Huntington debuts Restaurant Week, Final Friday Art Crawl

“It really gives an opportunity to showcase the vitality of our downtown, the heart of our community.” KEVIN CRAIG

By LEXI BROWNING

The inaugural Restaurant Week begins Friday, and nine restaurants in Huntington are working with the Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce to showcase the city’s finest meals. Customers are invited to partake in three-course lunches for $10 with Jim’s Steak & Spaghetti House, the Marshall Hall of Fame Café, River and Rail Bakery and UNO Chicago Grill. Three-course dinner options for the week include 21 at the Frederick, Black Sheep Bar and Brew, La Bistro, Prime on 4th, Savannah’s Restaurant and UNO Chicago Grill for a fixed rate of $25.

Huntington Mayor Steve Williams said Restaurant Week will set Huntington apart and has contributed to moving along schedule accordingly.”

They come runnin’ just as fast as they can… to see ZZ Top take the Big Sandy stage

By SOFIE WACHTMEISTER

American rock group ZZ Top will take the Big Sandy Superstore Arena stage 7:30 p.m. Thursday. The southern rock and blues trio from Texas last performed at the Big Sandy eight years ago.

The band consists of Billy Gibbons, Frank Beard and Dusty Hill. Ironically, Beard is the only member of the group who does not don the recognizable long beard and sunglasses like the other members do.

ZZ Top will perform its hits ranging from the ’60s through its most recent album released in 2012, “La Futura.”

Cara Hedrick, marketing and sales manager at UNO Chicago Grill, said the event will be a big crowd.

“We’ve had a really good response to this show on our social media pages,” Hedrick said. “We think it’s going to be a good mix of people. I’ve talked to people in their 20’s all the way up to their 60’s. The band really reaches across the board.

The head is set to release its greatest hits collection this summer titled “The Budokan ZZ Top.”

Hedrick said there are limited tickets left for purchase.

“I would encourage anyone who wants tickets to get those now,” Hedrick said. “We hope to have a sold out house.”

Tickets begin at $49.50 and are available for purchase through the Big Sandy Superstore Arena or online.

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By KAITLYN CLAY

MARSHALL

Trombonist Jason Miller performed Wednesday with Marshall University’s Department of Music and Art to end the Guest Artist Series.

Miller has a history with jazz music and has played numerous shows across the Hudson Valley and New York City.

Miller played his favorite songs during the set before playing his own music.

“Being able to have access to new music is amazing,” Miller said regarding this series of performers. “It’s nice to see students being interviewed. Due to the cancelation and busy schedules of the students, seven scholars and one other student are being interviewed.

Barbara Maynard, program director of the June Harless Center, said students are being interviewed.

By JENNIFER SINDO KELLER

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

When a Vietnam veteran briefly stopped in Hawaii on his way home from war, he vowed to return one day to honor the people who perished during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

With just less than two months to live, Joseph Hooker realized his long-delayed dream on Wednesday.

The Marine Corps veteran, who has heart disease and cancer, traveled from his home in Essex, Maryland, to Honolulu to visit the site of the Japanese attack that pushed the United States into World War II. The Dream Foundation, which provides wishes for those who have life expectancies of a year or less, arranged for the journey.

Hooker’s brother and sister-in-law, who are his caregivers, took turns pushing him in a wheelchair as they went on a tour of the battleship USS Missouri.

The Hawaiian dream begins from a 25-minute stop in the islands in 1971 as Hooker headed home from Vietnam. Hooker said from his Wakiki hotel room Tuesday: He was let off the ship just long enough to make a phone call to his family and eat some room service. He promised to come back someday “to honor the men and women who gave their life at Pearl Harbor.”

More than four decades later, Hooker revisited the spot where Japan surrendered on the deck of the USS Missouri and got a peek inside the captain’s cabin. “I’ve never seen a battleship like this before,” he said.

The Dream Foundation’s new program, Dreams for Veterans, made Hooker’s wish possible. In applying, Hooker wrote a letter saying that he hoped to visit Pearl Harbor to “learn, teach and understand what happened there.”

In the letter, he described volun-


tarily enlisting in the Marine Corps when he was 17, saying, “My heart told me that I was a Marine and that I was going to work hard and train to be the best.”

Veterans often see Pearl Harbor as a symbol of why they served in the military, said Juanita Hay, a volunteer historian for Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, who accompanied the Hookers on their tour.

“She seemed to serve these three,” she said.

The decorated veteran moved up through the ranks to become a sergeant.

“When my day was to see Pearl Har-


bor,” Hooker said while resting in the Hooker’s captain’s cabin — a location where presidents have vio-


teed.

“It was scary the first time, but we’ve been here now and rest in peace.”

By CAITLIN FOWLES

THE PARTHENON

Second-graders to interview Marshall students

Marshall University will have two underserved classes from Paint Valley Elementary visiting 9:30 a.m. Friday to interview students from the Society of Black Scholars.

This trip was scheduled Feb. 10 for a Black History Month case study, but was rescheduled due to snow days.

Mayra Cooley, associate vice president of Intercultural Affairs, said arrangements were made to ensure the volunteer was not unneeded to be interviewed. Due to the cancelation and busy schedules of the scholars, seven scholars and one other student are being interviewed.

Barbara Maynard, program director of the June Harless Center, said the elementary school students were studying famous African-Americans specifically during Black History Month and asked to interview blacks from Marshall.

The students were looking for fa-


mous African-Americans specifically from West Virginia for their case studies when the idea of interviewing the Society of Black Scholar students was created.

“Right now they are doing a case study in order to provide students with role models of as many ethnicities, genders and occupations as possible,” Maynard said. “They also want to highlight the role of African-Americans in our community.”

The Marshall student will be grouped with two to three children who will ask the Marshall student three questions each about any struggles or obstacles they’ve had to overcome, what their education looks like, their future plans and how they’ve been a minority.

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The students will tour the John Dower Dorato Library and take a class picture in front of the John Marshall statue.

The interviews will follow in Corbly Hall and Marshall’s golf coach will show the children how to put their clubs here campus.

“I think it’s an amazing for the se-


cond-graders to have an opportunity to be on campus and see that opportunity is there for them, that they can go on,” Maynard said. “I think in inter-


viewing the students, particularly about any challenges they’ve had in their life, these children may have had challenges as well or may face challenges in the near future and will be able to have a mentor that’s overcome these challenges.”

The June Harless Center, College of Education and Professional Development, Caleb County Schools, Painton Elementary principal Ryan McKemin, Painton Elementary teacher Taylor Fassio Cade and Melanie Grobe, Maurice Guyler and the Society of Black Scholars will act as mentors to guide the students.

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**Seasoned tennis star continues career as Herd coach**

By KASEY MADDOX

The assistant coach for Marshall University’s tennis team Kellie Schmitt traveled in 2005 from Pittsburgh to begin her tennis career at Marshall University. The winter weather that hit Huntington going into March did not perform as well as the Jaguar Invitational, the team said despite the team's high goal to finish in the top five or top 10, but the tournament was a learning experience.

Schmitt's record for overall victories is 236, securing that spot by 38 wins from the number two spot. Schmitt played number two singles and number one doubles as a freshman fast from her sophomore year, she played number one in both.

"I never thought coming into Marshall I was going to do as well," Schmitt said. Schmitt was named player of the year in C-USA from 2007 to 2010.

She received C-USA player of the month four times and C-USA player of the week 10 times. Schmitt was first team C-USA All-Conference singles all four of her years and first team C-USA All-Conference doubles in 2009 with teammate Karolina Soor.

In 2006, 2007 and 2008 Schmitt's doubles team was recognized as the doubles team of the week and with teammate Laura Schmitt from 2006-2007 and Soor in 2009.

"I always had the opportunity to travel to various tournaments including the Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-American Championships from 2006-2008 and the NCAA Intercollegiate Indoor Championships. I mean honestly, I had one of the best experiences ever," Schmitt said.

In spring 2009, Schmitt was the No. 1 ranked singles player in the East Atlantic region. Her highest national singles ranking was 19 in January 2007 and highest national doubles ranking was 14 in September 2008 with Soor.

Schmitt was the Intercollegiate Tennis Association East Region's player to watch in 2005 and received the Dr. Dorothy Winkle Female Student-Athlete of the Year Award in 2009 and 2010.

Schmitt's accolades out the her high for her players, and she said she tries to guide the players based on her experience.

"I try to help people, like get the best out of them because I had so much help growing up," Schmitt said. "I try to pass that to the girls a little bit."

Schmitt said coaching is harder than playing, but she continues to do so in her third year at Marshall.

Schmitt said tennis has taught her to overcome adversity on and off the court.

"I feel like just the adversity part is huge," Schmitt said. "Again, you're not going to be perfect on the court and in life when something bad happens you have to try to figure it out."

Schmitt said having the support of coaches over the years has helped her especially head coach John Marcus and his wife Laurie.

"Them, and having Marshall in general, just knowing that support made me want to work even harder to help the program," Schmitt said.

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**Herd women’s golf prepares to tee off in Maryland**

By KASEY MADDOX

The Marshall University women’s golf team has gone off to Maryland Sunday through Monday for the Hoyas Invitational in Bethesda, Maryland.


Senior Karenal Simuwong led the team, finishing 14th individually:

"It felt great to kind of impress," Simuwong said. "I really knew that I had a lot more potential than that and honestly, I know that I could finish a whole lot better."

Simuwong said it was her goal to finish in the top five or top 10, but the tournament was a learning experience.

Head coach Tiffany Prats said despite the team’s high expectations going into the Jaguar Invitational, the team did not perform as well as they hoped.

The winter weather that hit Huntington going into March presented the team from practicing outside until this week.

The team plans to practice outside every day this week for the first time this semester to prepare for the Hoyas Invitational.

"One thing we’re lacking in that competitiveness right now because we haven’t been outside," Prats said. "So we’re going to create some matches this week but still have fun and be serious and get ready."

The tournament is hosted by Georgetown University. Last year, the Herd finished seventh out of 16 in the tournament.

"Georgetown still in a really good team," Prats said, "they’re having a great year, but if we don’t finish I’d say top three there, it will be really disappointing."

Simuwong said the team has a lot to work on this season.

"We know how well we can play and are working hard to accomplish that goal of ours and honestly just finish proud ranking in a tournament or individual finish," Simuwong said.

Prats started as head coach for the Herd in July 2014 and said this season is exciting.

"You can see the culture of the team changing every day, from just walking around with everyone on campus to competing," Prats said. "It’s a different team that shows up from where we showed up for our first event in the fall. We were just kind of there and not really sure where we fit in and now when we go to tournaments, we expect to compete."

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As we look ahead to a future that involves the coloni- zation of other planets, Mars has become the agreed-upon destination for this endeavor. NASA has already begun work on Orion, a spacecraft designed for the specific purpose of sending men farther into space than ever before, with Mars looming as the pro- gram’s eventual destination. Orion has already been space tested, with another test flight to occur in the near future.

The earliest launch date for the spacecraft is sometime in 2021, with Mars colonization planned for the 2030s. In response to the Orion program, Dutch entre- preneur Bas Lansdorp partnered with aerospace giant Lockheed Martin Space Systems, the Mars One team. The project is the process of choosing the 100 people from around the world who will take the seven-month trip to the red planet. Once landed, these chosen people will never set foot on Earth again.

We should instead focus on building a colony on the moon as a test run for Mars. In that way, we can iron out any unforeseen problems that might occur from other-worldly colonization.

Although NASA’s plan is far less ambitious than the Mars mission, both have the same destination. Although it is exciting to imagine man might establish a colony on another planet in just 14 years, it is also a dangerous prospect. They are going to another world with an limitless con- tacts to Earth, and no chance of help should something go wrong. It seems more prudent to get the colonization of Mars on hold until the practicals of world colonization can be established practically.

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The fountain at the Me- morial Student Center isn’t the only place in Huntington where the 1970 plane crash is honored. There is another site at Spring Hill Cemetery, which is located about a mile from the university. If you start out at the stadium and follow 20th Street, you eventually come to a hill that leads to the ceme- tery. There are signs from there that guide you to the memorial. Once inside, you’ll see a statue with the list of names of those who perished in the crash along with the graves of seven who perished in the crash. Once on Mars, the colonists must be successful in mainta- ining a colony in a hostile and isolated environment.

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Top 5 places to visit in Huntington

By BRI SHELTON

COLUMNA

As a native Huntingtonian, I’m always proud to boast about our city and tell fellow Mar- shall University classmates where the best places to go are around here. Below is a list of some of my favorite places to go and see. 1. Fat Patty’s Does this even need a para- graph to explain why this is a definite place to visit in Hun- tungton? Fat Patty’s is by far one of the best restaurants here and somewhere everyone needs to eat. Their cheese- burgers are to die for, and they have a burger that comes with the tastes of everyone practically. As a short walk from campus, this eatery is a go-to for a quick dinner or a Friday night hang out with friends.

2. Spring Hill Cemetery

The cemetery on the Memorial Student Center isn’t the only place in Huntington where the 1970 plane crash is honored. There is another site at Spring Hill Cemetery, which is located about a mile from the university. If you start out at the stadium and follow 20th Street, you eventually come to a hill that leads to the ceme- tery. There are signs from there that guide you to the memorial. Once inside, you’ll see a statue with the list of names of those who perished in the crash along with the graves of seven members of the team. This is a specific locale to see in Hun- tungton, especially as a member of the Marshall community.

3. Beech Fork

If you’re looking for a week- end of fun and sun, Beech Fork is definitely the place to go. They have a lot of everything; in terms of outdoor places with activities ranging from fish- ing, camping and even hiking. Whether you want a weekend trip involving a tent and some friends or a day out at a lake, this is somewhere to check out and visit.

4. The Pottery Place

Art skills or not, this is a place that everyone can enjoy. Children visit the Healing Field, a memorial for those who died Sept. 11, 2001, at Spring 1970 plane crash victims and veterans of the area. Children visit the Healing Field, a memorial for those who died Sept. 11, 2001, at Spring 1970 plane crash victims and veterans of the area.
MINING FOR TOURISTS? A DUBIOUS ECONOMIC SAVIOR IN APPALACHIA

By JOSEPH RAWLES AND ALEID OHN
ASSOCIATED PRESS
Miners built this company town. Could it draw — the wine grapes growing on a former strip mine in the hills above — help to draw visitors here? Jack and Sandra Looney sure hope so.

Their Highland Winery housed in the lovingly restored, restored yellow “company store” pays tribute to coal mining’s history here, as do their signature wines: Blood, Sweat and Tears.

“The Coal Miner’s Blood sells more than any of them,” says Jack Looney of the sweet red.

“Nothing like the coal miner’s blood!” says Suzanne Gal, mission president Ron Watson.

For all but a lucky few places the region includes many that cure-all.

Another area that includes tourism — eco-, adventure, economic practitioners push for a cluster of coal-producing counties — the marketing label Appalachia.

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Tony Zhang is a Chinese INTO Marshall University student who has been in America for a year. Zhang previously studied at Shenyang University in his home country and is also involved in the Chinese Student Association. After completing the INTO MU program, Zhang would like to continue his studies at Marshall in Smith Music Hall.

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Q: How do you think you have adapted to America and Marshall University?
A: Here's my story. Before I came to America, my understanding of America was just from movies. In the movies you can see tall buildings in New York City and the sunshine and beautiful beach in Miami or Los Angeles. (…) I wanted to come here to touch it, to smell it, to feel it (…) It's like when you are watching "Iron Man," you have that strong desire. You want to get that air and fly in the sky. That's my feeling when I watch American movies, so I came here. I still remember the first time I arrived at Huntington. It was January of last year and it was freezing winter. When I arrived here, I saw myself asking "Where are the tall buildings?" Where's the sunshine and beautiful beach? They were not here, and I felt a little upset. When I tried to go to the market, it was really far away, and I didn't know which bus I had to take and I was really afraid to ask people in English at that time. In class, I always felt confused about what the teacher said. I was shy, so it was a really hard time. (…) But, after the people living here changed my life. When you are walking on the street, the strangers smile to you and say "Hi." (…) The most unforgettable thing is that some days ago there was heavy snow and my car was stuck. Six people saw it and came out of their house and helped me to push my car off the roadside. These things really melt my heart, and I think it's warmer than any emotionless tall building, emotionless sunshine, and emotionless beach in the movies. I think that the real life here is better than what you watch in the movies. I know that any international student who feels upset here just concentrates and pays attention, and they will find many happy things here.

Q: What is the biggest difference from your home?
A: The biggest thing I think is the people. People are different. I come from a big city in China. (…) The people there are very, very cold to each other. They think they don't have time to help each other, so they just focus on their own things and don't focus on other people. However, the people here are very kind and hospitable. In his free time, Zhang is an avid piano player and is also involved in the Chinese Student Association. After completing the INTO MU program, Zhang would like to continue his studies at Marshall in Smith Music Hall.

Q: What is your favorite activity or experience in America that you have been?
A: I think I've tried to join many activities. I'm in the Chinese Student Association group. Several days ago, there was a Chinese New Year party, and I performed and sang. It's also like the movies. When I am in America, I just want to do things as American students do. Always join some activities, join some parties, and talk with others.

Q: Do you plan or continuing your education at Marshall after you complete the INTO MU program?
A: Yes, I hope I can go to Smith Music Hall to continue my music education.

Q: How do you think your favorite activity or experience in America has been?
A: One reason is because of the movie, you know, "We Are Marshall." I'm a movie fan. I think the most important thing is not the environment, I think the most important thing for me was to choose a university with spirit. I think Marshall is kind of like a group. (…) When I came here I bought a lot of Marshall things like t-shirts, license plates, many Marshall things. It's like a big family. Even last summer break I went back to China and took many Marshall's shirts and wore them in China. I think I'm proud I'm from Marshall. There are also many foreigners in my hometown. We've talked and they've asked me where I'm studying in America and I said Marshall University. They said "Is that from the football game movie?" and I said "Yes." I think the culture, the spirit, made me feel like I love Marshall.

Q: What are your plans for your future or continuing your education at Marshall after you complete the INTO MU program?
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