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Barboursville Public Library raises funds with used book sale

Barboursville Public Library continues its used book sale through Thursday in the back conference room of the library.

By ABI BLACK
THE PARTHENON

Barboursville Public Library started its annual book sale Saturday.

The first day of the sale corresponded with the first day of the Barboursville Fall Fest weekend. Branch manager Linda Larue said intertwining the two events helped provide a steady flow of patrons throughout the day.

“We had probably, I would say, 50 people or more waiting to get in the door at 9 a.m.,” Larue said.

The library gets the books for the sale through donations and by weeding through its own selection. The sale has everything from children’s books to cookbooks and a variety of DVDs as well. Prices range from 50 cents for DVDs and paperbacks to $1 for hardback books.

The money raised at the book sale goes to help the library with extra expenses throughout the year.

“It [the money] helps us to purchase things that we wouldn’t normally have,” Larue said. “Like things for story hours, after school programming and the decorations for the library. Just things that aren’t allotted in the normal funding.”

The library is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The sale is being held in the back conference room of the library until Thursday.

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Area’s only dance festival fills weekend with performances, classes

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Dancers perform Saturday at the Big River Dance Festival at Jeslyn Performing Arts Studio.

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FEST:2 brings in large crowd to David Harris Riverfront Park

By DESMOND GROVES

With more than 1,600 tickets sold prior to the show, FEST:2 proved to be a massive success for Marshall University Campus Activities Board.

The national and local acts kept the crowds going from 3 to 11 p.m. While fans interacted during the show as the artists played fun fan-favorites and some of their most recent tracks.

The main stage acts included Ryan Cabrera, We The Kings, Shway Mack, Chanel West Coast and the headline, 3OH3. Local acts, including A Story Told, Ona and The Company Stores, kept a hometown feel as they earned new fans and were praised by their long-time supporters.

“FEST:2 was extraordinary,” Rolfe Wilhelm of Munich.

The piece is originally produced by the Alchemy Dance Project for the audience.

“Fest:2 was so much fun,” Hill said. “My sister introduced me to it and I’ve been so glad I did. I had fun just hanging out and meeting people around the community. The local talents had a lot of talent, and they had to suffer that way because there was so many more people there.”

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Letart man drowns in Ohio River at Mothman Festival

By JOHN COGLE 

The Mothman Festival in Point Pleasant began with tragedy after James Grueser, 59, of Letart drowned in the Ohio River near Point Pleasant Riverfront Park Saturday.

Witnesses said Grueser jumped in the water after telling a maintenance worker he planned on jumping in the river, around the south end of the park.

The area around where Grueser disappeared is posted with warning signs about swimming in the area. Locals also said that common Sense and similar detours police used while the water.

Grueser took his shoes off before jumping into the river, witnesses reported. Float rope and a life jacket had been rolled out. Police said the drowning was ruled accidental.

“it wasn’t something I noticed people chatting about at the festival,” Samantha Gibbs said.

Gibbs, a visitor to the festival, said she did not hear much about the drowning until she got home and saw posts related to the drowning on social media.

The areas that were closed reopened shortly after his body was removed from the river and the festival continued.

The two-day event celebrates the mysterious winged creature re-branded as the Mothman which was reportedly spotted around the Point Pleasant area in the 1960s.

The 14th annual festival brought an estimated 5,000 visitors to Point Pleasant’s historic Main Street and Riverfront Park from all over the country.

Although the event had a somber start, it continued for the rest of the day Saturday.

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By BRADLEY HELTZEL

The Chase Litton era began Saturday as the Marshall University football team defeated Norfolk State University, 45-7. Litton, a true freshman, made his first collegiate start, completing 24 of 31 passes for 270 yards and four touchdowns with no interceptions.

“After two short passes, facing a 3rd and long on his first drive, we decided to give Litton the ball,” head coach Doc Holliday said. “He took what the defense gave us, made the goal line where he was supposed to go, and played pretty well for a young freshman.”

Despite his age, offensive coordinator Rich Rodriguez used Litton in his own way. The redshirt freshman completed all five of his passes for 35 yards leading to a 13-yard run and a first down. On the team’s opening drive, Litton and Reaves hooked up once again for a second touchdown pass. Litton and Reaves hooked up once again for a second touchdown pass.

“We tried to get him started with some completions and we moved the ball on the ground,” head coach Bob Gray said. “We just didn’t have the core trust that we had. The way he handled was extremely well.”

By the end of the first quarter, the Herd had secured the lead and Litton connected with Brandon Reaves, who made his first start at slot receiver; from 13 yards out for his first career touchdown pass.

“Litton and Reaves hooked up once again for a second touchdown pass with 11:18 to play in the second quarter, giving the Herd a 17-7 lead,” Gray said. “I think we got pretty good wideouts,” Holliday said. “And we got to find a way to get the ball in their hands.”

Marshall will host Cedarville University Saturday at 1 p.m. on the 29th Street field in the road opener.

In the fourth quarter, Litton connected on his fourth and final touchdown when he lobbed a pass to Justin Hunt, giving Hunt the opportunity to go up and make a play on the ball. In Michael Mathias’ two starts, the Herd wide receivers accumulated 159 yards and zero touchdowns, compared to 214 yards and four touchdowns in Litton’s first start.

“Litton handled the program’s record of four touchdowns in a quarterback’s first start, said his teammates are to credit for his performance.

“When the offensive line does what they do, it makes my job easy,” Litton said. “We’re putting the ball in their hands and they make the plays they do. It’s easier on us.”

Marshall’s next is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Saturday against Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. Holliday has yet to announce the starting quarterback for the game.

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On Tuesday afternoon, the Senate approved the2016 budget. The measure, which was passed by a71-29 vote, includes a provision that would allow the government to collect an additional $6 billion in taxes from tobacco products. This revenue would be used to pay for overdue payments to Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries.

Support for Mohamed Should Extend to Others Affected

By NANCY PEPYTON

Ahmed Ahmed is a 14-year-old boy who was arrested and suspended for no real reason.

After the incident, many prominent figures reached out to support the families of the cops who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

Obama should show support to innocent people who lose their lives every day.

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Marijuana could effectively replace coal as main source of revenue in the Mountain State

Once marijuana was legalized in Colorado, it became the model for legalization across all states. As it turns out, this year the state has collected nearly twice last year’s revenue from the marijuana tax.

In Aurora, Colorado, recreational marijuana stores, in Aurora, Colorado. Marijuana-specific taxes in Colorado generated about $70 million in the fiscal year which ended in June.

Marijuana for sale is kept in jars for customers to sample smells, on opening day of a new outlet of the Colorado Harvest Company.

Marijuana could effectively replace coal as main source of revenue in the Mountain State. As of July, the state has collected about $45 million from marijuana-specific taxes, more than double last year’s revenue.

Colorado has seen a decrease in the amount of prescription drug abusers. From 2011 to 2013, West Virginia suffered a staggering 34 overdose deaths per 100,000 residents. Legalizing marijuana for recreational purposes would theoretically decrease the number of prescription-dependent residents in our state while also halting the flow of money to big pharmaceutical companies, who often times, pay off doctors simply to sell medications.

West Virginia tourism could see a huge benefit from the legalization of marijuana. The state’s parks, ski resorts, biking trails and various other attractions could very easily see huge increases in attendance with a little bit of help from the marijuana industry. When more people come to the state, more jobs are required to meet the needs of those tourists. Not only will the state benefit from the huge revenue of recreational marijuana, but so will citizens.
"Veep,' 'Thrones' stars celebrate Emmy wins at HBO party

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HBO was red from the Emmy logo with a 14-see Sunday night, and the network’s stars appropriately celebrated at a formal-affair after-party following the ceremony.

"Veep," stars and Emmy champs Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Tony Hale posed for photos — including selfies — underneath a mammoth rotating fire sculpture seated outside the Pacific Design Center. The leading comedic actors and supporting comedy actor winners were all smiles despite the searing heat at the outdoor venue.

"I just haven't enough. I think it's hot enough," joked Louis-Dreyfus to Hale and Emmy nominee Kerry Washington.

Louis-Dreyfus later clapped along as the event’s Latino-themed covered house band covered the Ramones’ “Weirdos from Planet X” and “Hot Hot Hot” while partiers met on tables in lawn chairs.

On the other side of the fiery event, “Game of Thrones” cast and crew such as Peter Dinklage, Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Gwendoline Christie and Peter Dinklage turned their fantasy show’s four wins Sunday after earlier winning eight statues at the creative arts Emmys. Maiwenn Williams was the most comfortable of the clan, swapping stilettos for sneakers underneath her pink gown.

"Cersei," the 18-year-old actress grinned while posing for photos with her well-worn kicks.

Other nominees holding court underneath the party’s dance floor, where the pair grooved to DJ spinning dance tunes alongside heavy players. "Silicon Valley" star Thomas Middleditch briefly hoisted nearby before returning to hang out with his cast mates.

Other attendees at the HBO after-party included Alan Cumming, Billy Eichner, James Corden, Sarah Hyland, Kate McKinnon and Veda Navroz, who chatted at a table with Nancy Nash late into the night as Doce Wel-vee Emmy stood guard.

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West Virginia ranks second highest for obesity in U.S.

West Virginia has the second-highest rate of obesity among adults in the nation, according to a report released Monday. The report released by the Trust for America’s Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation found West Virginia had an obe-
sity rate of 35.7 percent, second only to Arizona’s 35.9 percent rate. Mississippi was third at 35.5 percent, West Virginia and Mississippi the only non-Southern states in the top 10.

The report said that if we invest in effective programs, we can see signs of progress. "Efforts to prevent and reduce obesity over the past decade have made a difference," said Jeffrey Levi, executive director of Trust for America’s Health. "Stabilizing rates is an accomplishment. However, given the continued high rates, it isn’t time to celebrate. We’ve learned that if we invest in effective programs, we can see signs of progress. But, we still haven’t invested enough to really tip the scales yet."

The only non-Southern states in the top 10 were Indiana, Ohio and North Dakota.

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I love choreographing my own pieces and giving it for."

According to both Koontz and Boyd, creating an original piece must first begin with the music.

"For me, I found the piece of music I used a year ago and I never really did anything with it and I found it again just kind of out of nowhere and just decided to finally expand on it. The music was and came up with something for it," Koontz said.

Both performers pick songs that will translate well on stage and draw inspiration from the way the music makes them feel.

"Not usually, as well, pick a song that really relates to the peo-
lies you want to and I think it would be great for a dance," Koontz said. "Then I listen to it and figure out how the song makes me feel depending on you, how it makes me sad or whatever type of emotion. Then I pick from there and try to pick a concept for the dance." Both Koontz and Boyd said they would like to see the fes-
tival grow and bring many different cultures and facets of dance to the Huntington community.

"I want it to expand way bigger into the community," Boyd said. "I thought it would be amazing to have some sort of locomotive production, like at Pitt River where it’s like that huge field just having everyone just dancing and moving around." Friday night’s pro-profes-
sional concert was followed by educational dance classes and a professional concert on Saturday.

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Mothonian Festival flies into Point Pleasant

By JOHN COLE SLOVER

For the 94th consecutive year, the Mothonian Festival welcomed thousands to Point Pleasant.

"Couples See Man-Sized Bird..." was the first headline that launched the Point Pleasant Festival. West Virginia to national attention. Now, the town celebrates the mysterious creature referred to as Mothman during one weekend in September.

Mothonman was a supposed winged beast that terrorized the Point Pleasant area in the 1960s. The majority of sightings stopped after the Silver Bridge collapsed into the Ohio River, killing 66 people.

The collapse of the Silver Bridge was the deadliest bridge disaster in United States history.

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Trick Pony headlines Barboursville Fall Fest

By MACKENZI KYLE
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A West Virginia rain shower did not deter fans from watching Nashville country act, Trick Pony, as Barboursville Fall Fest came to a close Saturday.

Tents were set up, extending the Mossburg Dog. Customers lined up to try their newest hot dogs. Perhaps the busiest area of the festival is on a different weekend than Hunting- ton’s Fall Fest. But regardless of where sightings may occur, Point Pleasant will always be con

Keith Burns of Trick Pony performed at Barboursville Fall Fest Saturday. Trick Pony headlines Barboursville Fall Fest

The rain subsided for Trick Pony as the band arrived to play. “We’re keeping our minds open musically,” Newfield said. “We’re evolved a lot since 2001, Trick Pony. We’ve had success as a solo artist with what your age, we are all being touched by something,” Newfield said. “As song writers do in troubled times, Burns and Newfield wrote a song titled ‘It’s a God Thing.’”

Newfield had success as a solo artist with several classic motorcycles from people who have visited as a group. They have experienced something they could never experience, if they are captivated. It doesn’t matter how big or small the venue, there’s this wonderful, visceral exchange of energy, if they are captivated. It’s a God Thing.”

Trick Pony has had to overcome many obstacles since the band’s formation in 1996. Both Newfield and Burns have been working on their own material as well as songs for Trick Pony. “I think we’re diggin’ a little bit deeper.”

As the rain came down, Newfield, Burns and the rest of the Ponies led the crowd in singing their remake of the 1978 Bonnie Tyler hit “It’s a Heartache.” They got into the tune as the lyric rang out “standing in the cold rain, feeling...” Newfield said. “It’s so personal to Keith and I.”

As song writers do in troubled times, Burns and Newfield wrote a song titled “It’s a God Thing.” “Every single night that I sing it, no matter where we are, the hair on my neck rises,” Newfield said. “It’s so personal to Keith and I.” The single is currently on iTunes and all of the proceeds go to O’Connell’s medical bills.

As Trick Pony started to play “Four Me,” the skies opened up and the rain poured down, sending the audience to seek shelter. The remainder of the concert had to be cancelled for safety reasons.

There are some things you simply can’t control,” Newfield said. Trick Pony has had to overcome many obstacles since the band’s formation in 1996. Both Newfield and Burns have been working on their own material as well as songs for Trick Pony. “I think we’re diggin’ a little bit deeper.”

The rain subsided for Trick Pony, as Barboursville Fall Fest came to a close Saturday. "We’ve evolved a lot since 2001, Trick Pony. We’ve had success as a solo artist with some of the new songs they have been working on.

“We find that playing new music is in front of a new audi ence, if they are captivated. It really doesn’t matter how big or small the venue, there’s this wonderful, visceral exchange of energy between the audience,” Newfield said.

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The hand is continuing to tour small festivals throughout the country while working on new music: “Everybody’s heart is in this Trick Pony thing,” Newfield said. “We are bringing our music into today.”

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