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## WV Voters Consider Education Control, Taxes on Ballot



Voters fill out their ballots in booths on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 8, at Petersen Residence Hall on the University of Iowa.

Joseph Cress/Iowa City Press-Citizen via AP

By **LEAH WILLINGHAM**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Four proposed constitutional amendments – including one to give the Republican-dominated legislature control over virtually every aspect of public schooling – were to be decided by West Virginia voters this week.

Amendment 4 on Tuesday’s ballot would require the state Board of Education to submit new rules and regulations to the legislature annually for final approval. Currently, the board is the only government agency that is exempt.

The vote came amid a fight raging nationally over the politicization of schools. West Virginia’s Republican leaders have joined politicians elsewhere

in pushing to regulate how subjects such as race are taught in classrooms and funnel public money into alternative education options, including charter schools and voucher programs.

GOP lawmakers who supported Amendment 4 said people making decisions about things like curriculum, student discipline and teacher training should be accountable to voters. West Virginia’s governor-appointed and Senate-confirmed state school board members serve nine-year terms — the longest in any U.S. state — and can’t easily be removed. Opposing the amendment were teachers’ unions and other top education officials...

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By **MATT SCHAFER**  
STUDENT REPORTER

The search for a full-time dean for the Lewis School of Business is underway as Marshall University looks to fill interim administrative roles.

“My best hope is that we find a really experienced, visionary external dean,” Jeffrey Archambault, interim dean of the School of Business, said. “We’re ripe for someone to come in and say, ‘Hey, let’s look

at things slightly differently, - take what we’ve got and try to take it to the next level.”

Archambault has held the position of interim dean for 15 months. He was appointed to succeed Avi Mukherjee, who is currently serving the role of provost and senior vice-president of Academic Affairs. Prior to this, Archambault served as the associate dean of the

School of Business.

“I enjoy the associate dean role,” Archambault said. “I’m an accounting professor by trade, so it is more into the scheduling type stuff. It’s more details that I enjoy working in.”

The university has formed committees to fill multiple roles around campus...

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## Hunt for New Dean of Business School Continues

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# World of Working Artists Explored by Exhibit



Student artists displaying pieces from the "Composite" exhibition.

Photo by Lucy Bell

By **LUCY BELL**  
STUDENT REPORTER

After months of conceptualizing and planning, university art and design seniors receive their first look at the ins and outs of being a working artist through their capstone exhibitions.

The exhibitions "Composite," which runs from Nov. 7-10, and "Witness Actuality," which runs from Nov. 14-17, will be displayed in the Charles W. and Norma C. Carroll Gallery in downtown Huntington. Each exhibition brings together the work of potters, sculptors, painters and graphic designers.

Until 2020, students working towards their degree in fine arts would only spend one semester working towards a final show. Now students are

given two semesters to spread the work over in hopes that they will benefit from being more involved in the total process of producing a body of work and promoting themselves for an exhibition according to professor Sandra Reed.

"The two semester capstone is much more focused on the artist's maturation and following an intellectual thread over a year rather than a semester," Reed said. "As amazing as the one semester capstone exhibitions were, it really did not acknowledge that art takes time. Part of the process is not only starting the project but also taking the time to regroup and take different directions."

By having extended time built into their curriculum, students not only have more time to develop their artwork, but they also are able to practice promoting their show and prepare for their artist talks.

These exhibitions serve as both a milestone in the artists' work as students and a jumping off point for their future as working artists according to Jamie Platt, school of art and design gallery director.

"The senior capstone exhibitions sit on the line of demarcation between being a student and all that lies ahead in a professional career for an artist," Platt said.



Interim Dean Jeff Archambault Courtesy of staff directory

**School of Business continued from front**

...including deans for the School of Business, College of Arts and Media and College of Science, all of which are currently being filled by interim personnel. The university has also enlisted the help of a nationwide search organization, AGB Search, to aid with the scout.

"These search organizations do a good job at bringing in a very broad talent pool together," Archambault said.

Archambault hopes that the work of the committee and search organization will help find a

suitable department head who will continue the work being done by the college and will continue pursuing its vision of merging the school with Huntington's business community.

"We're really working on societal impact," Archambault said. "We're trying to integrate the college with the business community and give a better educational experience to our students."

Representatives of AGB visited campus in mid-October to meet with students and faculty to discuss qualifications that the university and community will prioritize as they review future applicants.

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## Vending Machines Sell Community Art



Capsule machine carrying art pieces.

Photo by Taylor Isaac

By TAYLOR ISAAC  
STUDENT REPORTER

Artists in Huntington can now use vending machines to connect their pieces with patrons thanks to an initiative launched by a former Marshall University student.

Zane Pinson graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Marshall University in 2021. As a member of the artist group “Bible Camp,” he encountered unexpected challenges when he tried to share his creative pieces with the community.

“I realized that connecting with the art community is so inaccessible in our area,” Pinson said. “There’s a stigma that art has to be expensive and hard to obtain, which makes it difficult for people who want to share their passion. I wanted to create something that made it easier for Huntington to find these artists all year round.”

Pinson’s new mission became solving the disconnect between artists and lovers of art. As a test, he purchased a single capsule vending machine and began distributing art through it.

“The first machine went up in

November 2020,” Pinson said. “Once I realized this was something I could do and succeed with, it was just a matter of finding more artists, buying more machines and talking to more venues. That was when *Jewels in the City* was born.”

Today six art vending machines have found their home in local businesses including Cicada Books, Ink’d Revolution, The Inner Geek, The Potted Edge, The Red Caboose and The Wild Ramp.

While each machine varies in what mediums of art it distributes, the entire project encompasses ceramics, paintings, textile work, jewelry, sculptures, stickers and more.

*Jewels in the City* also attends local events, festivals and conventions to raise awareness towards their artist initiative. Herdcon Director Michelle Alford has worked closely with Pinson to continue networking artists with the program.

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## Opportunities in Aviation Demonstrated by New Group



Nancy Ritter, Bill Noe Flight School director, talking with Girl Scouts about the aviation industry.

Photo by Conner Woodruff

By CONNER WOODRUFF  
NEWS EDITOR

Girl Scouts, aviation enthusiasts and Marshall University students attended a fly-in Bill Noe Flight School on Saturday, Nov. 5 to learn about the opportunities in the aviation industry for women.

Marshall’s Women in Aviation chapter hosted the “Pancake Fly-In” event at the University’s flight school which included raffles, a pancake breakfast, a tour of the school and the chance to watch planes fly into Yeager Airport in Charleston.

Kristen Sayre, president of Marshall University’s Women in Aviation Chapter, talked about future events coming from the student-led organization.

“We have a lot of good stuff coming,” Sayre said. “We’re inviting a lot of people who don’t fly, who aren’t pilots.”

The Pancake Fly-In served as an opportunity to teach guests that piloting isn’t the only way to find a career in aviation.

The Women in Aviation chapter is

less than a year old, with its founding in February 2022.

The Women in Aviation group also invited Girl Scout troops to visit the school’s flight simulator, learn more about the variety of careers in aviation, watch the fly-in and meet Hercules, the airport dog.

Kate Phillips, the director of Programs and Education Services for the Girl Scouts Black Diamond, said that the visit to the airport is a good opportunity to spark interest in the aviation field.

“This gives girls a great exposure to aviation and some STEM fields,” Phillips said. “Also, a pathway to career opportunities that could potentially keep them in West Virginia.”

Despite the organization’s name, the Women in Aviation chapter is composed mostly of male members. Of the organization’s 23 members, 15 are men who advocate for more women involvement in the industry.

“It’s sad that some people still think it’s a man’s world,” Chasse Stuart,

outreach coordinator for Women in Aviation, said.

“It really goes to show how supportive the industry is,” Sayre said.

Flight school instructor Brady Houser spoke about his experience being trained by female pilots.

“Definitely having a different perspective helped me out,” Houser said. “One of my instructors was a female instructor, and I probably wouldn’t have made it through instrument as I did without her.”

“Pancake fly-ins and barbecue fly-ins are prevalent in the private aircraft industry,” Ritter said. “Flying in the morning on the weekend is very popular for private pilots, and usually it involved a pancake breakfast because they’re easy to serve and pretty much everyone likes them.”

Ritter also provided an update for the Bill Noe Flight School, including the possession of several new aircrafts and the construction of a second hangar.

# Second Man Arrested for Shooting Outside Premier Pub and Grill

By **MATT SCHAFFER**  
STUDENT REPORTER

A second man who was accused of driving the vehicle in question was arrested in relation to a fatal shooting near the 1500 block of 4th Avenue early Friday morning.

Gavin Scott Bailey, 20, of Huntington, is facing charges of “aiding and abetting malicious wounding and aiding” and “abetting use of a firearm during the commission of a felony,” according to Huntington Police.

Another Huntington man - Kristopher

Jason Brown, 21 - was arrested and charged early Friday morning after shots were fired outside a bar near campus.

The shooting took place just after 3 a.m. outside of Premier Bar and Grill on the 1500 block of 4th Avenue, less than a block away from Marshall's campus.

Brown is charged with nine felonies including malicious wounding and wanton endangerment.

The victim was a D.P. Dough employee, Joseph Bryan, who was

struck by a stray bullet while working next door to the bar and was taken to the hospital in critical condition and has since been pronounced dead.

The bar's liquor license has since been suspended by the WVABCA as police continue the investigation. This comes after the bar had its license reinstated in August after being suspended due to a string of shootings last March.

Police are still investigating the matter while attempting to locate another suspected individual.

# Inventors and Artisans Featured During West Virginia Makes Festival

By **TAYLOR ISAAC**  
STUDENT REPORTER

Propelling the spirit of Appalachian innovation, local inventors and artisans shared their creations with the community during the West Virginia Makes Festival on Nov. 4.

The festival, which has been going on for nine years, is the state's largest showcase of ingenuity and craftsmanship. People of all ages unleashed their innovations to demonstrate and educate diverse making techniques.

Interactive activities from blacksmithing demonstrations to drone launches were free to the public on Friday, Nov. 1, on Marshall University's campus.

The Robert C. Byrd Institute—known for advancing West Virginian technology and manufacturing through job creation, economic development and entrepreneurship—presented this yearly maker event.

The institute was excited to host the festival after a two year hiatus, according to RCBI Director of Communications Mike Friel.

“An interactive approach is the best way to get children interested in the fields of science and technology, which was tough to accomplish virtually,” Friel said. “WV Makes has curated hands-on learning activities that encourage kids to experiment, to apply concepts and, most importantly, to engage critically and curiously about the way technology works.”

Hundreds of students across the Tri-State area attended the festival as part of their schools' STEAM (Science,

Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) education. These students participated in engineering challenges including a 3D print creation station, rocket launches and a pumpkin drop contest.

In addition to showcasing their innovations, exhibitors competed in the festival's Design Challenge for a free annual membership to RCBI's Maker Vault and a cash prize of \$5,000.

Baylee Grueser, a Marshall student, placed second in the adult division for her artistic series “Endangered Species: The Fragility of a Kingdom.” The paintings and sculptures were in honor of Wildlife Warriors, an international conservation initiative based at the Australia Zoo.

“I've been working with subjects of endangered species for about a year now,” Grueser said. “This was a great way to use my work to make connections and really push towards my goal of connecting artwork with conservation efforts.”

Enriching lives with art and science, the 2022 West Virginia Maker Festival concluded with live music from Huntington-native Sam Eplin and a final demonstration from their welding trailer.

“It was an incredible day to celebrate inventors and creatives of all types,” Friel said. “The students' eyes just lit up with wonder at the sight of these awe-inspiring inventions, gadgets and crafts. You could see the gears turning in their heads as they started to imagine what they could make too.”



The shooting took place outside of Premier Pub and Grill, a local bar.

Photo by Tyler Spence

# Diverse Campus Communities Celebrated at Marshall's 59th International Festival

By **CONNER WOODRUFF**  
NEWS EDITOR

The 59th annual International Festival was held in the Don Morris room in the Memorial Student Center Saturday evening, Nov. 5.

The event featured numerous different tables that visitors could visit to explore different cultures and ideas.

The festival also featured several live performances, including music and dances from music groups around the area.

Starting at 4 p.m. guests crowded into the Don Morris room with

an opening performance from the "Voodoo Katz" band.

Nick Taylor, one of the masters of ceremonies, said it's important to have events like this in the Huntington area because they celebrate the diversity that an area should have.

"This festival sort of solidifies that notion for Marshall University," Taylor said. "That's what school is supposed to be."

There were also different groups from around campus, including a table from the Brad D. Smith School of Business, the Physics Department and MU fencing.



Students celebrating at the Japan table at the 59th Annual International Festival.

Photos by Conner Woodruff



Nick Taylor, one of the masters of ceremonies, giving the welcome speech.



Lincoln County Cloggers outside of the Memorial Student Center preparing for their performance.

## Herd's Defense Puts on Solid Performance, Blanks ODU



Cam Fancher running downfield.

Courtesy of HerdZone

By **CHAYCE MATHENY**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Marshall shutout Old Dominion by a 12-0 score Saturday night, Nov. 5.

The Herd's defense put on a solid performance as they held ODU's offense, averaging 358 yards per game, to just 209 yards of offense.

Charlie Gray led Marshall's defense with eight tackles, while Eli Neal and TyQaze Leggs each collected a sack.

Owen Porter forced a fumble against ODU's DJ Mack, which Andre Sam recovered.

Abraham Beauplan also had an interception for the Herd.

ODU had 198 passing yards and just 11 rushing yards.

The Monarchs, meanwhile, came into Saturday averaging 25 points per game.

On the offensive side of the

ball for Marshall, Rece Verhoff got the job done with his leg; he went four-for-five on his field goal attempts, racking up the 12 points for Marshall.

Although the Herd did not find the endzone once in the contest, they did have two players with over 100 yards rushing: Cam Fancher had 136 yards rushing, and Khalan Laborn had 139 yards rushing.

Also, Fancher had 89 passing yards with two interceptions.

Next, Marshall will host Appalachian State for the anniversary game of the 1970 plane crash that killed 75 players and coaches. Kickoff will be at 3:30 p.m on Saturday, Nov. 12.

## Volleyball Drops Two Competitive Matches Against JMU

By **JOHNATHAN EDWARDS**  
STUDENT REPORTER

The Dukes of James Madison likely came into the Cam Henderson Center last weekend expecting an easy win, but Marshall gave them a lot more than they bargained for.

A struggling team is the easiest trap for a conference-leading foe to fall into, as Marshall has found themselves on the short end of the stick all season. Marshall was able to take the take the Dukes to their limit.

Friday evening included Marshall taking set one, with a final of 25-23. Trading sets for rounds two and three, Marshall dominated JMU in set three after a rough second set.

On the brink of an upset, Marshall faltered and let JMU take the

advantage as the Dukes took set four, leading to a tiebreaking fifth round. A quick, decisive win by the Dukes broke the hearts of the Marshall faithful in attendance by ruining a big upset and would-be morale booster.

The performance by the underdogs in green and white did not go unnoticed by volleyball head coach Ari Aganus, who said, "Tonight was a great representation of what we see every day in practice." Sadly, it didn't add up to a win.

Statistically speaking, based on Friday's action, Marshall showcased some season-long stars, such as Brynn Brown racking up 58 assists. This performance was a career-high for the

sophomore. High kill totals from three different members of the Herd also boosted the chances of what could've been a big win.

Saturday's game was also competitive, though JMU took the competition in four sets. Marshall continued their inspirational effort from the previous night, taking the first set.

JMU showed in the following three sets why the Dukes lead the Sun Belt. Brown and Regan Tinkle put up big numbers in the losing effort.

Marshall is back on home ground again Thursday, Nov. 10, at 6 p.m. against Arkansas State.

## Men's Basketball Drops Season Opener Against Queens

By **CHAYCE MATHENY**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Herd men's basketball dropped their season opener to Queens University of Charlotte by a score of 83-82 on Monday, Nov. 7.

This is Queens' first season competing in Division I, and they had a 30-4 record last season in Division II.

The contest was back-and-forth, and Queens outscored Marshall in the first half 41 to 36; meanwhile, Marshall

outscored Queens in the second half 46 to 42.

Ultimately, the game came down to an eight-foot jumper from guard Kenny Dye with ten seconds remaining to put Queens up by one, which sealed the game. Dye finished with 24 points.

Queens outrebounded Marshall 47 to 36.

"You have to give them [Queens]

credit. They came ready to win that ballgame," Dan D'Antoni, Herd men's basketball coach, said.

Senior Taevion Kinsey finished with a double-double: 23 points and ten rebounds. At the same time, junior Andrew Taylor finished with 20 points.

Next, Marshall will host Tennessee Tech Monday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m.



## Men's Soccer Falls Short in SBC Tournament



Vinicius Fernandes jogging midfield.

Photo by Shauntelle Thompson

By **CHAYCE MATHENY**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Marshall men's soccer drops to James Madison in the SBC tournament by a 1-0 score Sunday evening, Nov. 6.

This was just Marshall's third loss of the season, as they came into tournament play as a two-seed; meanwhile, JMU came in as a seven-seed.

The game's only goal came just before halftime; JMU's Clay Obara got the

Dukes on the board in the 44th minute.

Marshall outshot JMU 15 to four, but the Dukes had more shots on goal, four to one.

Matthew Bell and Gabriel Alves both received yellow cards for the Herd. JMU's Liam Moore also received a yellow card. Marshall will now wait for the NCAA men's soccer tournament.

# A Plethora of SBC Postseason Awards Belongs to the Herd

By **CHAYCE MATHENY**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Marshall men's soccer team had six players honored on Friday after the Sun Belt Conference announced its post-season awards.

Herd men's soccer head coach Chris Grassie said he's happy for his players.

"I'm very proud of our six guys who received honors today for their great season. However, I believe we have several guys who deserved and could have been on the all-conference team, too," he said.

Redshirt senior Milo Yosef was

awarded the Sun Belt Conference Men's Soccer Player of the Year and Offensive Player of the Year.

He had a hat-trick against VCU on Aug. 25 and has racked up eight goals on the year, third-ranked in the SBC.

He has two multi-goal games, including four game-winning goals, which leads the SBC.

Yosef is ranked fifth in Marshall's record book with 27 goals.

Matthew Bell was awarded Freshman of the Year. He has nine goals on the year, with two multi-goal efforts. He has three

game-winning goals, which is second in the SBC behind Yosef.

Junior Adam Aoumaich was awarded Newcomer of the Year. He transferred in this season from Albany and has recorded two goals and nine assists.

Yosef, Bell, Vinicius Fernandes and Gabriel Alves were all awarded First Team All-Sun Belt Conference.

Aoumaich and Oliver Semmler were awarded second-team honors.

## A Season Retrospective Into Marshall Women's Soccer

By **JOHNATHAN EDWARDS**  
STUDENT REPORTER

### OPINION

This season could be considered a tale of two halves, as a late surge to qualify for the Sun Belt tournament proved this team had a lot of heart.

After some early season ties and a win against Morehead State, the rude awakening of the Sun Belt level of competition washed over the Herd. Winning only one of the first seven conference matchups, it was quickly discovered that Marshall had to step up its game to turn the season around.

A three-game skid in the middle of the 2022 campaign that featured not one goal from Marshall made it look like all hope was gone.

Despite the struggles of the first half of the season, there was chemistry in the locker room. Big-time performances from goalkeeper Alexis Wolgemuth and leading scorer Morgan White kept this resilient team afloat. It was not quite an individual effort in the slightest.

Various unspoken heroes had much

to do with pushing this team into the conference tournament. Losing only one of the last four regular season matches, a postseason appearance on the pitch was made possible.

A shocking first-round upset over the seventh-seeded Mountaineers of Appalachian State led to a date with the three-time defending conference champions, South Alabama. After a hard-fought game to the end in overtime, Marshall met its match

and concluded its season with a heartbreaker. Not everything about this season weighed on that overtime loss, luckily.

The most conference points since 2018 and a valiant effort late in the year made head coach Micheal Swan's squad the lovable underdog of the Sun Belt.

The future looks bright, especially to coach Swan, who mentioned, "When you reflect on the season, the growth

they've shown excites you about future seasons." in his final post-game interview of the year.

Marshall's sophomore season in the ever-competitive Sun Belt next year will have a lot going for it. In 2022, Marshall finished 4-10-5, an admirable debut effort from a budding women's soccer program.

# America's Election Systems are More than Just Machines – They're People

By **AMEL AHMED**  
UMASS AMHERST

When people think about making elections secure, they often think about voting machines, cybersecurity and mechanical threats. They don't think about people.

Since 2016, when there was evidence of computer hacking that did not affect the election's results, the federal government has taken significant steps to secure elections, such as declaring election systems

as crucial to national security as the defense industry, nuclear power plants and highways. This has allowed state and local officials to apply for federal funding and technical support to buy equipment and get training to protect elections.

These measures have largely been paid off. Voting systems' hardware and software are regularly tested by federal, state and local election authorities. Two dozen states rely on voting machines more than a decade old, which is generally

considered past their life span. But this is down from 43 states in 2014, and ongoing efforts to update the operating systems in the older machines mean fewer glitches and breakdowns on Election Day.

Improved computer systems have streamlined and increased the efficiency of voter registration processes, and maintenance and updating of voter rolls, as well as making them more secure.

There is always a chance of problems at the polls, but Election Day difficulties are much less common than ever in the past.

These are all important steps. But as a scholar of voting systems, I believe the focus on the machinery of elections has obscured a different threat to the nation's elections: Local election administrators work under increasingly difficult circumstances, with dwindling resources and mounting challenges. A survey of local election officials conducted by the Center for Tech and Civic Life, a nonprofit election reform group, finds that just 2% of them say they have everything they need to do what's required of them.

Low-paid, and with little control U.S. elections are administered at the local level – each county, or even municipality, has its own rules, and its own officials to execute them. The work is not lucrative – some make as little as \$20,000 annually, with a national average of \$50,000.

There is little glory to be had.

With titles such as “clerk” and “registrar”, these jobs are not usually steppingstones to a grander political career. Those who take up these positions typically are public-service-minded, looking to give back to their communities. They may have political preferences, but at least until recent years, they are probably the least motivated by partisan politics of all the people involved throughout the election process.

Election officials have little control over the rules themselves. They're not lawmakers.

Their job is to implement the rules as efficiently as possible, balancing two core goals: voting access and electoral integrity. In American politics these two goals are often presented as rivals, but election administrators also see the potential to achieve both goals simultaneously and work to balance them in each election.

The central challenge of their work is to find solutions to the multitudes of logistical hurdles presented to them so that neither access nor integrity is sacrificed. For early voting, polling places have to remain open for long periods; for Election Day in-person voting, different locations and staffing numbers are needed to handle the potential crowds. Voters and ballots have to move efficiently and securely, all of which requires methodical planning and creative problem-solving. But these people are under significant pressure.

Many election officials can't afford to set up a permanent office or hire full-time staff. Some report lacking internet access and basic supplies such as printers, scanners and even desks. And for all of the talk about machines, many don't receive enough money even for that – a large percentage report not being able to acquire upgraded technology in over a decade. Many even report not having the funds to implement changes required in new legislation.

The smallest jurisdictions are hit the hardest: More than half of jurisdictions with 5,000 voters or fewer report having no full-time staffers in the election office. Larger jurisdictions may have up to 10 staffers, but the responsibilities are much greater, because these officials are responsible for orchestrating elections for over 250,000 voters.

In recent years, election officials have faced increased public records requests and more challenges to election results, including demands for recounts.

Much of this scrutiny stems from doubts about the integrity of elections fueled by politicians seeking to overturn specific contests, or even to lay the groundwork for future challenges. Whether undertaken strategically or sincerely, these challenges add to an already significant workload for election officials, and most offices are not set up to accommodate the increase in demands.

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## The Legacy of Singer Aretha Franklin Celebrated in "R.E.S.P.E.C.T."

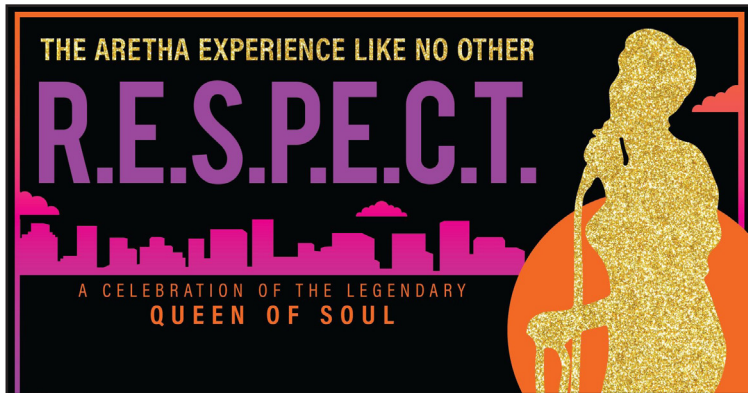


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By **VICTORIA WARE**  
FEATURES & CULTURES EDITOR

The "R.E.S.P.E.C.T." tribute concert on Nov. 1 at the Keith Albee Performing Arts Center explored the life and legacy of legendary singer Aretha Franklin.

The concert came after the fourth anniversary of Franklin's death on Aug. 16, 2018.

The program interweaved the stories of Franklin's personal life and career. A main focus throughout the show was the impact that her parents—especially her father—had on her.

During her childhood, Franklin was surrounded by pillars of Black culture as a result of her father, Reverend C. L. Franklin, hosting star-studded house parties. Franklin was raised around gospel singers such as Sam Cooke, Mahalia Jackson, Albertina Walker and James Cleveland.

Early in her career journey, Franklin made a transition from singing gospel music to singing secular music. She took inspiration from singer Sam Cooke (who is considered to be the King of

Soul), who made a transition from gospel to pop music. The program discussed Franklin's mixing of genres and her journey to finding a signature singing style.

"Aretha would try and find her signature style," performer Nattalyee Randall said. "She wasn't quite pop. She wasn't exactly R&B. She wasn't all the way gospel, but she was an unstoppable mix of all three."

Several of Franklin's career-defining achievements were listed at the conclusion of the evening such as winning the Presidential Medal of Freedom, being the first woman to be inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and being the youngest person to receive the Kennedy Center Honors.

Franklin also won 18 Grammy Awards along with many Legend and Lifetime Achievements and managed to place over 100 singles on the top 100 Billboard, according to performer Ashton Weekes.

## Director Promises New Spin on "Our Town"

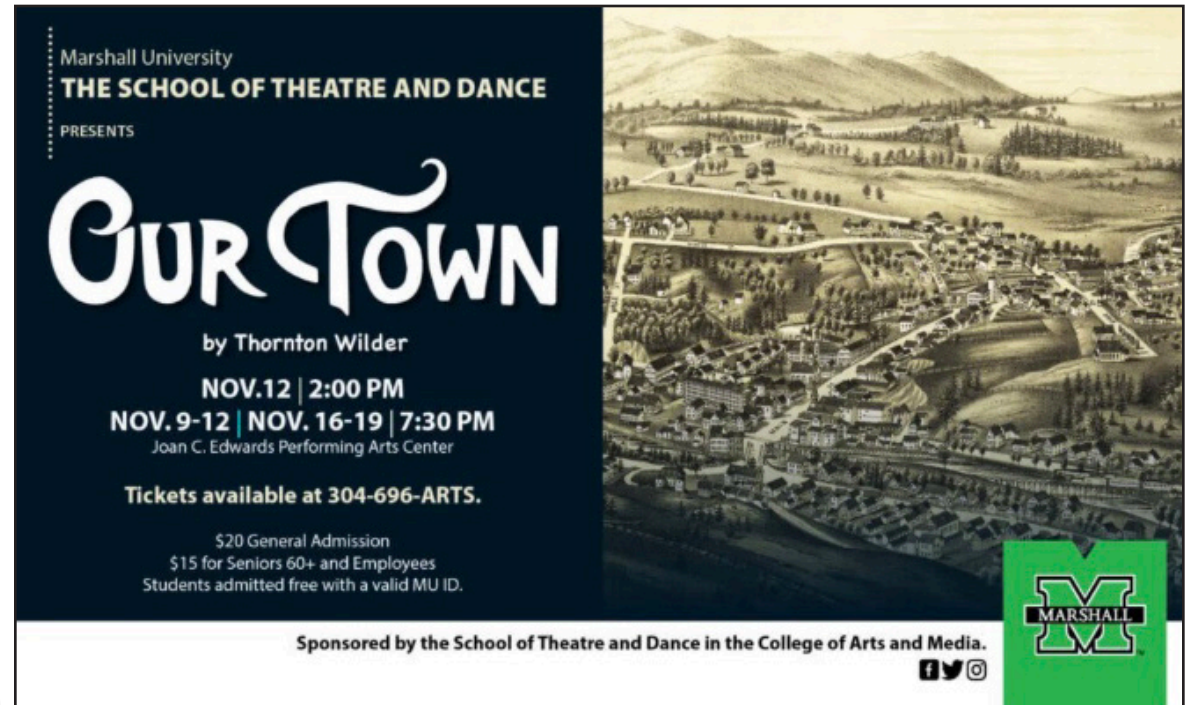


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By **LUCY BELL**  
STUDENT REPORTER

A veteran theater director aims to give the school of theater's production of "Our Town" an unexpected twist this week.

"I have worked on the piece before, and I wanted to do something a little different with it," theater professor Jack Cirillo said. "So we kicked around some ideas, and without giving too much away, there are some things that we are doing in the third act that are going to be quite unexpected."

The play will run from Nov. 9-12 and Nov. 16-19 with nightly showings at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday, Nov. 12, they will also

feature a 2:00 p.m. matinee.

"Our Town" is a simplistic play in terms of set design and costuming that gives the actors a chance to really showcase their skills to bring the play to life, according to Cirillo.

"One of the tenants of the piece is that it doesn't have a lot of bells and whistles," Cirillo said. "It is classic storytelling, so the actors get to rely on themselves and their own creativity. In a way, it reinforces the collaborative spirit of the art form, which I think we can never get enough of."

While Marshall's theater productions and auditions are

open to all university students, the cast of Our Town features primarily theater majors who have built a history in collegiate theater. As a director, being able to witness an actor's development over time is one of the most fulfilling parts of the process, according to Cirillo.

"More than anything else, I enjoy the process of watching young actors begin and where they get to by the time we are in performance," Cirillo said. "I enjoy seeing that sense of growth and satisfaction along with the camaraderie and collaboration that goes on in the productions."

## West Virginia Voters continued

who said lawmakers wanted power over education to further their political agendas. Education officials also maintained that lawmakers had no business taking over public schools, saying they consistently failed to help West Virginia educators.

Four years after more than 30,000 school workers went on strike in one of the nation's poorest states, igniting teacher walkouts nationwide, many have said they're overworked and exhausted.

Just this year, the state Board of Education joined a lawsuit against top Republicans over a school choice program — one

of the nation's most expansive — alleging it unconstitutionally drains money from public schools. The case went to the state Supreme Court, which sided with lawmakers.

Republican Gov. Jim Justice and GOP state legislative leaders have also clashed over Amendment 2, a move to give state lawmakers the ability to eliminate a business and inventory tax along with the vehicle tax.

Justice, who wants to cut — and eventually eliminate — the state income tax instead, has toured the state to urge voters to reject the proposal. He says

the passage of the amendment could harm schools, cities and counties and give companies large tax breaks.

Top lawmakers said the amendment would attract economic and business development to the state.

Amendment 1 would bar state courts from intervening in impeachment proceedings conducted by the legislature. Amendment 3 would erase a provision in the constitution that bars churches and religious denominations from being incorporated.

## Jewels in the City continued

“The vending machine was featured as an exhibit during our 2022 convention to share the awesome work our students can put out,” Alford said. “We hope to keep the ball rolling and make Jewels in the City a regular part of our convention.”

Keeping art affordable, Pinson says that all pieces are sold for no more than a dollar. As a non-profit organization, the proceeds obtained from the machines pay only for their upkeep.

“Supporting the creative community of Huntington costs a handful of quarters,” Pinson said. “It may not seem like a big deal when you first purchase, but this is how

we artists can continue sharing our artwork with the area.”

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# Dems, GOP Make Urgent Final Pitches as Election Season Wraps

By **WILL WEISSERT** and  
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Coast to coast, candidates and big-name backers made final appeals to voters Monday in the last hours of a fraught midterm election season, with Republicans excited about the prospect of winning back Congress and President Joe Biden insisting his party would “surprise the living devil out of a lot of people.”

Democrats contend Republican victories could profoundly and adversely reshape the country, eliminating abortion rights nationwide and unleashing broad threats to the very future of American democracy. Republicans say the public is tired of Biden policies amid high inflation and concerns about crime.

“We know in our bones that our democracy is at risk,” Biden said during an evening rally in Maryland, where Democrats have one of their best opportunities to reclaim a Republican-held governor’s seat. “I want you know, we’ll meet this moment.”

Arriving back at the White House a short time later, Biden was franker, saying: “I think we’ll win the Senate. I think the House is tougher.” Asked what the reality of governing will be like, he responded, “More difficult.” The Maryland event followed Biden’s late-campaign strategy of sticking largely to his party’s strongholds rather than stumping in more competitive territory, where control of Congress may ultimately be decided. Biden won Maryland with more than 65% of the vote in 2020 and appeared with Wes Moore, the 44-year-old Rhodes Scholar who could become the state’s first Black governor.

The president said at an earlier

virtual event, “Imagine what we can do in a second term if we maintain control.”

Most political prognosticators don’t think the Democrats will — and predict that Tuesday’s results will have a major impact on the next two years of Biden’s presidency, shaping policy on everything from government spending to military support for Ukraine.

In the first national election since the violent Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol insurrection, the Democrats have tried to focus key races on fundamental questions about the nation’s political values.

The man at the center of most Jan. 6 debate, former President Donald Trump, was in Ohio for his final rally of the 2022 campaign — and already thinking about his own future in 2024. He had teased that he might formally launch a third presidential run at Monday night’s rally with Senate candidate JD Vance — which Trump concluded by promising a “big announcement” next week at his Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida.

Trump’s backing of Vance in Ohio this year was crucial in helping the author and venture capitalist — and onetime Trump critic — secure the GOP’s nomination for a Senate seat. He’s now facing Democrat Tim Ryan.

“When I think about tomorrow, it is to ensure the American dream survives into the next generation,” Vance declared to thousands of cheering supporters, some sporting Trump 2024 hats and T-shirts, at Dayton International Airport.

While the GOP likes its chances of flipping the House, control of the Senate could come down to a handful of crucial races. Those include Georgia, Arizona and Pennsylvania, where Democratic Lt. Gov. John Fetterman was locked



President Joe Biden poses for photos with Maryland Democratic gubernatorial candidate Wes Moore during a campaign rally at Bowie State University in Bowie, Md., Monday, Nov. 7.

Photo courtesy of AP Photos/  
Susan Walsh

in a close race against Republican celebrity surgeon Mehmet Oz.

“This is one of the most important races in America,” Fetterman told a crowd of about 100 Monday outside a union hall near a steel plate mill in Coatesville, about 40 miles west of Philadelphia. “Dr. Oz has spent over \$27 million of his own money. But this seat isn’t for sale.”

At a nighttime rally at a suburban Philadelphia estate, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations

Nikki Haley introduced Oz to a crowd of about 1,500.

“There’s too many extreme positions in Washington, too much out there pulling us away from where the real answers lie,” Oz said. “I will bring balance to Washington. But John Fetterman? He’ll bring more extreme.”

Fetterman’s campaign noted that, in the final days, Oz has campaigned with Trump, at a wedding venue that refuses same-sex marriages and at a fitness center whose owner organized

buses for Trump’s Jan. 6, 2021, rally in Washington.

In Georgia, Democratic Sen. Raphael Warnock, who was in a nail-bitter with Republican Herschel Walker, tried to cast himself as pragmatic — capable of succeeding in Washington even if the GOP has more power. Warnock promised Monday to “do whatever I need to do and work with whomever I need to work with in order to get good things done.”

# Homecoming Love Story: New Mr. Marshall Proposes on Football Field



Mr. Marshall Calvin Hunter proposing to his long-time girlfriend Olivia Roberts at the homecoming football game.



Photos courtesy of Olivia Roberts

By **TYLER SPENCE**  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

A Marshall-themed love story started a new chapter for the newest Mr. Marshall and his fiancé during halftime of the Herd's homecoming game against Coastal Carolina.

After being named Mr. Marshall for 2022, Calvin Hunter proposed to his long-time girlfriend Olivia Roberts in front of a cheering student section and dozens of cell phone cameras.

"Everything about it was perfect," Roberts, a senior from Proctorville, Ohio, said.

While Roberts felt surprised and

overjoyed, Hunter felt anxious about ensuring every detail was perfect.

"In the video, I actually couldn't get the box oriented properly because I pulled it out of my jacket. I pulled it out properly, and then I, like, flipped it and rotated and flipped it again," Hunter said.

Although Hunter and Roberts had connections through family friends before their time in Huntington, the two didn't meet until January 2020. The two started dating only a few days later.

The couple spent the first few

months of their relationship traveling back and forth to each other's hometowns during the beginning stages of the pandemic.

Two years later, Roberts coordinated a surprise visit to Hunter while he studied abroad in England at the University of Oxford this past summer. The video, posted on Robert's Facebook with over 1,500 views, shows Hunter walking down the street until Roberts stands up from a cafe chair and Hunter's jaw-drops.

Hunter initially hoped for Roberts to visit him while he was in Norway

before England to do the proposal there. When Roberts couldn't make the first trip, Hunter waited to buy the ring until later, only for his friends to ask if he had it during her surprise visit to the UK.

Sometimes, however, those who fall in love at Marshall might find it beneficial to have their proposal close to home.

"So the one thing I told him when we first started dating, I was like, 'If we continue this relationship—we get engaged to get married—I have two requests. One is that somebody is there to take a picture

and I have my nails done.' Never did I imagine that his family was there, my family was there, all of our friends. I had people texting me in the stands who I work with. It just was perfect," Roberts said.

Roberts will graduate with a bachelor's in elementary education in December 2022 and plans on moving with Hunter wherever he attends dental school after graduating with a bachelor's in biology in the spring of 2023.