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Snow postpones Science Olympiad, rescheduled

By PATRICK BREEDEN

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“I used to work in Texas and I opened two complete centers. I know how to do it,” Winfrey said. “Here it was finding the right person who heard what I said to get up to the dean’s level. The dean got excited when he heard about this. He’s fully behind it."

Winfrey said a total of 15 high school teams and 13 middle school teams are expected to participate in the event. One team from each level will win the opportunity to go on to the Olympiad school teams are expected to participate in the event. One team from each level will win the opportunity to go on to the Olympiad.

The opening ceremony will be conducted by Tony Cavalier, chief meteorologist at WSGA. The closing ceremony will be conducted by Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp.

Schools register for $250 per team and $150 for each additional team. Scholarships are available on a first come, first serve basis for those who cannot afford the registration fee.

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Jewel City, Chemical Valley Rollergirls invite Ohio teams to Big Sandy for double header

By SOFIE WACHTMEISTER

The inaugural Roller Derby Double Header is 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena.

Four roller derby teams are participating in the event. The first bout is a matchup between the Chemical Valley Rollergirls of Charleston and the Ohio Valley Rollergirls of Martins Ferry, Ohio. Directly following is a matchup between the Jewel City Biker Girls of Huntington and the Appalachian Bull Busters of Akron, Ohio.

Victoria "V Bomb" Hodge said she has been skating with the Jewel City Biker Girls for about a year and a half. “We’ve always been a pretty big sports person,” Hodge said. "Now that high school is over with, I didn’t have much else to do. I like contact sports and roller skating, so it really worked out.

Hodge said she is looking forward to the matchup with the Appalachian Bull Busters because the two teams have a connection.

“We have a really great relationship with this team,” Hodge said. “We usually choose them to do any off-season scrimmages, and we hang out when we get the chance.”

Hodge encourages members of the Huntington community to come learn what roller derby is about.

Roller Derby has changed a lot over the years,” Hodge said. “It’s not the same theatrical sport it was in the ’70s. If you enjoy anything exhilarating, this is something you would enjoy. It’s very empowering.”

Tickets are $10 in advance and $15 at the door. Kids ages 2-11 are $5. Student discounts will be available with proper identification. Tickets are available for purchase in advance at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena Box Office.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

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By ADAM POLSKY

Marshall University’s women’s basketball team dropped its third straight contest in a 74-48 loss to Middle Tennessee State University Thursday in the Cam Henderson Center.

The Herd ended up turning the ball over 15 times in the contest, which was the same number as field goals and free throws made for the Thundering Herd.

Senior guard Leah Scott dismissed the idea that the weather negatively affected her team’s performance.

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Middle Tennessee is led by senior forward Cheyenne Parker, who scored a new career-high of 23 points and finished 7-7 from three point range. Jones also contributed 22 points and has now poured in at least 20 points in 14 of her last 18 games.

The game marked the first trip to Huntington for the Blue Raiders. MTSU is in its second year as a member of C-USA, but is already on its way to consecutive conference titles with an 11-2 conference record heading into this matchup.

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Parker, along with sophomore guard Tamara Jones, make up the second best scoring tandem in the nation, averaging a combined 39.7 points per game.

Parker would not play a major factor in the outcome, however, as she was plagued with foul trouble for most of the first half. She did not enter the second half after the game was out of reach. Despite playing only 14 minutes, Parker was able finish with 10 rebounds.

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By KELLY LIVELY
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TIME: 9 P.M.
ADMISSION: $8
LOCATION: The V-Club

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FRIDAY, FEB. 20
7:30 p.m. Monday at the Huntington University Performing Arts Center.

‘Anything Goes’ sails onto Keith Albee stage Monday

By KAITLYN CLAY
MARSHALL

Broadway musical, ‘Any- thing Goes’ takes the stage 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Keith Albee Performing Arts Center.

‘Anything Goes’ is the winner of three Tony Awards including Best Musical Revival and Best Choreography.

Cleo Porter, American composer and songwriter, created the musical comedy that celebrates the 1930s. The musical follows the highs and lows of the characters aboard the S.S. America as they head out to sea and two unlikely couples escape off the course to true love.

Ray Flores, who plays Luke, said he loves how diverse the show is for the audience.

“It’s great because people can relate to this piece,” Flores said. “Everyone can do write what I don’t ever get in a big rush. I’m thinking about.”

McComb has spent the last 15 years following his dream to becoming a power- house musician. McComb started singing and playing guitar at 8 years-old in his home state of Idaho, drawing his musical inspiration from the singer-song- writers and guitar greats that he’s grown up listening to.

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McComb also wrote on the Grammy nominated soundtrack for The Blue Collar Comedy Tour. His song, ‘Weirdos’ will return to New York to finish on Broadway.

Tickets are free for Mar- shall students and can be picked up at the John C. Ed- wards Playhouse. Kaitlyn Clay can be contacted at clay122@marshall.edu.

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Local businesses staying busy despite snow

By CAITLIN FOWLES

Local businesses in Huntington are open despite the amount of snow that has covered the area.

“Even though employees cannot make it to work and customers do not want to leave the safety and warmth of their homes, Brandon Smith, McDonald’s crew trainer, said the drive-through lanes of local fast-food restaurants are staying busy.

“The first night of all the snow we closed the lobby an hour earlier than normal, but since then we’ve had regular hours,” Smith said. “We get a lot of customers in the drive-through and a lot of students.”

Smith said on the first night of snow nearly all the other businesses on Fifth Avenue closed early except for McMen- inn and a Cook Out. They were very busy because they are the only businesses on the Marshall side of the strip open late into the night.

Marco’s Pizza on Fifth Avenue has been busy, and according to delivery person Mitchell Bennett, the lunch numbers have been increasing because no one wants to leave the safety of their homes.

“It takes a little bit longer to deliver pizzas because the roads are so bad and because most delivery guys have cars,” Bennett said.

Business owners are preparing to keep their businesses open despite the amount of time the snow will stick around.

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