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Training addresses how students should react in an active shooter situation

By HEATHER BARKER

Although Marshall University has never experienced an active shooter incident, each year more incidents take place nationally according to the FBI.

Monday was the first of three training days in which the Marshall University Police Department in conjunction with Marshall’s Department of Health and Safety taught participants how to respond in varying active shooter situations.

“Wherever you are, this can happen,” Director of Public Safety Crystal Stewart, senior office administrator for the Information Technology Department, showed attendees how to sign up for MU Alert through text, email and phone calls.

“The trainings will continue Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. and Jan. 25 will be from 4 to 5 p.m.

For those who cannot make it to the Memorial Student Center in person, the training’s live stream from Monday will be archived online at marshall.edu.

If a situation arises on campus, students should contact MUPD.

Active shooter training will continue Tuesday and Wednesday for those who could not attend Monday.

Training Jan. 24 will be from noon to 1 p.m. and Jan. 25 will be from 4 to 5 p.m.

In order to keep Marshall University students and faculty notified in emergencies and disasters, MU Alert will conduct a routine test Wednesday, Jan. 25.

The test will be sent to all those signed up for MU Alert through text, email and phone calls.

“We do the test once each semester so that folks who are subscribed to the system can make sure that the alerts and messages are coming to the avenues they want them to come to,” said Ginny Painter, senior vice president for communications and marketing.

To sign up for MU Alerts, go online, click the MU Alert link and enter the correct information. Those who sign up before 5 p.m. Tuesday will receive the test alert.

those in attendance were given the opportunity to ask questions after the presentation, where concerns of classroom locks, conceal and carry weapons on campus and taking leadership in active shooter situations were discussed.

“in everyday life, you don’t think about these things,” Terry said. “you see it in the news but don’t relate it to yourself, unless you work in this environment. The interaction was good and they gave us some things to think about.”

Crystal Stewart, senior office administrator for the Information Technology Department, showed attendees how to sign up for MU Alert so if any incident involving public safety were to occur, they would be notified.

The trainings will continue Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. and Wednesday, 4 to 5 p.m. in room BE-5 in the Memorial Student Center.

The sessions are free and open to all Marshall students, faculty and staff.

Monday’s training was live streamed and archived on Marshall’s website for those who could not attend.

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By THOMAS BEAUMONT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Republican governors who turned down federal money have hands out

Republican governors who turned down billions in federal dollars for an expansion of Medicaid under President Barack Obama’s health care law now have their hands out in hopes the GOP-controlled Congress comes up with a new formula to provide insurance for low-income Americans.

The other GOP governors, such as Ohio Gov. John Kasich, who agreed to expand state services in exchange for federal help — more than a dozen out of the 31 states — are adamant that Congress maintain the financing that has allowed them to add millions of low-income people to the health insurance.

These two groups of Republicans embody the difficulty the embattled GOP congressional majorities face: Male good on their promises to repeal the 2010 health care law while preserving popular programs.

With Congress starting to consider plans for and reducing Obama’s overreach, Republican governors and lieutenant governors from 10 states met privately for more than two hours Thursday to discuss how lawmakers will reduce Medicaid.

“Do we worry about how it all works out,” Finance panel chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said afterward in a Senate Finance Committee meeting when he’s asking specifically for the Medicaid money, and fewer rules for spending it.

But with Republicans, led by President-elect Donald Trump, pursuing real of the bill, Walker and others GOP governors are asking specifically for the Medicaid money; and fewer rules for spending it.

“Now that Barack Obama is no longer going to be at the White House, it’s going to be much more palatable for Republicans to seek additional funding,” said Rich Poleck of Families USA, a leading advocate for Obama’s law.

All Democratic governors in office when the law took effect in 2013 agreed to the federal government expansion. In 11 states, governors reasserted their concern with specific waivers that still require the federal reimbursement.

New, Republican leaders are unsure about how money they turned down, and federal formulas to get back what they agreed to.

The federal Medicaid formula has made drastic improvements in the past couple of years, from $25 million to $75 million, according to the federal government.

Medicaid in Kansas grew at a slower rate, given the introduction of the Miners Protection Act.

The federal reimbursement rate is $28 per state, which means most states have agreed to expand Medicaid, states that are improving.

But we can make a better program for them.

More than 2,800 animals have been adopted in Virginia, the sister march of the March on Washington, D.C.

Cabinet-Wayne Animal Shelter

Shelter takes big steps in helping its residents

By FRANKLIN NORTON

Cabinet-Wayne Animal Shelter has made drastic improvements in the past couple of years. In 2016, the shelter had an adoption rate of 43 percent, one of the lowest adoption rates in the state. Now, more than 46 percent of dogs and 91 percent of cats are adopted in the first three years, and 99 percent of the long-term.

On average, the federal government’s contribution to Medicaid increases as a state’s Medicaid budget, making the financing terms under the health care law much more generous.

Republicans have long sought block grants or lump-sum payments, among others.

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Face Counseling and Reclamation Act of 1977 in order to transfer funds to the 1974 United Mine Workers of America and the Multiemployer Plans to guarantee the families of miners will ob

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Marshall men's basketball snapped their home losing streak Saturday against Western Kentucky. The Herd outscored JMU 105-79 and was led by freshman wing Jalen Johnson who had 24 points.

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The crow, the Saturday’s Women’s March on West Virginia, which drew nearly 3,000 participants.

Crowds overflowed the streets this weekend in support of the women’s march, a protest that swept the nation in cities like Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, Denver, Chicago and New York. The current tally is at 3.2 million participants and counting, according to Women’s March, which could make the women’s march the largest protest in U.S. history.

The time and place of the original march, The Women’s March on Washington, was no coincidence: it occurred a single day after President Donald Trump took the oath of office in the city that will now govern them, although supporters have said that the intent of the march was to promote equality rather than change the new president, countless signs and chants expressing a desire for the new leader of the free world marked Trump as the symbol of exactly what the march was about. Standing against Trump at a march for the presidency is, in surprising that many protesters took the opportunity to speak about him. It’s events like this that prove the First Amendment is a beautiful thing. It’s even more beautiful when individuals exercise their right to freedom of speech, assembly, petition and free press. Some people have felt that these rights are threatened by a Trump presidency and that’s what makes the women’s marches so much more powerful.

Women, men and children all across the nation exercised these rights in solidarity with their family, friends and people within the current political climate. And it should also be noted that the women’s march was not only prevalent in large cities across the nation, small cities took part as well, including Charleston in the Women’s March on West Virginia, which took place at the Capitol Complex and drew in nearly 3,000 supporters. This decreased the event’s initial goal of 100 attendees and even outpaced the 1,300 who RSVP’d on Facebook.

Other countries and continents expressed interest in the women’s marches Saturday the largest protest in U.S. history. The current tally is at 3.2 million participants and counting, according to Women’s March, which could make the women’s march the largest protest in U.S. history.

Whether you voted for Justice or not, in the end making your voice heard is for West Virginia.

We’ve got to push the button right now and say, “It doesn’t matter if you’re a man or woman, no one will judge you on your gender, your union or non-union, Republican, you’re doomed — we’re going to wake up and read we’ve just voted West Virginia,” Justice said. We echo these sentiments and encourage all Mountain Staters to join together and make West Virginia better. Whether you voted for Justice or not, in the end making your home a better place to live should be everyone’s mind. West Virginia is just the answer. Refusing to work together simply because of a difference in political party will not continue to make West Virginia a better place to live, just as we all need to work together to make West Virginia a better place to live, too.

By JARED CASTO
MANAGING EDITOR

The new presidential administration brought in their first day of work a surprise to the American people based on the petty incessant taunts made by President Donald Trump, and the new chief executive is promising change for the good.

Saturday, when millions of Americans took to the streets to join the women’s marches that swept the nation, Donald Trump was more concerned with the zeros and photos that showed a meager audience at his inaugura tion ceremony than Obama’s record-setting 2009 and respectable 2013 turnouts.

It’s almost comical the leader of the free world wouldn’t have such an easily badified ego as to care about such a thing in the first place. But Trump, always one to break away from protocol, made his presence clear Saturday afternoon. He did so, all places, in front of the US Capitol, Memorial Wall of America, a wall which commemorates Capitol Hill’s Ca tioors who have died in the line of duty. It was a meaningful sight of shear sacrarism, as Trump cruised in a Cadillac with the huge figures could have been a million to a few million people — that’s what makes the women’s marches so powerful.

But this was only the beginning of the fine line drawn between Trump, his press secretary Sean Spicer and the White House Press briefing, a moment that even the most jaded journalists have been consistent that there has been mention of any climate change in the White House. While the inauguration crowd may be a matter of optics, the lies that followed can be seen with your own eyes — that’s why the line between Spicer and the American people based on the petty incessant taunts made by President Donald Trump, and the new chief executive is promising change for the good.

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Bush ready to leave intensive care, former FLOTUS goes home

By MICHAEL GRABICKI
Former President George W. Bush was readmitted to the hospital on Monday, and will remain there for another week, his doctors said.

Bush, 92, is recovering from pneumonia and is expected to be discharged from the hospital within two weeks, according to his doctors.

Bush was admitted to the hospital on June 14, after developing symptoms of pneumonia. He had been discharged from the hospital on June 17, after completing a two-week course of antibiotics.

Meanwhile, President Donald Trump has said he is doing well and will be discharged from the hospital later this week.

The president's doctors have said he is making good progress and is expected to return to the White House soon.

Meanwhile, former first lady Barbara Bush, 92, who was admitted to the hospital on June 14, has been discharged from the hospital after completing a course of antibiotics.

News Brief

One person dead in vacant house fire

The Associated Press

A man died early Tuesday when flames engulfed a vacant house in a normally quiet neighborhood of Washington, D.C.

The cause of the fire was not immediately known.

A 911 call received at 3:05 a.m. indicated a structure fire on the 2200 block of Suitland Road in the District's Anacostia neighborhood.

Resident Henry F. Bush and first lady Barbara Bush move to the U.S. Marines during a Thanksgiving visit in Nov. 22, 1941, at the desert encampment in Saudi Arabia.

By MATT YOUNG
The Associated Press

It was an unusual and unfortunate situation for a community that has seen its share of disasters. But in an area where the large number of people have been forced to evacuate, a decision by the town council to allow the use of a nearby creek for water has proven to be a blessing.

The town of Silver Bow, Montana, is currently suffering from a lack of water due to a drought, and the town council has granted permission for the use of the Silver Bow Creek to alleviate the situation.

The town has been without running water for several weeks, and the council's decision to allow the use of the creek has been met with relief by many residents.

Meanwhile, in Virginia, the city council has approved a plan to build a new water treatment plant to address the city's water shortages.

The city is currently experiencing severe water shortages due to a lack of rain, and the new plant is expected to be operational by next summer.

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The Book Nook:
“Flowers for Algernon”

By DALTON MONK

I find it hard to suggest this book without describing the way it will cut open your heart only to rip it out in the end. Daniel Keyes writes a novel that describes the way human wants to be a part of society rather than a human, bottles with his identity and falls in love with his teacher, Alice, who finds the transformation of Charlie to be more than eerie and even helming at times.

Keyes’ first person writing style will imprint itself in your brain and keep you wondering about Charlie as you set the book down to study. Regardless of the little time you have on your hands, you should, just like everyone else, read “Flowers for Algernon” as an enjoyment and challenge. It will more than likely be one of the most memorable books you’ll ever read.

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New York Times Bestseller Helen Macdonald to host discussion at Marshall University

By ALEXIA LILLY

Students have the opportunity to spend the evening with New York Times bestselling author Helen Macdonald on Feb. 4 at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse. She will be discussing her award-winning book “H is for Hawk” during the event.

“H is for Hawk” won the 2014 Samuel Johnson Prize and the Costa Book Award. The book has been translated into 25 different languages and is being developed into a movie by Lena Heady, the star of HBO’s hit show “Game of Thrones.”

President Obama even claimed “It is for Hawk” as one of his favorite books when he placed Macdonald’s book at the top of his summer reading list. The evening with her Feb. 4 will be an opportune time for the crowd insight into Macdonald’s life. She will be discussing her award-winning book “H is for Hawk,” while coping with the loss of her photojournalist father and her personal experiences that experiences the meaning to Macdon’s book. It will really interesting her with her story to Marshall.

Our executive director works with agents across the country,” Jones said. “She saw that this event has been at UCLA and Pittsburgh. She talked to agents, and she found it really interesting and wanted to bring it to Marshall.”

The event will include discussion of the book and the meaning to Macdonald, as it is a memoir of her life. The evening with Macdonald will give the crowd insight into personal experiences and her life changing journey of taming an actual hawk, all while coping with the loss of her photojournalist father. Tickets are available now at the Marshall Artist Series Box Office located within the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse.

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Q: How does NASA organize their parties?
A: They planet!

Q: Why can’t you see elephants hiding in trees?
A: Because they’re really good at hiding in trees!