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West Virginians rally to help flood-affected areas

BY NATHAN THOMAS
FOR THE PARTHENON

I’m sure one day I’ll be asked to answer the question, “What do you love about West Virginia?” by someone from the outside. I won’t answer the music even though I love the music, and I won’t answer the beauty even though nothing beats it. I’ll simply say, “the heart.”

The V Club benefit show would not have occurred without heart. Without love and compassion for people, or fellow human beings. It was a night of helping, it was a night to be near friends and family. To appreciate them still being with us, to appreciate still having a roof over your head to go home tonight. So we acted. Sensing we may be waiting some time, we went to Smith’s and picked up some basic needs. We grabbed some much needed, necessities for sandwiches, and a 24 pack of water. Preparing to wait for a few hours, as the water had already begun submerging a bit, our spirits were high and jokes were cracking.

On a trip back into the grocery store, we ran into Dave, an insurance agent here in Clendenin who my sister had worked for filing papers during the summer. Further, our sister had asked a family, whose father is the pastor of a local church across the bridge in the town of Clendenin, if we would be able to stay the night in their house if we had to. They thankfully said yes, and had advised us to find Dave, who said he’d help us locate the space he, and his friend, had been able to see the damage, and discover how the basement had already begun subsiding a bit, a night that has already become a legend in the community. When West Virginians are in dire need, no one will help them to the extent fellow West Virginians will. That was proven by every angel of the night.

HOME TOWN: Smith’s and traveled across the bridge, immediately noting the substantial amount of debris battering into the bridge because of the high water. Praying the bridge wouldn’t fail, we parked our car up at the local church. (I can’t guess the exact distance, but we parked the car at least 100 feet from the water bank, and very possibly much more.) Already, we noticed the water was beginning to rise. Leaving the car in a seemingly high place was no worrisome, but leaving our pack of water bottles was our second mistake.

We walked back to the parking lot of Smith’s Food Fair, which is currently being used as a donation station for clothing, food and toiletries in Clendenin, Monday. We took a walk around town, to see the damage, and discovered the local library had been trashed by water already, the post office had accrued tons of mud and rubble outside of it, and roads were caked with debris. People were riding their bikes by sides and other various machines to get around, while the large trucks of Clendenin rallied supreme. From our van’s point across the river, we were able to see the parking lot of Smith’s, and the Speedway right beside it. Both were already submerged.

30 HOURS: A personal account from the Clendenin, W.Va. flood

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

> Drop off donations including water, non-porous foods, cleaning supplies, clothing, feminine hygiene items and pet food to various locations in the city or on campus. See the full list of participating donation sites on page 2.
> Contribute directly to the WV family’s GoFundMe
> Sign up to assist in Clendenin cleanup and donation delivery by joining WV Flood at 304-558-0111.
> Bring a bag of cat or dog food to the Kenmore Charleston Humane Association in Charleston.

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By LEXI BROWNING
The Marshall University Board of Governors unanimously approved the $3.1 million budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year, including a five-percent tuition increase for the majority of students.

Mary Ellen Heuton, vice president of finance and chief financial officer, said the increase was a result of last year’s four-percent mid-year budget cut. The 2016-17 budget was also balanced by $3.1 million from university reserves for investments in recruitment.

“We didn’t raise tuition mid-year and we worked to save positions, hold positions, hold operating expenses to cover that,” Seaton said. “So we went in with a hard reduction, that tuition increase is really covering last year’s cut.”

Fee for distance programs, parking, international, university college and student success will also increase to cover additional costs to those programs, Seaton said.

The budget was selected out of three options presented prior to the legislature’s final approved state budget and contained the lowest tuition increase.

Starting in the fall, tuition rates for undergraduate resident students will increase $154 per semester, $285 for non-resident undergraduates and $374 for nonresident adult students. Increases for resident graduate students range from $160 for in-state students to $140 for non-resident graduate students.

“We think our efforts this spring will pay off in fall 2017,” said President Jerome Gilbert. “Many of the things we’re putting in place will take some time to take effect.”

“We're putting in place some of the things that I think is good when it takes some time to take effect,” he said. “That's why we're putting in place those things for the spring.”

Gilbert said monthly recruitment committee meetings would continue to assist faculty and staff with meeting enrollment goals and expanding current efforts.

“Although efforts this spring will pay off in fall 2017, some of the things we’re putting in place will take some time to take effect,” he said.

“If we set higher goals and expand current efforts,” he said, “we will probably be flat or slightly up in enrollment, which I think is good when you look at enrollment around the country. Many schools are encountering decreases.”

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Changes coming to FEST:3 at the Joan Edwards Stadium
By CLARA MAYNARD THE PARTHENON
The Office of Student Activity’s has been busy planning the next installment of FEST which will be held October 7 at the Joan Edwards Stadium.

“My job is to make sure music lovers in Huntington and the surrounding community and colleges hear about all our music festival and the talent we’re bringing to Huntington on October 7th,” Turner said.

Turner said the festival has been undergoing a lot of changes already.

“This year, we are hoping to triple our attendance based off of the excitement surrounding FEST already,” Turner said. “We are also putting bigger acts on the stage than FEST:3 and we’ve upgraded our venue in the Joan C. Edwards Stadium.”

“Turner said planning the festival is easier this year due to its recognition by the Huntington community and Marshall students.

“After last year’s students are excited to see what the next FEST has to offer,” Turner said. “As an intern, it’s exciting to plan something that grows bigger and better every year.”

Junior elementary education major Erin Walters said she has never attended FEST before, but with the new changes coming this year she may attend.

“It sounds like since it is going to be right on campus it would be really convenient for a lot of Marshall students to attend,” Walters said.

“I would say I would like to but I don’t know if I can make it,” Turner said.

“Turner also said she would like to see more local acts to be brought to the FEST stage.

“Turner said either way she would like to see a lot of local people just to get a chance to perform in front of a home crowd,” Turner said.

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Donation drop off locations:

ON CAMPUS:
> Memorial Student Center
> Women’s Center (Phrichard Hall)
> Rac Center

IN THE CITY:
> Blacksheep Burritos and Brews
> Mancini’s Pizza
> Hampton Inn Huntington
> Facing Hunger Food Bank

METRO AREA:
> Fat Patty’s Barboursville
> Dollar Tree Kenova
> Milton VFW

What to donate:
> bottled water
> non-perishable food
> gently used clothing
> pet food
> diapers
> personal hygiene items
> batteries

V CLUB | CONTINUED
Whether it be the 600-plus fans who attended the show that had only been announced the morning before, or the bands who came together from across the state to work some relief for good, the artists who donated pieces for silent auction, or the work of Ian Thornton who booked the benefit in-between performing his band duties as a member of William Marhsall and the Strange Constellations on Sunday night, everyone did their part.

Featuring shortened sets by The Horse Traders, Qet, Oon, William Marhsall, Jeff Ellis & 40 Days, The Ball, Tyler Childers, Shady & Company and Charlie Brown Superstar, the benefit brought out their best to keep spirits high despite the devastation in towns like Rainelle that were pratici- cally wiped from existence.

By the end of the night over $12,000 was raised, which the affected areas will be met with the mate- rialization of Huntington’s heart in the form of pickup loads full of supplies. In the big picture, it may be a drop in the bucket, but any rannie of relief is good help.

As a sticker made by Jimbo O’Malley says, “As water goes down, we’ll pull each other up.” There’s still some heavy palling to do, but we’ll get the suffering West Virginia brothers and sisters out of the depths soon.

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Camera Under the Stars returns with “The Lorax”
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Cinema Under the Stars returns with “The Lorax”.

“The movie will be shown outdoors by a projector on a 14-foot inflatable screen outdoors by a projector on a 14-foot inflatable screen. Admission is $3 per person and blankets will be sold during the movie. Outdoor seating will be available but guests may bring their own chairs or blankets as well.

Cinema Under the Stars is brought to you by the Huntington Parks and Recreation Department.

“While the Lorax may not be available as a rental, there are no restrictions for showing the film outdoors,” said Thomas.

“This is a great opportunity for the whole family to enjoy a movie at the park,” Thomas said.

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Baseball in the pros

AARON BLAIR
STARTING PITCHER
ATLANTA BRAVES
#52
Stats with Atlanta: 11 starts (0-3), 7.99 ERA, 50.2 innings pitched, 29 Ks
Stats with Triple-A Gwinnett: 4 starts (2-3), 1.84 ERA, 22 innings pitched, 26 Ks

GREG WILLIAMS
RELIEF PITCHER
DAYTONA TORTUGAS
#43
Season stats: 9 appearances, 4.22 ERA, 10.2 innings pitched, 7 Ks

ISAAC BALLOU
OUTFIELDER
HARRISBURG SENATORS
#52
Stats with Triple-A Syracuse: 9 games, .296 avg., 3 doubles, 2 RBI, 2 R, 4 BB
Stats with Double-A Harrisburg: 52 games, .235 avg., 4 triples, 2 HR, 27 RBI

BURRIS WARNER
RELIEF PITCHER
LAKELAND FLYING TIGERS
#30
Stats with Advanced-A Lakeland: None (Assigned from GCL Tigers West on June 29)
Stats with GCL Tigers West: 1 inning pitched, no hits allowed, K, no walks

PARKER DANCIU
RELIEF PITCHER
GCL BRAVES
#18
Season stats: 1 appearance, 2 innings pitched, K, unearned run

DAN STRAILEY
STARTING PITCHER
CINCINNATI REDS
#58
Season Stats: 14 starts (4-5), 4.38 ERA, 88.1 innings pitched, 74 Ks

KEVIN SHACKELFORD
RELIEF PITCHER
LOUISVILLE BATS
#58
Stats with Triple-A Louisville: None (Assigned from Pensacola on June 28)
Stats with Double-A Pensacola: 10 appearances (1-0), 1.38 ERA, 13 innings pitched, 11 Ks

COREY BIRD
OUTFIELDER
BATAVIA MUCKDOGS
#12
Season stats: 6 games, .269 avg., double, 3 RBI, BB

J.D. HAMMER
RELIEF PITCHER
GRAND JUNCTION ROCKIES
#38
Season stats: 2 appearances, 2.70 ERA, 3.1 innings pitched, 5 Ks

AARON BOSSI
CATCHER
GCL YANKEES EAST
#43
New York Yankees assigned Bossi to GCL Yankees East as a catcher on June 23. Bossi has yet to play in a game.

* Stats through June 29
By KARIMA NEGHMOUCHE

THE PARTHENON

It all started when 26-year-old Tyler Cravens was a kid. He would sit at home, and watch the original American Gladiators, admiring the skills of men like Malibu and Nitro. He thought to himself, “This looks like too much fun!” Fast forward to 2011, Cravens was introduced to the American Ninja Warrior show at his friend’s house, and this was his big-a-ha moment... the moment that changed everything.

“This is where I realized the realization that I could make my dream a reality, and I’ve been hooked ever since,” Cravens said. “When you watch the show from the comforts of your coach, everything always seems easier than what it really is. But at that moment in time is when I decided to go after my life-long dream.”

After deciding to go after his dream, Cravens experienced a setback after a motorcycle accident.

“It knocked out my chances of applying for the show and set training back months,” Cravens said. “I was really down for a while, but the American Ninja Warrior was a great goal to strive for while I was injured.”

When preparing for the competition, Cravens practiced high intensity interval training, body weight and resistance training, plyometrics, sprints and climbing 5 to 4 times a week.

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Cravens learned many lessons along the way, regarding both changing his perspective on how to trained the competition, and how to overcome obstacles that life threw at you. Cravens didn’t view the competition as him vs. another opponent, but instead, him vs. the course.

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Next, we asked Cravens his initial feelings after the show and set training back months,” Cravens said. “I was really down for a while, but the American Ninja Warrior was a great goal to strive for while I was injured.”

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Next, we asked Cravens his initial feelings after hitting the buzzer.

“I was instantly flooded with so many emotions. Having beat the course... I mean... wow. That had been such a huge goal of mine and it really took a long time for it to really sink in,” Cravens said. “I had been dreaming of that moment for so long, I was so excited I could barely form coherent sentences.”

The community also showed Cravens support, and encouraged him throughout his journey. “I never dreamed there would be so many people showing so much love and support. I will never be able to express my gratitude fully. It’s because of everyone’s support that they were able to help me transform my dream into a reality, so from the bottom of my heart, thank you all,” Cravens said.

“Ultimately my main goal is to inspire and motivate others, and if I accomplished that through my run it would mean the world to me,” Cravens said.

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