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Appalachian activists speak out against environmental dangers

By LYDIA WAYBRIGHT

Three Appalachian women spoke out about their involvement in activism against environmental dangers during the Rural Women in Activism Panel Discussion Thursday in Drinko Hall.

The Marshall University Women's Center organized the panel to kick off Women's History Month.

The panel consisted of Debi Pokey, Blankenship, and Barbara Hagan. Each woman told her story of getting involved in rural activism and all discussed the success and challenges they have experienced.

Pokey said that she and her husband became involved in rural activism in 2013 when the Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Center for Justice and Social Development at Marshall University called them to attend a meeting about a new coal ash pond project.

“They have to answer calls and...
By CHRISTIAN HISMANN/THE MARSHALL POST

The Marshall men's basketball team fell to Louisiana Tech after a last-second buzzer-beater.

The Herd kicked off its road loss against Penn State University men's basketball team begins a two-day tournament at the Huntington Tennis Club.

Despite the recent skid, Christian Hisman can be contacted at hismann@marshall.edu.
Hoops for Hope raises awareness for autism

By BYRAN FISCHER

The Partnemon

Marshall University’s Alpha Sigma Phi and Alpha Xi Delta will host Hoops for Hope Friday. The basketball event will be 3 vs. 3, and the team can be co-ed or single gender.

“This is the first time the event will be taking place,” said Al- pha Sigma Phi fund raising chair Naquan Gardner. “We expect it to be a good turn out, we have had people sign up already and we plan to do same day regis- tration in hopes students will see the event beginning and they will have a chance to participate in Light It up Blue since 2009 and we’ve been involved with Light It up Blue for autism awareness for autism spectrum disorders,” Dark said. “We also participate in Light It up Blue through Autism Speaks; we have been involved with Light It up Blue since 2009 and we’ve been involved with Autism Speaks even longer than that.”

The event will take place at 5 p.m. at the Rec Center.

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“sion because of the mines” Blankenship said.

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“I don’t want to see a lot of people get sick just because of the water situation because of the mines.” Blan- kenship said.

The women talked about their various strategies for effective com- munication and activism. Hagan said she never knew what small act could strike someone’s attention and go viral.

Pekny said her goal in the discussion was to raise awareness for the need for involvement against fossil fuel extractions as well as to give people hope that they can make a difference. Lydia Waybright can be contacted at waybright19@marshall.edu.

What happens in Vegas....stays on the menu at La Famiglia

By ELAYNA CONARD

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Las Vegas isn’t always Sin City. Ralph Hagy and Jordan Hagy said they try to remember what happened in Vegas. The father and son are using the International Pizza Expo as a vacation and learning to roll out the best pies at their restaurant. Jordan Hagy and his fa- ther will attend their second expo this weekend when they travel to Las Vegas Sunday.

Jordan Hagy said the expo is filled with hundreds of ex- hibitors that teach everything from changing a restaurant menu to changing the toma- toes used on a margherita pizza.

The pizza made at La Famiglia are Neapolitan style. This style is unique to the Huntington area and requires all ingredients to come from Italy.

“The way you keep your food unique is to make it yourself.” Jordan Hagy said. “You can’t replicate homemade.” The attention to detail and dedication to homemade, authentic food requires La Famiglia to order flour and other essential ingredients from Italy. Jordan Hagy said one day he hopes the restaur- ant can use local farmers to supply them with fresh produce.

Ralph Hagy said he hopes to learn more about the Neapolitan style at the pizza expo this year.

“Everyone uses the same ingredients, but there is so much to be learned from different techniques,” Jor- dan Hagy said.

When the father and son duo return from Las Vegas after the pizza expo, expect little changes and tweaks on the menu. The restaur- ant is open 5 – 9 p.m. every day of the week except Sunday and Monday. For a lunch option, the Hagy fam- ily opened Mulberry Street Marshall Company and Deli.

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UKirk prepares burritos for Huntington’s homeless

By NANCY PETFAN THE PARTHENON

The Burrito Riders, a Marshall UKirk student club that delivers homemade burritos to those in need, is the focus of a program in Huntington that delivers homemade burritos to those in need.

Interim campus minister Elton Dawson said UKirk students tried to make burritos at least once a semester. Other clubs, like UKang, also get together to cook burritos as an outreach project.

“Hunan said they make around 70 burritos per batch, but this time they’re showing a little," Fox’s Baier said. "The first time we made them, we actually had to look up how to roll burritos on YouTube," Dawson said. "But we’re so new, we’re not necessarily good at it, but we’re getting better.

Last month, the Burrito Riders won Partner of the Year for Harmony House in Huntington because of the work they’re doing to help the homeless.

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Student Health offers free STD screenings

By LOGAN PARKULO THE PARTHENON

Marshall University Student Health Education Programs and the Cabin Health Education Program will provide free and confidential human immunodeficiency virus and STD testing March 8 and 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Parkhill Hall.

The screening will include an interview, urine analysis, HIV testing by oral swab and possible blood drawn. Appointment are not necessary and walk-ins are welcome.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, regardless of race or gender, data show sexually active adolescents and young adults are at increased risk for STDs when compared to older adults.

Data of STDs among young people 15 to 24 years of age in West Virginia in 2011 alone show there were 3,779 cases of chlamydia, 567 cases of gonorrhea and five cases of syphilis. People of the same age group are likely to acquire half of all new STDs, and one in four sexually active young women already have an STD. Young adolescents at a great risk for catching STDs than older adults, because of a number of reasons including behavioral, biological and cultural factors.

Acknowledging STDs in the community is a way to focus on the problem and help the public health community try to prevent and treat, and pass along the CDC states multiple barriers like inability to pay, lack of transportation and embarrassment may prevent some college students from getting checked regularly.

SHEF is a free resource that provides wellness opportunities, substance abuse prevention and health education to Marshall students. It’s goal is to help students achieve wellness through the promotion of healthy living in any and all of their choices. Logan Parkulo can be contacted at parkulo2@marshall.edu.

UKirk students cook and prepare ingredients to deliver burritos Thursday evening at the Campus Career Center.