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Coronavirus cases continue to rise

By **DOUGLAS HARDING**
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

COVID-19 cases are continuing to rise across Marshall's campus, across Cabell County and across West Virginia.

According to Marshall's coronavirus dashboard, as of Tuesday afternoon, the positive test rate across campus for this week is 4.48%, up from just 1.79% last week, 1.02% the week before and 1.15% for all data before then. It is important to note that many test results for this week still are pending, and this data represents tests from just the first three days of this week.

Data from Sunday through Tuesday this week indicate 624 tests conducted, with 16 positive results thus far and 267 results still pending. For comparison, last week there were a total of 21 positive

results on campus from a total of 1,173 tests. The week before that, there were just 12 positive results from a total 1,175 tests.

According to the Harvard University COVID Risk Levels Dashboard, Cabell County as a whole is at a "tipping point," at which "stay-at-home orders (are) necessary."

According to the dashboard, Cabell County is averaging more than 34 daily new cases per 100,000 people, on a 7-day moving average. The county has reported a total of 1,548 cases and 25 deaths.

Statewide, West Virginia has reported more than 25,000 confirmed positive cases and a total of 469 deaths. Statewide data indicate a 7-day moving average of 23.8 daily new cases per 100,000 people and

an average of 425.7 total daily new cases.

According to the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, as of Tuesday morning, 11 deaths had been reported in the previous 24 hours. As of the same time, there were a total of 5,507 active cases reported across the state.

The Harvard dashboard places 26 West Virginia counties at a risk level of "accelerated spread," with "stay-at-home orders and rigorous test and trace programs advised." It places 19 counties at the same level as Cabell County, its highest risk level. Just 10 counties are categorized as lower or medium risk levels. Zero counties are considered "on track for containment."

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Mr. Marshall and Ms. Marshall features

By **ABBY HANLON**
REPORTER

This year, the announcement and crowning for Mr. and Ms. Marshall were held on the Rec Center outdoor field the morning of the game, rather than during half-time at the game itself. The event was streamed live from the Marshall University Facebook page and a few students and staff were allowed to stand outside around the field following social distancing procedures.

Mel Thomas was crowned Mr. Marshall 2020. Thomas is a senior from Bluefield, WV double majoring in criminal justice and communication studies. He is the current president of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. He is also a first-generation college student.

"This was really my first time being away from home. However the love and support I received was unmatched," said Thomas. "I instantly felt at home. One of my favorite things about Marshall is the freedom and ability to be



ZACH HISER | PHOTO AND GRAPHICS EDITOR

who you want to be."

Thomas ran for Mr. Marshall to bring people together and to show others that it is important to follow your dreams and to not be afraid to stand out and be yourself.

"Every person on Marshall's campus has unique traits and backgrounds. However, that does not stop the community from finding common ground to connect," said Thomas.

Thomas' platform is based around diversity and inclusivity on campus. He wants to create a more open and secure environment for those who feel excluded and discriminated against. He plans to work with many campus organizations, such as the Women's and Gender Center and the Intercultural Affairs office, to promote their resources for minority groups on campus...

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From the Dean of Students: COVID-19 Compliance

Greetings Marshall University students,
We are ALL struggling to some degree with managing our lives and following the science of keeping ourselves, classmates, family members and others as healthy as possible during this serious pandemic.

Although it may be quite a challenging time, each of us MUST remain disciplined and adhere completely to federal, state and local public health guidelines, as well as to Marshall University's requirements for conduct on campus, as outlined in the Marshall Return to Campus Student Agreement.

It has come to my attention that during recent weeks there have been several disturbing incidents involving students choosing not to follow our COVID-19 safety guidelines, avoiding or requesting to opt out of required random COVID testing, non-compliance with contact

tracing requirements, not practicing social distancing and/or refusing to wear a mask at required times and places. There is zero tolerance for disregarding these guidelines.

You must realize that when found in violation of these and other protective guidelines, students may/will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct for a timely investigation that can result in serious consequences.

As a reminder, student responsibilities related to COVID-19 include:

- #1. Wearing a mask or face covering properly in all university buildings, including in class. You are not required to wear a mask in your own residence hall room.
- #2. Maintaining social distancing. Place a minimum of six feet of distance...

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Updated football student ticket guidelines

Marshall Athletics has announced football student ticket guidelines and policies for the 2020 season.

Please go here to watch the full instructional video on student ticketing this year: <https://youtu.be/Ci765KRf0-M>

Student game day policies have been updated for the remaining games. These changes will go into effect starting this Saturday vs. UMass. These changes are:

NEW POLICIES:

- o Per updated WV state guidelines and social distancing protocols as well as remaining in line with how the rest of the stadium was socially distanced, the Marshall student section will have a maximum capacity of 606 students.

- o The student sections are going to be sections 115, 119, 121, 123, 221, and 223.

§ Students are NOT permitted to sit in 117, as that section is now reserved for the Marshall Band.

§ Seating is still first-come, first-served in these sections.

§ You will be required to skip THREE seats in between each student and every other row in each section is to remain empty.

- The rows that will remain empty will be marked on the end seats of each row.

- o Facial coverings must be worn at all times inside the stadium. When eating and drinking, you are permitted to remove your mask but you must start wearing it again after you are finished.

§ Students that come to the games this season are expected to know and adhere to these policies. Students not following these policies and regulations will be SUBJECT TO REMOVAL from the game.

- The student gate for football games is Gate F (southeast corner) of Joan C. Edwards Stadium. This is the gate behind Wendy's on 5th Avenue.

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Police Blotter

By **CARTER TRUMAN**
REPORTER

Aggravated DUI

On Oct 23, at 1:37 p.m., police officers said they observed a Ford with no registration, traveling north-bound at a high-speed rate on Hal Greer Blvd. Police stopped the vehicle and identified the driver as a 32-year-old female. Police said they could smell the odor of alcohol coming from the car, and the driver admitted to drinking earlier. Police said they administered two of the three standardized sobriety tests, with the driver failing the first two and refusing to do the third. Police said they then gave the driver a breathalyzer test, at which time her blood alcohol content came back at a .274. Police said they placed the driver under arrest for no operator's license, no proof of insurance, improper registration, and a capias warrant. Police said they transported the driver to the State Police Barracks, where she was then taken to the Western Regional Jail.

Petty Larceny

On Oct 23, at 5:01 a.m., police said a man reported his truck had been broken into between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. Police said the man reported he had parked the car on the north side of Corbly Hall on the 1600 Block of College Avenue but could not remember if he had locked the vehicle. Police said the man reported that his checkbook, registration, car insurance, blood pressure medication and cholesterol medication were missing.

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CAB to host macrame DIY event

By CARTER TRUMAN
REPORTER

The Campus Activity Board at Marshall University is hosting a DIY event that will be half in person and half virtual.

The event, DIY macrame keychains, is organized by Campus Activities Board (CAB) and will open Thursday.

"We will put together grab bags," said Emilie Christenberry, president of CAB. "People can come pick them up from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., on the plaza."

Christenberry said the CAB staff would hand the bags to the participants to do the next part of the event virtually.

Christenberry said that at 6 p.m., CAB would host an event on Microsoft Teams, where they will teach you how to make the keychains using the bag's supplies.

Events on campus have made changes this year in how they operate due to the coronavirus; Christenberry said she had considered this to ensure the attendees' safety.

Christenberry said the reason CAB chose to do the

event half virtual and half online was to make sure attendees had the minimum amount of potential exposure to the virus while still being able to get involved with the activity.

"We'll have all the precautions, we'll have our hand sanitizer and mask for people, and make sure we're cleaning off the table as they go," said Christenberry.

Christenberry said that having the event through Teams allowed them to have as many people as they wanted in the event...

While the coronavirus has changed the way students live on campus, Christenberry said she hopes the event will bring a creative and fun experience to its participants.

"It's just a fun little event that friends can do together, roommates can do together or suitemates can do together," said Christenberry.

Christenberry said that CAB has prepared for 100 participants at the event and welcomes anybody who would like to participate.

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Benefits of emotional support animals

By JONATHAN STILL AND ISABELLA ROBINSON
REPORTER AND NEWS EDITOR

Qualifying students may be granted permission to have an emotional support animal accompany them on campus.

"A student would have to provide proper documentation to the Office of Disability Services which is typically some form of a doctor's note, vet records, etc," Karen Sommers, assistant director of Residence Life, said.

The Fair Housing act ensures that students who are approved for emotional support animals can have their animal live with them on campus.

Julian Dial, coordinator of Disability Services, said there are many benefits emotional support animals provide students.

"They help with calming and relaxing a

student especially when they have a hard day," Dial said. "They alleviate loneliness especially for incoming freshmen."

Dial said other benefits include helping students engage socially as well as normalizing heart rates and blood pressure.

"They can't take the animal with them to their classes, but they can be out in the open with them," Dial said.

Dogs and cats are the most common animals helping students on campus, but any animal can qualify to provide emotional support.

For more information about the Office of Disability Services, call 304-696-2467 or visit Prichard Hall.

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Drive-Thru Drag Show

BY XENA BUNTON
REPORTER

From the view of their parked vehicles or socially distanced area, attendees watched the first Drive-Thru Drag Show: Halloween-Style sponsored by Marshall's intercultural affairs and student affairs in the parking lot behind the Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall.

The show provided free performances of eight guests and performance of the hostess, Tammy Faye Sinclair, who also hosted the 2020 Thunder on the Stage and Pride Galas.

"When we look for performers, I always try to find a variety of people. Everyone has their own unique-ness," Sinclair said. "I do a lot of comedy routines, but this is different from performing in clubs. . . talking about coronavirus will be more fitting."

Performers were dropped off by vehicles in front of the stage in order to follow Marshall University and Cabell County guidelines. They then walked directly to the stage to perform with their rehearsed routines.

With Halloween-style in mind, most performers wore a Halloween costume as well as some of the audience.

Director of LGBTQ+ office, Shaunte Polk, said the idea was created when in-person programming was pushed in October and because she wanted to do something for LGBTQ+ history month.

Polk said she wanted to use drag performer and season four winner of 'RuPaul's Drag Race', Sharon Needles, on the event promotion because "even though Sharon is not going to the event, she is that image of Halloween - that's her style."

Tips were collected throughout the performances with physical change and a "tip menu" that allows the audience to send money through various online payment systems.

"I hope people support the gals. Sometimes this is their primary source of income. . .they have been hustling by doing shows on YouTube and Facebook during the pandemic," Sinclair said.

As a part-time drag queen and full-time social worker, Lady Dior Gypsy said she used to perform 2-3 times a week, but due to "these past rough months" the Drive-Thru Drag Show has been her first public show since March besides live shows on Facebook.

The 2018 Marshall graduate said she was glad her first performance back was for Marshall University.

"It is such an honor to do a show at Marshall. When I was a student there, we never actually had any shows, so it makes me feel good and appreciated that I am included in them," Gypsy said.

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From the Provost: Student Mental Health Day

Dear Marshall community,

At the recommendation of the Office of Student Affairs and with the support of the university's Faculty Senate, this Friday, Nov. 6, will be recognized as Student Mental Health Day at Marshall University.

Marshall's faculty and administration are aware that our students are unusually weary and stressed this semester. It is important to recognize that everyone experiences stress, and that mental health is crucial to our total health, well-being and success.

So, on Friday, we are asking students, faculty and staff to spend some time reflecting on their mental health and to make a point of doing something for self-care. A list of campus mental health resources is available on the Wellness Center website.

We also are encouraging faculty—if possible—to pause from instruction for this one day, using their discretion to accommodate a day clear of deadlines, due dates and meetings. The university community recognizes that not all faculty have flexibility in their syllabi at this point in the semester and that some exams and important activities cannot be rescheduled. But we hope faculty will consider implementing alternative learning methods to meet the day's class objectives where possible.

To be clear: all students should expect to attend class, take scheduled exams, and submit assigned work as scheduled on Friday unless the course instructor dismisses class and/or announces delayed due dates as part of Student Mental Health Day. Note that the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, the

School of Pharmacy and the School of Physical Therapy will proceed with all regularly scheduled activities on Friday.

Observation of Student Mental Health Day is not mandatory; nor is it a day off for employees. It is not intended to be the final step for perfect mental health. Rather, it is a concerted effort by everyone at the university to focus collectively on the mental health and well-being of one another.

We hope that a brief pause will allow our entire campus community to take the steps necessary to be able to finish this unprecedented semester with re-energized enthusiasm and clear minds.

Sincerely,

Jaime R. Taylor, Ph.D.

Provost/Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Chi Alpha marks November as feedONE Month

By **ALEX JACKSON**
REPORTER

Marshall University student ministry group, Chi Alpha, has dedicated the month of November to raise money and awareness for the nonprofit organization feedONE.

Caleb Murray, the campus pastor for Chi Alpha, talked about feedONE.

"feedONE is a nonprofit organization that aims to feed the millions of primary age children around the world," Murray said. "This then opens the door to education and clean water for them."

Murray said feedONE is fighting to end world hunger and poverty and has grown over the years.

"Currently they, (feedONE) are feeding over 300,000 children in 18 different countries."

Murray talked about Chi Alpha's involvement with feedONE.

On the national level, Chi Alpha partners with feedONE; locally we have a passion to love people by our actions," Murray said. "Feeding those that are hungry is a part of what it means to be a Christian. The problem is big but is solvable."

Murray said donations for the nonprofit are appreciated but spreading the word can be just as impactful.

"Mother Theresa said, 'if you can't feed a hundred, then just feed one,'" Murray said. "By giving just ten dollars, a child can be fed for an entire month."

Ethan Wills, a Chi Alpha life group leader, he believes feedONE has provided a positive outlook of teamwork in the fight to end world hunger.

"We can't end world hunger by ourselves, but we can end

one child's hunger for a month with just ten dollars," Wills said. "A lot of people giving small amounts adds up over time."

Wills said spreading the word of feedONE's mission is a substantial aid in fighting world hunger.

"There is a long list of kids trying to get into the feedONE program that they just cannot financially support," Wills said. "While we are making a huge difference now, there is still a long way to go. The more people that know about feed one, the more money that can potentially be raised to feed children."

Murray said those who may potentially be interested in donating or learning more about feedONE can visit feedone.com/marshallxa

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New MU clinical trial to evaluate impact of activated charcoal regimen on COVID-19 symptoms

University Communications

Marshall University researchers have initiated a new study to determine whether an open label, activated charcoal regimen impacts the severity of symptoms in COVID-19 positive patients.

The study, administered by the Marshall Clinical Research Center at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, will monitor the symptoms of participants over a

two-week period. Study participants will take the medication provided as instructed and report symptoms to study administrators during weekly calls.

"As the spread of COVID-19 continues, our patients in West Virginia and the Tri-State area, because of pre-existing conditions such as obesity, are particularly at risk for COVID's most severe outcome--the overwhelming inflammation, or so-called 'cytokine

storm,' in the lungs," said Uma Sundaram, M.D., vice dean of research and graduate education at the School of Medicine and the study's principal investigator. "We think activated charcoal can reduce the formation of chemicals made in the intestine by bacteria which are capable of worsening the lung disease. ...

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No. 16 Marshall steps out of conference to face UMass

By **GRANT GOODRICH**
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Matching up in its third non-conference contest of the season, the AP Top 25 poll No. 16 Marshall Thundering Herd football team (5-0, 3-0) will face off Saturday against the UMass Minutemen (1-0) in Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

For the second game in a row, Marshall will face a team who is playing only its second game of the season.

In a situation where you do not know much about your opponent, the best thing to do is focus on yourself, Head Coach Doc Holiday said. "We've got a standard that we have to play up to."

In the Minutemen's lone game of the season, they were throttled 41-0 by Georgia Southern. Because Georgia Southern ran an option offense, the film on UMass's defense is not necessarily applicable to what it will look like against the Herd.

Thus, in order to understand the breadth of the Minutemen's schemes, the staff has had to watch film of other teams of which current UMass assistant coaches previously coached, Holiday said.

But ultimately, Holiday said, it comes down to being able to make adjustments early in the game on both sides of the ball. The experience laden Marshall offensive line will play a key role in making some of those adjustments, he said.

Sticking with the offensive side of the ball, Holiday said that the receiving core will have all its guys back in the lineup with the exception of sophomore Broc Thompson.

Both redshirt senior Artie Henry and redshirt sophomore Corey Gammage stepped up in relief for a banged up wide receiver position, combining for 291 receiving yards and three touchdowns in the last two games.

The Herd offense has produced a fairly balanced attack so far this season, averaging 198 yards on the ground and 230 yards through the air.

On the other hand, the Minutemen offense struggled in its lone game against Georgia Southern, totaling only 191 yards of offense.

Last season, UMass was No. 118 in the country in points scored and No. 126 in total yards. But, as Holiday said, the Minuteman "totally revamped their roster" from a season ago.

"The players are all totally different," Holiday said. "And then from a personnel standpoint, they're a lot better than they were a year ago."

Redshirt senior offensive lineman Alex Mollette said that the Minutemen are a big and physical team that likes to play sound defense.



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Redshirt freshman quarterback Grant Wells received the snap from the offensive line and prepared to hand the ball to redshirt junior running back Brenden Knox against FAU on Oct. 24.

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Marshall men's basketball seeks opportunities through practices

By **TAYLOR HUDDLESTON**
SPORTS EDITOR

The Marshall University men's basketball team continues to practice in hopes of being able to participate in the 2020-21 season and potentially claim the Conference USA title.



Marshall head coach Dan D'Antoni said the team used Saturday as a day to scrimmage to assess where the team stands and highlight the strengths of each player.

"We scrimmaged on Saturday (the score was) 106-105," D'Antoni said. "We're going to try to replicate playing someone else but playing ourselves obviously. We'll probably be playing three or four in place of the exhibitions (games). We're in good shape. Defensively, we've got some work to do. Everything was there. We'll see what happens."

Senior guard Jarrod West said practices have been beneficial and the Herd is looking forward to the opportunities this season will bring with the addition of freshmen players CJ Meredith, David Early and Obinna Anochili-Killen.

"Practices have been good. We've been working hard; we're learning and getting better," West said. "I'm excited about all of this getting started. We're just trying to make the best of our opportunities. I feel like we've been doing a good job of what we're doing and what we can control."

Redshirt senior forward Jansson Williams said the team is eager to play but have to follow all COVID-19 protocols in order to be able to play basketball.

"We want to play so bad. We have to follow a lot of rules to play" Williams said. "I'm very glad I've got these guys to get along with. We're doing our best to be able to play this season."

Williams said he is focused for his last season with the Herd and is in the best shape of his life.

"I'm definitely able to handle the ball better, so I will be able to count that as a threat for my game, along with my three-point shot is looking good. I'm in the best shape of my life."

The full 2020-21 schedule for Marshall men's basketball will be released at a later date.

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EDITORIAL: The world is burning

The world is burning, and our leaders are failing—on every level—to extinguish the flames.

As pointed out by literature teacher Ben See via Twitter: "Scientists expect horrific global warming of 1.6-2°C by 2032, triggering the final collapse of major ecosystems, extreme crop-wrecking weather events, widespread global extinction, then more horrific warming from vicious feedbacks, yet media refuse to scream for emergency action."

This is us screaming for emergency action, and not just from the mainstream news media.

Whoever becomes the next president following Election Day Tuesday must make combatting climate change a serious priority of his administration; However, examining the climate policy plans and campaign promises of both major candidates does little to inspire hope.

President Trump frequently has expressed his belief that climate change is a hoax. Not only will President Trump, if re-elected, fail to enact a climate policy which scientists say will be necessary to—quite literally—save the world and our species, but his administration also will continue contributing to every issue exacerbating this man-made crisis. It is difficult to imagine another four years of President Trump inspiring—solidifying—anything more than our own impending doom.

On the other hand, Joe Biden's climate plan also is thoroughly inadequate, failing to meet most—if not all—of the bare minimum requirements scientists say we must meet to save ourselves.

In a 2019 report headlined "Joe Biden looks to revive Obama's climate plan. Scientists say that's not good enough," senior HuffPost editors state: "At a moment when mounting reports from the world's top scientists indicate humanity is barreling toward climate catastrophe and ecological collapse, Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden is preparing a climate policy that appears to put the United States back on the pre-Trump trajectory."

As climate scientists perpetually scream that humanity must take unprecedented, radical action immediately—and should have done so

long ago—a Biden administration seems to ensure little more than a return to the pre-Trump normalcy which led us into the crisis we currently face.

As the HuffPost report notes, Joseph Majkut, a climate scientist at the conservative Niskanen Center said, "Reheating the Obama administration's regulations-plus-Paris approach will be totally insufficient."

During the Democratic primary, the Sunrise Movement gave Biden's climate plan a grade of "F," noting that it failed completely to meet the bare minimum standards of the Green New Deal. Biden has since modified his plan, but it still is inadequate, even if one chooses to believe his post-primary commitments are genuine and will be carried through.

The Green New Deal outlines a plan in-step with recommendations from the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). This plan includes, among other measures, the U.S. leading a reduction of global carbon emissions from human sources to 40%-60% below 2010 levels by 2030. More progressive plans, such as Sen. Bernie Sanders's, also call for a total ban on fracking.

Even the IPCC's plan—which Biden fails to meet—is seemingly inadequate.

"You may have missed it, but a recent report declared that the main strategy of world leaders for tackling climate change won't work," a 2019 report in The Conversation states. "It's called green growth, and it's favored by some of the largest and most influential organizations in the world, including the United Nations and the World Bank."

Green growth, the report explains, is "the idea that society can reduce its environmental impacts and slash its emissions, even while the economy continues to grow and the quantity of stuff that's produced and consumed increases."

The report states, citing a 2019 report released by the European Environmental Bureau, that, "There is no evidence that societies have ever managed to decouple economic...

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Voting data from Secretary of State Mac Warner

SECRETARY OF STATE OFFICE

On Election Day in West Virginia, Secretary of State Mac Warner issued a weekly update on statewide voter participation as well as reminders for voters planning to cast their ballots.

Data as of the close of business Nov. 2, 2020:

Statewide absentee ballots requested: 153,509
Statewide absentee ballots cast: 141,233
Statewide early voting total: 253,243
Registered voters: 1,268,460

Data for Cabell County:

Requested by voter: 9,026
Returned to the county clerk: 8256

Data for Senate District 5 (encompassing Cabell County, parts of Wayne):

Requested by voter: 10,533
Returned to the county clerk: 9,641

Data for House District 16:

Requested by voter: 4,328
Returned to the county clerk: 3,929

Data for House District 17:

Requested by voter: 3,878
Returned to the county clerk: 3,572

Warner tries to stop voter registration on Facebook

Former Secretary of State Natalie Tennant is denouncing the actions of current Secretary of State Mac Warner to stop voter registration efforts on the world's largest social media platform.

It's been revealed in an independent report from BuzzFeed that Warner and five other Republican secretaries of state did not want Facebook to help get millions of Americans registered to vote.

"Mac Warner is the Secretary of Suppression

when it comes to voter registration in West Virginia," said Tennant, who is also a candidate. "This is disgusting and unacceptable that a chief election official would try to stop West Virginians from registering to vote."

Warner's own finance reports from 2016 showed he spent more than \$10,000 on Facebook ads to promote himself through his campaign because he knew it was a dependable and valuable tool for engaging people.

But when it comes to West Virginians getting information and registering to vote through the same platform, he tries to put a stop to it.

"This is a pattern of suppression on Mac's part," Tennant said. "He has also refused to implement automatic voter registration that was passed by Republicans and Democrats four years ago that would have made it easier for West Virginians to register."

Weekly Social Media Poll

| | Y | N |
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| Did you vote in the presidential election? | 91% | 09% |
| Did you wear a Halloween costume over the weekend? | 44% | 56% |
| Did you attend Marshall Mash Friday? | 08% | 92% |
| Do you plan to attend virtual International Festival Saturday? | 11% | 89% |
| Have you started preparing to schedule for next semester? | 61% | 39% |

This poll was conducted on The Parthenon's Instagram, @MUParthenon. The results reflect responses from an average of 100 individuals.

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...(two arms' length) between yourself and others.

- #3. Completing a daily health check on the MarshallU Healthcheck app and participating in random COVID-19 testing when requested. This is a requirement for all students who will be on campus, whether daily or sporadically for classes, or to use campus resources such as Drinko Library, etc.
- #4. Practicing proper personal hygiene, such as washing hands often, covering coughs and sneezes, and cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces daily.
- #5. Avoiding gathering in large groups, such as house parties, and at bars and restaurants, etc.

Remember, there is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19, so the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. COVID-19 is thought to be spread person-to-person through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks, although some carriers may not show symptoms. That's why wearing a mask when you are around others is so important.

I suggest you review information about safety measures and guidance related to COVID-19, by visiting www.marshall.edu/coronavirus. Share your knowledge with others to spread the word of good health practices. I ask that you remain diligent in following safety precautions.

We can all get through this without disrupting your academic progress if we practice the best habits and encourage others to do the same.

Let's do this together;

Maurice R. Cooley

Dean of Students

GUIDELINES cont. from 3

- Gates will open 90 minutes prior to kick-off for each game. Gates will open at 1 p.m. on Saturday.
- There will be no paper student tickets distributed this season. In order to gain entry into the football games, all you will need is your Marshall ID. The digital ID on your phone is recommended. If you have not set this up, please contact Campus ID Services in Drinko Library.
 - o 150 student guest tickets will be sold on game day for \$20 each at the football stadium Gate F ticket window. They cannot be purchased in advance. These tickets will be sold starting two hours prior to kick-off.
- There is no re-entry this season. Once you have scanned your ID to enter the game, you will not be permitted to leave and then re-enter the game.
- MarshallU HealthCheck is recommended to be completed prior to coming to the game.

Students that come to the games this season are expected to know and adhere to these policies. Students not following these policies and regulations will be subject to removal from the game.

ALL CARS PARKED IN THE WEST LOT, MAPLE NORTH, MAPLE SOUTH AND THE SOFTBALL LOT MUST BE MOVED BY SATURDAY MORNING AT 9:30 AM OR THEY ARE SUBJECT TO TOWING.

We look forward to seeing you at The Joan again this Saturday! GO HERD!

CLINICAL TRIAL cont. from 5

But, I want to very strongly emphasize that prevention, by wearing masks, social distancing and regular hand washing is still our best course of action to contain this pandemic until we have proven vaccines and treatments for this virus."

The study will conduct a comparative analysis based on age and gender of patients who elect to receive this treatment with those who do not. The goal is to determine if activated charcoal, by reducing the substances made in the colon, can blunt the severity of the lung diseases caused by COVID. The study will seek to determine if activated charcoal can reduce shortness of breath or the need for oxygen therapy; lessen or eliminate hospitalization; and, if hospitalized, reduce or avoid the serious consequences including intensive care unit stays and mechanical ventilation. Approximately 250 patients will be enrolled in each part of the trial.

The medication will be shipped overnight directly to patients by Marshall Pharmacy to avoid any unnecessary risks of exposure. The medication is provided free of charge. Study participants will not receive compensation for participation.

This project (IRB #1632953) was reviewed by the Marshall University Institutional Review Board in the Office of Research Integrity, a group not associated with the study. For more information or to enroll in the study, please contact the Marshall Clinical Research Center at 304-691-1836.

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... and how to access them when in need.

"I look forward to making everyone feel like part of the Herd," said Thomas. "There is something on this campus for everyone and I will take it as my personal responsibility to make sure everyone finds that group."

Kristen Shomo was crowned Miss Marshall 2020 the morning of the Homecoming football game.

Shomo is a senior from South Charleston, WV majoring in biology, with hopes to become a pediatric dentist. She is a feature twirler for the Marching Thunder and a part of the Baptist Campus Ministries. She has also been an RA in the First Year Residence Halls for three years.

Shomo ran for Miss Marshall with a platform on food insecurity with "Promote and Encourage #Stepup2thePlate," which is a two-step approach to promoting food insecurity awareness across West Virginia and encouraging people to get involved to help. She has a few plans to get Marshall involved and events to help raise awareness.

"I want to have a food drive competition among different organizations on campus. I believe breaking the competition up into different groups will help with get more people

involved." Shomo said, "I'd also want to try to set up a collection of non-perishable food items at a football game. The food would be donated to the university's food pantry as well as Facing Hunger Foodbank."

Shomo grew up going to Marshall football games. Her favorite part about Marshall is also one of the many reasons she chose to run.

"I have made an extended family here," said Shomo. "I know a lot of people on campus and felt that this would be a great network for me to be able to reach out to a lot of people. I feel that I have great leadership characteristics and can get lots of people involved to help make a difference."

She is looking forward to getting to be a face of Marshall University, from speaking on and off campus and further share her platform.

"In West Virginia, over 250,000 people are struggling with hunger. If we all come together as a Marshall family, we can make a difference and help knock out hunger," said Shomo.

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"They've got some big dudes on that defense," Mollette said. "We're going to have to bring what we have to the plate. But... we like to hang our hat on being physical as well."

UMass was not a team on Marshall's original schedule. They were added to the docket on Oct. 19, expanding the Herd's schedule to nine games.

Because last weekends'

matchup with the Florida International Panthers was postponed due to COVID-19 complications within FIU's program, the total number of games on the Herd's schedule decreased back to eight.

"We've got to control what we can control," Holiday said. "Unfortunately, the FIU game was canceled. Fortunately, for us, we're excited that UMass

is coming to town, and that we have another game."

With just two home, conference matchups left, Marshall has no away contests remaining as the schedule currently stands.

But that could change with the possible rescheduling of lost away games like Rice, East Carolina or FIU. There are two weekends open for any of those three to be rescheduled:

the weekends of Dec. 5 and Dec. 12. The conference championship is scheduled for the following weekend on Friday, Dec. 18.

As an independent, UMass originally postponed its season but announced on Sep. 21 that it would play football in the fall. Currently, the Minutemen have three total games on its 2020 schedule. The third game is scheduled

for Friday, Nov. 27 against Liberty.

This Saturday's game is slated to kick off at 2:30 p.m. and will be televised on ESPN+. It will also be broadcast on WMUL-FM 88.1, the student voice of Thundering Herd athletics.

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In West Virginia, Obamacare is about more than public health. It's a matter of economic stability

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In West Virginia, public health and economics are especially intertwined.

Since the Affordable Care Act (also known as Obamacare) was enacted in 2010, the law has funded treatment for substance use disorders, expanded black lung benefits and provided health insurance to 20 million Americans who were previously uninsured.

But in West Virginia, the law has also brought billions of federal dollars into the state.

Now, a lawsuit arguing the ACA is unconstitutional could take those dollars — and jobs — away.

Since the law's passage, the ACA has faced strong opposition from Republican leaders who have worked to undo what many consider the most pivotal success of the Obama administration. They've succeeded, in some ways.

In 2017, Congress eliminated the ACA's individual mandate, which required everyone to have insurance or face a financial penalty. Now, 18 state attorneys general, including West Virginia's Patrick Morrisey, are arguing that without the individual mandate, the entire law is unconstitutional and can't stand. The U.S. Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in the lawsuit on Nov. 10.

With the fate of the ACA in the air once again, a massive global health crisis, a new U.S. Supreme Court justice, Amy Coney Barrett, and a national election just days away, conversations about access to health care remain at center stage.

But in West Virginia, the impact of the potential reversal extends well beyond the health of its residents.

The health care sector is one of the most prominent employers in the state, and it doesn't just create jobs for medical workers.

It also employs custodians, cooks and administrators, among other positions. Hospitals, which are often the largest employer in small communities, contract with local businesses, operate outpatient clinics and employ individual physicians who provide care out of independent offices.

The state's Medicaid program, which was expanded under the ACA, is a prominent funder:

"... Medicaid is one of the few state government spending opportunities that is

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guaranteed to pull in money from outside the state and directly benefit the local economy,” the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources declares in a written overview of the program on the department's website. “Medicaid spending acts as a tremendous financial boon for the state.”

West Virginia receives billions of dollars from the federal government through health care programs like Medicaid each year. The money accounts for more than 75% of all of the state's federal funds. And since the ACA was enacted and Medicaid was expanded, the state has received hundreds of millions of additional dollars annually.

Mountain State Spotlight asked experts what the potential elimination could mean for our economy.

Here's what they had to say.

The dollars are irreplaceable

In January 2014, through the Affordable Care Act, then-Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin made West Virginia one of the first states in the country to expand its Medicaid program. More people were able to apply for the benefit — which provides health insurance to low-income West Virginians — as requirements to qualify were loosened.

Enrollment numbers suggest that in the first three years of the expansion, at least 160,000 more adults in West Virginia gained health

expansion, the federal government pays 90 cents and the state chips in 10. That's a big deal for West Virginians.

Allen said the expansion plays a particularly important role in West Virginia because the population is disproportionately unhealthy and has the second lowest per capita income rate in the country. Prior to the ACA, thousands of West Virginians were uninsured. And if the law were to be eliminated in its entirety, the federal match for Medicaid expansion would be eliminated, too.

To keep the program running, the state would have to pay an additional 90% in costs. That's hundreds of millions of dollars per year. A report on Medicaid Expansion presented by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources estimated the program brings in \$520 million annually. It's not something West Virginia could afford to support.

“Only the federal government has the resources to really make a program like this happen,” Allen said. “There are very serious ripple effects to getting rid of people's health care.”

Lost funding results in lost services

The benefit of the ACA isn't just to West Virginians who now have access to health care, but to the state's public health infrastructure, too.

Although the reimbursement rates for patients on Medicaid are lower than those of patients with private insurance, experts said Medicaid expansion was essential to supporting hospital finances.

“I don't want to discount the complaints about low Medicaid reimbursement rates,” said Dr. Adrian Diaz, a research fellow at the Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation at the University of Michigan. “But getting reimbursed by Medicaid is better than not being reimbursed at all.”

insurance. And initially, it came at almost no additional cost to the state.

Between 2014 and 2017, the federal government covered 100% of the cost of care associated with the expansion, though West Virginia did pay an administrative fee of about 1%. That means that at least 160,000 West Virginians were able to access health care — and the state accessed those health care dollars — without significantly tapping into the state budget.

In later years, the federal match rate decreased, but the money coming in was still major:

“We received a very generous federal matching rate,” said Lindsay Allen, a professor of health policy at West Virginia University. “I don't think people understand how much money we get.”

For every dollar now spent on Medicaid

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