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Government Shutdown Ends

What did the shutdown mean for Marshall and the state of West Virginia?

By **GINNY BLAKE**
THE PARTHENON

When the clock struck 12 a.m. on Saturday, the United States began the first government shut down of Donald Trump's presidency. This meant no new federal dollars could be spent until lawmakers reached a decision.

The government shut down ended Monday after the Senate voted to reopen the government for three more weeks.

While Marshall University has been facing budget cuts since 2017, the shutdown did not financially affect the university or the federal aid its students receive, according to Sarah Musgrave, interim associate director of Student Financial Assistance at Marshall University.

"During a short-term shut down, there would be no immediate impact on federal student aid programs," Musgrave said.

The National Association of Student

Financial Aid Administrators reported that while no new federal dollars was spent during a shutdown, the federal funding has already been dispersed for student aid in 2017-2018, therefore, students should not have experienced issues with their financial aid awards.

Likewise, Inside Higher Ed reported that the Pell Grant and federal student loan funding is mandatory, as those programs operate regardless of year-to-year budgets.

Katrina Eskins, interim budget director at Marshall University, said the university's budget was not affected by the government shutdown.

However, some West Virginians were affected; 1,400 National Guard members were sent home at noon Monday due to the shutdown still being in effect, Jeff Jenkins of WV MetroNews reported. These members will return back to work Tuesday due

to the shutdown ending.

Since the Senate vote, U.S. Senator Manchin posted on Facebook that he never voted in favor of the shutdown and is glad the government can begin working again on issues that affect Americans and West Virginians.

"Now that the government will reopen, we have the next three weeks to ensure our military is equipped to protect our country, fight the opioid epidemic, keep our promise to coal miners so they don't lose their hard-earned pensions, expand broadband access and pass a comprehensive infrastructure package," Manchin posted.

U.S. Senator Shelly Moore Capito spoke with MetroNews "Talkline" Monday after the shutdown ended. Capito said the Democratic leadership linked immigration to the budget to hold operations hostage.

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MARSHALL UNIVERSITY WELCOMES FIRST PLANNED PARENTHOOD GROUP

By **KYRA BISCARNER**
THE PARTHENON

Planned Parenthood Generation Action is cementing its spot on Marshall's campus. The group officially launched Monday, providing students information about what the group plans to do.

Morgan Karnell, president of Planned Parenthood Generation Action, said she hopes this event helps get people excited and also helps to educate students about the organization.

"It's really to get people excited and learn more about the club so they can just come and learn more about how we're learning and doing things for reproductive rights on campus and in the community," Karnell said.

The group was previously known as the Students for Reproductive Justice, but Karnell said the change will help bring a familiarity to the organization.

"It's going through a transformation to Planned Parenthood Generation Action so people are more familiar with the name and we have more opportunities through the organization," Karnell said.

Representatives from Planned Parenthood were also present for the event to answer

any questions about the new club and also about Planned Parenthood as a whole.

Parenthood on a college campus will help inform students about their options when it

and to be empowered and to know about their options and know how to advocate for their options," Thompson said. "College students have such power and such potential, so having this type of thing on campus is really important."

At the event, attendees had the opportunity to provide their own ideas of how to help all students on campus. Some of the ideas included: making feminine products available to all students in on-campus bathrooms, discussing Marshall's Title IX practices and providing UNI peer mentors with sexual assault training.

Karnell said she will be attending a summit to help come up with ideas on how to bring change to Marshall's campus. Karnell said she hopes the club will be able to provide meaningful changes to Marshall.

"Next week, I'm going to Charlotte for a planned parenthood summit," Karnell said. "We're going to learn how to have a campus campaign, and through that, we're going to try to make changes on campus that are meaningful and hopefully help people."

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KYRA BISCARNER | THE PARTHENON

Morgan Karnell, president of Planned Parenthood Generation Action provides attendees with information about Planned Parenthood Generation Action.

Emily Thompson, field organizer for Planned Parenthood South Atlantic, said she thinks having an organization like Planned

comes to reproductive healthcare.

"Women, men and young people and people of all ages need reproductive healthcare



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Armed man arrested for trespassing in Smith Hall

By SARAH INGRAM
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University Police Department responded to a call Jan. 9 at 7:52 p.m. indicating that a suspicious male was preparing food on the first floor of Smith Music Hall. The man was later discovered to be 25-year-old Joshua Jordan who was arrested for trespassing and escorted off of the premises.

While searching the building, campus police found Jordan in one of the practice rooms of Smith. When confronted, Jordan told the officers that he was there because he is a former Marshall student from 2013 and he owned a locker with his contents still in it. The officers took Jordan to his locker and cleaned out his belongings before exiting the building.

Jordan was told by the arresting officers and Huntington officers that he was not supposed to be on any of the property owned by Marshall University. That night, he was arrested for trespassing and transported to Western Regional Jail.

This was not Jordan's first time being on campus when he was not supposed to be. An officer on duty in Smith Hall on Dec. 30 found the subject had been sleeping on one of the benches shortly after 2 a.m.

During his first encounter with MUPD,

Jordan informed the officers that he had a firearm in his backpack when they questioned him. After this admission, he was arrested for trespassing with a firearm and possession of a firearm on an educational facility. MUPD Chief Jim Terry said Jordan had been informed he should not return to the university.

"During this process, Jordan was told he had no purpose for being in any of the buildings on campus," Terry said.

Following his arrest, many students have questioned why they were not informed of Jordan's trespassing violation through the MUALert messaging system. Terry said no one saw the need for a message after the incident because no one was in danger.

"There was no text sent out because he was arrested and he was no longer a threat to the university community," Terry said. "The situation was mitigated ... it was over."

The university is now taking precautions making sure that all doors are locked when classes are not in session. Some doors in Smith Hall have been locked during the day to prevent those who are not associated with Marshall from sneaking in.

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Students team up with Harmony House for Martin Luther King Day of Service



GINNY BLAKE | THE PARTHENON

Emma Nelson and Mike Andry organize donations from the community in the donation room to be made ready for Harmony House clients.

By GINNY BLAKE
THE PARTHENON

Two Marshall University students spent their Friday morning sorting through community clothing donations for the Harmony House for MLK Day of Service. Mike Andry, Mr. Marshall 2017 and member of the TAU-NU Chapter of Kappa Sigma, and Emma Nelson, Community Service Director for Alpha Delta, are both excited to help in the community.

"I feel like a lot of days you go day-to-day and you don't realize what's going on in your community. You're on campus. You don't see the outskirts of what goes on. So, it's nice to go out and really see how you can change that," said Nelson.

The pair organized community donations before taking them downstairs to where members of the Harmony House can receive clothes.

"[The Day of Service] is a very good way to help others who are in need," Andry stated.

"Donations have just kept coming. The community has been so generous to us," said

Bill Rosenberger, Director of Development at Harmony House. "We decided that our focus was really going to be on sorting donations, because the quicker we can sort them, the quicker we can put them in our actual donation room downstairs for clients."

Marshall has partnered up with the Harmony House in the past, as well. The House has worked with Alpha Chi Omega, the President's Office, and the psychology department.

"[Marshall and the Harmony House] has been a great relationship," said Rosenberger.

The Harmony House works to meet the needs of the homeless by providing food, housing, healthcare, clothing and helping individuals gain employment. They also work to collaborate with partner agencies to provide services such as the First Steps Program.

"I know students have been looking for opportunities to serve and to get hours, and we try to provide that the best we can," Rosenberger said.

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New fraternity debuts on campus



SARAH INGRAM | THE PARTHENON

Taylor Krivas, senior educational leadership consultant, aims to revitalize the once disbanded fraternity.

By SARAH INGRAM
THE PARTHENON

With the new year comes a new fraternity, as Lambda Chi Alpha has officially become part of the Greek Life community here at Marshall University.

While the fraternity is starting out fresh this semester, it has been part of the Herd before. Lambda Chi Alpha was a small fraternity at Marshall, but it slowly disbanded due to lack of membership. With new goals in mind, Taylor Krivas, senior educational leadership consultant, said he is optimistic while recruiting.

"There are definitely places (at Marshall) that are not being hit to be able to reach out to gentlemen that are more academically inclined and looking for service opportunities," Krivas said.

Lambda Chi Alpha is starting out like all other Greek organizations as a colony. After gathering 40 members, the colony can then be chartered and accepted as a chapter within the organization.

Lambda Chi Alpha was founded by Warren A. Cole in 1909 at Boston University. The fraternity steadily spread down the east coast and eventually to the western regions. Today, Lambda Chi Alpha is present on 194 campuses, and it continues to expand across the country, including

colleges like Shepherd University, West Virginia University and now Marshall University.

Krivas said the new fraternity hopes to be an organization that provides an abundance of community service opportunities. Lambda Chi is internationally partnered with Feeding America and has helped provide over 15 million meals to struggling families. Krivas said Marshall's chapter is also hoping to coordinate with the food bank in Huntington to help those in need locally.

According to its website, Lambda Chi Alpha's goals include expanding membership, expanding beyond the social norms of fraternities and sororities and to "offer an experience that focuses on the maturational development of today's college men."

Krivas said Lambda Chi Alpha searches for schools where they believe certain niches of men are not being reached by other fraternities. He said his goal is to reach roughly 32 brothers by the end of this semester.

Anyone interested in joining Lambda Chi Alpha can contact Taylor Krivas at either tkrivas@lambdachi.org or marshalllambdachi@gmail.com.

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Actively Moving Forward group creating new bereavement policy

By AMANDA LARCH
THE PARTHENON

After senior exercise science major Kate Etter lost her mother while attending college, she found it difficult to return to school, and when she did, she said she struggled to cope with the grief on her own.

"My mother passed away while I was in college here, and I had a rough time coming back to school," Etter said. "I felt like what I was going through wasn't acknowledged on campus. I would have loved to have a group to turn to, so I wanted to create that and help find people similar to me with similar situations and have them help me and me help them."

To help others in similar situations, Etter, who is president of the group, helped create Actively Moving Forward, a grief support group for Marshall students. AMF is a branch of the larger AMF organization, which has groups on college campuses across the country.

The group started in the spring semester of last year, and Etter said it is helping students recover from the loss of a loved one.

Monica Panwar, a graduate student in the biomedical sciences program, experienced the loss of her father her first year of graduate school.

"During that time, I was seeking a group of people going through the same thing as me," Panwar, member of the group, said. "On a college campus, it's hard to find students who are going through something like that because we're still young people."

If a member is having a bad day, they have a group chat for the club out. Two or three

members will sometimes get together to eat pizza or ice cream. Etter said they assist each other through the good days and bad days by doing anything in their power to help.

"We try to constantly show that we're there every day as opposed to two days a month for meetings," Etter said. "A couple times we've been to peoples' houses. One girl just got a dog, so I think we'll go to a park and play with her dog soon."

AMF is bringing Grief Awareness Week to Marshall April 23 through April 27. Etter said every branch of AMF across the country will participate and plan to do the same activities each day. The group is also working on creating a new bereavement policy for campus, Etter said. Their goal is to provide students coming back to school after a loss with a tutor, and they want to get in contact with professors to let the students have a few extra days to catch up on work, Etter said.

Anyone can reach out and offer support for AMF, but Etter said they were created to help students going through a loss, or even the terminal illness of a loved one.

"We let anyone in the group that has a death in the family," Etter said. "Even people that are dealing with a chronic illness, maybe no one has passed in the family, but there's a terminal illness occurring, and you need help grieving while that's there."

Anyone interested in joining or in need of support in the loss of a loved one can contact AMF at Marshall-AMF@healgrief.org.

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SPORTS

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Burks, defense clinch overtime win for Marshall men's basketball

By COURTNEY ANDREWS

THE PARTHENON

Marshall men's basketball (14-6, 5-2 CUSA) won in overtime Saturday night by a score of 86-78 over the UAB Blazers (13-7, 4-3 CUSA) at the Cam Henderson Center. With the victory, Marshall has won two-straight against the top two Conference USA preseason poll teams after defeating preseason favorite Middle Tennessee Thursday.

"Great game, great crowd, lots of fun," head coach Dan D'Antoni said. "I was telling people I would almost pay to coach that game."

On offense, four Marshall players scored in double-figures. Junior guard C.J. Burks scored 24 total points and led the Herd in scoring for the fourth straight game, while junior forward Ajdin Penava and guards Rondale Watson and Jon Elmore scored 17, 16 and 14, respectively.

In addition to his 14 points, Elmore yielded 12 rebounds and 10 assists, as he achieved his second triple-double of the season. Elmore has now scored in double-figures for 54 consecutive games played.

UAB senior forward Chris Cokley scored a game-high 28, while sophomore guard Nate Darling added 21.

"Getting those two big wins, we've kind of taken a few on the chin from those two teams the past few years," junior guard Jon Elmore said. "Getting two in a row like that's big."

In the first half, UAB got off to a fast start, outscoring Marshall 9-2 in the first two minutes of the game. Burks kept the Herd in the game, though, sinking three shots beyond the arch and mid-range a jump shot. Burks scored the Herd's first 11 points and cut the deficit to two (13-11).

"The coaching staff and all the players believe in me," Burks said. "Everybody knows what I'm capable of doing, and they don't want me to pass up open shots."

Marshall struggled offensively, shooting 37.5 percent (27-for-72) from the field. The Herd, however, made up for it on the defensive end, forcing 16 UAB turnovers, 10 steals, and six blocks.

"We didn't even shoot the ball great tonight," Elmore said. "We locked up defensively, made some huge plays offensively,



RICHARD CRANK | THE PARTHENON

Freshman guard Jarrod West celebrates a 3-pointer during the Herd's 86-78 overtime win over UAB on Saturday.

executed well."

Ajdin Penava was responsible for all six Marshall blocks. He continues to lead the NCAA Division-I in blocked shots.

"I've always said we could be a very good defensive team," D'Antoni said. "(Assistant Coach) Scott Rigot does a lot with our defense, and they're picking it up. They're taking the challenge, and that's why we're looking like we could be a real contender as we get to tournament time."

The difference came down to fouls and free-throws. Marshall was a perfect 18-for-18 from the line. On the other end, UAB shot an uncharacteristic 38.5 percent (5-for-13) from the line.

"I think we're ranked number 20 in the country in free throw shooting," UAB head coach Robert Ehsan said. "We did not obviously shoot them well tonight."

With an official attendance of 6,740, the Cam Henderson Center held its second-largest crowd of the season—the players could feel the energy.

"It's awesome," Elmore said. "We feed through them. They fire us up. You see us pumping up the crowd but they're lighting us up. Hopefully we can keep packing this place, and get this place sold out. Such a fun environment. I talk to teams and they dread coming to Huntington, just because it's a hard place to play."

With the win, the Herd is now one game shy of a three-way tie with Middle Tennessee, Western Kentucky and Old Dominion for first in Conference USA.

"We are in the ring now," Elmore said. "We're throwing haymakers—we're swinging. So, I think we have a good shot to go out and keep rolling."

Marshall doesn't play again until it travels to Western Kentucky Jan. 27. The Herd would earn a share of first place with a win and losses by Old Dominion and Middle Tennessee.

"We got eyes set on Western, and we know what they did to us the first time," Elmore said. "We're going to get back to the drawing board and get ready to go."

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C.J. BURKS

CUSA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Marshall swim and dive succumbs to Liberty on senior day



RICHARD CRANK | THE PARTHENON

Marshall seniors (L-R) Emma Lockyer, Madi Pulfer, Savannah Ruedt, Anna Lynch, Rachel DiPietro, Lauren Cowher and Shir Wasserman pose poolside after their final home meet Saturday. The Herd's final dual-meet of the season is Friday at Ohio.

By RICK FARLOW
SPORTS EDITOR

Marshall University Swim and Dive fell to the Liberty University Lady Flames Saturday at the Frederick A. Fitch Natatorium in its final home meet of the season.

After losing to the Lady Flames 160-140 last week in a tri-meet at Liberty, the Lady Flames outscored Marshall 177-123 again in Saturday's dual-meet, completing the season sweep. The Herd dropped to 3-5 with the loss.

"It doesn't really matter what team we're swimming—national champions or the worst team on the planet," head coach Bill Tramel said. "Every time we get in the water, we try to get better than we were last time."

Despite the loss, Marshall dedicated the day to its departing athletes, who are on track to graduate after this season. The eight women received a special introduction before the meet, during which time, family met them poolside with a bouquet of flowers—a senior day tradition. Madi Pulfer and Shir Wasserman—who are from Canada and Israel, respectively—were honored with national anthems of their home countries before their final home meet.

"It's really an emotional day," Tramel said. "I certainly never like to graduate people, but it's part of the game and part of the process."

Marshall achieved four individual wins in

the meet. Sophomore diver Maddie Young was responsible for half of those, as she placed first in the one-meter dive (242.15) and the three-meter dive (234.15).

Anna Lynch, a junior on track to graduate this season, had another standout freestyle performance in her final meet at Fitch Natatorium. She was responsible for the other half of the Herd's four first-place finishes. In the 1,000-yard freestyle, Lynch placed first with a time of 10:10.94. Later in the meet, Lynch produced another first-place finish in the 500-yard freestyle, boasting a time of 5:00.62.

"(Lynch) is doing a great job," Tramel said. "She did a very good job last week at Liberty and was way better this week."

In the final event of the meet, the 400-yard freestyle relay, Tramel allowed his departing athletes an extra chance to swim together as a team.

"It was a fun thing we did at the end there," Tramel said. "We did a senior-only relay on the last relay to send them out the best we could."

Marshall will travel to Athens, Ohio on Friday to compete in its final dual-meet of the season.

"Friday night at Ohio, it's always a rival meet," Tramel said. "They're a very good team. We got them last year, so it's going to be a battle."

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RICHARD CRANK | THE PARTHENON

C.J. Burks celebrates a 3-pointer in front of the Marshall bench during the Herd's 86-78 overtime win over UAB Saturday. Burks was named Conference USA Player of the Week on Monday after averaging 24.5 points, five rebounds and three assists in a sweep of the top two teams in the Conference USA preseason poll, Middle Tennessee and UAB.

CUSA STANDINGS

TEAM	CUSA	OVERALL
T-1. Old Dominion	6-1	15-4
T-1. MTSU	6-1	14-5
T-1. WKU	6-1	14-6
4. MARSHALL	5-2	14-6
5. UAB	4-3	13-7
6. Southern Miss	4-4	11-10
T-7. North Texas	3-4	10-10
T-7. UTSA	3-4	10-10
T-7. Florida Atlantic	3-4	9-10
T-7. FIU	3-4	9-11
11. Louisiana Tech	3-5	12-9
12. UTEP	2-5	7-12
T-13. Rice	1-6	5-13
T-13. Charlotte	1-6	4-16

NCAA BLOCKS PER GAME LEADERS

1. AJDIN PENAVAL, MARSHALL	4.89
2. Mohamed Bamba, Texas	4.50
3. Tariq Owens, St. Johns	3.55
4. Anas Mahmoud, Louisville	3.53
5. Jaren Jackson, Michigan State	3.25

WKU topples Herd with late run

By LUKE CREASY
THE PARTHENON

Marshall women's basketball (6-12, 0-5 C-USA) returned to the Cam Henderson Center Sunday afternoon to face Conference USA front-runner Western Kentucky (14-5, 5-1 C-USA). A late surge from WKU curbed the Herd's comeback, handing Marshall its fifth consecutive loss in C-USA play 86-66.

"Give credit to Western Kentucky, they play for 40 minutes," head coach Tony Kemper said. "They take advantage when they have it. They're tough, they're physical and they were all those things today."

The Lady Toppers wasted no time on offense, as WKU senior forwards Ivy Brown and Tashia Brown combined for 11 points within the first two and a half minutes of the contest. Marshall was down 11-0 until junior guard Shayna Gore got the scoring started with a triple.

Marshall battled throughout the first quarter, but never took the lead, trailing 23-14 at the end of quarter. Second quarter struggles have been a theme for the Herd thus far in its in-conference schedule, but its defense forced five WKU second quarter turnovers and outscored the Lady Toppers 16-15 in the quarter. The Herd headed into halftime down to Western Kentucky 38-30.

"When (WKU) went to the zone, we had more ball movement," Gore said. "We were

looking for shooters. We handled the pressure well, we've just got to be more consistent."

In the third quarter, Marshall continued to subdue WKU. With 3:26 left in the third quarter, Marshall's senior forward Talequia Hamilton hit a free-throw to pull the Herd within 4 of the Lady Toppers. Then, the Lady Toppers kicked it into gear.

On her way to scoring a game-high 33, WKU's Taisha Brown scored 10 points in the last 13 minutes of the game. The Lady Toppers outscored Marshall 26-7 from 2:12 in the third quarter to 6:08 in the fourth quarter, extending WKU's lead to 23 points (75-52).

"(Brown) is really good and we knew that," Kemper said. "She has turned herself into a player that is hard to take away. She's long and she can shoot pull up jumpers. She jumps up and shoots like an NBA player."

As the Herd dropped its 12th contest on the year, it is still in search of its first CUSA win. Coach Kemper, however, has noticed a positive change in his team.

"We were way more confident today than we were in Norfolk," Kemper said. "That has to become something that I don't have to worry about, and right now I worry about it too much."

Marshall returns to action on Friday when it welcomes Middle Tennessee, for its second of three games in this homestand.

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THUNDERING HERD INVITATIONAL FRIDAY AND SATURDAY



Rep. Evan Jenkins stands before the West Virginia Legislature in April 2017. Jenkins, currently representing the state's third district in U.S. Congress, is running on the Republican ticket to represent WV in the U.S. Senate.

WV LEGISLATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY, PHOTO BY WILL PRICE

Editorial

Jenkins ad prompts troubling questions

A week ago, a video from Congressman Evan Jenkins and his family began circulating on Facebook. Jenkins, a republican seeking incumbent democrat Joe Manchin's senate seat this November, introduces his family as they each look straight on into the camera, nodding and smiling as the congressman speaks, an odd and uncomfortable scene that brings on an unsettling 'Stepford Wives' vibe.

Framing the video is, of course, his logo for his campaign, but also something truly disturbing. Directly under the video are the words, "let's send Trump a senator!"

"West Virginia and Donald Trump needs a senator we can count on," Jenkins said. "I'm the only the cadidate in the race for U.S. Senate who has supported Donald Trump since day one,

and is working side-by-side with the president to truly make America great again."

Upon analysis of this troubling slogan, West Virginians should be wary of any politician claiming undying support of the president. The founding fathers created three separate and distinct branches of government for a reason. Anybody who has taken a high school civics class is well familiar with the system of checks and balances, and this video ad is a direct slap in the face to the constitutional philosophy fundamental to the structure of our nation.

The legislative branch exists to hold the president accountable. This is one of congress's greatest responsibilities. It is a dangerous thing to send lawmakers to Washington who are unwilling to do this essential

part of their job, on account of party politics and opportunism. A senator should desire to serve in congress for the sole purpose of representing and advocating for their home state. That's all.

It is curious as to why Jenkins would campaign as a puppet for the President, but regardless of the political strategy behind this phrase, under the surface lies a dangerous and disturbing message. West Virginians should be deeply concerned by this slogan.

West Virginia doesn't need to send Trump a senator, they need to send their people a senator, one who will fight for them no matter the political cost. West Virginia needs a champion in Washington. A much more appropriate slogan would read, "let's send West Virginians a senator!"

Column: Women march across history, stomping out gender inequity

SADIE HELMICK
LIFE! EDITOR

They marched in the 1900s to win the same equal social, political and economic rights as men. They marched in the 1920s for the right to vote. They marched in the 1960s for peace. They marched in the 1970s for equal rights and reproductive rights. They equality and justice for all people. They marched last January as a result of the women who came before them.

Since the early 19th century, the rights of women have come a long way. Since organizing in the 1830s as abolitionists, they still march. They are not only marching for themselves, but for the rights of immigrants, for LGBTQ rights, racial equality, freedom of religion, reproductive freedom and healthcare reform. They march for the security of others. They march for fundamental human rights.

This fight started with women like Elizabeth Caty Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, but is continuing on with women like Gloria Steinman, Hillary Clinton and Linda Sarsour.

In a statement to The Guardian in article about the 2017 Women's March, Steinman said this: "Our constitution does not begin with 'I, the President.' It begins with, 'We, the People.'"

Steinman continued by saying, "I am proud to be one of the thousands who have come to Washington to make clear that we will keep working for a democracy in which we are linked as human beings, not ranked by race or gender or class or any other label."

On Saturday, the Women's March continued encouraging women by urging them to vote. Hundreds of thousands of women marched around the United States to celebrate the anniversary of the 2017 march, but more importantly, they marched to bring their 'Power to the Polls.'

After a nearly 100-year battle to ratify the 19th amendment, the amendment that granted women the right to vote, women still work to prove that right. This basic right is now taken for granted. Women have held the right to vote since August 26, 1920; now, 98 years later, women are marching to encourage others to use that power. The right to vote is a privilege and a power.

The Women's March is not a "women's only movement," but a "women-led movement." Linda Sarsour, the Women's March organizer, wants all people to be included.

"Women know how to bring people together. Our women's-led movement centers the most marginalized communities, the people who are being most impacted by the policies being brought down by this administration and our Congress," said Sarour in an Op-Ed piece for Now This.

Women and marginalized people in politics will bring a diversity that American politics are missing. "We believe when you center those who are closest to the problem, those people will bring us closest to the solution," said Sarsour.

The Center for American Progress said that if the American population reflected its leadership,



Taylor Patrick, center, holds hands with surrounding woman in a moment of silence during the Women's March at the Caddo Parish Courthouse in Shreveport, La., Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018. (Henrietta Wildsmith/The Shreveport Times via AP)

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West Virginia House to create 100 districts of equal size



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W.Va House of Delegates, Jan 22.

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West Virginia's House voted overwhelmingly Monday to reorganize the state electoral map into 100 separate legislative districts, saying it will make each lawmaker more responsive and accessible. Critics say the change would cement more incumbents in office.

Currently, the House's 100 members together represent 67 districts, and more densely populated areas have two, three, four or five delegates.

The Republican-sponsored bill, which passed 72-25 with several Democratic votes, would have lawmakers represent about 18,000 constituents each after the 2020 Census, evenly dividing the state's nearly 1.8 million residents between them.

Two districts now have 90,000 and 72,000 constituents respectively, said Delegate John Overington, a Martinsburg Republican and the bill's lead sponsor. In smaller "neighborhood districts," he said it's less expensive to campaign and it's easier for constituents to know the policy positions of a smaller group of candidates.

"You get to know people a lot better," Overington said.

But Delegate Larry Rowe, who shares a Charleston district with another Democrat and a Republican, said single-member districts "entrench incumbents."

He also warned that West Virginia will see a lot of gerrymandering as incumbents draw new district lines for their own political advantage, unless the Legislature establishes an independent redistricting commission or some other method of drawing fair boundaries. A bill to do that, also introduced by Overington, remains in committee.

Rowe said the House currently has 47 districts with a single legislator; 35 of them are held by Republicans and 12 by Democrats.

The measure doesn't require a constitutional change or voter approval, since the state constitution basically says it's up to the Legislature to draw district lines for the House, said Jared Hunt, spokesman for the House Republican majority. And since the bill deals only with the makeup of House districts, little resistance is expected from the Senate or Gov. Jim Justice, he said.

In the state Senate on Monday, bills were passed to end West Virginia's film tax credit, authorize tax credits for businesses that locate on former coal mine sites, and require private clubs licensed to sell alcohol to notify authorities when someone has a life-threatening medical emergency.

The film tax credit, for up to 31 percent of production costs in West Virginia, has a \$5 million overall cap. Recent productions in West Virginia included part of the AMC Networks' television miniseries "The American West" and the TV episode "Blood Feuds: Hatfields & McCoys" on the History channel. But with the current fiscal year more than half over, it still has more than \$3 million left, and ending the program would free up more revenue to spend elsewhere.

The Senate voted 28-2 for ending it. With other states providing large tax credits for film and television production, state officials say West Virginia's has little impact.

For former coal mine sites, the Senate bill would establish a five-year tax credit for capital investment up to the amount of its state income. The bill passed unanimously.

Eagles fan who slammed into pole in subway says he's OK

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A Philadelphia Eagles fan whose attempt to rally subway passengers for a playoff game ended with him running into a concrete pole says he's doing OK and a viral video shows the "passion" of Philly fans.

Jigar Desai said his pain eased with the Eagles' 38-7 win over the Minnesota Vikings in the NFC Championship game Sunday night.

The mishap occurred while Desai was heading to the game after having a few drinks while watching the New England Patriots defeat the Jacksonville Jaguars in the AFC Championship game.

The 42-year-old Eagles season ticket holder from suburban Philadelphia said he got pumped up watching a group of Eagles fans on a train heading in the opposite direction and wanted to get them excited. Video captured Desai, wearing a Brian Dawkins jersey, running with the train car — then hitting the pole and bumping into the train.

"Yeah, I hit the pole, but the passion is there," Desai said. "It reflects the passion of the entire city. We are good fans. Yeah, there are a couple

of bad apples in the mix, in any city you're going to find that, but I think as a whole we have supported this team for years and years and years. I think this city is ready to bring home the hardware."

The Eagles will face the Patriots, the reigning NFL champions, in the Super Bowl on Feb. 4. It'll be the 10th appearance in the Super Bowl for the Patriots but just the third for the Eagles, who've never won it.

Desai, who described himself as a "10-pound baby from India" who moved to Pennsylvania when he was a child, said his postgame celebration was a lot tamer and he went to his job at a pharmaceutical company on Monday, although he was a bit sore. He said he may go to the doctor on Tuesday.

The subway platform run was perhaps the most viral moment from Sunday's festivities in Philadelphia, which included video of fans climbing light poles slicked with Crisco, Eagles fans throwing beer at Vikings fans and a fan arrested for punching a police horse.

"I'm not throwing bottles or punching horses," Desai said. "It was just running into a pole."

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Philippine volcano spews fountains of lava



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Mayon volcano erupts for the second straight day Tuesday, as seen from Legazpi city, Albay province, southeast of Manila, Philippines. The Philippines' most active volcano ejected a huge column of lava fragments, ash and smoke in another thunderous explosion at dawn Tuesday, sending thousands of villagers back to evacuation centers and prompting a warning that a violent eruption may be imminent.

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The Philippines' most active volcano spewed fountains of lava and massive ash plumes overnight and Tuesday morning after authorities warned a violent eruption may be imminent.

Lava fountains reached up to 700 meters (2,300 feet) above Mount Mayon's crater and ash plumes rose up to 3 kilometers (1.9 miles) during the night and before daybreak, according to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology. An explosive eruption Monday was the most powerful since the volcano started acting up more than a week ago.

Disaster officials in Albay province, where Mayon lies, say more than 30,000 people are staying in evacuation centers.

Officials raised Mayon's alert level to four on a scale of five, meaning a violent eruption is possible within hours or days. The danger zone expanded to 8 kilometers (5 miles) from the crater, affecting thousands more residents.

The eruptions have shrouded nearby villages in darkness and sent lava, rocks and debris cascading down Mayon's slopes toward the no-entry danger zone. There have been no reports of deaths and injuries. Airplanes have been ordered to stay away from the crater and ash-laden winds and several flights have been canceled.

Volcanic ash fell in about a dozen towns in coconut-growing Albay province and nearby Camarines Sur province, with visibility

being heavily obscured in a few towns because of the thick gray ash fall, Jukes Nunez, an Albay provincial disaster response officer, said by telephone.

"It was like night time at noon, there was zero visibility in some areas because the ash fall was so thick," Nunez said.

More than 30,000 ash masks and about 5,000 sacks of rice, along with medicine, water and other supplies, were being sent to evacuation centers, Office of Civil Defense regional director Claudio Yucot said.

Mayon lies about 340 kilometers (210 miles) southeast of Manila. With its near-perfect cone, it is popular with climbers and tourists but has erupted about 50 times in the last 500 years, sometimes violently.

In 2013, an ash eruption killed five climbers who had ventured near the summit despite warnings. Its most destructive eruption, in 1814, killed more than 1,200 people and buried the town of Cagsawa in volcanic mud. The belfry of Cagsawa's stone church still juts from the ground in an eerie reminder of Mayon's fury.

The Philippines lies in the "Ring of Fire," a line of seismic faults surrounding the Pacific Ocean where earthquakes and volcanic activity are common.

In 1991, Mount Pinatubo in the northern Philippines exploded in one of the biggest volcanic eruptions of the 20th century, killing about 800 people.

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Grindstone Coffeeology offered discount to federal employees



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Brendan Fenn, owner of Grindstone Coffeeology, offered a 25 percent discount to all federal employees whose pay was affected by the government shutdown on Monday.

By **MICHAELA CRITTENDEN**
THE PARTHENON

Grindstone Coffeeology, a coffee truck located primarily in Huntington, offered a 25 percent discount to all federal employees whose pay was affected by the government shutdown.

Brendan Fenn, owner, followed politics worldwide since he was young. He took part in an election in Australia before he moved to the United States in 2015. Though Fenn could not vote, he still observed politics and watched as the United States government shut down.

"I looked at the way politics have deteriorated into strictly partisan war," Fenn said. "It happened in Australia, and it's happening in the U.S. as well."

Federal employees were told that they

would not receive payment until the government shutdown was over. Some were told they would be told to go home on Monday, others were told they'd have to continue working with no pay.

"It's horrible to see that one of the largest work forces in the U.S. can be told to go home and work without pay for the duration of this circus," Fenn said.

In an effort to give back, and help those going without an income during the shutdown, Fenn gave a 25 percent discount to all federal workers who were affected during this time.

"I wish I could give stuff away for free," Fenn said, "but this is all we can do and we're happy to do it."

Fenn not only wanted to help people directly, but he was hopeful others would see

his effort and try to help as well.

"I hope this would cause people to get involved and talk to their local representatives and then decisions can be made," Fenn said.

He was concerned about the impact on the lives of the federal employees who lived paycheck to paycheck and not the congressmen who volunteered to stop receiving pay as well until a solution was discovered.

"As noble as it is for these congressmen to say they won't take paychecks while this is going on, that's easy to say when you have a few thousand dollars a year," Fenn said. "But when people are on the poverty line and living paycheck to paycheck, this is serious for them."

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Poison Apples Roller Derby invites new members

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Team photo of the Poison Apples Roller Derby of Huntington. The Poison Apples use the sport as a way to let off steam by using their aggression toward something positive.

By **HANNA PENNINGTON**
THE PARTHENON

The Poison Apples Roller Derby of Huntington is looking for new members to join its fast and furious team of skaters. The team meets twice a week for practice and also travels for bouts, or games, several times every year.

The coach of the Poison Apples, Levi Hogan, said the sport is a combination of strategy and fitness but is also extremely rewarding. "Derby is a huge chess game," Hogan said. "Adding to that, it is super physical, but derby is just fun in general."

Members of the Poison Apples said they use roller derby as a way to let off steam and use their aggression toward something positive.

"We get together and we hit people," said Carrie Castillo, a member of the Poison Apples whose derby name is 'Veruc-Assault.' "It's the cheapest therapy I've ever found."

Castillo said that while being a wife and a mom is great, she needs something that is just for her, and that's just what roller derby is. Katie Norman, a team member and Marshall University senior, said she likes using roller derby as a physical outlet, as well as a place for her to truly be herself.

"I've become so close with everybody; it's like this great community," Norman said. "It's not just the people here, but the people that we play every year and know."

The Poison Apples are also involved in community outreach.

Amelia Beatty, a four-year member who goes by 'Daisy Disaster,' said the team does everything from reading to elementary school children to working concessions at Marshall games.

"We have done stuff with the city mission, Lily's Place, and we've done backpacks for kids," Castillo said.

The team also donated to the areas in West Virginia devastated by flooding in 2016.

For those questioning if roller derby is for them, the team said the sport is for anyone and everyone.

"It's not nearly as scary as it looks," Beatty said. "It's a lot of fun and it's a great exercise...We teach you everything you need to know."

Castillo said everyone should try roller derby at least once.

"It's something that usually finds people in transition, and I think it really helps them through it," Castillo said.

Hogan said the most rewarding part of roller derby is gaining confidence and self-pride.

"Getting someone to show up is hard, but once they do, they fall in love with it," Hogan said.

The Poison Apples' informational meeting is Jan. 25 from 7-9 p.m. at Roll-A-Rama.

Practices are Tuesdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. These practices are open to anyone interested and no experience is required.

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Spring 2018 Marshall Artist Series

Marshall Artist Series will continue its 81st season tonight with the State Ballet of Russia's performance of "Sleeping Beauty." Other acts in season include Yonder Mountain String Band, "Chicago" and the Spring International Film Festival.

State Ballet Theater of Russia "Sleeping Beauty" TUESDAY, JAN. 23

A childhood favorite, "Sleeping Beauty," is brought to life by 55 dancers of the State Ballet Theater of Russia, which features choreography by Vladimir Vasiliev.

Yonder Mountain String Band SATURDAY, FEB. 10

Yonder Mountain String Band is a redefined bluegrass band which has expanded their music from a traditional acoustic genre to the world of rock 'n' roll and improvisation.

"Chicago" MONDAY, FEB. 12

"Chicago," Broadway's longest running American musical, comes to the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Theater with all its classic songs, choreography and story.

"Amazing Grace" TUESDAY, FEB. 20

"Amazing Grace: The Broadway Musical" tells a story behind the most iconic songs. A story about redemption, rebellion and love, the show follows the journey of John Newton, a talented young Englishman, who faces an uncertain future.

Five for Fighting THURSDAY, MAR. 8

John Ondrasik is a singer/songwriter with a Grammy-nominated hit "Superman (It's Not Easy)." For 15 years, Ondrasik has warmed the hearts of fans and provided all ages with an instant case of nostalgia.

Banff Mountain Film Festival TUESDAY, APRIL 3

This adventure film festival is bursting with stories of memorable journeys, unexpected adventure and groundbreaking expeditions told by authors, photographers, adventurers and filmmakers around the world.

Spring International Film Festival THURSDAY-SUNDAY, APRIL 5-8

The festival includes films such as "Summer" (Spain), "Call Me by Your Name" (Italy/France), "Graduation" (Romania), "Things to Come" (France), "One Week and a Day" (Israel) and "After the Storm" (Japan).

Some shows offer full-time students one free ticket and part-time students one ticket at half price. Other shows have a service fee for students, which is a reduced amount from regular prices. Tickets can be purchased at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center box office.