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## Community members participate in VA Suicide Awareness and Prevention 5k

By **BLAKE NEWHOUSE**  
THE PARTHENON

The Department of Veteran Affairs made it a top priority to combat the increase in veteran suicides, organizing their second annual VA Suicide Awareness and Prevention 5k race on Saturday, Sept. 21 in Ritter Park.

According to a 2016 report by the Department of Veterans Affairs, an average of 20 veterans commit suicide each day, with the number of suicides exceeding 6,000 each year between 2008 to 2016.

Belinda Jividen, a member of the West Virginia Gold Star Mothers who lost her son to suicide after his deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, shared how she has reconciled with the death of her son.

"When it happens to you, you aren't looking for signs, it just hits you in the heart," Jividen said. "When my son first died, because of the stigma with suicide, I was almost ashamed in my grief, but that's because people just don't understand. When somebody dies of suicide they are in pain, they are in agony, and the only way they

know to stop it is through suicide. They aren't selfish. All they can think about is getting rid of that pain."

Jividen's son flew Medevac Black Hawk helicopters during his service, which are used for air assault, air cavalry and aeromedical evacuation units, and for the last two years of his life, he worked as a physician's assistant in Liberia providing care for those affected by the Ebola crisis.

"I'm very proud of my son," Jividen said. "His best friend told me one time, 'He was a risk taker. He would land in places that nobody else would go because he wasn't leaving anybody behind.' That to me, is a hero, that to me is somebody who died for this country so we can enjoy the freedoms that we have now."

Close to 150 people were registered to run in the VA 5k to show their support for veterans like Jividen's son.

Brian Nimmo, director of the Hershel "Woody" Williams VA Medical Center, commented on how important it is to identify veterans who may be at risk to provide them with the proper care they need.

"One of our top priorities is identification, and that is what today is about," Nimmo said. "Of the 20 veterans that commit suicide each day, about 14 of them do not even come to the VA, so it's really a community responsibility to help identify these veterans who are struggling."

Nimmo also talked about how important it is to make sure veterans know there are places which they can turn to for help, such

as the VA crisis center, which does not require veterans to be enrolled with the VA in order to receive treatment.

"We are trying to get this information out in any place people are gathering to educate about how you can recognize if a veteran may be at risk," Nimmo said. "If we can just get our hands on them, we can save a lot of lives."

Rob Urban, U.S. Navy veteran, spoke on the issue of how veterans are treated in the United States, commenting on the government's role in addressing issues such as suicide prevention.

"I feel that this government just throws them (veterans) out and casts them aside," Urban said. "They don't give them the treatment they deserve, whether it is for suicide, amputees or whatever, there are too many of them coming back and not getting proper care. For a country of this size to do that, it's a shame."

Laura Pritchard, U.S. Army veteran and a housekeeping member at the VA agreed with Urban's comments, saying she hears stories on a daily basis in the VA medical center about veterans not receiving the care they deserve.

In the VA's Annual National Veteran Suicide Prevention Report for 2019, the VA said suicide is a national issue that will require all of us to come together to "systematically address the larger societal issues that have fueled the increased rates of suicide."

Community members such as Jividen, who dedicates her life to spreading awareness on the topic of suicide, said events like the VA's 5k allow the public to openly communicate with one another about how the average citizen can combat the increased rates of suicide, not only for veterans, but for all of those who struggle with suicidal thoughts.

"This event is extremely important," Jividen said. "It brings awareness to suicide, it makes people realize that there is prevention out there and it inspires everyone to find out the ways that they can help someone."

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—*Brian Nimmo*



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Flags with the names of veterans were displayed in Ritter Park in remembrance of those who have lost their lives to suicide.

# Drinko Library celebrates Banned Book Week, displays censored material

By **DOUGLAS HARDING**  
NEWS EDITOR

Celebrating the freedom to read and with aims of raising awareness regarding the dangerous implications of book banning and censorship, Marshall University's Drinko Library is participating in Banned Book Week by displaying nearly thirty books which were challenged or banned in 2018, making them more available to students.

"Parents always have the right to decide what their kids can read; where we draw the line is when they try to decide for all kids," Ron Titus, electronic services librarian at Drinko, said. "It is important we don't have just one perspective available. And whether people disagree with a viewpoint or not, they need to at least be willing to hear that viewpoint."

Of the 42 books included on the American Library Association's Office of Intellectual Freedom's recently released list of temporarily removed or banned books throughout 2018, about 27 are available at Marshall, and multiple are on display Sept. 22-28 at a table inside the library for Banned Book Week, Titus said.

Drinko is also giving out free Banned Book Week bookmarks and offering students willing to answer open-ended questions regarding the banning of books a chance to enter a drawing to receive a backpack filled with gift certificates for local bookstores and various other items. Titus said the drawing will occur Monday, Sept. 30.

The OIF's recent report reveals that of the 483 books challenged or banned in 2018, 347 instances include library, school and university materials and services.

The number of books challenged or banned last year increased from 416 challenged or banned in 2017, 323 challenged in 2016 and 275 in 2015.

However, as the ALA's website explains, "(Its) lists are only a snapshot of book challenges. Surveys indicate that 82-97% of book challenges—documented requests to remove materials from schools or libraries—remain

unreported and receive no media (coverage)."

The books featured on the OIF's list of the eleven most challenged books of 2018 include:

- "George" by Alex Gino
- "A Day in the Life of Marlon Bundo" by Jill Twiss, illustrated by E.G. Keller
- "Captain Underpants" series by Dav Pilkey
- "The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas
- "Drama" by Taina Telgemeier
- "Thirteen Reasons Why" by Jay Asher
- "This One Summer" by Mariko Tamaki, illustrated by Jillian Tamaki
- "Skippyjon Jones" series by Judy Schachner
- "The Absolutely True Diary of Part-Time Indian" by Sherman Alexie
- "This Day in June" by Gayle E. Pitman, illustrated by Kristyna Litten
- "Two Boys Kissing" by David Levithan

Five of the eleven books featured on the 2018 most challenged books list are also included on the 2017 list, and four appear on the 2016 list.

Outlining the Association's stance on censorship, the ALA's website reads, "The ALA condemns censorship and works to ensure free access to information. The ALA promotes the freedom to choose or the freedom to express one's opinions even if that opinion might be considered unorthodox or unpopular..."

While many instances of censorship can be simply explained by genuine concern and positive intentions on behalf of students' parents, it is crucial to understand the negative impacts and implications of such actions, the ALA's website explains.

It reads, "Censorship can be subtle, almost imperceptible, as well as blatant and overt, but, nonetheless, harmful (...) Often challenges are motivated by a desire to protect children from 'inappropriate' sexual content or 'offensive language.'"

According to the OIF's most recent report, the top three concerns cited as reasons for challenging materials include: "The material was considered to be 'sexually explicit,' the material contained 'offensive language' and the material was 'unsuited to any age group.'"

The ALA's website states that censorship in public libraries and book stores and otherwise making constitutionally protected speech unavailable to the public for any reason is a violation of the First Amendment.

If American citizens wish to protect their First Amendment rights, the website reads, they ought to keep in mind linguist, philosopher and political activist Noam Chomsky's famous sentiment that if one does not believe in free speech for people expressing ideas he/she despises or disagrees with, then one does not truly believe in free speech.

Quoting Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan Jr.'s statement regarding the Supreme Court case *Texas v. Johnson*, the ALA's website reads, "If there is a bedrock principle underlying the First Amendment, it is that the government may not prohibit the expression of an idea simply because society finds the idea itself offensive or disagreeable."



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Students at Marshall University look at nearly thirty books that were challenged or banned in 2018 during Banned Book Week.

# Marshall celebrates signing of Constitution, John Marshall's birthday

By **BRITTANY HIVELY**  
THE PARTHENON

The U.S. Constitution Celebration commemorates one of America's most important documents and is celebrated in schools across the country each year.

The celebration may have a little more meaning to Marshall University, however, as its namesake Chief Justice John Marshall's birthday caps the week off on Sept. 24.

"Because we're named after the great

Chief Justice John Marshall, we take this much more seriously at Marshall and what we offer is an extended program of events, both educational and fun, related to John Marshall's life and to the early national period of U.S. History," Montserrat Miller, professor of history and executive director of the John Deaver Drinko Academy, said.

One of the events the Academy organizes each year is the celebration of the signing

of the U.S. Constitution with a variety of events for students, faculty and community members.

"It's just a great time to celebrate what we're rich in tradition about," Stephanie Rogner, student body president, said. "A lot of people, you know we hear John Marshall all the time, but they don't really understand the importance of his legacy on campus and what it really means to be under his namesake."

Rogner and Student Body Vice President Anna Williams have celebrated as the first female partnership of president and vice president in Marshall history.

"I think it's always great to represent your university in any capacity and being the first two women in the history of the state and the university to lead Marshall is definitely impactful," Williams said.

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# National Voter Registration Day encourages student voter participation

By **BLAKE NEWHOUSE**  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University celebrated National Voter Registration Day by organizing an event in Drinko Library, inviting those who are eligible to vote to have their voice heard in the political process.

"As a public University, we feel that it's part of our duty to make sure that our students are participating in the university's mission of developing a just community," Sarah Mollette, outreach librarian at Drinko Library, said. "There are so many things that affect college students that are determined by legislation. Whether that is student loans, the overall cost of higher education, as well as things like censorship. Those things directly affect our students on this campus."

National Voter Registration Day, first recognized as a national holiday in 2012, seeks to create broad awareness of voter registration opportunities that could reach the tens of thousands of voters who may not register

otherwise, according to their website.

In 2018, the national holiday resulted in 800,000 citizens registering to vote in the midterm elections, according to statistics provided by the organization.

Within a couple hours, the event on Marshall's campus was able to interact with a total of 70 students, answering questions they had on the topic of voting.

"We knew we needed to get involved in informing people about this issue because that is what libraries do, we provide information, and then people can decide what to do with it," Mollette said. "One of the great things about this organization is that they understand that it is very easy to say, 'my vote doesn't count,' but especially in local politics that is not true, every vote counts, and at the higher level the same is true."

Only 56% of the U.S. voting-age population casted their ballots in the 2016 presidential election, a slight increase from 2012, but still lower than the turnout for the 2008 election, according to

the Pew Research Center.

Cameron Donohue, first year political science and mathematics major, said that he believes knowledge about voting is the biggest factor contributing to America's low voter turnout.

"I think it really comes down to the educational system and how we teach the subject of voting. For the longest time, the electoral college didn't make sense to me, but now that I understand the process, I'm now more inclined to participate," Donohue said. "I think a lot of the problem is just knowing how to go about voting, knowing where your polling location is, or even learning how to register, which makes something like this event really important."

Donohue also said that the atmosphere on a college campus can help push students to become more involved in voting.

"Once you get to a college environment, you have a lot of people thinking about the future, and the current social climate," Donohue said. "So, you get a lot



PHOTO COURTESY OF NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

**National Voter Registration day is celebrated on the fourth Tuesday of September each year.**

of new ideas. I don't know if they necessarily act upon those ideas, but I know there are a lot of people with very strong opinions on campus."

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# MUPD Sergeant Ballou reflects on positive impacts across campus

By **ROBERT CASTILLO**  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University Police Department's Sergeant Scott Ballou said he is looking to create more of an impact for the Marshall University family.

Ballou is originally from Rhode Island and moved to Daytona Beach, Florida when he was 12. He played baseball in high school and decided to play at Marshall in 1993.

Ballou did not originally plan on staying in the state after he earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice, but he said he "ended up meeting a West Virginia girl and stayed here and got a job at Marshall in 1999."

Ballou can be recognized on campus for his rape aggression defense class, better known as R.A.D. He is the lead R.A.D. instructor and began teaching roughly 19 years ago.

Ballou teaches the course through the Marshall University Police Department for women, and he said that he enjoys the class because he can see an outcome.

"I started teaching the women's self-defense class in 2000, and that's been such an awesome experience for me to be able to teach and see how rewarding it is to make a difference in people's lives," Ballou said.

Ballou said he believes the R.A.D. courses have made a significant impact while at Marshall.

"I will say that it's the best decision this department ever made, and I tell our chief that," he said. "I told him I wasn't going anywhere and that I wanted to teach and that I had a goal in mind. The rewarding experience I get

from making a difference in women's lives from teaching that self-defense program, that's one of the best things about coming to work every day."

Ballou credits his personal experience for wanting to work at Marshall.

"Being a student athlete here, you know being a student, I just got to know a lot of people," Ballou said. "Throughout the university, it was the first police department that gave me a job. It was something special from the start. It's an awesome thing for me to still be involved with the student athletes, anything from women to men's sports. That's one of the reasons why I stayed here all these years, I've been able to be around and meet some really awesome people."

Ballou said he sees himself in his son and daughter and that inspires him day to day.

"He (Ballou's son) is just like I was, and my daughter too, but my son is so involved in sports and it's exciting for me to have him enjoy sports like I did," Ballou said. "That's what inspires me is seeing him and my daughter enjoy sports the way I did as a kid."

Ballou said he was not a big "rewards guy" but has two favorite personal achievements, one hitting close to home for multiple Marshall students.

"I'm in the Daytona Beach baseball hall of fame, that was kind of cool," Ballou said. "I also got an award back in 2015, it was a national award for the R.A.D. program that I teach. It was the aggressor award which is for instructor of the year, and there's thousands of instructors,

so to be recognized for that was cool."

Ballou said he has learned quite a bit while at Marshall, including the reality of not being able to solve every issue the department may encounter.

"You're not going to save the world, no matter what you do," Ballou said. "I learned that I want to be the best person for the job that I'm doing. When an officer is talking to another officer, I want them to say man that dude was a good officer. I want to do the best job that I can, no matter the situation."

Communication and dealing with people are some qualities that Ballou said he would consider his strengths of working with MUPD.

"I feel like I'm pretty comfortable dealing with people, it's something that I enjoy doing," Ballou said. "Even if it's during an arrest or something, I still feel like I can help that person some way. Communication comes pretty easy for me, just like public speaking."

Ballou also spoke of how he thinks Marshall's police department is working to improve themselves for the sake of the people they protect.

"This department is growing, everybody at this department has a goal," Ballou said. "They want to be of great representation for the university. They all want what's best for the university, we're different than a regular city department because we have one goal and that's the safety of the campus, students, faculty and staff as well as visitors."

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# Quoits tournaments promote campus camaraderie

By SARAH INGRAM  
COPY EDITOR

Quoits, the longstanding tradition at Marshall University celebrating the signing of the U.S. Constitution on campus, returned these past couple weeks and finished out yesterday, giving students, faculty, staff and even the university's president an opportunity to have fun without any worries of the outside world, according to one faculty member at Marshall.

"It (Quoits) just promotes unity and consensus," Montserrat Miller, a professor of history and the executive director of the John Deaver Drinko Academy, said. "We can have our differences in terms of politics, in terms of ideology, in terms of religion and in terms of any other type of belief system you can think of. But there is some space in our lives where we come together and have a bit of fun in a positive way."

Quoits, often compared to the game of horseshoes, is a game previously played by Chief Justice John Marshall and his justices to pass the time between hearing cases and making decisions. Players throw disc-like objects, called quoits, at a sand pit with a pole in the center. The goal is to get to 21 points before the opposing team does.

The tournaments included an open Quoits tournament from Sept. 9-18, the Presidential Invitational on Sept. 20 and the Media Invitational Sept. 24.

The rules for the game indicate that



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**Interim Vice President for Student Affairs and Associate Vice President of Intercultural Affairs Maurice Cooley plays Quoits on campus Friday, Sept. 20.**

politics and other areas of debate are not allowed to be mentioned during the game. Additionally, teams are only allowed to show compassion for each other, rather than using unsportsmanlike language.

Miller said the idea is to give the players a chance to enjoy themselves while "emphasizing consensus building."

"We're only allowed to say encouraging things to one another here," Miller said.

"We can't disparage anybody."

Tournaments during the last couple of weeks have included student teams, faculty teams, combinations of student and faculty teams, media teams and the presidential team.

The presidential team included Marshall President Jerry Gilbert and his teammate Maurice Cooley, the associate vice president of Intercultural Affairs and interim vice president of Student Affairs.

The two have been playing together in the Quoits tournaments since Gilbert's arrival at Marshall in 2016. The pair played against a team representing United Way of the River Cities and lost 21-15, but Gilbert said he still enjoyed the game.

"I think it's a great game and a great way to honor John Marshall," Gilbert said. "It's a great way to have friendly competition, and that's what this is about: friendly competition, bringing people together and just having fun in a game that has a rich history that goes back hundreds of years."

Cooley talked about how Quoits has been a tradition at Marshall for years, allowing for some fun while also having informational discussions and events during the month.

"This is always a great annual celebration at Marshall," Cooley said. "It's a part of honoring the history and legacy of Chief Justice John Marshall. Marshall has been doing this for a number of years, having quoits tournaments, so we are having fun during the week while we're having some more intellectual exercises."

Cooley has been part of the presidential team since before Gilbert became president at Marshall, playing with former Marshall President Stephen Kopp, and he said he enjoys the game no matter the outcome.

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# Marshall Cru hosts bible study sessions with childcare program

By AARON DICKENS  
THE PARTHENON

Cru, one of Marshall's University's campus ministries, is seeking to help Church Baptist by developing a program directed toward younger children to help parents feel at ease while in bible study.

Many adults want to have a bible study, but that is difficult to have when those adults have one or two kids to look after, a member of Cru, one of Marshall University's campus ministries, said.

"As a result, we decided to volunteer and help with that situation by leading their kids in a separate bible study," Mackey Gaskins said. "That way the parents know their kids are being watched by responsible young adults, all while they and their kids learn about Christianity. We have about 15 students from Cru or Baptist Campus Ministry go to Church Baptist in Kenova every Wednesday to watch about 85 to 90 kids and lead them in a bible study."

Gaskins said the main goal of Cru and Baptist Campus Ministry involvement with childcare is that not only do they want to have a bible study that appeals to a younger audience, but to also let the children roam around and have fun.

"We usually separate the kids and have two different bible studies between Kindergarten to 2nd graders and 3rd graders to 5th graders," said Gaskins. "We usually have them watch a bible lesson cartoon, we then talk about it and go into detail about it for about 20 minutes, and they get to play afterwards."

"We want kids to know that God loves them with all of his heart. We want them to realize that they are forever not alone in life and have somewhere to go when life is tough if they confess their love and faith to Christianity."

Despite some kids being shy and scared of older people at a younger age those children are at, the kids at Church Baptist are eager to learn and grow in their faith, Gaskins said.

"They absolutely love it," Gaskins said. "They look forward to it; when it gets closer to when the college students have to leave, the kids do not want them to go."

Gaskins said many of the kids have formed bonds and close connections with the students due to what the parents of the children have told him and his colleagues.

"They have gotten so comfortable with the college students from not only Cru, but Baptist Campus Ministry as well," Gaskins said. "Many of the parents have told us that certain kids are sad when particular students cannot come due to schoolwork. That alone shows they are forming connections and building relationships with each other."

Cru and Baptist Campus Ministry will continue to volunteer for childcare every week from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. at 1120 Poplar St. Kenova.

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# Cam Henderson floor gets face lift

By **BRIGHAM WARF**  
THE PARTHENON

The Cam Henderson Center's floor received a makeover that features a mix of new and old Thundering Herd logos to create a fresh design.

"Coach D'Antoni likes to use the retro look on a lot of Marshall basketball pieces," Associate Athletic Director Jeff O'Malley said. "We came up with the design that we believe is a great marriage of the old school logo with the traditional Marshall University mark."

The new court design generated excitement throughout Marshall's campus after it was announced on social media in late August with a preview of what the new design will look like in the Cam Henderson Center.

The center of the court features a new-aged kelly green Marshall M with an old Marco featured in black and white behind with air blowing out of its nose all inside of a kelly green outline of West Virginia. Additionally, a star is in the position of Huntington on the state outline. The baselines feature the Herd and Marshall in white on top of kelly green paint.

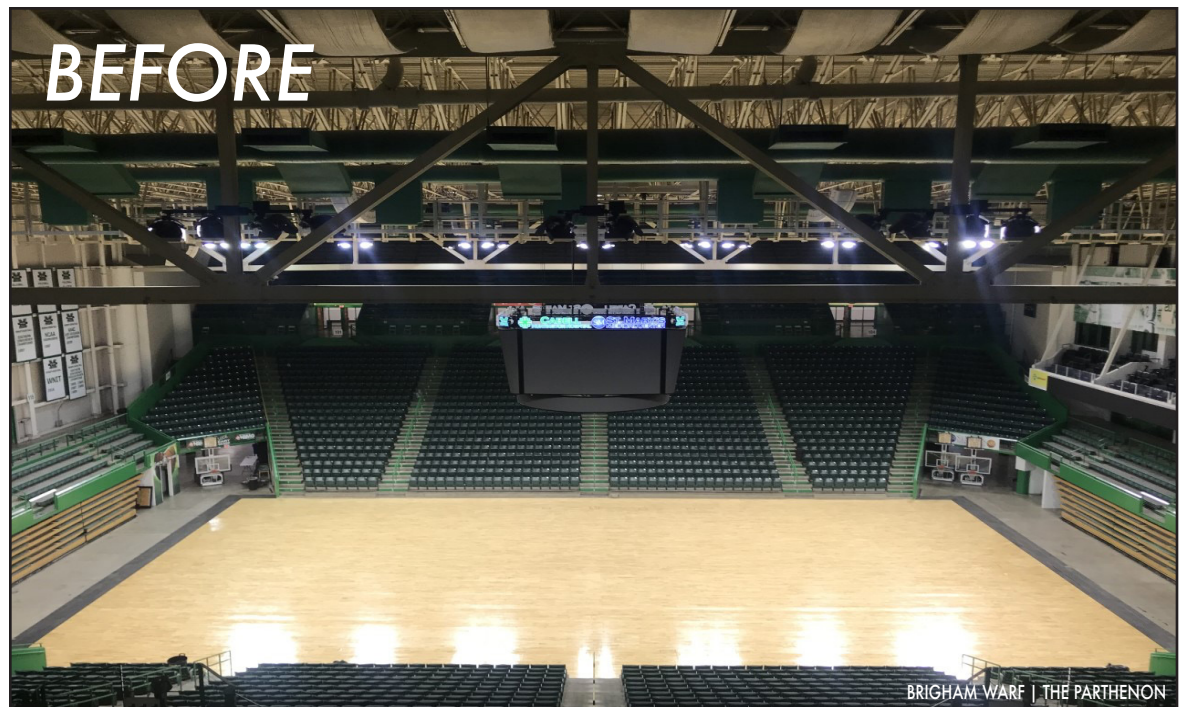
D'Antoni, since accepting the head coaching position at Marshall in 2014, has mixed up uniforms and designs to include the state outline with old and new Marshall logos, so now the West Virginia and Marshall pride has been extended to

center court.

An old feature that made its way into the new design is the footprints of Bruce Morris. Morris launched what is now known as the "Shot Herd Round the World" on Feb. 7, 1985. The shot was made from 89 feet and 10 inches away, right before the first half whistle was blown. Morris grabbed the rebound of a blocked shot and threw it. The Herd defeated Appalachian State 93-82.

Another change of the court, since the change of the NCAA rule of the college three-point line, is the men's three-point line is outlined in kelly green and moved back to 22 feet and 1 and 1/4 inches behind the women's white line, which is staying the same.

This is the second consecutive year that the Cam has undergone major changes. In 2018, a new videoboard was purchased and hung over center court, something that the Cam had lacked before. The state-of-the-art Daktronics scoreboard that cost



The Cam Henderson floor before the paint job was started.

one million dollars was privately funded through Marshall's relationship with IMG College who owns the multimedia rights of the Herd Athletics.

Viewers will have plenty of opportunities to see the new floor in the Cam as the arena hosts the Herd's men's and women's basketball team and the volleyball squad.

"We received a lot of positive feedback on

the look," O'Malley said. "We really look forward to volleyball, women's basketball and men's basketball all competing on it."

The volleyball team will have the first opportunity to play on the new floor as the women have a conference matchup against Southern Miss on Friday Sept. 27 at 6 p.m.

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—Jeff O'Malley



The Cam Henderson floor after the paint job was completed.

# MU football faces Cincinnati

Both look to extend record to 3-1

By **BRIGHAM WARF**  
THE PARTHENON

The Cincinnati Bearcats will seek revenge against the Herd at Joans C. Edwards Stadium Saturday after losing the last matchup.

The last time the two teams met was during the 2017-18 season. The Thundering Herd traveled to Nippert Stadium in Cincinnati and upset the Bearcats with a final score of 38-21.

“The improvement they (Cincinnati) have made in the past two years is tremendous,” Head Coach Doc Holliday said. “They are a team that won 11 games a year ago and that’s hard to do. They also beat Virginia Tech in their bowl game, so they have a lot of momentum going right now.”

With both of the teams coming off a bye week,

the Herd and Bearcats have had extra time to get players healthy and prepare for each other.

In Marshall’s last game against Ohio University in the Battle for the Bell redshirt sophomore running back Brenden Knox did not play in the second half due to an injury after racking up 133-yards and one touchdown.

“Anytime you have a bye week you can catch your breath a little bit,” Holliday said. “We have some guys that are playing this week against Cincinnati that would not have played last week – Knox for example – but he will be fine.”

Cincinnati opened its season with a win against UCLA with a score of 24-14, but did not score against the now fifth ranked Ohio State University in its second game and lost 42-0. The Bearcats improved to 2-1 when they faced Ohio (Miami) with a score of 35-13.

The Herd’s defense will have its hands full again this weekend as yet another duel threat quarterback comes to Huntington. Cincinnati’s sophomore quarterback Desmond Ridder rushed for five touchdowns last season on 150 attempts and threw for 2,445-yards and 20 touchdowns as a freshman.

“It is another opportunity to go out there and play against a good team,” Marshall senior linebacker Omari Cobb said. “We have to keep our defense going and flying around and keep being the best defense we can be.”

With the bye week, Marshall also used the time to get extra studying in for Cincinnati.

“We had about a four- or five-day head start,” redshirt junior offensive lineman Cain Madden said. “We saw them two years ago but their whole defense are veterans now. We know they are going to go out there and make plays, but we just have to go out there and play our game.”

The Thundering Herd will look to remain undefeated at home as they face Cincinnati in Huntington on Saturday, Sept. 28 at 5 p.m.

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Left: Xavier Gaines runs the ball for the Herd in the game against Ohio on Sept. 14.



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# Athlete of the Week: Amber Weber



## ABOUT AMBER WEBER:

Position: Libero  
Class: Senior  
Height: 5’4  
Hometown: Ocala, FL.

## LAST WEEK’S RESULTS:

Comfort Inn-vitational vs. Morehead State, Coppin State, Southeastern Louisiana

Morehead State: 5 SP, 3 Assists, 1 RE, 30 Digs  
Coppin State: 3 SP, 5 assists, 15 digs  
Southeastern Louisiana: 3 SP, 6 assists, 14 digs

Marshall senior volleyball player, Amber Weber, was named to the All-Tournament Team in the Comfort Inn-vitational Tournament this past weekend after her standout performance against Morehead State, Coppin State and Southeastern Louisiana. She totaled 14 assists and recorded 59 digs during the tournament. Weber helped lead the Herd to a 2-1 record performance.



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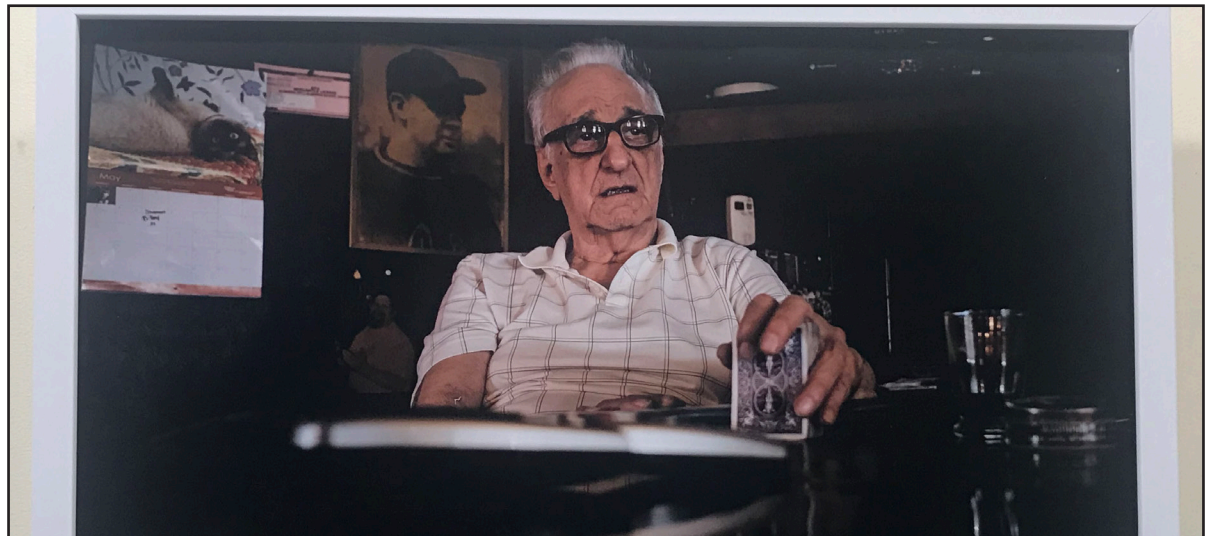
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## EDITORIAL

## Take time to look at Appalachia



From artist Pete Marovich. In Beaver County, Pennsylvania from May 7, 2015: George "Blackie" Miller sits in his bar, Mahoney's, in West Aliquippa. Miller, who changed his last name from Dokmanovich years ago, was born in West Aliquippa and lived there all of his life. He has seen the town go from boom to bust along with the steel industry. "This town is done," says Miller.

Have you truly looked at Appalachia?

With Marshall University's Drinko Library being home to the crowdsourced "Looking at Appalachia" exhibit, featuring 64 photographs from various Appalachian artists, we all have an opportunity to take a closer look at the region.

The project, now in its fifth year, is designed and directed by photographer and Charleston native Roger May and consists of photographs from the 13 Appalachian states: Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. Forty-five photographers contributed to the exhibit, and the photos were made between 2015-2017.

Marshall is fortunate to be the current host of the exhibit, and Marshall students are fortunate to have the opportunity to see this art for free; even when studying in the library, they can admire the artwork and maybe be reminded of the wonder and beauty of our region.

This exhibit can teach us many things. One of the

most important things we can learn is that Appalachia consists of more states than we may realize. It's not just West Virginia. It's more diverse than that. Appalachians can't be narrowed into one box. Appalachia has many different people, and many of them are displayed in these photographs.

For those of us who are from Appalachia and have lived here all or most of our lives, we maybe take it for granted from time to time. These natural photographs, some in color and others in black and white, appear almost timeless, their subjects each showing us a piece of their Appalachian lives. They capture many aspects of Appalachia, and they are working to change the perceived stereotypes about our region that the War on Poverty may have perpetuated.

Appalachians are people. For those not from the region, it may be easy to think of Appalachians as hillbillies or rednecks, as defined by their unfair and unrealistic perceptions; it may be easy to forget the similarities and easy to remember the stereotypes.

"It has now been more than half a century since

**see APPALACHIA on pg. 10**

## CORRECTION: "University College a valuable resource for students with undeclared majors"

This story ran in The Parthenon on Sept. 18.

University College is one of nine undergraduate colleges, not one of 10.

The number of maximum credit hours for undecided students has reduced from 45 to 30 hours for students entering this fall.



# GINGER'S GUIDE TO: Stop the vape cloud

By **AMANDA LARCH**  
MANAGING EDITOR

Failing tests, forgetting to do homework, not taking an umbrella because you're sure it isn't going to rain and then it does...these are some of the worst parts of college. But for me, few things are worse than walking to class behind someone who vapes. There I am, minding my own business and being a good student, when I get hit in the face by a blueberry-melon-mint-cotton candy-scented vape cloud.

Okay, that was an exaggeration, but my point is, Marshall University is a smoke and vape free campus. Campus includes classroom buildings and the walkways leading to those buildings. Yet that is where I see the most people smoking and vaping, and I really can't stand it.

More and more studies are being written about the dangers of vaping and electronic cigarettes. They're not a healthy or safe alternative to cigarettes. In many cases, they have the potential to cause more damage and at a faster rate. I'm not a scientist, and I'm not going to pretend like I know everything about medical issues surrounding vaping, but it is worth researching.

Following the death of six people caused by vaping

related illnesses, the Trump administration is working to ban non-tobacco e-cigarettes. Walmart is even banning the sale of these devices. A few weeks ago, Michigan became the first state in the country to ban flavored e-cigarettes, according to a report from ABC News. In a news release,



Inam Rehman, manager of Jubilee Vape & Smoke Inc., displays a flavored vaping solution his store sells, Monday Sept. 16, 2019, in New York. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo is pushing to enact a statewide ban on the sale of flavored e-cigarettes amid growing health concerns of vaping.

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer stated her decision to ban e-cigarettes will help improve the health of young people. I think she's right, and hopefully more states will follow suit. It's a sad reality that many high schoolers get addicted to using vapes or Juuls, thinking that since there isn't any smoke, it isn't bad for them.

Of course, we're in college, not high school. We're all of legal age to purchase and consume these products. But I have to say, because this isn't a high school, no one here is impressed or thinks you're cool because you vape.

One day recently, as I was walking the reasonable distance from Smith Hall to Harris Hall, I was behind someone who vaped at least six times during that walk. I'm sorry, but that's just ridiculous. Maybe vaping can help calm the nerves, but if you need it to function, you may be abusing it. You may be addicted.

I'm not a health expert, but I choose not to vape. I'm not trying to change anyone's mind here or be condescending, but if you do choose to vape, all I'm asking is for you to please not do it on campus, especially not where others can

**see VAPING on pg. 10**

## Letter to the Editor: Sept. 3 Column

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to an editorial that appeared in The Parthenon on Sept. 3, 2019, regarding the university's new project with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The editorial's writer tried to tie the initiative's activities to "anti-immigration fear mongering" and questioned why "a major public educational institution insist[s] on cowardly allocating resources toward helping bigoted agencies lock up even more struggling poor people across the country."

First, it is important to understand that federal agencies routinely contract with top-tier universities across the nation, just like this partnership with Marshall. Secondly, the Department of Homeland Security has 22 departments under its authority, with responsibilities that include everything from emergency response to the Secret Service to cybersecurity and infrastructure.

In this case, they are looking to us to help them prevent illegal drugs from coming into the U.S. Let's face it, our country's drug problems may have been started with the legal distribution of opioids, but in reality, our challenges today have graduated to the illegal drug markets—internationally and here at home.

Very specifically for this project, Marshall's faculty and student experts in the Digital Forensics and Information Assurance program will be developing and implementing a tool to help identify, disrupt

and dismantle cybercrime networks related to the illegal trafficking of narcotics. The project also includes training, research and a co-op program for our students who may be interested in enhancing their cyber and digital forensics skills.

This is not about arresting people off the streets or "striking fear in the hearts of minorities in our communities," as the editorial misleadingly stated. This is about stopping sophisticated cybercriminals who are using the internet to bring poison into our country and our communities. To answer a question posed in the editorial, "Whose side are we on, anyway?" We are on the side of the parents, siblings, and friends who have lost loved ones to the opioid crisis in our region. We are on the side of the people who may still be saved from this epidemic.

There is nothing in this project—or in any of our cyber or digital forensic programs—that works with, talks to or engages with the enforcement of immigration law. To lead readers to believe otherwise is simply untrue.

Marshall University has a rich history of doing the right thing when the right thing is needed. It is disheartening for someone to use power of the pen to misrepresent something that could make such a positive impact.

Sincerely,

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"I have been the president's partner since Dr. Kopp was here, Dr. Steve Kopp," Cooley said. "And it was an honor for me that when our new president, Dr. Gilbert, came, he asked would I continue in that capacity. Whether we win or lose, it's a great honor to be the president's partner, but it's also an honor just to celebrate Marshall University and a legacy of the chief justice."

Miller said students often walk by different groups of people playing Quoits on Buskirk field and either stop to

watch or ask questions. She also said that while students can currently come to the John Deaver Drinko Academy room in Old Main 211 to check out the Quoits equipment, she has plans to make the game more accessible to students through intramural events year-round, rather than having the tournaments during the Constitution Celebration only.

"In the past we've played Quoits in a formal sense in September in association with our constitution celebration," Miller said. "There have been a few evenings in the spring-time when Quoits enthusiasts come check out quoits and come down here and play after work. We are going to be

formalizing that and inviting student groups, faculty and staff to come out and have this informal Quoits play, do a little Quoits clinic and familiarize people about the rules, weather allowing, at various points in the year."

Miller also said the department received new covers for the pits used for Quoits. These covers have "In the Spirit of John Marshall" engraved on them, so it can be more evident that Buskirk field is where Quoits is played, Miller said.

Students interested in playing Quoits may find the equipment and rules for the game in Old Main 211.

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**APPALACHIA cont. from 8**

the War on Poverty began," May stated in a news release. "In contrast to the imagery that casts the region in an unfavorable light, and in an effort to establish a visual counter point, this project intends to provide a framework for advancing the understanding of photographs made in Appalachia."

Please, do yourself a favor and view the exhibit. It's a walking exhibit on three floors of Drinko Library. The photographs are displayed throughout the library, each one more beautiful and truer than the

last. The art exhibit will be displayed until Dec. 15, and submissions are still open until Dec. 31. So Appalachian photographers, now's your time to shine.

As Parthenon News Editor Douglas Harding reported on the exhibit this summer, more information regarding submission specifications and requirements can be found on the 'About' section of the "Looking at Appalachia" website.

It's time to look at Appalachia. To not just see, but to really look. You never know what you might find, or how it might resonate with you.

**CONSTITUTION cont. from 3**

After a cake ceremony and performance from John Marshall Fife Drum Corps Tuesday, the celebration continued on Buskirk Field with the Quoits Media Invitational in honor of the chief justice. This event followed the Open Quoits Tournament, which took place Sept. 9-18 and the Presidential Invitational Sept. 20.

Other celebration events included West Virginia Supreme Court on Campus; Amicus Curiae Lecture Series with Richard Brookhiser; Robert C. Byrd Forum on Civic Responsibility with Dr. Sarah Denman, Audy Perry, Brandon Dennison and Jennifer Wells; and will conclude with the Dan O'Hanlon Essay Competition Awards Ceremony.

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**VOTERS cont. from 4**

With growing concern surrounding the issue of voter turnout, many states across the country have begun implementing automatic voter registration, including West Virginia.

In 2016, lawmakers passed House Bill 4013 to enact automatic voter registration across the state, which would automatically register the individual to vote when they receive their driver's license, unless they opt out of the option.

The process had been stalled by legislative bills passed in the years following 2016, with

the most recent decision, Senate Bill 491, setting a new deadline for the Department of Motor Vehicles to implement automatic voter registration by July 1, 2021.

However, in June of 2019, the Senate passed legislation giving the Secretary of State's office the authority to spend \$1.5 million for technological improvements (with funding coming from business and licensing fees generated by the Secretary of State's Office), in order to make automatic voter registration a reality for the state in the future.

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**VAPING cont. from 9**

get a face full of that disgustingly sweet vapor. If you absolutely must vape on campus, even though it's still illegal, please do it on the outskirts.

Be respectful of your fellow students. You're also technically breaking the rules when you vape on campus. I'm not going to be a hall monitor or anything, but I'm not going to be happy with you if you vape in my face, either.

It's also not a bad idea to look into the effects vaping has on your health, as well as the reasons that go into banning e-cigarettes. Come on people, think before you vape.

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# New bakery offers tastes from across the world

By SARAH ROWE  
THE PARTHENON

During a time where diversity continues to flood Huntington, one local business aims to bring a love of food, culture and other people to Heritage Station.

"It started with a KitchenAid mixer," Ariel Barcnas Casiano, one of the owners of a new business in town, Nomada Bakery, said. "It arrived, and I opened the recipe book that came with it; I made a chocolate cake from scratch, and it was terrible, but after that cake, it was the first time I really researched baking- what makes the cakes dry, how ingredients react with each other, and how to make it better for next time."



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Ariel Barcnas Casiano, one of the bakery's owner, said the store is meant to be enjoyed by everyone in the community.

What began as a goal for the future has now come to fruition in Huntington. Nomada Bakery opened its

doors last week in Heritage Station.

"I wanted a space where people can come and hang out but with many different atmospheres in one so people from every walk of life can come and feel welcome," Barcnas Casiano said. "Heritage Station seemed like the perfect spot, so I could not pass it up."

Barcnas Casiano said Nomada Bakery intends to combine various flavors and cooking styles that come from an array of cultures.

"The menu is made up of all the places I have been and have brought back with me, and I want to implement those memories here and give other people the opportunity to experience them," Barcnas Casiano said. "Hopefully some of my food will make people curious of the places that the food originates from, like Panama, Argentina and Brazil. I want to emphasize foods that people may have never heard of, but I know they will like."

When asked where his inspiration stemmed from, Barcnas Casiano said it came from baking with his grandmother as a child in Panama.

"I asked her why she still cooks for the entire family at her age, even though all the kids are grown up," Barcnas Casiano said. "She said 'Everybody works and everyone is busy, and this is my way to show you guys I love you,' so I want to do the same for my community. Seeing people enjoy and savor what I create brings me so much joy."

The bakery is designed to be accessible to everyone; a patio in front of the bakery is dog friendly, the business is a member of Huntington's Open to All campaign and the prices are set to be reasonable enough for all social classes to enjoy according to the owners. Despite all the food being made from scratch, Barcnas Casiano said he does not sacrifice quality for quantity.

"I think everyone should have access to good, quality food. As long as everyone gets paid and the business is running, I am not here to get rich," Barcnas Casiano said. "Good, quality food should not be a luxury. The prices are low because I do



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Nomada Bakery, located in Heritage Station, offers tastes from all over the world.

not want my food to be exclusive."

Nomada aims to provide a safe space for everyone while incorporating diversity into an intimate venue, according to Barcnas Casiano.

"In terms of diversity, you have a person of color from Panama and member of the LGBTQ community running such a wonderful business," Justin Murphy, a Marshall University student and barista at Nomada Bakery, said, "which allows a lot of people to feel safe and welcome, as well as introduce and new environment to people who have maybe not experienced something similar before."

"If I had to describe Nomada in one word, it would be special," Murphy said. "As an employee, we feel very appreciated; we are very much made to feel important and like we bring something integral to the table."

The owner said he aims to create a work environment that he never had in previous jobs, where everyone feels like a necessary part to the entire business and the community.

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## Marshall University's Wind Symphony Orchestra prepares for upcoming concerts



By SUMMER JEWELL  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's Wind Symphony Orchestra will begin a new season of performances with a concert on Thursday, Oct. 3.

The Wind Symphony is an orchestra comprised of students playing woodwind, brass and percussion instruments. The concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 3 in Smith Recital Hall.

Adam Dalton, director of bands for Marshall University, said the concert will feature four different pieces: a piece by a female composer titled "Shout Out," a new piece by a British composer titled "Waves Toward the Pebbled Shore," a world premiere of a piece titled "Echo Chamber" and a

classic piece titled "Russian Christmas Music."

The Wind Symphony also has a performance planned for Dec. 5 based substance abuse and recovery.

"We have another world premiere of a piece that's being written just for that (concert), then we're playing a piece that's about the composer's friend who overdosed," Dalton said, "then we're closing with a really hopeful piece, that's David Maslanka's Symphony No. 4, which is just a really awesome piece of music. That one we're really excited about."

Dalton said he would strongly encourage people to attend any of the orchestra's upcoming concerts.

"There's something for everybody when they come to these concerts," Dalton said. "Plus, these students are just

**"These students are just incredible musicians so it's great for them, for people to hear all the hard work that these students have put in."**

- Adam Dalton

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