whomever that candidate may be."

The board is determined to find the perfect fit for Marshall regardless of the amount of time it takes to do so. The committee is not actively searching for new applicants for the president position.

No timeline has been set for the new recruitment and on campus interviews. The committee is prepared for the process to continue into the fall semester and hopes to have a new president join the university next year.

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NEWS

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Five steps for improving Marshall University

By **BRITANIE MORGAN**
NEWS EDITOR

Interim President Gary G. White's State of the University Address in Washington D.C. Tuesday addressed his five areas of improvement for the university moving forward.

The accreditation of Marshall University is the university's first goal. That process will be completed this academic year.

"We have every reason to believe that accreditation will occur and that is our first priority in terms of academics and research," White said.

Financial improvement is the second area the interim president focused on. Marshall's 20/20 plan was at the forefront of the address.

After a retreat last Thursday to hear the final reports of each of the committees and the projects that they worked on throughout the past year, Marshall University is now in the implementation phase, which will begin in July. The recommendations that the rapid response team made will be implemented as quickly as possible.

Those recommendations amount to

savings that are a little less than \$3 million.

Spans and Layers is another part of the 20/20 plan. It's an analysis of the organizational structure of Marshall University and White said he believes between now and 2020, which was the target set by the late President Stephen J. Kopp, there is another \$2.5 million to be achieved through better alignment of the university's organizational structure.

The Bucks for Brains program that the West Virginia Legislature put in place a few years ago would allow Marshall University to be matched dollar-for-dollar by private contributions to fund research, which is another goal of the university.

The 20/20 plan, along with the new zero-based budget model that will be submitted for approval by the board next week, will create a more fiscally responsible university according to White.

"We will be looking at a new focus on how we budget and how we manage the financial affairs at Marshall University," White said. "This is something that has to change for higher education across this nation and I'd like to think that Marshall University is on the leading edge of that."

A change in the marketing strategy is exactly what White is looking for. Marshall University will soon be awarding a contract to a new professional firm to provide research and professional guidance as the university embarks on a new plan.

"We need a new way to tell the Marshall story better than we've told it before," White said. "To highlight accomplishments that happen here every day that folks are not aware of."

The State of the University Address also focused on student recruitment and retention. The interim president said he believes bringing more students to Marshall and retaining the students already attending will positively affect revenues.

The fifth element of the plan is to establish a mechanism to measure how well the university is doing in those four areas. Each of those goals will be an objective measurement. The university wants to have very clear and very objective criteria that will be set.

"Folks in athletics will tell you that it only matters if you keep score, so we are going to be keeping score," White said.

Emily Wood, a senior at Marshall University, attended the State of the University Address. She said it was an honor to listen to White and other speakers.

"It was such a great feeling to be in the same room as all of the people who work so hard to make Marshall University the best decision ever for everyone," Wood said. "Listening to remarks made by our states' congressional delegation, the Huntington mayor, Marshall University's coaches and Gary White really puts everything into perspective of how great of a community we have at Marshall University."

White said he wants all students to understand that Marshall is alive and doing very well.

"In the interim until a new president is chosen, we are not simply allowing ourselves to be lulled into a status quo," White said. "Not only do we want to keep Marshall moving forward we want to accelerate its move forward."

The address was well attended by alumni, the West Virginia Congressional Delegation and their staff.

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Endowment honoring late President Kopp and wife

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An endowment honoring late Marshall University President Stephen J. Kopp and his wife Jane has been established for visual arts students in the College of Arts and Media.

Exceptional art from the Annual Student Juried Exhibition will be rewarded as part of the endowment.

Jane Kopp said in a press release that her husband hand-selected a piece from the exhibition each year to be displayed in his office.

"It meant a lot to him to be able to display the students' art, and I think it meant a lot to the students, as well," Jane said in the release.

Beginning in spring 2016, an award from the endowment for Achievement in the Visual Arts will also be given out.

School of Art and Design Director Sandra Reed said the endowment will help students finance expensive projects and Capstones, as well as allow them to travel abroad and learn.

Art and design majors traveled to New York City

in 2014 and students just recently got back from the Marshall in Florence program. Students and faculty also take a trip to Washington, DC every year.

Dr. Ron Area, Marshall's Senior Vice President for Development, said in a press release that President Kopp had a strong involvement with the art and design program at Marshall.

"Dr. Kopp had a true appreciation for the arts and recognized their importance in building a strong and vibrant community," Area said.

President Kopp's investment into the program can be seen in the university's Visual Arts Center.

The Visual Arts Center, which opened last fall, is a six-floor building located in the heart of downtown Huntington. The \$13 million transformation of the 113-year old building provided visual arts students with a state-of-the-art facility and added to the list of new facilities built under Kopp's tenure.

The 30th Annual Juried Student Exhibition can be seen April 7-May 6, 2016, at the Birke Art Gallery in Smith Hall.



UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

Meet Interim President White

By **BRITANIE MORGAN**
NEWS EDITOR

Interim President Gary G. White grew up in Logan County as the son of a Baptist minister.

He first attended Marshall University in 1968, but had to leave Marshall for personal reasons. He later returned to finish his degree in business.

He has had a career in business for more than 45 years, primarily in natural resources. He has most commonly been associated with the coal industry.

For more than 20 years he has been the CEO of International Industries, which is involved in coal, timber, manufacturing and real estate.

Despite his background in natural resources, White said he has always been involved in education.

"I've served in education my entire professional career," White said. "It's something that I feel very strongly about, and frankly, have a lot of experience in."

In the early years, he served on various advisory boards and committees for vocational schools in West Virginia. Then, under Governor Gaston Caperton he was appointed to the West Virginia State Board of Education.

White came to Marshall University when the legislature created boards of governors for each of the institutions in the state. He was a member of the first Board of Governors at Marshall and served an interim term and two full terms as chairman.

He then went on to serve as a member of the Foundation Board, and served until he was asked to take his current position as interim president. Along with that position, in 2013 he was asked to serve as a member of the higher education policy commission where he served until he accepted interim president position.

White is thrilled to have been at a place in his life to accept the position of interim president.

"It's very unique and I'm very pleased that I was in a position to accept it and certainly flattered that I was asked to do so," White said.

White and his wife, Jo Ann, have continually contributed to Marshall and they look at his new positions as another way to do so.

"My wife and I have contributed rather substantially to Marshall University over the years, financially, but this is another way we can contribute," White said. "That's really how we look at what we are doing. We are making a contribution to Marshall University in a unique way that's really not available very often."

Along with his position at Marshall, White is a member of several large organizations and some public company boards. He said that will be his final career move until retirement.

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Late Marshall University President Stephen J. Kopp tours the Visual Arts Center during its grand opening in Aug. 2014.



FILE PHOTO

News Briefs

Hal Greer closed for 48 hours

Sections of Hal Greer Boulevard will be closed Friday through Sunday for sewer repairs.

The intersection of Eighth Avenue and Hal Greer Boulevard and the southbound lanes of Hal Greer next to the U-Haul Rental will close beginning 7 p.m. Friday.

It is expected to take 48 hours for the Huntington Sanitary Board to complete the necessary repairs.

Motorists will need to use an alternate route into Huntington from Interstate-64 while the repairs are underway.

World Changers repair 16 homes

Volunteers with the World Changers organization arrived in Huntington Monday to repair 16 homes across the city in a week-long mission project.

World Changers is an evangelical program serving churches and providing mission projects to youth improving city conditions and spreading gospel nationwide.

The project will include painting, window installation and roof, porch and deck repairs. It will conclude Friday.

New student orientation

The first session of Marshall University new-student orientation began Tuesday. Additional orientation dates are set for July 14-17 and Aug. 6-7.

About 2,000 new students—freshmen and transfer—are expected to attend the combined orientation sessions this summer.

Orientation is designed to prepare students for their first semester at Marshall University.

Each session is a full-day program, lasting from 7:30 a.m. to 5p.m.

Marshall offers Kindermusik program

Marshall University Speech and Hearing Center began offering Kindermusik, an internationally recognized program promoting child development through music, Saturday.

It is a seven-week program, lasting through Aug. 1. The classes are offered at three different times and enrollment is limited to 12 students per class. The cost is \$95 per child, including take-home materials.

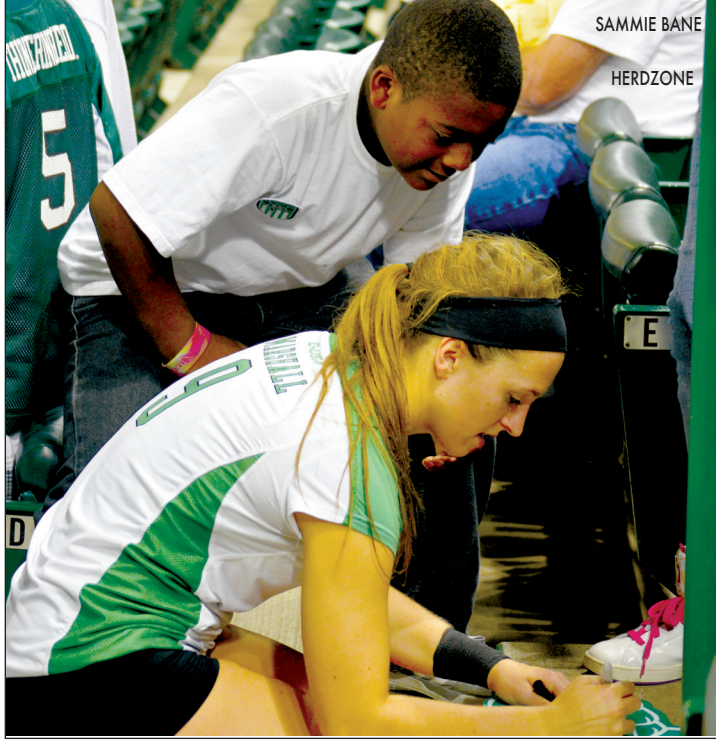
The program has not been offered at Marshall University since 2007, according to Carrie Wallman, licensed Kindermusik teacher.

The program is used by over 2 million families in over 70 countries, according to Kindermusik's website.

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HERD ALUMNA RECEIVES POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP



SAMMIE BANE
HERDZONE



PARTHENON FILE PHOTO | MITCH JACOBS TALKS TO HIS TEAM DURING A PRACTICE

By **MALCOLM WALTON**
SPORTS EDITOR

Marshall University volleyball alumna Sammie Bane received a Conference USA postgraduate scholarship last week.

Bane, who graduated in May with a 3.96 GPA as a double major in exercise science and psychology, was one of 14 recipients of the Jim Castaneda Postgraduate Scholarship.

This is the seventh year the award has been named for Castaneda, who served Rice University for 46 years as an educator, coach and Faculty Athletics Representative before he passed away in November 2008.

The \$4,000 scholarship is awarded annually to C-USA student-athlete graduates selected by the

C-USA Faculty Athletics Representatives and approved by the Board of Directors. The recipients of the award have to be enrolled in postgraduate studies.

Bane, a Brownstone, Indiana native, was accepted into the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at Indiana University.

Bane said the scholarship means a great deal to her and she considers it a blessing.

"I have three years of school left, so this will be a huge help in paying for my tuition," Bane said. "It's an honor to be one of the 14 chosen out of the entire conference because I know there are a lot of exceptional student-athletes in Conference USA."

While a member of the Herd's volleyball team, Bane said she learned valuable life lessons that she plans to utilize in her professional career.

"Being a member of the volleyball team has taught me so much," Bane said. "For instance, how to manage my time, cooperate with others to achieve a common goal and how to effectively lead a group of individuals, all of which will benefit me moving forward."

Marshall volleyball head coach Mitch Jacobs said in a news release that Bane's excellence in the classroom shows what a student-athlete can accomplish when they hold themselves to the highest standards.

During her time at Marshall, Bane also served as president of Marshall's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and received the Conference USA Spirit of Service Award in December 2014.

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TICKET OFFICE OFFERS PROGRAM FOR SEASON TICKET PURCHASERS

By **MALCOLM WALTON**
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Marshall University's athletic ticket office will host its annual "Choose Your Seat" program Friday, June 26 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

Ticket office representatives will be on hand to assist those interested in purchasing season tickets for the 2015 football season.

"Season ticket sales are going well, but we are always hungry to sell more as the expectations for our nationally recognized program continues to rise," said Marshall's Associate Athletics Director Aaron Goebbel in a news release.

Fans will have the opportunity to select the seats of their choice at the event while also meeting some of the Herd's players.

Marshall's Director of Ticketing Ryan Crisp said several members of the football team will stop by the event to sign

autographs and take pictures with fans.

"We'll have a handful of players there," Crisp said. "It'll be great for Herd football fans to see first-hand that not only does the university appreciate them showing their support, but the players really appreciate the support as well."

There will also be door prizes, schedule posters, raffles, and special ticket offers during the event.

Crisp said those who show up will have the opportunity to try out the seats they are interested in purchasing.

"Sometimes you have to just sit, get comfortable and get a feel for the seat," Crisp said. "If that's the seat you want to be in throughout the season, you want to be sure you feel comfortable in it. And we like to give the fans the opportunity to do so."

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PARTHENON FILE PHOTO | Quarterback Gunnar Holcombe signs autographs at Joan C. Edwards Stadium.



CHAMPIONS CROWNED



Members of the Chicago Blackhawks pose for pictures as they celebrate after defeating the Tampa Bay Lightning in Game 6 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Final series on Monday in Chicago. The Blackhawks defeated the Lightning 2-0 to win the series 4-2. NAM Y. HUH | ASSOCIATED PRESS



The members of the Golden State Warriors celebrate after winning the NBA Finals against the Cleveland Cavaliers in Cleveland, Wednesday. The Warriors defeated the Cavaliers 105-97 to win the best-of-seven game series 4-2. PAUL SANCYA | ASSOCIATED PRESS



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EDITORIAL

Decriminalization next step in recovery for Huntington, state

It may come as no surprise that the state of West Virginia, Cabell County in particular, has a drug problem.

In May, West Virginia Public Broadcasting began a series on heroin overdoses and addiction throughout the state. One of its first releases was a data map showing the counties most impacted by heroin. The county that came in at the top of the list? Cabell.

According to the Department of Health and Human Resources, Cabell County, along with Berkeley County, had 109 deaths from heroin alone since 2001 – 86 more than the next county. Along with that, comes an increase in drug-related diseases. The Office of Drug Control Policy reports that West Virginia is one of the leading states in hepatitis rates.

In an effort to curb drug use, Huntington Mayor Steve Williams and local police began Operation River to Jail last summer, cracking down on drug dealers and sending dozens to jail.

With a plan to get drug dealers off its streets, Huntington has also turned its sights toward helping addicts recover. There are plans to turn the former Prichard Building, now called the Hope Tower, into a \$15 million live-in rehabilitation center to go along with numerous rehab centers around the Tri-State.

Another step the city, county and state could take is decriminalizing drugs. Before we go any further, it's important to

point out that decriminalization is not legalization. Under decriminalization, the possession and distribution of drugs is still illegal.

The focus is instead on how people are treated once they are caught with an amount under 10 days' worth. Instead of jail time and a criminal record, users' punishments are referred to a panel who decides according to each case whether the person should be fined, sent to rehab or get a warning.

Anti-drug law supporters argue that decriminalization would encourage drug use among those who may not have otherwise experimented if they knew they would not get in trouble. There may also be concern with the treatment facilities and infrastructure in place and whether it could handle decriminalization. And there's always those who want evidence that decriminalization works.

Anything other than strictly punishing drug users is certainly something far different than many in West Virginia are used to, so it's reasonable to suspect a skeptical approach to the idea of decriminalization.

However, treating drug users as people with a sickness rather than criminals for a city and state suffering from both a drug problem and financial problem could be beneficial.

Portugal, a country of over 10 million people, decriminalized all drugs in 2001. After experiencing a slight uptick in drug use, Portuguese

officials and studies report that addiction, overdoses and drug-related diseases have dropped off dramatically in the country – well below the figures recorded before 2001.

In fact, the country reported that the number of addicts dropped from 100,000 to half of that over the first 10 years.

In the 44 years since Richard Nixon declared a war on drugs, the jail system has grown astronomically, with over half of the current federal prison population consisting of those charged with drugs. In 2009, 4 out of 5 of the 1.66 million who were arrested on drug charges were possession.

West Virginia has suffered from an ever-decreasing budget, cutting funding from things like higher education – an impact that can be directly felt here at Marshall University. An analysis by the West Virginia Center on Budget & Policy found that there was a \$202.2 million decrease in the proposed budget from the previous year.

While many programs around the state have seen budget cuts in recent years, the budget for regional jails and correction facilities has steadily increased.

With decriminalization, jails would not be crowded with inmates facing minor possession charges while soaking up taxpayer money that could be going elsewhere. In many cases, those very inmates get released back into the public and back to doing what got them in jail to begin with.

You have to ask yourself what is better, paying for the temporary incarceration of thousands of addicts who are likely to use again once they're out or paying for their rehabilitation treatment, which is less of a financial burden on taxpayers? Keep in mind that those who are caught distributing drugs will still be jailed for criminal offenses.

Decriminalization would also lower drug-related diseases and deaths. Portugal has seen an even sharper decline in disease than it has in addicts, possibly because of the prevalence of government-sponsored treatment facilities.

According to the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction, Portugal experiences three drug overdoses per 1 million adult citizens. West Virginia, with a population of 1.85 million, has had more heroin-related deaths alone in the last year than the entire country of Portugal.

While Portugal's death rate cannot be directly linked to decriminalization, it shows that drugs certainly haven't become the problem they are here in West Virginia.

Like any 12-step program, we need to admit we have a problem. It's not the drugs, Portugal has shown that. It's the war on drugs. Decriminalization won't wash away the problems the local and state community faces, but it may very well be a step in the right direction toward recovery.

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STATE EDITORIAL

Alternatives becoming available for drug addicts

THE REGISTER-HERALD

Starting today, West Virginia has a new tool in the box for fighting opioid drug addiction.

Legislation that was passed in last winter's session allows the Department of Health and Human Resources, Adult Drug Courts and Division of Corrections the ability to use a FDA-approved, non-addicting drug to help keep addicts from relapsing.

The drug, Vivitrol, is reportedly long-lasting and is used in conjunction with psychosocial support.

We have long advocated the use of alternative treatment over putting drug-abusing offenders in jail or on probation without the backup needed to help them beat their addictions.

Today's new treatment appears to be what the doctor ordered.

This treatment is another step in the right direction — along with recent crack-downs on "pill mill" clinic and stepped up efforts by law enforcement — in helping rid

the state of the drug-abuse scourge.

It also has the benefit of being effective on heroin, to which many addicts turned as pills became more expensive.

Nor does it appear that this treatment will be unattainable. Crosswinds Center in Greenbrier County offers the treatment and Dr. M.K. Hasan, founder of Raleigh Psychiatric Services, and clinical social worker Michael Johnson, an advanced addiction specialist, also have plans for a clinic.

While not a quick-fix, miracle cure, Vivitrol does sound as though it will be a breakthrough for many who want to beat their addictions.

Getting more people off drugs is the key to getting people back to work and off of public assistance. The fewer addicts, the more chance we have of diversifying the economy and boosting our workforce numbers.

The Vivitrol legislation was introduced by Delegate Chris Stansbury, R-Kanawha, a physician. Delegate Lynn Arvon, R-Raleigh, also was a sponsor.

COLUMN

The case for the common Caitlyn



E! VIA AP

This 2015 image provided courtesy of E! shows Caitlyn Jenner in the first official promotional trailer for the new documentary series, "I Am Cait," in Southern California.

By **ALEXANDER O'DONNELL**
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Most mornings I wake up to a random barrage of notifications on my iPhone. Monday, June 1, was no different, except for this from my Twitter account:

"@ENews and 15 other people you follow followed @Caitlyn_Jenner on Twitter."

As quickly as I could, I peered through the Twitter account. Paired with the amazing cover of Vanity Fair, she tweeted: "...can't wait for you to get to know her/me."

Welcome to the world, Caitlyn.

Ms. Caitlyn Jenner, formerly known as Bruce Jenner, revealed her new self to the world on June 1, doing so with a sense of regal and calculated grandeur. In a matter of minutes after the reveal, Annie Leibovitz' pictures of Jenner from the photoshoot widely circulated the internet, provoking much discourse about gender identity and gender expression.

What we must remember is that not every transgender person is Caitlyn Jenner.

No Annie Leibovitz photoshoot. No Vanity Fair exposé. No outpouring of admiration from millions of followers on Twitter.

The situation for the common Caitlyn is quite different from the glamorous revelation this past week. A recent report by GLAAD list various difficulties transgender people face in America today: openly transgender individuals cannot serve openly in the military; changing a birth certificate requires sexual reassignment surgery in most states, including West Virginia; and they face discrimination in housing, employment and education.

Currently, Marshall University does not prohibit discrimination on the grounds of gender identity and gender expression. We need to change that. We must ensure that every son

and daughter of Marshall, whether cisgender or transgender, is protected from injustice.

To do this, I will propose a resolution in the Marshall University Student Senate that will encourage all relevant bodies to amend our policies to include transgender individuals. Being Student Senate, we do not have the authority to change any laws outside of our own Student Government Constitution; however, our recommendations, combined with the voices of the student body, the faculty and the classified staff, will send the message that we want our university to be inclusive toward the transgender community.

Just focusing on the standards of Marshall University would be obtuse to the cause as a whole. We must remember that Marshall is not an enclave from general society; the quality of our lives,

especially for marginalized groups, can be dependent on legislation passed by our state and federal legislators.

Furthering our goals at Marshall will require several pieces of state and federal legislation, the most well-known being the Employment and Housing Non-Discrimination Act (EHNDA). A transgender individual, should not have to worry about being fired from a job or evicted from an apartment just because of who they are. EHNDA would prevent that.

Granted, passing this legislation will be hard, probably unlikely with the current political landscape in Charleston and Washington. However, 2016 is near. The next time you approach your elected officials, ask them: "What are you going to do for the common Caitlyn?"

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Rails and Ales sold out for Craft Beer Week

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This summer Huntington is bringing a new 'hop' to the typical summer festival. Tickets for the third annual Rails and Ales craft beer show is sold out for a second consecutive summer. The Rails and Ales festival will start August 15 and will be at Harris Riverfront Park.

This festival is one of the few taking place during the inaugural West Virginia Craft Beer Week. Governor Tomblin is hoping to boost tourism with the passing of the Senate Bill 273 that allows local breweries to distribute growlers, or specialty bottles across the state. The bill always allows breweries to hold

tastings and samples in restaurants and at festivals.

The Better Beer Coalition organizes the Rails and Ales Festival. The mission behind the festival is to promote and create a culture that makes craft beer accessible to the public and other breweries.

The location of the festival has moved to Harris Riverfront Park to accommodate for the large crowd. This venue can hold up to 3,000 people. With the past sell outs of the Rails and Ales festival, there was an additional 1,000 tickets put up for sale.

The festival features live music, local food and craft beers from around the state of West Virginia, across the

United States and even international brews.

There will be more than over 100 breweries at the Ales and Rails Festival. Some of the breweries include Country Boy, Duvel, Greenbrier Valley, Cervceria Mexicana and Blackwater Brewing.

Local restaurants such as Black Sheep Burrito & Brews, The Bodega, Chickpeas and other local favorites will provide food for the event.

The festival starts August 15 at noon for the VIP ticket holders, and the general admission gates will open at 1 p.m. All ticket holders must be 21 and older.

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West Virginia Breweries
Big Timber Brewing - Elkins
Blackwater Brewing Co. - Davis
Bridge Brew Works - Fayetteville
Charleston Brewing Co. - Charleston
Chesnut Brew Works, LLC - Morgantown
Greenbrier Valley Brewing - Lewisburg
Lost River Brewing Co. - WardenSVille
Morgantown Brewing Co. - Morgantown
Mountain State Brewing Co. - Thomas
North End Tavern & Brewery - Parkersburg
Wheeling Brewing Co - Wheeling
Parkersburg Brewing, LLC - Parkersburg



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West Virginia State Legislature passes Craft Beer bill

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West Virginia is home to eleven breweries that are expecting to expand after Earl Ray Governor Tomblin passed Senate Bill 273. Senate Bill 273 will allow for local breweries to sell growlers, or specialty bottles at more locations throughout the state.

As stated by the West Virginia State Legislature, Senate Bill 273 will, "permit licensed brewers and resident brewers to conduct growler sales for off-premises consumption from their brewery premises located in the state; clarifying licensing and operational requirements for brewers."

This bill will not only make it easier for local breweries to distribute their beer across the state, but will also allow for more breweries to

open with less expensive fees.

When opening up a local brewery, owners face a hefty fee of \$2,500 for a resident brewers license, plus a \$1,000 fee to operate a brewpub.

SB 273 will give local breweries the chance to grow by allowing tastings and samples of their beer statewide and creating more opportunities to open other breweries.

According to WV Public Broadcasting, since 2011 the number of local breweries has increased from 5 to 11, but with SB 273 passing the numbers of local breweries are expected to increase.

"West Virginia is one of the smallest states for craft brewing—right around 8,000 barrels a year is what West Virginia is doing, which is up from about 5,000 the

year before," said Paul Gatza of the Boulder, Colorado-based Brewers Association, a trade organization that promotes the craft brewing industry across the country, as reported by WV Public Broadcasting.

According to Brewers Association, in 2012 West Virginia craft breweries made \$118.2 million and produce 7,923 barrels of beer per year.

Governor Tomblin has proclaimed a statewide craft beer week starting August 15 and running until August 22. There will be several craft beer festivals around the state. These festivals include the sold out Rails and Ales in Huntington, the Mountaineer Brewfest in Wheeling, and the Brew Skies Festival at Timberline in Davis.

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Tips for drinking Safely

Know your limit
Eat first
Stay hydrated
Monitor drink at all times
Travel in pairs
Assign a designated driver
Sip drink, never chug
Space out drinks
Never mix alcohol