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Marshall officially welcomes 37th president

By **ASHLEY SODOSKY**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's 37th president Jerome A. "Jerry" Gilbert was officially welcomed by students, faculty and the Huntington community yesterday afternoon.

The Marshall University Board of Governors hosted a public welcoming of Dr. Gilbert and his wife Leigh yesterday in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center on the Huntington campus.

The event included guest speakers in welcoming the Gilberts to the school including, Board of Governors chairman, Michael G. Sellards.

"Dr. Gilbert's presidency promises to be an exciting new chapter for Marshall University," Sellards said. "His leadership and vision are just what we need to propel us forward to become an even greater university."

Faculty, staff, students and members of the Huntington community filled the seats of the performing arts center to listen to notable speakers welcome Gilbert. Student body president Duncan



ASHLEY SODOSKY | THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's 37th President Jerome A. Gilbert addressed the crowd at his official welcoming Wednesday in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

Waugaman said he believes the students of Marshall will be happy with the new president.

"I believe we hit the nail on the head when we picked Dr. Gilbert to come

lead our institution," Waugaman said.

Waugaman said he recalled a meeting with Gilbert earlier in the day where students were continuously mentioned.

"He understands the importance that he has in not only our students educational success but them as leaders," Waugaman said. "I believe if he continues to have that student mindset, he will be able to continue that success that we've had."

Both Waugaman and Interim President, Gary White, mentioned Gilbert's presence at this year anniversary of the Marshall University plane crash. White said the history of Marshall is about family that rises from adversity.

"I think we are well positioned to build upon the foundation and the legacy that those who have come before us have created," White said. "I think Marshall University will once again emerge from an adversity with a winning spirit."

White recalled on his past year serving as Marshall's president and said Marshall's future is in good hands.

"I've said it more than once that I

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HPD discusses program to combat drugs, prostitution at coffee event



ROB ENGLE | THE PARTHENON

Huntington Police Department combats prostitution, drug abuse with diversion program

By **ROB ENGLE**
THE PARTHENON

The Huntington Police Department is working to combat drug-related crimes with a number of programs designed to redirect low-level offenders into treatment rather than jail or prosecution.

The Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion, or LEAD Program is a pre-booking diversion program designed for those engaged in drug and prostitution activity to kick their habits and have a chance at legitimate employment.

According to Huntington Chief of Police Joe Ciccarelli there have been more than 60 prostitution-related arrests this year, nearly double the reported 31 offenses tallied in the 2014 Huntington Police Department Annual Report.

"The Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion would allow someone to go into drug treatment, because virtually every one of the prostitutes we arrest is an addict and thus defers the criminal penalty," Ciccarelli said.

In addition to LEAD, HPD works in association with the Women's Empowerment and Addiction Recovery, or WEAR Program, which is directed by Judge Patricia Keller and aimed specifically at seeking treatment for women in prostitution.

Ciccarelli said drug abuse is not only closely related to prostitution, but a number of other crimes including robbery, assault and panhandling.

"Each program is designed to address the underlying drug abuse issue and

mental health issues and correct the problem at the root," Ciccarelli said. "In municipal court, we've sent a number of individuals into the LEAD program, whether that be prostitution-related arrest, paraphernalia arrests, or any other kind of arrests, for that matter, where there motivation is to support a drug habit."

Ciccarelli said drug-related problems are more obvious now as addicts have moved from abusing prescription drugs to heroin, pushing the market out into the open.

"It's a more visible type of abuse," Ciccarelli said. "The prescription drug abuse

Business owners air concerns at Coffee with Cops event

By **MACKENZI KYLE**
THE PARTHENON

Several local business owners attended Coffee with a Cop to discuss their concerns with the Huntington Police Department, Wednesday morning at Crumpets and Tea.

The quarterly event is usually held at Huntington's Kitchen, but was moved due to renovations.

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Alpha Tau Omega's 'Santa Taus' collecting toys for less fortunate

By CADI DUPLAGA
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University fraternity Alpha Tau Omega will have its inaugural Santa Taus to collect toys for the less fortunate this holiday season.

Santa Taus is a toy drive ATO will host Sunday at the fraternity house on Fifth Avenue. All the toys collected from the Huntington and Marshall community will be donated to the Salvation Army and provide less fortunate families with gifts for a better Christmas season.

The drive will begin at 9 a.m. and last until 4 p.m. Anyone bringing donations can stop by the ATO house during these hours and drop the toys off.

Members of ATO, and other Greek organizations will be at the house accepting the toys and they will be taken to

the Salvation Army Monday.

ATO President Blake Hettlinger said he is hoping to receive a large amount of donations through this event and a lot of support from the Huntington community to give those in need a better Christmas.

“Our philanthropy throughout the year is focused on making the local community better,” Hettlinger said. “One of our annual events, ATO Goes Homeless, has been extremely successful in helping the City Mission. We are hoping the inaugural Santa Taus can have the same impact.”

ATO Vice President Jacob Sowards said he is also looking forward to the event and is happy with the effort his fraternity brothers are putting forward to help the Huntington community.

“It means a lot to me that our guys would take time

out of their busy schedules during finals and the hectic Christmas season to help the community,” Sowards said. “Even though we will not see where our efforts go directly, it feels great knowing we are making someone’s Christmas season better.”

ATO will post flyers in an effort to spread awareness of this event and get as many people engaged as possible.

The members have also gone to St. Joe and other local churches and asked for support in helping to spread the word about the event and get more members of the community involved.

They are also reaching out to other Greek organizations on campus and asking for help to receive as many donations as possible.

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Chief Police Joe Ciccarelli touched on many topics from the continued fight against prostitution and panhandling to the HPD’s effort to expanding and diversifying the force.

Ciccarelli said he is hoping to hire more police officers in 2016 and said he plans on using new tactics to find future officers.

“When Doc Holiday goes out there to recruit for Marshall, he doesn’t put an ad in the paper,” Ciccarelli said.

The HPD wants community members and business owners to recommend individuals who they believe would make good additions to the police force.

Ciccarelli said HPD could start working with Marshall University, specifically the athletic department, to find potential new members.

Last year almost 300 individuals applied for positions with the HPD, however, the number dwindled following the agility and written tests.

“We are selective. We don’t take just anyone,” Ciccarelli said.

Ciccarelli presented information from the HPD annual report. Overall crime numbers have dropped since 2014, even though drug and

prostitution arrests have gone up. According to Ciccarelli, prostitution arrests have doubled over the past year.

“I think one of the encouraging things I see are the diversion programs,” Ciccarelli said. “One person at a time, one street corner at a time. That is how we are going to have to solve this.”

The HPD officers reminded business owners to not give money to the panhandlers, a point they made at the September Coffee with a Cop. Panhandling has become a growing issue in downtown Huntington, which many correlate to the growing drug problem.

“I’m trying to address it as best I can, but it is a slow process,” officer Randy Spears said. “There is hope. It takes time, but people do change.”

Coffee with a Cop is a quarterly event that gives local business owners a platform to discuss their concerns and build relationships with the Huntington Police Department. The next Coffee with a Cop will take place March 2, 2016.

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PRESIDENT

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believe we have the right person,” White said. “We have a visionary leader, we have a person with a steady hand and we have a superb academic leader in Dr. Jerry Gilbert.”

Gilbert, formerly the provost and executive vice president of Mississippi State University, is a Mississippi native with a background in biomedical engineering.

After being cloaked with a Kelly green sport coat from White, Gilbert thanked Marshall University for welcoming him and his wife Leigh.

Gilbert said he and his wife already love the university and Huntington. Gilbert said after the fountain ceremony this November he thought deeper on the phrase

“We are Marshall.”

“I knew the ‘we’ was an inclusive ‘we,’ and that ‘we’ really stood for acceptance and respect,” Gilbert said. “I want every student that walks on this campus to know that in their heart of hearts that they are special to Marshall.”

Gilbert was named president in late October and will assume the presidential position in January 2016 in time for the new semester.

“I’m very proud to be the 37th president of Marshall University,” Gilbert said. “The best is yet to come and I truly believe that and I hope that will be the case for Marshall.”

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DIVERSION PROGRAM

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was done under the guise of legitimacy, to some degree. Now, it’s basically an underground criminal activity and more noticeable problem.”

Ciccarelli said HPD looks at the drug problem through three angles, prevention, treatment and law enforcement. In the Mayor’s Office of Drug Enforcement, the prevention and treatment piece are ongoing as the police continue the more traditional law enforcement steps of arresting dealers

and individuals involved in drug trafficking.

It’s a comprehensive enforcement effort to combat these problems,” Ciccarelli said. “We can put people in jail, but if they don’t receive treatment for their drug addiction, they’re still going to be addicted when they get out. It’s money not well spent in that regard. We want to solve the problem permanently.”

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Huntington Chief of Police Joe Ciccarelli said there have been more than 60 prostitution-related arrests this year, nearly double the reported 31 offenses tallied in the 2014 HPD Annual Report.

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14 dead, more than a dozen wounded in California shooting

By AMANDA LEE MYERS and JUSTIN PRITCHARD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

As many as three heavily armed attackers opened fire on a banquet at a social services center for the disabled Wednesday, killing 14 people and seriously wounding more than a dozen others “as if they were on a mission,” authorities said.

The attackers escaped, setting a large region east of Los Angeles on edge, but about four hours later police riddled a black SUV with gunfire two miles from the late-morning carnage.

A man and woman in the SUV with assault rifles, handguns and “assault-style clothing” were killed, Police Chief Jarrod Burguan said. A third person who was spotted running away near the scene of the gunbattle was detained, but Burguan said it was unclear if that person had anything to do with the crime.

It was the deadliest mass shooting in a nation all too familiar with them since 2012, when a man killed 26 children and adults at a school in the Newtown, Connecticut.

Police shed no light on a motive for Wednesday’s massacre, which came just five days after a gunman opened fire at Planned Parenthood in Colorado, killing three.

In what authorities described as a precision assault, the gunmen invaded the Inland Regional Center and began shooting around 11 a.m. They opened fire in a conference area that the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health had rented out for a banquet, said Marybeth Feild, president and CEO of the center.

“They came prepared to do what they did, as if they were on a mission,” the police chief said.

Authorities also found a potential explosive device found at the social service center.

That the violence happened at a place dedicated to helping people with developmental disabilities made it even harder for some to comprehend.

“These are all disabled kids, very disabled,” said Sherry Esquerra, who was searching for her daughter and son-in-law, both of whom work at the center. “She gets all the services she possibly could for these kids. So I just don’t understand why somebody would come in and start shooting.”

FBI agents and other law enforcement authorities converged on the center and searched room to room for the attackers, but they had apparently escaped. Cervantes, the police spokeswoman, said there were reports from witnesses of one to three



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A SWAT vehicle carries police officers near the scene of a shooting in San Bernardino, Calif. on Wednesday, Dec. 2. Police responded to reports of an active shooter at a social services facility.

gunmen.

Several people locked themselves in their offices, desperately waiting to be rescued by police, after the gunfire erupted. Some texted their loved ones or telephoned them and whispered to them what was going on.

“People shot. In the office waiting for cops. Pray for us. I am locked in an office,” Terry Petit’s daughter texted him.

Petit, choking back tears as he read the text for reporters at the shooting scene, said his daughter works at the center, where social workers find jobs, housing and transportation and provide other services to people with disabilities such as autism, cerebral palsy and epilepsy.

Ten of the wounded were hospitalized in critical condition, and three were in serious condition, San Bernardino Fire Chief Tom Hannemann said. Police cautioned that the numbers of dead and wounded were early estimates that could change.

No weapons were found at the center, though authorities were investigating unidentified items in the building and brought in bomb squads, Burguan said.

As the manhunt went on, stores, office buildings and at least one school were locked down in the city of 214,000 people about 60 miles east of Los Angeles, and roads were blocked off.

Triage units were set up outside the center, and people were seen being wheeled away on stretchers. Others walked quickly

from a building with their hands up. They were searched by police before being reunited with loved ones.

One witness, Glenn Willwerth, who runs a business across the street, said he heard 10 to 15 shots and then saw an SUV with blacked out windows pull “very calmly, very slowly.”

Hours later, with police looking for a dark-colored SUV, an officer in the nearby city of Redlands saw a suspect vehicle and tried to pull it over, a law enforcement official speaking on condition of anonymity said. The SUV crashed, and a gunbattle broke out around 3 p.m.

President Barack Obama was briefed on the attack by his homeland security adviser.

He said it was too early to know the shooters’ motives, but urged the country to take steps to reduce the frequency of mass shootings. He told CBS that stricter gun laws, including stronger background checks, would make the country safer.

“The one thing we do know is that we have a pattern now of mass shootings in this country that has no parallel anywhere else in the world, and there’s some steps we could take, not to eliminate every one of these mass shootings, but to improve the odds that they don’t happen as frequently,” Obama said.

The shooting sounded like “an organized plot,” and preliminary information seems to indicate that “this is personal, and there seems to suggest some element of revenge and retaliation,” said Erroll G. Southers, director of Homegrown Violent Extremism Studies at the University of Southern California and a former FBI agent.

“What it says to me, it’s someone who’s familiar with the facility, it’s someone who knew exactly what room they were going to go to, they knew exactly which way they needed to escape,” Southers said. “They’ve done their homework, they know what the response time in this jurisdiction.”

Marcos Aguilera’s wife was in the building when the gunfire erupted. He said a shooter entered the building next to his wife’s office and opened fire.

“They locked themselves in her office. They seen bodies on the floor,” Aguilera told KABC-TV, adding that his wife was able to get out of the building unharmed.

The social services center has two large buildings that require a badge to get in, said Sheela Stark, an Inland Regional Center board member. However, the conference room where many public events take place — including the banquet on Wednesday — is usually left open when visitors are expected.

SPORTS

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Herd track and field kicks off season with Marshall Opener

By IMANI SPRADLEY
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University's track and field team opens its season Thursday with the Marshall Opener against Ohio University and Radford University.

Last season, the meet was between Marshall and Ohio and was called the Ohio Dual.

Marshall head coach Jeff Small said he expects his team to do well in its first meet of the season.

"I feel like we're in a pretty good position to win the meet," Small said. "We beat Ohio last year pretty easily. Also, we've been training all year, and we're feeling pretty confident. I think this is going to be a good, competitive challenge because there's going to be more athletes in each event with there being three teams."

Junior thrower Mercedes Dowell said she and her teammates are looking forward to getting the season underway.

"I think this first meet will go really well," Dowell said. "We're all really looking to beat our PR [personal record]. We just had an inter-squad meet, and we all did better than



Members of Marshall University's track team compete in a meet last season at the Chris Cline Athletic Complex.

PARTHENON FILE PHOTO

we had even hoped."

Small said while he is confident in his sprinters and hurdlers, he feels the team's throwing will be the most improved area of the team this year due to several new additions.

"We've got four or five really good freshman throwers that will make an immediate impact for us," Small said. "I think we're just stronger overall this year, but what's going to really make us stronger is our new throwers. I think they're going to re-write the record book. We have a couple of freshman that we think will qualify for nationals."

Dowell said aside from adding skillful throwers, she thinks the team will have a good season due to players and coaches feeling more comfortable with one another.

"It just feels like a family environment," Dowell said.

Thursday's meet begins 7 p.m. on the Jeff Small track in the Chris Cline Athletic Complex.

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Akers nominated for Community Service Award



Junior guard McKenzie Akers goes up for a shot last season against the University of Southern Mississippi during a game at the Cam Henderson Center.

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Although Marshall University women's basketball junior guard McKenzie Akers may not be able to make her impact felt on the court this season after tearing her ACL in a pre-season practice, she has continued her role as an off-the-court playmaker.

Akers was nominated for the 2016 Allstate Women's Basketball Coaches Association and National Association of Basketball Coaches Good Works Teams. The award recognizes a select group of student-athletes who have shown dedication to community service.

Marshall head coach Matt Daniel said Akers has been a

quality member of the Marshall program and has consistently represented the university well in the community.

"McKenzie is always looking to be a contributor to our program," Daniel said in a news release. "She has always been a great ambassador."

Akers' nomination stems from her volunteering at several organizations and schools within the community.

Akers has invested her time at Saints Joseph's Catholic School Basketball Clinic, Highlawn Elementary Annual Trick-or-Treat, the Facing Hunger Foodbank Backpack Program, Jefferson Avenue Church of God Nursery, Church Leader at Jefferson Avenue Church of God, FCA Leader at Marshall University, concession

stand volunteer at Marshall football home games and the Youth Commission Christian Club at Huntington High School.

Akers was one of 257 nominees for the award.

The final list of 20 award recipients will be announced in February based on the votes of a 10-member panel.

Members of the Allstate WBCA Good Works Team will be honored during the 2016 WBCA Convention and at the 2016 NCAA Women's Final Four in Indianapolis.

Last season, Akers averaged 6.4 points per game and played in all but two of the Herd's games. Akers made 87 three-point field goals last season, which ranks 10th all-time in Marshall history.

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WHEN WILL IT END?



JAMES QUIGG | THE VICTOR VALLEY DAILY PRESS VIA AP

Deputies and officers from several law enforcement agencies escort people from the building and surrounding buildings at the site of a mass shooting that killed multiple people and wounded others, in San Bernardino, California, Wednesday.



Desiree Adaway @desireeadaway · 27m
This country has more regs regarding my uterus than it does about gun ownership #SanBernadino

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SCREENSHOT VIA TWITTER

Yet another mass shooting occurred in the United States Wednesday, this time at a facility that serves children and adults with developmental disorders.
According to USA Today's investigative report "Behind the Bloodshed," approximately 75 percent of mass killing victims die of gunshot wounds.
Until the United States takes a queue from other countries, innocent lives will continue being taken by hateful and mentally ill people who get their hands on weapons.
As gun owners across the country cling to their right to own weapons, other countries have imposed strict gun control laws in response to mass shootings. Australia, for example, hasn't had a mass shooting since its lawmakers passed buybacks and tighter

restrictions on firearms in response to a shooting in 1996.
Australia's restrictions also led to a decrease in gun-related suicides.
Mental health is also treated more seriously in other countries. Many mass shooters carry out shootings because of mental health-related issues; mentally stable people don't just kill people.
What will it take for the country to come together as a nation and carry out actions against gun violence that have proven to be effective in other countries? Almost every state has seen a mass shooting. "It'll never happen close to me" is as ignorant a statement as believing stricter gun control laws won't lead to the end of mass shootings.

COLUMN

#FeministThursday: Please, just worry about yourself



Fr. Jonathan Morris @fatherjonathan · Nov 30
Needless to say, there is no moral justification to attack Planned Parenthood. Just as there is never justification to kill unborn babies.

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Katie Pavlich @KatiePavlich · Nov 30
Exposing Planned Parenthood for selling baby parts, which Cecile Richards admitted to, does not equal "hateful rhetoric" or calls for murder

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SCREENSHOTS VIA TWITTER

By JOCELYN GIBSON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

I am over people who don't support abortion telling other women what they should and should not do with their bodies. It's been said a million times, but I will say it again, if you don't like abortions, do not have one.
You don't need to shoot people who provide or receive abortions, you don't need to tweet about how much those people deserved it or poke fun at a serious incident.
Just stop. If you have the luxury of a health care and don't need an abortion, stay away from Planned Parenthood both physically and in your thoughts because there are people who do need the services provided by Planned

Parenthood, and they deserve to receive those services in an environment safe from violence and harassment.
When a shooting happens at a Planned Parenthood clinic, it shouldn't spark a debate about abortion. We should be questioning how and why shootings are still occurring so frequently in the United States and looking for solutions while mourning the lives that were lost in the tragedy.
It's not any of our business what services victims were seeking and it doesn't even matter what services Planned Parenthood provides, none of that justifies mass shootings.
Abortions are a perfectly legal service to provide and a perfectly legal service to seek and people who think it's a

justification for killing need a reality check.
Abortion isn't a tragedy; it's a medical procedure—one that helps women and thus society. We shouldn't have to make excuses for abortion or try to shroud it in the other services Planned Parenthood provides.
Abortion is a right that many have fought for and one that we don't want to lose and one that never, under any circumstances, warrants violence towards those who provide or seek the service.
Long story short, shooting people isn't going to make anyone join your side of the debate. Those who already agree will defend the shooter and no one's mind will be changed.

We don't solve problems with violence; we create more problems and we would all be better off if everyone kept their negative opinions to themselves in the wake of a tragedy.
Tweets about how Planned Parenthood brought violence upon itself have no place in a compassionate society. I don't care what your beliefs are about Planned Parenthood or the services they provide, people lost their lives because one person decided to express his opinions with a gun and when you say Planned Parenthood had it coming you are making an attempt to justify his actions which were not under any circumstances OK.
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Civil War reenactments keep history alive



MACKENZI KYLE | THE PARTHENON

Members of the Western Virginia Military Academy raise their flag after taking over the cannons at the reenactment of The Battle of Guyandotte.

By **MACKENZI KYLE**
THE PARTHENON

It has been said, in many different ways, those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it.

In a year when many people believe their history is being altered by those who deem it to be unfair, unjust, inappropriate or worse, there are those who are determined to keep it alive.

The Civil War was the bloodiest and deadliest war ever fought on American soil, claiming the lives of more than half a million.

“The Civil War should not be honored, no war should ever be honored,” Jean Hilton read at the annual Guyandotte Civil War Days ball comes to a close. “But the men that fought for their beliefs should be.”

To many men, women and children across the Eastern United States, reenacting the Civil War is a way to preserve the history that changed the country forever.

Hilton, who has been reenacting as a widow named Miz Rosebud for over 25 years, closes each ball with these words.

“For in so doing, they changed the United States profoundly and there by changed the whole world,” Hilton said.

Civil War reenacting is done in many different ways with different levels of accuracy and intensity. Events like the annual reenactment of the Battle of Gettysburg, are kept as historically accurate as possible in order to teach the public about the past. However, some reenactments are considered to be more “hardcore” and involve marching into the middle

of the woods with everything needed for the weekend to camp and live like a Civil War soldier.

Civil War reenacting has many different aspects, which can accommodate everyone, frequently making most reenactments a family affair.

“I remember a couple times before he left, looking at all the stuff in the truck and in the garage,” Logan Sirbaugh, 16, recalls how he got involved in reenacting with his father.

“Once I was old enough to go, I borrowed some of his uniform and went with him,” Logan Sirbaugh said.

Logan Sirbaugh and his father Dan travel from Parkersburg, West Virginia, to reenactments all over the area.

“This year we traveled to about 15 of them,” Logan Sirbaugh said.

“Gettysburg was the farthest,” Dan Sirbaugh said.

The father and son travel together almost every weekend between March and October to different Civil War reenactments.

“There’s only been about twice in a year we’ve had two weekends in a row off,” Dan Sirbaugh said.

The Sirbaughs are not the only parent-child reenacting duo. Lisa and Shannon Rawlinson of Huntington said they enjoy going to reenactments together as well.

“I got sucked in through Major Sheets,” Lisa Rawlinson said.

Mike Sheets teaches history at Huntington Middle School and also runs a Civil War reenacting club for middle school boys known as the Western Virginia Military Academy, or WVMA. The club’s sister group, Lizzie Cabell’s Finishing

School for Young Ladies, is a reenactment group for middle school girls.

“My daughter came home every day from school saying, ‘I hate history,’” Lisa Rawlinson said. “One day she comes home talking about this Civil War group she wanted to join.”

“I still hate all but Civil War history,” Shannon Rawlinson, now a freshman at Huntington High, said. Shannon Rawlinson continues to be actively involved in Lizzie Cabell’s Finishing School for Young Ladies, as a mentor to the younger girls.

The two Huntington Middle School reenacting groups participate in many events together. The groups strive to teach history, as well as a variety of other life skills, through interactive activities.

“They learn history, they learn general etiquette, they learn responsibility,” Lisa Rawlinson said. “I just think it’s nice that they get to go a certain number of hours or days without electronics.”

The Rawlinsons said they enjoy reenacting together and usually attend four or five reenactments a year.

Civil War reenacting is a popular hobby, trade or lifestyle, depending on how one chooses to view it. Whether a reenactor chooses to participate in highly historically accurate events or those considered more “hardcore,” most reenactors have one thing in common.

As Hilton, or Miz Rosebud, concludes her speech each year, “We remember, we care.”

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Shannyn Kyle, 16, a member of the Lizzie Cabell’s Finishing School for Young Ladies, aids Andrew Gooding during the reenactment of The Battle of Guyandotte.