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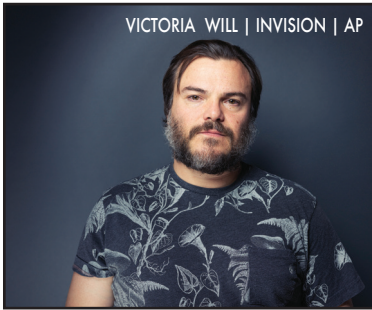
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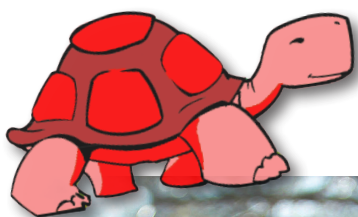
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<b>Morning</b> Clear and Very Cold Isolated Icy Spots	18
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<b>Night</b> Scattered Clouds and Cold	24

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## TURTLES OF LOVE



Jayden Guerra, 2, tries to kiss Julissa Solis, 3, in a kissing booth as their mothers take photos of them for Valentine's Day at Hermann Park, Tuesday in Houston. Marshall University women's studies is also sharing the love this week selling plush turtles to benefit Branches Domestic Violence Center. AP PHOTO | HOUSTON CHRONICLE | KAREN WARREN

## Women's studies sells plush turtles to benefit Branches Domestic Violence Center for Valentine's Day

By **HANNAH HARMAN**  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University women's studies is taking orders for Valentine Turtlegrams this week.

Turtlegrams are hand-made plush turtles with hearts sewn on their backs. The turtles can be personalized with initials or names and purchased for \$10 by Friday.

The Women's Studies Advisory Board donates all materials for the Turtlegrams.

Half of the proceeds will go to Branches Domestic Violence Center in Huntington.

Jill Treftz, assistant professor of English, said Turtlegrams raised \$445 for Branches last year. Women's studies hopes to make the same amount, if not more, this year.

The plush turtles were originally made for students of Sandy Hook Elementary

School who survived the tragic shooting in 2012.

Laura Michele Diener, director of women's studies, made the turtles for a classroom that had a pet turtle.

Valentine Turtlegrams became popular at Marshall after the turtles were featured in a craft sale for women's studies in 2013.

"The turtles were so cute that they were gone from the craft sale about in an hour," Treftz said. "It went so well that we decided to make them and sell them for Valentines Day."

Turtlegrams will be hand-made by Anna Mummert, a math professor, Diener and other members of the Women's Studies Advisory Board and its affiliates.

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PHOTO COURTESY SHEN YUN PERFORMING ARTS

## Culture and history dance into Clay Center

*"This is a show that wouldn't normally be seen in West Virginia, so it's an event that shouldn't be missed."*

By **KAITLYN CLAY**  
THE PARTHENON

The Clay Center production of Shen Yun will bring history and culture to Charleston Wednesday and Thursday.

Shen Yun tells the 5000-year history of China within a two-and-a-half hour production through dance and music.

As a country made up of dynasties,

Chinese history comes with a variety of cultures as well as different styles of dress, music and dance.

Under communist rule, this culture and history has almost been destroyed. Shen Yun aims to bring light to a history that cannot be forgotten.

The production has its own live orchestra featuring ancient Chinese instruments and an intricate,

animated background. The costumes are handmade and tailored for each dancer with different dynasty styles.

Dong Xiang, marketing liaison, said the show takes the audience on a tour of the virtues deeply rooted within China's history.

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## TAP TAKE OVER

By **KELSIE LIVELY**  
THE PARTHENON

Bridge Brew Works Brewery's Brewmaster Nate Herrold had a Tap Takeover Monday at Black Sheep Burrito and Brews to showcase the brewery's current, seasonal beer selection.

Bridge Brew Works Brewery located in Fayetteville, West Virginia, has been in operation since Jan. 1, 2010, brewing more than 40 different flavors since opening its doors.

Herrold and his business partner, Ken Linch, are the only two employees of Bridge Brew, doing everything from sweeping the floors, to brewing the beer and everything in between.

"It's only a two person show," Herrold said. "It's fun to come

and do an event like this, once spring hits were pretty 'balls to the wall' production wise, since it's only a two person show."

Herrold has been brewing beer since the early 90s, starting with home brewing, then moving on to volunteer and work for the West Virginia Brewing Company, where he learned the entirety of the brewing process.

"I got to see everything from the start of the brew all the way to the finish," Herrold said. "Where as in most of your breweries now, if you were to take a job, you would just be a seller person or your sole job would be to keg beer, or your sole job is to bottle beer, or brew. So it was nice to see everything from start to finish and then also work with

distributors."

Herrold said the duo likes to brew the styles of beer they are happy drinking and are less concerned about meeting trend demands or fads.

"When we started six years ago there was a hop shortage so it was really tough for us to make a really hoppy IPA so we were kind of thrust into making lagers," Herrold said. "Which is good, I mean you're looking, 80 percent of the craft beer drinkers are lager drinkers, but if you cater to one particular style, you cut that other market out of your consumers. Our favorite style is the one we haven't brewed yet."

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Bridge Brew  
Works  
Brewery  
takes over  
Black Sheep





## Toyota contributes \$10,000 to Lily's Place

FILE PHOTO

By ERIKA JOHNK  
THE PARTHENON

Lily's Place received a \$10,000 contribution from Toyota to purchase necessities for the infants and babies in need.

Lily's Place is a Neonatal Abstinence Center located at 1320 7th Ave. in Huntington.

The center provides medical care assistance to infants who suffer from prenatal drug exposure, and offers education and support services to families.

Lily's Place was started by three people because their hearts went out to the babies. Sarah Murray, a nurse at Cabell Huntington Hospital and

Congressman Evan Jenkins, among others, decided to create Lily's Place in January 2013.

Lily's Place grand opening occurred in October, and since then, they have provided 9,083 diapers, 5,100 diaper wipes, 390 bottles of formula and 1,750 ounces of baby detergent to Huntington facilities.

Lily's Place is a member of the National Diaper Bank Network. It accepts all tax-deductible donations such as diapers, wipes, baby lotion, baby powder with cornstarch and baby detergent.

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## Marshall professor to perform isokinetic testing for NFL

By ALLYSON CARR  
THE PARTHENON

A Marshall University professor in the college of Health Professions heads to her seventh year with the NFL Combine for medical testing on 300 potential professional football players.

Suzanne Konz, director of the biomechanics laboratory and an associate professor, will conduct isokinetic testing for the NFL Combine in Indianapolis.

The NFL Combine found Konz after asking for volunteers. She was ready to evaluate a few hundred, college football players to determine if they are stable for the NFL, with her experience in athletic training.

Isokinetic testing measures by speed rather than by weight to base the strength and durability of a muscle. This evaluation helps determine the possible longevity of the athletes. This testing was performed on Marshall athletes in the past year.

Konz said being invited back gives her more opportunities in a press release.

"To be invited back for the seventh year in a row gives me the opportunity to build upon my knowledge of these testing devices, which benefits our own athletes here at Marshall University," Konz said.

Biomechanics offers degrees in sports performance that include exceptional hands-on learning. Professional skills are gained through real life experience in the college. Konz has the ability to help students learn about strength and conditioning in the right way.

"It's fun," Konz said. "I can see that it isn't impacting a lot of people, but hopefully those it does impact, it impacts them positively."

The 2015 NFL Combine is Feb. 16-20 at the Lucas Oil Field in Indianapolis. There is an isokinetic testing demonstration at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Athletic Training Laboratory located in Gullickson Hall room 209.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF MARSHALL COMMUNICATIONS



A Marshall athlete undergoes isokinetic testing to evaluate the strength and durability of his muscles. Through this method, testers can determine the athlete's longevity as a player.



SUZANNE KONZ

## Campus ministry to offer weekly services

By HUNTER MORRISON  
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM) is offering worship services at 9:15 p.m. every Wednesday.

The worship services give students the opportunity to eat, worship their religion and meet new people.

Devonte Edwards, Marshall student and BCM attendee, said the event is for more than just worship.

"It's a loving, warm atmosphere," Edwards said. "Students can come here and meet different people from different backgrounds and connect. Along the way, you'll learn about other's cultures and beliefs."

Ryan Wolfe, a BCM member, said several

denominations often attend.

"We offer services with United Methodist, Southern Baptist, Episcopalian and other denominations," said Wolfe. "But anyone is welcome to attend."

BCM member Tyler Hampton said the group also has ways to get involved.

"A good way to get involved with BCM would be with 'Impact Teams,' which is where you get matched with a smaller group of people, and go through the week and talk about what is on your mind," Hampton said.

The Campus Christian Center is located on campus next to the Student Center.

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## POLICE BLOTTER

All information provided by the Marshall University Police Department.

By TYLER FERRIS  
THE PARTHENON

### Larceny

An employee of the coffee shop at Drinko library reported that \$110 was stolen from her wallet Jan. 22. The female employee said she hung her wallet on a hook while she was working between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. She discovered the money was missing and reported it at 7:32 p.m. There are no suspects.

### Larceny

A resident of Twin Towers East reported his bicycle was stolen between 7 p.m. Jan. 23 and 7 a.m. Jan. 24. The male student reported the incident at 7:50 a.m. The student's grey Mongoose is valued between \$90 and \$120. There are no suspects.

### Harassment

A female student reported some harassing phone calls Jan. 24 at 2:05 a.m. The student said she texted someone who she considered to be a trusted friend and sent said person some photos. The recipient requested some inappropriate photos and the women refused. The recipient is said to have then threatened to post the photos to a "meet me" website. The officer advised the woman to block the phone number and the case is closed.

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## Interim President White to meet with cabinet for weekly open house

By AMY NAPIER  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University Interim President Gary White will meet at 3 p.m. Wednesday with university cabinet members.

The open house forum will take place in the Office of University Communications in Old Main room 213.

An open house meeting will follow on the first Wednesday of every month throughout the duration of the semester.

Senior Vice President for Communications and Marketing Ginny Painter said all members of the Marshall community are invited to discuss any questions or concerns they may have.

"We want to give

students, faculty and staff an opportunity to drop in and discuss an idea or suggestion, or to ask a question in a relaxed environment," Painter said.

Some current topics of interest include the 2015 spring legislative session, the upcoming presidential search and likely budgetary changes for all higher education institutions.

"I hope everyone will mark their calendars to stop by for a few minutes each month, have some refreshments and chat," Painter said.

The meetings will last approximately one hour.

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# SPORTS

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## Player of the week



### Ryan Taylor

Position: Forward  
Class: Sophomore  
Hometown: Indianapolis

By **BRADLEY HELTZEL**  
THE PARTHENON

Taylor put up big numbers the last two weeks and has a current streak of four straight double-doubles. Taylor's double-double performances against UTEP and Southern Miss guided the Herd to its first two conference wins of the season. Taylor scored 17 points on 6-12 field goals while also grabbing 10 rebounds and four assists in the win over UTEP. Five days later, he had 13 points (10 in the second half) and 10 rebounds in the team's second consecutive victory over Southern Miss. Despite posting a monster stat line of 20 points and 12

rebounds over the week-end, Taylor and the Herd fell on the road to C-USA leading Louisiana Tech. Taylor leads the team with averages of 15.1 points per game and 8.6 rebounds per game this season, while also ranking second in assists showcasing his versatile skillset. Taylor's combination of size and athleticism allows him to get to the rim and finish consistently. Taylor is especially dangerous when he gains momentum driving to the basket as he frequently draws fouls and gets to the line (6.1 free throw attempts per game). He also has the

ability to make shots from beyond the arc and after shedding some weight this offseason, Taylor has become more effective at creating his own shot from the perimeter. Taylor said he has changed a lot as a leader this season. "I'm More talkative on the court explaining the game to my teammates," he said. "I like being the one they look up to and being the go-to person on the court and off the court if they have questions." **Bradley Heltzel can be contacted at [heltzel@marshall.edu](mailto:heltzel@marshall.edu)**

## Former Herd baseball players still use teamwork

By **KASEY MADDEN**  
THE PARTHENON

From throwing strikes, to fielding hits, to the daily operations of Marshall University, three former Herd baseball players still know the meaning of teamwork. John Winters, Director of Printing Services Brian Morgan, chair and associate of Integrated Science and Technology and Sargent Scott Ballou of the Marshall University Police Department, played baseball at Marshall in the early 1990s. "The skills diminish over time and all that, but I made some friends that I still have to this day," Winters said. Winters came on a baseball scholarship from Lincoln County with 80 people in his graduating class. Winters started as a relief pitcher, as an underclassman, finally making it into the rotation his junior year and becoming a conference starter his senior year. Winters said he thanks his athletic career to landing him a career at the university. In May he will have worked 19 consecutive years at Marshall. "I like being a staff member, and I think Marshall University has really afforded me a lot of opportunities and primarily of which is to stay in this region," Winters said. "You know if you're going to be around here, I think that this is the place to work, and I couldn't be happier." At a game in Appalachian State, Winters pitched his only complete game shutout. In the last inning of the game, Morgan was forced in to catch for Winters.

Morgan grew up across the Ohio River in Chesapeake, Ohio, received a full academic scholarship from the university and was invited to walk on the team. "I got the best of both worlds," Morgan said. "I got to play baseball and have my education paid for." Morgan attributes the opportunities Marshall afforded him not only on the field, but in the classroom as well, to let him be where he is today. "I miss playing baseball," Morgan said. "I still think about it a lot. My experience there I wouldn't trade for anything." The lessons Morgan learned on and off the field at Marshall, stems from his father teaching him to be a gentleman of the game. "To be competitive and courteous at the same time, try to outsmart your opponent, so some of those things you can take truly through life," Morgan said. Morgan tries to share the same lessons his father taught him about life and baseball with his children while he coaches them in youth sports. "Trying to instill not only the game, but also a love of the game. How not only to play the game of baseball, but play the game of life as well," Morgan said. Ballou attended high school in Florida and met a Marshall coach in the summer of 1992. "I was really taken in by a lot of people here. I came from a long way so I didn't really know anybody," Ballou said. Ballou said his original plan was to **See BASEBALL | Page 5**

## Herd football reveals 2015 schedule

**MARSHALL UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL**  
**2015 SCHEDULE**

SEPT. 5	PURDUE
SEPT. 12	AT OHIO
SEPT. 19	NORFOLK STATE
SEPT. 26	AT KENT STATE
OCT. 3	OLD DOMINION
OCT. 10	SOUTHERN MISS
OCT. 17	AT FLORIDA ATLANTIC
OCT. 24	NORTH TEXAS
OCT. 31	AT CHARLOTTE
NOV. 7	AT MIDDLE TENNESSEE
NOV. 14	FIU
NOV. 21	BYE WEEK
NOV. 28	AT WESTERN KENTUCKY

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By **SHANNON STOWERS**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

C-USA and Marshall University football announced its 2015 regular season schedule Monday. Coming off a 13-1 season, the defending C-USA champion will look to carry its success from 2014 into a new season. The Thundering Herd will open the 2015 season at home against the Purdue University Boilermakers Sept. 5. Purdue, a member of the Big 10 conference, represents the lone Power Five school on the Herd's schedule. With the new playoff committee rankings in 2014, the Herd was criticized for not having a Power Five school on its schedule. "The fact that we will host a Big Ten team for the first time in our history speaks volumes about our approach to scheduling," Marshall athletic director

Mike Hamrick said in a press release. The Herd will once again, face multiple teams from the Mid-American Conference. Marshall will travel to Athens, Ohio, to face Ohio University for the Battle of the Bell Sept. 12 and two weeks later, hit the road again to take on the Kent State University Flash. Sandwiched between those two MAC matchups is a home tilt with Norfolk State University. The Spartans, who play in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, finished 2014 with a record of 4-8 (4-4 in the MEAC). Marshall will open conference play with two home games starting Oct. 3 with Old Dominion University. The following week, the Herd will welcome the University of Southern Mississippi to Huntington. After going on the road to face Florida

Atlantic University in the same stadium that it won the Boca Raton Bowl, the Herd will take on the University of North Texas in Huntington Oct. 24. The meeting between the Herd and the Mean Green will be the first and only time since 1988, a 7-0 Marshall win in the first round of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. The following week, Marshall will travel to Charlotte, North Carolina, where it will face the 49ers in its inaugural season in C-USA. The University of North Carolina at Charlotte started its football program in 2013, going 5-6 in the two seasons since as an independent team in the Football Championship Subdivision. Marshall will stay on the road for a second week in a row when it goes to Middle Tennessee State University Nov. 7.

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EDITORIAL

The new trend in body shaming: skinny-fat

Both big humans and small humans have had to deal with fat shaming and skinny shaming, both of which are equally terrible things to do. Medium-sized are generally safe from any hostile body comments.

Sorry, not anymore.

"Skinny-fat" is a term that has gained popularity among average people, because apparently everyone needs to be self-deprecating, and actually appreciating one's own body is just a thing of the past. A quick Google search of the term will provide hundreds of results with titles like

"Overcoming skinny-fat: losing fat and gaining muscle" and "652 Things Only Skinny-Fat People Understand."

There is a real problem beyond body-shaming associated with the term. Medically speaking, a skinny-fat person is someone whose diet consists mainly of pizza and cheeseburgers, never works out, but doesn't seem to gain weight. These people still have the same cholesterol, blood pressure, and heart problems overweight people tend to have. This is a dangerous place to be because

of thinness being associated with healthfulness.

For the purpose of this editorial, a skinny-fat person is someone who is not necessarily overweight, not underweight, and not toned. So really, it's just an average person, solid size medium.

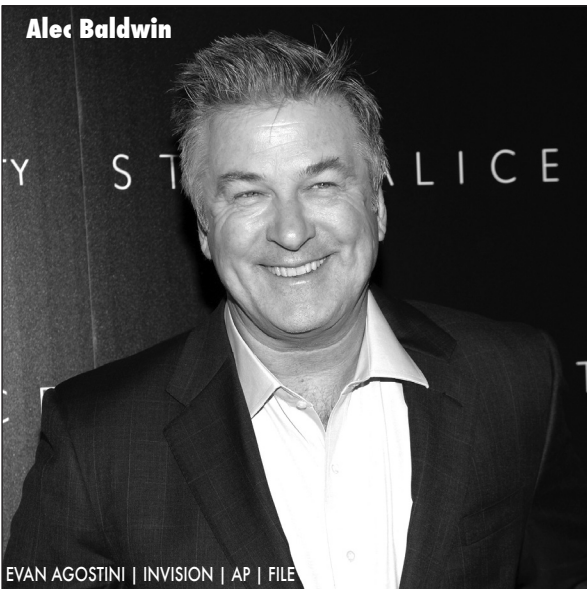
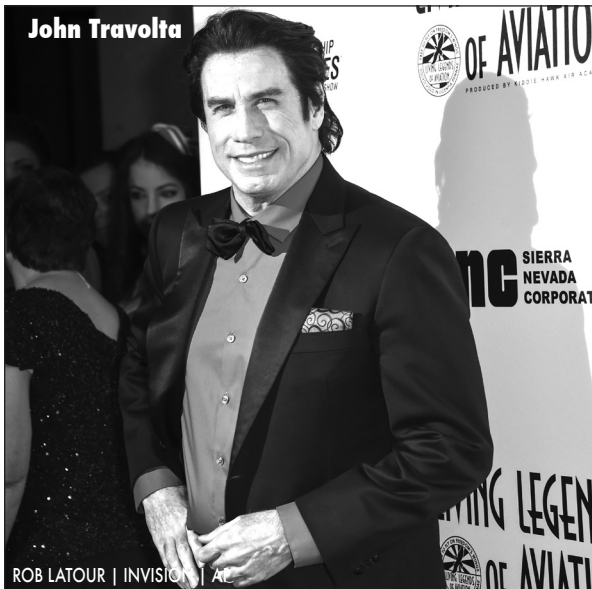
Skinny-fat is primarily directed toward males whose stomachs are not necessarily flat, washboard abs. Females generally avoid skinny-fat shaming because of the advent of the term "curvy," which is now being widely embraced as positive. This is proof that

women are not the only ones who have unrealistic aesthetic standards shoved upon them by societal constructions.

Why is it necessary to make people feel bad about themselves? Everyone is supposed to have a little bit of fat. It has a biological function. All bodies are good bodies. Yes, one should do everything necessary to be healthy, but everyone should appreciate himself or herself and how they look. This can be applied to things other than weight as well—from height to eyebrow shape.



Male celebrities receive their share of the skinny-fat backlash, especially those who don't have the chiseled abs and otherwise well-defined bodies we expect male celebrities to possess.



STATE EDITORIAL

Program facilitates interaction between police and community

THE REGISTER-HERALD

America's relationship with its police forces has been strained lately, following media coverage of unfortunate shooting incidents in Ferguson, Missouri, and in Cleveland, and most recently in New Jersey.

And then there were the assassinations of two officers in New York City by a gunman who took his own life.

Locally, two police officers in Lewisburg were shot during a highway stop on I-64. Two suspects remain in custody, and fortunately the officers have recovered.

Police work is a difficult job, and most Americans know it. Which is why, when it comes to using deadly force while performing those jobs, most Americans, as well as our court system, are willing to give police officers great leeway.

We think our relationship with our local law enforcement officers in southern West Virginia is better than in most places in the country.

Still, we were heartened to see the Beckley Police Department participating in the

national Coffee with a Cop program.

"The whole purpose of this is to kind of open up the interaction between the police and the community," Chief Lonnie Christian told The Register-Herald. "Unfortunately, we get so tied up just responding from call to call that there's no time that the community gets to sit down, meet the officers and make that connection."

To date, over 175 cities in the country have participated, allowing police officers and the public to interact in a neutral setting, not a crisis situation, where residents can put a face to a badge.

Chief Christian made some excellent points in that interview, including one we think is worth exploring further.

He said some folks want them to be "Andy Griffith," and others want them to be "CSI," the popular TV show detailing the advanced forensic work that is probably done nowhere else but on the TV show's set.

What the chief was alluding to, we believe, is that sometimes our expectations of the role of local police are clouded

by perceptions we forge that have nothing to do with real police work, just a media recreation of police work.

We think our local prosecutors, too, have had to suffer due to inflated expectations of people who think they should be testing for DNA to solve every burglary.

It just isn't possible, or affordable, to bring a "CSI" mentality to every local crime scene. And the public's expectations need to be aligned to conform to that reality.

And Coffee with a Cop seems, to us, a perfect way to begin to do just that.

If you're interested, the first event will be this Friday at the McDonald's at the Beckley Plaza, near Staples, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

The second event will be Feb. 23 at the Prince Street McDonald's, just below the Beckley Police Station, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

A third event will be March 25 at the Galleria Chick-fil-A from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

"I'll buy the coffee," the chief told us.

We intend to take him up on that. We hope you will, too.



Wanda Brandon cries out as St. Louis Police Sgt. Brian Rossomanno moves people out of the way as a meeting of a proposed civilian oversight review board got out of control at City Hall Wednesday. The first public discussion about a proposed civilian police oversight board in St. Louis was cut short after a commotion broke out in the crowd.

AP PHOTO | ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH | ROBERT COHEN



BASEBALL

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baseball, graduate and go back to Florida. Instead, he stayed because he met a West Virginia girl.

He took a job with the campus police department in 1999, knowing he could still help out with the team and relate to the players.

“It’s kind of neat still being here,” Ballou said. “There’s something special about Marshall. It’s neat to still be involved.”

The teamwork skills Ballou learned in his baseball days, he still carries with him today as he raises his children and teaches the R.A.D. program, a self-defense class for female students.

“You want to be the best you can be and I take that same mentality, whether that’s teaching my kids or teaching women how to defend themselves, I take that same passion,” Ballou said.

Ballou tries to stay involved with the team, whether it is occasionally throwing batting practice or speaking to a group of student athletes.

“I enjoy still being around and interacting with the student athletes that’s very important to me,” Ballou said.

As the three cross paths on campus, they are reminded the teamwork they learned, opportunities they were given and lessons they learned from days together on the baseball field.

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FOOTBALL

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For the first time since 2009, the Herd will host a home football game on Nov. 14, the 45th anniversary of the plane crash that killed 75 players, coaches, fans and staff. Marshall will face the Golden Panthers of Florida International University.

Following its showdown with FIU, the Herd will have a bye week before facing Western Kentucky University in the regular season finale Nov. 28.

Marshall will be looking for revenge when it travels to Bowling Green, Kentucky after the Hilltoppers escaped Huntington with a win in 2014, dashing the Herd’s hopes of an undefeated season in the final game of the regular season.

The schedule gives the Herd six home games and the option for Marshall fans to travel to numerous road games. Five of six road games are within seven hours of Huntington, within driving distance for Herd fans.

“Five of our six road games are very drivable for our fan base, which - given our support - is a plus,” Hamrick said in the release. “We also host three games in October, something that hasn’t happened around here since 1998.”

It should be noted that all dates are subject to change once television networks begin to schedule their programming closer to fall.

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PENNSYLVANIA

GROUNDHOG 'FORECASTS'

6 MORE WEEKS OF WINTER



Groundhog Club handler Ron Ploucha, left, holds Punxsutawney Phil, the weather prognosticating groundhog, during the 129th celebration of Groundhog Day on Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pa., Monday, Feb. 2, 2015. Phil saw his shadow, predicting six more weeks of winter weather. (AP Photo/Gene J. Puskar)

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PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. (AP) -- The handlers of Pennsylvania’s most famous groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, said Monday the furry rodent has forecast six more weeks of winter.

Members of the top hat-wearing Inner Circle announced the "prediction" Monday morning.

A German legend has it that if a furry rodent sees his shadow on Feb. 2, winter will last another six weeks. If not, spring comes early.

The forecast was also announced on Twitter, as was referenced in the official proclamation read by Jeff Lundy, the Fair Weatherman of the Inner Circle.

"Forecasts abound on the Internet, but, I, Punxsutawney Phil am still your best bet. Yes, a shadow I see, you can start to Twitter, hash tag: Six more weeks of winter!"

The forecast was delivered after a steady pre-dawn rain turned to snow as temperatures dropped from the high 30s to around freezing. They were forecast to keep dropping over much of the state, prompting the state Department of Transportation to lower the

speed limit to 45 mph for many interstate highways which were already wet and expected to freeze or be covered with snow as the day wore on.

The rain kept some revelers away, with state police estimating the crowd at around 11,000, slightly smaller than in recent years when upward of 15,000 attended.

Despite the German legend, Phil's handlers don't wait to see if he sees his shadow - as he likely would not have on such an overcast day. Instead, the Inner Circle decide on the forecast ahead of time and announce it on Gobbler's Knob, a tiny hill in the town for which the groundhog is named, about 65 miles northeast of Pittsburgh.

Records going back to 1887 show Phil has now predicted more winter 102 times while forecasting an early spring just 17 times. There are no records for the remaining years.

Phil's counterpart in New York City, Statens Island Chuck, delivered a conflicting message in calling for an early spring after not seeing his shadow.

Chuck emerged from his home at the Staten Island

Zoo early Monday and took part in a new ceremony that didn't include being held by New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio.

Last year, in de Blasio’s first time at the annual ceremony, the rodent slipped from his grasp and fell to the ground. It died weeks later.

A medical exam revealed it died of internal injuries, but zoo officials said it was unclear if they were caused by the fall from de Blasio's arms. Zoo officials didn’t make the death public for months.

The accident became a source of teasing for the mayor, and de Blasio himself suggested Monday that "teams of animal behavior experts and scientists have consulted from all over the country" to keep the groundhog safe.

In Wisconsin, the mayor of Sun Prairie might not be getting too close to a groundhog again.

During a celebration Monday, the handler of Jimmy the groundhog held the animal next the face of Mayor Jonathan Freund, and Jimmy promptly bit down on the mayor's left ear.

Freund flinched, but went on with the event.

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They try to choose flavors to complement their Long Point Lager, offering three different draft beers at one time. They also offer a variety of bottled beer.

Harrold said each and every brew has a special place in his heart, but none more than the Momma Rye IPA, which is released around Mother’s Day every year.

“That was my mother's maiden name, and she past away from ovarian cancer so the proceeds from that beer go to ovarian cancer awareness,” Herrold said. “That one is really special.”

The growth of craft breweries will continue with the positive feed back from the local craft beer consumer community. They are more knowledgeable about the process of brewing beer and the styles and flavors they want to see.

“I think the continual growth will always be there, but its putting quality before quantity,”

Herrold said. “Its having consistency in your product. It's kind of fun for us as a brewer and an industry to also think outside of the box to spark that interest again.”

Victoria Williston, bartender at Black Sheep, said she sees the sales of local beer as having a positive effect on the local community and economy.

“It is helping people see how it is effecting the economic role in our local community and they really like that,” Williston said. “Even though they might not be completely onboard with the taste of the beer they’ll support it just because of the fact that it is supporting local breweries and helping the economic flow of our local area.”

“Meet the Brewer Monday” is a growing trend at Black Sheep where the community is able to come face to face with the people behind local beer production and learn about the process of brewing beer and taste the variety beers the brewery has to offer.

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SHEN YUN

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“It really shows the principle virtues of compassion, wisdom and loyalty that are at the heart of this culture,” Xiang said. “It is a great chance to introduce Chinese culture to those who have never studied it. It honestly is a learning experience.”

Originating in New York, Shen Yun brings top talent from around the world to participate in the production. Each year the show

travels for about six months performing in nearly 20 countries and more than 100 cities.

Shen Yun uses the two languages everyone is fluent in: music and dance.

However, Xiang said the dance style is a little different than those in most performances.

“This is much different than the ballet dance style.” Xiang said. “This is a unique art form that is much more expressive than most.”

Amy Xue, production

volunteer, said she had heard only reviews of praise for the show.

“One person told me they left the show feeling 10 years younger,” Xue said. “This is a show that wouldn't normally be seen in West Virginia, so it's an event that shouldn't be missed.”

Tickets can be purchased at the Clay Center box office.

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What is one piece of advice that you would give to a large group of people?

"Go jump in a river!"



## Open Mic Night gives new artists a launchpad

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The V-Club in Huntington gives musicians the opportunity to show off their skills every Wednesday for Open Mic Night. The V-Club has been hosting Open Mic Night since it opened. Don Duncan, booking manager for the V-Club said he sees the importance of keeping Open Mic Nights going for the public. "The name kind of says it all, it's open to anyone that performs live music," Duncan said. "It's somewhere, where if you're trying to get your start and get your stage practice in, or just enjoy playing out." Duncan said the continuation of Open Mic Night is important for the development of young artists, giving them the opportunity to gain experience

playing in front of a live crowd. "Open Mic Night is great," Duncan said. "A lot of people come in for the specials of course, but a lot of people come in to play music, see who's playing, a lot of new talent has come from Open Mic Night." Erik Woods from Greenwood, South Carolina, said he has been participating in Open Mic Night for about four years and has been playing music since middle school. "Open Mic Night is an opportunity for someone who hasn't ever played in front of people before to try it out and see if they like it," Woods said. "In a lot of ways it leads to opportunities for serious musicians to develop a following." Duncan said Open Mic Night is great for the community. It gives local young artists the

opportunity to develop their skills and become the musician that they want to be. "For sure, it's important for the community to have anything to do with the arts," Duncan said. "It's kind of like a launching pad for people to go and perform elsewhere, and create a larger following in the scene." Woods said it gives him the chance to perform his own style and allows the crowd to become familiar with his music. "Very important," Woods said. "I get to experiment and try out new songs and play old songs in different ways that I wouldn't normally if I had a legitimate show." The V-Club is located at 741 6th Ave. **Kelsie Lively can be contacted at [lively37@marshall.edu](mailto:lively37@marshall.edu).**

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