Community celebrates Black History Month with Soul Food Feast

By Nichole Henderson

The event has been celebrated on Marshall's campus for more than 25 years.

Nichole Cooley, associate vice president of Intercultural Affairs, said it was created to model the traditional African-American Sunday dinner.

“Growing up, Sundays were ‘Sunday Dinner Day’ so that’s when most families gathered and they talked about whatever the family did during the week, and it was always over some good food,” Jackson said. “So we’re trying to keep that tradition up in our community and on campus.”

Although the food is a major part of this event, it isn’t the biggest take away,” Cooley said.

“I think it is more about the experience and people coming together to celebrate their love,” Cooley said. “To me, the food is secondary and the most important part of what we are doing today is to gather the people in the community.”

Derek Robinson, graduate assistant in the Center for African American Students, said Marshall students attend this event annually because of the good experiences.

“I attended this event in past years and the food, of course, was amazing, and then also the commodity with all of the friends and the laughter was great,” Robinson said.

The buffet menu included fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, collard greens, the special of the day, chitterlings and much more.

Athletic training major Jamecia James said she had a favorite dish of the day.

“I liked the macaroni and cheese and the chicken the best, and the greens, oh yes, the greens were my favorite,” James said.

Cooley said the Marshall community can look forward to the next Soul Food Feast in February 2016.

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By Sofie Wachtmeister

Advocates for Saving Adoptable Pets (ASAP) sponsored the second Love is a Four Legged Word adoption celebration Saturday at Big Sandy Superbowl Arena.

The animals were brought from the Huntington Cabell Wayne Animal Shelter.

The four-hour event allowed visitors to play with dogs, puppies, kittens and cats in hopes that someone would take them home.

The regular $95 adoption fee was lowered to $50, which included a voucher for the first veterinarian visit as well as spaying or neutering.

Natalie Cummings, volunteer coordinator at the Cabell Wayne Animal Shelter and president of ASAP, said she is pleased with the turnout of the event.

“We've had great support,” Cummings said. “We have so many volunteers keeping track of the animals. It’s been a great experience. Our goal is to have almost last year’s record of 32 animals adopted in one day.”

Dana Rotterdam has been a volunteer of Cabell Wayne Shelter for 3 years and helps with adoption here.

“It’s important for people to rescue shelter animals because you will have the most loyal pet ever!” Rotterdam said. “It’s amazing how they adapt to a new home, it’s unbelievable.”

Huntington Mayor Steve Williams was in attendance, showing appreciation for animals that need a place to call home.

“When I start to think about it I get a little emotional,” Williams said. “Who of us haven’t had our lives transformed by our pets? When you look at these four-legged animals, my wife said it best: ‘If only people could be as loving and forgiving as these animals are.’”

Williams has two rescue dogs at home, and he said he believes these events are vital to raising awareness.

“All they want is to be loved,” Williams said. “That’s why it’s important to have these events. It’s a failure to all of us when we have to put one down. These events give us the opportunity to save them. They save our hearts.”

At least 40 animals were sent back to the shelter to get more animals to bring to the adoption celebration.

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Crum said he has always wanted to work in the university system when this position became available, he said:

“I’ve been a really big supporter of Marshall since leaving here, and when this opportunity came up, it was a great opportunity to put my PR degree promoting one of the largest metropolitan sportscan do whatever you want on the field and take drivers around and use my PR degree promoting one of the largest metropolitan sportscan do whatever you want on the field and take drivers around and use

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Men’s basketball picks up eighth win

By ADAM POLKET

Marshmallow University’s men’s basketball team earned its third consecutive CUSA home victory Saturday for the first time since 2012 with an 80-75 win over the University of North Texas. The Thundering Herd started the contest off with a 6-0 run prior to its back-to-back three pointers to build a 9-0 advantage. The Mean Green answered with a 12-0 run of its own, later in the first half and added an 8-0 run early in the second half as well.

The Herd has lacked the ability to overcome these deficits for most of the season, but is now starting to find itself when it needs to. Coach coach D’Antoni did not have a true explanation for the turn around. “No idea. No idea.”

D’Antoni said. “Except that you develop chemistry in this team, experiment certain things. I’d like to say I gave a Rocky speech, but I didn’t. I’ve always been the type of person to be a hustler player, Johnson said. “If I can get down there and get an offensive rebound, that’s what’s going to fire me up.”

The Mean Green fell to 9-13 (3-7) with the loss and is now 0-9 on the season when allowing 70 points or more.

The Herd rode to 6-0 (6-7) after the victory. The Herd will take on Western Kentucky University in the CUSA Henderson Center Saturday.

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One-man band brings folk style to Black Sheep

Daniel Bayer of one-man band My Brother the Bear plays a set at Black Sheep Burrito and Brown Saturday.

By KARIMA NEGHMOUCHE

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Cellar Door offers upscale hideout

By KELSIE LIVELY

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15 Quick Questions with Daniel Bayer: My Brother The Bear

Vinyl, CD, or digital?
Vinyl.

Favorite city?
Cincinnati.

Favorite country?
Spain.

Favorite color?
Blue.

Favorite song?
"Sitting on the dock of the bay" Otis Redding.

Favorite band?
Beatles.

Favorite food?
Pizza.

Favorite movie?
Gangs of New York.

Favorite TV show?
Blacklist.

Favorite sport?
Baseball.

Nickname?
Blacklist.

Pet peeve?
I don’t really have one.

Tattoos?
Yes. Two.

Favorite TV show?
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"We have something to say in West Virginia, and I want to prove that, especially when it comes to food." - JAMES ROACH