Huntington named finalist in America’s Best Communities competition

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Huntington was named as one of eight finalists Wednesday afternoon during the America’s Best Communities Summit in Durham, North Carolina.

The competition, held by Frontier Communications, DISH Network, CoBank and The Weather Channel, seeks to stimulate growth and revitalizations in small cities and rural towns according to a recent release from the organization.

Huntington and the seven other finalists will be awarded $100,000 to implement the strategies presented at the summit.

According to a release from the city, Huntington Innovation Project (HIP) will focus on struggling neighborhoods, manufacturing and bringing high-speed broadband to the city. Details of the HIP plan can be found on the city’s website.

The city will have 11 months to begin implementing those plans.

The top three communities will be announced in April 2017 and will win $3 million, $2 million and $1 million respectively.

There will be a “welcome home” celebration for the city’s ABC leadership team at 10:15 a.m. Thursday at the Tri-State Airport.

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Students dance stresses away with Headphone Disco

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Marshall University’s Campus Activities Board continued its “Stress Relief Week” Wednesday with a music-themed event, “Headphone Disco.”

The event started at 6 p.m. on the first floor of the Memorial Student Center. CAB originally planned to host the event on the center’s plaza, but had to relocate due to rainy weather.

The event was a collaboration between CAB and Headphone Disco. Founded in 2007, Headphone Disco presented their unique way of broadcasting music at several music festivals and college shows around the world. On their official Facebook page, the company claimed to be “the world’s biggest and busiest silent party operator.”

Unlike other parties or concerts, each participant received a pair of wireless headphones that received signals from two separate FM channels. These channels broadcasted two different sets of music made by Headphone Disco DJs Steven Cran dall and Kory Scott. Participants can change the channel at any moment to find the tune that suited them better.

“We use this event to introduce a new, different trend that is going through music festivals, which is the ‘Headphone Disco,’” said CAB advisor Lee Tabor. “It’s kind of neat because you will see people dancing. You don’t know what song they are danc ing to and even then you will hear people kind of singing out loud, but they forget they are singing out loud because they are wearing their headphones.”

Tabor also said CAB is considering to book Headphone Disco to perform at the next FEST event.

“It’s a good way to kind of mix students together, get them to just have some fun and relax, especially before finals,” Tabor said.

Marshall student and CAB member Jake Saunders said he thinks the party is a good event.

“It will definitely relieve stress because you dance around,” Saunders said. CAB will conclude “Stress Relief Week” Thursday night with an outdoor movie screening of “The Goonies.”

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Republican presidential candidate Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, hugs former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina during a rally in Indianapolis, Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016. Cruz appeared with Fiorina in Indiana's capital city, announcing she has been tapped as his running mate. "Carly isn't intimidated by anything because she doesn't even have a chance," the New York billionaire said in a Wednesday interview on Newsmax TV. "She's anything but a lightweight."}

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Ted Cruz taps Carly Fiorina to serve as running mate

By BYLA DINER THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Campus Activities Board brought bright popcorn to complement Stress Relief Week. Delorah Bennett, Little Victoria's Animal Rescue Shelter volunteer, said the shelter loves to get the dogs away from the students and interact with people. "I volunteer because I love to see dog's get adopted," Bennett said. "Usually by doing events like this we can get our dogs adopted. People get to know more about us, our farm and the animals we care for." Little Victoria is the only-to-only shelter in the Tri-State area and Bennett said her main goal is to get the word out about the shelter. "We're a rescue, so everything we make goes right back into helping these animals," Bennett said. "We have the only shelter that is no to kill the area and we take care of the dogs until we find them a home. We have dogs who have been with us for eight years, so we become their home." Marshall University student and CAB member Beth Waugh said anyone who needs to claim anyone’s day better. "We didn’t let the rain stop us from giving these sweet dogs some attention," John said. "Even though it was raining, I joined in to try and help give students a good stress reliever during their finals week."

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Herd baseball’s Finner has no regrets passing on MLB in favor of college, career, education

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Men’s golf concludes season with one of program’s best performances at Conference USA Championships in Texas

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In the summer of 2013, Finner, a Marshall High School graduate, was drafted in the 29th round of the MLB Draft. The Marshall University baseball program has been one of the most successful programs in the state since the mid-1980s. Finner, a right-handed pitcher, was drafted by the Arizona Diamondbacks. He was the first player from Marshall to be selected in the draft since 2003. Finner had always wanted to play professional baseball, but he said he had other plans in mind. “I was pretty neat.”

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Independent voters not invited to primary party

Voters of the Republican, Democrat and Independent parties will rush to the polls in West Virginia starting to vote in primary voting in a public primary. “Those kind of things happen on Twitter. We have a system here in New York where independents can’t get involved in the democratic primary,” Bernie Sanders said.

Presidential candidate Bernie Sanders makes a stop in Huntington, West Virginia for the “A Future to Believe In” campaign rally Sunday at the Sandy Superstore Arena. Attendees held posters in support.

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By LUKAS HAGLEY
THE PARTHENON

It’s rare that a reporter like me writes an opinion piece, let alone a political one. To be frank, the majority of the time there isn’t much that warrants my opinion that isn’t already being covered about in a more clear manner. But here I am, on behalf of all my fellow fellow students with prior commitments, to discuss the effect of watching the historic Bernie Sanders rally through the lenses of friend’s Snapchat and how it completely trumps (no pun intended) major news outlets.

The Sanders campaign said they were feared for a much closer race but were absent votes after one in four voters were prohibited from voting last week in New York. “Many of these people out there in the crowd, hopefully a small number. We’re bringing a lot more people into the party and they are shuffling the door on them.” Members of both parties across independent voters choose not to join a party and are affiliated. But affiliation to a political party should not be a prerequisite for equal access to primary voting in a public election.

According to a 2015 Gallup poll, at least 43 percent of Americans label themselves unaffiliated or independent. But affiliation to a political party should not be a prerequisite for equal access to primary voting in a public election.

As the primary elections draw to an end in the next few states, including states with closed primaries, a question of whether the Independent Party has validity must be asked. "We have a system here in New York where independens can’t get involved in the democratic primary," Sanders said.

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Recovery Point mentor Matthew Blake, 22, assists those struggling with addictions at the rehabilitative facility in Huntington.

By EMILY WOOD

Across the United States many communities are combating a drug epidemic. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more people died from drug overdose in 2014 than any year on record.

West Virginia is all too familiar with this epidemic. In 2014, West Virginia was one of few states with the highest rate of drug overdose death.

There is work being done to curb this upsurge in the mountain state.

Recovery Point, originally The Healing Place, offers peer-to-peer, non-medical and long-term residential recovery programs for men, women and families who suffer with addiction and/or alcoholism.

Recovery Point has four locations, Recovery Point of Huntington, Recovery Point of Charleston, Four Seasons Recovery Center and Her Place.

The intensive six to 12 month program consists of supplement curriculums of Recovery Dynamics and the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Anthony Cillata, a client at Recovery Point, said being hopeless and desperate brought him to Recovery Point.

“When you’re thinking about coming to Recovery Point, oh my, you better get here, I won’t say too much about this place,” Cillata said. “Don’t think about it, just do it, because if you think too long you might die.”

The program is broken down into “non-medical detox,” “off the street,” “recovery phase 1,” “recovery phase 2,” “continuing care” and “becoming a mentor.”

During the “off the street” phase, clients have to follow the “two goals rules.” Don’t do drugs or drink alcohol; no cell phone or driving of a car; no physical violence or threats; no racial or sexual harassment.

“Addiction is a disease, it’s definitely an illness, not a crime,” Cillata said. “Sometimes, as an all-state and all-city player in Fayetteville, I think I was an academic student all my life. I did not aspire to be a drug addict.”

The judge also noted that identities and addresses of Prince’s heirs need to be determined. Prince’s only full sibling, Tyke Nelson, requested the more Tuesday, telling the court she believed her brother didn’t have a will. Prince also has five surviving half-siblings who could share in the estate.

Edie also wrote that Prince died “intestate,” meaning he did not have a valid will, and said there was no prenuptial agreement or petition for probate of a will in any court. However, someone could still come forward with a will or trust document, which happened after Michael Jackson died in June 2009. Jackson’s longtime lawyer (who Prince hired a will six days after his death, opening motions by Jackson’s mother to become his estate’s executor based on the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous - that consists of 28 classes and 32 written assignments.

“I am not participating, I am not helping myself and that mean I am not helping others that’s selfish,” Cillata said. “The program made me realize my own self was being selfish.”

After Recovery Phase 1 clients have the choice to become peer mentors or go on to “recovery phase 2.” Peer mentors are leaders and act as guides for those who are in the early stages of the curriculums.

Recovery Point peer mentor Matthew Blake said repetitive use and almost dying two or three times brought him to Recovery Point.

“I chose to be a peer mentor because I wanted to give back what we were given to me,” Blake said. “Being a peer mentor is rewarding really. I enjoy it because they helped us so we get here but when we were down and out and had nothing at all.”

By AMY FORLITI

Prince’s estate to be temporarily managed by trust company

Prince also owned a dozen special administrators, giving the court the power to handle Prince’s personal representative, but for six months or until a personal representative is appointed, whichever is less.

Under Minnesota law, if a person dies without a will, the court appoints a special administrator to handle the estate. The special administrator, a Minnesota bank, had worked with Prince and knew of his personal and business finances.

The judge said Nelson and one of Prince’s half-brothers (Eddie Baker) were part of the telephone conference that prompted his decision Wednesday. The judge said the latter objection to appointing a special administrator was from Prince’s half-brothers who were part of the court the power to handle Prince’s personal representative, but for six months or until a personal representative is appointed, whichever is less.

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Prince meets fans during halftime show at the Super Bowl XLVII football game Feb. 4, 2007 at Dolphin Stadium in Miami.

By BY AMY FORLITI

A Minnesota judge appointed a corporate trust company on Wednesday to temporarily oversee Prince’s multimillion-dollar estate, saying the emergency appointment was necessary because the superstar musician doesn’t appear to have a will and immediate decisions must be made about his business interests.

Judge Kevin Eide granted a request from Prince’s sister to appoint Bremer Trust as special administrator giving the company authority to manage and supervise Prince’s assets and identify his heirs. Eide said Prince had no appointed personal representatives but had substantial assets and owned businesses that require immediate attention and ongoing management.

Prince’s estate is being temporarily managed by trust company

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