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Friday
HIGH 73° LOW 45°

Saturday
HIGH 77° LOW 54°

Sunday
HIGH 79° LOW 54°
By CHARLIE HOUSE
The Tri-State area will compete in the 10th annual Tri-State Marching Festival at the Joan C. Edwards Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 12.

The festival features 26 bands from West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky that will compete within their division.

The bands are judged in multiple categories including band music performance, overall general effect and appearance, band marching performance, dance teams and majorette performance.

“Jewel City hopes to roll over to the competition with new recruits this year,” said Audrey “Gravy, Baby!” Hamoy, Jewel City co-captain.

Underneath the guidance director and a Marshall marketing director and a Marshall University graduate, said it gives an opportunity for people to share their passion with like-minded people.

“This is an opportunity for people to be themselves,” he said. “They can meet and interact with their peers.”

Tri-State has seen significant growth since its inception. The first convention, in 2004, had just over 400 guests at the Charleston Civic Center. Ten years and a new venue later, Verney said they expect nearly 1,500 attendees.

With the growth of the convention and online viewing, he said the convention has had to change to keep up with the times. Some of the events will be live-streamed online for the first time via streamshare and there are fewer viewing rooms; in fact, those who come together to watch their favorite bands. But, with an over-the-counter increase in members of all the compact groups, she said there are more programs to choose from and more options to choose from at each performance.

Verney said because Tri-State is the largest anime convention in West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky that offers all manner of anime memorabilia for purchase, with some handmade customizations options from artisans, painters, seamstresses and others.

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Huntington anime expo to celebrate 10th year

By CHARLIE HOUSE

The CONvention of the Northwest is a twice yearly event that celebrates the world of anime, manga and all other Japanese-inspired media.

From its humble origins as a local convention for friends in 2004, this year is the 10th anniversary of the convention. In 2013, Cason and David Vincent. According to IMDb, their credits include online role-playing games Liong of La

In addition to individual division awards and overall marching and general effect performance awards, top three scoring bands overall receive a special team invitation to the state’s largest convention.

The judging panel is a mixture of local retired band directors, band directors, as well as professional judges from Central States’ Judges Association. They are nationally trained and judge festivals all over the country.

The festival starts at 11 a.m., with the smaller bands and works its way to the larger bands with the last band performing at 7:45 p.m. Each band’s performance will be approximately eight minutes long.

The last performance will be Marshall’s Marching Thunder. It will perform part of its pre-season show and all of its Earth, Wind and Fire show before the awards at 8 p.m.

Cason said the初衷 of the convention is to bring communities from across the Tri-State Marching Festival at the Joan C. Edwards Stadium. The convention, called Tri-State, takes its name from the Japanese word for wind. It was first organized with the idea to create a statewide anime club, and includes a variety of attractions like meetings, discussions, dance teams and sports teams. There will be a variety of attractions for fairgoers to enjoy.

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By TAYLOR KIRCHWEN
THE PARTHENON

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Halloween City opens temporary store downtown

By SHANNON STOWERS

Halloween has not always had a widespread appeal. Today, it is almost trampled like a national holiday. Most retail stores tailor their seasonal products to facilitate the varied needs of any customer. "Halloween City's experience has always been committed to providing family-friendly products at reasonable prices. "We're a fun, family-oriented company," Rose said. "We have some great values, great prices and we love the opportunity to come into nice communities like yours."

Located at 801 Third Ave., Halloween City will be open until Nov. 3. It has a large selection of items for people of all ages, from newborns to adults. It features costumes from black- hunter movies, Harry films and comic books. It also carries props, decorations, party accessories and pet costumes.

The company is dedicated to providing a wide variety of products to facilitate the varied needs of any customer. "Halloween City's experienced team of Halloween specialists has been fully educated in the art of helping customers find just the right costume or accessory that will make their Halloween truly special," the company's website says. "Combined with our unmatched assortment of Halloween decor, we have thousands of items for fun seekers of all ages — and for all budgets. With our Price Match Guarantee, customers can rest assured they are always getting the best value."

This week, the store has two events. "The Tap House starts at 4 p.m. on Thursday, 1 a.m. on Friday, noon to 1 a.m. on Saturdays and 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Sundays. Geoff Foster can be contacted at foster147@marshall.edu."

By GEORGE FOSTER

It's been gratifying to hear how excited people are about the beers. The first event was a draft and cask ale lineup late 1800s." McKay also plans to attract potential customers with Pint Nights. The Pint Nights are designed to showcase a handful of beers from a particular brewery each month. A representative from the breweries will be available at most Pint Nights to talk about the beers. The first event starts at 4 p.m. and features Blue Mountain Brewing Co. On Oct. 17, The Tap House will be featuring Charleston Brewing Company.

McKay hopes for new business and his love of craft beers brings something to Huntington that has been missing. "After traveling across the country and seeing what other cities had to offer, McKay realized Huntington needed a better beer culture and decided to make his move. "I opened this bar because Huntington deserves better things and I want people to have a reason to be great at the grand opening," McKay said. "This is just one more step in the right direction."

The Tap House is open during the six-hour outage. All Marshall campuses will have limited access to Internet and telephone networks. During the six-hour outage, all Marshall computer labs will have access to Internet and telephone networks. Telephone services will be restored as early as possible, but all other networks will be unavailable until Sunday afternoon. The IT department expects the completion of all maintenance by 1 p.m.

Questions concerning the outage should be directed to the IT Service Desk located on the first floor of John Deaver Drinko Library.
Fantasy football: Week Six blues

BY TROY DOUGLASS
FOR THE PARTHENON

I would just like to start this week's column off by reminding you that the Chiefs are 5-5...The Kansas City Chiefs, the same team who won only seven games last season, are 5-5. Who could've predicted that?

Last week in fantasy foot-
ball, Alfonso Jennings went off; Victor Cruz disappeared; Ra-keem Nicks showed us how good he can really be, T.Y. Hil-
ton was breaking ankles right and left; and Terrance Williams this week we will not be playing. Oh, David Wilson, why must you do this to us? Sir Ford not one as desper-
ately need a consistent running back on our team. Wilson has made it his mission to not give us fantasy stars any value. Either that, or he owns Giants running back David Brond-
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