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**NEWS**

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**PARSONS MARSHAL**

**Defense rests in 1st phase of Boston Marathon bombing trial**

By BY DEBORAH MARSH

The defense rested for the week in the Boston Marathon bombing trial on Thursday, bringing the first phase of the trial to a close.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys have until today to sum up their cases before the trial's next stage — the selection of the jury — begins.

The defense rested for the week after witnesses on the first day of the trial who testified for the prosecution.

**Easter triplets stick for campus on holiday**

By NICOLE HENDERSON

Marshall University’s Barnes Bing- ing Hall and Towers Dining Hall have a campus-wide Easter buffet Tuesday for students who do not get to go home for the Easter holiday.

“A student at any time of the year is just in the same boat,” said Chuck Green, general manager of Barnes Dining Hall.

This year, the university had triplets in the dorms, one boy and two girls.

“Easter is a big deal for these kids,” said Green.

The food for the Easter buffet played a major role in why the celebration brought smiles to many students.

“Some students are away from home for the first time, so it’s a big deal,” said Green.

**Welcome to the 2015 spring semester!**

Marshall BS/BA program launched for nursing and education

By AMY J. BOYD

Marshall University and West Virginia University have launched a dual-degree program for prospective nurses and educators.

The program, known as the Marshall/WVU BS/BA program, is available to students who are interested in pursuing both nursing and education degrees.

 Applicants for the program can be contacted at bsn@marshall.edu.

**Recreational Bike Loan Program available at Mug and Pia**

By MATT SPRINGER

The Recreation Bike Loan Program is now available at Mug and Pia in Huntington and Barboursville.

The program allows participants to check out a bicycle for use around Marshall’s campus and throughout Huntington.

Bike equipment rental is free but requires a Marshall ID and a debit or credit card to be charged if the equipment is lost or stolen.

The program runs March through November.

Applicants will have a follow-up session, tryouts and will take place with the cheer squad the week of April 12.

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From shot caller to white collar

By KASEY MADDEN

When he first stepped foot on a field to play football at age seven, he had no idea that step would lead him to Marshall University and eventually to serve as mayor of Huntington.

Steve Williams and his family moved to Huntington in the middle of Williams’ junior year of high school, two years after the 1970 plane crash.

Williams said his journey on the football field and to his office in City Hall have some parallels.

Williams began his freshman year playing quarterback but finished as wide receiver because other wide receivers sustained injuries through the season.

“I played three games where I played four separate positions in the game,” Williams said. “I’d be a tight end one down, a quarterback the next down, or a wide receiver or a wingback. All I wanted to do was to play.”

Williams was wide receiver and tight end his sophomore year, the junior year he moved back to quarterback.

Williams’ political career was the city manager of Huntington, before the city switched to a mayor-council government.

“The lessons Williams learned on the football field stick with him as he serves the city today.

“I felt I had to work harder than anybody else to make sure I was getting time to play,” Williams said.

“I had to be in better shape than others, now what that translates to here, I was always the first on the field and the last to leave. I try to be the first in the office and the last to leave.”

Williams currently serves as the president of the M Club, Marshall’s organization of those who have participated and served in athletics.

“What’s incredible is that we all are, whether male or female, we’re all brothers and sisters because we competed at Marshall,” Williams said.

He said he relates to the current athletes at Marshall because of that connection.

Williams said in addition to the lessons he learned on the field, the education he received at Marshall prepared him for his political career.

“I am what I am today because I am a son of Marshall,” Williams said.

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Herd sweep doubleheader, improve to 23-10

By MALCOLM WALTON

The Thundering Herd sweep Wright State University Tuesday at Dot Hicks Field.

Huntington native Josh Shaver, who attended Marshall University’s softball team (23-10, 4-5) swept Wright State University (7-23, 3-2) 4-5 Tuesday in its doubleheader at the Dot Hicks Field.

The Herd won the first match against the Raiders’ 3-2 in dramatic fashion.

Sophomore outfiled Morgan Zerko hit a walk-off single to close out the game.

However, the Herd can sweep the second match of the doubleheader—winning 11-2.

Katalin Lucas, junior center for the Herd, hit a three-run home run in the second game. It was Lucas’ fourth of the season.

“My first at-bat wasn’t that great,” Lucas said. “I hit it a short grounder right to the pitcher. So, for my next at-bat, I just told myself better contact point and wait on the ball. I was just able to track it home and I felt like I really hard up the middle for the home run.”

Shaelynn Braxton, junior infielder for the Herd, said while the Raiders gave the team a tough match in the first game, the second match showed the level Marshall is truly capable of providing.

“I think we controlled ourselves much better in the second game than in the first,” Braxton said. “We handled ourselves well during the first, in a certain extent, but we still allowed them to hang with us. In the second game, we were really focused and played the kind of softball we are accustomed to playing. And by doing that, we were able to have more quality at-bats than we did in the first game.”

The Herd’s impressive day also saw significant contributions from a few of its freshman players.

“I love our freshman class this year,” Braxton said. “Rylee McCord has been consistently playing well this season. And to see Madi Marshall and [Jordan] Colliflower also playing well in the middle of the season and really getting their chance out there. It’s been great. Colliflower got her first career hit today, and that was awesome. Madi Marshall just got her first hit over the weekend. I can’t wait to just see them grow over the next few years and see what they can provide for the Herd. That’s what I’m excited for.”

Marshall’s next match is a doubleheader against conference-foe University of North Texas scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday at Dot Hicks Field.

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HE BE: GUIDELINES FOR SENDING LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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tmz just stopped us and made some semi-transexual joke about bruce jenner and @mitchgrassi goes "um no comment happy transvisibility day!"

Twitter and other social media platforms have been key in spreading the word and the message of the International Day of Transgender Visibility and simply the cause of trans visibility itself to the public. However, in order for trans visibility to succeed the application needs to move beyond just social media and situations. Society as a whole must be educated on how to address and respect the identity and pronouns of the individuals or understand the need to not conform to any gender binary.

The International Day of Transgender Visibility Tuas: A Day to light a candle for the life to a community of people who have been historically invisible. Rachel Greenland, a trans activist from Michigan, started the annual holiday to shine a light of LGBTQ-centered healing for transgendered people.

"I went on Facebook." Greenland Pride-Sense in 2009, and I was thinking, Imagine a day I heard about our community, it seems to be from Transremembered Day (intended to remember the trans victims of hate crimes), which is always so negative because it’s about people who were killed. I decided I wanted to show you a picture of your grandparents, and I decided why don’t I try to do something about that.”

The beauty of the international recognition of the day is the magnitude of its visibility around the world. Various related hashtags appeared on all social media platforms throughout the day with adlets of trans people. Their smiling or service faces, some of which included transformation photos, filled timelines and newsfeeds with pride proclamations of not just existence but of being fully filled lives. But the reality of trans vis-

sibility is its invisibility. According to Tranz Student Educational Resources, 40 percent of trans students have left school at school because of gender expression, 49 percent of trans people reported physical abuse in a 2007 survey and 41 percent of trans people have attempted suicide.

Trans people do not feel safe, schools, they have a large chance of being murdered, some in 32 trans women or one in eight trans women of color are murdered and the rest are at higher risk of suicide. Society can recognize in trans communities on social media, praising its collective bravery through comments, likes and letters, but it must manage to recognize its value within our institutions. Such an exclusive society should feel an obligation to these people to recognize not only their rights, but also the ways in which we can support them most effectively.

To effectively align with the trans community, the rest of society will have to talk about a person’s pronouns, have pa-

ficial errors. Compelling content.

COLUMNS

Summer 2015: saving memories, saving space

By Amanda Gibson

Wanner weather means we are all going to be getting out a lot more. Fishing, hiking, picnics, trips to the park and outings are all in our future and, of course, we will want to remember each moment of Summer 2015 by snapping a picture. Smart phones in tow, we will take pictures of everything and any- thing, having us with hundreds of photos ranging from our friends (jumping in the lake to a kiss on the beach) to random faces on the front lawns. By the time the fall rolls around again, our phones will need a major cleanout of all the photos we took.

But what do you do with all those photographs? You can't keep them on your phone, they take up too much space. And if you put them on your compu-

ter you will never look at them again. A Facebook photo album is always a great option, and many of your best photos will end up on Instagram, but you will still just look at them once and never look at them again.

Remember those old photo albums your grandparents brought out when they wanted to show you a picture of your great aunt? My grandma had a ton of these, and on each one was a caption matching when the photo was taken, where, and who was in it. There may even be a note about what the event was and what we did. When looking at the photos, each picture held a story, not just in the photograph, but in the way it was laid out in her album and in the carvings on her back. There is some- thing nothing about having a photo album did not just the kind that is stuck in a folder on your computer.

I think photo albums are still just as great today as they were when the only way to see a picture you took was to get it developed. Photo albums are something you can show your kids when you get older, it is a way you can display your life, and it is something readily ac-

cessible and easy to look at. Making an album today is no- more easier than it used to be; you can drop your pictures from your phone right into your computer, then you can either print them at home on photo paper or put them on a USB to take to the store for printing. Some stores, like Rite-Aid and Walmart, have photo printing stations where you can play in a USB or memory card and print your photos almost immedi-

ately. This instantaneous way to print your photos makes it so much easier to get started on making your own photo album. You can pick up a photo album from the arts and crafts store near the store while you are there printing your photos as well.

Once you start accumulating vacation pictures this sum-

mer, a photo album may be a creative option to consider. Making one would also be a great summer hobby. A photo album would help you keep all those pictures you care about out of the open for you to see, and adding captions to the back of the photos will also help you remember all the moments you do not want to forget. Display-

ing your photos in an album is a project you can be proud of once you have completed it, and it is something that will continue to take as you make more unforgettable memories.

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Wood bison reintroduced to native grounds

LEFT AND BELOW: A bull wood bison weighing upward of 2,000 pounds browses in a field at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center March 22 in Portage, Alaska. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game moved the first wood bison to a staging area in Shageluk, Alaska, for reintroduction in a few weeks to their native Alaska grazing grounds. They will be released into the Innoko Flats about 350 miles southwest of Fairbanks. Wood bison, which are larger than plains bison native found in Lower 48 states, disappeared from U.S. soil more than a century ago.

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About 100 Special Metals workers laid off in Huntington

ASSOCIATED PRESS

The parent company of the Special Metals alloy plant in Huntington is laying off about 100 workers.

The company says it will evaluate its staffing in the future as business conditions warrant.

The 330-acre plant manufactures high-performance nickel alloys for the aerospace, gas well and other industries and employs more than 500 hourly workers.

FEMA approves federal disaster declaration in W.Va.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin says the Federal Emergency Management Agency has approved his request for a disaster declaration in West Virginia after a severe storm in early March.

Tomblin says the declaration will provide assistance for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged in the storm, which railed through the state on March 4 and 5.

The declaration makes public assistance available to 29 counties for infrastructure and cleanup efforts.

The storms brought heavy snow and rain, knocked out power to more than 80,000 customers and caused flooding, landslides and mudslides.

Feds: 2 ex-Freedom execs agree to testify on behalf of US

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Federal prosecutors say two ex-Freedom Industries officials have agreed to testify for the government in two remaining chemical spill cases.

In Charleston federal court filings Tuesday, prosecutors wrote that plea agreements with William Tis and Charles Herzing say they’re willing to provide testimony in the cases against fellow ex-Freedom officials Gary Southern and Dennis Farrell.

Tis, Herzing, two other ex-Freedom officials and the company itself have pleaded guilty to pollution charges.

The January 2014 spill spurred a ban on tap water for 300,000 residents for days.

Southern and Farrell pleaded not guilty. Southern also faces fraud charges related to Freedom’s bankruptcy case.

Prosecutors say Tis and Herzing should have their June sentencing rescheduled until after the October trial of Southern and Farrell.

W.Va. Medicaid switching from monthly to annual cards

ASSOCIATED PRESS

West Virginia Medicaid recipients are being switched from a monthly card to an annual card.

The change takes effect Wednesday. The state’s Bureau for Medical Services says it will save the state about $2.5 million a year.

For the first year, the Medicaid card will be printed on paper. State officials will consider alternate formats for future years.

New cards will be issued every January.

STATE BRIEFS
Morrissette began to get serious about video game development with Pledge Quest 2: Noodle Shop of Horrors.

By PATRICK BREEDEN

Marshall University Professor Jason Morrissette spends his time on campus transitioning from the chalkboard to the keyboard in order to develop and write independent video games in his spare time. Morrissette began developing video games when he made a small game to create awareness for a Kickstarter crowd funding campaign. The creator of the PC game “Space Quest” created a campaign in 2012 for “Two Guys SpaceVentures,” and Morrissette wanted to create a way to convince others to fund the project.

“The creators of Space Quest – this game that I'll level for so long and maintained this website about – were kicking off a new game that they were going to collaborate on," Morrissette said. "So I thought, 'What better way to raise awareness for this Kickstarter than to create my own short game that would be about a character who is donating money to this Kickstarter?'”

Morrissette and a former student worked on the game for three weeks and released it. The game was released as the point-and-click adventure “Pledge Quest” and became a hit among those who are donating money to this Kickstarter crowd funding campaign.

The project for the Game Jam contest is titled “Late Last Night.” Morrissette said he knew he wanted to create point-and-click adventure games where the whole idea is to have a narrative that unfolds, but in order to advance that narrative, puzzles must be solved along the way. He began playing these games when he was 9 or 10, and he was fascinated by them. I enjoyed deconstructing the logic of these puzzles.

“Many of my stories didn’t allow him to know they believe in teaching to develop games professionally. He said using games in an educational we create something to do in the future. Patrick Breeden can be contacted at breeden16@marshall.edu.”

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A feminist analysis of Meghan Trainor lyrics

By Codi Mohr

EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Meghan Trainer is an overnight superstar. In her breakout song “All About That Bass,” Trainer gives a doo-wop inspired tribute in vintage sounds and big horns. The Billboard pop track went on to top 50 international charts, sold more than 6 million copies and Grammy nominations for both Record of the Year and Song of the Year. Such wide success only makes the damaging effects of such a song more tragic for the female artists who have worked so hard to break the shaming ministry—Beyoncé, Kelly Clarkson, Rihanna, Nicki Minaj, etc.

The issue with the song is by no means the so-called pro-active positive message it puts into the world. There’s nothing wrong with being “all about that base.”

The problem with Trainer’s lyrics on such a catchy and widely successful track is that it’s not actually about body positivity. It is, in reality, the exact opposite.

With claims like “If you got beauty, beauty, just raise ’em up,” “Cause every inch of you is perfect from the bottom to the top,” “It’s a great pressure to try to work creatively under.”

“Pledge Quest 2: Noodle Shop of Horrors” has a more elaborate background, and he is creating a zombie game involving billboards called “Killed.” He said the game involves a rural community transformed into zombies when toxic chemicals are dumped into a water supply. His third work in progress, currently titled “Bad Cop,” will play to the “The Police: Prince” adventure games but involves a corrupt police officer. The anti-hero story will allow the player to steal money and perform other actions under the guise of the law.

Morrissette said he knew he wanted to create point-and-click adventure video games around the age of 10.

“Make me an offer I can’t refuse/But baby so do I/So don’t be thinking I’m back and baking apple pies.”

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