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Marshall Thrift Store Cuts Half of Campus Waste

By ALAINA LASTER
REPORTER

Sustainability manager Amy Parsons-White hosted the grand opening of the Marshall University Thrift Store on Sept. 10, while President Gilbert cuts the opening day ribbon.

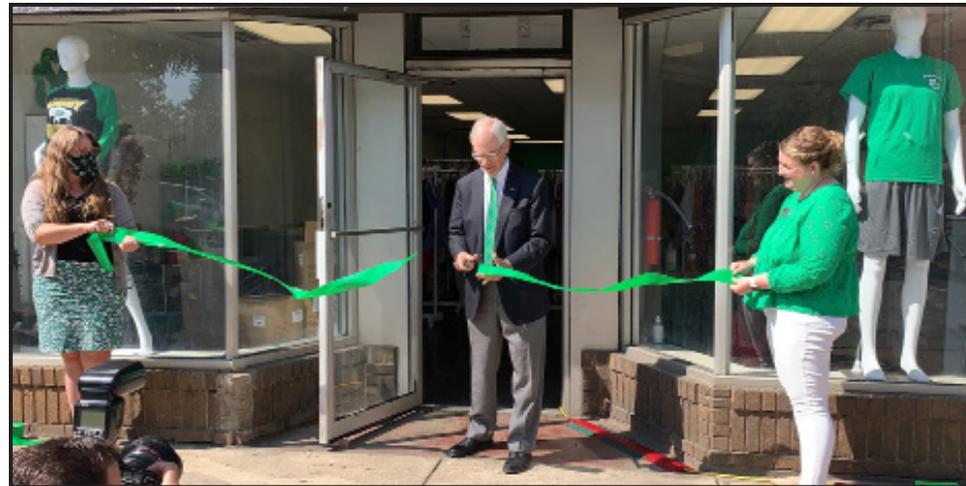
According to Parsons-White, the campus cut the waste haul 50% by last spring semester.

"There are a lot of other universities that have thrift stores and I saw an article on University of New Hampshire, on how successful their thrift store had been and I thought that it would fit in well with our university, our students. Everyone loves to thrift," said Parsons-White.

The thrift store has been active in the last two years, starting with Big Green Moveout in 2020. Their first Big Green Moveout was intended to start in spring 2020, but was ended shortly when students moved out due to the pandemic. Parsons-White said the students were still excited to be involved and donated when they moved out.

"Moveout produces a lot [of waste] because as students are moving, typically if it doesn't fit in their car, they just don't take it," said Parsons-White...

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President Gilbert cuts opening day ribbon at Marshall Thrift Store.

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Students model Marshall Thrift Store attire

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Romantic Sonata Performed by Professors

KATLYN WORSTELL
REPORTER

After a year and a half of not playing live, two musicians took the stage last Sunday with recital of a sonatas from the romantic era at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse.

“What we’re hoping to achieve is to bring back live music to campus, in a safe way,” said Dr. Botes.

Since the starting of COVID last year in March, each performance that they held had been recorded but, “Recording is nowhere near the same as having a live audience, having a live audience creates a different vibrant energy as opposed to being alone in the concert hall with just a camera,” said Dr. Botes.

Students were welcomed to a free performance with valid Marshall ID by Dr. Solen Dikener, who plays cello and Dr. Johan Botes, who plays piano.

“In addition to our teaching duties, we are fortunate to have the opportunity to perform recitals and concerts annually at Marshall University and beyond,” said Dr. Dikener, “Each year we come up with a select repertoire that works from our list that we enjoy performing.”

Dr. Botes and Dr. Dikener have been playing as a duo for several years at in and out state venues.

“This year, we are focusing on two important sonatas from the Romantic era by French composer César

Franck and Polish composer Fredrick Chopin,” said Dr. Dikener, “Each work is different in nature and represent qualities from composer’s homeland. Both works display virtuoso playing and of course, many unforgettable tunes.”

They both plan on having many more concerts in the near future, including this semester.

Next Friday night on September 17th at 7:30pm, they will be joined by the Interim Dean of College of Arts and Media, Dr. Wendell Dobbs who will be playing flute in the Smith Recital Hall.

The wind symphony and orchestra are also starting back up for live concerts this semester.

“We offer so many amazing concert programs throughout the academic year,” said Dr. Dikener, “We look forward having all Marshall students to take advantage of this.”

If you missed the performance on Sunday, you can check out the recorded version on YouTube uploaded by Marshall University School of Music.

For more upcoming events by both musicians and other live concerts, check out the event calendar on the Marshall University page.

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country into two decades of warfare. Biden wiped away a tear as he stood in silence at the site where the World Trade Center towers fell, and looked up at the haunting sound of a jet plane under clear blue skies reminiscent of that fateful day. In a grassy field in Pennsylvania, Biden comforted family members gathered at a stone boulder near Shanksville that marked where passengers brought down a hijacked plane that had been headed for the nation’s capital. At the Pentagon, Biden and his wife, Jill, took a moment of silence before a wreath studded with white, purple and red flowers on display in front of the memorial benches that mark the victims of the attack at the military headquarters.

Delivering Bud Light and appreciation to the Shanksville Volunteer Fire Department, which responded to the crash of United Flight 93, Biden praised Bush’s comments in his only public remarks of the day, saying the Republican “made a

really good speech today – genuinely,” and wondered aloud what those who died that day would think of today’s rancor. Gesturing to a cross-shaped memorial made of steel from the twin towers adjacent to the firehouse, Biden reflected: “I’m thinking what, what what would the people who died, what would they be thinking. Would they think this makes sense for us to be doing this kind of thing where you ride down the street and someone has a sign saying ‘f- so-and-so?’”

It was a reference to an explicit sign attacking Biden last week in New Jersey as he toured storm damage that was displayed by supporters of former President Donald Trump. Biden expressed incredulity at recent comments by Trump, whom he accused of abandoning the nation’s ideals during his time in office.

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Parsons-White. “We are working with Sodexo to do a locally produced food day, offering more vegetarian and vegan options. Then also we will have activities out at the plaza... and probably a few movie nights at Harless field.”

Parsons-White said students can work toward living more sustainably in simple ways. “Be mindful of what you buy, there are a lot of options out there now,” said Parsons-White.

“That is the thing that students need to remember, you guys have the power, this is your school, and if you want to see these things happen, President Gilbert and many of the administrators are very approachable and they will listen,” Parsons-White said.

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Biden Embraces Unity on 9/11

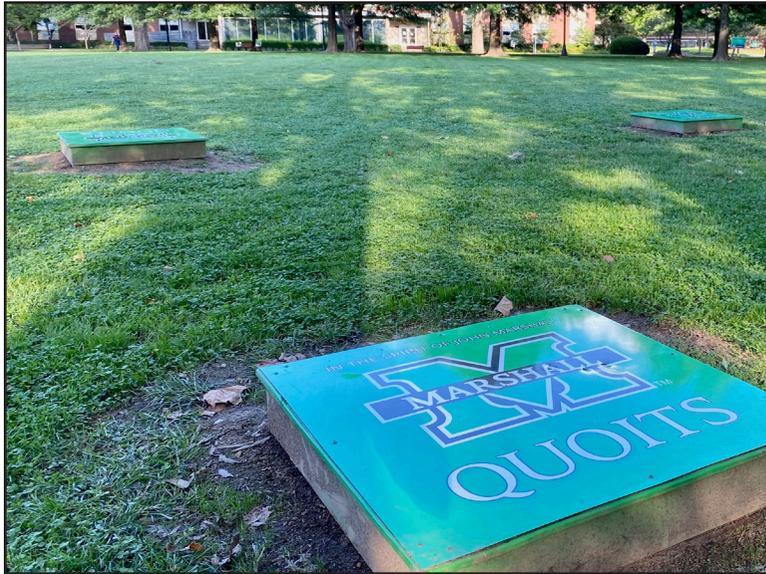
NEW YORK (AP) — From an urban memorial to a remote field to the heart of the nation’s military might, President Joe Biden on Saturday paid tribute at three hallowed places of grief and remembrance to honor the lives lost two decades ago in the 9/11 terror attacks. The solemn day of commemoration offered frequent reminders for Americans of a time when they united in the face of unimaginable tragedy. That fading spirit of 9/11 was invoked most forcefully by the president at the time of the attacks, George W. Bush, who said, “That is the America I know,” in stark contrast to the bitterly divided nation Biden now leads. Biden left the speech-making to others, paying his respects at the trio of sites in New York, Pennsylvania and outside Washington where four hijacked planes crashed on Sept. 11, 2001, killing nearly 3,000 people, shattering the nation’s sense of security and launching the



(AP Photo/Alex Brandon)

Marshall's Annual Quoits Tournament Begins

BY JADEN TAYLOR
REPORTER



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The 16th annual Marshall quoits began this week and will be played throughout the month.

The event, sponsored by John Deaver Drinko Academy, is hosting three separate quoits tournaments. One event, "Open Tournament" is open for anyone to register and played from Sept. 7-16.

On Sept. 17 will be the President's Invitational quoits, in which the champion of the Open Tournament will face MU President Dr. Jerome Gilbert and his partner, Maurice Cooley, the Vice President of Intercultural Affairs and Student Affairs.

Finally, on Sept. 24, the Media quoits Challenge will take place, in which local and student media will participate in a quoits tournament.

Dr. Dan Holbrook, a former history professor at Marshall, is still helping volunteer with the tournaments and playing in the open tournament. Holbrook said he has nothing but great things to say about the rebuilt grounds and pits built by the Marshall Physical Plant for the tournament. "Physical Plant did a fantastic job at rebuilding these because they were full of a soft material, so the quoits just dove in and disappeared and they are

supposed to be flush with the ground," Holbrook said. Holbrook said the metal boxes surrounding the pit are pieces from the former Fairfield Stadium, the football stadium of the Herd prior to the Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

quoits is a game that has been played since the late 19th century, described has a mix of horseshoes and cornhole and known as a "gentleman's sport". Dr. Montserrat Miller, Executive Director of the John Deaver Drinko Academy said, "When you play quoits you're not supposed to talk about politics, ideology, religion, business or say disbaring things to each other, so it is an exercise in civil discourse."

Some historians say that this game was played by politicians in the late 19th century as a way for people to come together by playing has a team. This seems to hold true in today's games, as last year's winners of the Media quoits Challenge were Delegate Chad Lovejoy, a member of the Democratic Party and Delegate Matt Rohrbach, a member of the Republican Party.

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Marshall Changes Policies for the Unvaccinated

BY CONNER WOODRUFF
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All students who have not received the COVID-19 vaccine are to be tested weekly due to a newly established policy.

In an alert sent to all Marshall students via the University's Communications Announcement email, among other request for personal COVID-19 and vaccine-related information, a new policy requiring all unvaccinated students to be tested weekly has been introduced.

All University-collected research helps determine whether the Marshall community has reached herd immunity: the condition when most of a body of people are immune to a particular disease, leaving those who are unprotected in the body to be safe. The university's definition of herd immunity requires 70% or more of campus to be vaccinated.

Punishment for refusing to submit weekly tests include "progressive discipline through the Student Code of Conduct, up to and including suspension," according to the alert.

In the face of talks regarding vaccine mandates around the country, President Gilbert reassures that he does not plan on mandating vaccines like masks are mandated.

"I don't think a vaccine mandate would go over very well in this state," Gilbert said.

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources has found that there have been over 200,000 coronavirus cases in the state of West Virginia, with nearly 23,000 current active cases.

Marshall University's decision to perform weekly tests on students without the COVID-19 vaccine is met with praise by some, but criticism from others.

Sarah Maddox, a vaccinated freshman, said she trusts doctors and professionals when it comes to encouraging

higher student vaccinations.

Nick Maynard, a vaccinated freshman, said he has mixed feelings. "They [students] should be getting tested, but they shouldn't be forced to get tested," Maynard said.

"I'm vaccinated so it doesn't affect me, but I would hate it if I wasn't vaccinated, I wouldn't be happy," said Kyra Romine, a senior. "I know some people have specific reasons that they haven't been vaccinated, like health concerns."

"I feel like it's important to make sure that everybody gets checked to make sure they don't have COVID," said Makayla Welch, a soon-to-be vaccinated freshman. "I think they're just trying to make sure that we don't go back into lockdown."

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Rise in Inflation Affects Local Business

By ALYSSA WOOD
REPORTER

For small businesses in Huntington, it may have seemed like the worst was over when the Coronavirus shut down ended. However, a new enemy has emerged from the pandemic in the form of inflation, kicking the local area's revenue while they're down. Inflation, the increase of prices coupled with the decrease in value of the dollar, is being felt across the country; small businesses are faced with the decision of increasing prices.

Small businesses can be found throughout the Huntington area, but are prominent in the popular Heritage Station. Nestled among the small shops is the cozy Nomada Bakery. Offering sweets, drinks, and even empanadas, Nomada Bakery was a fast hit when it opened in September 2019. However, a few months later the bakery was forced to close its doors because of the Coronavirus pandemic. Having survived the shut down and opening back up with dine-in and curbside options, co-owner Shawn Schulenberg now relies on his "amazing and loyal customers," to stick with them through

the inflation. As Nomada Bakery has seen an increase in prices of their products and cleaning services, they've subsequently had to raise their own. Schulenberg, who is also an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Marshall University, expects the inflation to remain as long as COVID-19 is disruptive.

Heritage Station also hosts the local bar Taps at Heritage. Claiming to be "Huntington's coolest craft beer and spirits bar," Taps at Heritage has also been subject to the inflation. Coming on to the scene four years ago, Taps has gained a loyal customer base who still managed to support the business through the April 2020 shutdown by purchasing merchandise. Ray Frye, owner of Taps, said the bar thanks customers by giving discounts to their veterans, college students, and ladies' night attendees. When prices began to inflate for their products, Frye said, "We weren't going to punish the consumer," which is why he continues to provide discounts at the bar, though the state is trying to increase the taxes on craft beer creators, and there aren't as many products in stock to

craft the beer. However, Frye's bar pushes on, with more than beer. Taps offers merchandise, live music every weekend, and even wine and specialty liquor.

While the country is dealing with post-pandemic inflation, small businesses are working to stay afloat. Loyal customers have helped Huntington small businesses to survive the shutdown and remain open to provide service with a smile.



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Save a Life Day Comes to Huntington

By ALAINA LASTER
REPORTER

Save A Life Day came to Cabell County on Sept. 8 for the first time. With the help of St. Peter's Community Outreach center and The Huntington Addiction Wellness Center (HAWC), Carrie Ware was able to bring the free naloxone event into motion.

Carrie Ware has been a member at St. Peter's Episcopal Church for four years and has recently started working as the Chief Financial officer at HAWC. Save a Life Day stems from the overdose crisis faced by people across the globe. This specific event was spread across 17 counties in West Virginia on September 8th.

"We kind of followed suit from Kenowha County, they did their first one last year and then they asked me to join in this year," said Ware. "We looked at basically the overdose hotspots in Cabell County, the first being downtown and the second one is the west end, so we picked sites based on the hot spots for overdoses and went from there."

Free Naloxone, hygiene kits, condoms and other items were distributed across nine locations in Cabell County, including the Family Resource Center, and Huntington Health Department. Volunteers who had undergone naloxone training, and items that anyone may come and pick up if they need.

Jerome Comer is a Peer Recovery Support Specialist at HAWC and has been working with them since their opening on April 19th, 2019.

"I started volunteering down here a little bit and just getting to know him (Craig Hettlinger, the creator of HAWC) a little better and I was really really enthused so I told him that as soon as an opportunity came about I would love to have a job here, and he said he would look into it," said Comer.

HAWC works with Specialists like Comer to help new members adjust to their program.

"When a client first comes in, they kind of do not understand what is going on, or even if they have been in recovery before they didn't have a lot of support, so I mainly get them settled in," said Comer. "I make sure they understand the rules, and I try as time goes on to help them see their behaviors and become more aware of the things they were doing, and prevent them from doing them again."

To host this event, Ware used a GoFundMe and received sponsorships from many local businesses. In total they raised about \$25,000, mostly through the help of a podcast called "Sawbones",

hosted by Dr. Sydnee Mcelroy and her husband Justin Mcelroy. Through that share, they received most of the money from individual donations.

Members of the Huntington community came together to help with this event. Volunteers have gathered to work as site coordinators and to learn how to use naloxone through the training days. Ware works to do training sessions regularly as well as do larger sessions to train businesses, churches, and local groups that are interested in learning.

"It's all about understanding that we are not all bad people, and we can change," said Comer. "I have to get to know people before I can put my judgement and opinion on them. Once you get to know people after they have been in recovery a while you can see the difference. You wouldn't really know I was who I was, I've done a whole 180 from when I walked in the door from what my mind, my behaviors and my thinking was, to now."

This event is one of many that the partnership does to help those struggling with addiction. They post a weekly Facebook schedule

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Additional Crisis Relief Funding Available to Students

By CONNER WOODRUFF
REPORTER

Students affected by unforeseen hardships can apply for support money, pulling from a greater \$500,000 crisis relief fund.

Students who cannot afford school equipment because of COVID-19 or students who have lost equipment or possessions in other emergencies can now send appeals to the Student Government Association (SGA) to receive support funding.

Initial appeals will be sent to and reviewed by a group of SGA representatives. Once all appropriate information is compiled, the details will be forwarded to the university's greater financial staff for funding disbursement.

"I know there is a lot of need out there," Bella

Griffiths, SGA vice president, said. "It's just a matter of pinpointing on who needs it the most and then we go from there."

The Crisis Relief Fund's responsibility falls to the student government to create a more personal and relatable approach to learning what students need.

"The reason we're partnering and allocating this money to SGA is because we feel students are going to know to reach out to them," Jason Baldwin, university budget manager, said.

"Alyssa (Student Body President) and I on a day-to-day basis speak to about 100 students." Griffiths said. "I'm really excited for the outreach."

Marshall's financial office said this funding could

run out sooner than later.

"Once the word spreads a little bit, it will probably roll out pretty quick," Mark Robinson, vice president of university finance said.

Despite this, the SGA vice president is optimistic in being able to prolong the Crisis Relief Fund's expenditure.

"Who knows, if we run out of money, we'll write more grant proposals." Griffiths said.

Marshall's office of finance said that due to the fund's source grant being tied to the 2021 to 2022 fiscal year, these funds will no longer be accessible by May of 2022.

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Ida deals new blow to Louisiana schools struggling to reopen

By MATT SEDENSKY
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AP Photo - John Locher

conditioning," said 32-year-old Williams, who has twin 5-year-olds and a 7-year-old and is more pessimistic than officials about when they might be back in class. "The way it's looking like now, it's going to be next August."

After a year and a half of pandemic disruptions that drove children from schools and pulled down test scores, at least 169,000 Louisiana children are out of class again, their studies derailed by the storm. The hurricane followed a rocky reopening in August that led to more COVID-19 infections and classroom closures, and now it will be weeks before some students go back again.

"How concerned am I? If you pick up a thesaurus, whatever's the word for 'most concerned,'" said Jarod Martin, superintendent of schools in the hard-hit Lafourche Parish, southwest of New Orleans. "We were brimming with optimism and confident that we were going to defeat COVID, confident we were on a better path. And now we've got another setback."

Williams was working at McDonald's until COVID-19 cut-backs claimed her job. The family rode out the storm in their apartment as it disintegrated around them, then drove to Florida, where they found a hotel room, which they could afford for only a few days.

A couple of miles away, at the boys' school, Luling

Elementary, crews are cleaning up fallen trees, and piping from giant dehumidifiers snakes through windows. Shantele Slade, a 42-year-old youth pastor, is among those at work, but her own children an hour away in Amite are on her mind. The pandemic had already taken its toll on her 14-year-old son, who had to go to summer school because he'd fallen behind while learning virtually. Now she's worried that he will have trouble keeping up with algebra after so many days of absence.

"The last two years have already been so hard on them," she said.

The latest state standardized test scores, released in August, showed a 5% drop in proficiency among students across Louisiana, blamed largely on disruptions from COVID-19. Younger and poorer children fared worst, as did members of minority groups and those with English as a second language.

The state's education superintendent, Cade Brumley, acknowledged that students "did lose a little bit" and that Ida dealt another blow. A quarter-million students' schools remained shuttered Friday, but classes for 81,000 children were to reopen Monday, according to the education department. Brumley said the rest would likely be back in a matter of weeks.

"We need to get those kids back with us as soon as we possibly can," he said.



Koby Cumberlander brings down Isaiah Totten of NCCU

Courtesy of Zachary Hiser

Marshall Routs North Carolina Central 44-10 in Home Opener

By **ANDREW ROGERS**
REPORTER

Using the passing game of Grant Wells, Marshall football was able to improve to 2-0 with a 44-10 victory over North Carolina Central. Despite the overwhelming win and 700 yards of total offense, head coach Charles Huff was not pleased with his team's performance.

"If we keep doing what we're doing, we're going to be in the same situation, (as 2020)," Huff said. "We'll be talking about woulda, coulda, shoulda. I hope, and think our guys see that."

Huff referred to a few bobbled snaps in the first quarter, as well as Grant Wells's interception at the goal line.

"We definitely weren't as efficient as we wanted to be," Wells said. "We came out slow and when you come out slow, it takes time to get things rolling."

After the slow start, the Marshall offense picked up the pace in the second quarter. Wells threw three touchdown passes in the quarter. Two went to redshirt sophomore wide receiver Talik Keaton, who

finished with three receptions for 73 yards. The other Wells touchdown pass went to redshirt freshman running back Rasheen Ali. Ali recorded 92 total yards and led the Herd in receptions with eight. Wells finished the game with four total touchdowns and a career high of 347 passing yards.

NC Central would get its only touchdown of the contest in the second quarter, mainly because of a muffed punt by Keaton. The Eagles were set up with good field position at Marshall's 10-yard line. On third down, Quarterback Davius Richard found Marshall transfer Mookie Collier from four yards out to get the Eagles on the board. Marshall outscored 24-7 in the 2nd quarter to take a commanding 30-7 lead into the half.

Linebacker Charlie Gray led Marshall to another solid defensive performance. Gray finished with a team high six tackles including a sack, forced fumble and a fumble recovery. NC Central only managed 177 yards of offense in the contest.

Coach Huff gave several starters some rest and gave the backups a lot of reps. Wells exited the game

late in the third quarter, giving way to backup Luke Zban. The Huntington native completed six of his eight pass attempts for 84 yards and an interception. Running backs Knowledge McDaniel and Ethan Payne saw their first action of the season late in the second half as well. McDaniel rushed for a team high 67 yards. Payne totaled 38 yards on the ground including Marshall's final touchdown of the contest, and Payne's first in a Thundering Herd uniform.

"Don't look at the result," Huff said. "It's not about the result, but how we play. If we can continue to get better and play better the results will take care of themselves. I take full responsibility. I'll be better next week; I promise you that."

Marshall returns to action at 6 p.m. Saturday against the East Carolina Pirates at Joan C. Edwards Stadium. The game can be heard on Marshall's student radio station, WMUL 88.1 FM.

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Marshall and WVU Prepare to Face Off in Major Soccer Matchup

By **CHRISTIAN PALMER**
REPORTER

A heated rivalry will ignite Friday, when the undefeated West Virginia Mountaineers men's soccer team travels into Huntington to matchup against the Thundering Herd at Hoops Family Field.

After starting the season at the No. 1 ranked team in the nation and attempting to defend its national title, Marshall struggled with just one win in the team's first three contests. However, the Herd has gotten back to its winning ways, winning each of the last two games on the schedule and with only one loss throughout the team's first five matchups. Marshall fell in the rankings slightly but remains in the top 25 and will enter Friday's matchup against WVU as the No. 10 ranked team in the nation.

On the other side, West Virginia has done nothing but soar up the rankings since the beginning of the season. The Mountaineers went from an unranked squad to the No. 5 ranked team in the nation after its first five games of the year. During those five games, West Virginia has relied on its defensive efforts to secure winning results. The Mountaineers have only allowed two goals in four hundred and eighty minutes of play to start the season and have allowed zero goals in their last two games. WVU has outscored its opponents by a total score of 8-2 so far this season. The Mountaineers will enter Friday's contest against the Herd as the No. 5 team in the nation.

Both teams are coming off impressive wins, where the defenses dominated. In its last contest, West Virginia secured a 1-0 victory against the Ohio State Buckeyes. "Today was just about doing whatever it

takes," WVU coach Dan Stratford said. "Of course, we want to continue to be a team that plays good soccer, and I'd love us to be clinical enough to score a second goal, but, honestly, the only thing that really counted for me today was that we got the win."

Marshall is also coming off a 1-0 decision where the team was led by its defense and goalkeeping. "Great win tonight," Herd head coach Chris Grassie said. "Credit to our lads, we kept digging and we stuck to the game plan very well. That's been two good performances on the road, and we're very happy to get our first shut out of the season. Now back to Huntington to prepare for that team up north."

This marks the third consecutive season that the Marshall Thundering Herd and the West Virginia Mountaineers will battle. WVU won the latest edition of this rivalry in Morgantown last year with a 1-0 decision. Marshall won the year prior, with a 2-1 win at home in Huntington. Prior to that game, these teams had played only one time in history back in 2007, when WVU secured a 3-0 win at home. Marshall looks to tie up the all-time series between these teams with a win Friday against longtime in-state rival WVU. Kickoff off on Friday is scheduled for 7 p.m., when the friends of coal will become reacquainted with each other.

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Huff after NCC victory: “I Want to Apologize”

By NOAH HICKMAN
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Courtesy of @Herd247Sports

The Marshall football team did what it set out to do against the North Carolina Central Eagles; win the home opener in a landslide -- by a score of 44-10; however, the game was not all sunshine and lollipops.

Head coach Charles Huff said that there is a long way to go if Marshall wants to get to where they want to be.

“One of the sloppiest first halves of football I’ve ever been a part of,” Huff said. “So I want to apologize to the fans, to the students. I challenged you guys. You guys did your part. You showed up. I did not do my part.”

Despite dominating the scoreboard yet again, Marshall again struggled at times with ball security. They bobbled two snaps on the first drive of the game which led to a punt. The Herd forced three turnovers as NCC’s sophomore quarterback Davius Richard lost three fumbles, but Marshall had three turnovers of its own as quarterbacks Grant Wells and Luke Zban each had one interception; both passes were intercepted in the end zone. Wide Receiver Talik Keaton also muffed a punt at the 5:07 mark of the second quarter which led to NCC’s only touchdown of the game. Huff took note of all the miscues and said playing well is always essential.

“Yes, we won the game, but when you’re trying to close the gap it’s not about who you play, it’s about how you play,” Huff said.

Marshall picked up its 11th consecutive win in home openers.

The Herd is now 2-0 in the Huff era and has outscored its opponents 93-17 through eight quarters of play. Furthermore, the Herd has outgained its opponents 1,164-575 including 700-177 against the Eagles.

What’s even more impressive is that Marshall outgained NCC by 523 yards while making offensive substitutions midway through the third quarter.

Huff said that the team played better in the later stages of the game.

“I did think we bounced back a little as the game got going on in the second half and did some positive things,” Huff said. “Got a chance to play a lot of guys.”

Marshall will host the East Carolina Pirates at Joan C. Edwards Stadium next Saturday at 6 p.m. The game will air on the CBS Sports channel.

ECU leads the all-time series with a record of 10-5 in the 15 games, respectively.

The Herd won its last game against ECU 59-28 in Huntington back on Nov. 29, 2013.

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NEWS

Los Angeles Requires COVID-19 Vaccine for Students 12 and Up

By AMY TAXIN
Associated Press



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LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles board of education voted Thursday to require students 12 and older to be vaccinated against the coronavirus to attend in-person classes in the nation's second-largest school district. The move makes Los Angeles by far the largest of a very small number of districts with a vaccine requirement. Nearby Culver City imposed a similar policy last month for its 7,000 students. The Los Angeles Unified School District, which has more than 600,000 mostly Latino students, already tests all students and employees every week, requires masking indoors and outdoors and has ordered employees to be vaccinated. Under the vaccination plan, students 12 and up who participate in sports and other extracurricular activities need to get their two-shot sequence completed by the end of October. Others have until Dec. 19

"It is easy to wait for someone to tell us what to do. LA Unified is leading because we must. Our communities cannot wait," Mónica García, a board

member, said before the vote.

"This action is not about violating anybody's rights. This action is about doing our job to be able to offer public schools that children can come to school and be safe," she said.

Los Angeles Unified was among the last of the nation's largest districts to reopen to classroom instruction last spring. The teachers union opposed the move for months, citing health concerns.

Los Angeles County saw an increase in coronavirus case rates in children from mid-July to mid-August but these have since declined, said Barbara Ferrer, director of the county's Department of Public Health. The shift coincided with the reopening of many schools with safety measures such as masking and testing, she said, adding that bringing so many children to school could lead to more exposures and officials will be monitoring closely.

Los Angeles school board members overwhelmingly supported the plan, calling it a sound public health measure and a critical step to keep classrooms open for the in-person learning so essential for students.

for children than for older adults.

United Teachers Los Angeles urged the district to provide public education and outreach to families and access to the shot to increase vaccination numbers in school communities. The teachers' union had urged the board to mandate student vaccinations once teachers were required to get the shots and applauded the move on Thursday.

OPINION

Biden Choses to Save Lives, not Popularity

By TYLER SPENCE
MANAGING EDITOR



Last week President Biden used his sweeping authority over the federal government to mandate the COVID-19 vaccine to all federal employees, contractors, and businesses with over 100 employees. This decision was incredibly controversial, mostly among Republicans who saw the decision as a great overstep in federal authority. Their feelings are understandable and even rational to a degree. However, the decision will undeniably save lives and ensure the United States is moving out of the pandemic, something Biden promised upon taking office.

Biden made this decision not to remain popular, but to save lives. When governors will not make logical, science-based decisions, the President still has a responsibility to save American lives. It is hard

to remember a time when a president has been forced to make these kinds of calls, but governors like Greg Abbott, the Republican governor of Texas, have forced Biden's hand. Abbott's mandate banning mask mandates in classrooms is not only an overreach of his authority over local and city governments with the state supreme court stepping in against him, but a foolish, politically motivated decision that endangers the lives of teachers, students, and their families. With school-aged children making up 25% of new COVID-19 cases nationally, and a growing amount hospitalized or worse, Governor Abbott seems more concerned with children who have not yet been born compared to those who currently call his state home.

This is the universe in which Biden's decision lives, a universe where people who live in Idaho, a state without mask mandates or vaccination requirements, are sending hospitalized COVID-19 patients to neighboring state Washington. Case rates and hospitalizations have gotten so bad in northern Idaho that many hospitals have been forced to operate in the crisis standard of care, where hospitals are permitted to ration their resources or withhold optimal care for some patients.

The U.S. was close to ending the pandemic this summer, as the average daily cases had decreased from a high of 250,000 in early January to only

11,000 in June. Then, the pace of vaccinations slowed down and the Delta variant arrived, raising the averages back to 150,000 average daily cases in September, largely in areas and states that lagged in vaccination rates, mostly in the South. States like Louisiana, Texas, and Missouri all experienced some of their worst outbreaks since the pandemic began, and all were in the bottom 10 percent of vaccination rates. This once again put pressure on hospitals and ICU Units that saw their occupancy reach 100%. In a country that believes in personal responsibility, what happens when crisis comes and personal responsibility doesn't? Responsibility is mandated. President Biden is not comfortable watching thousands and thousands of unvaccinated Americans continue to needlessly die. According to Fox News, 99% of those hospitalized from COVID-19 since January 1 have not been vaccinated, and less than 1% of all deaths since then were people who were vaccinated. It's not enough to offer incentives to get vaccinated; it's time to require it in as many places as possible, and finally put this pandemic behind us. Biden understands this better than anyone.

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FitFest Honors Fallen Huntington Doctor on 20th Anniversary of September 11 Attacks



Kenneth and Sharon Ambrose, and family, attended FitFest. The Ambroses now reside in North Carolina but the family splits their time between Huntington and D.C. during the 9/11 anniversary in remembrance of their son.

By ALYSSA WOODS
REPORTER

Members of the community biked the Paul Ambrose Trail for Health for Huntington's annual FitFest, which fell on the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on our nation.

The trail was established in memoriam of Huntington's Dr. Paul Ambrose. 20 years ago, Dr. Ambrose was on American Airlines Flight 77, en route to a medical conference in LA when the plane was hijacked and flown into the western side of the Pentagon. Ambrose was one of 189 individuals who lost their lives at the Pentagon that day.

Dr. Ambrose graduated magna cum laude from Marshall University in 1991 with degrees in biological sciences and Spanish. After a stint at the University of Salamanca in Spain, Dr. Ambrose graduated with his M.D. from Marshall University's School of Medicine in

1995. From 95-96 Ambrose served as National Director of Legislative Affairs for the American Medical Student Association and was awarded their Lifetime Achievement Award. Ambrose was known in his community, and nationwide, for his passion about fighting childhood obesity. To honor his memory, the PATH was established to encourage healthy activity in people of all ages.

As the FitFest began this year, one of the first in line was Huntington's City Planner, Breanna Shell. After acknowledging the "pause" FitFest took, Shell described the layout for the Fest. "We wanted to scale it to something that felt safe and manageable during a pandemic," Shell said. "So that's why we wanted to focus more on doing these group rides, that way we can show off sections of the Paul Ambrose Trail for Health, while also showing people how to access them."

Also attending the FitFest were the parents of Dr. Ambrose, Kenneth Paul Ambrose and Sharon Norwood Ambrose. Now residing in North Carolina, the Ambrose family splits this time between Huntington and D.C. in remembrance of their son. Sharon Ambrose, dressed in Marshall green, said, "We're here to honor him. He was so into preventive health, so the bike riding is great." Kenneth Ambrose, who was a professor at MU, said he likes returning to the PATH as it is, "a living memorial."

Dr. Paul Ambrose dedicated his life to helping others through preventative medicine. Through Huntington's annual FitFest and the PATH, his legacy will live on as he continues to help make the community healthy.

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Biden

“Everyone says, ‘Biden, why do you keep insisting on trying to bring the country together?’” the president told reporters. “That’s the thing that’s going to affect our well-being more than anything else.”

In a frequent refrain of his presidency warning of the rise of autocracies, he added, “Are we going to, in the next four, five, six, ten years, demonstrate that democracies can work, or not?”

At ground zero in New York City, Biden stood side by side with former Presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton at the National September 11 Memorial as the names of the dead were read aloud by their loved ones. Each man wore a blue ribbon and held his hand over his heart as a procession marched a flag through the memorial before hundreds of people, some carrying photos of loved ones lost in the attacks.

Bush, delivering the keynote address in Shanksville, lamented that “so much of our politics have become a naked appeal to anger, fear and resentment.”

“On America’s day of trial and grief, I saw millions of people instinctively grab for a neighbor’s hand, and rally for the cause of one another,” Bush said. “That is the America I know. Biden became the fourth president to console the nation on the anniversary of that dark day, one that has shaped many of the most consequential domestic and foreign policy decisions made by the chief executives over the past two decades.

Trump skipped the official 9/11 memorial ceremonies and instead visited a fire station and police precinct in New York, where he laced into Biden over his withdrawal from Afghanistan and repeated lies about the 2020 election as he paid tribute to New York’s first responders.

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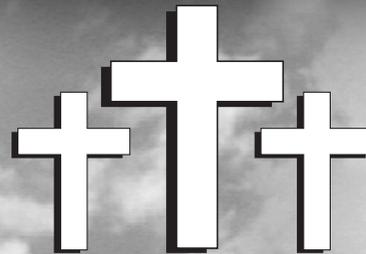
struggling with addiction. They post a weekly Facebook schedule that includes events such as workdays in the community garden, free care bag/naloxone distribution and cleanups behind the flood wall.

Ware said the community garden they have hosted is an immense help to the city. “The idea is not just a normal community garden,” Ware said. “It was to partner with a recovery center so that they could come in and that be part of their recovery. They are working in the garden, learning culinary skills with the produce that they grow. We also wanted to take part of the produce that we have and give back to the community.

Nobody working is keeping it for themselves, all the produce is going back to the community, or into the recovery program.”

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