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Christmas Village returns

The Christmas Village returns to the Marshall community to gather to the end of the semester and the upcoming holidays. President Jerome Gilbert and Senior Vice President for Communications and Marketing, Ginny Painter, are both looking forward to holiday traditions and relaxing over break.

“This is the first time I’ve ever been in a place that really has a winter," Gilbert said.

The Gilbert family will be celebrating at the home of the president this year, and Gilbert said the family gatherings are a long-standing tradition that he has known since childhood. Gilbert comes from a large family, and said holiday gatherings were characterized by his ten or more cousins coming to visit.

“We were and are very close, even still," Gilbert said. "My favorite traditions have changed over time, but I will always favor getting together with my family, I love all the festivities around this time of year and something I’ll always do is go to Christmas Eve service at church. I’ve gone even since I can remember.”

Painter said she enjoys getting together with her family, and looks forward to their yearly screening of ‘National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation.”

“My husband’s family watches [it], because like the sounds of the characters and drinks eggnog out of the reindeer head cups,” Painter said. “The kids still want to do it, even though they’re adults. We’re very serious about it; the kids even made up a trivia game for it –crazy stuff you wouldn’t know unless you’ve seen the film channeled times.”

Gilbert said he hoped to curl sometime this holiday season, especially since he is not participating in a chair at the moment.

“I love Christmas cards, so maybe I’ll sing around Old Main with my office,” Gilbert laughed.

Gilbert and Painter have also made lists for themselves to read over winter break. Gilbert has spoken of his love for southern history, and “House of Cards.”

“My family and I were watching ‘Silence of the Lambs’ this weekend; we have some other shows to catch up on over the break,” Gilbert said. “I’m going to read quite a bit over the break, I hope to read all the ones on my list.”

Winter break reading with President Gilbert

World Council finalizes ‘Campus Tea and Talk’ event details

World Council Marshall University’s World Council put together the last details in preparation for its last meeting of the semester today. The World Council is an organization in the International department of Marshall University. Graduate student Haley Corbly said she wants the World Council to be a place were people can make new friends while learning about other cultures.

"My goal for the events out by the World Council is to make sure everyone who comes learns about a new friend and learned something about a culture they may have never encountered be- fore," Corbly said.

The World Council is comprised of at least 15 students representing the various countries they come from. Every semester the council has events to gather to the Marshall community to learn about new people. The event the council has planned for this semester in Campus Tea and Talk: A Black and White Affair. This event is called a High Tea party because everyone dresses up black and white to show how everyone is the same, yet different.

"The actual dress code for the event has been classified as ‘faux business casual’," Corbly said. "The event will take place Dec 8 at 4 p.m. in Founders Hall across from the president's office." The event will take place at the Brad D. Smith Center, an Appalachian Christmas.

The event is an interactive in- ternational student, the World Council would love to meet new people be- cause sometimes I feel like we don’t have a lot of chances to meet different people from a different nationality,” Corbly said. "This is a great way to reach a nu- mber of people. We’ve always been in our little bubble, so social events like this give us an op- portunity for you may not have had before.”

The tea is called a black tea and white theme and Gilbert especially enjoys the light snacks and traditional tea time snacks as cucumber sandwiches, as traditional tea time snacks and desserts will be open “to satisfy those with different tastes,” Gilbert said. "We are always excited to come experience different holidays through a lens of the past.”

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Not only kick off the holiday season on campus and on the plaza, students, but to open up campus to fashion shows featuring Marshall’s INTO students and on behalf of Marshall’s Herd Holiday, Marshall University will start the event on the student center’s book-store will be open and will have discounts and give-aways for free and will also be featuring the large tree and the students will be in the Den Morris room to write names and gift tags in their native languages and tell people about the holiday culture in their home countries. Student organization will be participating in a ginger bread house making competition from 4:05 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., with student affairs judging and rewarding the winning organization a $500 catering gift certificate.

During the celebration, dentistry will be open for emergency cases and will help the flood victims from Greenbrier Valley, which will be in the Don Morris room to write names and gift tags in their native languages and tell people about the holiday culture in their home countries. Student organization will be participating in a ginger bread house making competition from 4:05 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., with student affairs judging and rewarding the winning organization a $500 catering gift certificate.

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Hopefully for these folks that are unfortunately still living in tents who need things like walls and dry, warm money can help them purchase some of the things.

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THE WEST VIRGINIA SECRETARY OF STATE, the organization behind the West Virginia Voter’s Guide, is going to be letting the public know that voters are not being properly informed about the candidates running for the offices of Governor, United States Senator, and Senator of West Virginia. It is up to journalists and the users who consume news on Facebook to stress the issue.

For journalists, this is terrifying. With the “mainstream media” now the target of half of the country’s sympathy (and a president-elect openly promoting this rhetoric), how do we maintain credibility in a post-truth environment? In essence, what do people value if it isn’t facts? While this question can be cynically answered with “confirmation bias,” it’s up to the media to prove to those who doubt us that facts do matter and that journalism is a service that is designed to benefit the public.

The first step for Facebook to recognize is that it’s a media company where a large portion of the public reads news. In relation to this, Facebook must realize that it has a responsibility to combat fake news that proliferates throughout news feeds. This solution could be as simple as differentiating “official” and “not verified” sources, a fix that a group of college students developed as a permanent solution to the problem, according to The Washington Post.

Overall, it’s important that Facebook take the matter of fake news seriously rather than dismissing it as a job segue, and that it helps to inform the users who consume news on Facebook to stress the issue.

It is better to give than to receive, so the saying goes; and it seems like it would have been almost impossible for Clinton, Stein, or Johnson to overturn the major parties. Sixty-eight percent of the vote is a pretty huge chunk of votes. At this point, it seems like it would have been almost impossible for Clinton, Stein, or Johnson to overturn the major parties. And it isn’t even the presidential race.

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Ashleigh Adkins is a senior graph-er design major from Fairmont, West Virginia who has artwork in the senior capstone exhibit at the Marshall University Visual Arts Center. Adkins first started practicing art at a young age.

“When I was ten, the art teacher handed me my very first drawing book,” Adkins said. “I just used it in the doodling but throughout middle school, the art teacher continued to give me some of these personal art supplies and sketches to help me learn with different mediums and how to practice with art.”

Her family and teacher saw her talent and continued to encourage her to keep practicing and improving.

“Now I am creating work I never thought I would be able to, including my capstone work. Sometimes I still look back through my drawings from middle school and am surprised by how far I have come,” Adkins said.

She credits her teacher, Adkins’s family, and the Capstone project for high school students as a part of the art school environment or new thing and the ability to see.

“The concepts together of intuition and interaction and human emotion,” Shaver said. “There’s a lot of talk about seeing things differently and being in the environment and being in the immersive interaction and the work of people interacting with it.”

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Death toll from Tennessee wildfires increases to 10

By ADAM BEAM and JONATHAN MATTIES
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Gates discovered three more bodies as he searched the rubble of wildfires that torched hundreds of homes and businesses near the Great Smoky Mountains, bringing the death toll to 10, officials said Thursday.

Authorities set up a hotline for people to report missing friends and relatives, and after following up on dozens of leads, they said many of those people have been accounted for.

Search-and-rescue missions continued Tuesday, but Gatlinburg Fire Chief Greg Miller said that since it had been three days since the fires, “we have to come to a realization that the potential is great that it could be more of a recovery than a rescue.”

Nearly 24 hours of rain on Wednesday helped dampen the wildfires, but fire officials struck a cautious tone, saying people shouldn’t have a false sense of security because much of the drought has left the ground bone dry and the wildfires can rekindle.

A wildfire, likely started by a person, spread Monday from the Great Smoky Mountains into the tourist city of Gatlinburg when hurricane-force winds toppled trees and power lines, sending embers in all directions.

More than 14,000 residents and visitors in Gatlinburg were forced to evacuate and the city had been shattered ever since.

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