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By ALISON WICKLINE

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2013 President’s Invitational Quoits Media Challenge

By SHANNON STEWART

Members of the local media joined Marshall University faculty and students to face off Tuesday in the President’s Invitational Quoits Media Challenge. The tournament is part of Constitution Week and is a celebration of John Marshall’s birthday, which was Tuesday. Marshall was the Fourth Chief Justice of the United States and is who the university is named after. University President Stephen Kopf said he believes the Media Challenge is another way to honor and celebrate John Marshall and the university’s history. “The tournament is a great reminder of the historic traditions of Marshall,” Kopf said. Quoits is similar to the game of horseshoes except a hæmär—dropped doughnut is used. It is played through the air, but the hæmär is metal in the ground, it is called a ringer and is worth three points. A goal touching the hæmär is worth two points and the goal that lands closest to the hæmär receives one point. Many participants in this year’s tournament made it clear that they were there to win. The Student Government Association, Student Body President EJ Simon and Chief of Student Affairs Woldiek even made team jerseys. Even through every team provided tough competition it became clear that the WSAZ- TV team, news anchor Tim Irr and sports director Keith Morehouse, would be meeting their friends, the Marshall University team. A fixture Maurice Cossey from the President’s Office team in the championship round. Irr and Morehouse have histo- ry with Kopf that goes back a few years and isn’t about to let up this year. Irr started friendly banter after WSAZ- TV’s victory in the semifinals. “Rumor is Dr. Kopf throws quoits with magnets in them,” Irr said. “But we’re undaunted against Dr. Kopf and his mag- netic quoits.” The WSAZ team has won four out of the last five times, but last year with the absence of Irr, they did not reach the final. Kopf was sure to remind them of that. “Actually, when Keith played last year and Tim wasn’t there they didn’t make it to the fi- nals,” Kopf said. With the friendly trash talk bantered back and forth for our team to continue discussing regretable.”

Kellie Pickler concert to benefit PATH for the Cure

By KATY LEWIS

Country music singer Kellie Pickler will be participating in a benefit concert Sunday for the Cure in the Big Andy Superintendent Area at St. Mary’s Regional Center. The benefit con- cert will begin at the WSAZ-TV Wreath Run at approximately 5 p.m. All participants will be given free admission into the concert. Tickets are on sale for the general public for $27. The Big Andy Superintendent Area will have a silent auction from 2 to 4 p.m. of the ticket sales to PATH in the Cure, according to the general manager, Brian Silpa. Festivities for the 5k walk/ run will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday and the race will kick off at 5 p.m. Walkers and runners will be tracked on the Second Avenue and Seventh Street and end in front of the Big Andy Super- intendent Area for the benefit concert. PATH to the Cure was started in 2011 as a way to bring atten- tion to the fight against breast cancer and to raise money for uninsured or under-insured women up to mammograms at St. Mary’s Breast Center. Jake Neal, one of the founders of PATH to the Cure, described how this year the goal for the 5k is bigger than previous years. “This year we want 2,500 people to finish the race, and we want to raise $10,000,” Neal said. During a news conference, Mayor Steve Williams ex- plained the impact that PATH to the Cure has in the Hunting- ton community. “The PATH to the Cure is certainly something that is special to the community,” Williams said. “It is something that has developed into one of the larg- est 5k’s in the state of West Virginia.” See CONCERT | Page  5

Friday Forum meeting to discuss assessment

By ALESSA SIMON

The last of the Friday For- um meetings will take place at 3:30 p.m. Friday in Drinko Library room 402. The topic of the meeting will be Higher Learning Commission Open Pathways accreditation ex- periences, standards, and criteria. The Academic Affairs of- fice hosted the third of their Friday Forum series meet- ings at 3:30 p.m. in Drinko Library Sept. 20. HLC Quality Initiative and the Assessment Project at Marshall University were hot topics during this meeting. Gayle Ostrom, provost and senior vice president of Academic Affairs and Mary Ruth Reynolds, associate vice presi- dent of Academic Quality and excellence, were also present for the meeting to prepare in- formation for the university’s HLC reac- creditation that will take place in 2015. The HLC Quality Initiative aims to stay on top of uni- versity assessment, which was the main topic of the meeting. “No matter how good we are, there’s always room for improvement,” Reynolds said. Marshall’s goal is for students to learn specific foundations by the time they take their capstone courses near the end of their seniors year. These outcomes are required for the implementation of general education courses that lay a foundation for inte- grated and degree programs across the university. The requirement is to expand the core foundation- stones that students have already developed. They will then apply these concepts in what they plan to do after they graduate from college.

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Volleyball opens conference play with pair of road contests

Marshall enters the weekend 6-9 after defeating Maryland in the last match of the Michigan Invitational last Saturday. The Herd is led by senior outside hitter, Laura Der, who has combined 10-18 in 2013, including winless conference play. Volleyball opens its season at No. 10. "They were physical, they knew what they were doing, they weren’t hesitant and they played aggressively," Shuler said of the Virginia Tech defense. "That was a great defense."

Against that defense the Herd put up 361 yards of total offense, 155 more yards than No. 1 ranked Alabama did when they played the Hokies in week one. "The Herd defense also showed its mettle against the Hokies, allowing only 14 points in regulation and stopping the Hokies on 14 of 16 third-down conversion attempts. For some Herd players, the lessons from the loss to Virginia Tech go past the numbers."

"We've just got to keep focused and keep playing football, our effort is there, we just need to learn how to win," senior quarter- back Rakeem Cato said. "We fear no man. No matter who we're playing, we're coming to win the game." Will Vance can be contacted at vance162@marshall.edu.

No ‘moral victories,’ but plenty of positives for Herd

Looking at the rest of Conference USA, a conference championship looks to be a real possibility for the Herd. The Herd’s remaining opponents (all C-USA games) are combined 10-18 in 2013, including winless Southern Miss and FIU. "That Virginia Tech loss has kind of opened our eyes and showed us that we are a really good team," Rante said. "With the next team coming up we just need to show our team skills and team support." If nothing else, the close decision in Blacksburg has reinforced the Herd’s determination for the rest of the season. "We've just got to keep focused and keep playing football, our effort is there, we just need to learn how to win," senior quarterback Rakeem Cato said. "We fear no man. No matter who we're playing, we're coming to win the game."
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![Photo of WSAZ team](image1)

WSAZ news anchor Tim Irr and pit master Alan Gould inspect the legality of a potential scoring play in a game of quoits.

![Photo of John Marshall](image2)

University President Stephen Kopp and Student Body President E.J. Hassan cut the first piece of John Marshall’s birthday cake.

![Photo of Bennett Siffrin](image3)

Bennett Siffrin, music director for WMUL-FM, tosses a disc in the President’s Invitational Quoits Media Challenge.

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Member of the Marshall University Fife and Drum Corps Jozy Mendez performs with the group in honor of John Marshall’s birthday.

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