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# City Council, community debate trespassing ordinance

**By SEQUOIA WARE**  
REPORTER

Members of Huntington City Council met Monday night when they debated a new trespassing ordinance.

The ordinance, sponsored by Councilman Ted Kluemper, modified previous articles and ordinances that allow jail time and fines up to \$500 as a potential penalty for trespassing onto property with “No Trespassing” signs.

City Councilman Charles Shaw said he and his family have been bothered by homeless people trying to keep warm in vacant homes.

“As passionate as I am about homelessness, people staying in vacant properties and setting fires trying to keep warm will never be a solution,” Shaw said.

Shaw said waking up in the middle of the night to a house burning down beside them was scary.

“I’d just like, for the record, to say that we need a better solution than letting them stay in vacant properties,” Shaw said.

Groups looking to help with homelessness in Huntington,

such as the On the Streets Committee, gave a statement expressing concerns about the new and revised ordinance.

The statement began with: “To our public officials, as a community group primarily concerned with the welfare and self-reformation of our neighbors who have been relegated to the streets, and emergency shelters, we are compelled to comment on the councils revision of a trespassing ordinance.”

The OTSC said that requiring jail time as a punishment is not an effective solution to the problem of homelessness in the city.

“In the light of mass movements to find alternatives to the outdated policies, Huntington City Council chooses to fixate on punishment rather than on solution,” an OTSC member said.

OTSC members also said there is a lack of affordable housing available for the homeless.

“Year after year, the most vulnerable are squeezed tighter and tighter, leading to endless displacement,”

one member said.

OTSC members pass out supplies and food to those in need at least once a week, and recently they have been doing work on the floodwall and cleaning up and rebuilding temporary sleeping areas for poverty-stricken citizens.

The committee also has approached city officials about repealing ordinances that unconstitutionally discriminate against poor and homeless people, according to a representative of the committee. Recently, the committee raised enough money to rent a temporary handwash station at the Riverfront Park camps, and committee members are asking Marshall students and community members to join them while they work to clean and fight homelessness in Huntington.

City Council concluded that jail-time is a possible punishment now, but it is not the police department’s main goal, according to Mike Shockley, Vice Chairman.

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## Counseling Center offers support

**By JONATHAN STILL**  
REPORTER

Marshall University’s Counseling Center offers a variety of services for students and employees of the university.

Located in Prichard Hall, the Center offers services that are counseling focused on depression with issues like test anxiety, stress management, and anger management.

The center will also contact other treatment agencies, providers or organizations if they believe a student’s needs go beyond what they can deliver.

Cadence Layne, Director of the Counseling Center, said she enjoys all outreach activities.

“We have a chance to interact with students outside of the office,” Layne said in an email. “Outreach events also market our services and lets students know that help is on campus.”

Zane Adkins, a junior public relations/

advertising major, said he has had an amazing time when visiting the Counseling Center regularly.

“When I first started visiting them, I didn’t ‘click’ with my first counselor,” Adkins said in an email. “As soon as they found out that I hadn’t made that initial connection, they did everything in their power to get me with a counselor that was right for me.”

Adkins said the treatment he got was fantastic and every session armed him with knowledge as well as tools he still uses in his daily life.

“They were fantastic to me and I highly recommend their services,” Adkins.

The Counseling Center will be celebrating World Mental Health Day on October 9th from 11 A.M- 1P.M. in the MSC Plaza and they will be hosting another QPR training afterwards.

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## CAB to host movie night

**By CARTER TRUMAN**  
REPORTER

With added coronavirus precautions, Marshall University Campus Activities Board (CAB) is hosting its first event of the semester. After taking into consideration growing health concerns regarding coronavirus, CAB has decided to host a movie night at Harless Field on Oct. 8.

The event called Screen on the Green, is the first event CAB has done this semester.

“We actually had to move back the date just to make sure everything is safe,” said Emilie Christenberry, president of CAB.

The event will be socially distanced for the students who attend to alleviate fears of catching the virus.

CAB will take time before the movie starts to make sure that everyone is six feet apart and that all attendees wear a mask.

“We will have Cabbies, which are our CAB members, spread throughout the field to make sure that people are following the rules, so we don’t have to worry about them not,” Christenberry said.

Christenberry said that CAB took special care to consider the safety and health of the students who may attend while organizing the event...

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## Band, majorettes adjust to pandemic

By **JENA CORDLE**  
REPORTER

Marshall University's band and majorette team are adjusting to an alternating routine of performing, practicing and the upcoming homecoming.

With recent changes in the Marshall University athletic direction, the band and majorettes are adapting to the recent changes this year for sports, while facing the ups and downs of coronavirus precautions during this year's season.

As precaution, the choice was made to alternate between the dance team and cheerleaders on the field, reducing the number of twirlers and splitting the band in smaller groups at a time – while also performing in the stands among the fans.

Feature twirler Calise Henry, though bummed by missing out on Marshall University's first football game of the season, is looking forward to twirling again alongside her teammates.

"It's kind of weird this season because we're not performing like we usually do on the field during halftime and pregame," Henry said. "So, we basically have just been working on playing music and performing in the stands."

Initially, the band itself was forced to reduce its size from 150 band members per game to 40. Now they are allowed 72 members per game, with no intention of going beyond that number, partially due to crowd sizes the last two home games.

The band has been taking cautious measures to ensure a safe and healthy season, having to abide by the mask mandate at practices, the band having their own specific health checkups

and social distancing to the best of their ability.

While splitting the band, the band members have a special cover for the instruments holes that produce sound to reduce spread of germs while performing during games.

The rotation of the dance team and cheerleaders alternate between every other game, though as the cheerleading team has more members than the dance team, they are reduced to groups that are either on the field or in the stands.

Now that halftime and homecoming has made major changes as well, the performances will have a drastic change compared to last year's season, it will be completely digital from now on until further notice.

"They are trying to record us with the drones that we use for our [promotional] videos, and they are

going to record our halftime show that we're going to do on the practice field," said Henry.

In a situation where a digital halftime show would not work out for the upcoming football games, the plan is to have the band and majorettes perform in the stands with adjustments to the routine – though the band will perform all songs as originally planned.

While the band, majorettes, dancers and cheerleaders are adjusting to the changes, most of them are staying as positive as they can for this season.

"It's weird, but I'll take anything as long as I'm performing, said Henry." "Just being in the stands is enough for me this season."

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## Police Blotter

By **CARTER TRUMAN**  
REPORTER

### Attempted B&E

On Monday, Sept. 14, at 9:42 p.m., Marshall University campus police discovered an unknown person or persons attempted to break into Smith Hall through the south side, first floor of the building. The attempted break-in damaged the door frame and lock, police said.

### Damaged Jeep Wrangler

According to campus police, on Tuesday, Sept. 15, an unknown person or persons damaged a Jeep Wrangler parked on the second floor of the Third Ave., parking garage. The vehicle sustained damages at the rear of the car on the top left side.

### Fleeing DUI

On Sunday, Sept. 20, at 2:27 p.m., police executing speed enforcement identified a grey Toyota Corolla going 61 miles per hour in a 35-m.p.h., zone, traveling west on the 2200 Block of Third Ave. Police initiated a traffic stop where they identified the driver as a white, 18-year-old female; However, after the initial stop, the driver fled. The driver ran the red light at 20th St. while continuing to travel west on Third Ave. She fled onto Veterans Memorial Blvd. where she had a traffic collision with a telephone pole. Emergency Medical Services arrived on the scene and police escorted the driver to Western Regional Jail for the following charges: fleeing while driving under the influence, no operator's license and speeding.

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# Hazing Prevention Week goes virtual

By **ABBY HANLON**  
REPORTER

Marshall's annual Hazing Prevention Week went virtual this year due to coronavirus safety concerns. Greek organizations on campus showed their support and raised awareness about hazing and the importance of awareness across the country on the week of Monday, September 21.

Since there were no events planned, Greek Life took to social media to spread awareness this week. Multiple organizations shared social media posts of members' hands with captions about hazing prevention and signing the National Hazing Prevention Pledge.

The Delta Zeta Sorority posted quizzes on their Instagram story and asked followers to test their knowledge on what hazing is and how to step in if they see it occurring in their organizations.

"We want all of our own members to feel safe and welcome within our chapter, hazing is degrading and we would never want a sister to feel that way," said Sarah Keffer, Delta Zeta's Risk Manager, "Lastly, we want everyone in our community to realize the seriousness and severity of hazing."

Keffer will be conducting a hazing prevention presentation at the chapter's weekly meeting, like there would have been at an in-person meeting. They also had members share positive actions that they use their hands for, beginning with "These hands do not haze, they..."

"Our chapter has had great involvement during Hazing Prevention Week. We had a photo shoot to promote positive things our hands can accomplish instead of hazing," said Keffer, "Sometimes it's difficult to look at hazing prevention in a positive light, so that's another thing we tried to accomplish this week."

Hazing is not an issue taken lightly on college campuses across the country and why this week is a big Greek Life event each fall semester.

Since all organizations could not come together at a seminar, they found a different way to show Greek unity.

Delta Zeta had a table at the Memorial Student Center Plaza with a banner that read, "These Hands Don't Haze." Organizations were

encouraged to stop by and add their handprint to the banner in solidarity. Participants were able to put on a rubber glove and dip it in paint to help reduce contamination and make sure everyone stayed safe and socially distanced. The fraternities and other sororities stopped by to show their support and other organizations on campus, like students from the Sustainability Department.

"Especially in Greek organizations this is important to spread awareness, because..."

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# Local candidates unveil Protect Our Children policy plan

By **DOUGLAS HARDING**  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR



SEQUOIA WARE | REPORTER

Local candidates running under the West Virginia Can't Wait Movement announced at a press conference Tuesday in Huntington their policy plans to help combat child poverty in the Mountain State.

"For too many years, families have struggled with stagnant wages, rising costs and service cuts that hurt seniors, veterans, folks with disabilities and especially children," said Jeanette Rowsey, Democratic candidate for House District 17. "My first consideration in any legislative decision will be its potential impact on the health, safety and well-being of all West Virginia's children."

The plan unveiled by Rowsey and other local candidates outlines measures such as raising the income limit for child care subsidies to 400% of the current federal

poverty level, offering increased pay and additional training to child care workers and addressing "underlying factors of poverty, childhood trauma and addiction."

According to statistics from the West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy, just five other states in the U.S. have a worse rate of child poverty than West Virginia, where nearly one in four children lived below the federal poverty line even before feeling the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic and its broader implications.

According to Child Trends, in 2017, West Virginia children also were the most likely in the nation to be forced into foster care.

Rowsey and other West Virginia Can't Wait candidates said one crucial solution to improve life conditions for children in the state is to realign spending priorities to invest in young people and other

struggling communities.

"First, investing in our youngest West Virginians—those under five years old—will yield the highest long-term return on investment for our state, from \$8 to 15 on every dollar spent," Rowsey said. "Second is that without meaningful subsidies, our early child care situation is not and will never be sustainable. The math just doesn't work."

Rowsey said parents are forced to spend too much money on daycare services while caretakers are paid far too little for their labor.

"Forcing parents to spend a significant chunk of their household income on day care, while at the same time paying poverty wages to child care workers, is a triple economic assault on families, the..."

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# Marshall libraries offer banned books

By **XENA BUNTON**  
REPORTER

Challenging book censorship, the freedom to read and access to all viewpoints, the Marshall University Drinko Library is offering controversial books to students and faculty.

According to the Banned Books home page on Marshall's website, a challenged book has been requested to be removed from a space, whereas a banned book actually has been removed.

"As a general rule, the more you try and censor something, the more likely people will want to read what it is you are trying to hide," Ron Titus, electronic services librarian at Drinko, said. "If you ignore something, chances are people will not pay attention to it, but if you make a big fuss about something, it will create an interest."

On the first floor of Drinko, the display presents the challenged and banned books over the past year and theme of the year created by the American Library Association (ALA), "Censorship is a Dead End. Find Your Freedom to Read!"

An interest in banned books started about 30 years ago for Titus who began creating displays for Drinko during Banned Books Week, the last week of September, and in 2001 started designing an online display for anyone to access any time of



XENA BUNTON | REPORTER

Students interact with banned books display in Drinko Library.

the year.

Although Marshall has not banned or removed books from the library, Titus said he wants to bring book censorship to light and allow college students to know what is going on outside of the local library.

Titus said he hopes students will check out the books on display and that his mission is for all the books to be checked out by the end of the week. The library also is giving away free

Banned Book Week bookmarks and offering students gift bags for participating on social media.

Marshall's ability to raise awareness regarding the implications of book banning and censorship through the English Department and the library has allowed Marshall students to not be afraid of publishing work.

"We get passionate about it [banned and challenged books] in the English Department," Mary Beth Simpkins, English major, said. "Probably every single one of my favorite books is banned. I am a creative writer, and I hope one day, my book is on the banned list. It means that I used challenging topics and importantly, it means that it is being read."

Simpkins said she is surprised to see that the book, "The Awakening," is a part of the banned book display in Drinko since it does not have some of the explicit content as the other books, but she guesses the reason is that people "don't like female independence," that is shown in the novel.

Teachers all over the country, including Cabell County, inform themselves about challenged or inappropriate books before assigning projects to students. Titus said this fear is often created from the school administration backlash.

Adam Culver, Crossroads Academy English teacher, said students should have access to books, but there needs to be some careful exceptions...

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# MU Recreation Center to host virtual job fair

By **ALEX JACKSON**  
REPORTER

Marshall University's Recreation Center (Rec) is hosting a virtual job fair.

The Marshall Recreation job fair will take place via Zoom on Oct. 22, through Oct. 23, and will be available to any student who is interested in applying for positions at the Rec.

Cindi Tscherne, the Associate Director of Programs for the Rec, spoke about the virtual job fair and employment opportunities for students.

"It is a really good time for students to find out what the Rec offers in terms of employment opportunities," Tscherne said. "We have a two-day setup; students can

request an invite if they want to attend. We go through what each job entails, what it is like to work here at the rec and each specific position available."

Tscherne said students do not need any previous job experience to land a job at the Rec.

Tscherne said, "One of the great things about working here at the Rec is that we only hire students, and many of them it is their first job. We are looking for people who have a good work ethic and who are willing to work a couple of shifts a week. One of our main goals is student development and trying to help students develop outside of the classroom. Students learn a lot about responsibility and time management while working at the Rec."

Tscherne talked about the community aspect of working at the Rec.

"Working at the Rec gives students a great opportunity to meet other people," Tscherne said. "Most people who work here end up making some long-term friendships."

Vincent Murphy, a facility manager at the Rec, said working there has been a positive work experience.

"Working at the Rec has been enjoyable," Murphy said. "The professional staff always allow for many opportunities to grow in leadership and professionalism."

Cindi Tscherne said working at the Rec could be a...

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# Back-to-back bye-weeks, COVID edition

By **TAYLOR HUDDLESTON**  
SPORTS EDITOR

This is the second week in a row that the Marshall University football team has a bye-week. This is due to the coronavirus and its constant changes, cancellations and postponements of games in college football.

Originally, the Herd was supposed to face the Rice University Owls to kickoff Conference USA action on Saturday, Oct. 3. However, Rice had to postpone the start of its 2020 season due to coronavirus cases.

Marshall defensive coordinator and safeties coach Brad Lambert said these aren't normal times, but it's important to keep working hard.

"It's just not normal. Normally, you have a date off and then you go back to work,"

Lambert said. "Normally, during an open date, we try to go back to the fundamentals. We've tried to focus on the younger guys getting reps. It's been good work, but your challenge is keeping them sharp. You want to continue to play."

The Herd's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Tim Cramsey said it's hard to keep the team focused but it's important to take one day at a time.

"We've been preaching this since it started in March. You're living one day at a time," Cramsey said. "We got to stay focused with what we're doing. We're focused on getting better. It's good for everybody. It's hard to keep everyone focused. You just have to focus on what you are doing today, and everyone will benefit from it."

Now, Marshall (2-0) will prepare for its C-USA rival, the Western Kentucky University Hilltoppers (0-2).

Redshirt junior defensive lineman Koby Cumberlander said bye-weeks are beneficial to the team.

"It's a good time for us to rest up," Cumberlander said. "It's a great opportunity for us to practice. We're planning to take it all this year. We've been dreaming for this moment for a very long time."

Redshirt senior tight end Garet Morrell said bye-weeks are a good way to prepare as if the Herd was actually playing this week.

"We haven't had this chance in the five years of being here. We're going to

prepare as if we are playing a team this week," Morrell said. "A lot of people want to play, but due to the circumstances, so why not take advantage and practice. This will help us win games."

Morrell emphasized that conference play is what matters when going for one goal: winning the Conference USA title.

"There's little things that have to be hit," Morrell said. "When going into conference play, it's what counts. We don't want to be the team that relies on other teams. It's going to add up at the end of the day."

The Herd and the Hilltoppers will square off in Bowling Green, Kentucky on Saturday, Oct. 10. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. EST/ 6:30 p.m. CST.

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**"Just keep going."**  
—Jaylon McClain-Sapp

Redshirt senior defensive back



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The Marshall University football team runs out onto the field before the Appalachian State game.

## Marshall, Middle Tennessee matchup to kickoff at noon

The Marshall University Thundering Herd football team will now take on the Middle Tennessee State University Blue Raiders on Saturday, Nov. 14 with a new kickoff time set for noon. The original game time was scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

The game time change comes from a request by CBS Sports Network.



The 50th Annual Fountain Ceremony will now take place at 9 a.m. There will be further details provided at a later date.



## SPORTS COLUMN

# Herd in the NFL

By **GRANT GOODRICH**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

After week three of competition in the National Football League, three former Marshall football players contributed to their teams.

In a win, Buffalo Bills tight end Lee Smith caught one pass, but it was an important one. On their second drive of the game, the Bills drove all the way to the Los Angeles Rams 1-yard line. After failing to get into the endzone on first, second and third down from the 1-yard line, quarterback Josh Allen found Smith in the endzone on fourth-and-goal for a touchdown.

The Bills would go on to win the game over the Rams 35-32 to move to 3-0 on the season. Next week, Smith and the Bills travel to Las Vegas to take on the Raiders.

Elsewhere, New York Jets linebacker Neville Hewitt totaled six tackles (three solo) in a 36-7 loss to the Indianapolis Colts. Hewitt is tied for third in total tackles for the Jets, and he is also fifth on the team in solo tackles.

He has started all three games for the Jets, playing almost 100% of the defensive snaps so far this year.

On Thursday night, Hewitt and the Jets play the Denver Broncos at home.

Lastly, Detroit Lions cornerback Darryl Roberts tallied four tackles, all solo, in a Lions win. They knocked off the 2-0 Arizona Cardinals for their first victory of the season.

Roberts played 82% of the defensive snaps for the Lions, up from 66% in game two and 43% in game one. He has eight total tackles on the year and one pass defensed.

Next week, Roberts and the Lions face the New Orleans Saints at home.

Two former Marshall players were out Sunday due to injury. Tennessee Titans cornerback Chris Jackson missed his team's game against the Minnesota Vikings with a hamstring injury. He is still as questionable for week four against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Philadelphia Eagles defensive lineman Vinny Curry is on the injured reserve list due to a hamstring injury. There is no available timetable for his return.

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# EDITORIAL: Tax the rich



EVAN VUCCI | ASSOCIATED PRESS

President Donald Trump speaks about coronavirus testing strategy, in the Rose Garden of the White House, Monday, Sept. 28, 2020.

We hate that this has to be said, but minimum wage workers should not be forced to pay more in taxes than millionaires and billionaires—not in the wealthiest country in the history of the world, or anywhere else really. But this is our American reality.

Over the weekend, The New York Times published an investigative article revealing President Donald Trump—who was born into absurd wealth and whose net worth is well over \$2 billion—paid just \$750 in income taxes in 2016 and 2017.

The president also has paid exactly nothing in taxes for 10 of the last 15 years while reporting tens of millions in losses and receiving tens of millions more in returns from the federal government.

While constantly bashing on the campaign trail the idea of “socialism” in terms of helping the poor, the president himself has for decades benefited from a sort of corporate “socialism” for the ultra-wealthy and privileged.

One does not have to be an expert on tax policy to understand how deeply unjust and immoral is the American tax system which allows millionaires and billionaires continuously to fail upward and commit fraud while only cracking down on the masses of working poor people living

paycheck-to-paycheck.

In fact, thousands of Americans took to Twitter Sunday to express their grievances having read the grim revelations reported by The Times.

One Twitter user explained: “As someone who takes about \$17,000 or so a year after taxes, I have paid more in taxes this YEAR—and more taxes will be paid this year—than Trump did in 2016 and 2017. I live paycheck to paycheck while he lives a lavish lifestyle...”

Even worse, this situation is not exactly an unusual one for hard-working Americans across the country.

As The Parthenon reported in October last year, “The richest 400 families in the country paid an effective tax rate of about 23% in 2018, while the bottom half of Americans living paycheck-to-paycheck, struggling to survive and provide for their families, paid over 24%.”

In addition, an analysis published by CNBC in November last year revealed that the wealthiest 1% of Americans are responsible for about 70% of underreporting of personal wealth for the purpose of avoiding tax payments.

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# COLUMN: The Fear of Injustice

By **DENISE JACKSON**  
SOCIAL MEDIA EDITOR

Being a black woman, I am very afraid. I am afraid that in my future I will never get to see an unjustifiable killing by a police officer, with the officer behind bars. I am afraid that fifteen years from now, I will have to tell my children to be afraid of the people who are paid to protect you. I am afraid that black lives will never matter.

On July 13, 2013, that was the day I understood the injustices that African-Americans face. I was sitting at the hair salon, preparing for my dad's union with his wife. Being 13 I was aware of racism and some of the social problems that I faced as an African-American. I knew that we were once slaves, then we were freed by Abraham Lincoln and that the Civil Rights movement was supposed to make us equal. What I did not know is that 7 years later, I would understand that we are not really "free" and are not really "equal".

While I was preparing to finally accept my new dad's new life with his wife, most Americans across the world were awaiting to accept the verdict of murder. You may not remember the day, but do you recall the name? His name was Trayvon Martin,



and his murderer is George Zimmerman.

Now this was not a killing by a police officer, but this is one of the first cases that started the trail of injustice for African-American men and women. A year later from a jury finding Zimmerman not guilty after shooting unarmed Trayvon, Eric Garner let out his last words of "I can't breathe" as a police officer holds him in a choke hold. Then less than a month later, people in Ferguson protested for Michael Brown and many others unarmed and

murdered by the police. Five years later Garner's killer, Daniel Pantaleo, was never charged or convicted, just stripped of his badge and commission. Darren Wilson, the officer who killed Brown, was exonerated.

The trend of this type of injustice continued for years after these cases and even decades before these cases. I hope we have not forgotten the verdict of Rodney King caused the LA riots. In the year 2020 it was the killing of George Floyd and the acquittal of Breonna Taylor when I learned to fear injustice. Across everyone's screens we watched Floyd lose his last breath, under the knee of a police officer. His killers were not arrested or charged until riots and protests waved across America. We saw Breonna's family mourn her death after wrongfully being killed in a raid.

With all these chants of "Black lives matter! No Justice No Peace!" and the repeated stress that the police are using excessive force we have yet to see justice for any of these stolen lives. You would think the system could see the unfair treatment of the African-American community, but yet no convictions. I feel the fear of injustice flash before me every time I see a badge and flashing lights. We don't deserve to be afraid anymore, we deserve to be free.

## Secretary of state releases voter participation info

### W.VA. SECRETARY OF STATE

Secretary of State Mac Warner released a weekly update on statewide voter participation in the Nov. 3 General Election.

Data as of Sept. 29, 2020:

- Total statewide absentee ballots requested: 94,413
- Registered voters: 1,249,812

As of Tuesday, 89,096 absentee ballots have been sent to voters, which equates to 94.4% of ballots requested.

"For voters with access to the absentee ballot request portal, our data shows the online option is their most expedient way to request a ballot," Warner said. "Clerks across the state are returning requested ballots within about a day of voters requesting them. They are now able to give more time and attention to the voters who need assistance when filling out the paper application or need additional items to complete the voting process."

Voters may request a ballot online using the absentee ballot application portal, by printing and mailing an application from GoVoteWV.com or by calling or writing their county clerk to request an application form by mail. A directory of county clerks is located online at GoVoteWV.com, or voters may call 304-558-6000 for assistance.

County Clerks started mailing absentee ballots to voters who requested them on Friday, Sept. 18.

The deadline to request an absentee ballot is Oct. 28, and applications must be received by the county clerk by that date to be accepted.

Oct. 13 is the last day to register or update your registration to vote in the Nov. 3 General Election. For more information on how to vote in the upcoming election, including how to register to vote or update your registration, visit GoVoteWV.com.

**MOVIE cont. from 2**

"We're trying to do our best to make sure everything is following all the guidelines," Christenberry said.

The event comes as students feel the effects of less social interactions on campus than in previous years and CAB is seeking to give people some sense of normalcy through movie nights.

"I know that it's hard, especially with COVID, but I want to try and make this as normal as possible," Christenberry said. "We always show movies, especially during Halloween time and I think it's going to be nice."

Christenberry said that she would like to show two movies in October. The second movie will be announced later depending on how the first event goes.

The movie will start at 8 p.m., and students will have to bring their own seating to the events, with blankets being preferred.

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**BANNED cont. from 5**

"I don't suggest middle schoolers be allowed 'Mein Kampf' [Adolf Hitler's Autobiography] or '50 Shades of Grey,'" but I also think parents and teachers need to work with students based on that student's reading and maturity level to pick appropriate texts," Culver said. "Reading a text slightly above one's reading level can help to elevate a student's skill level and I believe the same is true regarding how reading helps us mature."

Cabell Midland English teacher, Angela Faller, said she implements her assignments with what she wants her daughter to read.

"I am not going to give any child in my class a book that I would not allow my own child to read," Faller said. "Just this weekend I was previewing a movie trailer to show my 12th grade kids about 'Beowulf.' My child, 6 years old, came to see what I was watching, I had to turn it off and told her she was not old enough. Literature is best read and understood at certain phases of life."

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**JOB FAIR cont. from 5**

...chance for students to bolster their resume.

"If students start out as a Rec attendant or a lifeguard, they can work their way up to a facility manager," Tscherne said. She explained the opportunity for advancement into roles requiring more responsibility and leadership. Murphy said he has built his resume by working his way up at the Rec.

"I started as a lifeguard, moved to aquatics supervisor and am now a facility manager," Murphy said.

For more information, students can visit the Rec's website.

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**HAZING cont. from 4**

...Marshall University is a no hazing campus and we need to keep showing that everyone is welcomed and that there is no tolerance of hazing here," said Alexis McComas, Delta Zeta's Diversity chair.

McComas planned the event alongside Ally Cavender, Delta Zeta's Vice President of Programs who helps coordinate Hazing Prevention Week events for the chapter.

"It has been so important to speak with the chapter about hazing, and hazing

prevention, for a couple reasons," said Kefer. "Members should be educated about what hazing is so that they can recognize it if they ever see it. The next step is reporting it. It's important for our ladies to know who they can contact immediately."

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**POLICY cont. from 4**

...mostly female child care workforce and West Virginia's business climate," she said.

West Virginia Can't Wait co-chair Katey Lauer said the movement's Protect Our Children plan reflects the interests of struggling West Virginians because those same West Virginians wrote the plan themselves.

"We stand on the side of children, not

corporate lobbyists," Lauer said. "That's why this plan was written by foster parents, social workers and families in crisis—not out-of-state landowners and insurance company CEOs."

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**Weekly Social Media Poll**

	Y	N
Are you registered to vote in the general election in November?	98%	02%
Do you plan to participate in the Job Prep Fair this week?	10%	90%
Are you upset that President Trump paid \$750 in taxes in 2016 and 2017?	80%	20%
Have you utilized any Marshall Library services this semester?	43%	57%
Do you know someone who has had to quarantine in Holderby Hall?	24%	76%

This poll was conducted on The Parthenon's Instagram, @MUParthenon, with an average response of 80 individuals.

## TAX cont. from 8

“The top 1% of taxpayers would likely avoid about \$5 trillion in taxes over the next decade unless the IRS improves its enforcement,” the analysis states.

Of course, President Trump may be somewhat better at avoiding tax payments than most, but it is no secret that other millionaires and billionaires do this as well—because our broken tax system practically allows it, and presidential administrations under both political parties consistently refuse to crack down on white collar crimes.

Economists Gabriel Zucman and Emmanuel Saez, who conducted the analysis The Parthenon reported on last year, explain: “(The U.S. tax system) looks like the tax system of a plutocracy.”

The American tax system is designed solely to further enrich the already absurdly wealthy and to entrap the poor and working-class in a situation

of constant labor only to continue struggling living paycheck-to-paycheck, with no real chance of significant upward mobility.

Indeed, even many college students who are forced to work part-time or full-time jobs in addition to completing their coursework contribute a greater percentage—or perhaps even a greater sum total—of their income to federal taxes than do some millionaires and billionaires who simply were born into their wealth. This certainly is the case with the current president’s contributions.

As another Twitter user explained: “I’m a low-income international student in the US. I have a scholarship and I work part-time but even I paid more in taxes than the billionaire POTUS.”

Such is the state of our American plutocracy. The president fear-mongers endlessly about immigrants and looters and other struggling poor

folks, meanwhile, those same individuals and families have contributed vastly more to the dying ideal of The American Dream than the president ever has or ever will.

It is abundantly clear: President Trump is a fraud, a looter and a scam artist—but he is not alone.

The following is a list of just some multi-million and -billion dollar corporations which pay exactly nothing in federal income taxes each year: Amazon, Chevron, Delta, Deere, Eli Lilly, GM, Goodyear, Halliburton, IBM, JetBlue, Molson Coors, Netflix...

The U.S. economy and broader social fabric is beyond broken, and to fix it, we must raise taxes on absurdly wealthy individuals and corporations and actually begin enforcing those rates and investing in communities and individuals who need support.

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or by appointment

## IT Services assist students

By Jonathan Still  
REPORTER

With an increase of online classes, Marshall University's IT Service Desk wants students to know they are there to assist them with any technological issues.

Located in Drinko Library, students can get help with problems with WiFi and electronic device issue. The services are available for students both on and off campus.

Robert Dean, an IT Consultant Senior, said that there are many services being offered this semester.

"In the case the students need assistance," Dean said, "we provide laptops to check out, MyFi devices which provide them internet access off campus, and we provide them support from our website."

Dean said it is difficult working during the pandemic but he and his co-workers are taking the safety precautions necessary to protect themselves and others from potentially getting sick.

Jody Perry, the Executive Director of Technology Services in IT, said everything has changed and

face-to-face sessions have declined.

"In the past, students would pack the library in the beginning of the fall term," Perry said in an email. "Now, the majority of students are finding out they can get assistance in a multitude of ways."

Perry said students are relying more on online presence and getting everything setup themselves by using the online chat option on the Marshall website.

"Of course, we're still here to support those who have technical problems," Perry said in an email. "It's just that stopping by isn't the go-to solution now."

The IT Service Desk is still conducting face-to-face sessions, but there are also the online chat room to ask any consultants for help and students can call the service desk directly by phone call. For face-to-face sessions, students can schedule an appointment ahead of time by email.

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