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## Marshall beats Purdue 41-31 in season opener

By **BRADLEY HELTZEL**  
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Josh Knight (84) catches a pass during warm-ups Sunday before the Marshall - Purdue game kicked off.

RICHARD CRANK | THE PARTHENON

# The Battle at the Big Sandy draws in Tri-State boxers and one retires

By **KELSIE LIVELY**  
THE PARTHENON

The Battle at the Big Sandy brought in boxing fans from the tri-state area to watch local professional and amateur boxers Saturday.

Some contestants were completely new to the boxing scene, fighting their first matches at the Battle. Other contestants were looked at as veterans to the Battle. One fighter even fought their last match in the Big Sandy.

Long time professional heavyweight boxer, Jeremy "The Beast" Bates, of Greenup, Kentucky, clinched his final win Saturday night before saying emotional goodbyes from the ring as Bates entered retirement for second time.

"I dread walking down these stairs one last time," Bates said, addressing the audience. "Thank you, for being a part of this thing I did for all these years."

Now 41 years old, Bates began fighting in his late teens by getting involved with the local Boys and Girls Club. Bates was looking for an outlet and a place to continue competing after giving up boxing to support his family.

"I started when I had my oldest daughter, who is 22 now, when I graduated high school," Bates said. "I had kids and had to stay around, get a job

and I couldn't compete and do anything else. I walked into the Westwood Boy's Club one day, I was 18 years old and I started fighting there and they took me all around this country. I owe the Boys and Girls Clubs of America a lot. It's a great thing and it keeps kids out of trouble cause I probably would have been in trouble."

Making his professional debut in 1999 at age 25, Bates saw early success, which ultimately led to him fighting former world champion, Evander Holyfield, in 2006, which prompted the announcement of his first retirement.

Some local boxing fans see Bates as a legend. Bates said that he wants to be remembered by the amount of heart he put into each fight and by the hard work he put into boxing, which got him where he is today.

"I just wanted to be remembered as the fat kid that tried real hard," Bates said. "I have zero athletic ability but I wanted stuff real bad and I worked harder than most people to get it. I lifted weights really hard and got strong and I got to where I could punch hard. I didn't really have anything given to me, I worked for it, and that's okay, I don't care if I'm not remembered as this phenomenal athlete but they'll always remember that I was good and I'd knock you damn head

off if you got in front of me."

Boxing was a part of Bates' life for many years and Bates thinks it will remain with him for the rest of his life.

"It just something I've always been," Bates said. "I don't really remember not being a boxer. I guess I'm more than a fighter; I'm a dad, I'm a husband and all that. This was just something that was a big part of me. I will always be a boxer even if I'm not doing it."

Slated as the last fight of the night, Bates fought Dante Craig as the co-main event and won by technical knockout (TKO) in the second of four rounds.

"It was exactly the way I wanted it, he made me work. It wasn't something that was just given to me," Bates said. "I came out here and I fought as hard as I could. I kind of threw caution to the wind and just went for it and I came out on top."

The battle's second co-main event of the night brought in professional heavyweight boxers, Pearl Dotson and Justin "The Teddy Bear" Novaria.

Novaria of Zanesville, Ohio won by knockout (KO) in the second round of six.

Fourteen years younger than his opponent, Novaria was expecting a much longer fight from

the veteran boxer, Dotson.

"I wasn't expecting to knock him out, I was expecting it to be a long grueling fight but I expected to win," Novaria said.

Novaria had been training at the gym that he owns prior to the fight. Due to financial troubles, he had to shut down a previous gym he had owned but as of recently, Novaria has reopened. He trains local kids from ages 16 and older.

Novaria explained his nickname "The Teddy Bear". Novaria called his byname "intimidating", reflecting his work ethic when it comes to fighting.

"I refuse to quit. I've been beat on a lot and I can take a good beating. I refuse to say die when other people do," Novaria said.

The winners of Saturday's fights

Luke Lyons by decision

Jake Taft by decision

Chris Brown by decision

Hunter Russell by decision

Melvin Russell by decision

Adam Collins by decision

Justin Novaria by knockout (2nd round)

Jeremy Bates by TKO (2nd round)

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## Attorneys for Kim Davis trying to regain her freedom after being jailed



Kim Davis with attorney Roger Gonnam

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Attorneys for the Kentucky clerk who was jailed last week because of her refusal to issue marriage licenses to gay couples said Monday they have filed an emergency motion with a federal court that they hope will result in Kim Davis' freedom.

The filing seeks to have Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear accommodate Davis' "religious conviction," and not compel her to grant licenses to gay couples, Liberty Counsel said in a statement.

"The motion requests an injunction pending appeal for an exemption from the Governor's mandate that all county clerks issue marriage licenses," said the statement by Liberty Counsel, which is representing Davis.

The same injunction request was denied last month by U.S. District Judge David Bunning, who jailed Davis on Thursday.

Charla Bansley, communications director for Liberty Counsel, said Davis could be released from jail immediately if the motion were granted by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit ordering Beshear to issue Davis an "accommodation" — allowing her to remove her name and title from official marriage certificates issued in Rowan County.

By doing that, Davis would not be sanctioning any same-sex unions and her conscience would be satisfied, they say.

"If there was an accommodation, she would be released (from jail) because she would no longer be in contempt," Bansley said.

On Monday, about 30 protesters lined the sidewalk outside Bunning's home in Fort Thomas, Kentucky, carrying signs that read "Free Kim Davis." Fort Thomas Police Lt. Casey Kilgore said the group gathered around 2 p.m., and the protest stretched on several hours. He said the group sang and waved their signs; they broke no laws and no one was arrested. He did not know if Bunning was home.

In a statement on Monday, the U.S. Marshals declined to say if any precautions have been taken with security for the federal judge.

Davis, an apostolic Christian, says gay marriage is a sin. She also says it would be a sin for her to issue a marriage license to a same-sex couple because the licenses are issued under her authority. She tried in vain to have state lawmakers change the law as a legal challenge to Kentucky's same-sex marriage ban wound its way through the federal appeals court.

Davis stopped issuing all marriage licenses in June the day after the U.S. Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriage nationwide. Two gay couples and two straight couples sued her. Judge Bunning ordered Davis to issue the licenses and the Supreme Court upheld his ruling.

But Davis still refused to do it, saying she could not betray her conscience or her God.

Thursday, Bunning ruled Davis was in contempt of court for disobeying his order and sent her to jail. Her deputy clerks then issued marriage licenses to gay couples Friday with Davis behind bars.

Bunning indicated Davis will be in jail at least a week. She could stay longer if she continues to not obey the judge's order. Bunning had offered to release Davis from jail if she promised not to interfere with her deputy clerks as they issued the licenses. But Davis refused.

Kentucky law requires marriage licenses be issued under the authority of the elected county clerk. Davis views issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples as a stamp of approval of something she believes is a sin. She has said she will not issue marriage licenses until the state legislature changes the law so the licenses can be issued under someone else's authority.

The state legislature is not scheduled to meet again until January and Beshear has refused to call a special session. Davis has refused to resign her \$80,000-a-year job. As an elected official the only way she could lose her job is to lose an election or have the state legislature impeach her, which is unlikely given the

By **KELSIE LIVELY**  
THE PARTHENON

"Dirty" Don Pennington (7-0-1)

Hometown: Huntington, West Virginia

Division: Super Middleweight

Age: 33

Height: 5' 10"

Weight: 160

Stance: Orthodox

Huntington native and Marshall University Alum "Dirty" Don Pennington has been boxing at local professional bouts for a little over two years. With his next fight just days away, the opportunity arose to sit down and talk with him about his preparation as both a fighter and the event promoter.

**KELSIE LIVELY:** How long have you been preparing for this fight?

**DON PENNINGTON:** I stay in the gym very consistently that way I don't get too bad out of shape. This fight coming up we trained pretty much all summer, well after June, we pushed it really hard the past 60 days in July and August.

**KL:** How did you become a professional boxer?

**DP:** I've got to give a lot of credit to Chase Hill, he is a former promoter and currently with the WV Athletic Commission, I had previously won about three (West Virginia) Toughman contests and one Rough and Rowdy. I was actually sitting in the crowd watching a boxing event one time and they needed a guy, it was an amateur fight, I stepped in and won the fight by stoppage, by knocking the guy out. Then Chase Hill called me later asked if I wanted to fight for an amateur championship and I won that belt. Then he said 'would you like to go pro', I said yeah. So far we just keep winning.

**KL:** Can you describe your fighting style?

**DP:** I'm a pressure fighter. I always come in really good shape. That's my goal, be in shape and throw way more punches than my opponent. I come forward and throw a lot of punches.

**KL:** Who is your biggest inspiration in the sport?

**DP:** I wouldn't necessarily say any one in particular. I don't know. I have great admiration for anybody who just has a relentless pursuit to try to be good at anything they do. It doesn't even necessarily have to be boxing. Someone who keeps trying, trying, trying and trying I admire them.

**KL:** What does it mean (for you) to be a boxer?

**DP:** To be a boxer? I do a lot of things, I'm a teacher as well but when I first picked up the sport of boxing, I didn't understand how hard it was. I always watched it on TV. I just didn't realize the difficulty and once I started working out and training, then I had a fight or two with the Toughman Contest and stuff like that. I just thought 'this is so difficult. If I could be good at this I can be good at anything.'

**KL:** (On being a teacher) How do your students respond to your boxing?

**DP:** They like it. They call me 'Dirty Don' all the time. I don't think any of them are afraid of me or anything like that. I've actually had students that I've introduced to the sport that have come to fights. I have a couple students that come to every single fight. They have actually got involved themselves and had a couple amateur fights.

**KL:** What do you think separates yourself you from other fighters in your division or in the state?

**DP:** Well, we're all kind of part-time fighters. Most of the guys in West Virginia and a lot of the surrounding areas have other jobs. There is a big separation between guys who have a job and fight and the guys that fight as their full time job. One, is how much money you make, that's a big separation. Two, I think what kind of puts me apart is it has to be in the training. I'll get up early, sometimes 4:30 A.M., when we're in training camp and run and do different things. I think that probably is the biggest thing, just being in shape.

**KL:** If you could have one dream fight with anyone, who would it be?

**DP:** It would definitely be another fighter with a style like mine. I think that would be an interesting fight for fans to watch. I feel like somebody would get knocked out whether it would be me or that other person. If it could be big name person, I think Miguel Cotto comes to mind. He's really really good. He would probably come in and kill me (laughs). He's got a good style.

**KL:** Where would you like to see boxing as a sport progress in West Virginia and the surrounding areas?

**DP:** This is my first time promoting the show and it has been quite the experience. I would love to get some of the West Virginia guys and some of the surrounding area guys just a chance to showcase their talents in front of their home crowds. One thing that I got lucky to do was go and fight in front of my home crowd and a lot of guys don't. I would like to get that and then get them to the point where they could get a shot to get on TV or some of these big time fights to where they can make some money.

**KL:** How did you become a promoter as well as a fighter?

**DP:** Chase Hill took the job with the West Virginia Athletic Commission and there are some promoters in Northern West Virginia but there nobody doing the Huntington and Southern West Virginia area, so I'm going to attempt to fill his shoes.

**KL:** With mixed martial arts in the media so much lately, would you ever consider crossing over to MMA or promoting it in the state?

**DP:** I wouldn't mind promoting MMA. I probably wouldn't fight in it, nothing against it, I've never really tried it and at 33 years old it would probably be an awkward transition. I do enjoy the sport. I have respect for it.

**KL:** What do you want to be remembered for at the end of your career?

**DP:** I don't know. People are going to have different opinions about you as a fighter. People's opinions are hard on fighters. Some people say they're terrible when they're really not bad, so, that stuff I don't really worry about. Some people are going to say I'm really good, some people are going to say I'm really bad. At the end of the boxing career, where I'm trying to start doing the promoting, I would really like to take care of my fighters and for them to talk good about me. That I definitely tried to take care of them, give them the best deal I could.

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## SPORTS

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# Herd opens season with win against Power Five opponent



Marshall quarterback Michael Birdsong dives into the end zone for a touchdown Sunday against Purdue University.

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By **BRADLEY HELTZEL**  
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**MVP: Tiquan Lang, Safety**

Lang essentially ended the game exactly how he started it: with a pick six.

In between, the junior safety racked up a game-high 17 tackles, logged another interception that was nullified by a pass interference penalty on cornerback Rodney Allen and delivered a hit on Purdue quarterback Austin Appleby causing yet another interception.

Lang showcased his playmaking ability on the first play from scrimmage, intercepting an errant Appleby pass and subsequently taking it 30 yards to the house.

Then, with just over a minute to left in the game and the Herd clinging to a 34-31 lead, Lang eclipsed a sequel performance that bested that of the original, jumping a pass over the middle and dodging would-be tacklers for a 55-yard, game-clinching pick six.

**Most Outstanding Offensive Player: Michael Birdsong, Quarterback**

In his debut start for Marshall, Birdsong delivered an admirable performance, completing 23-36 passes for 234 yards with two touchdowns and an interception. Birdsong also compiled 43 yards on the ground and was sacked twice, one of which resulted in a fumble.

However, Birdsong's most noteworthy aspect from Sunday was derived not from numbers but from situation and circumstances.

Birdsong credited offensive coordinator's Bill Legg's play calling on the drive as well as

the team's overall execution, but said it was the intangible component of the game that attains victory in such situations.

**Most Outstanding Defensive Player: Gary Thompson, Defensive End**

The redshirt junior did not induce an uproar from the crowd as Lang did on the first play from scrimmage. In fact, he wasn't even on the field after losing out on the right to start at defensive end in the offseason.

However, upon his entrance into the game as part of the defensive end rotation, Thompson ensured he would not be overlooked for long with his explosiveness as a pass rusher causing headaches for Purdue's tackles and inflicting bruises on Appleby. Thompson collected 10 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss a sack and three quarterback hits.

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## MU defeats EKU, extends win streak

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Marshall University's women's soccer team had its best offensive performance in nine years with a 5-1 win against Eastern Kentucky University Monday at the Veterans Memorial Soccer Complex in Huntington.

The Herd gained its fifth consecutive victory and improved to 5-1-0, extending its longest win streak since it opened the 2009 season with a program-record seven straight wins.

The Herd's five goals were the most since the team scored 10 goals Sept. 2006 against Delaware State on Sept. 25, 2006.

Marshall out-shot the Colonels, 24-7, and EKU took five corner kicks to the Herd's three.

Head coach Kevin Long said in a press release the team's depth helped it come away with the win.

"Whether that's for 15 or for 90 minutes, we have players who can get the job done," Long said.

# Final addition to the Cline Complex officially opens

By **MATTHEW PRANDONI**  
THE PARTHENON

The final part of the Chris Cline Athletic Complex, the Marshall Sports Medicine Institute (MSMI), had its ribbon-cutting ceremony Sunday before the start of Marshall University's season-opening game against Purdue University.

The facility, which cost \$35 million, is part of the Marshall University Athletics Vision Campaign.

The campaign was founded in 2011 and is headed by former Marshall athletes Chad Pennington and Mike D'Antoni.

"This facility is simply as someone said 'the region's game changer,'" Mike Hamrick,

Marshall's Director of Athletics, said. "This was a dream of many, and it's come true today." Before this year, we didn't have physical therapy. We didn't have the equipment and we didn't have the hydrotherapy unit that we have in there. We really went from nothing to probably having the best sports medicine in the country or of any school I have seen."

Pennington, who played quarterback for the Herd's football team from 1996-2000, said the new facility is one of the best in the country.

"It helps us complete the circle for the student athlete where now each young man and young woman can

feel confident that they can feel successful on and off the field," Pennington said.

"This place this complex is the epitome of what Dr. Kopp believed in" professor of Sports Medicine, Dr. Charles E. Giangarra said. "He believed in athletics and academics and this place is athletics and academics."

The MSMI features an indoor practice facility for the athletic component of the plan, as well as classrooms in the facility to help athletes and others involved with the program.

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Members of the Marshall community gather for the ribbon-cutting ceremony Sunday at noon.

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# OPINION

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## STATE EDITORIAL

# The Journal, Martinsburg, on public school reform

If you are among the many people concerned about the quality of public schools in West Virginia, the hits just keep coming.

Earlier this month, results of the state's new standardized test were released. They show most - yes, most, not just a few - public school students are not able to achieve "proficient" grades in English and mathematics.

Then, last week, results of the ACT college tests for this year were released. Just 21 percent of Mountain State high school graduates who took the test met all four of the ACT's benchmarks for readiness to do college-level work. Testing covered English, mathematics, reading and science.

ACT results mean this, in a nutshell: Nearly four of every five West Virginians who took the test were not fully prepared by their high schools to go to college.

Of the 11,289 students who took the test in our state, most probably enrolled in some form

of higher education. No doubt many will have to work their way through remedial classes in college, costing them time and money.

Clearly, something is very wrong with the public school system, not just in our state but in many others, too. ACT comparisons between how West Virginians did on the test and national averages make that painfully obvious.

In English, 69 percent of Mountain State students earned ACT scores indicating they are ready for college work. The national average was just 64 percent.

In math, 34 percent of West Virginians met the ACT benchmark, compared to 42 percent nationally. Low numbers also were recorded in reading and science.

Education reform allegedly has been a national priority for decades. Yet little seems to have changed.

It was obvious years ago that something about how we manage public schools was not working. It still isn't.

## EDITORIAL

# Put the "M" back in MTV



FIDLAR's music video for "40 oz on Repeat" parodies classic 1990s music videos.

Most of us don't remember the glory days of MTV. The music videos were on a constant stream. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, you could tune in and watch these (typically) great forms of media; videos set to the song of your favorite artists. Some following plots to the t and others being abstract and weird and perfect for the MTV Generation.

MTV's first video ever played was "Video Killed The Radio Star" by The Buggles. The showing of The Buggles' video set an ironic set of events in motion. MTV started moving

away from music, exploring pop culture and whatever was "in", instead of featuring artists with cool, original videos.

Nowadays, MTV's programming block consists of warning others about Internet dating with Catfish, quirky "different" comedy, New Girl and the parade of online stupidity that is Ridiculousness. With programs like these, MTV has only two hours (from 4 a.m. to 6 a.m.) dedicated to videos. Who's up watching videos at 4 a.m.? Practically no one. MTV has fallen to the teenie boppers and exists in a state of trying to stay relevant and

leeching as much money out of anything they possibly can.

There is one glimmering speck of hope out in this sea of memes, tasteless humor and Jersey Shores.

Artists like Kendrick Lamar have been putting out amazing videos. Lamar's recent video repertoire includes "King Kunta", "Alright", "i" and "For Free? (Interlude)" from his hugely successful album, To Pimp A Butterfly. Artists like FIDLAR (F--k It Dawg! Life's A Risk!) are also pumping out entertaining music videos in the vein of early 90's MTV. FIDLAR's "40 Oz. On Repeat"

is a homage/medley to different music videos from our childhood; Sugar Ray, Weezer, Everclear and Green Day just to name a few.

With continued individual endeavors, artists may yet be able to take MTV back from the clutches of the old, money grubbing CEO's. Continue supporting these musicians. Like, Share, Comment. One of these days, MTV could maybe dedicate the hours of 6 a.m. to 3 a.m. for music once again and drop the Catfishes, New Girls and Ridiculousness stuff in that miniscule two-hour block.

## COLUMN



CARTER COUNTY DETENTION CENTER VIA AP

This Thursday photo made available by the Carter County Detention Center shows Kim Davis. The Rowan County, Ky. clerk went to jail Thursday for refusing to issue marriage licenses to gay couples, but five of her deputies agreed to comply with the law, ending a two-month standoff.

# A NEW VIEW: Kim Davis situation taken too far

By **NANCY PEYTON**  
THE PARTHENON

If you haven't heard of Kim Davis, then you must not have any form of social media or access to a TV. Davis is the clerk in Kentucky who refuses to issue marriage licenses to LGBT couples.

There are many people out there who disagree with her decision. She is citing her religious beliefs as her motivation to not issue the licenses.

I am a Christian and because of that fact I do not personally believe in gay marriage for myself. However, I also believe that people are free to live however they please.

No one is without sin. You can hate the sin but at the end of the day you should always love the sinner. If we hated everyone who sinned differently than we do, we would live our entire lives alone and

incredibly unhappy.

Gay marriage is still a very hot button issue, especially after the Supreme Court ruling to make it legal in all 50 states. One of the reasons why it is such an issue is because of the legal rights given to married couples by the government.

Marriage was originally intended as a religious institution with foundations built on love. Government involvement has led many in today's generation to believe that marriage no longer works.

The government should be able to put rules and restrictions on certain aspects of everyday life. Otherwise, this country would fall apart. Marriage should not be one of those things. The government should not be able to put a definition on love.

We have a separation of church and state and I feel

that marriage should fall under this. If we took away the tax breaks given to married couples, the restrictions keeping partners from being able to visit each other in the hospital if they're not married and all of the other rights given exclusively to married couples, we could lessen the fight over gay marriage significantly.

Whether you believe Kim Davis is right or wrong in her decision, I think we can all agree that this situation has been taken way too far. I'm sure that a much simpler solution could be found than throwing her in jail.

This situation is definitely one to follow and will spark political, legal and religious debate for months to come.

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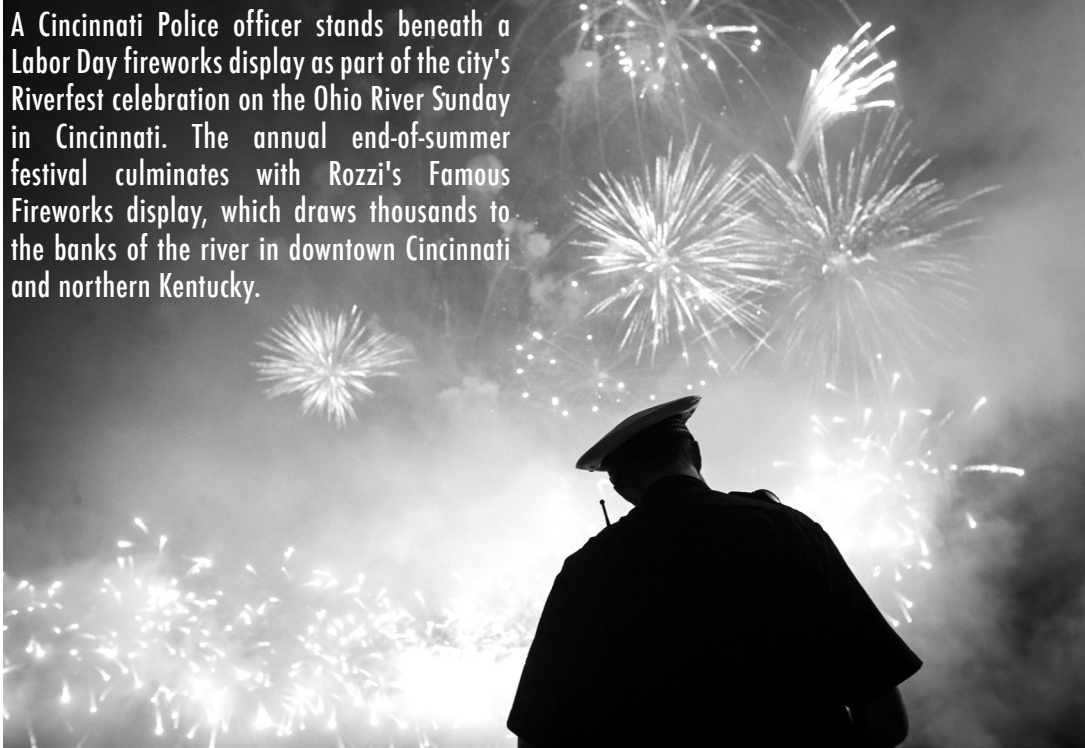
# OHIO CELEBRATES LABOR DAY WITH FIREWORKS, FESTIVITIES

Spectators watch a Labor Day fireworks display as part of the city's Riverfest celebration on the Ohio River Sunday in Cincinnati. The annual end-of-summer festival culminates with Rozzi's Famous Fireworks display, which draws thousands to the banks of the river in downtown Cincinnati and northern Kentucky.

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A Cincinnati Police officer stands beneath a Labor Day fireworks display as part of the city's Riverfest celebration on the Ohio River Sunday in Cincinnati. The annual end-of-summer festival culminates with Rozzi's Famous Fireworks display, which draws thousands to the banks of the river in downtown Cincinnati and northern Kentucky.



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## Students to learn water conservation at Fayette festival

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About 300 Fayette County elementary school children will learn about water conservation, water science and aquatic life at the fifth annual Fayette County Water Festival.

The Register-Herald reports that students will

learn the various ways water impacts lives, from nutrition to recreation.

Students will also be introduced to a variety of careers in science, technology, engineering and math.

Activities are designed to promote awareness and stewardship of water

resources.

The event is sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, the National Park Service and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Local organizers and volunteers are also collaborating to develop activities.



This Dec. 29, 2014, photo shows San Vicente Reservoir near Lakeside, Calif., northeast of San Diego. Water conservation measures are adding up to billions of gallons for San Diego County.

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conservative nature of the state General Assembly.

Davis' plight has reignited the gay marriage debate and the limits of religious freedom. Her imprisonment has inspired spirited protests from both sides in this small eastern Kentucky community known mostly as the home to Morehead State University.

On Saturday, about 300 people rallied in support of Davis at the Carter County Detention Center where she is being held. Another rally is scheduled for Tuesday with Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee.

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## Fifth Annual cook-off helps preserve Appalachian heritage

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Chefs from around the region kindled their fires and greased their pans to compete in the Fifth Annual Cast Iron Cook-Off at Heritage Farm Saturday.

Five teams competed to create traditional Appalachian dishes using only local ingredients and cast iron utensils over a fire.

The contest was judged by Huntington mayor Steve Williams, President of Cabell-Huntington Convention and Visitors Bureau Tyson Compton and Executive Director of United Way of the River Cities Laura Gilliam. The public could also enjoy the cuisine and vote for their favorite competitor.

The competition is part of Heritage Farm's Way Back Weekend series, which showcases a different aspect of Appalachian culture the first Saturday of each month from May through December.

Audy Perry, executive director of Heritage Farm and son of the late Mike Perry, former interim president of Marshall and founder of Heritage Farm, said their mission is to preserve



Square dancing lessons were one part of this Way Back Weekend at Heritage Farm.

the passion of the Appalachian way of life. "The Appalachian people are a creative, ingenious, hard-working people who deserve to be celebrated," Perry said. "Food is one way people passed on love and passion and we're trying to remember that here."

One contestant who knows this tradition better than anyone is Red Dog Monroe, the cook-off's



People's Choice award winner Red Dog Monroe returns for the Fifth Annual Cast Iron Cook-Off

defending champion. Red Dog, who teaches cast iron cooking classes, began cooking at the Milton Pumpkin Festival more than 30 years ago.

"I'm one of the last of the first Mountain Men who were down at the Pumpkin Festival when it started," Monroe said. "When I started, I was the young guy asking, 'How do you do this? And how do you do that?' Now that I'm one of the last and

I'm the one teaching everyone else how to do it."

Monroe's menu for the day consisted of traditional cuisine made of locally sourced ingredients, including wild boar, beans with buffalo meat, ramps with potatoes and bacon, cornbread and cobbler.

"A lot of this tradition is getting lost. When people want to cook with cast iron, it's hard for them to know how their grandparents did it," Monroe said. "I was lucky that my great uncle taught me how to cook, so I can pass that tradition onto other people in my family."

Becky Crouch, Education Director at Heritage Farm, said she hopes these events remind people of the resourcefulness of their Appalachian ancestors.

"We are here today because someone else was creative with what they had," Crouch said. "When the early settlers came over the mountains they were forced to be innovative with how they cooked. Our goal is to help people appreciate the past, experience the present and dream of the future."

Other events for the day included family cooking demonstrations, square dancing lessons and a dulcimer club performance.

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## United Way presents Tri-State fashion show at St. Mary's Conference Center

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Spectators of the tri-state area appreciated the art of fashion at St. Mary's Conference Center Sept. 3.

A River Cities pre-event fashion show hosted by United Way, featured First Impressions School of Modeling, Pageantry and Etiquette. The fashion show showcased cocktail dresses for ladies at the main event.

United Way is a nonprofit organization that supports programs and strategies that better the community. The mission is to solve major issues by bringing the community together.

The purpose was to showcase art from the diverse community through fashion. Fashion is not considered a popular industry in the tri-state, so dresses from five local stores were featured.

The theme of the night was "fashion meets art." The dresses were designed to represent artwork in a fashionable manner.

"We have a lot of great shops in the tri-state area. People need to see that we need fashion," said Toni Jones, founder and

director of the First Impressions School of Modeling and Pageantry.

Jones pointed out that the area is rich in vintage fashion, which was incorporated in the show as well. Some of the models wore selections from Goodwill.

Jones started out modeling locally and even made appearances on TV. She has also been in many pageants and became the first Miss Oktoberfest (Fall Fest), Barboursville.

Jones then went on to attend the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City, and received degrees in fashion buying/merchandising, textile development and marketing.

"My main mission is to build a strong community by building important skills, confidence, self-esteem and manners. My students will be able to use these skills in real life," Jones said. Jones' mission includes pushing students to graduate and become better citizens.

"If we can collaborate and have a goal, we can all move forward," Jones said.

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Scarlett Scarberry models during the United Way of River Cities fashion show Thursday.

