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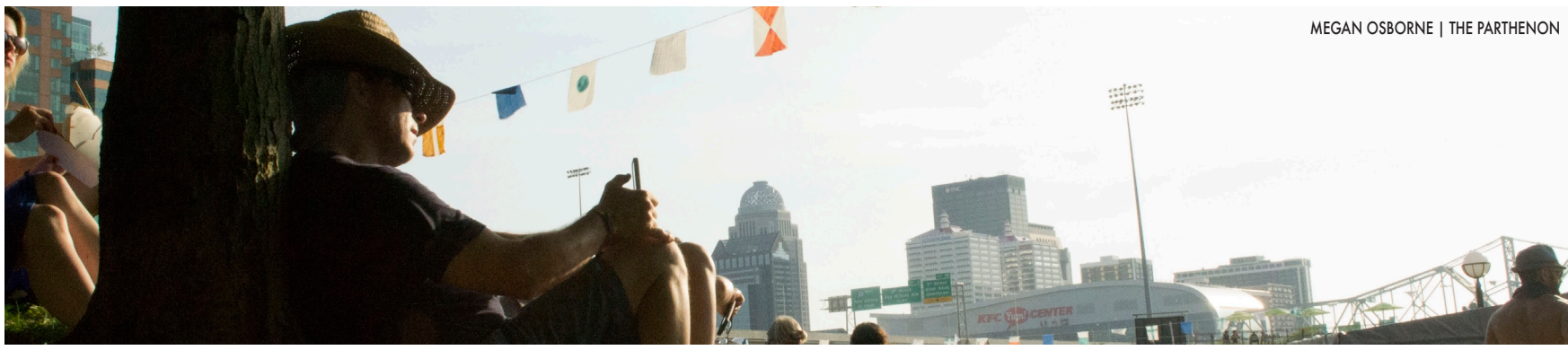
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CONTACT seeks volunteers

Huntington Rape Crisis Center prepares to train volunteers for advocacy



Campus victim advocate for CONTACT of Huntington Adrienne Beasley helps a participant get into his heels at the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event April 23 on campus. FILE PHOTO | THE PARTHENON

THE PARTHENON CONTACT Rape Crisis Center in Huntington seeks volunteers to help provide advocacy and support to victims of sexual assault and stalking.

CONTACT provides free and confidential services to victims of sexual assault and stalking in

Cabell, Lincoln, Wayne and Mason counties.

Trained volunteers provide crisis intervention and referrals to callers on CONTACT's 24-hour hotline; help out in the office with clerical, computer or other work; assist at public awareness events, handing out brochures and

answering questions; and provide assistance at fundraising events.

CONTACT also welcomes volunteers who want to create a special project that spreads the word about CONTACT's services, raises money to support CONTACT or addresses a specific need for victims, survivors and partners.

All volunteers take part in the Volunteer Training Program. A new session begins Aug. 4. Those interested in becoming an advocate can register for training by calling or emailing the volunteer coordinator at 304-523-3447 or advocate@contacthuntington.com.

Thursday, July 23

Kids Yoga
Ritter Park
6 p.m.

Greater Huntington Park and Recreation District teamed up with Brown Dog Yoga to bring this event to Ritter Park behind the fountain. Ashley Morrison, yoga instructor trainee at Brown Dog Yoga will facilitate the event.



Friday, July 24

"Collis P."
Ritter Park
7:30 p.m.

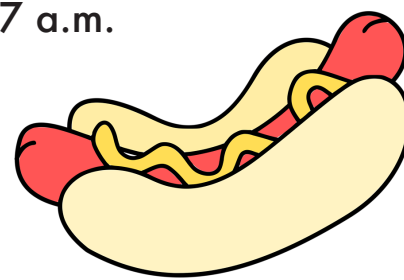
A new musical titled "Collis P" continues at the Ritter Park Amphitheater Friday and Saturday. The musical tells the story of Huntington's history as written by Clint McElroy.



COURTESY OF HART IN THE PARK

Saturday, July 25

WV Hot Dog Festival
Pullman Square
7 a.m.



Author Craig Johnson
Empire Books & News
5 p.m.



Kids Art
Huntington Museum of Art
1 p.m.



MU School of Medicine receives federal grant

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The Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine's department of family and community health received a five-year, \$1.22 million grant from the federal government.

The grant will allow the department to develop ways to educate and train new physicians in methods of primary care; specifically patient-centered medical home and team approach health care.

"With this grant, we will be able to train doctors to direct the care of patients in an increasingly complex and sometimes impersonal health care system, particularly in rural and small-town communities," Department Chair Stephen Petraney said in a press release. "We'll also be able to grow our efforts to collaborate with other health care professionals, including psychologists, pharmacists, social workers, nurses and others, to provide cutting-edge medical care to our patients in a supportive and caring environment that continues to focus on the central doctor-patient relationship."

Petraney said the projects for the grant will focus on family medicine residents in training, but will also include training of faculty and staff in support of those efforts, as well as continuing medical education for recent residency graduates and community primary care physicians.

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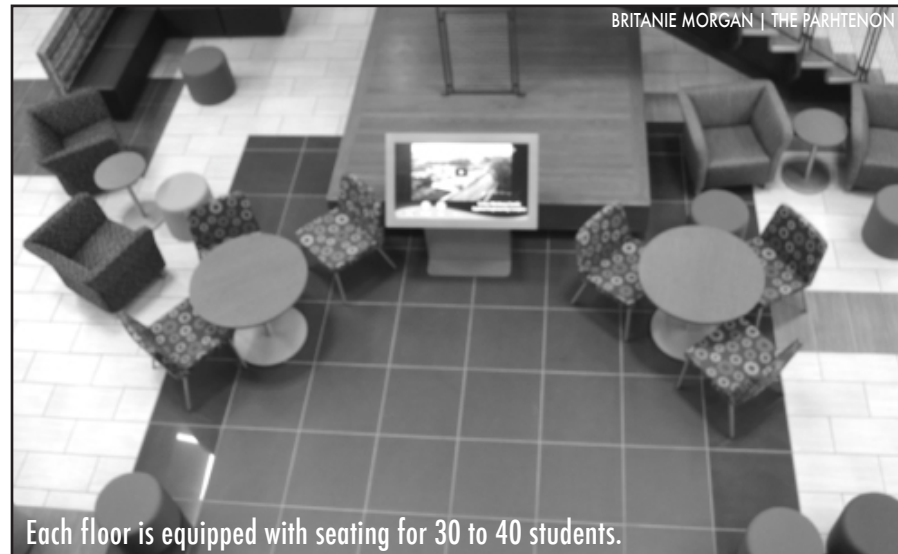
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Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex expands



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The Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex will be open to students starting Aug. 17.



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Each floor is equipped with seating for 30 to 40 students.

By **BRITANIE MORGAN**
NEWS EDITOR

Funding for The Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex came from state funding, university bonds and private gifts such as the Arthur Weisberg family.

Dr. Wael Zatar the Dean of Marshall University College of Information Technology and Engineering said planning started less than four years ago, and planning took less than one year.

"That was a very difficult time because we had to have so many meetings in order to make sure we had the best facilities for the students, the programs we were currently supplying and the ones we would be developing over the next few years."

The fourth floor includes the Marshall University Research Corporation room, where research projects and grants will be developed and Marshall Institute for Interdisciplinary Research which is a key vehicle for advancing regional economic development.

The first three floors are dedicated to engineering labs and classrooms. Many labs in the building have not existed before at Marshall. Math, Chemistry and digital forensics also housed in building as well.

The Advanced Materials Testing Lab will bring bigger and better ways of testing new materials.

"It's a lab that would allow its users to bring expertise from all over the nation and conduct research that will benefit many organizations in the region," Zatar said.

The lab will allow students to manage infrastructure and develop new materials.

"Students can customize test specimens that they can put in the lab and under the expected loading scenarios they will be able to make judgment calls about the sufficiency or deficiency of those materials and find better solutions to accommodate changes," Zatar said.

Assistant Professor Gregory Michaelson will be using the new lab quite a bit.

"The new lab is very advanced, I could not have been happier in terms of its capabilities," Michaelson said. "It really is one of the most advanced facilities you will find. We are going to be able to serve some significant needs in there."

He said the facility will allow students to test structure that they have not had access to in the past.

"Down the road what we'd like to do is let the students design a structure," Michaelson said. "Then later on in the semester we construct it, go down there, fail it and then see if

their math matches what we really did. Having a facility like that really allows us to do that."

The Dean said he is certain that if it will fit into the lab the students can test it.

"The lab has been designed so that it will allow for very heavy testing scenarios such as actual bridge beam, if it fits it can be tested."

There will be limitations on space but model sizes can be made as well. A 20 ton crane can carry material to any point in the lab as well.

A conference room above the lab will allow others to see what is happening in the lab and analyze data outside the lab.

Also two sub labs will be located off from the Advanced Materials Testing Lab.

"This will be a great deal because it will provide students with hands on experience they have never had in the past," Zatar said. "They will be able to see things they have never seen and have experience in this technology so that when they graduate if they join places that have this technology they will be completely up to date and ready to hit the ground running."

Collaborative stations throughout the building allow five students to work at once by connecting any type of technology to the screen so all students can see one another's work. These stations are located outside of staff offices to ensure the students have access to faculty more readily.

"We are trying to efficiently utilize every inch of the area," Zatar said. "Every small detail that needed to be taken care of was taken care of at the time of the design so we know exactly our limitations."

The new classrooms are equipped with furniture that is not stationary. All tables and desks can be moved to accommodate students and their individual learning process. Tables and chairs can be grouped together for collaborative work, which is encouraged by the college.

"There are a lot of collaborative spaces for the students to get together and learn from each other which we strongly encourage," Assistant Professor Jeff Huffman said.

Classrooms and labs are also equipped with a "Smart Podium" which connects to a screen in the classroom to display information. The idea behind this technology was to better use computer systems and distributes files to students not only during lab time but later in the semester as well.

"We are providing the highest technology in classrooms and the highest technology in the labs," Zatar said. "The equipment is probably

new to the region. All the classrooms and labs have been designed to use the latest technology. That will really benefit the students."

Some classrooms were designed with removable walls in order to open areas for larger groups of students or for the use as conference and training rooms.

"When we designed the classrooms we designed them for maximum flexibility," Zatar said. "We can rearrange anything at any time for any reason."

The east wing of the building is shorter than the west wing. This is because the entrance of the building is centered with the main entrance of the university. The student center can be seen through the lobby of the building.

The entrance of the building is also aligned with one of the stoplights and crosswalks on 3rd Avenue in order to allow students to safely cross the street when going to and from class.

Every part of the building can be used as a learning tool for students according to Zatar.

"We know that if a student is interested in engineering he or she wants to see what they are learning, so the stairs are designed as such so students can see the support beams," Zatar said. "If we can expose that, that can be a huge learning mechanism. Everything on the building that can be used as a teaching tool has been used."

There are 14 screens in the building that will be used to display achievements, important event, and classroom assignments.

Huffman said he is excited for the opportunities the new facility will offer students. "It's going to be a fantastic opportunity for the students to experience bigger and better lab space as we expand," Huffman said. "Brand new state of the art facilities, you can't ask for anything better than that for making a program expand."

The College of Technology and Engineering is hoping the new facility will open up new opportunities for students now and in the future.

"It really does open avenues for research and teaching that we didn't have before," Huffman said. "It's going to open up opportunities for students to come here and get them to look at Marshall. Hopefully it will increase our enrollment."

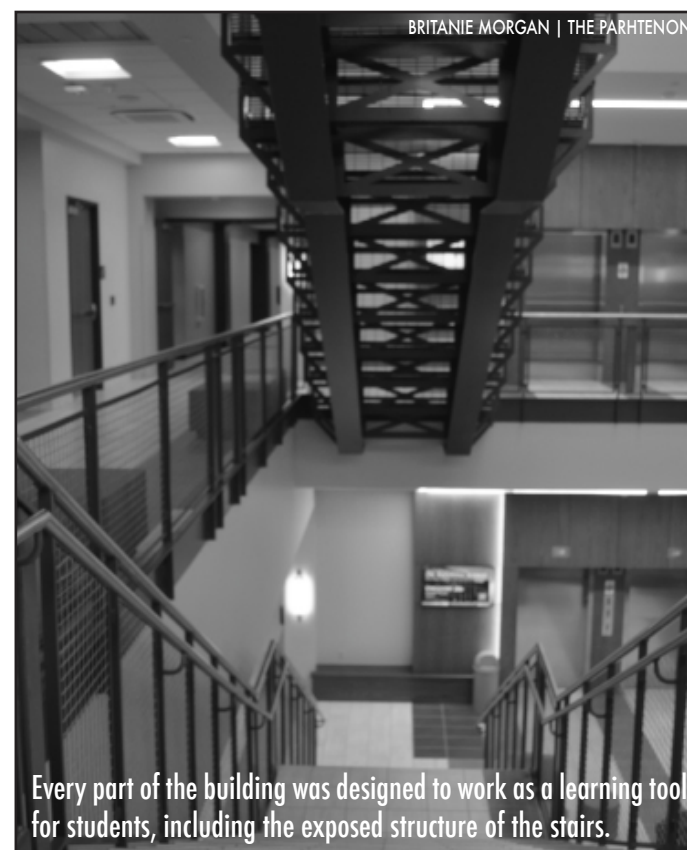
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Dean Zatar has been a part of the planning and construction of the new complex for almost four years and said he is excited about the new technology for students.



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Every part of the building was designed to work as a learning tool for students, including the exposed structure of the stairs.



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The new advanced materials lab was designed to test materials weighing up to 20 ton.

West Virginia Farmers Market Fresh Recipe Challenge seeks healthy recipe submissions

By **BRITANIE MORGAN**
NEWS EDITOR

Fresh, healthy and local are the three requirements for The West Virginia Farmers Market "Fresh Healthy Recipe Challenge." The contest is seeking recipe submissions for food made from local farmers market ingredients in West Virginia.

In collaboration with the American Heart Association, the West Virginia Farmers Market Association (WV FMA) invites food enthusiasts from across the state to submit recipes containing local WV farmers market ingredients by October 1st, 2015.

Emma Gardner, AmeriCorps VISTA with the WV FMA, said "This is a great way to show off your skills in the kitchen and your pride in your West Virginia farmers market!"

Earnestine Walker, Vice President of Multicultural Initiatives at the American Heart Association said the Recipe Challenge is something she looks forward to.

"This is one of my favorite programs in West Virginia," Walker said. "We have the opportunity to impact farmer's markets, and families."

She went on to say the organization was honored to include a larger part of West Virginia now.

"This is an amazing effort. We are honored to have an opportunity to expand this program throughout the state of West Virginia," Walker said.

Walker said she believes that partnering with the WV FMA

will be an effective way to reach more participants in the state.

"The purpose of this initiative is to promote and work more closely with the Farmer's Market Association, because of their reach in state," said Walker. "This allows us to reach more people with our nutrition education."

The recipes will be judged based on a variety of criteria including clarity of recipe, choice of WV farmers market ingredients, nutrition, creativity and recipe heritage. At the conclusion of the contest, the WV FMA and American Heart Association will compile a recipe book from the submissions.

"We want to change the conversation about what it is like to eat like a West Virginian, while highlighting fresh local products grown by the farmers in our very own West Virginian communities," Gardner said.

The intention of the recipe book is to draw a correlation between the recipes and their connection to Appalachian heritage.

Judges of the challenge want the chance to enjoy in-season recipes while produce is still fresh, so all final recipes are due on October 1, 2015 to include the entire farmers market season. Anyone may submit one or multiple recipes.

If you are interested in entering the WV Farmers Market Fresh Recipe Challenge, please visit wvfarmers.org/recipe-challenge or ask the organizers at your local farmers market.

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#Straighttalk: NFL profiting regardless of numerous abuse cases

By MALCOLM WALTON
SPORTS EDITOR

Despite numerous cases of abuse involving some of its most well known players last season, the NFL is not really feeling any type of backlash. In fact, business and popularity has never been better.

This may be shocking to some considering the plethora of utterly disturbing incidents the league faced last season. The public outcry and significant disappointment expressed among the league's fan base seemed to surely have an impact on the NFL's profits or at least its popularity, right?

Nope, not even a little bit. The booming popularity of the NFL is most evident in the national revenue the league accrued during the 2014 campaign. On Monday, ESPN reported the amount the NFL collected and split between the 32 teams totaled \$7.24 billion, with each team collecting \$226.4 million, mostly from television deals.

Money-wise the NFL did phenomenal in 2014, but to say the league had a rough year publicity-wise is a vast understatement.

Less than two weeks into the 2014 season, the release of the now-infamous elevator video where former Baltimore Ravens star Ray Rice strikes his then-fiancé and then proceeds to drag her unconscious body out of the elevator as if she were nothing more than a rag doll started what would be a horrendous year for the league's image.

To make the incident worse for the league, a report by former FBI Director Robert Mueller showed the NFL had access to the video well before it was published by TMZ but chose not to give Rice the adequate punishment until the video became available for the world to see. While NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell insists the league did not watch the video despite having it in its possession (which is rather hard to believe), many fans remained rightfully furious with the league and its commissioner.

During the same month of the Rice incident, the Minnesota Vikings' Adrian Peterson, arguably the league's best player, was arrested for abusing his 4-year-old son. Photos of the child's gruesome injuries, which were well beyond the injuries any child should sustain from corporal punishment, quickly surfaced online in what quickly became another image-wrecking incident for the NFL.

Besides Rice and Peterson, the league was also forced to deal with eight other abuse cases during 2014.

Nevertheless, the NFL is doing historic numbers and proving that it still holds the title for most popular professional sport regardless if many of its players are violent testosterone-filled idiots.

With all of the abuse cases, which were mostly domestic abuse cases, it is female fans—ironically—that are largely credited with helping the NFL produce the money it has as of late, as well as helping it reach an all-time popularity high.

Women are the league's fastest-growing fan demographic, according to statistics from Bloomberg Business. Since 2009, female NFL viewership is up 26 percent overall, compared to an 18 percent rise for men.

Conventional wisdom suggests that every man who could be a football fan already is, and the NFL has squeezed everything it can from that segment of the population. However, there's still potential to convert even more women into full-time fans.

Female fans, a group obviously beloved by advertisers, represent the league's biggest opportunity for continued growth. Keeping these women spending has become a chief goal of the NFL, which has funded research, expanded merchandising and sponsored spreads in women's magazines.

But abuse case after abuse case threatens to undermine the league's efforts to expand beyond its saturated boys' club and attract new female fans.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING SEASON



- Nov. 19 – at Tennessee
- Nov. 24 – at Morehead State
- Nov. 27 – James Madison
- Dec. 2 – at Ohio
- Dec. 5 – at James Madison
- Dec. 9 – Eastern Illinois
- Dec. 12 – Eastern Kentucky
- Dec. 14 – North Carolina Central
- Dec. 17 – vs. West Virginia
- Dec. 21 – vs. Wyoming
- Dec. 22 – vs. Grand Canyon or Houston
- Dec. 27 – at Maryland
- TBA – Akron
- Jan. 3 – WKU*
- Jan. 7 – Florida Atlantic*
- Jan. 9 – FIU* / Jan. 14 – at North Texas*
- Jan. 16 – at Rice*
- Jan. 21 – at Charlotte*
- Jan. 23 – at Old Dominion*
- Jan. 28 – Middle Tennessee*
- Jan. 30 – UAB*
- Feb. 4 – at UTEP*
- Feb. 6 – at UTSA*
- Feb. 13 – at WKU*
- Feb. 18 – Charlotte*
- Feb. 20 – Old Dominion*
- Feb. 25 – at UAB*
- Feb. 27 – at Middle Tennessee*
- March 3 – LA Tech*
- March 5 – Southern Miss*
- March 8-12 – C-USA Tournament (Birmingham, Ala.)

* - Conference USA opponent

MARSHALL FORWARD RYAN TAYLOR AND GUARD AUSTIN LOOP CELEBRATE AFTER A BIG PLAY LAST SEASON.

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Marshall University men's basketball coach Dan D'Antoni announced the Herd's 2015-16 schedule Monday, which includes several matches against power conference opponents.

The Herd tips off regular-season play against the University of Tennessee on Nov. 19 in Knoxville, Tennessee. The last time Marshall opened the season against a power conference opponent was against the University of Kansas in 1969.

The highlight of the Herd's non-conference slate is a road game against Big Ten juggernaut University of Maryland

on Dec. 27 in College Park, Maryland. The Terrapins are a presumed 2015-16 preseason favorite after a 28-7 finish last season that ended in the NCAA Tournament third round.

"We wanted to make the schedule very competitive out of conference," D'Antoni said in a press release. "There will be some days that really test us, with Maryland being a potential top 10 team. There's also West Virginia and Tennessee, two more power conference teams. We've beefed up the schedule to test ourselves early. We want to be battle-ready for conference play, with the ultimate goal being the NCAA Tournament."



MARSHALL UNIVERSITY HEAD COACH DAN D'ANTONI AND PLAYERS CELEBRATE WITH FANS AFTER A WIN AGAINST FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY LAST SEASON.

FILE PHOTO

Herd athletic teams earn C-USA Academic Awards

THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's swimming and diving and volleyball programs earned 2014-15 Conference USA Sport Academic Awards, the league announced last week.

The Sport Academic Award is given to the team in each conference-sponsored sport with the highest GPA for the academic year.

The accolades are a first for the Thundering Herd since its

women's soccer program received the award for the 2011-12 academic year.

Marshall's volleyball program earned its first Sport Academic Award, while the swimming and diving program has won twice previously (2006-07, 2005-06).

Seven different Rice University teams recorded the highest GPA for their respective sports, while Marshall, Middle Tennessee and UAB produced two winners apiece.

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EDITORIAL

The case for water conservation

The Framers of the Constitution probably didn't consider Americans' rights to water, but it is now becoming an issue that the country is going to have to address.

As with most things here in West Virginia, people don't care about this issue because it doesn't appear to affect them. Yet.

As California goes through its worst drought in 1,200 years most of us here in West Virginia sit comfortably by with access to clean water at our fingertips. However, the United Nations reported in 2009 that two-thirds of the world's population will face a lack of water in the next 20 years (now 14 years and counting).

The U.N. also says that a majority of the world's population already lives within a 30-mile radius of stressed

water sources. A recent NASA study warns that if we don't change our current behavior, the United States could see "mega-droughts" that would include most of the west and Midwest, hitting close enough to home that even those in Huntington could feel the impact. The price of water has risen 41 percent in major cities since 2010.

The U.N.'s projection gives us 14 years to right the ship, but first we'll have to convince millions of Americans who do not believe they're impacted by a drought.

Sure, water is easily accessible for most of us on the east coast and it's hard to be concerned about something when the effects aren't obviously seen.

It's also hard to convince people that weather patterns aren't anything more than

natural occurrences. But if there's one thing many in this area can identify with, it is how important the right to water is.

After going through a major water crisis last year and another minor one this year, West Virginians should know more than any other what it's like to not have clean water. That daily struggle has become a reality for many in California the last few years and if the predicted mega-droughts happen, it will become a reality in the Midwest, too.

The wider the drought spreads, the larger the impact will be in West Virginia. Food products grown largely throughout the Midwest and beyond will become much more expensive, or at worst, gone.

Most importantly, though, it's about everyone's right to

have access to clean water. It's not a Constitutional thing – the U.N. declared in 2010 that all humans had a right to clean water – but saying everyone deserves doesn't mean everyone will get it.

The people that will be and are being hit by the droughts the hardest are the poor. Some residents in Fairmead, California have walk a mile a day for water and hours transferring gallons of clean water back to their home.

As water bills rise across the country, some cannot afford to pay the bill leading to their water getting shut off. Such is the case in Detroit, sparking the debate over the right to water and whether water should be privatized.

One thing is for sure, though. It's time to start taking water consumption and access seriously.



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Gino Celli, who relies on senior water rights to water his crops, inspects a wheat field nearing harvest on his farm near Stockton, Calif. California issued its first cease-and-desist order on July 16, telling an irrigation district to stop pumping water under this year's tightened drought regulations.

COLUMN

My rollercoaster ride with religion

Lessons learned from years spent in and out of faith

By **SHANNON STOWERS**
MANAGING EDITOR

To begin to understand my personal dilemma, you have to understand how I was raised.

As a kid, I literally grew up in church. My family hardly missed a Sunday (morning or night) or Wednesday night at our tiny, rural Baptist church until football practices caused me to miss on Wednesdays.

I never thought that what was being taught to me was not true, but I also never took it too seriously. If anything, church was a nice community where I learned, at the least, how to be a decent human being.

As I got older, though, I began to realize that the small congregation seemed to be much more about gossiping than practicing their faith. And the more I met other Christians, the more I realized nobody was what they preached.

That's when I slowly quit going to church in high school. I told myself it was because of the people in my

church, but since then I've realized it was because of myself.

It wasn't until a few years later when I took a few religious studies courses did I really truly begin questioning the faith that I was raised on. Blend that with a healthy dose of school shootings, terrorist attacks and unfortunate personal situations, I just couldn't imagine a world where things like this happened "for a reason."

Logic, I thought, trumped the teachings of Sunday school and Christianity in general. I didn't want to be part of a group that brought others down because they were different.

Then, I began to think a lot about the life I wanted to live and the person I wanted to be. I had ceased being the person I was brought up to be, but I didn't run back to church. In fact, I still haven't been in more than five years.

My opinion on religion has changed over that time. I've become much more accepting of religion and what it does for people and comfortable enough to

live with the fact that I, along with every other Christian, am not perfect.

I also realized, with anything else, there are a lot of great Christians out there who are more like the people the Bible told me to be rather than those in the congregation of that tiny, rural church.

I also realized that spirituality isn't about picking one religion and one set of beliefs. That, to me, is the beauty of religion and the world we live in. Nobody knows the answers to what we're doing here and what it's all about.

Believe what you want to and don't discourage others if they don't share that same belief. Most importantly, take the ride. Explore your faith or lack thereof and see if you're truly happy.

And if you happen to decide against religion, at least take away what I believe is the most important thing I learned: be nice and show compassion.

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STATE EDITORIAL

PROMISE Scholarship the difference- maker for some

CHARLESTON DAILY MAIL

For many high school students in West Virginia, going to college teeters on whether they'll earn a scholarship.

But according to the Higher Education Policy Commission, more than 3,200 recent high school graduates earned a PROMISE Scholarship.

Students who meet certain grade point average and college entrance exam benchmarks are awarded up to \$4,750 annually for tuition and fees at colleges and universities across West Virginia. Since its inception 13 years ago, PROMISE has awarded \$400 million to 35,000 students.

Research shows receiving the PROMISE, paid for by videogaming revenue, increases a student's likelihood of completing college, according to the Policy Commission.

Also helping kids attain their educational goals, Senators Joe Manchin and Shelley Moore Capito announced that the U.S. Department of

Education has awarded \$1.5 million to the TRiO Support Services programs at five state institutions, to provide academic support and counseling to low-income, first-generation or disabled college students.

Paul Hill, the state's higher education chancellor, said awards through the PROMISE Scholarship combined with needs-based state grants makes West Virginia "one of the top financial aid-providing states in the nation."

"These investments showcase our state's commitment to advancing higher education opportunities for our students."

West Virginia, perhaps more than any other state, needs more citizens with degrees beyond a high school diploma.

Because of the PROMISE and other investments, many West Virginia students are seeing an otherwise unattainable college education within reach.



Life!

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Forecastle music festival recap

By MEGAN OSBORNE
THE PARTHENON

Nestled on the riverfront of Louisville, Kentucky, Forecastle attracted a variety of music lovers with its diverse lineup, from pop singer-songwriter Sam Smith, to ILoveMakonnen of "Tuesday" fame to Louisville's own modern rock band My Morning Jacket.

"It's good to be home," Jim James of My Morning Jacket said to a crowd of Forecastle Festival goers Saturday in the middle of the band's Saturday headliner set.

Standing next to me in the crowd was Louisville's Emily Hall, who said she has waited more than half her life to see My Morning Jacket.

"I've been listening to them since I was ten," Hall said before the set began. "So it's going to be great."

Hall also said she suspected the crowd mostly consisted of Louisvillians because MMJ is such a hometown favorite.

And one could tell the band was home just from the epic performance – the set ended after a one-hour encore, making MMJ's Bonnaroo set seem like a half-hearted practice run (and it was by no means sub-par).

Festival-goers were prompted to leave the venue by officials during Sam Smith's performance due to bad weather Friday. While Smith performed his hit "Lay Me Down," high winds caused equipment to blow around the stage area.

No damage was reported by Forecastle, but the venue opened an hour late Saturday as the festival crew prepared the venue.

Up until Sam Smith's set, Houndmouth, Cold War Kids and Kieza were among the artists that performed.

Leading up to MMJ Saturday, ILoveMakonnen and Cherub were the sets to catch for a midday dance party. The real place to get down at Forecastle, however, is after the festival venue closes and the late night shows begin.

The Floozies late-night performance brought the festival spirit to a smaller venue, and played a set featuring remixes of Hey Arnold! tunes and Space Jam that would make any true '90's kid explode with nostalgia.

MMJ was not the only Louisville original to rock socks off at Forecastle. White Reaper delivered a Sunday performance soaked in the spirit of punk rock, complete with crowd surfers, a stage full of

rowdy pals and a skeleton puppet.

Diarrhea Planet followed White Reaper, a garage-rock six piece that is three quarters guitar, opening with the theme from Jurassic Park before proceeding to shred in the spirit of singer-guitarist Jordan Smith's thigh tattoo.

The most anticipated moment of my Forecastle was seeing Modest Mouse. As I watched from the second row, the band members switched instruments nearly every song, the two drummers played off one another and the third percussionist and everything I loved about the Firefly performance came to life once again.

After briefly stepping into the trap with RL Grime, the sun set as Widespread Panic closed out the festival with seemingly endless jams and a crowd full of LED-clad people.

Teeming with the true down-home spirit of Kentucky (and bourbon aplenty), the three-day festival was a unique experience on my festival tour, as the dynamic of city festivals is very different. However, it was not missing the vibe of a traditional camping festival, and I will be glad to hop aboard again in the future.

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Two festival-goers keep cool at Forecastle.

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Matt Myers of Houndmouth performing live at Forecastle.

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Jim James of My Morning Jacket performing live at Forecastle.

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Kindred Communications gives back with Chairs Of Change

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Kindred Communications has been bringing live music to the Huntington area since 2006. This Thursday Kindred Communications is giving back to the community with Chairs of Change.

Chairs of Change is a charity that benefits the Golden Girl Group Home. The Golden Girl Group Home is based out of Credo that takes in girls who are in family situations that are harmful or unsafe.

City Heat, an R&B group, is headlining the event with music starting at 7pm and local hair stylists have volunteered to do haircuts, make up, or manicures for \$10 starting at 4 pm.

Kindred Communications has other charity nights planned for the remainder of the summer. Next week is Pack the Backpack night, benefitting the Facing Hunger Food bank.

"We do a lot of charity nights at Pullman Square. It's a community event, and we like to help out our community," said Reeves Kirtner, Associate General Manager at Kindred Communications, "Coming up next week is Pack the Backpack Night, which benefits the Facing Hunger Food Bank. We are going to celebrate Heiner's Bakery's 110th Anniversary in August, and we have a Marshall

night with players, coaches, the band, cheerleaders to kick off the season."

Selecting the bands for the Heiner Summer Concert Series is something that doesn't end. Kindred Communications is always looking for new music to showcase for the Huntington area.

"We are always looking for new bands and artists. A lot of bands will call us and send us information. We get a lot of recommendations from other bands, or employees of our company will have a band they like and at the beginning of the year we will look at everyone we like and put them on the schedule," Kirtner said, "We try to have a diverse crop of musicians -- we have everything from jam bands, country acts, classic rock cover bands, soul -- we've even had bluegrass."

Although the weather has not been pleasant the Heiner Summer Concert Series has not faced a decline in attendance because of the rain and storms.

"It's a great place to catch up with your friends, and hear some live music," Kirtner said, "Listen to a little music, then go get a bite to eat, and come back and finish the night!"

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