West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey said Thursday the state would no longer defend the same-sex marriage ban, according to the Associated Press. In response, same-sex couples across the state filed for marriage licenses at their local courthouses. Aaron Dunn, ordained minister and Marshall University student from Huntington, was waiting at the Cabell County Courthouse to marry any couple that had received their license and wished to be married immediately. “As soon as the ban was lifted, I just dropped everything and came down here,” Dunn said. “I have the ability to perform marriages and therefore I have the responsibility to come out here and help these people achieve this dream that they have had for who knows how long.”

Dunn said he thinks this a new era for the state of West Virginia and humanity as well. “It is a brand new day for us here in the state and us as a country and us as people,” Dunn said. “It is exciting to be here at the very precipice of that.”

The staff at the courthouse was prepared for the influx and chaos of the day. “We are used to adapting to the way things have to be done,” Karen Cole, Cabell County clerk, said. “I had a meeting with my staff this morning, and we kept them updated all through the day of what the attorney general and the governor were doing. So we anticipated, and we were ready.”

The news was surprising and overwhelming to the couples. They did not expect the lift on the ban for at least another two weeks, according to Sarah Adkins, one of the people who was married on the courthouse stairs today.
Walking Tacos take over Homecoming, raise awareness for domestic violence

By ALEX JAMES
THE PARTHENON

Alpha Chi Omega sorority will sell Walking Tacos 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday. A Walking Taco or Taco-in-a-shell consists of a bag of tortilla chips, usually Fritos, that is opened and topped with various ingredients such as cheese, beans, tomatoes, onions, ground beef, guacamole and salsa. This is the equivalent to having a taco, but instead of the ingredients being contained in a shell they are now placed inside of a bag. The Walking Tacos will be sold for $2 each. The taco can be purchased at the Alpha Chi Omega Suite located at 501 N.W. Street or from a member of Alpha Chi during the tailgating before the Homecoming football game. The Walking Taco sale is part of Alpha Chi Omega’s determination to raise awareness of domestic violence.

“I think that it’s very important for women to understand what it’s like going on with other women,” said Katie Flowers, head of philanthropy for Alpha Chi. “One in four women are affected by domestic violence, that means a good chunk of the female population here at Marshall have been or will be affected by domestic violence.”

President Heather Taylor said, “We try to spread awareness to everybody because it’s very important for everybody to know about this. It can happen to men, and it can happen to women and it doesn’t matter who you are.”

Alpha Chi Omega will also conduct a candlelight vigil Oct. 15 and will have a satellite drive in November. All proceeds will go to Branche’s Domestic Violence Shelter in Huntington.

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Lab worker in W.Va. admits sample tampering

ASSOCIATED PRESS

A lab worker faces up to five years in prison after pleading guilty to tampering with water samples.


In U.S. District Court in Beckley. Goodwin said in a news release that “74-year-old Shelt- on resided admitted tampering with water samples while working as a field technician and manager for Appalachian Laboratories.

The charge resulted from an investigation on water sampling and analysis to ensure that pollutant discharges from coal mining operations into public waterways didn’t exceed permitted limits.

Daniels told the court that he and other employees added distilled water to samples to dilute them. The dilution made it appear that the sampling events for the regulated limits were lower than permissible limits.

WMUL-FM car bash evokes fighting spirit

By JOHN FAUS
THE PARTHENON

The H.E.L.P. Center is hosting the annual Marshall University golf tournament Friday at Rivercountry Club in Lewisburg.

The event is a project for the H.E.L.P. Center. This is its 15th year.

For individual players who want to participate, the entry fee is $100, while teams of four pay $400 for entry. Lunch and dinner is included. All the proceeds from the event go toward scholarship funding to need-based learning-disabled students enrolled in the H.E.L.P. Center.

This includes students from Marshall, as well as students from elementary school through high school who have encountered learning challenges.

The H.E.L.P. Center is a non-profit organization and receives all of its funding from events and donations.

The golf scramble was dedicated to Skene in after he passed away in 2009. Skene was a long-time supporter of the H.E.L.P. Center. He was a former student in the program who still partici- pates in the event every year.

The scramble assemblies roughly 20-25 teams each year. The ultimate goal of the program is to have enough teams to create a morning and afternoon session in the tournament.

Many alumni, like Evan Hazellett, return every year to compete in the tournament and go back to the organization that helped him through school.

“I’m more than satisfied with where the H.E.L.P. pro- gram is heading in the future,” Hazellett said. “I was fortunate about what they do and provide one of the best tutoring and college prep services in the nation.”

Susan Brunt, assistant director at the H.E.L.P. Center, said having both current students and alumni of the program is an important aspect of the tour- nament.

“Having the students on the golf course helps them connect with the alumni playing in the tournament,” Brunt said. “The alumni coming to the event is their way of giving back to the program.”

The event starts at noon and will end by 4 p.m. Friday at Heritage Golf Course.

The event is one of the major fundraising events for the non-profit organization and gives the alumni of the program an opportunity to connect with current students.

The event is also the kickoff for Addiction Awareness Month. In support of this, a portion of the book’s sales will be don- ated for the non-profit organiza- tion’s addiction awareness campaign.

“Measure Twice” is now available online through our website. The physical version is also available.

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By SHANNON STOWERS
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Game Preview: Middle Tennessee State

Herd looks for revenge on Homecoming

Marshall's offensive line has to get back to basics to stop the Blue Raiders defense. The Herd defense will be tested against Middle Tennessee State.

In this season’s matchup, the Herd will lean on an experienced, sturdy defense and an explosive offense to beat the Blue Raiders on Homecoming.

The Herd defense will be tested against an equally explosive MTSU offense that, statistically at least, can go toe-to-toe with the Herd. The Blue Raiders are led by the mobile Austin Grammar, who has more than 1,500 rushing yards so far this season. Another running back who wears opponents out on the ground.

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Coming up next...

It’s a jam-packed Homecoming weekend in Huntington. Don’t forget a single event with this calendar and make sure to follow The Parthenon on Twitter and Instagram @MUParthenon for coverage of everything you can’t make it to.

**Friday**

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Picnic on the Plaza
Sponsored by the Alumni Association and the Office of Development
Office decoration contest winners will be announced.

7 p.m. “Yell like Hell” Pep Rally
Buskirk Field
Sponsored by Alumni Association and Campus Activities Board

7 p.m. Five Finger Death Punch
Big Sandy Superstore Arena
$40

7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Welcome Back Champagne Reception
Don Morris Room in the Memorial Student Center
$30 day of the event
Sponsored by Alumni Association and Black Alumni Association

8 p.m. Artisan Market and Cinema Under the Stars
“Gremlins”
Heritage Station

9 p.m. Tracy Lawrence with special guest Rick Huckaby
The V-Club
$25

**Saturday**

7:30 p.m. Homecoming parade lineup
Parade begins at Eighth Street and Fourth Avenue

8 a.m. 5K Alum Run
Begins at Veteran’s Memorial Boulevard and ends near Pullman Square
$25 entry fee

8:30 a.m. Homecoming parade
Parade ends at Joan C. Edwards Stadium

9 a.m. Tailgate Blast
18th Street and Fifth Avenue
$25 per person
Sponsored by Alumni Association, Student Government Association and Black Alumni Association

10 a.m. 2014 Tsubasacon
Big Sandy Superstore Convention Center
Events all day

Noon Thundering Herd vs. Middle Tennessee State Blue Raiders
Crowning of Mr. and Miss Marshall at halftime

7 p.m. Step Show
Keith Albee Performing Arts Center
$15 general admission
$12 Greek students with letters
$10 African-American Student Association
Doors open at 6 p.m.
Sponsored by the National Panhellenic Council

9 a.m. Jeff Austin’s Band featuring Danny Barnes, Eric Thorin and Ross Martin
The V-Club
$18
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“We tried our eyes before we got here,” Adkins said. “We have been waiting for almost five years now.”

Casey McGee, Adkins’ niece, who attorney the marriage in a long step toward the goal of equality.

“Obviously there are still challenges,” McGee said after the long process. “But it will be nice to be able to call each other by our names.”

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