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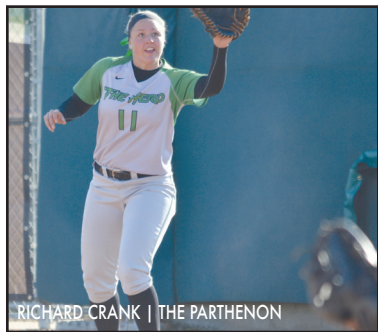
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## TODAY'S WEATHER:

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**Tuesday**

**Morning**  
Cold Start  
Partly Cloudy  
43

**Afternoon**  
Windy Gusts up to 25mph  
64

**Night**  
Clouds Increase,  
Rain Moves In  
45

Forecast provided by Student Meteorologists Bradley Walls & Joseph Fitzwater



## THE NEW NORMAL

LAMBDA Society unofficially marries couples to kick off Pride Week

By CAITLIN FOWLKES  
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Lambda Society represented the gay community Monday by unofficially marrying couples to start off Pride Week.

West Virginia became one of 37 states to legalize gay marriage Oct. 9, 2014.

Britta Aquirre, vice president of the Lambda Society, said anyone could be married, and to prove that point, the first couple of the day was a straight couple.

"We want to normalize things," Aquirre said. "We want to say, 'Hey, we are the same, and we should be treated as such.'"

Breonna Patterson, president of the society, said during the first hour of the event, six couples and one trio were married.

Couples paid \$5 to be unofficially married under a fabric-laden arch complete with choice of bouquets or bow ties.

Participants received pictures, an unofficial marriage certificate, two wedding rings and two cupcakes.

Half of the funds raised during Pride Week will go to the Huntington Cabell Wayne Animal Shelter.

Patterson said each year the society chooses an important organization in Huntington to give half the funds is raises.

"We try to choose an organization that serves a really good purpose, and the animal shelter definitely does," Patterson said.

The rest of the week's events are free and open to the public.

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Samantha Lengyel and Jenna Jenkins, sophomore accounting and finances majors, participate in Marriage Day inside of the Memorial Student Center Monday.

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## PRIDE WEEK

TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY

'Milk' and Milkshakes  
7 p.m. Drinko 402

Tie-dye Fundraiser  
11 a.m. MSC  
Sexuality Workshop  
7 p.m. Marco's Room

Panel Discussion  
7 p.m. Drinko 402  
Luminary Ceremony  
9 p.m. MSC

Pride Picnic  
3 p.m. Altizer Park

## Traveling reed duo stops at Marshall

By KAITLYN CLAY  
THE PARTHENON

The Post-Haste Reed Duo of Sean Fredenburg on the saxophone and Javier Rodriguez on the bassoon took place Monday at the Marshall University Jomie Jazz Center.

The duo came together in 2009 touring colleges and universities across the U.S.

They have performed and presented master classes in woodwind performance, chamber music and entrepreneurship.

The performance included a piece written with the duo in mind called "Soundscapes" by Michael Johanson.

Fredenburg described the reasoning behind the writing of this piece as a description of the heart of their home in Portland, Oregon.

"'Snowscapes' that is the second part of 'Soundscapes' is basically about this past winter when Portland finally experienced winter," Fredenburg said. "We have two snow plows in our entire county, so that song really captures the bleakness and isolation everyone went through."

Caleb Hardy, a music student at Marshall, said it was great to hear this style of music because it is not something he is used to.

"I don't play this kind of music, I prefer a more jazz style," Hardy said. "It's cool to hear a different approach to music because I play and listen to jazz constantly."

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# SOCIETY OF BLACK SCHOLARS TO RECOGNIZE ACCOMPLISHED STUDENTS

**By CAITLIN FOWLKES**  
THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Society of Black Scholars will give awards 6 p.m. Wednesday to recognize African-American students who are not in the society but have excelled in academics and extra-curricular activities on campus.

The ceremony will take place in the Shawkey Dining Room in the Memorial Student Center.

The Carter G. Woodson Distinguished Student Award is one of the awards being given.

Darius Booker, committee chair of the Carter G. Woodson Award Ceremony, said

each year the society is given three new projects to undertake throughout the year.

The group of 10 scholars who created the event planned everything from choosing the students who will receive the awards to the food being served at the reception.

Members of the group handpicked students they thought excelled in classes, and activities around campus.

"One of the great things about this is that it is not an event that Maurice Cooley created," Booker said. "It's not an event that the University created. It's an event that students on campus created to honor other students."

Woodson was chosen as the namesake for

the award because he educated African-Americans about their history, and because he lived in Huntington and educated West Virginians on the subject during his stay.

Woodson established Black History Month and was one of the first African-American scholars to study African-American history.

"He's done so much to let us, as African-American students, take pride in what we do," Booker said. "Without him, there would be no Black History Month. He's allowed us to have events like this to honor African-Americans."

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# FLAGS OF THE FIELD

Red flags are arranged on Buskirk Field to raise awareness of domestic abuse; they also serve as a preface to the Walk A Mile in Her Shoes event Thursday, which will begin at noon on Buskirk Field. Male participants of the event will walk one mile in high heel shoes to show their support and empathy for the cause.

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# Bombing trial enters penalty phase amid life or death debate

**By DENISE LAVOIE**  
AP LEGAL AFFAIRS WRITER

The guilt phase of Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's trial was considered a slam dunk for prosecutors, especially after his lawyers bluntly admitted during opening statements that he participated in the deadly 2013 attack.

But the outcome of the next phase of the trial is much more difficult to predict. The same jury must decide whether Tsarnaev, 21, should be put to death or spend the rest of his life in prison. The penalty phase begins Tuesday in U.S. District Court.

Debate over whether Tsarnaev should get the death penalty intensified recently after the parents of Martin Richard, an 8-year-old boy who was killed in the bombings, urged federal authorities to consider taking death off the table in exchange for Tsarnaev spending the rest of his life in prison and giving up his rights to appeal.

"We know that the government has its reasons for seeking the death penalty, but the continued pursuit of that punishment could bring years of appeals and prolong reliving the most painful day of our lives," Bill and Denise Richard said in a statement to The Boston Globe last week.

A married couple who lost limbs in the attack also asked the U.S. Justice Department not to pursue the death penalty.

"If there is anyone who deserves the ultimate punishment, it is the defendant. However, we

must overcome the impulse for vengeance," Jessica Kensky and Patrick Downes said in a statement to the Globe Sunday.

Kensky and Downes were newlyweds when two bombs exploded near the marathon finish line on April 15, 2013, killing three people and injuring more than 260. They each lost their left

Legal experts differ on whether the pleas from victims will persuade the federal government to drop its bid for the death penalty.

"If the Justice Department seriously takes into consideration the feelings of the family members in this case, they have every justification to take death off the table," said Robert

Public opinion polls have shown that a majority of Boston-area residents oppose the death penalty for Tsarnaev.

Massachusetts abolished the state death penalty more than 30 years ago, but Tsarnaev is charged under the federal death penalty statute. The 12 jurors who will decide his fate all told a

judge they would be willing to consider the death penalty if they believed the facts of the case and the law called for it. They also said they would consider life in prison.

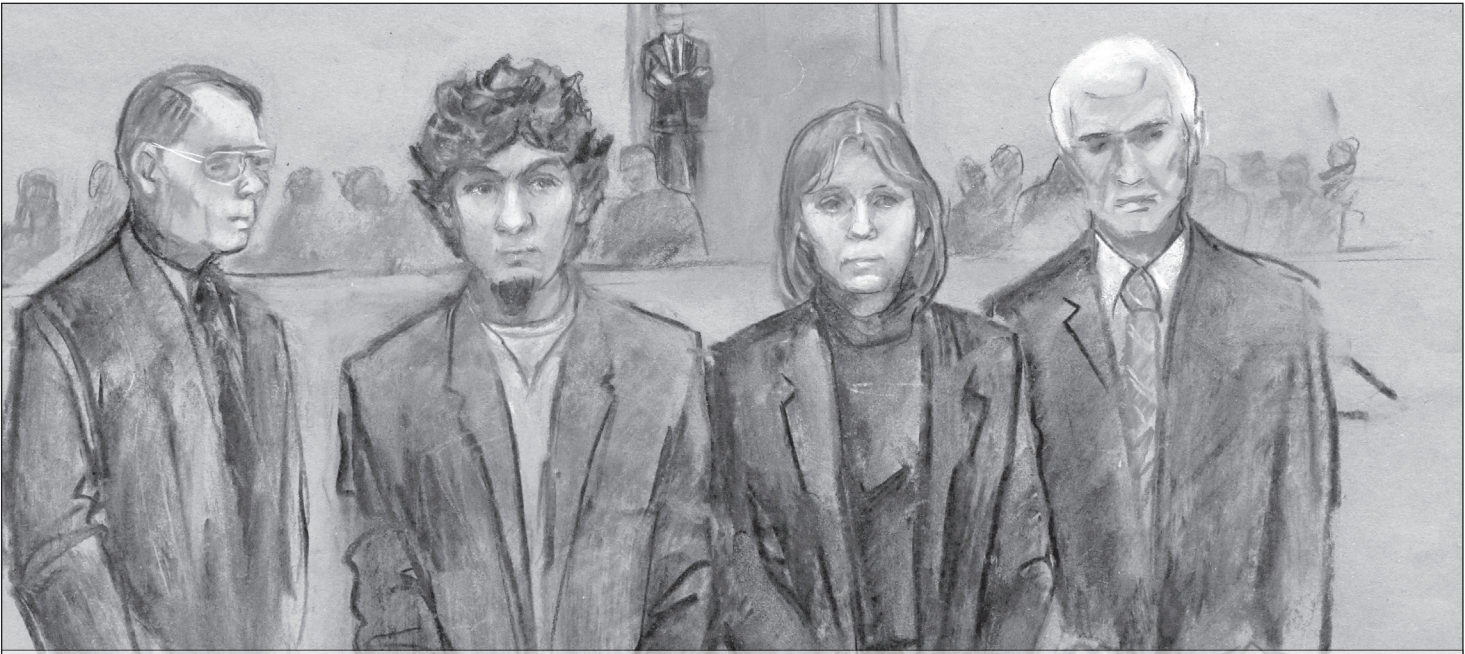
During the penalty phase, the defense will continue to portray Tsarnaev's brother, Tamerlan, 26, as a domineering follower of radical Islam who convinced his then 19-year-old brother that America had to be punished for its wars in Muslim countries. Tamerlan died four days after the bombings when he was shot during a fire-fight with police and run over by Dzhokhar during a getaway attempt.

Prosecutors are expected to emphasize the brutality of the bombings by calling more survivors to testify. During the first phase, several survivors testified about devastating injuries,

including lost limbs.

Others described watching friends and loved ones die, including Martin Richard, the 8-year-old Boston boy; Lingzi Lu, a 23-year-old Boston University graduate student from China; and Krystle Campbell, a 29-year-old restaurant manager from Medford.

If even one juror votes against the death penalty, Tsarnaev will get a life sentence.



In this courtroom sketch, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, second from left, is depicted standing with his defense attorneys William Fick, left, Judy Clarke, second from right, and David Bruck, right, as the jury presents its verdict in his federal death penalty trial Wednesday, April 8, in Boston.

AP PHOTO | JANE FLAVELL COLLINS

leg. Kensky endured more than a dozen surgeries before having her severely damaged right leg amputated in January.

Others have said they favor the death penalty for Tsarnaev. Liz Norden, whose two adult sons each lost a leg in the bombings, said nothing short of execution is warranted.

"He destroyed so many families that day," she said. "I want the ultimate justice."

Dunham, executive director of the Death Penalty Information Center.

But New York Law School professor Robert Blecker said the Justice Department has to consider the larger question of denouncing terrorism.

"They'll go forward with it. It will not change the decision. Denunciation is a legitimate purpose," Blecker said.

## Larceny

Two specialized bicycles were taken from campus April 13. MUPD located the bikes at Jewelry Gold & Pawn. The bikes were returned to the owner. MUPD has warrants on file for the suspect.

A wallet was taken from inside a vehicle in the Joan C. Edwards west lot. The driver of the black Ford Focus said he locked the car, but left the windows down. The suspect is a black man in a white t-shirt and red shorts. The incident is still under investigation.

A license plate was removed from a vehicle on Maple Avenue April 13. The female victim said the bolts were removed along with the license plate.

MUPD has no suspects.

## Stalking

A female reported a white male had been stalking her at the Marshall Visual Arts Center April 14. The female blocked the accused on all social media. MUPD advised the female to get a domestic violence protection order.

## Possession of a Controlled Substance

MUPD responded to a report of marijuana in Twin Towers East April 15. A male resident was charged with possession of a controlled substance.

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# POLICE BLOTTER

All information provided by the Marshall University Police Department.

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# SPORTS

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Kylie Howard catches the ball against the University of Miami (OH) Sept. 20, 2014.  
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## Herd softball to take on Northern Kentucky

“We will just focus on getting better each day and doing everything we can to win.”

-Kylie Howard

By JILL SHEMANSKI  
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University’s softball team is looking to get back on a winning streak after coming off the first loss following 10 straight wins.

The team plays non-conference rival Northern Kentucky University at 2 p.m. Wednesday in a doubleheader.

The team will host NKU at the Dot Hicks Field in Huntington. The second game of the day is set for 4 p.m.

The Herd is looking forward to the mid-week doubleheader after suffering their first loss in 11 games to Florida Atlantic University Saturday.

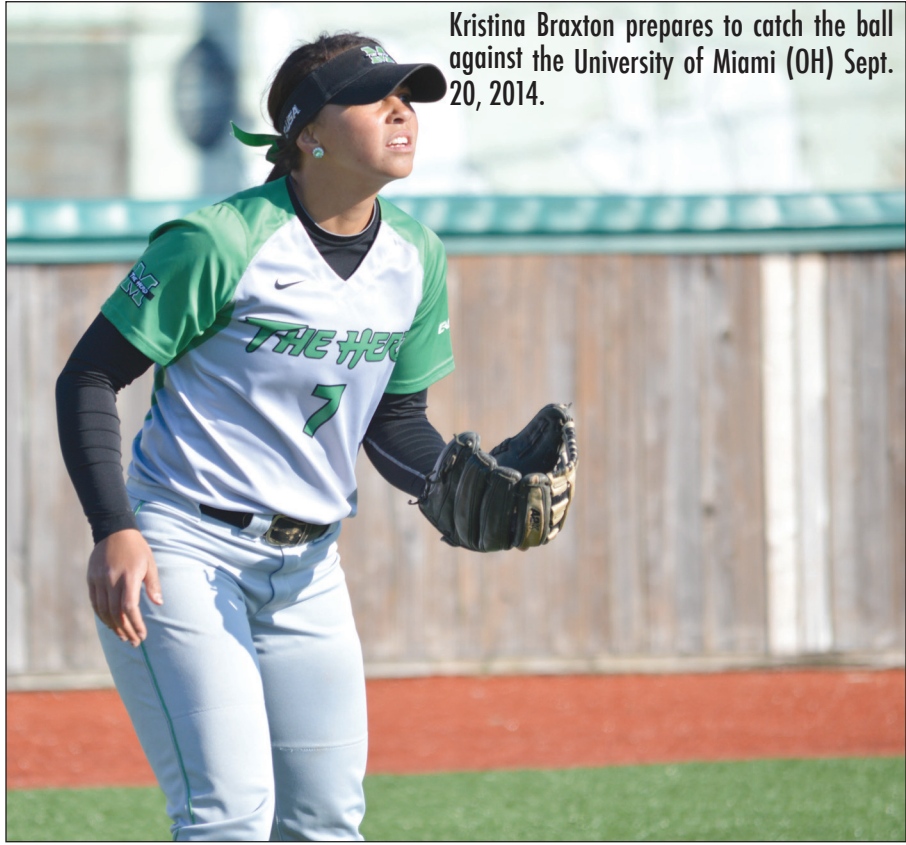
“I don’t feel the loss affects our team,” freshman second baseman Elicia D’Orazio said. “Wednesday’s game is a game that we will use to get us

ready for UTEP this weekend. Beating FAU just gave us the momentum to know that we are still heading in the right direction, and we will dominate Wednesday against Northern Kentucky.”

Freshman shortstop Kylie Howard said even though NKU is a non-conference opponent, the team plans to approach Wednesday’s game as they would any other.

“Conference game or not, every game means a lot,” Howard said. “We will tackle every practice just like we do every other week. We will just focus on getting better each day and doing everything we can to win.”

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Kristina Braxton prepares to catch the ball against the University of Miami (OH) Sept. 20, 2014.



Morgan Zerkle swings the bat against the University of Miami (OH) Sept. 20, 2014.

## Player of the week: Corey Bird

Position: Center Field    Class: Sophomore    Hometown: Pinch, West Virginia

“Anything that helps the team is good for me.”

-Corey Bird

By BRADLEY HELTZEL  
THE PARTHENON

Corey Bird turned in an efficient weekend of work as the sophomore led the Herd to a 2-1 series victory over Conference-USA foe, Old Dominion University.

Bird collected seven total hits in the series and put on a clinic in game two of the series going 4-5 with runs from the batter’s box in a 5-1 Herd victory.

Bird also drove in a run during the Herd’s fourth inning scoring frenzy, fueling the team’s 6-1 win in the opening game of the weekend.

Bird has been effective throughout the season as the Herd’s leadoff hitter, repeatedly flustering pitchers and providing a baserunner for the team’s heavy hitters.

Bird leads the team with 50 hits this season, and his .314 batting average ranks second on the team of all players with more than 70 at bats.

He has abided by the job description that comes with batting leadoff producing a .389 on base percentage.

Bird’s speed inside the base paths has also been a valuable offensive asset as he’s tied for the team-lead with seven stolen bases this season, consistently threatening to reach scoring position after getting on base.

Bird’s fielding work has also been a welcomed success this season patrolling centerfield. He has registered a .982 fielding percentage this season while amassing just two errors in 38 starts.

“I’ve been working with coach Waggoner on my hitting,” Bird said. “He’s been helping me a lot with not trying to do too much, but rather just stick with my strengths. Anything that helps the team is good for me.”

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EDITORIAL

'Better' is not good enough because #BlackLivesMatter

A Baltimore man has died from a spinal injury following his arrest, but the problem is that no one knows how he got these injuries.

Police say when Freddie Gray was arrested and put into a police van April 13, he was able to speak, but when he was taken out of the van 30 minutes later, he could not talk or breathe. He was in the hospital for a week before he died.

Baltimore Police Commissioner Anthony Batts said on behalf of the police

department, "we will get better."

But is "better" really good enough?

We don't need police forces to "get better," we need them to collectively stop police brutality entirely.

The misconduct of the police is clear in the multiple cell phone videos that have surfaced of the arrest. One video shows Gray being dragged by the police, appearing to be physically in pain: he was screaming and was visibly limp.

It is very unclear as to why Gray was being pursued by the

police in the first place, but Gray allegedly had a switchblade on him at the time, which is not necessarily a crime and does not serve as a viable probable cause for pursuit.

Gray's case is only the most recent case of a black individual dying at police officer's hands, and is just a reminder that black lives still matter.

Protests in Ferguson are still happening, and the #BlackLivesMatter campaign is still alive, well and very relevant.

Racism and brutality in police forces need to keep gaining attention until it is nationally eradicated.

Until then, though, yelling and screaming about it is apparently the only way to keep the issue at the surface, and even then, that may not do much. The people of Ferguson are still making lots of noise, and the media coverage has slowly fizzled out.

No amount of activism is going to bring back Michael Brown, Trayvon Martin, Freddie Gray or anyone else, but it will hopefully lead to the appropriate steps it will take for everyone to feel protected by our hardworking police forces, rather than fearing them.



In this Baltimore Sun video, Baltimore Police Commissioner Anthony W. Batts, along with Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, discusses the events leading up to the death of Freddie Gray. Batts said on behalf of the police department, "we will get better."

SCREENSHOT | THE BALTIMORE SUN

COLUMN

State tax code reform for W. Va. ?

CHARLESTON DAILY MAIL

As people across the state scramble to file their tax returns this week, it's encouraging to hear that major tax reform could be around the corner for West Virginia.

The Republican majority in the Legislature would like to overhaul the state's tax code, and it has assembled a bipartisan joint committee to begin looking at the issue. Lawmakers would like to take up comprehensive tax reform in a special session this November so the issue won't get lost during the 2016 regular session.

Senate President Bill Cole, R-Mercer, called the work the committee will do "the most important piece of legislation — the most important task — that maybe we could possibly have ever taken up as a Legislature."

Citing three major tax studies that have examined the state tax system since the 1980s, Cole said the conclusion is inescapable: "Our tax system is unfair, it's too complicated and it's an obstacle to economic growth and the creation of jobs."

The current system was put in place for a different West Virginia, one that relied on a mining and manufacturing economy that bears little resemblance to the service and information economy of our present and future.

Over time it's become "broken, burdensome and in many ways bewildering to people," said House Speaker Tim Armstead, R-Kanawha, who like Cole will be a non-voting member of the committee.

What's on the table? Everything. Many lawmakers would like to see rates cut, but structural reform is equally important. The committee needs to look at how the burden of paying for state government is distributed now, and ask if that distribution can be made fairer and more efficient.

Sen. Mike Hall, R-Putnam — who is co-chairing the committee with Delegate Eric Nelson, R-Kanawha — said lawmakers will look at other states' tax systems to see what's working elsewhere and what isn't. That's a good place to start.

There's no one-size-fits-all model, because each state is different. Some have no income tax. Some tax corporate income but not individual income. Some rely heavily on sales taxes; some have no sales tax. License fees and property taxes play varying roles in each state.

Of course, the phrase "comprehensive tax reform" will be a signal for lobbyists and policy wonks of all stripes to descend on Charleston, asking for special consideration for their industries and interest groups.

Lawmakers will need to resist pressure from both the left and the right. They should remember that simplicity is their friend — and the taxpayers' friend — and resist the temptation to make endless carve-outs and exemptions.

If the Legislature is successful, we could be on our way to a system that operates more effectively for the state and its citizens. Good luck to the committee as it begins its important work.

*"Lawmakers will need to resist pressure from both the left and the right."*



Alberto Dominguez leaves a tax service office on the final day of the U.S. Income Tax filing deadline, Wednesday, in Hialeah, Fla.

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# Annual fundraiser aims to help children across W.Va.

**By WHITNEY BURDETTE**  
CHARLESTON DAILY MAIL

Brightly colored paper flowers will soon adorn windows of gas stations and convenience stores across the area in an effort to raise money for children.

The West Virginia Oil Marketers and Grocers Association has teamed with the Children's Home Society to launch the fifth annual "Every Child Deserves a Loving Home" campaign. The effort will raise money for the Children's Home Society assistance programs and run through May 10.

First Lady Joanne Tomblin helped kick-start the campaign April 10. She read stories to children served by the Children's Home Society at an event at the Governor's Mansion.

Mary White, director of development and philanthropy for the Children's Home Society, said the agency helped 13,479

West Virginia children last year from 13 locations across the state.

"The need for help is overwhelming," she said. "This campaign will not only raise awareness about West Virginia children who need help or a family to call their own, but will provide our organization with a greater ability to make a positive impact on children's lives."

The Children's Home Society houses a variety of support programs for children, including emergency child shelters, foster care, adoption, mentoring, early intervention and other family support programs statewide.

"Every child deserves a loving home, and there are too many West Virginia children living with crisis in the family," said OMEGA President Jan Vineyard. "This campaign will provide funds to the Children's Home Society of West Virginia, which

has shelters and assistance programs in every corner of the state, to help those children and families in need."

OMEGA members, including Go-Mart, Little General, One Stop and the Kanawha City Foodland, among others, will sell the paper flowers for \$1 each and post them in the windows to show support for the agency. The campaign raised more than \$88,000 last year and more than \$2 million since 2003 for a variety of charities that improve the health, safety and well-being of West Virginia's kids.

"This effort not only gives back to the communities where our members live and work, but it demonstrates the philanthropic nature of our industry," Vineyard said. "This is a win for all involved: the children, our members and the public."

Currently, more than 4,000 children are placed in out-of-home care and 1,200 children are in need of adoption.

# McDowell coal company store being resurrected as museum

**By RICK STEELHAMMER**  
THE CHARLESTON GAZETTE

A \$1.5 million restoration project underway in Kimball could keep the Houston Coal Company Store — perhaps the best preserved of more than 100 company stores that once operated in the coal camps of McDowell County during the first half of the 20th century — intact and operating into the 22nd century.

In its re-purposed incarnation, the 1923-vintage building will become a museum, giving visitors a chance to learn the key role that company stores played in coalfield community life, and serve as a visitor center for those coming to McDowell County via the National Coal Heritage Trail, which includes the stretch of U.S. 52 fronting the historic store.

"This is the thrill of my life," said Kimball native Jean Battlo, a retired teacher and founder and director of McArts, McDowell County's community arts organization, as she watched workers from Swope Construction of Bluefield and Allegheny Restoration of Beckley clean and repair masonry and remove windows for refurbishing. "I think of this as a phoenix, coming out of the ashes of coal — something that will draw history tourism travelers off the Coal Heritage Highway to spend time in Kimball."

Battlo began pitching the idea of restoring and re-using the company store more than a decade ago.

A coal boom swept through the McDowell County coalfields after the Norfolk & Western Railway extended its tracks across the state line from neighboring Tazewell County, Virginia, in the 1880s, providing market access for scores of new West Virginia mines. Thousands of European immigrants and blacks from the Southern states

rushed into the region, lured by plentiful jobs and cheap housing.

The new West Virginia mine families became part of an economic system controlled by the coal industry, in which miners worked in company mines, using tools they leased from the coal companies and lived in company housing, the rent for which was deducted from their pay. Miners spent their wages, paid in coal company scrip, at company stores, which also housed coal company offices, and served as community gathering places. The Houston Coal Company Store, with its wide front porch and expansive lawn bordered by two streams, a low rock wall and shade trees, was just such a site.

According to documents supporting the store's addition to the National Register of Historic Places in 1991, the Houston company store "was constructed during the early years of the automobile age and, although not many miners owned cars, the building seems to have been built with the residents' mobility in mind. The store was conveniently placed at the mouth of the valley on the county's main route near Kimball, a thriving service town. The store was easily accessible for those traveling to and from Kimball and also for those who lived within walking distance. This location on a busy thoroughfare provided residents with a perfect social center that was so typical and essential in the industrial community."

According to its National Register nomination form, the Houston company store "is not as easily recognizable as a company store as are McDowell County's others. A spacious lawn surrounds it. It has a single story and no display windows, and it is not located at the center of the community. A second glance,

though, reveals that the building does include nearly all of the characteristics that company stores generally share. Although not so obvious from the front, the building is large and probably holds as much store space as the others. It has a delivery entrance along the railroad tracks, a broad porch, secondary entrances into the offices and, originally, the company's name was applied to the facade."

Its tile roof, broad eaves and perfect symmetry "recall buildings of the Italian Renaissance," giving the structure "more high-style architectural characteristics than the county's other stores," according to the National Register nomination.

Perched on a knoll across the street from the store, coal operator David Houston, the owner of Houston Coal and Coke Co., lived in a mansion built from the same materials used in constructing the store. Houston and his wife, Miriam, were the main benefactors of Houston Methodist Church in Kimball, and they built a summer camp with 26 cabins and two natural swimming pools for use by McDowell County schoolchildren and Southern West Virginia Girl Scouts.

As coal properties changed hands over the years that followed Houston's ownership, the store was operated as the King Coal Store and the Koppers Company Store, and it later housed Leatherwood Dairy, Corte Construction Co., and a McDowell County Emergency Services office.

Most of the \$1.5 million included in the contract being used to restore the company store comes from a Transportation Enhancement grant from the Federal Highway Administration, issued through the National Coal Heritage Area, and made possible with matching funds from the McDowell County Economic

Development Authority and the town of Kimball.

While it was hoped that the \$1.5 million would cover the costs of restoring the exterior and interior of the store, when construction bids for the project were opened, all turned out to be for more than \$2 million.

"That was kind of a shock. We had to draw back some and focus on the exterior," said project architect Joe Sinclair of ZMM Architects & Engineers of Charleston. "The interior will have to be completed during a second phase, after more money is raised."

The interior work would include the installation of a new HVAC system and new utility connections.

Work now being done on the store includes cleaning and repairing masonry and roof tiles, rebuilding a collapsed chimney, a loading dock and the store's extra-wide front porch, adding an accessibility ramp, and removing, refurbishing and replacing all windows and doors.

"They'll restore and re-use everything that was part of the original building," Sinclair said.

Construction plans are reviewed by a consultant approved by the State Historic Preservation Office, to make sure the historic integrity of the structure is maintained throughout the restoration process.

"We're gaining some ground here," said McDowell County Commission President Harold McBride, as he watched a flurry of construction activity take place at the store one day in March. "When we get the museum displays in there and put in the tourism office, we should be able to bring more visitors into the county. It's another spoke in the wheel of development."

Work on the exterior of the building is expected to be completed this summer.

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The Post-Haste Duo presents concerts in the Portland metro area with a specific emphasis on social outreach and education.

Rodriguez said playing with a saxophonist is one of his favorite instruments to accompany him.

"I love the authentic elements that a bassoon and saxophone can create," Rodriguez said. "It creates this almost sorcery nature to the room that I really enjoy."

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This March 7 photo shows workers remove the historic windows in the of the Houston Company Store in Kimball, W.Va. The store is going through a \$1.5 million restoration of the best preserved of more than 100 company stores that once operated in the coal camps of McDowell County during the first half of the 20th century.

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# Lookin' so crazy in LOVE

“Love is when you can trust someone, they always have your back, and they never steal your dog.”

Parker Burgess

By **KARIMA NEGHMOUCHE**  
THE PARTHENON

There isn't one set definition of love, and after asking 10 different generations how they define love, the answers prove that.

The definition differs from person to person and is impacted by experience and age.

“Love is when mommy let's me eat chicken and chocolate,” three-year-old Gianna Coughenour said.

Coughenour's mom, 20-year-old Kenna Coughenour, couldn't help but laugh and agree with what her daughter said.

“Love is chicken and chocolate, I can relate,” Kenna Coughenour said.

Parker Burgess, a 9-year-old in the third grade, also has his own definition of love.

“Love is when you can trust someone, they always have your back, and they never steal your dog,” Burgess said.

Burgess' mom, 30-year-old Kaleena Burgess, laughed at his response and shared her thoughts on the definition of love—which unlike her son did not involve a stolen dog.

“I knew I was in love when I realized that every single choice I'd made in my life had pushed me closer to finding this person,” Kaleena Burgess said. “Suddenly, everything made sense.”

Hannah Boggs, 13, shared her definition of love.

“Love is knowing someone long enough that you care for them deeply,” Boggs said.

Boggs' mother, 43-year-old Jeanette Boggs agreed with her daughter's response.

“Love is being patient, learning to compromise and never giving up on each other,” Jeanette Boggs said.

Sharon Allen, 54, responded to the question a little differently. “Love is grandbabies—and such love is amazing,” Allen said.

As the generations matured, so did the responses.

“As we get into middle age, love becomes a sense of comfort and security, and for some, religion,” 59-year-old teacher T.C. Clemons said. “I think love is crawling into God's lap and being wrapped ever so gently in his loving arms, safe, secure, happy and whole.”

Billie Wallace is celebrating a birthday that makes his definition of love a little different.

“In August I will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of my 20th birthday,” Wallace said. “Love is laughter, seeing the world through a toddler's eyes again as grandparents and knowing that in the peaceful quiet times, when it's only the two of you, all is well and the love is unconditional.”

Monna Skaggs, 80, said she is still happily in love with her sweetheart.

“Love is a blessing and a gift, it's the feeling of pride at their accomplishments, feeling happy just because they are happy and sad when they are sad,” Skaggs said.

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## Willie Nelson becomes latest celebrity in marijuana business

Now, you can really roll him up and smoke him when he dies.

By **NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS**  
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Country music star Willie Nelson announced plans Monday to roll out his own brand of marijuana, capitalizing on his association with pot and the unofficial stoner holiday, 4/20.

The move makes the 81-year-old "Roll Me Up and Smoke Me When I Die" singer the latest celebrity to jump into the marijuana marketplace.

"Willie's Reserve" will be grown and sold in Colorado and Washington, where recreational pot is legal. Nelson said in a statement that he's "looking forward to working with the best growers in Colorado and Washington to make sure our product is the best on the market."

Nelson joins other famous pot personalities, including rapper Snoop Dogg, who endorses vaporizing products; singer Melissa Etheridge, developing marijuana-infused wine; and reality TV star and self-help guru Bethenny Frankel, who is working on a strain of Skinnygirl weed that wouldn't leave users with the munchies.

"Like other industries, branding and creative marketing is a big part of supporting legal cannabis products," said Vicki Christophersen, director of the Washington CannaBusiness Association.

Christophersen said these connections continue a long tradition of celebrities endorsing the use of marijuana — even decades before it became legal for adult use.

Nelson, who was not available for comment Monday, is among those with well-established connections to cannabis. He's been a decriminalization advocate and has been busted for pot possession several times. He also appeared in the stoner comedy "Half Baked."

Washington and Colorado made pot legal for adult use in 2012. Oregon, Alaska and the District of Columbia also have removed legal restrictions, and more states are expected to vote on legalization next year.

The moves have created marketing opportunities, but links to celebrity smokers aren't always considered a positive.

This year, the National Cannabis Industry Association decided to drop actor Tommy Chong — co-star of the "Cheech and Chong" comedy team — as it prepared to lobby Congress for pot-friendly regulations. The group wanted to move past the stoner stereotypes they say Chong represents in favor of positioning pot as similar to fine wine.

Others see it differently, however.

Chong has an endorsement deal with Marisol Therapeutics, a pot shop in Pueblo, Colorado, that sells a strain in his name.

Store owner Mike Stetler called Chong marijuana's equivalent



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In this Feb. 5, file photo, Willie Nelson performs at the 17th Annual GRAMMY Foundation Legacy Concert at the Wilshire Ebell Theatre in Los Angeles. Nelson announced Monday, he plans to roll out his own brand of marijuana called Willie's Reserve, that will be grown and sold in Colorado and Washington, two states where recreational use of the drug is legal.

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