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Mayor, students celebrate
Saudi Arabia National Day

Walk With the Mayor addresses citizens’ concerns in Westmoreland Tuesday

By BRIANNA PAXTON
THE PARTHENON

Huntington Mayor Steve Williams had his neighborhood Walk with the Mayor in Westmoreland Tuesday. With notebook in hand, Williams walked down the streets having conversations with the neighborhood, taking note of every concern citizens thought needed to be addressed.

“It’s a lot better having a conversation walking up and down the streets of a neighborhood rather than just sitting in my office, there’s something special that occurs,” Williams said. “More importantly, I’m able to see specifically what the concerns are, they can point to something, this pot hole right here, that house that the weeds are overgrown. It becomes very personable.”

Neighborhood residents walked off of their porches, to their fences and talked to Williams about their concerns.

“This shows he has a willingness to get out into the neighborhoods and really see hands on what’s going on in those neighborhoods,” said Bryan Chambers, City of Huntington Communications Director. “We tell them you can show us all the bright spots you want in your neighborhood but show us some of the problems. We’re not going to hide from the problems, show us what’s keeping the community down.”

Walk With the Mayor has nine routes throughout Huntington. This was the second walk through Westmoreland since the event started in May.

The recently proposed user fee increase was a result of these neighborhood walks.

“You wake up one day, look in the mirror and think, you know what, that somebody’s me,” Williams said.

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87 new faculty members introduced at first general meeting of the year

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A total of 87 new administration and fac-
ulty members were formally introduced at the first general faculty meeting of the school year Tuesday.

Faculty Senate Chair Larry Stickler gave wel-
coming remarks and regarded Professor Gaye Williams as the “right person” to have back home two of our students, Mayor of Huntington Steve Williams and the complexity of this university,” Yingling said. “It’s the right place if you have an illness where you need your help.”

University Libraries was the last to be pre-
senting in the meeting and introduced one new faculty member.

Stickler ended the meeting with a State of the School address.

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“The first piece of the performance will in-
clude Junior Antonio Velizal and second flute 14 or 15 weeks. The meeting as well as five senators in attendance and 100 residents and fellows.”

“Having been a service member for 15 years and bringing the life experience back to the university where I studied music, where it all began, if you will, it really is an honor and very exciting,” Fields said. “It’s always very exciting to come back home because West Virginia is my home.”

The Marshall School of Pharmacy added four new faculty members to its program. School of Pharmacy Dean Dr. Kevin Yingling said he appreciates the opportunity to be at Marshall.

The ensemble has performed at big venues in the United States and internationally, and has had a great experience for them as well as our students,” Dobbs said. “It was a reminder of why we’re here as an organization and that younger generations are ex-
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Women’s basketball team assists the community

By BRITTANIE FOWLER

Whether volunteering at 78 Feet or the Facing Hunger Foodbank, the Marshall University women’s basketball team is assisting the Huntington community.

While half the team participated in the annual 78 Feet Sunday, an event to benefit the Paul Ambrose Trail for Health, the other half volunteered at the Facing Hunger Foodbank last week. At the foodbank, the team helped gather food for the organization’s Backpack Program, which ensures clients of all ages have access to enough food.

Nerissa Victrum, a senior guard for the Herd, said she and her teammates enjoyed helping the community.

“We split up into two groups,” Victrum said. “One group went to a backpack, and my group went to Fit Fest. Fit Fest was for all ages. The kids were running 25 meters, 50 meters, 100 meters, race mile, run-mile, and then after that, the parents run the 10K.”

Victrum said she and her teammates also had the opportunity to participate in the action.

“We ran with some of the kids just to race against them and spice it up some,” Victrum said.

Bethany Williams, a representative for Fit Fest in West Virginia, said she was thrilled to see the team’s support.

“The women’s basketball team did a tremendous job encouraging all the children participating in the dashes, one-half mile and mile run,” Williams said. “They were able to help at the finish line of all the races, encouraging all participants with ribbons and water.”

Williams said the team had a great impact on the event and those who attended.

“I heard a lot of good trusting from all the parents and participants about how wonderful it was to have the girls come out and help, showing they too care about the community,” Williams said. “They were able to try some of the activities which would in turn encourage the children looking up to them to participate and try new activities.”

Williams said she believes the team benefits from the experience as well.

“The more they get out there and participate, the more the community will give back to them and support what they are trying to accomplish,” Williams said.

Victrum said the team emphasizes the importance of its fan base and focuses on creating a connection with the community.

“They’re our main fans,” Victrum said. “I mean win or lose we’re still going to say you had a good game. They always give us positive feedback, so I just think it’s good to give back to the people that show us support and we always there for us.”

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“The more they get out and network, the more well-rounded as an individual they will become,” Williams said. “And the impact of that lost far beyond their years at Marshall.”

Victrum said the volunteering experience was eye opening for her and her teammates because it is easy to take the simple things in life for granted.

“I think we benefited from this just by seeing how grateful we are and how blessed we are,” Victrum said. “These kids, this is something they really need. We’re really not struggling how other people are. Even though we probably don’t have like a thousand people at the games, people still know who you are and look up to you and think you’re the greatest person in the world. We are so lucky and how blessed we are,” Victrum said. “We’re really not struggling how other people are. Even though we probably don’t have like a thousand people at the games, people still know who you are and look up to you and think you’re the greatest person in the world. We are so lucky and how blessed we are.”

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With the Republican push to defund Planned Parenthood, women have responded with #ShoutYourAbortion, giving a voice and a story to the procedure that so many on the right are afraid to see.

The biggest problem with the argument of abortion as a reason to cut federal funding is that Planned Parenthood is not federal money going to abortions in the first place.

The Hyde Amendment is part of the Labor, Health and Human Services/Fair Housing appropriations bill that prevents Medicaid and any other programs under those departments from funding abortions, except in limited cases (if the life of the mother is in danger, rape and incest). It has been in effect since 1976.

The common argument made in support of Planned Parenthood is that it’s only federal money going to abortions anyway. Funds taken from Planned Parenthood will affect the other services it provides, not abortions.

Regardless of the fact that abortions are comparatively little of the organization’s services, the Hyde Amendment has been in effect for 40 years. If it’s unfair to the patients, so what? It’s not the right strategy for the right choice for a woman who is not in a child.

#ShoutYourAbortion aims to destigmatize abortion. Women are getting loud about their abortion experiences on social media and tearing down the stigmas associated with the procedure.

It’s easy for those against abortion to think about the procedure only applying to a certain class of women or women they would deem unsavory anyway. It isn’t likely that they think of abortion as an option women know and use for themselves.

Moreover, the #ShoutYourAbortion stories prove that women who have had abortions come from all walks of life and experience. They have different reasons for making the choice, but the important thing is the choice was theirs to make.

### COLUMNS

**Tracking your reproductive health just got easier**

By AMANDA GIBSON

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One of the newest iPhone features with iOS 9 is the Reproductive Health feature in the Health app, where users can now track things like sexual activity and menstruation.

Third party period-tracking apps were popular in the past, but with iPhone’s new ability, they may just remain there. Apple has increased its focus on overall health with the addition of the Apple Watch, which has fitness-tracking capabilities, and the Health app, which originally tracked fitness, vitals, food and more. And now it has increased the umbrella of health apps to include reproductive health.

The new Reproductive Health feature can be pretty specific depending on your needs. When adding a sexual activity data point, you can choose the date and time and whether you used protection or not. For the menstruation data points, you can specify when your cycle started, the date, the time and how heavy the flow was.

If you open the Health app in iOS 9, Reproductive Health should be listed sixth on the options list. From there, you will have the ability to track multiple reproductive health concerns.

This app is highly geared toward women, also having the ability to track basal body temperature, spotting and ovulation test results, along with menstruation.

Since the app is stored locally on your phone, it is easier to get to, doesn’t take up extra gigabytes like a similar third-party app, and it is relatively simple to see.

You can even see your data points in graph form over the period of a day a week, a month and a year. You can add the graphs to the dashboard, which allows you to see all of your reproductive health data as soon as you open your Health app.

The app keeps all your data personal, but you can also opt to share it with other apps.

There are some parts of the feature that are not as perfect as they could be. For example, there is not an option to track when a cycle ends in the menstruation tracker; you can only track when it begins. When you add a data point in the menstruation tracker, it only lets you put a data point at Start of Cycle and you can answer yes or no. This makes this small part of the feature a little difficult to use, as it is important to know when a cycle begins and ends for some people. Instead, you would have to add two data points and answer no for the one that represents the end of the cycle.

But overall, Apple has yet again given users another way to track their health, except this time it is even broader terms with the Reproductive Health feature. And although it is geared mostly toward women’s reproductive health, both men and women may find it useful in tracking their health in their everyday lives.

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The traveling video installation Water, Wa- ter Everywhere: Paean to a Vanishing Resource began its nine-month stay at the Huntington Museum of Art on Tuesday with an opening reception sponsored by the Marshall University College of Science. The traveling exhibition curated by award-winning cultural journalist Jennifer Heath, examines the world’s most crucial resource from ethical, political and personal angles. The exhibit is comprised of films from 41 artists worldwide that range from 30 seconds to 30 minutes.

John Farley, preparator at the museum, said these videos explore the concept of water from all angles.

“Some of these videos deal directly with the topic of water in an overtly political way, while others in a humorous way,” Farley said. “Some do it in a personal way and others in a big-picture, speculative way. The common denominator is water in some form and these artists are grappling with that one way or another!”

Farley also noted that the message of the exhibit is particularly timely considering how water conservation has become a recognized public issue.

“We’re hearing more and more in recent years about the importance surrounding the water supply,” Farley said. “These videos drive home the fact that this is a conversation we need to be having. It’s a conversation that should have already taken place.”

In addition to the premiere of the exhibit, scientific demonstrations were held for the public by the HMA conservatory director, Mike Beck and schools coordinator, Cindy Dearborn as part of the 4th Tuesday Sets at HMA.

In their participatory demonstration, Beck and Dearborn talked about the different qualities of water, such as its chemical makeup, water’s polar nature, the density of seawater versus freshwater, surface tension and pH levels.

“Since it’s covering water from an artistic point of view, I thought I’d cover it from a scientific point of view,” Beck said.

Dearborn added that the demonstration was a way to get the public involved and interested in the global water crisis.

“The exhibition has a lot of different components to it, from drought to fracking to general use of wa- ter,” Dearborn said. “I think this is a great supplement to that. It’s bringing some fun into it and getting the public involved.”

Water, Water Everywhere will remain at the Huntington Museum of Art until June 2016.

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