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By SHANE BRAS
THE PARTHEON

Marshall plans to “Start Something That Matters” with TOMS event

Financial awareness goes on the rise

By MARLA RONI
THE PARTHEON

Marshall University Students get a head start on filing their taxes that Friday. Third Floor Financial and Business Educational Partnership of the River Cities located at 600 S. 3rd St. in the Mobile eBus offering free tax preparation, filing, credit checks and credit counseling through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

The Third Floor Mobile eBus was parked in the student center area and was also available at the Banks Academic Center parking lot from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, and representatives were on hand with tax preparation.

Goshen Bras, Third Floor Bank’s community development relationship manager said taking tax preparation through the program will help students do something to better their position in the future.

“The goal is to bring financial education to the communities, we serve and assist individual in understanding their financial situations,” said Bras.

“Especially with identity theft, so many people do not realize how rampant identity theft is,” Bras added.

VITA has recently partnered with the Beta Alpha Psi Fraternity and has seen a lot of free assistance every Tuesday and Saturday, 2 to 6 p.m. There is a donation, set from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Students, faculty and staff can make appointments and assistance will start Feb. 5 and last until April 11.

Even though the federal government pushed back the start of tax season until Jan. 31, Ed Harper, the Financial and Educational Partnership of the River Cities” student advisor said, “I think the weather is what fuels them and gives them extra time, it is better for them.”

The gallery will be available for anyone who would like to get a file a tax.

“TOMS’ plans to “Start Something That Matters” with TOMS event

The event will be Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 8 p.m. in room BE5 in the 491 Building. The event will include music by the Jackson 5, and the film offers options on the creation, food and a documentary offered by a local radio station.

The event will include music offered by a local radio station, food and a documentary film created by TOMS founder, Blake Mycoskie, that shares his story, the creation of TOMS brand and the One for One Movement.

Volunteer agencies around the community will be on hand offering opportunities to students who want to help around the area.

There will be no admission.

Students who visit each table will be able to enter their name into a drawing to win TOMS prizes.

For more information, contact Athletes Against Child Abuse at 707-743-6102 or visit www.aaca72.com.
Some lawmakers urged Obama to step carefully as it moves forward, saying that Senate Democrats have enough votes to ensure the bill’s passage but it would be “foolhardy” to force a vote on a measure that Republicans are certain to oppose.

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"We can't turn the ball over 22 times and switch 52 percent of the floor and win," Marshall coach Tyler Gatrell said. "In the preseason, the Herd was 0-5 thus far. "Losing to our rival definitely disappoints us, but we are ready to bounce back against Kentucky," Karli Timko said. "Of course we like it when the weather gets worse so that we can literally play outside on campus." Marshall is now 2-1 in the season.

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By MALCOLM IRVING | THE PARTHENON

Marshall University softball team hosted its second annual Diamond Club banquet Friday to raise awareness of the upcoming 2013 season. The 2012 season saw 38 wins and 21 losses, Marshall’s softball team said it is looking forward to improving its record this upcoming season.

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Huntington safety a bigger issue than thought

By TRISTAN SMITH

African's technology war

By BYRANT SMITH

Opinion

No matter where you go, every city has crime. The amount of crime that has hit Huntington recently has increased greatly. It is making it harder for a lot of people to go about their normal business. Since the beginning of the New Year, two months ago, Huntington has seen two armed robberies, a sexual assault and a shooting. Marshall police has said they have increased patrols around the campus area, but a lot of people are still afraid to go outside after dark.

Can anyone really blame them? Stress is huntington is nothing new — they are based nearly every night in town. Huntington usually isn't anything too serious, but lately, when people hear the sound of a police cruiser or ambulance, the first thought is wondering what happened this time.

People should not be afraid to walk to their cars at night, especially if they are on campus. According to the most recent report of crime in Huntington being reported on Saturday night, things in the town are not really good coming out of this. Why don't people do anything?

If Huntington could go just one week without any crime, a lot of people would probably still be coming here in this city. Otherwise, everyone hopes and prays all the time. Can anyone really blame them? "Carry your money with you just in case," but these things cannot always be certain to stop someone from being harmed in Huntington or near campus.

Some of these criminals are still on the streets, so everyone or on campus really need to continue to be careful — hopefully the police will be hearing about some cases happening every few nights.

The truth is, and we all should really appreciate what they do to keep Marshall as safe as possible, but they can't be everywhere, if anyone goes out at night, especially alone, be sure to call the police or campus police at all times.

What COPS? FIND A way to be everywhere at once. Huntington needs a superhero. What's His Name?

Africa's technology war

By BYRANT SMITH

Most people use either a computer, an iPod, a phone, or a car every single day. A lot of people have more than one of these devices, and further are addicted to, or dependent on technology. As much as the current population of westernized countries knows about technology, there still is a great deal of information that is completely lost.

There is definitely a difference between knowing what a device is capable of doing, and actually using the process of creating that device.

Step one of creating anything is simply the acquisition of materials to begin the finished product. This applies to anything you can buy, from your favorite pair of shoes, even to a word processor. The one things that makes technology so powerful and amazing is the precious minerals that are required to make circuit boards and processors. Gold is used in high-processing and wiring because of its highly conductive nature.

Electricity can travel through gold at a faster speed than copper, but of course that improvement comes at a price.

Another rare mineral that is mined for these electronics is called Tantalum. Tantalum is used to store electricity, which powers everything else in the device that is commonly extracted from one of the world's largest regions,

At over 50 percent of the world's yearly production of tantalum comes from a large country in Africa called the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The process of mining Coltan in DRC is done by sitting through the mud in swamps and walking through small black rocks that resemble graphs or crabs.

Without this process, our world would be in dire straits, but the technology that we use today.

As of 2016, DRC was officially the poorest country in the world. To put this in perspective, it is the country in the world in Liberty, which has a country rate of 80%. DRC is a large country that is physically dependent on minerals. Because of this, the fragile government has a hard time patrolling and policing all of its borders.

DRC is bordered by countries like Uganda and Rwanda, and also has a large area of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Since DRC has a near geographic monopoly on Coltan, many CONFLICTS have sprung up as a result of Uganda and Rwanda wanting their share of the pie.

This "mineral war," which, in total, has killed thousands of lives, has become the deadliest conflict in the world World War I, and still rages on.

What happens, in many cases, is a foreign power is going to war in one or DRC, enforces the native Congolese, and starts employing the foundation of smuggling these precious minerals out of the country and shipping them to foreign countries.

So, what started as a valuable natural resource for this struggling country has quickly become a burden and a source of conflict.

Many people say we need our electronics made it more affordable to the people, but this criminal game of smuggling these minerals has easily become the single most powerful and population.

With all the health problems in the world, there is no simple a solution. We can however demand that conflict minerals be acquired by our electronics.

The simple action, at no cost to the device owner, is to begin asking about the conflict minerals on the device's access, finally getting inside a computer and using his laptop directly into the network. He was caught a handful.

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21 Afghan police officers die in weekend attacks

KABUL, Afghanistan—Two police officers and three detainees were killed in a bombing Sunday near Afghanistan’s southern city that the Taliban regard as a key to their resurgence in the country.

The officers had disabled another bomb, said Abdul Raziq, who himself survived a bombing in August. Six officers and three detainees, officials said.

The officers were patrolling in the Qala-i-Jhangi district of Farah province around 8 p.m. local time when a roadside bomb detonated, said Raziq, who himself survived a bombing in August. Six officers and three detainees were killed in the blast.

The Taliban claimed the attack, saying it was done by a bomb that was not detected by Afghan security forces.

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By ASHLEY HERRALD

WKEE-100 FM had its Bridal Expo at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

This expo showcased the latest in bridal wear and formal attire, decorations, photography and catering.

With all her wedding needs under one roof, senior public relations major Lakin Turner said it was nice to see all of the wedding options even though she has booked most of her wedding needs already.

“I really enjoyed being with my best friends and getting different ideas for my wedding in August,” Turner said.

Katie Wright, senior history major, said she did some planning before the expo. Her wedding date is set for Oct. 10, 2015 so she did not book anything at the expo.

“I enjoyed having the easy accessibility to all the items needed to plan a wedding. I particularly loved the photo booth,” Wright said.

Nick Truck Boutique and Lara’s Bridal and Formals showcased their newest attire in an hour-long fashion show.

Pauletta Clay, Marshall alumna and co-owner of Lara’s Bridal and Formals, said she has been attending the bridal expo ever since it began over 20 years ago. Clay said Lara’s offers everything a bride and her bridal party needs for her special day.

“We offer not only bridal gowns but apparel for the entire bridal party,” Clay said, “We also have Mother of the Bride gowns, head pieces, shoes and jewelry.”

Planning is the key to getting married, Clay said.

“You can have a quick, thrown together wedding, but I would suggest planning a year in advance,” Clay said. “It can sometimes take up to six months to order a gown.”

John Kelley, manager of C.F. Reuschlein Jewelers, said the main focus of their time at the expo is talking to potential customers and making sure they are prepared for their special day.

Reuschlein also offers a 10 percent Marshall discount.

“I have quite a bit left to plan now that I am down to about six months. It was very encouraging to see so many brides who are feeling the exact same way as I am,” Turner said.

WKEE-100 will have another bridal expo in June. The date has not yet been set.

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