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Little Victories set up up-side-the-Ringer’s on Route 63 in Barboursville Saturday for its event Cram the Van. Cram the Van provides people with the opportunity to donate pet food and/or money for pet food to Little Victories animal shelter.

The event has been going on for three years, twice a month and has received positive feedback according to site supervisor, Joshua Morrison. “We haven’t had to buy dog food at all this year,” Morrison said. “That saves us a lot of money to spend on medical care.”

The shelter is located in One, West Virginia and currently houses 153 animals, the maximum capacity according to Morrison. “The animals don’t stay too long though. The shelter can sometimes have up to three adoptions per week,” Morrison said. Morrison volunteers at Little Victories before becoming the supervisor. “I always liked the animals, I always liked Little Victories and what they did,” Morrison said. “I’ve been going to Little Victories since high school and other shelters since I was in school, so any help these animals can get really gives me hope.”

The shelter gives pets a chance at life, a chance to find a new home, a forever home. Morrison also said people don’t realize how much it helps elderly people specifically. “They just can’t take care of them,” said Morrison. “If we can, we take them and they don’t have to sit and worry about it.”

The shelter currently has around 30 volunteers; many are students and others who simply love animals. Deborah Bennet has been volunteering for two years and loves giving back to the animals. “I love animals,” Bennet said. “I can’t have a dog right now so this is my way to help out.”

Little Victories will continue its Cram the Van campaign throughout September in Huntington and again in Barboursville. Abi Black can be contacted at black195@marshall.edu.

Kicking off football season with Green Fridays

Starting Friday, Herd fans will wear school colors for National College Colors Day

By ASHLEY SODOSKY
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Marshall University and Herd fans will wear school colors on Fridays starting Sept. 4 for “Green Fridays” in participation with the 10th annual National College Colors Day.

Marshall students and Herd fans are encouraged to wear Kelly Green every Friday throughout football season. The first Green Friday will start two days before the Thundering Herd’s season kickoff game against Purdue.

Thundering Herd fans across the nation are encouraged to wear Marshall colors to support the university. Tara Lambert, Marshall graduate, is excited to support Marshall from her new home in Raleigh, North Carolina.

“Wearing the Marshall logo makes me feel at home, although I’m away from home here in Raleigh,” said Lambert. “When you come across another Marshall fan here it’s exciting and special, in that you both share in the passion of loving such a small place that made such a huge impact on our lives.”

College Colors Day is organized by the Collegiate Licensing Company and coincides with the kickoff of intercollegiate athletics. Marshall’s participation this Friday is a tradition that encourages members of the Marshall community to support the Thundering Herd. In addition to Green Fridays, the university will hold a contest for local businesses, schools and other organizations to participate in for the opportunity to win prizes every Friday. Organizations must be registered in order to win. Registration is available on Marshall’s website.

Students and individual fans also have the opportunity to win prizes by entering the Fan of the Week contest. Herd fans are eligible by posting a photo of themselves in their Marshall gear on Instagram using the hashtag #HerdGreenFriday or by submitting it to the contest page on Marshall’s Facebook.

Fan of the Week will be chosen every Friday and the winner will receive a $25 gift card to the Marshall University bookstore. Green Fridays and Fan of the Week are intended to support school spirit around the community. Mallory Jarrell, Marshall University marketing and branding coordinator, said the ongoing event will help to get out and people excited all season. “It’s another way to make the fans feel like they’re a part of the Marshall University family.”
#### Alpha Tau Omega fraternity raises awareness for the homeless

**By RILEY MAHONEY**

Marshall University’s ATO Chapter was the first chapter in the country to simulate homelessness for a week. Members of the fraternity sleep in a shelter made of cardboard boxes to raise awareness and serve as a home for the homeless. The church’s main goal is to “offer help and hope to everyone who comes to [their] door.”

Marshall University’s ATO Chapter is a program that gives Army ROTC cadets the opportunity to participate in the program and had the opportunity to travel to West Africa and The Republics of Slovenia and Slovakia. Marshall ROTC cadets were part of the team that travelled to Burundi, Africa, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Army ROTC cadets get the chance to travel and help the world’s most vulnerable. The program helps teach cultural sensitivity and designates leadership roles. "It fits within the military bearings but it’s different from your typical training," Whitehouse said. "All the counties they send us to, our Army works with their Army so it’s not just random places.”

Whitehouse found the experience to be extremely humbling. "You take it really seriously," Blake Hettlinger, Senior nursing major, Colton Whitehouse, ventured into the world of the homeless and saw the effects of the program. ‘We take it really seriously,’ Blake Hettlinger said. “All the medical like nursing, pre-med and any compound to help teach English and then my group split in half," Gonzalez said. “We wanted to help them out.”

According to the Center for Capacity Building, a national alliance for the homeless, in 2011 there were 272,477 homeless people in Huntington. The Huntington City Mission provides a safe place to go and a warm meal for the homeless in Huntington. The church’s main goal is to “offer help and hope to everyone who comes to [their] door.”

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Huntington City Mission is located at 1420 Adams Ave. in Huntington.

By MACKENZIE KYLE

Marshall University students will have the opportunity to purchase tickets for Huntington’s inaugural chicken wing festival from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. this Wednesday, Sept. 2, at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena. The event is in partnership with the Huntington City Mission.

Tickets for the event will be sold to the public for $20 per person. Students can purchase their tickets on campus for a discounted rate of $15 with a Marshall ID. Tickets include entrance to the event and all-you-can-eat chicken wings from a variety of vendors. Beer and soft drinks will be available for purchase at the event.

Along with all-you-can-eat wings, adventurous chicken wing-eaters can enter the chicken wing eating contest. “Students will absolutely be eligible for the contest,” said Cara Hedrick, Marketing and Sales Manager for the Big Sandy Superstore Arena.

Tickets can be purchased at the Campus Activities Board tent on the Memorial Student Center Plaza. Wednesday from 10 until 2. Non-student tickets can be purchased for $25 at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena box office.

Huntington Wing Fling tickets coming

#### Army ROTC cadets get the chance to travel and help

**By DESMOND GROVES**

The Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency Program (CULP) is a program that gives Army ROTC cadets the opportunity to travel to countries around the world to immerse themselves in foreign cultures. Three cadets were selected from Marshall University this year to participate in the program and had the opportunity to travel to West Africa and The Republics of Slovenia and Slovakia.

James Socia, Chris Gonzalez, and another one of the cadets selected to go during the Summer of 2015. He traveled to Burkina Faso, West Africa and spent 30 days in the country.

"We went there to help train the foreign military and immersed myself in the culture,” Gonzalez said. “The experience was pretty rewarding.”

Gonzalez said he was excited to practice his knowledge of the French language and enjoy every aspect of the experience. "My favorite part was probably traveling. Whether it was theSocia, was there but I couldn’t wait to get there and get immersed in the culture and see what I could to really help the people there and how they could help become a better person," Gonzalez enjoyed the experience so much that he recommends it to other ROTC cadets. "If you ever have the chance to travel, I really recommend it. Just that one month I was gone, a lot of things changed there and a lot of things changed when I came back,” Gonzalez said. Senior nursing major, Colton Whitehouse, ventured into the world of the homeless and saw the effects of the program. "It fits within the military bearings but it’s different from your typical training," Whitehouse said. "All the counties they send us to, our Army works with their Army so it’s not just random places.”

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**By BRADLEY HELTZEL  ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR**

**Roster Rundown: Defense**

Despite Tiabi’s satisfaction with a road split, Head Coach Bob Gray is optimistic about his team improving.

"I think there is great potential to score goals," Gray said. "We’ve displayed creativity on the offensive side but who can also step up to achieve an even higher level of play. Jodah led the team in points last season and was credited with 12 pass break-ups. Atlanta, Georgia native Antonio Rivers is projected as the team’s third corner, but he may swap nickel back duties with Tiabi at times and play more on the outside. Redshirt sophomore Rodney Allie will serve as the fourth corner.

At safety, Ty Letman and A.J. Leggett return after tying for the team lead in tackles with 68 each last season. Leggett is more of a coverage safety, and displays the ball skills that had him pegged as a cornerback coming out of high school. With Kendall Gant and Tiquan Lang as the backups, the safety position may be the strongest on the team.

Gray said despite his team’s lack of offensive production in 2014, although the issue ruined his head again this weekend, Gray is optimistic about his team improving.

"I think there is great potential to score goals," Gray said. "We’ve got a lot of talent coming back, we have a bunch of guys that have been in this system before. We’ve got a lot of guys back, I’m confident we can get better."
By NANCY PEYTON

A New Hampshire jury recently made a ruling in the trial of Owen Labrie, a 19-year-old St. Paul's prep school graduate accused of raping a girl when she was 15.

The fact that this case even made it to a trial shows the progress that this country has made toward battling rape and rape culture in our society. However, this case also showed that there's still plenty that needs to be done.

When it comes to rape reporting, people have to decide whether they believe the victim or the accuser. More often than not, many focus on the side of the accused. Rape is no joke.

If a woman says that she's been raped, she should be taken seriously. The problem lies in the fact that today's society likes to make a joke out of everything.

In this court case, Labrie was quoted using the words "dude," "yuck," and "aw" when telling his friend about his encounter with the victim. Labrie told the jury that these terms were "used loosely" and "could mean a range of activities, from kissing to sex." No, these words are meant to demean both women and men. They make sex seem like something casual. Sex is one of the biggest responsibilities a person could ever take on, and she should be treated with respect. Consent is always needed.

This case has also sparked a debate on what real consent means. The rule of thumb is usually "no means no." Perhaps a better phrase to remember would be "yes means yes." It should be clear that both parties need to consent before engaging in any sexual activity. The burden was on Labrie to show that the victim had agreed to have sex.

It's time to wake up. We need to wake up for the girls who undergo unconsented surgeries or sign away their rights. We need to wake up for the girls who feel like they have no choice but to consent. We need to wake up for the girls who are raped.

We can't let this continue. We need to make a change. We need to stand up. We need to fight for what we believe in. We need to fight for equality. We need to fight for our rights. We need to fight for our future.
Faculty member passes away

When Jackson Spencer set out to tackle the Appalachian Trail, he anticipated the months at a time. He warns that the trail may need to end for a few places, including Baxter. He says there are only expected to climb further after the release of the movie "Miles from the Center of African Conservancy, said the vast majority of hikers. It also recently held a meeting with Baxter, where officials said they also believe the culture and attitude of the people on the trail is changing. Many hikers said they believe the con...
Retro video game convention warps into downtown Huntington

By KELSIE LIVELY
THE PARATHENON

Vintage Video Games came to Huntington, West Virginia over the weekend and the turnout was above expectations. Born and raised in Wayne County, West Virginia, Power Up Vintage Video Game Convention creator, Ben Durfee, saw the potential of his ‘almost’ hometown.

Power Up 2015, in its second year was much more than last year’s convention located in the small back rooms of the Big Sandy Super Store Arena. “It’s about triple the size it was,” Durfee said. “If you go back into the panel room, there are three other adjacent rooms next to it we were packed into that. It got really hot in there, it was sweaty and stinky, we had to upgrade the space a little this year.”

Marshall University alumni Glen Brogan works from his Charleston, West Virginia home. Having graduated from the Marshall’s School of Art and Design in 2007 majoring in Graphic Design the convention was a wonderful place for him to display and sell his work.

Having attended last year’s convention, Brogan was happy to see the number of supporters grow and hopes the trend continues in the years to come. “Last year they had a really good turnout so I’m glad this year they got a space to accommodate more people,” Brogan said. “I just want to see it keep going how it is, I think it’s great. Like I said they’ve had a great turnout and I just want to keep seeing the same thing every year.”

Durfee was able to use his local connections with in the video game community to seek vendors for the convention and others were brought on by word of mouth. Keeping local businesses in the mix was important. “Honestly I think Huntington is the perfect little hub city,” Durfee said. “We are a four hour drive from Cincinnati, Louisville, Pittsburgh, and Columbus.”

Marshall University student Alex Wriston, was pleased with his first experience at Power Up and the local video game scene.

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