

Man who found missing 2-year-old girl jubilant

The Associated Press

WARREN, Ohio — A man who found a little girl who'd been missing from her great-grandparents' home for two days sounded jubilant in a 911 call.

"Oh, my God," Victor Sutton told a dispatcher on Sunday evening after finding 2-year-old Rainn Peterson sleeping in a field not far from where she went missing. "Talk about luck."

Rainn, who apparently had wandered away on Friday, was found around 6:30 p.m. Sunday in North Bloomfield Township, just north of Warren and Youngstown near the Pennsylvania state line. She was taken to a hospital for an evaluation.

The Trumbull County sheriff said Monday that Rainn was in good shape except for being dehydrated.

Authorities organized a massive manhunt to comb the area for Rainn over the weekend, when there were downpours and overnight temperatures in the low



This undated photo shows Rainn Peterson who disappeared Friday night from her great-grandparents' house in North Bloomfield, Ohio, and was found alive in a nearby field on Sunday evening.

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Sutton agreed. "I didn't give up on this kid," he replied.

Rainn and her two brothers, ages 3 and 4, were staying with their great-grandparents on Friday when they reported her missing. Investigators from Trumbull County Children's Services are looking at the circumstances surrounding Rainn's disappearance.

Rainn's mother, Brandi Peterson, said her children had been staying with the couple because she was moving into an apartment. She said her grandmother was in the kitchen and the three children were with her grandfather in another area of the house when the toddler walked away.

40s. The search for her involved planes and helicopters and people on foot and on horseback.

Sutton found Rainn, who wasn't wearing a jacket, while searching on his four-wheeler.

Sutton, who lives in the area, told the dispatcher how "tough" Rainn is.

When the dispatcher heard Rainn crying softly during the 911 call, which was made from Sutton's cellphone, she told Sutton she had "goosebumps."

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Saturday, Oct. 10

Childbirth Class, 9 a.m., Cabell Huntington Hospital. Soon-to-be parents learn the basics of what to expect from labor, delivery and their hospital stay after birth. Additionally, a private tour offers families a preview of the facilities. Registration required. Call 304-526-2229.

Childbirth class, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., St. Mary's Medical Center. Call 304-526-1234.

Sports Medicine Screening Clinic, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., Marshall Sports Medicine Institute, 2211 3rd Ave, Huntington. Attendees can have their condition or injury assessed and be advised on what to do next. They are conducted by sports medicine physicians from Marshall Orthopaedics, who will provide evaluation but not treatment. Patients are seen on a first-come, first-served basis. Free. Call 304-691-1491 or 304-691-1490.

Monday, Oct. 12

Diabetes Support Group, 6 p.m., Erma Ora Byrd Clinical Center. Free monthly support group for anyone affected by diabetes. Call 304-691-1661.

Zumba, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Wellness Center, aerobics room, first floor of St. Mary's Regional Heart Institute. Classes are \$5 per class for

community members or \$3 per class for St. Mary's employees and Wellness Center and Total Woman members. Wellness Class packages of any eight classes are available for \$35 for community members and \$20 for St. Mary's employees and Wellness Center and Total Woman members. Free trial classes are available. Call 304-399-7444.

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WV files complaint against VW

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON — The West Virginia Attorney General's Office has filed a civil complaint against Volkswagen of America, Inc. over the automaker's emissions-rigging scandal.

The Kanawha County Circuit Court complaint alleges that the company violated the West Virginia Consumer Credit and Protection Act. It

seeks civil penalties of \$5,000 per violation and costs related to the investigation, litigation and administration of the matter.

The complaint also seeks refunds for West Virginia consumers who bought Volkswagen's TDI clean diesel vehicles.

U.S.-based Volkswagen spokeswoman Jeannine Givan said Monday that the

company doesn't comment on pending or active litigation.

The German automaker has admitted it rigged diesel emissions technology to pass U.S. smog tests.

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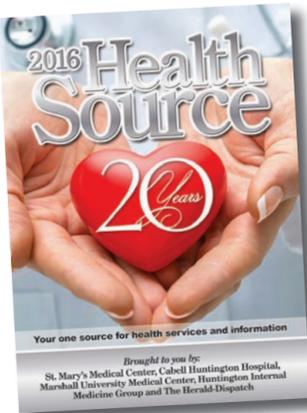
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Motorcycle, pickup collide near Marshall; one injured

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HUNTINGTON — A man was hospitalized Monday evening following a vehicle crash in the 1800 block of 3rd Avenue.

The crash was reported to Cabell County 911 dispatchers at 6:45 p.m. in the intersection of 18th Street and 3rd Avenue, parallel to Marshall University's campus.

A motorcycle and a pickup truck collided in the intersection, according to dispatcher reports.

The driver of the motorcycle was taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, according to dispatcher reports.

Dispatcher reports also indicated one of the drivers involved in the crash was issued a citation for driving without a proper license.



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Homecoming

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traffic nightmare on game day. Our students have been wanting a bonfire and by moving the parade, we were able to add the additional event. I can't wait; I hope it becomes a homecoming tradition."

Events for Homecoming Week will begin Sunday, Oct. 18, and continue through game day on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Marshall's homecoming game vs. North Texas is set to kick off at 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

The theme of homecoming this year is "Blast From the Past." The week kicks off with the Color My College 5K on Sunday, Oct. 18, the annual Unity Walk on Tuesday, Oct. 20, and continues with the parade and bonfire on Thursday, followed by a soccer homecoming celebration on Friday and the homecoming football game on Saturday. Students are also encouraged to participate in Spirit

Week with daily costume themes.

Participants will line up at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the intersection of 8th Street and 4th Avenue in downtown Huntington to prepare for the Homecoming Parade.

The parade will begin at 6:30 p.m., heading east on 4th Avenue to 12th Street, where it will turn right. It then will turn left on 5th Avenue and finish at 17th Street with a bonfire and pep rally celebration.

The bonfire will take place on the Harless Field immediately following the parade and will feature coach Doc Holliday, members of the 2015 Thundering Herd football team, the Marching Thunder, Marshall cheerleaders, dance team and everyone's favorite bison, Marco.

The Campus Activity Board will be hosting Yell Like Hell, in which student organizations participating in the parade show their pride and see which group has the most spirit, and a burn shirt activity at the bonfire, in which students can bring shirts from rival schools

to be burned in the bonfire.

Fans will also have an opportunity to vote for their favorite student float. Following the completion of the bonfire, Marshall Athletics plans to kick off basketball season at the Rec Center with a basketball practice.

Marshall University Student Government is encouraging any organizations or local businesses who want to have a float in the parade this year to visit www.marshall.edu/homecoming to register.

View a full schedule of events at www.marshall.edu/homecoming. Alumni can purchase tickets to the annual Alumni Tailgate Party through www.herdalum.com. The tailgate takes place on Harless Field beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Marshall University also welcomes parents and families to campus Thursday, Oct. 22 to Friday, Oct. 25.

To view a full schedule of events for Parent and Family weekend or for information on how to register, visit www.marshall.edu/parents.

Quinones

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markets its legal new opiate prescription painkiller as non-addictive. Meanwhile, immigrants from a small town in Nayarit, Mexico, devise a method for retailing black-tar heroin in much the same way pizza is marketed in the U.S.

"I suspect the people I'll be talking to will be able to tell me a few things about this problem as well," Quinones said of his visit to Huntington this week and noting the widespread impact heroin and misused pharmaceuticals have had on the Huntington and Marshall communities.

Quinones, who began writing "Dreamland" in 2009 while working for The Los Angeles Times, spoke highly of what "community" means in the grand scheme of recovery.

"The antidote to heroin is not naloxone," Quinones said. "The antidote to heroin is community."

"Heroin's natural habitat is

places where isolation is rampant," Quinones said, adding that getting together outside and together in public without fear is key to strengthening bonds that eventually lead to recovery.

Calling widespread drug addiction "the last expression of depression" that gripped many communities along the Ohio River with the loss of population and industrial jobs, Quinones likened the effects of heroin and opiates to the creation of "zombies."

"Heroin and opiates are terrific at killing optimism. Heroin and opiates are really good at creating feelings of inertia, like 'Oh, why should we care? Why should we do anything?'" Quinones said. "They're kind of fatalistic, hopeless drugs."

Speaking more of the "good vibes" created by recovery in a population, Quinones said breaking the bonds of addiction can make a community stronger than ever before.

"When you get into recovery, you bounce way back," Quinones said. "Recovering from

heroin allows you to feel this optimism — the opposite from the fatalistic feeling."

Quinones' book focuses mainly on the struggles and rebounds of Portsmouth, Ohio — citing the number of pill mills that were once in the city, which paved the way for the heroin epidemic when those pills became less available. Creating what he calls a "recovery culture," Quinones said the people of Portsmouth are no longer apt to simply "take the beating."

"I think now the town of Portsmouth has a general attitude of no longer allowing stuff to happen to them," Quinones said. "I think what you're seeing now is a more truly American idea of 'We're going to deal with this on our own from now on. We're not going to listen to other people say that we're nobodies or we're nothing.'"

Quinones' presentation Thursday is free and open to the public.

Follow reporter Bishop Nash on Twitter at @BishopNash.

Kids

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The group will host several forums throughout the next year, as well as two family day events at the Capitol on Jan. 28 and Feb. 26.

"We have high hopes for this year, but we know we have a long way to go," Smith said.

Smith said he encourages West Virginians to visit the group's website, www.ocofwv.org, to get more information and learn how to involve themselves in the process.

The website also allows citizens to submit letters to local legislators.

In the past three sessions, 18 of the policies backed by Our Children, Our Future have suc-

ceeded in the legislature.

Some of the notable victories for the group include increasing the state minimum wage to \$8.75 an hour, expanding school breakfast and lunch programs, the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, and the expansion of Medicaid. The group has also helped stop budget cuts to child care programs for three straight years.

Ky. AG candidates wrangle over clerk, same-sex marriage

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Republican attorney general candidate Whitney Westerfield took aim at his opponent's close family ties to Kentucky's governor Monday night, summing up the race as "experience versus inheritance." Democrat Andy Beshear fired back by criticizing Westerfield's record as a prosecutor and his reliance on outside money to prop up his campaign.

The candidates for attorney general squared off during an hourlong joint appearance on Kentucky Educational Television in Lexington.

The two also wrangled over how state leaders responded to the headline-grabbing case of a county clerk who chose jail time over issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples. In doing so, Andy Beshear defended his father's handling of the contentious issue in socially conservative Kentucky.

The joint appearance came three weeks before Kentucky voters choose a new attorney general on Nov. 3.

The incumbent attorney gen-



The Associated Press

Two Kentucky attorney general candidates wrangled over how state leaders responded to the headline-grabbing case of Kim Davis, pictured, a county clerk who refused to grant marriage licenses to gay couples because of her personal beliefs.

eral, Jack Conway, is the Democratic nominee for governor this year, facing Republican Matt Bevin.

Beshear, the son of Gov. Steve Beshear, touted his experience as a lawyer and promoted his plans to combat child abuse, drug abuse and scams against older Kentuckians. He said that legal background makes him best qualified for the job as Kentucky's chief law enforcement official.

"I'm battle tested," he said.

"I've been in the largest litigations. I've taken on government and I've won."

Westerfield stressed his background as a former county prosecutor and his current role as a state senator.

Westerfield, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, pointed to his role in helping craft legislation to combat heroin addiction and to allow victims of abusive dating relationships to seek emergency protective orders.

NEWS IN BRIEF

WV Lottery project bid dispute back in court

CHARLESTON — A dispute over a nearly \$8 million state construction contract is returning to court.

Wiseman Construction won the contract to renovate the West Virginia Lottery's headquarters after the low bidder, MCS Construction was disqualified. Court records show Wiseman representatives told Lottery officials that MCS failed to include references in its bid.

Kanawha County Circuit Court Judge Jennifer Bailey overturned the decision in June and ordered state officials to give the contract to MCS. Bailey's ruling says the process used to disqualify MCS was fatally flawed.

The ruling says the state's bid solicitation documents didn't

include a references form for vendors to complete. Also, state officials couldn't explain why the requirement was in the documents.

The West Virginia Supreme Court is scheduled to hear arguments on Wiseman's appeal on Wednesday.

Planned burns set for Monongahela forest

CHARLESTON — Up to 2,043 acres in the Monongahela National Forest will be burned this fall to manage vegetation.

The U.S. Forest Service says units to be burned include Lick Mountain just west of Neola in Greenbrier County, One Mile Run in Greenbrier County and Chestnut Ridge east of Green Bank in Pocahontas County.

The forest service says the burn areas are likely to produce heavy smoke.

New downtown bridge to open early in Ky.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear says a new Ohio River bridge between downtown Louisville and southern Indiana is expected to open earlier than projected.

Media report Beshear announced Monday that the bridge, originally slated to open next year, will carry drivers by Christmas. He said the exact opening date hasn't been determined yet, but workers are ahead of schedule and on budget.

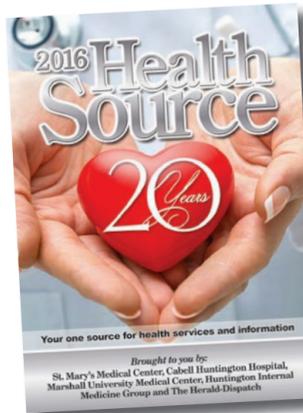
Beshear said the bridge would temporarily carry two-way traffic as crews make more extensive improvements to restore the adjacent Kennedy Bridge, which currently carries Interstate 65 across the Ohio River.

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Faces

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While his family pinballed back and forth twice between New Jersey and Illinois growing up, he said it was his time in high school in Naperville, Illinois, that got him fully immersed in music as a career option. A band director at that Illinois high school pushed him to sign up for everything, and he did — marching band, concert band and jazz band.

From then on he began looking at drumming as a career.

“Drumming — it’s always my love but ... I realized how serious it could be as an art form. That forged the idea this could be a career — that people play music for a living, and write music for a living and teach music for a living,” Nolan said. “I got to see the opportunity that was there for those who were willing to take it. I know I was fortunate to come from a family with means and go through a system of schools that had resources to create good music program. I took really good advantage of that,” he said.

By the time he finished his junior year of high school, Nolan already had enough credits to graduate and had been accepted by Indiana University.

“Kind of from that moment I got to focus on music and knew I was going to college for music, everything I am doing is building to something,” Nolan said. “I never looked at being in school for music as being in school but that every assignment, every project, every paper, you should be building something.”

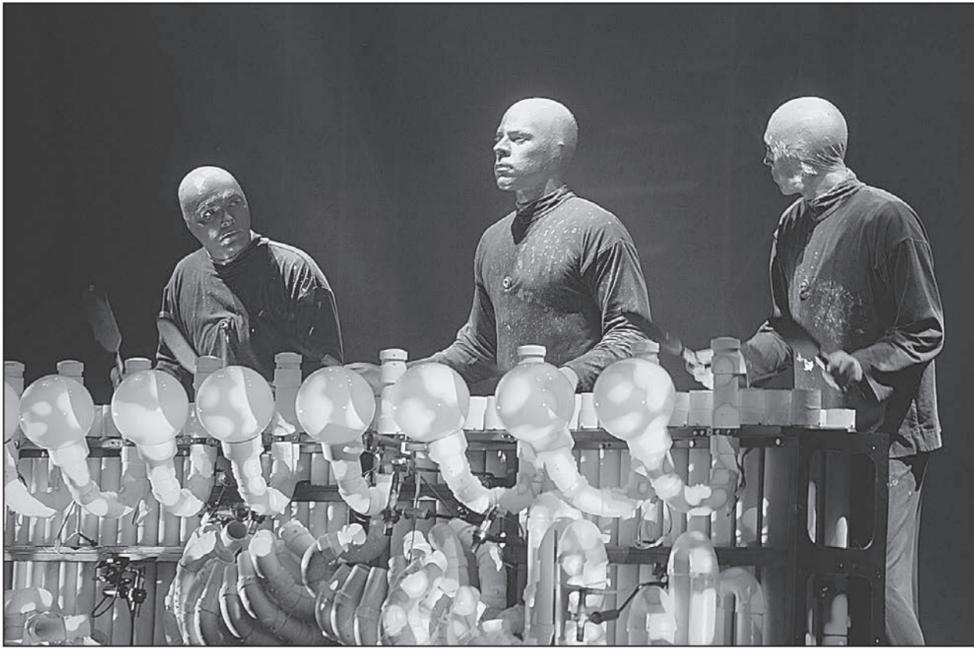
While at Indiana University’s Jacobs School of Music, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in music education and a master’s in jazz studies, percussion, Nolan was also driving to Chicago every weekend and touring nationally with Second Hand Poet, an alt-country band.

“My mantra has been to say yes to everything ... if it fits in your schedule, say yes and that started the busiest nine years of my life,” he said. “My wife and I call that time between 2006 to now as our circus years.”

That circus life got turned up a few notches after Nolan graduated and began teaching in the Chicago area, where opportunities came knocking in the classroom and on the stage.

It was when he was teaching junior high school in Illinois that he became a part-time drummer for the Chicago Blue Man Group shows playing between two and four shows a week.

“Some days I would work 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school and would have to be at Blue Man Group at 2:45 p.m. I



File photo/The Herald-Dispatch

Jesse Nolan, now a visiting assistant professor of music with the MU College of Arts and Media, was employed as the music director for the North American tour of the Blue Man Group when it performed at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center in 2013.

would play the 4, 7 and 10 p.m. shows on a Wednesday, finish at midnight, drive an hour home and get up at 5:30 a.m. and drive to work and do it all again. That was two years,” Nolan said.

The part-time gig with the Blue Man Group led to an offer he couldn’t refuse when the group asked him to be music director on a Norwegian Cruise Line Ship for a five-month stint with no promise of further work.

He quit his full-time teaching job and spent what he calls the best summer ever skirting around the Mediterranean working on the cruise ship with his wife by his side.

Two weeks into the tour, Blue Man asked him to be music director of a North American tour, a job which had him traveling between 40 and 45 weeks a year.

“The thing that is killer is the schedule,” Nolan said of being on the road. He said sometimes the group would stay in a city for a week at a time, which let the performers get to know a city, but other times they were performing in 20 cities in six weeks. “That is when life hurts, and you wake up and are like, ‘Where are we? I don’t know, but there is a Waffle House across the street.’”

It was during his stint as Blue Man Group’s music director that he became acquainted with Marshall,

as he came to the Marshall Music Department to do a music workshop when the group was here as part of the Marshall Artists Series in 2013.

“Blue Man asked to me create a workshop for them and that is how I ended up here. ... That is how I met people at the music school and got a chance to see Jeff (Wolfe) ... I was an undergrad and he was in grad school when we were at IU, and he was a Marshall grad and is now in the music department at Marshall. So it was sort of an intersection of a job opening and Jeff being in the jazz department, and me having done the clinic already knowing some people.”

He also brings to Marshall his work with educational tech company MashPlant, of which he is part owner and president. MashPlant specializes in building interactive online social communities for people with a shared interest, and he has used the program to allow students to upload recordings and have them viewed and critiqued by only class members, among other applications.

“I’ve found that introducing the social thing in instrumental music classes has a big impact on three things ... student engagement, teacher effectiveness and student achievement,” Nolan said. Using the social platform opened up avenues for

teaching students about digital citizenship and constructive criticism as well, he said.

Nolan plans to use the program at Marshall to be interactive with both college and high school students and the greater community.

Nolan said applications could include using videos to help foster more workshops and interaction between Marshall and area high school instructors and students, and also utilizing MashPlant as a recruiting tool.

He said the idea is to move beyond just a website and to a truly interactive learning community online that could connect Marshall to musicians across the Tri-State and around the world.

Now, this guy who “can’t say no,” is glad to leave those 90-hour work weeks behind for a slightly slower pace and being back in a classroom, where he can both instruct and learn, he says.

“For me, this is all about trying not to teach in a vacuum and following that technique that Second City and SNL uses, ‘the yes... and,’ which accepts your idea and adds to it. ... If everyone said no, you don’t get anywhere. For me teaching and playing is about having a level of openness that allows you to both be creative and to learn simultaneously.”

Healthy

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■ **Young Adults with Cancer Support Group**, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Regional Heart Institute, Room 204, St. Mary’s Medical Center. Call 304-526-8830.

■ **Zumba/Zumba Toning**, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary’s Wellness Center, aerobics room, first floor of St. Mary’s Regional Heart Institute. Classes are \$5 per class for community members or \$3 per class for St. Mary’s employees and Wellness Center and Total Woman members. Wellness Class packages of any eight classes are available for \$35 for community members and \$20 for St. Mary’s employees and Wellness Center and Total Woman members. Free trial classes are available. Call 304-399-7444.

Friday, Oct. 16

■ **Breast cancer screening**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Comprehensive Breast Health Center at the Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center, Cabell Huntington Hospital. Free clinical breast exam screening. Call 304-526-2440.

■ **Transitions Grief Support Group**, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., Spiritual Care Library, 2 East, St. Mary’s Medical Center. Call 304-526-1188.

Saturday Oct. 17

■ **Sports Medicine Screening Clinic**, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., Marshall Sports Medicine Institute, 2211 3rd Ave, Huntington. Attendees can have their condition or injury assessed and be advised on what to do next. They are conducted by sports medicine physicians from Marshall Orthopaedics, who will provide evaluation but not treatment. Patients are seen on a first-come, first-served basis. Free. Call 304-691-1491 or 304-691-1490.

■ **Zumbathon for Hope**, 6 p.m., Phil Cline YMCA. Grab your dancing shoes and get ready to sweat for breast cancer awareness. Call 304-617-7605 or 304-526-2443.

Monday, Oct. 19

■ **Sisters of HOPE Breast Cancer Support Group**, 5:30 p.m., Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center Resource Room, Cabell Huntington Hospital. Free support group, for breast cancer survivors and their loved ones. Refreshments are served. Everyone is welcome and no RSVP is required. Call 304-526-2443.

■ **Zumba**, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary’s Wellness Center, aerobics room, first floor of St. Mary’s Regional Heart Institute. Classes are \$5 per class for community members or \$3 per class for St. Mary’s employees and Wellness Center and Total Woman members. Wellness Class packages of any eight classes are available for \$35 for community members and \$20 for St. Mary’s employees and Wellness Center and Total Woman members. Free trial classes are available. Call 304-399-7444.

Lecture

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A veteran of the battle and civil servant after the war, General Carman was appointed historic adviser to the Antietam National Battlefield board in 1894. Carman’s work resulted in the first narrative history of the campaign, maps and the initial interpretation of the battlefield for visitors. Clemens has researched and studied Carman’s work for more than 20 years.

“For decades, scholars who have written about the Maryland Campaign and Battle of Antietam have cited Carman’s manuscript, but little was known about the sources that he used. I wanted to make Carman’s work a more reliable, useful resource,” Clemens said in a news release.

One of the most important aspects of Clemens’ work was the discovery of hundreds of firsthand accounts that provided new information about the soldiers’ experiences.

The Civil War Scholars Lecture Series is provided with financial assistance from the West Virginia Humanities Council, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Additional support is provided by the

South Charleston Convention and Visitors Bureau.

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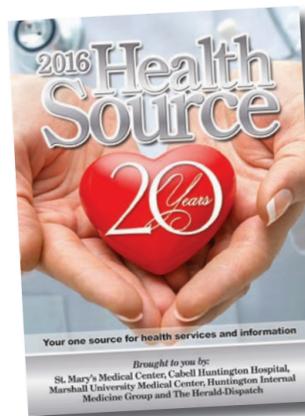
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Campus

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The past decade to continue the momentum forward toward the promise of a brighter future.” In addressing the crowd of university, city and state officials, Wiesenburg said he knew some may wonder how an oceanographer could become the president of a university. He shared stories about how his time on the ocean doing research prepared him for such a position, saying being on a boat with research teams for up to two months at a time equipped him with organizational, relationship-building and leadership skills to run a university.



Denis Wiesenburg, at left, the first of three finalists for Marshall president, meets the public on Tuesday at the Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex in Huntington.

Sholten Singer/The Herald-Dispatch

One particular story dealt with a situation off the coast of Algeria that tested his skills. “What we generally ask of our leaders is to answer the question, ‘What are we going to do?’” he said. “That question was asked to me by the captain of a research vessel in the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of Algeria as we were looking at an Algerian missile boat that was unhappy that we were collecting samples near their coast ... Fortunately, I had the right answer, or I wouldn’t be standing here today, which was, ‘We’re getting out of here.’”

The skills Wiesenburg acquired are what he said will help him navigate the future of Marshall University, which he said includes increasing student enrollment and providing more student support services while balancing the financial issues

that come at universities from two directions, the dwindling support dollars from the state and the increasing financial burden on students to obtain a college education.

Marshall University is set to experience a \$2 million reduction to its operating budget after West Virginia Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin announced an across-the-board cut of 4 percent for most West Virginia government agencies, including higher education last week.

The Joan C. Edward School of Medicine and other programs with separate budgets may incur up to \$600,000 in cuts.

When asked, Wiesenburg said he worked well with the USM Foundation, which he said was similar in size to the Marshall University Foundation, and that relationship was something he was eager to foster in Huntington.

“Fundraising is something that needs to be expanded,” he said. “As the state budget is

reduced, we need to find other ways to generate revenue. One obviously is raising tuition, but the students in West Virginia cannot afford higher tuition rates, and one way to help with that is to raise more scholarship money through the scholarship foundation ... We can either keep cutting the budget until we get smaller and smaller, or we can look at other sources of revenue to build this university further.”

Wiesenburg also said he wanted to expand on the university’s research efforts, saying it would not only provide revenue for the university, but it would expand opportunities for faculty and students.

Wiesenburg returned to his instructional roots earlier this year after resigning from his position as provost and vice president for academic affairs at Southern Miss. Wiesenburg said he left the post after launching a student success effort that included creating a provost of student success at the school

and a student success committee, which he said changed the culture at the school, and is something he considers to be his greatest achievement as provost at Southern Miss.

He also said he wanted to focus on student safety in light of recent shootings on college campuses. He said he wanted to make sure Marshall had a plan in place to ensure the safety of those on campus in the event such an incident occurred, and he even suggested technology that provides buildings equipped with keyless entry to be put on lockdown via computer.

On a broader spectrum, Huntington Mayor Steve Williams asked Wiesenburg about the “town and gown” relationship between the city and the university.

Wiesenburg said that relationship gave him the impression that the Marshall community was “one big family.”

“I saw that as a hallmark of the institution and something that needs to be nurtured and developed,” he said.

Wiesenburg also talked about his personal life, saying he grew up in Pascagoula, Mississippi, where his mother was a public school teacher, and his father was a lawyer. He earned his

bachelor’s degree in chemistry from Duke University, and it was at Old Dominion University that he earned his master’s degree in oceanography and met his wife, Jean. He later earned his Ph.D. from Texas A&M.

Wiesenburg said he and his wife enjoy all of the experiences that come with being part of a university, saying in the past couple of weeks he’d attended a football game, a volleyball game, a wind symphony performance and a theater production at Southern Miss.

Away from campus, Wiesenburg said photography has become a pastime of his, saying his skills really seemed to peak a few years ago when he was living in Alaska while working in the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences at the University of Alaska.

“I used to be a good photographer, but when I moved to Alaska, all of the sudden I became a great photographer,” he said. “My skills didn’t change, but the scenery did.”

Wiesenburg also is a shutterbug during travels through Europe, where he said he and his wife try to visit every other year.

He said the south of France was his favorite location.

“When you sit out at night and see the stars, and they’re so clear, you know why Van Gogh decided to paint the stars,” he said.

Day to day, Wiesenburg said he and his wife have taken to some binge watching their favorite shows, including “Castle.” He said they watched the first five seasons of “Downton Abbey” in one month this summer.

The Wiesenburgs have two adult children, a son and a daughter, both of whom reside in Mississippi, and their daughter is expecting her first child, their first grandchild, in February.

Wiesenburg’s visit will continue Wednesday morning during meetings with students and faculty, and those meetings will be broadcast online at www.marshall.edu/it/livestream.

The remaining finalists to become Marshall University’s next president will visit campus during the next two days.

Jerry Gilbert, provost and executive vice president, at Mississippi State University will visit Wednesday, and Christopher Grant Maples, president of Oregon Institute of Technology, will visit Thursday.

After each finalist visits the university and members of the Marshall community have the chance to meet the candidates, the search committee will make its final recommendation to the Marshall Board of Governors. The name of the selected candidate will then be forwarded to the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission for final approval.

The chairman of the presidential search committee, Michael Sellards, president and CEO of St. Mary’s Medical Center, said last week that the 37th president of the university could be working on campus before the start of the spring 2015 semester, which begins Monday, Jan. 11.

Resumes for each finalist and a schedule for the campus visits are available at www.marshall.edu/presidential-search.

Blankenship

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Prosecutors are painting Blankenship as a profit-hungry executive who prioritized making money over keeping his mines safe. They say he was intricately involved in even minimal decisions at Upper Big Branch, a huge money-making complex for the company in the years leading up to the explosion.

Blankenship’s defense has responded that the executive was a tough boss and divisive public figure, but wasn’t running Upper Big Branch himself and did not think breaking regulations was a smarter business plan than fixing health hazards.

On Tuesday, the defense asked Blankenship’s former executive assistant Sandra Davis if she ever witnessed him agree to break safety laws or tell anyone else to break them. She said no.

Davis took the stand for the government and verified Blankenship’s voice, handwriting and some memos.

Simmons

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Therefore, it is with great sadness and a heavy heart that due to medical reasons, on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2015, I, Richard E. Simmons, hereby resign my position as Huntington city councilman for District 9.

“It has truly been a pleasure working on this council. Thank you all for allowing me to be the voice for my district’s community members. In due time, I plan to independently continue to work with my community in making Huntington a great place to live and raise a family. I wish each and every one of you the best in all your future endeavors.”

Simmons was elected to council

in 2012. He has been plagued by medical problems for some time. Since Oct. 10, 2014, Simmons has attended 58 percent of council meetings. The Huntington City Charter states if a member has a 40 percent absentee rate it can result in action by council to have that member removed. Simmons has not attended a meeting since this past July. He was a member of the recreation, solid waste management and storm water committees.

“I wish Mr. Simmons the best for the future,” council member Mark Bates said. “I know he has been through a lot the past few weeks. I hate when we lose one of our own, but we wish him the best.”

Council member Joyce Clark said she and Simmons became good friends during his time on council.

“I know where his heart is,” Clark said. “It is definitely with his district and with this city. It’s a really sad situation that he feels he has to leave under these circumstances.”

City clerk Barbara Miller will begin accepting applications for the vacant seat Wednesday. Anyone who wants to fill the vacant seat should submit to the city clerk’s office an application that includes his or her name, address, phone number, education, work experience and civic involvement. The application must be signed before the city clerk or a notary. Additional information provided is at the applicant’s discretion.

To be considered for a seat on city council, a person must be a citizen of the United States and the state of West Virginia, must be a

qualified elector and resident of the city and of District 9, must remain a resident of the district during the term in office and shall not during their term of office hold any other public office, be a member of any political executive committee or be an employee of the city.

The city clerk must receive applications no later than 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2015.

In accordance with Section 3.13 of the city charter, the remaining members of city council will select a qualified replacement by a majority vote at a public meeting no less than 15 or more than 30 days following the effective date of the vacancy.

The appointee will occupy the seat for the unexpired term, which ends Dec. 31, 2016.

CALENDAR

Ashland

■ **Ashland Board of City Commissioners meeting**, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15. Ashland City Building, 17th Street and Greenup Avenue, Ashland.

■ **Boyd County Farmer’s Market**, 29 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15. King’s Daughters campus, 24th Street and Bath Avenue, Ashland. Presented by the Boyd County Cooperative Extension office.

Barboursville

■ **ThunderTones practice**, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15. Fellowship Baptist Church, 3661 U.S. 60 E., Barboursville. The ThunderTones Chorus is the Huntington-Tri-State Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. They learn, sing and perform four-part a cappella music arranged for the male voice. Call Ken Gainer at 304-302-NOTE. Free.

Chesapeake

■ **Immunization Clinics**, 1–3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15. Chesapeake WIC office, 302 Second Ave., Chesapeake. These clinics are for all ages from newborn through adult. Children 18 and younger will need to bring their medical card and a copy of the most recent shot record if available. For children who do not have Medicaid, the immunizations are \$10 each. Immunizations include flu, pneumonia, hepatitis B and Tdap. Call to check availability and cost of vaccines for adult vaccines, prior to coming to clinic. Call 740-532-3962 ext. 234.

Grayson

■ **FIVCO Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living Aging Advisory Council meeting**, 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15. FIVCO ADD Office Board Room, 32 FIVCO Court, Grayson.

Huntington

■ **Amicus Curiae Lecture Series**, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15. Foundation Hall, Home of the Ericson Alumni Center, Huntington. Speaker, Charles R. DiSalvo, West Virginia University law professor and author of “M.K. Gandhi, Attorney at Law: The Man Before the Mahatma.” Free.

Author Sam Quinones

6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15. Marshall University Memorial Student Center, Huntington. Author of “Dreamland: The True Tale of America’s Opiate Epidemic.”

■ **Chat ‘n’ Chew**, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15. Frederick Hotel, Huntington. The weekly sessions give local residents a chance to engage in discussions and sharing of ideas for creating a better Huntington. Visit www.createhuntington.com.

■ **Compassionate Friends meeting**, 6:30–9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15. 6th Avenue Church of Christ, 530 20th St., Huntington. Parents, siblings, family and friends welcome. Call Kathy at 304-710-9570. Free.

■ **Cruise-In**, 6–10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15. G.D. Ritzky’s, 1335 Hal Greer Blvd., Huntington. Donations benefit One by One Animal Advocates.

■ **Farmers Market**, 7 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 15. Old Central City, Rear 555 West 14th St., Huntington. Farm-fresh produce from local farmers. Runs June 27-Oct. 31.

■ **Good Vibe Tribe Teen Group**, 6–7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15. Peace Tree Center, Huntington. Teen group discussion and activities. Free.

■ **Greater Huntington Symphonic Band practice**, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15. Vinson Middle School, Huntington. Call 304-840-5322.

■ **Gyro Sale**, 10:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15. St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 701 11th Ave., Huntington. Regular or chicken gyros \$5, Greek salad \$5 (add chicken \$1) and veggie gyro \$3.50. For orders above \$50, call two days in advance for pickup or free delivery. Contact Gloria Hanna at 304-523-8814, text/call 304-416-1897 or email gloria_hanna@comcast.net.

■ **Huntington Road Runner’s Thursday Group Run**, 6–7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15. Marshall University Recreation Center, Huntington. Many paces and distances. Double-check https://www.facebook.com/HuntingtonRoadRunners to make sure the run is still a go. Free.

■ **Huntington Toastmasters Meeting**, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15. Central Christian

Church, 1202 5th Ave., Huntington. Practice public speaking in a friendly environment. The club meets on the first and third Thursday of each month. Membership is open to anyone 18 and over.

■ **West Virginia Eating Disorder Support Team**, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15. New Life Church, 1101 Cedar Crest Drive, Huntington. For women and men 16 and older with anorexia and bulimia. Open to family and friends. For Ages 16 and up. Call 304-617-5014. Free.

Hurricane

■ **Putnam County Republican Women Meeting**, 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15. Sleepy Hollow Golf Club, 2002 E. Highland Drive, Hurricane. Reservations are required if having dinner. Call President Nancy Bradley 304-562-3020 or Corresponding Secretary Iva Danner 304-562-9526. \$14 for dinner.

Ironton

■ **Lawrence County Board of Commissioners meeting**, 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 15. Lawrence County Courthouse, 111 South 4th St., Ironton.

Kenova

■ **Kenova City Council meeting**, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15. Kenova Municipal Building, 1501 Pine St., Kenova.

Logan

■ **Regional Education Service Agency (RESA 2) Regional Council**, 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 15. Chief Logan Conference Center, Logan.

Proctorville

■ **Proctorville Village Council meeting**, 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15. Town Hall, Proctorville.

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