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City council discusses 17-item agenda

Huntington Mayor Steve Williams addresses city council Monday before the council discussed its 17-item agenda for the evening. An ordinance regarding an agreement between the Marshall University Police Department and Huntington Police Department was passed. The council also voted on ordinances involving sewage system revenue bonds, a cell phone tower and a new vehicle for Huntington Police.

Read the full story by Clara Maynard online.

Students reconvene after spring break for Easter worship

Students raise their hands in prayer and worship Monday night at a special Easter InsideOut service. Senior communication disorders major Zack Sturgill delivered a message about the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Read the full story by Nancy Peyton online.
Heroes 4 Hire provides private movie screening to local children

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By SON NGUYEN
THE PARTHENON

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Potential gov. candidates to speak on campus Thursday

THE PARTHENON—Candidate Matt Detch will speak along with Congressional candidate Matt Dutch 3 p.m. Thursday in the Shawkey Dining Room in the Student Center.

The Marshall University Young Democrats will sponsor the event.

“I want to know what Kes- sler is going to do as minority leader,” Carter said.

“Hipo is great, actually,” Dennison said. “Not only the movie, but a lot of other cool things happened that night.”

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Marshall University head coach Doc Holliday held his annual post-season press conference prior to the start of spring football this Monday at the Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

Despite seven starters gone from last year’s defense, including Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year and former defensive coordinator Ruff McNeill, Holliday said his team is prepared to pick up where it left off last season.

“All starting positions except for ‘strong side’ are back,” Holliday said. “We’ve done that the last two years. We lost some really good defensive players, but that our ends are back intact, our inside guys, we’ve got some good inside guys. There’s no question that expectations are extremely high. They should be, we expect to be great. We’ve got great players. We have to do a great job of developing them.”

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“We’re not losing seven players, so you’re going to play all of our kids,” Holliday said. “The offensive line, with the return of Van Horn, is probably has more depth than any since our six-year of eligibility. With both the return of Van Horn and the stability of the line, Holliday said he is confident that his line will return to last season’s form.

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Marshall second baseman DJ Gee swings at a pitch in a game earlier this season. Gee comes up clutch twice with go-ahead RBIs in both Herd victories over the weekend.

The Herd begins this practice week, going every day this week as they prepare to pick up where it left off last season.

“Each team added a run in the seventh inning by batting in a run. The game was over in the eighth also left with just a few more runs scored by both teams.

While the running back position has yet to be filled heading into spring, the Herd brings back receivers Dean-Tay McClanahan and Emmanuel Byrd, who combined for 854 yards receiving and 2 touchdowns. Holliday said the starting quarterback was not set in stone heading into spring football, as well.

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Gender-neutral bathroom law flushes human rights

A law was passed by North Carolina’s governor Wednesday banning bathroom access for the opposite sex, excluding those who identify as transgender becoming the state is one of this type. Earlier that day, however, an effort was made to pass an ordinance that would outlaw the measure. North Carolina House Speaker Tim Moore said the law was passed to protect women and children from the threat of sexual assaults.

“Of the biggest issues was about privacy,” Moore said. “The way the ordinance was written by City Council in Durham, it would have allowed a man to go into a bathroom, locker or any changing facilities, however yours— even if he was a man. We were concerned. Obviously there was the security risk of a sexual predator, but there is the issue of privacy?”

Not everyone was in support of this bill, however. Sarah Presten, using executive director of the American Civil Liberty Union of North Caro- lina, said the ruling created a line that would discriminate against women as well as the opposite sex instead of protecting all citizens.

“You can expand non- discrimination laws to protect all North Carolinians, the Gen- eral Assembly instead spent $12,000 to rush through an ex- treme bill that would undo all nondiscrimination laws and specifically excludes gay and transgender people from legal protections.”

In response to North Car-olina’s bill and the recent campaign threats to boycott a bill if a state if a bill passes allow- ing people to deny service to LGBT citizens, Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal said he will pro- tect the right to discriminate against people who identify as LGBT.

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The Inter Mountain on coal mines

“We’re gonna put a lot of coal miners and companies out of business,” Hillary Clinton boasted during a campaign event in Columbus.

This comment has been so surprising to miners and their families. Clinton has been voice- ing her support to miners for a while now. In President Barack Obama’s war on coal and affordable electricity, many are against this decision.

Clinton, comfortably in the lead for the Democratic Party nomination for president, now seems pretty positive about her plans for the coal industry and for the coal-fired power plants that employ millions of Americans rely for reasonably priced electricity.

She wants to shut down as many coal-fired power plants as possible to use less polluting energy sources, which she says would be more efficient and reduce air pollution.

Clinton has been a supporter of clean energy and has been vocal about her plans to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 30 percent before 2020.

During the same campaign stop, Clin- ton insisted that as president, she would help miners who lose their jobs because of her policies. She has not been specific about how she plans to help them.

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Get your voice Heard

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Oh, yes. Clinton and her supporters in- sist. There’s more than than. Why, all those displaced West Virginia and Ohio miners can now seek jobs in “alternative energy,” she claims.

What about those tens of mil- lions of families who will pay much higher electric bills if Clinton is elected and is per- mitted to follow through with her bragging? Does she have in mind for them? Alternat- ively, one can get by — only $1,000 or more a year in higher electric bills.

Sen. Joe Manchin, a Democrat from West Virginia, contacted Clinton about her comment. In a letter to him, she reiterated her claim she wants to protect those hurt by her anti-coal campaign.

“I was mistaken in my remarks” at Columbus, she added.

Indeed, she may have slipped up ver- borly — but only to be honest, for once, about her agenda to destroy coal and coal-fired power first and worry about the consequences later.
Person injured in fatal plane crash remains critical

Associated Press

By DON THOMPSON

A flight instructor was killed and a man remains in critical condition after a small plane plunged from the sky while taking off at West Virginia airport, ripped open and caught fire.

The National Transportation Safety Board said Friday it began an investigation into what caused the crash that killed the flight instructor and sent the aircraft into a nosedive.

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AT THE SIGHT OF THE CRASH

The Cessna 172 Skyhawk four-seat plane, operated by Harwood Aviation which owned the plane, became airborne when it came within a few hundred feet of the ground and then fell to the ground.

“First we heard a bang, then the plane started to come back down,” said the Charleston Gazette-Mail when he reenacted the crash. “We winced as it hit the ground. It was a very violent impact.”

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The plane, a Cessna 172, was registered to Harwood Aviation, which operates a flight school in Charleston, West Virginia.

The pilot, a 28-year-old pilot and passenger, was killed in the crash. The passenger, a 26-year-old man, was injured and remains in critical condition.

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A toddler suffering from a cleft palate, is photographed before, top, and after surgery administered on behalf of the medical organization, Ecuador.

By AMANDA GIBSON
THE PATRIOT

Although she is retired, former Marshall University modern languages professor Maria Carmen Riddel said she is still busy. Riddel returned in February after volunteering on her fifth medical mission trip in Ecuador.

Riddel volunteers with Ecuadorian, an organization that brings medical and dental care to children throughout Ecuador in South America. Many of the surgeries the organization provides involve cases of children with cleft lips and cleft palates, but doctors also separate fingers and toes or remove extra fingers and toes and repair eyes, ears, noses, mouths, and other parts from patients.

But Riddel does not volunteer as a surgeon or a nurse, rather she volunteers as an interpreter.

Ecuador is a group made up of American, Ecuadorian and Spanish speaking doctors, so they require an interpreter to communicate with their patients.

Riddel fulfills on these mission trips, “It’s very interesting, at least for me,” Riddel said. “Because I have traveled a lot, but I’ve always gone for the artistic and historical perspective. And now when I go to Ecuador, I talk to the people, the everyday people and they tell me about their grandma and the kids they want to make a living, so I’m learning.

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Ecuador began as a dental project, where several dentists would go to Ecuador to clean patients’ teeth and fill cavities, etc., but the dentists realized there were many children with cleft lips and cleft palates in Ecuador, so they expanded their dental mission to a surgical mission.

The mission trip Riddel travels with is made up of 25 to 30 people, which includes anesthesiologists, plastic surgeons, anesthesiologist’s assistants, an ear, nose and throat specialist, patient care nurses, post-anesthesia care and interpreters.

The mission trip takes place in February and lasts about 10 days.

As an interpreter, Riddel is in the room with the doctors and anesthesiologists when the surgeries are performed. Anesthesia is given prior to their operation. Riddel also sits in on the duration of the operations. Riddel said because the patients are children, the doctors, like for an interpreter who speaks Spanish, need to make sure the children don’t cry and tell them funny stories to make them be okay.

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