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Pumpkin Festival delights thousands in Milton

By BRITNEY MILLER

Thousands gathered in Milton over the weekend for the West Virginia Pumpkin Festi-
val. The festival, which began as a way to help local farmers with the growth and sales of pumpkins, celebrated its 28th year Oct. 3-6 in the 90-acre field winners were Pi Kappa Phi and Alpha Sigma Phi. First place for the float com-
petition went to Alpha Delta Delta and Pi Kappa Phi. Second place went to Alpha Chi Omega. Third place went to Alpha Phi Omega. First place for the band com-
petition went to Cabell Midland High School. The festival kicked off Saturday at 10 a.m. with a parade and kids’ activities and ended Sunday at 5 p.m. with main stage shows, food, shopping, showcases of homemade goods and more.

Attendees enjoyed performances of everything from country and bluegrass to gospel and local artists, as well as the Cabell Midland “Red Hot” cheerleaders, both out-
side and within the park’s music tent.

The festival’s close on Sunday. Entertainment included acts such as Zappo the Clown, creative demonstra-
tions in diatomic artistry, a stroll back in time through a civil war encampment, and face painting and crafting ac-
tivities for kids.

The festival also featured more than 100 entry-level craft booths and an additional 150 business booths, providing every-
thing from local honey to hand-crafted goods and much more.

The pumpkin festival en-
ticed full-grown giants’ taste with vendors offering a range of pumpkin desserts from pumpkin pies and pies, pumpkin fudge, and even pumpkin-flavored ice cream.

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fter last year’s contest, when current mascot needed to be replaced and uni-
versity officials decided that nobody would be better to decide the next face than the fans.

Marco matches the crowd’s approval after revealing his revved-up classic look before kickoff Saturday, Oct. 5 at Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

By DARRIN MILLER

Many students at Marshall hope to see two more wins before the next home game, Nov. 2, against Southern Mississippi.

Marco, whose name originated from the first two letters of Mar-
shall in the 1930s, made his first appearance as live mascot in 1954. Although he looked a little bigger over the past few years, fans fell in love with the friendly orange beast. This and other changes of the mascot and his theme as well as the variety of the floats.

Marco represents our fans and they are the ones he is most involved with,” Aaron Geiblert, associate athletic director for external affairs, said. “It’s magical when Marco shows up at an event, and he always wants to look his best.”

The Marco makeover came af-
fter fans voted on social media for their favorite costume. A total of 3,117 votes were cast and Herd fans made it clear they wanted the classic Marco back. The winning costume collected 75 percent of the votes with 2,242 votes.

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Marco returns to classic look after pregame unveiling

Homecoming day was full of exciting events for the Herd country. The “Mascot Gra-
ft” tradition began during Homecoming week and the new Marco, unveiled to the un-
iversity for the first time Sunday, Oct. 6, in the AMI area, marked the beginning of a new era for Thundering Herd fans.

The Taliban issued a statement late Sunday that the government paid for the newly constructed anti-terrorism center.

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No movement in budget standoff, but some hints at how it could end

By DAVID LAUTER
WASHINGTON BUREAU (AP)

Neither side in the standstill over the government shutdown showed signs of movement Saturday. With both sides of government agencies closed, even though almost all bided their time inside, a showdown essentially could still loom.

Republicans and Democrats have deadlocked over two related issues — funds to keep government offices open and the Nov. 15 tax deadline. The former creates no immediate damage to the country. The latter is another story.

In a statement from Capitol Hill, which began Oct. 1, is set for Oct. 16 — the day after the tax deadline. Even though both parties have said that homeowners could start facing delays or loan cancellations because the IRS and other government agencies cannot respond to requests for documentation and other paperwork needed to claim refunds.

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The discussion has been sparked by the release of data related to a critical situation that occurred in Marshalltown. The data, which was originally withheld by the volunteer fire department, has now been released to the public. The release of the data has sparked a debate about the release of such information and its potential impact on the safety and well-being of the community.

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Boehner sought to lay the blame for the deadlock on Obama. “The American people expect in Washington, when we have a crisis like this, that the leaders will sit down and have a conversation,” he said. “I told my colleagues the other day there may be a smoke room somewhere, but there’s nothing in it.”

On the Democratic side, Treasury Secretary Jack Lew, appearing on several shows, repeated the administration’s position that the president set out in 2011, of a side being willing to risk a government default to win a policy argument, was “a very dangerous move in the political debate” that the White House is determined to repeat.

“Congress needs to do its job,” he said. “They need to open the govern- ment; they need to make so we can get our bills. there and we need to negotiate,” Lew said on CNN’s “State of the Union.”

The Republican position is “dangerous and unrealistic,” Lew said.

For now, each side is testing the other’s resolve and also trying to gauge public opinion. In addition, Boehner has the diffi- cult task of finding a solution that doesn’t widen an already-deep split within Republican ranks between the Tea Party- driven faction that pushed the party into the current standoff and low and forest members who fear the consequences.

In the ABC interview, Boehner hinted at one step that some other Republicans have said is likely — an end to the debt ceiling. He said he was ready to make Obamacare the focus of the spending debate, but had been dragged into the fight by the party’s top leaders.

“I’m not going to raise the debt limit without a serious conversation about dealing with problems that are driving the deficit up. It would be irresponsible of me to do this,” he said.

In detailing those prob- lems, he stopped any mention of the health law, focusing instead, on Medicare and Social Security, the programs that he has sought to cut back on during previous, unsuccessful “grand bargain” negotiations with Obama.

“Let’s look at what’s driving the problem — 10,000 baby- boomers like me retiring, every single day. 70,000 this week. 3.5 million this year. 70,000 this week. 3.5 million this year. 70,000 this week. And it’s not that there’s money in Social Security or Medicare,” he said.

“We know these programs are important to tens of millions of Americans. But if we don’t address the underfunded problems, they are not sustainable.”

In the budget he offered to Congress this year, Obama sug- gested trims in both programs that he would accept, but only in exchange for ending some tax preferences for upper-income Americans that the White House calls loopholes. Republicans have refused to accept any new tax increases.

Whether both of those issues provides an easier path for compromise remains unclear. Previous negotiations on those issues have gone nowhere. But, as Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, noted on CNN’s “Face the Nation,” although neither side has moved so far, each talks tall, “Things can move quickly.”

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The work’s 12th anniversary also marked the end of the negoti- ation period for candidates in April’s presidential elections — the first independent vote or- ganized by the country without direct foreign-hulp, which could shape the direction of the coun- try and its relations with other countries. By Saturday’s count, nearly 100 hopeful reportedly had submitted their names.

Among those running to suc-ceed: President Hamid Karzai has several political heavyweights, including a former defense min- ister, several former warlords, a few political outsiders and techni- cals, and Karzai’s brother.

Ethnic divisions, deep-rooted

rivalries, rapidly shifting alliances, corruption and po- litical uncertainty are proven features of Afghanistan’s political land- scape. Afganiistan’s population of 31 million is about 62 per- cent Pashtun, 27 percent Tajik, 9 percent Hazara and 4 percent others, with the remaining 3 percent from smaller groups. The Taliban, which has con- tinued since April 2003 elections and called on citizens to boycott the polls, is predominantly Pashtun. The number of NATO troops in the country has dropped quickly in recent months and is now less than 100,000, about half of them are from the United States. Foreign forces are expected to fall to about 50,000 by February, of which approximately 3,000 would be Americans.

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“It’s about time,” Derek Deno- van, a Marshall University professor and former herder, said. “I guess the real name Marco was back in the day he wanted to call it. But Marco?”

Dennis van said.

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Dr. Allen Young played Marco in the early half Saturday. Young played the early half Saturday.

During the Marching Thunder in the 2013 homecoming parade Saturday, Oct. 5.

Miss West Virginia, Chasen Welch, takes part in the 2013 homecoming parade Saturday, Oct. 5.

The new Marco costume was designed and created by Dale Mor- van, a senior in

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And Willis ping to the crowd on the 2013 Marshall halfback, is running abc for 12-6. Conference 10K Championship. Willis made 109 tackles on the Herd’s win last season.

Junior wide receiver Jazz King celebrates with fans after the Herd takes the win over the UTSA Roadrunners on Saturday, Oct. 5.

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"IT TAKES A LONG TIME TO BECOME YOUNG."  
– Pablo Picasso

**HOMECOMING 2013**

**MARDI GRAS MARSHALL-STYLE**

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

Members of the 2013 Homecoming Court are presented at midfield of Joan C. Edwards Stadium after winners McKenzie Cooley and Derek Ramsey were crowned Saturday, Oct. 5.

The new face of the Herd mascot, Marco, is revealed during the pregame show of the homecoming game at Joan C. Edwards Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 5.

The Thundering Herd enters Joan C. Edwards Stadium to face the University of Texas at San Antonio Roadrunners on Saturday, Oct. 5.

Groups from Marshall University’s campus and from the Huntington community participated in this year’s Mardi Gras-themed homecoming parade Saturday, Oct. 5.

Fans gathered at Joan C. Edwards Stadium to watch the Herd defeat the UTSA Roadrunners 34-10 on Saturday, Oct. 5.