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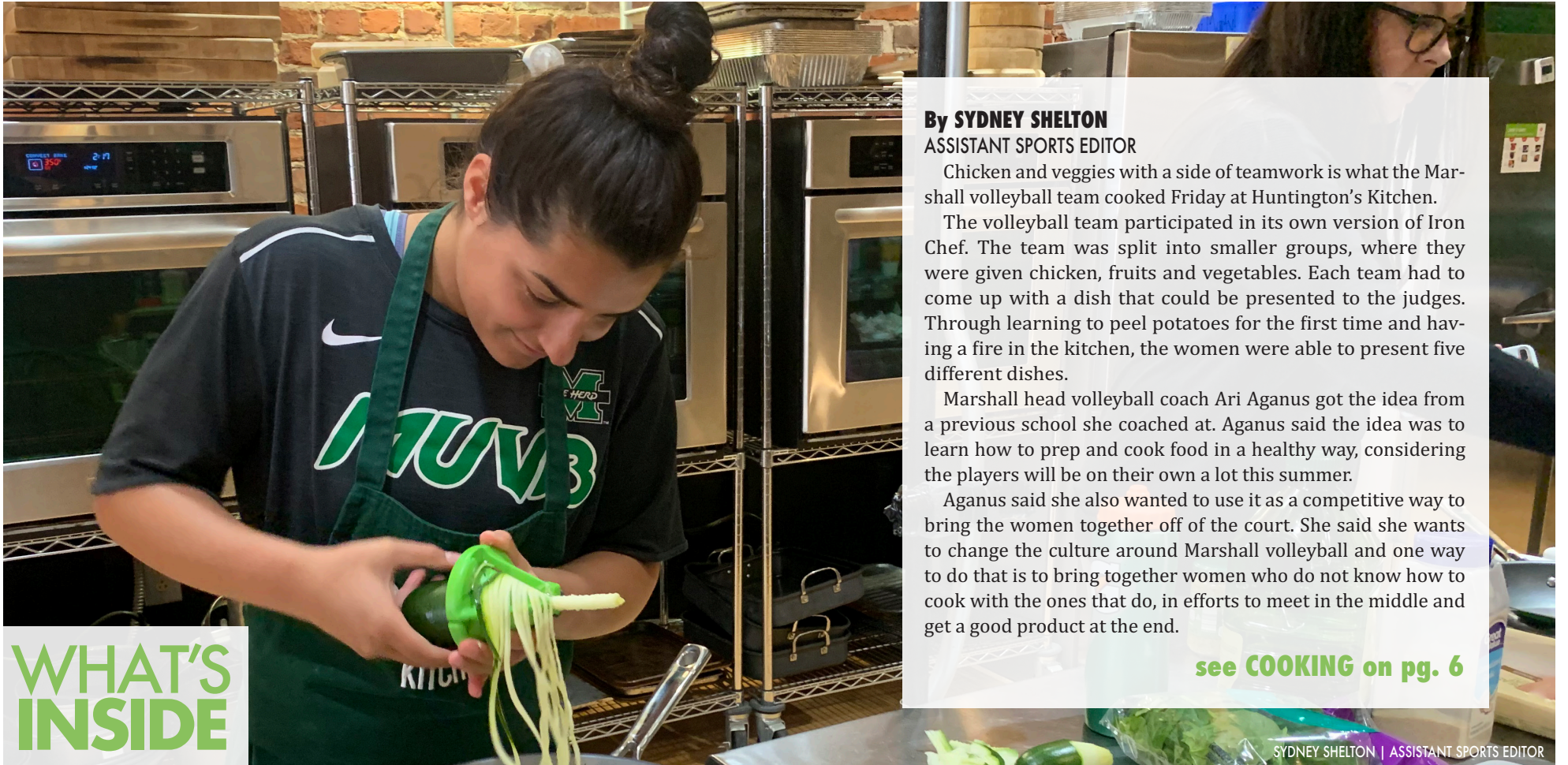
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# THE PARTHENON

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## Volleyball players cook up teamwork



By **SYDNEY SHELTON**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Chicken and veggies with a side of teamwork is what the Marshall volleyball team cooked Friday at Huntington's Kitchen.

The volleyball team participated in its own version of Iron Chef. The team was split into smaller groups, where they were given chicken, fruits and vegetables. Each team had to come up with a dish that could be presented to the judges. Through learning to peel potatoes for the first time and having a fire in the kitchen, the women were able to present five different dishes.

Marshall head volleyball coach Ari Aganus got the idea from a previous school she coached at. Aganus said the idea was to learn how to prep and cook food in a healthy way, considering the players will be on their own a lot this summer.

Aganus said she also wanted to use it as a competitive way to bring the women together off of the court. She said she wants to change the culture around Marshall volleyball and one way to do that is to bring together women who do not know how to cook with the ones that do, in efforts to meet in the middle and get a good product at the end.

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# West Virginia teachers struggle to secure sufficient social services for students

By **DOUGLAS HARDING**

ONLINE AND SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER

Despite defeating the state legislature's recent attempts to pass an omnibus education bill which would have increased class sizes and encouraged privatization, West Virginia teachers' struggles to secure resources remain ever-present.

"A year ago, we put together a task force to investigate the Public Employees Insurance Agency," Denis Chapman, a retired teacher who worked in Cabell County schools for over forty years, said at a town hall Monday at the Cabell County Public Library in Huntington.

"It's disturbing that fixing PEIA was not even mentioned throughout the entire recent legislative session," Chapman said. "Governor (Jim) Justice threw some money at us, hoping to kick the problem down the road, but all the same problems are still here."

West Virginia schools lack necessary nurses, counselors and other social services to help students from struggling families meet their most basic needs, said Amber McCoy, president of the Wayne County Education Association and a teacher at Kellogg Elementary School.

"Our schools have children struggling through crises

every day, and teachers are required to provide students with necessary resources," McCoy said. "For many kids, we already function as their full-time childcare. Our schools don't have full-time counselors."

Amanda Lusher, another local elementary school teacher and member of WVEA, said she had eight notes from students on her desk before 1:30 p.m. Monday, requesting time for personal conversations.

"I could have stood there for an hour and a half trying to teach math, but my students have so many more pressing issues on their minds," Lusher said. "These kids need someone to talk to."

Vera Miller, president of the Cabell County Education Association and a teacher at Huntington Middle School, said properly funded support services, like counselors and nurses, are necessary for West Virginia schools and additional security guards are not a sufficient substitute when students' basic needs are not being met.

"I work at a school of over 600 kids, and we don't have a full-time nurse," Miller said. "As much as teachers do our best to help, we don't always have the training or the time required to meet every kid's needs. We aren't counselors or nurses or doctors."



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Amber McCoy, president of the Wayne County Education Association and teacher at Kellogg Elementary School, addresses legislators at an education town hall Monday at the Cabell County Public Library in Huntington.

Joann Hurley, president of the Wayne County Board of Education and a retired teacher and current substitute teacher, said lower class sizes are needed to enable

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# Herd 4 Christ assists foster organization through service



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRIS ROBERTS

Herd 4 Christ members help clean up fallen trees at Midwestern Children's Home in Pleasant Plain, Ohio.

By **MEREDITH O'BARA**  
THE PARTHENON

With a relationship lasting over 15 years, Herd 4 Christ traveled to Midwestern Children's Home in Pleasant Plain, Ohio to continue its work in assisting the foster care organization.

"The work varies greatly, ranging anywhere from mowing the expansive grounds to breaking up concrete for new bathrooms to be made," said Laura Petty, senior public health major. "This year, our group was asked to go to a couple of spots on their property to clean up the brush, limbs and logs of fallen trees from a couple of bad storms that they

have had this past winter and in the early spring and take them to various burn piles."

The relationship between the two groups is based on mutual appreciation for the other, said Chris Roberts, Herd 4 Christ campus minister.

"We have a wonderful relationship with them," Roberts said. "We really appreciate the work they do in the foster care system and it is something that is very needed and in turn they appreciate us when we come and basically help do whatever they need us to do."

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# Empowering women becomes focus of new club on campus

By **PAIGE LEONARD**  
THE PARTHENON

Feeling empowered and confident is extremely important to her, said Shay Kaminski, co-founder of EmpoWer, the first women's empowerment club on Marshall University's campus.

"Growing up, I often found it challenging to embrace my femininity and felt like in order to be considered a cool girl, I had to hide feminine qualities," said Kaminski, an Alpha Xi Delta member and biology major.

That all changed, she said, when she came to college.

"When I came to college and also joined a sorority, I was surrounded around a group of women that empowered me and encouraged me to be myself," Kaminski said. "I learned and was encouraged that it was okay to like girly things and do my nails and hair."

This encouragement, along with the encouragement of Beth Wolfe, director of continuing education, inspired her and Grace Edmunds, sorority sister and co-founder, to form EmpoWer, Kaminski said.

Since Wolfe noticed there was not a women's empowerment club on campus and Edmunds and Kaminski's were interested in women's empowerment and feminism, Wolfe approached the pair and pitched the idea of starting the club, Edmunds said.

After creating a name and establishing the club, Kaminski and Edmunds had their first meeting last week with 15 attendants.

"I want the women of Marshall to feel important and to have an outlet for anything they feel like they can't discuss around others," Edmunds.

Although Edmunds said the club is in its beginning stages, she

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# Students take a hike from stress with Hiking Herd club

By **MADALYN MCCOY**  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University students can take a hike from the stress of finals by joining the Hiking Herd club and getting closer with nature.

Hiking trails are beginner friendly and can accommodate people of any activity level, Kelsey Peters, president of Hiking Herd, said. The excursions are based on hiking, but Hiking Herd has been on other outdoor adventures as well, she said.

Hiking Herd was started this school year, Hannah Currey, vice president of the club, said.

Currey said even though they have a small group, the club enjoys the adventures they go on and look forward to planning the next one.

"I love just taking a break from the stress of college and going into nature and relaxing and escaping reality for a while and hanging out with my friends at the same time," Currey said.

Some of the excursions so far have been hiking Beech Fork, Barboursville Park and Carter Caves and ice skating in Charleston,



PHOTO COURTESY OF HIKING HERD

Members of Hiking Herd pose for a picture during a recent hike.

Peters said. Hiking Herd plans to visit New River Gorge for a day trip April 27.

To promote the organization Hiking Herd sponsors monthly activities including DIY first aid kits, Neosporin and bug spray, Peters said.

"I think people should join the Hiking Herd because it is a great way to get active, make friendships, and most importantly

have fun," Peters said.

Active members of Hiking Herd who pay their dues get a T-shirt every year and are able to go excursions free of charge, Peters said.

"I love being a part of the Hiking Herd because it combines two things that mean the most to me: the outdoors and friendship," Currey said. "It is great to surround

yourself with people who have the same hobbies as you do."

No matter their experience level students can join Hiking Herd, and the club caters to everyone's abilities and takes a group vote on adventures, Currey said.

Students who are interested in joining may come to a meeting or contact an officer. Hiking Herd meets once a month, typically the last Monday of the month, at 7 p.m. in the John Spotts Room, Peters said, and their last meeting of the semester will be April 22.

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# Huntington increases goal for walking for 2019



PHOTO COURTESY OF GREATER HUNTINGTON WALKS

Flyer for Greater Huntington Walks. The organization has increased this year's goal to walk 5 million miles.

By **PIPER WHITE**  
THE PARTHENON

From July 17, 2018 to December 2018, Greater Huntington Walks walked to the moon and back 2.8 times.

"On the launch, we had 300 people that came and participated, and Dr. (Jerry) Gilbert was one of those participants," said Andrew Fischer, founder of Greater Huntington Walks. "The next thing we knew, we had around 2,400 people registered and signed up, and we walked to the moon in 43 days."

Going into 2019, Greater Huntington Walks decided to set a goal of 5 million miles for the year, Fischer said.

"We decided we would make quarterly challenges, and we just finished the first quarter," Fischer said. "The Huntington Tri-State Airport partnered with Greater Huntington Walks, and they gave two tickets, round-trip, to Myrtle Beach, and a local travel agency gave free lodging at Myrtle Beach, and these will be given to one of the walkers that hit 200,000 steps within the quarter."

The second quarter started April 1 and ends at the end of June. One "lucky walker" will receive a free weekend in Cincinnati, Ohio, tickets to a Cincinnati Reds game and

another special prize, Fischer said.

"In the second quarterly challenge, we are going to virtually walk to all 30 Major League Baseball parks through the app," Fischer said. "As your steps accumulate, you'll walk from one ball park to the next."

According to its website, Greater Huntington Walks' mission is "to promote and enhance the health of the greater Huntington, WV region by engaging like-minded individuals to interact, build relationships, and improve overall health for those in the greater Huntington area."

To participate in Greater Huntington Walks, individuals can register online at [www.greaterhuntington.walkertracker.com](http://www.greaterhuntington.walkertracker.com) and then download the app "Walker Tracker," which will count daily steps.

Individuals who do not have access to a smartphone can pick up a free pedometer at Cabell County Public libraries, Huntington's Kitchen, St. Mary's Medical Center or Cabell Huntington Hospital information desks, the Marie Redd Senior Center, the A.D. Lewis Community Center, the Huntington YMCA or the Marshall Recreation Center.

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# Interfaith dialogue hopes to bring Marshall community together

By **MEREDITH O'BARA**  
THE PARTHENON

To unite the Huntington community through conversations about faith and understanding those with different beliefs, an Interfaith Dialogue event will be held Thursday, April 11 at 6 p.m. on Marshall University's campus.

"Through a meal, we hope that, through an exchange of food and ideas, we are opening our minds to understanding others' religious beliefs or lack of religious beliefs," said Zelideth Rivas, a Unity Month committee chairperson and associate professor of Japanese.

With the hope to bring the community together, Marshall has made the month of April Unity Month, said Will Holland, Marshall's director of community outreach and volunteer services. The Interfaith Dialogue is one of the events in the month-long celebration.

Holland said the dialogue is set up to show the Huntington community that Marshall is inclusive and welcome to all.

"This is our second year of doing Unity Month, where we take the month of April and tell campus and the local community that Marshall is very inclusive and open to all," Holland said. "A very important component of being inclusive and open-minded is how we look at faith, religion and beliefs, and so we have created a dinner where we invite anyone who wants to talk about their faith, and are comfortable doing it, to do so."

Taking on the same setup as last year, the event gives attendees a chance to meet others with different religious viewpoints and to gain an understanding of them, Rivas said.

"It is about exchanging the different ideas amongst each other and trying to make campus life a little

smaller," Rivas said. "I think that, in general, we get lost sometimes, and we are hoping that, through an exchange of ideas and exchange of a meal, we can learn more about each other."

During the event, attendees will be given a color that matches a table to sit at. Once seated, they will be guided through a set of questions to be discussed with other members at that table. The idea of this comes from the hope for attendees to engage in faith conversations with those that they normally would not, Rivas said.

"All these events, especially the Interfaith Dialogue, are to show us that people are just people and we are open to all—all religions, all understandings, all people—and to remind Marshall that we are diverse," Rivas said.

To make the event open to all, the questions are open-ended and nonspecific to any religion to allow for the conversation to make anyone comfortable to talk about their beliefs, Rivas said.

"Some of them are ideas, such as, 'In your family, what does a religious holiday look like?'" Rivas said. "Does it involve going to your religious place of worship?" or 'Does it involve staying at home and being with your family?' Different things like that."

Anyone from the Huntington community is welcome to this event, which helps build the relationship between community members and students, Holland said.

"Because it is open to the community, any time we can get people from off campus to come in and share a meal with us, it is usually positive," Holland said. "Just interacting with the students, and allowing our students to interact with local leaders, is always positive in terms of creating new relations and making

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## Police Blotter



By **MACKENZIE JONES**  
THE PARTHENON

### Sexual Assault

On March 16, a victim came forward and reported that, on March 8, a sexual assault of the second degree had occurred. Officers are currently working the case.

### Destruction of Property

Between March 22 and March 23, the owner of a 2014 Chevrolet Cruz had their back glass broken and another vehicle, a Jeep, was also damaged. Officers waited for the owner of the Jeep to come forward to report the damages to their vehicle. The owner of the Jeep came forward April 3 after returning from spring break. The victim noticed the left side back window was smashed, but nothing had been stolen.

### Destruction of Property

Dispatch received a call that a truck had veered off the roadway and crashed into the Wellness Center at 1321 Hal Greer Blvd. The truck jumped the curb and traveled along the sidewalk, sideswiping the front portion of the building. The suspect was taken to the Huntington Police Department for a follow up investigation.

### Shoplifting

On Wednesday, April 3 at 10:58 a.m., officers responded to the Memorial Student Center food court on a claim of two shoplifters. The suspects passed the point of payment with food in their possession. Officers identified both suspects and stopped them in the lobby. The suspects returned to pay for their food and were written a citation for shoplifting.

### Trespassing

Officers received a call about a non-Marshall employee being on the east side of the Physical Plant warehouse and dispatched to the scene. Upon arrival, they observed the suspect sitting on the grass, drinking from a steel 24 ounce reserve. Officers asked if he had any needles or weapons, and he told them he did not. They patted down the suspect for officer safety and found an uncapped bloody needle/syringe sticking vertically up from his left front shorts pocket.

The suspect proceeded in admitting he may have a warrant out for his arrest and gave officers his name also stating he had two forms of identification on him. The first name given was clean, however the second name he gave got a hit out of Michigan. The suspect could not explain why he had a Michigan driver's license.

Also on the suspect was a social security card belonging to a female; again, he could not explain why he had that. Officers confiscated all the belongings that were not his and put them into evidence. He was issued an arrest citation for open container and drug contraband. He was also given a trespass warning to stay off of Marshall property.

Upon further investigation, officers discovered that the social security card was connected to breaking and entering on an automobile. That victim came in and claimed her property.

### Trespassing

On April 7, there was a report of a highly intoxicated male walking. An officer approached him and asked for identification, which the suspect failed to present. The officer ran the suspect as a local and a warrant for arrest showed for a case of battery on April 4. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Western Regional Jail at 3:25 a.m.

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## Weekly Poll Results

	Y	N
Have you or will you attend a Unity Month event?	61%	39%
Do you plan to take any summer classes?	30%	70%
Will Virginia win the men's basketball national championship?	53%	47%
Did you drop any classes this semester?	24%	76%
Should the woman who pulled out a gun and falsely accused an Egyptian man of attempting to kidnap her daughter in the Huntington Mall face legal punishment?	98%	2%

This poll was conducted on The Parthenon's Instagram, @MUParthenon. The results reflect responses from an average of 45 individuals.

# New Greek liaison wants cleaner, safer campus

By **PAIGE LEONARD**  
THE PARTHENON

Initiatives to help stop littering and clean up Huntington are at the top of the list of priorities for Marshall University's new Greek liaison, said the cabinet member of the recently elected Rogner-Williams team.

"This is disgusting, and we don't need to be representing our city and campus like this," Alex Hewitt, Marshall's new Greek liaison and a sophomore Greek Life member, said about the current state of littering on campus and in the community.

Hewitt said he would like to make sororities and fraternities have recycling bins in their houses.

"We need to clean up," he said, especially after events lead by fraternities and sororities.

Along with recycling bins, Hewitt said he wants Greek Life to have an attention-getter to help recruit freshmen into Greek Life.

Hewitt said he thinks Greek Life needs to have "something big," which will encourage students to join Greek Life and to keep it relevant.

To keep Greek Life relevant, Hewitt said he proposes that the university provide a program for the freshmen at orientation to give Greek Life members the chance to meet with new students.

Additionally, Hewitt said he seeks to bring back Week of Welcome fraternity and sorority social events, but that it needs to be more controlled.

The students who let the events get out of control have graduated, and now is the time to try the events again, he said.

"I think it is time we can bring it back, and making it a safer and more controlled environment for students, while also offering a college experience," Hewitt said.

**“It's a great opportunity to build your moral character and prepare you for the real world and is not just for partying and having a good time.”**

**ALEX HEWITT**

the student body and has been collecting feedback and suggestions to propose in the upcoming term.

Hewitt said he is excited about his term as Greek liaison and thinks it will be a "pretty fun experience."

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Despite the changes Hewitt seeks, he said he believes Greek Life does have great qualities and is a great college experience. He said he encourages students to join.

"It's a great opportunity to build your moral character and prepare you for the real world and is not just for partying and having a good time," Hewitt said.

Greek Life, he said, offers many responsibilities, leadership opportunities and academic success.

Stephanie Rogner, Marshall's recently elected student body president, said she feels Hewitt is equipped to take on his initiatives.

Not only has Hewitt been active in the Greek community, Rogner said, he's also eager to represent

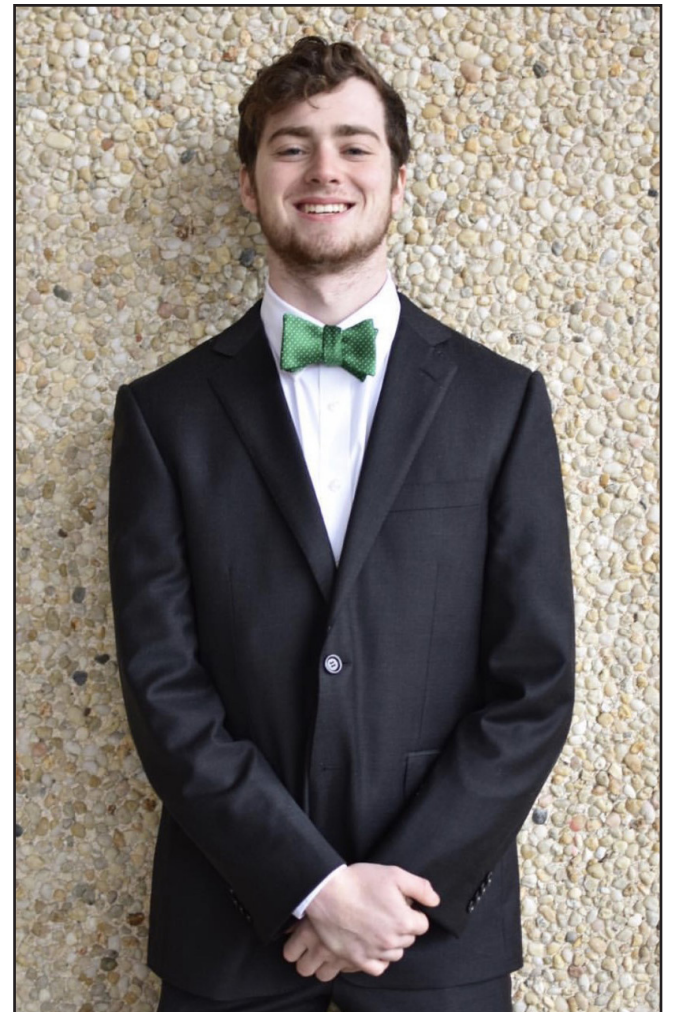


PHOTO COURTESY OF ALEX HEWITT

**New Greek liaison Alex Hewitt says that he has plans to clean up campus and have more promotion of Greek Life to freshmen.**

# 'Millions for Medicine' hit the jackpot at business model competition

By **TREY DELIDA**  
THE PARTHENON

A Marshall University business team won the title of grand champion at the inaugural WV Innovation & Business Model Competition (WVIBMC) April 6 in Marshall's Francis Booth Experimental Theater.

College teams from across West Virginia pitched their business models at the business competition, which was presented by the Lewis College of Business and the Center for Entrepreneurship and Business Innovation (iCenter) and focused on combating the medical debt dilemma in the U.S.

"This competition lets business students use the information and abilities that they have gained in the classroom to learn one of the most important aspects of business – how to pitch your idea," said Bill Bissett, president and CEO of the Huntington Regional Chamber and emcee of the Competition.

Naming themselves 'Millions for Medicine,' a team consisting of Marshall students Kelly Leonard, Mya Linden and Sarah Moir created a lottery system to combat the problem of medical debt.

"We created a lottery system that sells lottery tickets for \$1, which grows the jackpot," Leonard said. "The jackpot is split three ways. Fifty percent of the pot goes to someone with medical debt. Forty-five percent goes to a random ticket winner. Five percent goes to cover the cost structure of Millions for Medicine."

Leonard, a senior marketing major, said her team's passion for healthcare fueled their solution.

"Healthcare debt is a major problem, as there is currently over 81 billion dollars of healthcare debt in the United States," Leonard said. "Over 64 million Americans struggle to pay that debt. In addition, healthcare debt is the number one cause of bankruptcy in the United States."

The team, as grand champion of the business competition, was awarded \$5,000 and an all-expenses paid trip to the Intuit campus in Silicon Valley. Additionally, the team was entered into the International Business Model Competition held in Provo, Utah later this year.

"We worked really hard on this project, so it was really exciting," said Moir, a team member and senior marketing major. "It was such a great experience, and we can't wait to see what the future holds for us."

Linden, another member of the team, said she was grateful to have won because she and her teammates were passionate about the work they are doing and excited that others saw potential in it as well.

"To be the first winner of the WV Innovation & Business Model Competition was very empowering," Linden said.

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# Marshall volleyball builds team by working on cooking skills

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"Hopefully we can allude back to things when there are tough moments," Aganus said. "We can talk about how they set the entire place on fire. It is not going to change everything, it is just going to add in that we want to know them and grow them as more than volleyball players."

The players were judged on presentation, taste and nutritional value.

The nutritional aspect of the competition was key because the coaches and staff said they want their athletes to know how to eat properly to fuel their bodies.

Tim Bender, a Marshall University assistant professor and Distance Dietetic Internship coordinator, was there to assess the players as they cooked and give them advice on how to make their dishes more healthful.

"As much effort as they are putting in their sports and training, they need to put that same focus and effort into nutrition," Bender said.

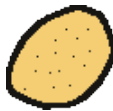
Five dishes made it to the table before the judges but there could only be one winner.

Although the evening began by starting a fire, freshmen Autumn Elswick and Joelle "Jojo" Coulter and junior Ivana Trencheva ended the night with a win.

"I definitely got out of this better cooking skills, better communication skills and leadership skills," Elswick said. "My team had a fire, but we came back because we came together."

Marshall volleyball will play its first group games under new head coach Aganus in its spring season. The spring season will begin at the Cam Henderson Center against West Virginia State on April 12 at 6:30 p.m.

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The winners of the Iron Chef Marshall edition cook-off are pictured above with their coaches. (L-R) Assistant coach Taylor Strickland, JoJo Coulter, head coach Ari Aganus, Autumn Elswick, Ivana Trencheva and assistant coach Sean Cahill.

# MU softball wins series over WKU, giving first conference defeat

By **SYDNEY SHELTON**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

An eight-run inning on Saturday and a walk-off win on Sunday gave Marshall softball the series win over Western Kentucky at Dot Hicks Field.

Overall, the Herd is 25-13 and 8-4 in Conference USA, which puts them at second in the East Division. WKU is 27-8 and 10-2 in C-USA and in first place of the East Division.

Coming off of an injury that caused her to miss 30 games, sophomore outfielder Rachel Rousseau was the contributing player in both of these situations, hitting a grand slam in game one and the walk-off in game three.

In game one, a fourth inning homerun from sophomore first baseman Aly Harrell put the Herd on the board first. In the fifth inning, junior infielder Sierra Huerta was hit-by-pitch and was able to advance to third with senior catcher Hayden Ellis up to bat. Huerta scored on a triple to left-center from Ellis.

WKU answered by scoring two in the top of the sixth.

Down 2-1 in the bottom of the six, junior infielder Blakely Burch singled to right field then stole second. Harrell was intentionally walked; freshman outfielder Rachel Pennington pinch ran for Harrell. Senior infielder Briana Daiss singled to left field, advancing Burch and Pennington. Huerta was hit by a pitch, scoring Burch and the Herd took the lead 3-2.

Rousseau hit a grand slam scoring Pennington, Daiss and Huerta. Herd led 7-2 over WKU. Freshman outfielder Mya Stevenson tripled; senior Abigail Estrada pinch ran for her. Estrada scored on an Ellis double to left center to give the Herd an 8-2 lead.

Sophomore infielder Armani Brown reached first on a single and stole second on a throw that allowed Ellis to score. This run extended the lead to seven. Senior outfielder Hannah Giammarino drove home Brown on a right-center hit, winning 10-2.

Senior pitcher Abigail Tolbert earned her 16th win in the circle by only allowing two hits and had four strikeouts.

The Herd fell in game two, 7-1 due to offensive struggles. Junior pitcher Kailee Williamson pitched all seven innings and recorded the loss.

The Herd took game three and the series, 8-7 in an extra inning on Sunday. Rousseau just added to the fire that she started the first game. She had the walk off, solo homerun in the bottom of the eighth inning that gave the Herd the win. She finished 3-for-5 at the plate.

WKU scored two runs early but Marshall retaliated in the bottom of the inning with three runs. Burch was hit-by-pitch, followed by three walks; Harrell, Ellis and Adams scoring Burch. Herd down 2-1. Huerta was hit-by-pitch scoring Harrell, Herd tied 2-2. Daisws wrapped up the inning with a single that scored Ellis. Herd led 3-2.

The Lady Toppers tied the game at three with a solo homerun. Burch doubled and scored on a Rousseau single, going up 4-3.

WKU retook the lead with two runs in the fifth and another in the sixth, 4-6.

To start the bottom of the sixth inning, Giammarino reached first on an infield error. After a Brown hit that turned to an error; Giammarino reached third and Brown reached second. Burch followed with a homerun over center field to score herself, Giammarino and Brown. Marshall led, 7-6.

WKU tied the game in the top of the seventh inning. The Herd was unable to score sending the game into overtime.

In the bottom of the eighth inning, Rousseau took one over left-center to win the game.

Tolbert started the game and pitched the first five innings, Williamson started the sixth and earned the win.

Things to note from the WKU series: Huerta broke the record for being hit-by-pitch at 16 and then she extended that record to 18. Aly Harrell hit her 11th homer of the year. She is now 10th all-time in program history with 22 home runs.

Marshall is set to start its next series against FIU in Miami, Florida on Saturday at 4 p.m.

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## Former Division I student-athlete informs Thundering Herd of gambling-related issues

By **MILLARD STICKLER**  
THE PARTHENON

"If someone doesn't do something about a gambling addiction it will end in prison or suicide," Lesa Densmore said on Monday at a gathering of Marshall student athletes and coaches during an 1800 Gambler event presented by The Problem Gamblers Help Network of West Virginia.

The event was to inform those present of the risks that student athletes face when it comes to a gambling addiction.

Densmore, who is a former NCAA Division I Athlete and a recovering gambling addict, said that in the beginning she had no idea that gambling was addictive and has similar effects to a narcotic.

"Gambling is considered an activity that crosses the brain the same as crack cocaine," she said. "Take it seriously if you choose to gamble, understand that you can latch on to it as a skill instead of the game of chance that it is."

Densmore said an athlete's competitive nature may pose a strong chance of a gambling addiction developing in some athletes.

"That competitive athletic part of me was really kicking in," she said. "I played gambling like I played basketball. I played gambling like I played field hockey and softball. I played it that way."

Densmore said when she lost, she strategized and was eager for a rematch and when she won, she wanted the feeling back again.

"I wanted to keep competing with that," she said. "I felt that it was a good outlet for me. It was a good escape and it was a good replacement drug for sports another avenue for me to compete."

Densmore said addiction is emotional cancer and that people who develop addiction typically have an emotional dagger to the heart.

"From childhood wounds. From adulthood wounds. From things that hurt. It's not physical stuff," she said. "When (athletes) get a physical injury (they) are on it. But we don't tend to take care of those emotional injuries."

Densmore said athletes tend to wear loads on their shoulders that they are leaders and they are not to show weakness.

Read the full story online at [marshallparthenon.com](http://marshallparthenon.com).

## Women's golf heads to C-USA tournament

By **TAYLOR HUDDLESTON**  
THE PARTHENON

A par 72, 6,194-yard golf course is where the Marshall women's golf team is set to travel to the sunshine state of Fort Myers, Florida, to compete in the C-USA 2019 Air Force Reserve Women's Golf Championship next week, April 15-17 at the Verandah Club. The matches are to tee off at 8 a.m. each day of the tournament.

Marshall third-year head coach Brooke Burkhammer said that the team has had steady results on the green this season.

"I think our main goal is to keep the consistency," Burkhammer said. "We're a pretty young team. We only have one senior (Ylva Forslund) and one junior (Shelby Brauckmuller). We have two sophomores (Kerri Parks and Stormy Randazzo) and one freshman (Jackie Schmidt). So, we're pretty young and most of us have played this golf course and only one of us (Schmidt) haven't."

Last season the Herd finished tenth out of 12 teams at the championship

and now current sophomore Kerri Parks tied for eleventh in the individual standings.

"You can't win a tournament in the first round, but you can lose it," Burkhammer said. "You can't win it if you don't play well in the first round. I'm hoping we can start out strong on the first round and have some good scores like we always have and then work our way to the second round, and then finish up with a good one to hopefully not end our year. Hopefully, we can win."

Throughout the 2018-2019 season, the team has had two Conference USA women's golfers of the week featuring Brauckmuller and Parks.

"I think the main goal is to let them know that if we don't win, our season is over," Burkhammer said. "This has the possibility to be Ylva's last event. I know she doesn't want that. Our conference is pretty competitive right now. We're all pretty competitive."

To recap the entire season, the Herd

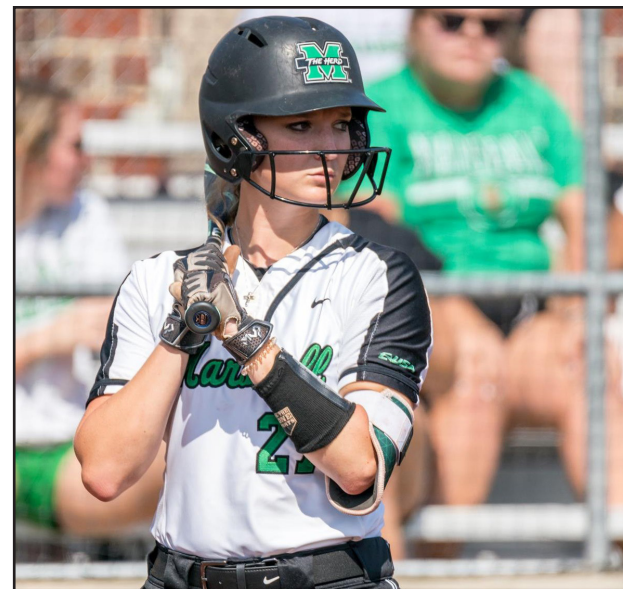
finished second out of eight teams at the Roseann Schwartz Invitational, first out of 12 teams at the William & Mary Invitational, ninth out of 12 at The Princess Anne Invitational, second out of 9 teams at the Maryb S. Kauth Invitational, tied twelfth out of 18 teams at the Palmetto Intercollegiate, third out of 16 teams at the Amelia Island Collegiate, tied for sixth out of 15 teams (day two cancelled), second out of 12 teams at the Bobby Nichols Intercollegiate, and sixth out of 14 teams at the Memphis Women's Intercollegiate.

Burkhammer said the team has not only improved golf-wise but also team chemistry-wise.

"On a team aspect or growing up off the golf course, we have done a lot of that," Burkhammer said. "I see these girls get along really well, and that's something really big, not in just a golf standpoint. That's a big step. They've taught me a lot, and I've just seen a lot of their game bloom."

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## Athlete of the week: Rachel Rousseau, softball



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### ABOUT RACHEL ROUSSEAU

**Class:** Sophomore

**Hometown:** Morgantown, West Virginia

**Batting Average:** .370

### LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

vs. WKU (3 games): 4-9 at the plate, with six RBI's, a grand slam and a walk-off solo home run in the series finale.

After missing the last 30 games due to a hand injury suffered in opening weekend, Rachel Rousseau was able to deliver in her first game back. Rousseau hit a grand slam in game one of the series versus Western Kentucky on Saturday. With the grand slam, the Herd went up 7-2 and would take the game 10-2 in six innings. Despite losing game two, Rousseau lifted the Herd to a win in game three with a solo walk-off home run to left field in the bottom of the eighth.

This showing led Rousseau to win Conference USA Co-Player of the Week. Last season she was on the Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll and a Conference USA Academic Medalist.



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## EDITORIAL

### Huntington Mall incident a metaphor for society



SHOLTEN SINGER/THE HERALD-DISPATCH VIA AP

Santana Renee Adams is escorted into Cabell County Magistrate Court to be arraigned on charges for falsely reporting an emergency incident, Friday, April 5, 2019, in Huntington, W.Va. The charges stem from Adams falsely reporting that an Egyptian man attempted to kidnap her daughter from a West Virginia shopping mall Monday evening.

You may have heard the recent media coverage surrounding a woman who accused an Egyptian man of trying to kidnap her child inside the Huntington Mall. The woman produced a gun, and when he saw it, the man let go of her child and fled. You may also know that the woman's story was heavily fabricated. An innocent man spent a night in jail because of her, and now she is the one facing criminal charges. There are quite a few takeaways from this story.

First, it is a metaphor for the sad reality we live in. The man may have just been patting the child on the head in an innocent gesture that was immediately misinterpreted by the child's mother. Has our society devolved so much in the past few decades that we no longer trust one another at all? We are so quick to judge, and we are doubtful of anyone's pure intentions. It goes without

saying that perhaps this situation would have turned out in a completely different way had the man been white. A foreign, darker skinned man is pleasant to a child and is taken to jail. We will never know for sure, but what would the mother have done if the man was white. Was this a display of blatant racism? The answer can only be found in her heart, and it does not matter now. That man has already left our country, and who can blame him if he chooses to never return? America, the land of the free, the land of opportunities; just don't find an opportunity to be too friendly with strangers, or you might be arrested.

Second, it is good to know that this mother was prepared at all costs to protect her child. She would pull her gun in an instant for the safety of her child, apparently even if the child wasn't in danger. It's her right as an American citizen to arm

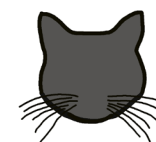
herself, but the situation could have turned deadly. What if she pulled the trigger on the Egyptian man? According to her original, though false, story, she was prepared to use her gun to protect her child. Maybe her first thought whenever she sees a person of color standing a little too close to her child is to ready her gun without a second thought. America already seems too focused on guns; we didn't need this to hurt our image on the world stage anymore.

This recent incident at the Huntington Mall says a lot about the current state of our country. Mistrust runs rampant, guns are ready to be fired in a moment's notice and it is not always safe for those of foreign descent to visit our land. We should feel ashamed for her actions and how they reflect badly on all of us. We can do better.

We can respect one another and take time to understand situations before drawing our guns.



# GINGER'S GUIDE TO: Being a cat person



By **AMANDA LARCH**  
MANAGING EDITOR

I recently came across a post on social media about how cats apparently have 'empty minds,' are selfish and cannot communicate with humans. I don't know though, because I sure do hear my cat talk. A lot. We have full on conversations sometimes, especially when she's hungry.

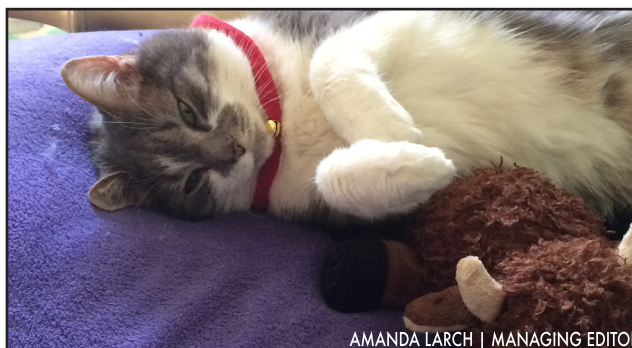
Anyway, this one negative comment was found on an article about scientists attempting to learn if cats know and can respond to their own names. (Which is a silly thing to study in the first place, because of course they do. My cat, Annie, responds to her name and all her various nicknames.) I think the thing that bothered me most about this comment is that I see it all the time; maybe not this exact, ill-informed rant, but I see so many that are similar. They're found on almost any video/post/picture that demonstrates something positive about cats, like when they're showing their owners love and affection.

This comment that basically claimed cats can't show emotion or communicate with people really stood out to me. It honestly hurt. I read it when my cat was cuddled up comfortably next to me. She was purring so loud and deep because she was with me, and if I could purr, I'd be doing the same thing because I was with her. Though that comment didn't specifically say it, I knew its author probably thinks cats just don't feel emotions. Just read one quote from it:

"(Cats) have retched, selfish little hearts. Useful for deception, their chief operation."



AMANDA LARCH | MANAGING EDITOR



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Amanda's cat Annie, demonstrating that she can, in fact, communicate with humans as she converses with Amanda, and Annie proving she experiences emotions as she purrs happily with her stuffed animal Marco.

I'm sorry, but my cat has only ever deceived me into loving her, and it worked big time. Seriously, other than that how are they deceiving? Because they cry to get our attention to feed them? Yes, so do dogs. And babies. Sometimes I might too. But apparently only cats are evil and uncaring toward their owners, right?

I don't want to say I'm not a dog person, and I definitely don't want to discourage anyone who might be. I've just chosen cats, and they choose me right back. I love and appreciate dogs, but I get along better with cats. They fit my personality. Cats are actually a lot like humans. Have you ever noticed that? Cats like their alone time; they need their personal space from time to time. So do I, and so does everyone else on the planet. Dogs, on the other hand, have no problem with constantly begging for attention and belly rubs and being close to you all the time. And yes, dogs are faithful and unconditionally loving creatures, but to the extent where it's unrealistic for us to be the same way. Sure, humans can learn a lot from dogs, and we can strive to be more loving and accepting of one another, but that's not always easy. We feel anger, we get hurt and we can't always apologize as easily as a dog who might lick you when they've done something bad.

Cats can teach us a lot too. Being curious is a great way to live. We learn that it's okay if we're not always feeling our best. We're allowed to have time apart, and sometimes it's best to just silently comfort one another with our mere

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## SMIRL MEETS WORLD: Finding joy in small things

By **RILEIGH SMIRL**  
COLUMNIST

Sometimes we all get to those points in time where we just really need a laugh or a smile. I've reached one of those recently, and it's been hard to try to find things that make me happy when there's so much going on that is stressful or hard to get through. I've



RILEIGH SMIRL | COLUMNIST

Raleigh Smirl with someone from her life who makes her happy and helps her through stress.

been going out of my way to try to remember all the good things I have or that I can experience to help get myself through this extra tough time. So, if you find yourself feeling a little extra stressed or down, then maybe some of these techniques can be a good reminder of how much good there is if you just stop to look for it.

First, I have found that simply making a playlist of my favorite songs can help remind me how much better just listening to music can make you feel. The time it takes to look back and remember all of the songs you've listened to and which ones are your absolute favorites is just so simple and mind-numbing, that once you have your finished list, all you'll want to do is sit back and enjoy all those songs you forgot you loved. For me, getting in a good workout while listening to this music helps as well. The rush of adrenaline mixed with the feeling of accomplishment in knowing that you've taken care of yourself and been productive is a feeling that is hard to beat.

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teachers to more effectively personally connect with individual students in ways they need.

"In many cases, teachers are the only adult in a child's life talking to them regularly or making them smile," Hurley said. "We need more counselors in every school."

Several educators at the town hall voiced concerns regarding teachers leaving the state to seek better work opportunities or giving up on the profession entirely.

"I'm dedicated to my job, and teachers like myself continue because we are passionate about helping our students," McCoy said. "I can't imagine doing anything else with my life, but because of the circumstances, I also can't imagine continuing on like this."

McCoy said she knows her situation is not special, because countless other educators feel the same way.

"It's a hard time to be a teacher in West Virginia," she said. "We felt some victories last year, and we thought we accomplished something, but this year we've still been hit as hard as ever, and now there's not a lot of faith left."

**SERVICE cont. from 2**

Midwestern is designed for foster families to host children in a safe environment, Petty said, which is one of the reasons Herd 4 Christ continues to build the relationship.

"Midwestern does great work in creating a good, safe environment for foster children and it means a lot to me that we can take a weekend to help lighten the load of the employees there who work continuously to maintain that environment," Petty said. "It is a lot of work for them and anything that we can do for them is always greatly appreciated."

The weekend work retreats are not just to build stronger relationships with Midwestern, but with two other organizations who partner with Herd 4 Christ to assist in the work, Roberts said.

"We got together with some students from Ohio State University in the group Buckeyes4Christ and Ohio University's group Lights4Christ," Roberts said. "There was about 20 of us that went to work clearing a bunch of debris. It was a lot of work but it was a good weekend. We all really enjoyed it and are a little sore but feel good."

With the large amount of work to be done, Petty said the weekend teaches members how working together to complete a task can change another's life.

"I think everyone gets to see how much can get done when everyone works together," Petty said. "We are always given a pretty large task that looks

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presence. We also respect that cats are their own independent creatures, with unique personalities just like humans. You can't lump cats together in one category, and you certainly can't do that for humans, either, because we're all different.

Dogs are our companions, but cats are our supporters. They're probably not afraid to dish out some

McCoy said her students constantly impress her with their toughness, dedication and abilities, despite their adverse life situations and most basic needs regularly not being met. Many of her students, she said, are already raising their younger siblings.

Even if kids are not or cannot be raised by their parents or families, McCoy said, public schools can help provide them with caring, supportive relationships essential for personal growth.

"These kids have grit," McCoy said. "We just need to teach them how to harness it. They don't want to live the same life their parents lived."

Also in attendance at the town hall were Delegates Chad Lovejoy (D-Cabell, 17), Matthew Rohrbach (R-Cabell, 17), Sean Hornbuckle (D-Cabell, 16), Robert Thompson (D-Wayne, 19), Kenneth Hicks (D-Wayne, 19) and Daniel Linville (R-Cabell, 16), as well as Todd Alexander, president of the Wayne County Board of Education, and several additional citizens.

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impossible to complete at the beginning, but we normally can get it done or close to finished. We also get to see how no matter how insignificant or menial a task may seem to us, it can be a huge help to others because it is something that really needs to be done and they do not have the time or man power to get it done."

For students and staff, Roberts said he hopes these weekends can show how to live out faith through serving.

"I think most of us look at something like this as a way to live out faith," Roberts said. "It is a chance to serve and try to serve the way Jesus served and help others. I think for a lot of the student see this as an opportunity to really give back and doing something worthwhile for others in the process."

This act of service and continuing relationships is what Petty said keeps her going back every April to the work retreats.

"My favorite part about the retreat is knowing that whatever work we are doing is a huge help to them and it is honestly fun doing whatever work they have us do as a big group," Petty said. "I also really like that we get to do this with groups from Ohio State University and Ohio University and we get to hang out and get to know them better through this experience."

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tough love every once in a while. Cats understand us, sometimes better than we understand ourselves. We should all, especially the writer of that nasty comment, take some time to understand them a little better, too.

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**EMPOWER cont. from 2**

and Kaminski plan to become an active part on campus and the community. The club plans to do many community outreach projects and hopes to organize a feminine hygiene product drive on campus and volunteer with local women's and children's shelters, Edmunds said.

"Even though we only have two meetings left in the semester, I'm really excited to see what will come," Kaminski said.

EmpoWer welcomes any student into its meetings, and students do not have to go to every meeting to become a member, Kaminski said.

The next EmpoWer meeting will be April 16 at 6:30 p.m. in Harris Hall 229.

"I want others to recognize and understand their strength, importance and power they have as women," Edmunds said.

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**INTERFAITH cont. from 4**

Huntington, as a whole, a welcoming place, even after you graduate, showing that not only campus, but Huntington is here and welcomes you."

With each person coming into the event with a different outlook, Rivas said she hopes everyone can feel comfortable and learn about each other.

"We all carry different stories within us, and the point of the evening is to share those stories, but in a meaningful way that we are giving each other space to listen and space to ask questions without any fear of misunderstanding," Rivas said.

The Interfaith Dialogue, which is sponsored by the Drinko Academy, will be held in the John Marshall Dining Room. A dinner will be included with a vegetarian option.

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# Cicada Books and Coffee brings fresh energy to West End

By ANNA MARSH  
THE PARTHENON

To buy and sell locally is the mission of a Huntington book and coffee shop that is trying to re-energize the West End.

Rebirth is even in their name. Cicadas are a metaphor for new life in a way that is really interesting because there is the association of a rebirth of things, said Katie Norman, co-owner of Cicada Books and Coffee.

Norman and her mom opened the shop July 2 of last year. The two said it was always a pipe dream of theirs. The mother-daughter duo found the building in the west end of Huntington and realized that it was something that could be a reality.

"Cicada is just a nice word, it is memorable because it sticks out in people's minds," Norman said.

Shopping locally allows owners and community members to be passionate about their businesses rather than just having a chain restaurant with the same receipt.

"Cicada is special because there aren't a lot of local coffee shops left in Huntington," said Becca Craig, a Huntington resident. "It is nice to support a local business, as opposed to a corporation like Starbucks. The Instagram page popped up in my suggested feed, which is how I

found out about it. I also saw a couple of friends posting pictures from there and thought I had to go."

Norman said local businesses allow the shops to shape the community they are in.

"Any independent shop is different just because it is personal, it is unique," Norman said. "We buy local coffee, most of our furniture is from antique stores on the street. It is very local and, of course, it is going to be unique just by the nature of the thing, and I think people like that. I think people like coming somewhere that has an interesting atmosphere, as opposed to just a chain restaurant."

Craig said the atmosphere of Cicada Books and Coffee is "perfectly curated to reflect Huntington and the uniqueness of the Old Central City antique district." Craig said it feels good to support a local Huntington business.

Norman and her mom bought books in bulk for their initial stock, but as the business flourished, people began donating books for in-store credit. The business gets around 500 books a week.

Cicada also sells pastries from the Camden Corner Market and Paula Vega Cupcakes. They will sell bagels, as well, starting this summer.

"It was just about making something cool in Huntington

that people would like and try to be a part of, because I really want to see Huntington succeed," Norman said.

The shop was originally going to be called Orange Books, named after a poem Norman really loved, but it was decided to go with the name Cicada instead.

Cicada Books and Coffee is located at 604 14th St. West in Huntington.

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Amber Sturgill searched for her next potential read at Cicada Books and Coffee which opened in July 2018.

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