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ChiliFest returns Saturday for 31st year

By TAYLOR WATTS THE PARTHENON

ChiliFest will celebrate its 31st year Saturday. The event will occur 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Pullman Park in downtown Huntington.

The annual event raises money for the local branch of the Ronald McDonald House Charities. ChiliFest Chairman Ron Smith said the event has raised over $550,000 for the Ronald McDonald House in the past and hopes to match or exceed that sum for the charity this year.

“ChiliFest has become the focal event of downtown Huntington, with over 20,000 attendees massing in the streets,” Smith said in a press release. “But most importantly, it is the major fundraising event for the Ronald McDonald House and provides a means for the community to recognize and realize all that the house does and its mission.”

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By James Collier
FOR THE PARTHENON
June 27, 2014

With the start of fall and the new NCAA Bowl Season, one might think that Marshall University would be getting ready to respond to the challenges of playing college football in the era of a new head coach. However, the Thundering Herd's season is already in full swing, with the team already in practice for the upcoming season.

The Thundering Herd's season is already set to begin on Saturday, August 23, when they take on the University of South Alabama at Joan C. Edwards Stadium. The team is looking to build on their 2013 season, which saw them finish with a 9-3 record and win the Conference USA championship.

The team's coaching staff is led by Doc Holliday, who took over as head coach in 2013. Holliday has a reputation for being a hard-nosed, no-nonsense coach, and the team is expected to reflect his style.

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Marshall Maniacs are back in black

By SHALEE ROGNEY

The Maniacs are back in black for the 2013-2014 academic year. Football season arrives in Huntington, and the Maniacs are gearing up for a new season.

Junior Jessica Krolewski, a three-year Maniac member, at Marshall, said being a Maniac comes from a high school with a strong football community, so he said he always expects a new season.

“I’m all about getting ingrained in anything Marshall and anything sports,” Lenoch said.

Sophomore Almnt Leach, a second-year Maniac member, said he is very excited for the upcoming season. Leach said he would love to see the entire team plans to enjoy the games from a front row seat this semester.

“I love for football season and tailgating,” Harvey said.

“Monica has always been there to support the Herd and this year will be no exception. With the hope of an undefeated season, the Maniacs are geared up and ready for victory,” said Monica Regin.

“Part of the vision is to reach the city from Huntington to Charleston,” Lenoch said. “Partnership with many churches and organizations that want to, is possible to impact the entire community.”

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Local churches to serve free food from food truck at home opener tailgate

By KELLY PATE

Maranatha Fellowship Church of Saint Albans will be partnering with New Life Church of Huntington to serve up a free food truck at the first home football game Sept. 6.

The food truck, with the words “REACH THE CITY” on the side, will be set up in the tailgating area of Fifth Avenue beginning at noon and will serve until kick off at 7 p.m.

The food truck will give away free hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, Gatorade and water. The set-up will also include corn hole and other activities.

Kara Martin, a worker at Maranatha, said the reason for this event is to reach people through the food truck.

“The truck is the tool we use to reach people,” Martin said. “It is the opening door for us to pray, love and minister to people. We have found that by giving people free food, they are much more receptive of us sharing with them. It opens the door of trust.”

According to Pastor Bobby Lemley, associate pastor at Maranatha, the church has plans to incorporate as many churches into community outreach as they can.

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Many students view becoming a Marshall Maniac as a tradition.

Junior Jessica Krolewski, a member of the group for three years, said being a Maniac makes her feel like a part of the team.

“I liked Kelly green,” Krolewski said.

Junior Rachel Harvey, a three-year Maniac member, attended the Military Bowl and said she is very excited for the upcoming season.

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With the first home game approaching, Kaylin Adkins, director of marketing for United Way of the River Cities, announced last week that parking passes for Marshall University’s 2014 Thundering Herd football season are now available for purchase.

Every football season, United Way sells parking spaces in the ACF Industries lot on Third Avenue to raise funds for its non-profit organization. While the lot is not a space for tailgating, Adkins emphasized the advantages of buying a spot in the lot.

“Although you can’t tailgate in our lot, you are at a great advantage because it is in walking distance of the stadium,” Adkins said. “Along with the ideal location, all proceeds goto the United Way of the River Cities and with the amount of spaces in the lot, this is a great opportunity for us here at United Way.”

The parking passes can be purchased in advance at the United Way office located at 820 Madison Ave. in Huntington’s west end. Pre-bought passes cost $60 and remain valid for the entire season. Individual game passes can be purchased in the lot on game days.

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The First Amendment

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble; and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

The Constitution of the United States of America

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